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Trade pact signed

Canada, U.S. set example

By SUSANNE SCHAFER
The Associated Press

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — President Reagan hailed the U.S.-Canadian trade pact as the most significant trade agreement since World War II.

The pact, which lifts trade restrictions between the two nations' trading partners, was signed with little fanfare by the two leaders at separate sites, nearly a continent apart.

Reagan, in a statement released by the White House, said the pact has important implications. "It will encourage supporters of free trade throughout the world by demonstrating that governments can remove trade barriers even in the face of protectionist pressures," the president said.

"The creation of the world's largest free-trade area will be a mark of leadership and presents an historic opportunity to the United States and Canada," he said. "We must not let this opportunity slip from our grasp."

Earlier, Reagan said in his weekly radio address that the pact will create more jobs and result in lower prices for consumers on both sides of the border.

"It is a win-win situation for both countries," Reagan said. "Even more importantly, the agreement is an example of the market-opening steps the entire world should be pursuing."

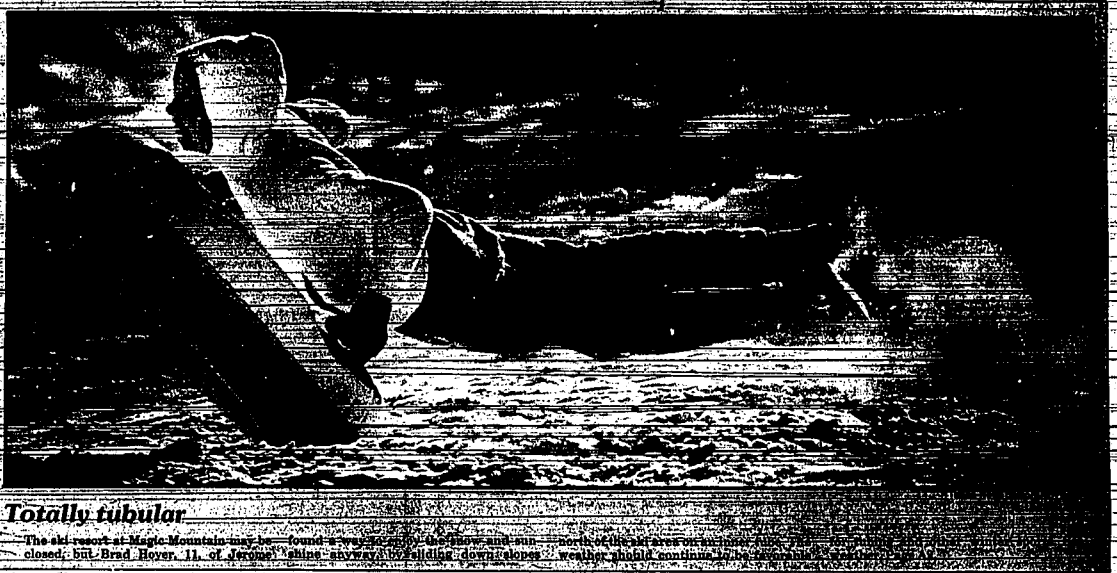
Reagan, nearing the end of a traditional New Year's vacation, was signed the measure while he was in a friend's desert estate near Palm Springs. White House officials rejected journalists' requests to cover the event.

The pact was signed in Ottawa following the separate signing ceremonies.

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said Reagan spoke with Mulroney for four minutes before signing the pact. Reagan lauded the agreement and Mulroney's leadership during the phone call, saying the pact had been forged "in the face of rising protectionism," Fitzwater said.

"But we cannot stop here," he quoted the president as saying. "We have a lot more to get accomplished here."

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Totally tubular

The old resort at Magic Mountain is closed, but Brad Hoyer, 11, of Jerome, sits skyward by his father's side. Weather should continue to be sunny.

Reagan reassures Afghan rebel leaders

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Reagan has sent a message of reassurance to the leaders of the anti-communist guerrillas fighting in Afghanistan as senior U.S. diplomats prepare for talks bearing on the future of Soviet and U.S. involvement in the 8-year-old war.

Reagan's message to Maulavi Yunis Khalis, chairman of the Islamic Alliance of Afghan Mujaheddin, or holy fighters, was described by administration sources as an assurance that the United States will continue to support and strengthen its extensive military and political support for the

mujaheddin so long as the Soviet Union continues to press its battle in Afghanistan. Reagan made a similar public declaration Nov. 12 after a meeting with Khalis and four other Afghan resistance leaders at the White House.

Undersecretary of State Michael H. Armacost, departed for Pakistan Saturday for meetings with officials of that government to coordinate U.S. and Pakistani positions in what appears to be a more intense diplomatic phase of the Afghan struggle. Armacost, who is accompanied by Robert S. Galley, Middle East director of the National Security Council staff, has asked to see Khalis and other senior Afghan re-

sistance leaders in Pakistan. It is unclear whether such a meeting will take place, because the initial response was that many of the leaders were involved in the fighting around Khost, where a major Soviet offensive has been in progress to break a rebel siege.

The question of when, and under what conditions, the United States might cease its support for the Afghan resistance is a ticklish political issue in Washington and among the questions to be discussed by Armacost in Pakistan.

The United States agreed more than two years ago to be a "guarantor" of a negotiated settlement under which the Soviet Union pulls

out its 115,000 troops, outside interference, such as aid to the resistance, ceases, and the 4 million Afghan refugees in Pakistan and Iran are able to return home.

The Soviet Union reports that it has decided to withdraw and has reduced its proposed withdrawal timetable to 12 months "or less," the possibility has increased for such a settlement to be concluded under United Nations auspices by Pakistan and the Soviet-backed Afghan government.

Despite repeated demands by the United States and other nations, the Soviets have not set a date for their pullout to begin.

Israeli warplanes strike guerrilla bases

The Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Israeli warplanes attacked Palestinian guerrilla bases near the southern port of Sidon in a rare nighttime raid Saturday, the Israeli army and Christian radio reported.

The bases belonged to the group that launched a November hang-glider attack in northern Israel, said an Israeli army spokesman in Jerusalem who spoke on condition of anonymity.

State-run Radio Beirut meanwhile said Israeli helicopter gun-

ships fired rockets into two southern villages held by guerrillas of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah faction and destroyed houses.

The Israeli army spokesman said one helicopter was involved and that it only returned gunfire. He denied a report by another Christian radio station that Israeli warplanes attacked two Druze-held towns.

There were no immediate reports of casualties.

The Israeli military spokesman said the warplanes attacking the Palestinian bases made accurate

hits and returned safely to Israel. He would not say what kind or how many planes took part.

The bases belonged to the Syrian-backed Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, headed by Ahmed Jibril, and Fatah, Yasser Arafat's main wing of the Palestine Liberation Organization, he said.

The raid was near the Bin el-Hilweh Palestinian refugee camp near the southern city of Sidon, said the Voice of Free Lebanon, a Christian radio run by the Lebanese Forces militia.

It was seen as a retaliation for a daring attack launched by Jibril's group Nov. 26, when a guerrilla unit launched a hang-glider attack on a military outpost in northern Israel and killed six soldiers with hand grenades and a machine gun before being killed himself.

Asked whether Saturday's raid was a retaliation for the November attack, the Israeli spokesman said, "That is a matter of interpretation."

It was the first air strike Israel reported making in Lebanon this year. In 1987, Israeli planes raided guerrilla bases in Lebanon at least 27 times.

Evacuees return to rubble

The Associated Press

HONOLULU — Flooding caused by up to 20 inches of rain abated Saturday on the eastern side of the island of Oahu, and most of the 2,900 evacuees returned home to clean up at least \$29 million in damage.

The New Year's Eve flash floods left 72 people homeless. "We worked so hard for this and now it's all gone," said Pat von Arnswaldt, standing in six inches of mud in her living room in the home she and her husband, Bill, bought three years ago.

Two weeks ago our brand new furniture was delivered. Two weeks ago. And now it's gone," Mrs. von Arnswaldt said.

The von Arnswaldts' home in the Hahaione Valley is on Kahena Street, which was transformed into a raging creek when water overflowed a canal clogged with trees and boulders and carved a channel up to 20 feet deep in places.

Andrus enjoys a great year

By JANE ROBISON
Times-News writer

IRVING SALES, Scott D. Andrus, says it was every good year, and just about every body enjoyed it.

Andrus was extremely busy for the last year, and he says he enjoyed every minute of it.

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Twin Falls Republican Chairman Mark Stubbs said Andrus was not being too political in some of his appointments.

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But Stubbs then added that Andrus was able to put politics aside for working the Republican side. Jim McClure over the wider news issue.

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"It was a highly political issue, but they both set politics aside," Stubbs said.

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Some others were disappointed. "I think there's some disappointment in the way he handled the wilderness issue," said Pat Ford, the public lands coordinator for Idaho Conservation League. "I can understand why he did it, but there are some who thought he should have had open hearings."

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Ford said some conservationists also see Andrus as "too aloof."

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Jones also said Andrus displayed some arrogance. "There's not much room for discussion or disagreement," said Jones. "There's also a little bit of the shoot-from-the-hip tendency that's sometimes gotten him in trouble."

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Andrus created a flap last summer when he called members of the National Rifle Association "gun nuts."

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Twin Falls Democratic Chairman Ken Pedersen said Andrus has done an excellent job as governor.

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He should receive credit for helping to improve the economy and for taking the lead in improving education," Pedersen said. "I look for him to keep up a positive relationship with the Legislature."

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But whether he can maintain the momentum is the real question. "He's gotten good momentum and an excellent start, but I don't expect that to be his good this year," said Senate Minority Leader Bruce Sweeney, D-Leviston.

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The upcoming election year means both people and political parties will be posturing, Sweeney said. "You can expect to have divisions that didn't occur last year," he said.

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The toughest political question facing Andrus will be over the budget and where to get the money to maintain funding for education, Sweeney said.

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"Quite frankly, I don't know if he knows the answer yet," he said.

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Andrus also admitted it will be difficult to keep up momentum.

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Briefly

German charter plane crashes
IZMIR, Turkey (AP) - A West German charter plane carrying 16 people crashed in mountainous countryside near the eastern coast Saturday night. Everyone aboard was feared killed, the Antalya news agency reported.

Exchange officials arrested
HONG KONG (AP) - The former chairman of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, its chief executive officer and one other top exchange official, were arrested Saturday by British colony's chief magistrate.

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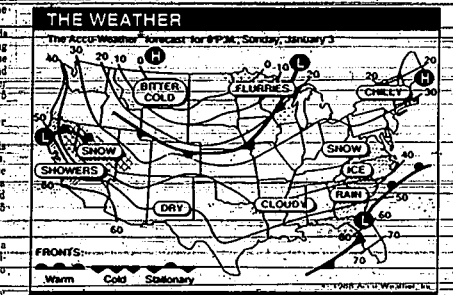
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Idaho road report
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Federal charity drive open to groups

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The 30-year battle over the nation's most important charity drive, the Combined Federal Campaign, has ended in legislation that permanently opens the annual fund-raising event to non-traditional charities and governments, according to Bob Bothwell, executive director of the National Committee for Responsive

The \$130-million federal campaign, which solicits a million civilian and military workers in the largest workplace drive in the country, is significant not only because it establishes patterns that are widely copied by state and local governments, according to Bob Bothwell, executive director of the National Committee for Responsive

Philanthropy. The Combined Federal Campaign has been embroiled in political controversy since at least 1971 and has been under almost continuous legal attack for exclusion from charities excepted from the drive. "We're hopeful that this will bring stability to the program," said Rep. Steny H. Hoyer, D-Md., sponsor of the legislation. "It should alleviate the uncertainty among federal workers, the apprehension among charities and the politicking of OPM and Congress."

"It does not lock in any charities, and it requires all charities to keep their level of administrative expenses low." "This is a big victory for politics," said Bothwell, who fought for the non-traditional charitable groups.

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Services held for Simmons family

RUSSELLVILLE, Ark. (AP) — A woman who died last month along with 27 others at their homes in the Ozark Mountains, fought to get a relative, Jalaysa, to be remembered, a man who had suffered more than the man noted.

Those words of Becky Simmons, 46, were read Saturday at a memorial service for the 14 members of the family of R. Gene Simmons, 47, who died at the first Assembly of God in Russellville.

Simmons, 47, is accused in their deaths at the house north of Russellville as well as those of two

other people fatally shot in town Monday. He is undergoing court-ordered psychiatric observation at the State Hospital at Little Rock.

A sister, Viola O'Shields of Fort Payne, Ala., said Mrs. Simmons explained her daily prayers and Bible reading by saying she did it because "I don't want to meet him in hell." The "him" was Simmons.

About 250 people attended a service. In addition to about 25 members of Mrs. Simmons' family — her parents, three sisters and three brothers, mostly from Colorado, and their children — a

group of about 25 teen-agers filled one section of the church. They were students from Dover High School, about 7 miles north of Russellville, where Corretta Simmons, 17, had been a senior.

The Rev. Royce Savage, 47, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Dover, a small town about six miles from the family home in the rural Pleasant Grove community, delivered a eulogy, including excerpts from letters written by Mrs. Simmons to her relatives.

Briefly

Hart supporters shy away

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most of Gary Hart's one-time top supporters across the country are keeping away from his renewed campaign, and even some who haven't found another candidate are saying, "I have something else to do."

Associated Press interviews with several former Hart campaign leaders around the country found a few enthusiastically re-joining his effort but many more shunning it.

"My involvement with the '88 Hart campaign went down with the good ship Monkey Business," said Seattle fundraiser Tom Keefe Jr.

"I'm Gary's friend but not his supporter," said Mark Green, a New York Democrat who was a Hart speechwriter in 1984 and active in his campaign in early 1987.

Bork book not a vendetta

WASHINGTON (AP) — The son of Judge Robert H. Bork said he is writing a book showing that judicial philosophy took a back seat to politics around the Senate defeat of his father's nomination to the Supreme Court.

"This is not a vendetta. This is an exercise in understanding the political process," said Robert H. Bork Jr., 32.

The younger Bork said he has taken a leave from his job as a business writer at U.S. News & World Report and accepted a fellowship at the conservative Heritage Foundation in Washington.


He said he plans to complete the book by next summer, and is negotiating with several publishers. The book will not be published by Heritage, a conservative think-tank employing about 40 full-time research scholars, said spokesman Herb Berkowitz.

Bush scared by balloon's pop

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Vice President George Bush said "Oh God," and a Secret Service agent hurriedly stepped toward him after a loud bang momentarily stunned a campaign audience, according to published reports.

"It was a popping balloon."

The New Year's Eve incident occurred at a mock living room in a Main Street dining room during Concord's First Night celebration. The Boston Globe and Concord Monitor reported.



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Small quakes hit Southern California

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — A small earthquake rumbled beneath a desert area Saturday night after an aftershock of the Oct. 1 Whittier Narrows quake shook a Los Angeles suburb, authorities said.

No damage was reported Saturday.

A tremor measuring 3.9 on the Richter scale rocked the desert community of Yuca Valley, 100 miles east of Los Angeles, about 11:30 p.m. The quake was centered four miles north-northeast of town, said Robert Finn, spokesman for the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

The local San Bernardino County sheriff's station received no reports of damage, a deputy said.

Earlier, an aftershock of the big Oct. 1 quake at Whittier Narrows rattled part of the San Gabriel Valley about 15 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles. The 3.52-h.m. tremor measured 3.2 on the Richter scale, Finn said.

The Oct. 1 quake measured 5.9 on the Richter scale.

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Tumor center plans need clarification

For awhile last week it seemed the Magic Valley was about to receive a surprise Christmas gift — a new business that would provide a needed medical service to the community.

But in the short span of a weekend, the Mountain States Tumor Institute of Boise reversed directions and decided to back away from locating a cancer treatment center in Twin Falls.

The Institute said it did not wish to compete with a hastily announced proposal for the same service by the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Unfortunately, the sequence of events that led to MSTI's encouraging announcement and then sudden withdrawal suggests that MVRMC acted chiefly out of a desire to protect its economic turf and not necessarily in the interests of valley residents who must now drive to Boise or Salt Lake City for cancer therapy.

In theory, no one disputes that MVRMC should develop profitable medical programs. A hospital is a business and it must generate revenue. Offering competitive programs is one way to do that.

But the profit motive must be balanced against the quality of patient care. MSTI, an established Idaho medical company, is recognized as a leading cancer treatment center in the Northwest. It has been in operation 20 years.

Can MVRMC — starting with no staff or building in the tumor treatment business — offer the same quality care?

The Magic Valley is at a crossroads medically. If we don't put more of modern medicine's advanced specializations in place here, we risk becoming a medical satellite of Boise and Salt Lake City.

But medically, we can't be all things to all people. Creating competition should not be the only goal, not should providing additional investment opportunity for a local hospital.

The hospital board and administrators need to explain why they are pursuing a cancer treatment center after telling county residents last year they needed a "restructuring" for such projects.

If they intend to build a cancer center, they need to quickly provide a time-line and move on it quickly.

The danger here is that MVRMC will dilly-dally around on the decision and that it will leave itself — as a county-owned facility — open to a suit.

The MVRMC decision — particularly if coupled with any implied threat by local doctors not to make referrals to MSTI — looks like a pocketbook effort to keep competitors out of lucrative health-care specialties.

In light of MSTI's December shuffle, MVRMC and the County Commissioners need to convince county residents that their plans for the future are properly conceived and executed.

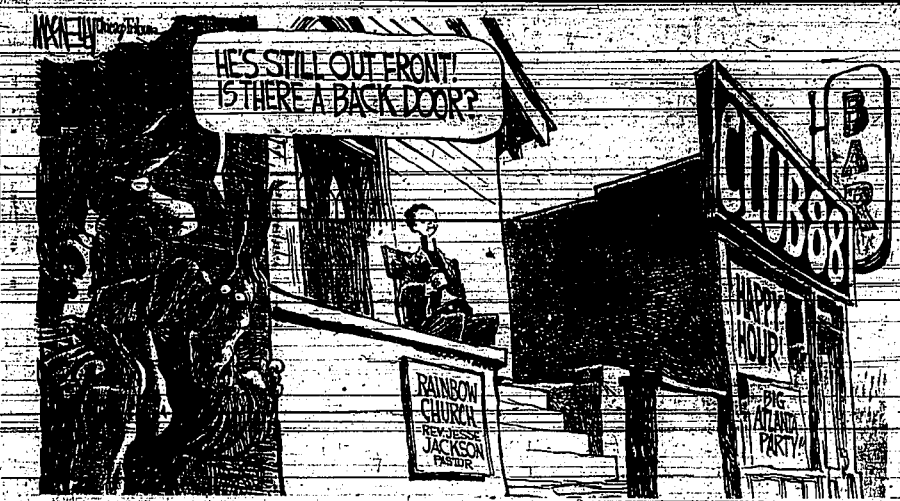
Beyond that, we hope MVRMC has not painted itself into a corner on an association with MSTI. There is room for only one cancer treatment center in Twin Falls and MSTI has left the door open for a joint operation with MVRMC — and perhaps the Twin Falls Clinic.

But for this to come about, we need to think more about what's good for patients and less about what's good for "competition."

The average citizen doesn't care, we would guess, that cancer treatment is being proposed by an out-of-town company.

The citizen will ask how the community is served, now that a promising cancer treatment program is not going to be available here in the near future?

It's a fair question.



Campaign a preview of worse to come

WASHINGTON — It was his unqualified hero-worshiper, Walter Lippmann wrote of Theodore Roosevelt, arguing that TR was "the image of a great leader and the prototype of presidents to come in a kind of change."

This comes to mind when considering the 1988 presidential contestants — for it is not, to say the least, a year or an age for unqualified hero-worshiping. To put it mildly, in our hearts we know they're right. Or worse.

Those of us who are spectators, seeing through each political campaign, like each year a different and that may take a while to grasp the difference. We know the Nation has faced rotten choices before — Harding and Cox come to mind. We also remember that seemingly aberrant seasons — Cleveland in '13 and McGovern in '72 — may be what is best for the Nation.

But what is unsettling this time is a belief that an unwelcome outcome has been ordained so early. Especially befuddling is the apparent inability of what remains of the Democratic and Republican parties to urge others on, to suggest that, the choices really could be better, or even bluntly to inform those who have the presidential's chance that it is hurtful to their party and country to run around seeking approval in this fashion.

Jeffrey Frank

managed by a very few people. In fact no one has a claim to whom the "process" belongs these days.

Not to the political parties, where no "central machine" is to be found. When Hart turned on the media and appealed to "the people," he accurately assessed, by omission, the parties' role. The million men's rebellion on a two-party system, dominated on the two parties being pretty much the same and depended upon professionals to do some sorting out.

Now the old saw that anyone can be president seems something to be taken literally. Voters are asked to pick a president as they would choose a town supervisor, which gives the illusion of pure democracy but in fact, makes democratic election little more than an intuitive feel, aided and abetted by television.

The press plays an exaggerated role because it provides an organizing principle. But if television has altered the process, it cannot be accused of altering the participants.

Bewailing the presidential field is not new, though it is probably more intense this year, because the Soviets seem to have gotten their selves a Russian-Teddy Roosevelt while waiting for something less. A list of beguiling proposals on how to improve the candidate-producing machinery is out for your consideration.

Recasting the primaries, it is said, might entice people like Bill Bradley. A parliamentary system would ensure that party leaders like Alan Simpson and Tom Foley were in the mix. This year only Bob Dole is an authentic parliamentary candidate. The suggestions are predictable and increasingly desperate, spurred by the possible capture of the nomination by toxic and nervous or suspected lunatics.

This may not be fair. When one gets upset about the 1988 race, it is reassuring to think that among the 13 or so diligent legislators struggling to be serious in the glare of public light, not it is fair that the content of their reflections that might be called the ironic reflex.

— a modern sense that the idea of seeking the presidency is comic. Learn that the omnipresent superiority of modern campaigning — it is so petty to judge a man by his carobes.

But then, first one tries to be fair, along comes a Gary Hart offering us first for every connoisseur of comedy and superficiality.

As the free-for-all proceeds, we want to keep the illusion that our traditions are intact. We continue to be polite, though many of us believe that polls are to pollute what battleships are to war. — we note whose usefulness perhaps overstated by experts.

Polls may tell us that 2 percent prefer Bruce Babbitt, but they do not reflect the likelihood that many of us would not even choose most of the announced candidates for class president (Richard Gephardt, for example, reminds one of the kid in school who ratted on an amok).

What is not measured is a longing for someone who embodies the very best of ourselves as TR or FDR or Eisenhower did, and in so doing enlarged the nation's sense of its ideals and its purpose.

What goes unrecorded is a simpler wish for leaders, as Madison put it, who earn the respect of their fellow citizens by being "somewhat distinguished also by those qualities that entitle them to it." And for all the reforms proposed, little serious attention is paid to finding a sensible method — a "process" — for bringing such folk into competition.

There is a way to savor in the quickness of America's celebrated rough and tumble, but many of us suspect, amidst trails of laughter, that quirkiness is starting to come in first; that qualities of scrupulousness and direction are being jostled out of our national life while an impenitent political establishment struggles to survive.

The campaign's work requires us to begin early, and to stay, to anchor. But for some of us on the sidelines, that anchoring seems only a necessary means of holding less than an astonishing preview of worse to come.

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It may be undemocratic and meekspirited to urge runners not to race, but when it comes to the candidates, what is the difference between a number of the current office-seekers and someone like Harold Stassen? A thin line may be all that separates self-confidence from a mild form of psychosis. In fact, almost everyone I know has entertained the idea that several of the announced candidates are credible.

The problem could be that, in a very American way, we are nearing political anarchy. "This process belongs to the people," says Democratic Party chairman Paul Kirk of Gary Hart's reform. But as Lippmann noted 60 years ago, "The danger is not in the election, but in the way that masses of human beings ever co-operate in any complex affair without a central machine."

A rare opportunity for welfare reform

Charles R. Morris

Parents for the last year of the Reagan administration, it is a time of opportunity.

With the political season in full swing, with the White House and Congress at loggerheads, on such basic issues as the budget deficit, hopes for bipartisan legislative accomplishment appear minuscule.

There are two possible exceptions. One, of course, is arms control, but that is a bipartisan effort as much on Mikhail Gorbachev as on initiatives proposed by the U.S. administration.

The second, perhaps surprisingly, is welfare reform. For the first time in more than 20 years, there is an emerging liberal-conservative consensus that it is time to take action on welfare legislation. A sweeping reform bill passed the House of Representatives just before the holiday break, sharply revising current rules on work and job training, day care and child support.

The House bill, with a price tag in the \$4 billion to be billed over the next five years, has the White House and the Republican leadership. But a thoughtful bill sponsored in the Senate by Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., is closer to Republican spending tastes. If Ronald Reagan can harness the dissipating remnants of his presidential prestige behind a consensus program, there is an opportunity to seek out one substantial achievement.

The opportunity arises in large part because both liberals and conservatives are abandoning their opposing stereotypes of the welfare population, views that have dominated social policy debates for the last 30 years.

The liberal stereotype, dating from the 1960s, was that welfare recipients were victims of forces beyond their control. Generous and non-obtrusive aid would allow recipients to maintain their dignity and social connections. Recipients themselves could be entrusted to leave the rolls when their circumstances permitted.

The collapse of the traditional family structure, particularly among blacks, and the disrupting increase in dependency among the working-age population swept away the hopes of liberal reformers. Caseloads jumped more than sevenfold in the 1960s. By 1980, about 60 percent of all births to black women were out of wedlock — and 90 percent of births to black teen-agers. Half of black teen-age mothers go on

of larger society, both for the sake of the recipients themselves and to ensure continued public support.

California and Massachusetts have led the way in converting welfare programs into work opportunity programs. In a country where most poor women work, and an even larger percentage of non-poor women are employed outside the home, it makes no sense to exempt welfare recipients from the same requirements. A fair rule exempting mothers with children under six makes less sense of all; since young mothers could benefit the most from developing marketable skills early in their careers. The countervailing requirement, on the other hand, is for some minimal "acceptable day-care provision" to be available to working mothers.

Moynihan's bill, following the pattern of innovative state legislation in Wisconsin, would convert welfare for healthy working-age people into child-support legislation. The major advantage of such an approach is that it focuses primary and fairly attention on the earnings of the able-bodied fathers.

The chances of collecting large amounts of money from ghetto teen-age fathers may be slim but there is no excuse for not making the effort. If nothing else, persistent monetary pressure will convey the message that there are consequences to being a childless parent and help alleviate the stigma that welfare programs foster irresponsibility.

The obstacles to major legislation at the moment is money. But even the Republican alternative to the Democratic House bill, as sponsored by Minority Leader Robert H. Michel, R-Ill., and endorsed by the White House, would require no new spending beyond the \$1 billion. The cost of Moynihan's bill falls somewhere between House and administration proposals.

Note of the reforms under consideration has grand pretensions. They offer only modest improvements in provision and modest changes in program philosophy. But with the current mood of anti-welfare in Washington, any attempt to upgrade welfare policy and build a broader base of public support at the same time are too rare to be squandered.

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The vast increase in female-headed families, more than any other factor, accounts for the persistence of poverty in the 1970s and 1980s. Fewer than 10 percent of welfare recipients are children-contributors to their own support. While it is far too simplistic to argue that the availability of welfare has caused such pervasive and shameful irresponsibility, it is equally naive to pretend that it has not facilitated it.

But the conservative welfare stereotype of a social habit of chronic laziness, of aimless television-watching does not fit the facts. Over time, some 50 percent of welfare recipients are short stay cases, on the rolls only to weather temporary crises, like a separation or a loss of employment.

The one out of five welfare cases that stay on the rolls have the longest duration, of course, accounting for a disproportionate share of expenditures. But the majority of them are not black families living in urban ghettos. They are more likely to live in rural areas and be elderly or disabled.

Even the more hopeless welfare cases, black teen-age mothers who drop out of school to have children, have surprising longevity. In one mobility study following such mothers in Baltimore, some 25 percent of them had become long-term recipients. Another quarter had been sporadically on and off the rolls. A quarter had worked consistently although at marginal income levels, and a final quarter had achieved stable marriages, with family incomes in excess of \$25,000.

Successful cases, interestingly enough, married the teen-age fathers of their children.

The possibility of a liberal-conservative welfare consensus involves acceptance of two fundamental facts. The first is that welfare grant levels have been reduced dramatically in real terms since the early-1970s. In some states, particularly in the South, grant levels are alarmingly low. In Mississippi, the maximum monthly benefit for a family of four was \$120 in 1985. Some national floor on benefits is clearly needed.

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New Yorkers say no thanks to collider

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"I don't know why they would select an area where there's the kind of opposition they have in this particular area," Rep. Frank Horton, R-N.Y., said last week. "Five already indicated my opposition pretty strongly."

Horton recently gave the White House a petition with the signatures of 19,600 people who fear the project would threaten their health and the rural character of their area.

Many Rochester-area residents have argued that the project was being forced upon them. Some oppose it because it would pass near Mormon religious sites.

Opposition has been widespread, with seven town boards, 124 Monroe County legislators and the Wayne County Board of Supervisors adopting resolutions opposing the site. U.S. Reps. Louise Slaughter, Democrat, and Horton have joined other local politicians in speaking against the plan.

Horton blamed Lt. Gov. Stan Lundine for pushing the site. Lundine, who has been harassed and even spit at during one trip to the area, said support from the business community, labor groups and educators would help convince the federal government that western New York was the best site for the project. Lundine was the 20th of 30 New York state officials who have been pushing the site on behalf of business and labor groups.

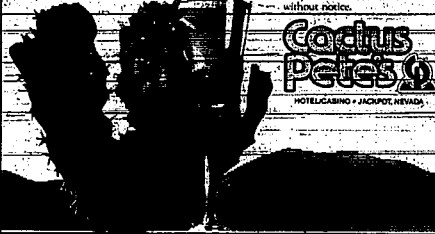
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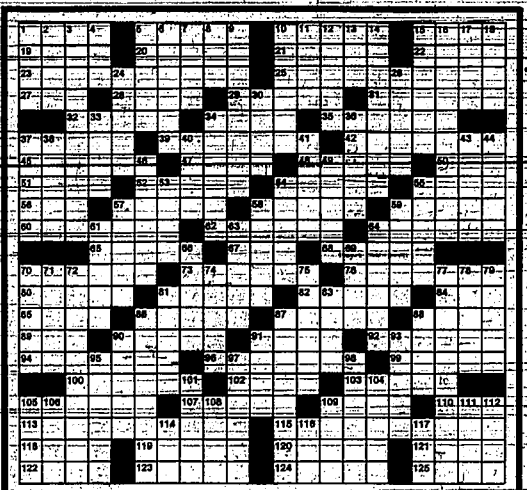
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Kilauea marks fifth year of activity

KALAPANA, Hawaii (AP) — The red-hot fingers of Kilauea volcano to strangle this rural community, but residents say they've accepted the fact that their homes could join dozens of other victims of the world's most active volcano.

"The lava's really not that big a deal," said James M. Davis, 33. "Everybody understands it's just a part of life."

"This whole island is going through big changes," Davis said. "If you're going to be in this area of the island, you're going to have to deal with it. Nature is very powerful. Here, you're creative at this point in time."

"It looks like this whole thing is going to go someday," Art F. Knight said. "I know it's inevitable."

Kilauea marks its fifth year of continuous activity Sunday. The eruption has destroyed 58 Hawaii Island homes, personal property, roads and public utilities. Damage is estimated at \$16 million.

Lava has covered more than 19,000 acres, two miles of roads; one mile of water lines and two miles of telephone lines, said Bruce D. Butts, spokesman for the Hawaii County Civil Defense Agency.

"The largest loss will be to the way of life of the residents and the value they put on their homes, vegetation and land," he said.

The volcano has produced 1.2 billion cubic yards of lava and had added 45 feet to the coastline as of May 1987, said Reggie T. Okamura, a spokesman for the U.S. Geological Survey's Hawaiian Volcano Observatory.

The eruption also has made the southeastern coast of the island a popular tourist attraction. Two million people saw the volcano in action last year.

"It's like a chess game, and you're the pieces," Knight, 57, said as he linked three quarters of a mile across volcanic scrubland to get to his home. Knight hand-carried a gallon of gasoline and a gallon of propane and had a load of groceries in his backpack.

In November, lava cut off the entrance road to Royal Gardens, the remote subdivision near Kalapana where Knight lives.

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Country music stars make their New Year's resolutions

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Randy Travis plans to eat more pasta, Grand Ole Opry stars hope to better their health. Morris hopes to let his hair grow.

Those are among the New Year's resolutions of country music stars.

Travis, the Country Music Association's male vocalist of the year, said he developed a pasta habit for food while on a recent USO tour of Europe.

Ms. Judd said she is trying to exercise and eat healthful food "so that I can be a problem to Wynonna in my old age." She and daughter Wynonna are the reigning vocal trio group for the past three years by the CMA.

Morris, who also sings opera, said he does not plan to cut his hair until duet partner Crystal Gayle does.

Grand Ole Opry humorist Minnie Pearl said she will eat less pasta, especially lonely ones, "the people who need it most," she said.

Rising singer Holly Dunn resolved "not to buy any more boots — or build a bigger house to hold them."



RANDY TRAVIS
 Pasta resolution

two speeding tickets. Reavis said he learned in his year on the road that "Texans are a hearty breed."

Julio Iglesias' ex-wife marries former minister

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Isabel Preysler, the former wife of Spanish pop singer Julio Iglesias, and former Spanish economy minister Miguel Boyer were married Saturday in a brief civil ceremony, Spanish National Radio reported.

It was the second marriage for Boyer, 47, and the third for Preysler, 35. She had a daughter and two sons with Iglesias and a daughter with Carlos Falco, the marquis of Grinon, whom she divorced last year.

Preysler, a native of the Philippines, is a fixture in the nation's newspaper society columns and the massively popular revistas del corazon, or gossip magazines.

First black anchorman still in critical condition

CHICAGO (AP) — There was no change Saturday in the condition of Max Robinson, the first black anchorman on a daily national network news program, who has been in a hospital for nearly a month with an undisclosed illness.

"He's still critical," Laz Surga, nursing supervisor at St. Francis Hospital, said Saturday.

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Editor travels to China without leaving Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Dick Reavis traveled to London, Paris, Moscow, Athens, China, Egypt, Mercury, Saturn and even Paradise last year without ever leaving the state of Texas.

Reavis, a senior editor at Texas Monthly magazine, jogged more than 100,000 miles on his National Tour of Texas during 1987, traveling every highway in the state and visiting about the 1,200 towns and people he saw. He says he only got

Rock singer is injured in New Year's violence

LONDON (AP) — The lead singer with the Communards, a top British rock music group, was treated at Guy's Hospital for slash wounds after being attacked by thugs; the hospital said Saturday.

The attack on Jimmy Somerville was part of a wave of violence around Britain that marred New Year's Day celebrations.

Somerville's hits with the Communards include "Never Can Say Goodbye," "Don't Leave Me This Way" and "You're My World."

Betty Ford recovering from recent surgery

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) — Former first lady Betty Ford remained in stable condition Saturday while recovering from surgery to prevent her from attending a gala party for Bob Hope.

"Her condition is unchanged from yesterday," said a spokeswoman for Eisenhower Medical Center, who declined to give her name.

Dr. Jack Sternlieb had said in a statement Friday that Mrs. Ford was walking and "feels very well."

Mrs. Ford underwent surgery earlier in the week to remove a slow-

healing incision from a coronary bypass operation done at the hospital in November.

The unexpected surgery forced Mrs. Ford and former President Gerald Ford to cancel plans to attend Saturday's gala opening of the Bob Hope Cultural Center in Palm Springs.

The Fords celebrated New Year's Eve at the hospital with their daughter, Susan. Sternlieb said the trio rang in the new year with a sparkling drink toast at midnight, accompanied by the nursing staff.

The Fords live just a few minutes from the hospital, which is also the site of the Betty Ford Center for the treatment of drug and alcohol dependency. The center was established in 1982 by Mrs. Ford, who has acknowledged her own battles with drug and alcohol addiction.

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Train ambush in Mozambique kills 22

MAPUTO, Mozambique (AP) — At least 22 people were killed when a right-wing guerrilla ambushed and derailed a train packed with military officers and passengers, but most managed to escape into the bush, the report said.

It said 71 of the 1,500 passengers aboard were hurt when the train hit a roadblock. The wreckage blocked the train and derailed it. The injured were taken to a hospital in Maputo, where 11 remained in critical condition.

In Lisbon, Portugal, a rebel spokesman said it was highly likely that the ambush was carried out by

RENAMO, as the rebels are known, but said he had not yet received confirmation from rebel sources in Mozambique.

For 10 years, RENAMO has been fighting a key aim of ousting the Marxist government. The rebels have seriously disrupted the economy and have extensively damaged civilian targets, particularly in rural areas.

No nation publicly admits supporting the rebels. However, Mozambique's government charges that the rebels continue to receive support from South Africa. In violation of a 1984 non-aggression pact between the two countries.

The AIM report suggested the rebels carried out the train ambush with South African assistance.

South Africa has consistently denied aiding the rebels since the 1984 pact. It issued a statement Saturday saying it was not involved in the latest attack.

South African police kill 2 in separate incidents

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Police fired on groups of stone-throwing blacks, killing two black men, and a third man was found stabbed to death in a separate incident, police said Saturday.

One man was killed when police fired on blacks stoning police vehicles near Standerton, about 90 miles southeast of Johannesburg, police said.

Another man was shot to death in a similar incident in Kogelberg, a township south of Johannesburg; they added.

Police said both incidents occurred Friday, but provided no additional details.

A black man was stabbed to death by a group of blacks in Mpata, a township outside the southeastern city of Pietermaritzburg.

Korean opposition leader submits resignation

SEOUL, South Korea — Opposition leader Kim Young Sam submitted his resignation Saturday as president of the Reunification Democratic Party, setting up a vote of confidence at a party convention later this week.

Virtually no one, inside or outside the party, sees any chance of his resignation being accepted.

Kim, the second-place finisher in the Dec. 16 presidential election, and his opposition rival Kim Dae Jung, president of the Party for Peace and Democracy, who finished a close third, have been sharply criticized by many opposition supporters for splitting the opposition vote. This opened the way for Roh Tae Woo, the candidate of the ruling Democratic Justice Party, to win with a fraction under 37 percent of the vote.

But there are no other opposition leaders whose stature comes close to rivaling that of the two Kim's, and neither of the losing presidential candidates shows any signs of generally planning to retire from politics.

Kim Young Sam's move is widely regarded as an attempt to apologize for the two Kim's failure to agree on a single opposition candidate and at the same time strengthen his position within his party in preparation for National Assembly elections scheduled to be held sometime between February and April.

"I cannot help but feel sorry for failing to meet the people's wishes for an end to military rule and

achievement of democracy, and I resign as party president, taking responsibility," Kim said in his letter.

A party spokesman said that Kim's offer to resign will be voted on at a national convention Wednesday.

In a year-end special conference Thursday, Kim had looked past the scheduled party convention to discuss plans for the National Assembly election, speaking as if he fully intended to be in charge of his party at election time.

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Poland gets art collection

The Washington Post

WARSAW, Poland — Thousands of art lovers, churchgoers, academics and journalists have been lining up in a gray-wintered Warszawa to visit a modest Catholic church annex that almost overnight has become Poland's richest museum.

The archdiocese museum opened in 1980 as part of a bold effort by the church to nurture independent culture in Poland, has been known until now mainly for its exhibitions of painters and sculptors who shun the communist-controlled art establishment.

Recently, however, the museum took on an entirely new role. Following nearly a year of preparations, it has begun to exhibit a huge new collection of European painting, including works by masters from Rembrandt to van Gogh, donated to the church by an emigre Polish couple.

The stunning gift, which has made the Polish church an important curator of European art, is the Polish collection of the work of two extraordinary benefactors: Zbigniew Porczyński, an Auschwitz survivor who became a hugely successful chemical engineer and inventor in Britain, and his wife Anna, who made her fortune in Poland to Siberia as a girl before making her way to England.

Seven years ago, the couple sold off a rich portfolio of real estate they had acquired around Europe, liquidated their three corporations, and even disposed of some of their jewelry so they could begin acquiring the art collection for Poland. By the time they finished last year, they had purchased nearly 400 paintings, including works from almost every important European school from the 15th century to the 19th.

Jubilant Polish critics say the Pope John Paul II Collection, as the Porczyńskis named the gift, represents a rare and precious acquisition by a country that has seen most of its stores of European art destroyed or stolen by occupying powers over the last century.

"The cultural balance for us for the last two hundred years has been one of constant loss because of occupations and uprisings," said Andrzej Prokocinski, director of the archdiocese museum. "This is the first event that changes that situation—the first time that we are getting, rather than losing, a part of the European heritage."

The collection also has sharpened a growing rivalry between church and state in the sphere of culture. Since 1981, when the imposition of martial law by the government of Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski caused a large number of artists, writers and actors to abandon official positions and careers, the church has enjoyed growing prestige as an alternative cultural sponsor.

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Attack on freighter confirmed

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — A missile tore open the hull of a Maltese-flag freighter, Lloyd's Shipping Intelligence Unit said Saturday. It was the first confirmed attack of the year in the "tanker war" waged by Iran and Iraq.

Operators of the 28,200-ton Alga, guided the captain as saying he believed the New Year's Day attackers were Iranians. No one was reported injured.

Salvage officers based in the Persian Gulf said it wasn't clear if Iran or Iraq was responsible. Neither country commented on the raid.

Iraq said its warplanes bombed a bridge in western Iran on Saturday, part of a campaign to weaken Iran before the Tehran government launches a major ground offensive, expected soon.

The London-based Lloyd's and salvage operators said the Greek skipper reported that the Alga was hit by a missile in the gulf about 150 miles south of Kuwait as his ship was headed south with fertilizer bound for China.

The Alga continued on to the southern port of Dubai on Saturday and anchored, with what a salvage worker described as "a large hole in the hull."

A spokesman for the operators, said "a rocket" hit the vessel.

The spokesman spoke on condition of anonymity, as did the salvage officers. He told The Associated Press in Athens the 21 Bulgarians and five Greek crewmembers escaped harm. He quoted the captain as saying he believed the raiders were Iranian.

Iraq accuses Kuwait of aiding Iraq's war effort and often attacks ships trading with that country. The attacks are in retaliation for Iraqi raids on Iranian oil shipping.

All reports said the Alga was hit near Farsi Island, used by Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guards as a base for attacks. However, Iraqi warplanes hit a Japanese ship in that area by accident on Oct. 8.

Shipping sources said the attack occurred at 10 p.m. Friday, but the company spokesman said it happened 12 hours earlier — the same time Iran claimed to have hit a "large maritime target" along the Iranian coast.

It was the fourth Iraqi claim of a ship attack since Dec. 28, although none "has been" independently confirmed.

There were 34 confirmed attacks on ships in the gulf in December.

In ground fighting, the official bridge northeast of the western city, Iraqi News Agency said Iraq's warplanes bombed the Taini Zink, "its target."

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Depressed economy, migration possible factors

Drop recorded in '87 property taxes

By BART JANSEN
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County residents received a mild reprieve from one of their worst tax burdens last year.

Property taxes, both valuations and actual dollars to be paid, went down for 1987.

"It was a small amount, but we have noticed (property values) declining," Assessor Dorothy Hamby said of the 2 1/2-percent decline. "We're lower in our actual market values."

Asked whether valuations often decline, Hamby said, "No, it's just been in the last couple of years." She added that 1987 is the first actual decline, after valuations leveled during the past few years.

Possible reasons for the decline are many, she said, but the depressed farm economy ranks among them for lowering rural property values. Other possible factors range from changes in federal tax law decreasing the value of rental property and people moving out of Idaho.

The state Department of Commerce estimated 4,000 people left Idaho between July 1,

1986 to July 1, 1987. That drop followed the state's first net loss in population of 1,000 people the year before and continued declines since 1980-81, when the state gained 20,000 people.

County officials attempt to chart property values based on the actual market value of property. Every time a deed changes hands, a form is sent new owners to confirm the selling price.

About 80 percent of those polled return the forms, Hamby said.

Also, four full-time appraisers check one-fifth of the county's 30,000 parcels in person each year.

"It's strictly voluntary information," Hamby said of the sale verifications and residents letting appraisers into their homes. "But I think people in our county understand how important it is and we get good cooperation there."

The pleasant surprise for taxpayers doesn't stop with valuations.

Hamby noted that even when valuations go down, tax levies may still go up to yield the same dollar-amount in taxes.

Not this year.

Treasurer Bonnie Brining said total tax dollars to be paid in 1987 on real property, such as land and improvements, totaled nearly \$16.9 million. That is down from just more than \$17 million in 1986.

Again, reasons for the decline are many and varied, because these are total figures and individual districts within the county may be asking for more or less taxes.

But one reason for the decline is Twin Falls School District deciding against asking for an override levy in 1987, which totaled \$860,000 each of the last three years.

While Twin Falls County's declines are small, they mirror larger drops statewide. Associated Taxpayers of Idaho reported actual property taxes statewide went down 7 percent.

In addition, total assessable value in 1987 is down \$34 million, with five counties suffering losses of \$30 million or more. Twenty-seven of Idaho's 44 counties experienced reductions in property taxes.

Minidoka County was the only other one in Magic Valley expected to collect fewer taxes. That county expects about \$75,000 less than last year's \$6.5 million, according to Associated Taxpayers of Idaho.

Valley likely loser in population fall

By KEN ARMSTRONG
Times-News writer

MAGIC VALLEY — Past data and the area's agricultural emphasis indicate that the Magic Valley suffered at least part of the population loss recently reported for Idaho, an economic specialist said Thursday.

According to U.S. Census Bureau figures released Tuesday, Idaho's population has fallen since mid-year 1986 by approximately 4,000 people — from 1,002,000 to 998,000. That estimate applies to the one-year period beginning July 1, 1986.

Though the population estimates do not yet include a breakdown into counties, it is likely the Magic Valley was among the population losers, said Alan Porter, an economic development data specialist for the Idaho Department of Commerce. Last year's figures showed seven of the eight Magic Valley counties losing population, and Porter said he sees no reason for that trend to reverse this year.

"Once we get the '87 estimates, those counties will probably continue to lose population or hold their own," he said.

According to the 1986 estimates, Blaine County was the area's only county to increase its population during the measured year. Blaine County's population leaped 24.7 percent, the second-largest percentage jump recorded in the state.

Porter differentiated Blaine County from the other Magic Valley counties.

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Rural homes set for new addresses

By BART JANSEN
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A knock on your door in rural Twin Falls County soon will bring a new address accompanying the new year.

EHM Engineers expect to begin assigning addresses Jan. 4 to the county's 5,500 rural addresses. During January, engineers Gerald Martens said crews will begin working around Castleford and toward Buhl.

The workers will bring 3-inch-by-10-inch green, reflective signs to number each residence. Martens said the signs are usually attached to mailbox posts, adding that residents can help direct where they prefer the signs.

"We'll certainly help the people get them where they want them," Martens said.

The Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners contracted with EHM to assign addresses currently on rural routes or P.O. boxes. They cite the main benefit to emergency services, such as fire and ambulance, whose response time suffers with non-descript addresses.

Also, phone and power companies find that established addresses help set up and maintain service. Idaho Power Co., Mountain Bell and Intermountain Gas each chipped in to

pay the \$70,000 contract, which costs the county nothing.

Workers will notify residents about their new address with a card, either given to them or left in an envelope.

Also, residents will be asked for their names, former addresses and phone numbers for a new rural directory for services and businesses. If the resident is not home, a pre-stamped envelope will be left to be mailed back to EHM.

While confirming addresses is important, Martens said the phone number is not absolutely required.

"We just hope we get as much cooperation from the people as we can," Martens said. "We're not going to publish an unlisted number."

Martens said workers will work from west to east, from Castleford to Buhl and Filer, then south of Twin Falls to Kimberly, Hansen and Minidoka. House numbers will be assigned to the same breadth of a mile, but street names will remain the same — either numbered or plat names given to non-grid streets.

"We'll be assigning numbers as they appear on the grid system. Others will be ones already given — platted subdivisions already have names, although people sometimes don't know what they are," Martens said.

Coroner attributes death to flash fire

By KEN ARMSTRONG
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls man who died in his home Friday night apparently died from burn wounds inflicted while he was trying to escape a fire through the house's blocked front door, the investigating coroner said Saturday.

The man, whose body was found in his home at 132 Jackson St., was identified Saturday as Paul Schnase, 68. His name was withheld Friday pending notification of relatives.

According to Twin Falls County Coroner Cal Edwards, a flash fire was apparently ignited when Schnase attempted to light a furnace in the house's front room. The fire blocked all routes of escape except that through the front door.

Schnase did not regularly use that door and had therefore blocked its passage, Edwards said.

"He couldn't get out," Edwards said. "He just died in front of his door."

Using unopened mail and newspapers left on the house's front doorstep, the coroner's office set the time of death as sometime on Christmas day. A clock in the house was stopped at 6:15, Edwards said.

According to Edwards, Schnase's body was "burned beyond recognition." The official cause of death was listed as multiple burns to the body, and Edwards said his office investigation found no evidence of foul play.

Police found Schnase's body at about 7 p.m. Friday after having forced their way into his house. One of Schnase's neighbors had asked police to check on the man because she hadn't seen him for several days.

Edwards said the fire was not detected because it burned itself out after having received no oxygen in the airtight house. Edwards described it as "an unusual fire," noting that it melted everything in the house's front room.

According to Edwards, Schnase

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After 21 years at the Times-News, and over 30 in the business, Bonnie Baird Jones has retired from reporting.

Jones ready to hand in reporter's cap

By PAT MARCANTONIO
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Bonnie Baird Jones glides behind the "cap" she calls the "Tribune" and says she is ready to hand it in.

A small, plump woman, she exchanges small talk with officers while she scans the log for accidents or crimes.

"This is the week of Jones' pending retirement from The Times-News."

"I love you," says one secretary.

"I'll come by and glad," shoots back Jones, with a smile.

After settling down where in trouble again, she finds out from the 10:30 am accident in police daily Jones leaves quietly her notabook filled with the best already visited the Twin Falls County Courthouse and sheriff's office and heads to the office to write up her cache of facts.

The routine is familiar to Jones, who has been gathering news for more than 30 years. But the ritual will be broken next week, when she becomes civilian instead of reporter, one of

the informed instead of the informer.

To some, Bonnie Jones and The Times-News are synonymous, bonded by an aura of trust.

"Among a generation of college-degree-toting RTF grad."

When the Tribune closed its bureau, Jones worked for the Salt Lake City and was there for four years.

Never did go to college, learned on the job, she says. She just had a desire to report.

Her interest started in high school in her hometown of Idaho Falls. With no money for college, she worked for the Salt Lake Tribune as a graduate's work in a federal office. It was a steady job and there were plenty of jobs.

"I wanted to be a reporter, but you go where you find a job," she says. "Nowadays, you really need an education."

Through her sister, a Twin Falls resident, Jones heard of a reporting job. She went to work for the Salt Lake Tribune. After a brief job with The Times-News, she headed the Twin Falls bureau of the Salt Lake Tribune for the next 12 years.

"For the Tribune, she covered everything

from county governments to golf tournaments, telegraphing her work to the Utah newspaper."

At the end of her day, she recapped the news for the Tribune.

When the Tribune closed its bureau, Jones worked for the Salt Lake City and was there for four years.

In 1964, she married Magic Mountain area owner Claude Jones, who she had met in Twin Falls, and again returned to Idaho. After about six years, working more for KTVB, she started work for the Times-News and there she stayed for 21 years.

"I worked almost every beat," she says. "During those years she has covered the police beat or out of it. It's a beat of which she has never tired."

"It's interesting. It's fun. In some of the beats, you know when you have to go to meetings. It's boring. But I can't plan ahead," she says.

While working as a reporter, Jones also worked at being a part of the community, serving on boards for the Red Cross and Sawtooth.

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Officials hope counseling will clear credit-transfer confusion

By PAT MARCANTONIO
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Idaho's four-year institutions are getting down to business to clear up confusion over business courses.

Representatives of Boise State University, Idaho State University and the University of Idaho met Dec. 10 in Boise to discuss concerns raised by State Rep. Ron Black. In Twin Falls, Black claimed students were confused about transfer of business programs from one institution to another, particularly the Lewis and Clark State College Management Technology Degree to a Master of Business Administration program.

What resulted from the Dec. 10 meeting were recommendations to clear up concerns with the state's documentation, said State Board of Education member Gary Fay of Twin Falls, who asked for the meeting to be held.

Black had complained to Fay earlier this month that students taking LSC management-technology courses or holding a degree in the program, offered through the College of Southern Idaho, were under the impression it was a business degree. But they found otherwise because the degree wasn't a smooth transition into MBA programs at four-year institutions, said Black, who obtained a management-tech degree last year.

Fay said individual counseling will be available to students at CS's Transfer Days event, Jan. 18-19, to inform them of admission requirements to MBA programs after obtaining a management-technology degree.

He has also asked LSC to mail letters to students informing them of the services available at the event, he said.

In addition, anyone enrolling in the management-technology program will be provided with materials ex-

plaining how the program can lead to an MBA. Fay said the action taken to clear up what he saw as a misunderstanding is a step in the right direction.

But he is disturbed because there seemed to be little attention paid to the other concern he raised to Fay, namely, more high-level courses for the Magic Valley.

Black may put the issue into the hands of the Legislature to determine if high-level courses are available throughout the state.

"We're going to have some hearings of the higher-education sub-committee and review reports of what courses and degrees are offered in what parts of the state to see if we can come up with recommendations to the (education) board," Black said.

Studies of course offerings will determine if there are shortages of higher-level courses in the Magic Valley or elsewhere, he said. The information was also important to the Legislature because it appropri-

ates the funding and has to listen to the constituents' back home and their concerns," Black added.

Fay said that ISU, responsible for providing higher-level courses for the Magic Valley, is doing what it can, but not what it wants to — and that is to provide more courses.

It takes times to develop and find instructors for classes, Fay said.

"You can't immediately create 25 new courses because you have to find 25 additional instructors," he said. "The demand has to be there. ISU is going to stimulate the demand. It's all well in hand, but unfortunately, it can't be implemented as fast as people would like it."

Fay said he believes there is a demand for more high-level courses in the Magic Valley. Since becoming a board member, he has also found a "deep commitment of the Idaho institutions" to respond to a demonstrated need.

Jones

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National Forest and Harbour House, a shelter for court-placed children.

During her career, she hasn't availed herself of doing anything else. "I find no basis of comparison," Jones adds.

She loved to find facts. Reporters can go where the public fears to tread—like going to law enforcement officers for accident or crime reports.

"We hope to be their voice," she says. "It's much more fun to go get the story. The drudgery is to sit down and write it."

When she does write, it's in a straightforward style. "I don't like to tell my neighbor about it," she says.

Jones has interviewed her share of famous people, including John Kennedy, a senator at the time, and President Harry Truman, and she is now in Sun Valley. "The most interesting was Illinois Senator Everett M. Dirksen."

"I just think he was the most personable, a very relaxed human. He had a great sense of humor."

But people are part of the fun. "It's a people job. You meet interesting people, smart people, dumb people, obnoxious people," she says.

Yet, the work is anything but glamorous.

"They don't know the drudgery involved in this. Sometimes you get cynical. You get to the point where everyone is guilty or sometimes it's the other way."

Jones other passions in life run to animals — cats in particular — and skiing — she is an instructor — and antique cars. If Jones is not at work or on the slopes, she is at car shows to exhibit her collection, which include one gloriously bronze Thunderbird. She began collecting cars in 1982 after her husband died. The love for cars preceded the love of reporting.

"When I was 3 years old, I remember sitting in my parent's car," she says. "I just thought they were wonderful."

As a reporter, Jones says her strength is her common sense. The people she has met over the years — in fact, her index of telephone numbers — has been the object of desire by other reporters a few days before her departure.

To those she contacts almost daily for news, Jones is spirited. Twin Falls County Sheriff Jim Munn, who has worked with Jones more than 18 years, admires the way she approaches subjects and her good communication with people.

"She never hesitated to call me at home. If I didn't have the information, she wouldn't get it. As we understood," Munn says. "I will miss her."

Twin Falls Police Chief Tim Qualls says: "I think she is one of the best reporters that I've seen. Very trustworthy. You could visit with her with information and she realized that a lot of it couldn't be put out that time. I think she is one of the most fearless people."

Jones met Qualls when he was a detective and used to make releases to reporters.

"I use to call him tight lips," she says.

Only Jones could get away with calling Qualls that.

Her feeling for the area law enforcement is mutual, described thus as being "very good."

"I was just tired of working. It was time to leave."

It would take a book to tell all the Donnie stories. Retirement will provide the opportunity for new chapters. She is starting a new one soon as president of her car club.

"I want more time for skiing and playing with cars," she says of her decision to retire.

Jones, who never missed a deadline in her life, had just recognized another deadline in her life.

"I was just tired of working. It was time to leave."

A retirement open house will be held for Bonnie Baird Jones Tuesday beginning at 6 p.m. at the Turf Club.

Democrats consider Matheson for president

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah Democratic leaders are flirting with the idea of seeking grassroots party support for a favorite son president bid by former Gov. Scott M. Matheson.

Several people have talked about the possibility, but it has not been written in its infant stages, said State Democratic Chairman Randy Horuchi.

Utah Democrats conduct their presidential preference vote April 26 at statewide mass meetings. The vote will determine the appointment of 20 of the state's delegates to the Democratic National Convention pledged to candidates on a first ballot roll call.

The first hurdle for a Utah favorite son candidacy would be success in encouraging precinct caucus participants to vote for the popular two-term governor as a presidential candidate, Horuchi said.

The remaining conventional convention delegates are automatic choices because of state central committee appointments, and they would have to be persuaded to join in the vote for Matheson, he said.

Coincidentally, one of the delegates is to be Utah's national committeewoman — the ex-governor's wife, Norma Matheson.

The party leadership also would try to reach agreement with campaign representatives of the current presidential hopefuls to at least initially embrace the favorite son candidacy, Horuchi said.

"We wouldn't be interested in splitting the party sunder by such a tactic," he said. "We could agree that if any of the other candidates hopped out in the forefront from other states' primaries prior to our mass meetings, we could dissolve the favorite son bid. We could do that anytime before or at the convention, too."

By the time Utah conducts its Democratic presidential preference caucus vote, two-thirds of the party's pledged delegates will be chosen from other states' primaries or caucuses.

Horuchi said he hasn't talked to Matheson about the scheme, but he believes the ex-governor would be receptive.

"Others have suggested it to me," Matheson said, "and I believe we're going to talk about it more."

"At the rate we're going, it might not be such a bad idea," he said of the pledged candidates, "getting around the nation and in Utah."

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levy counties, noting that much of its revenue comes from recreational services whereas the other counties are largely dependent upon agriculture. Nationally, the states which have been losing the greatest numbers of people are those rooted in either farming or energy resources.

"And certainly, the Magic Valley strongly fits that farm-energy concept," Porter said.

The 1986 estimates showed Camas County losing the greatest percentage of its population, having dipped 23.6 percent. According to Porter, it is not certain when the county breakdown of the 1987 estimates will be released, but he said those figures should be available sometime prior to July.

Porter said the other population losers in the state included those counties which rely on forestry products or mining. "The forestry counties are the ones that are losing the most people as they pertain to the present time. He said the figures are derived from factors which involve a considerable lag time, meaning the results are probably more reflective of 1986 population totals than those of 1987.

The factors considered in reaching the estimates included birth and death records, school enrollment figures and federal income tax records. According to Porter, most of those totals were compiled at the end of 1986. Additionally, he said the variables were measured "when the economy was essentially sliding backwards rather than pointing up."

But since the state's economy underwent something of a resurgence midway through this year, the present population totals are probably higher than those recorded by the Census Bureau, Porter said. "The state's true population total is probably above a million," he added.

Idaho Chief Economist Michael Ferguson also questioned the accuracy of the federal estimate.

"We know 1986 was a bad year," Ferguson told the Associated Press. "The economy was definitely having some problems. We're slow but steady growth... Yet the census comes out with these numbers."

Ferguson added, "I pointed out to them that their methodology is just plain wrong, to call that a provisional 1987 estimate. They said, 'Yeah, that's a good point, but they stand by it... To my knowledge, they don't make any attempt to adjust it for the fact that it's a year behind.'"

Services

HAZELTON — The funeral for Ellen York Johnson, 82, of Aberdeen, Idaho and formerly of Hazelton, who died Dec. 20, 1987, will be held at 10 a.m. Monday in the First Methodist Church of Aberdeen. Arrangements are under the direction of Dave Mortuary in American Falls. Burial will be in Aberdeen Cemetery. Friends may call at the mortuary today from 3 to 5 p.m. and at the church one hour prior to the time of the service on Monday.

ROCESSION — The funeral for Nellie Grace Cherry, 75, of Madera, Calif., and formerly of Rogerson and Twin Falls, who died last Monday, will be held Monday, Jan. 4, at 10 a.m. in the Gooding Memorial Chapel in Demary's Gooding Chapel. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Chapel in Twin Falls. Friends may call at Demary's Gooding Chapel today from 1 to 7 p.m.

RUPERT — The service for Robert "Bob" Riddle, 67, of Rupert, who died Wednesday, will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in Paul Cemetery. Friends may call at Hansen Mortuary Chapel in Rupert Monday afternoon and evening and one hour prior to the time of the service on Tuesday.

RUPERT — The funeral for Howard Clark, 74, of Rupert, who died Thursday, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday in the Hansen Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in the Valley View Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Manhattan, Kan. Friends may call at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel in Rupert this afternoon and evening and one hour prior to the time of the service on Monday.

RUPERT — The funeral for Florence Catherine Manning, 85, of Rupert, who died Thursday, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday in the Hansen Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in the Valley View Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Manhattan, Kan. Friends may call at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel this afternoon and evening and one hour prior to the time of the service on Monday.

MIMBORA — The funeral for Paul B. Courtright, 76, of Minkin, who died Thursday, will be conducted at 10 a.m. Sunday in the Rupert United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel in Rupert Monday afternoon and evening and one hour prior to the time of the service on Tuesday.

KIMBERLY — The funeral for Elsie Lee Henry, 89, of Kimberly, who died Wednesday, will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the White Mortuary Chapel. Friends may call at the White Mortuary today from 3 to 6 p.m. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park. The family suggests memorials to the Kimberly Senior Citizens building fund. The memorials may be left with or mailed to White Mortuary, P.O. Box 845, Twin Falls, 83303.

GOODING — The funeral for Gladys Douglas, 92, of Gooding, who died Tuesday, will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Demary's Gooding Chapel. Burial will be in Emmanuel Cemetery. Friends may call at Demary's Gooding Chapel today from 1 to 7 p.m. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Gooding United Methodist Church.

Fire

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lived alone in the house.

People contacted during the investigation were unable to determine what was happening being something of a loner, Edwards said. Schnese apparently did gardening and lawn work for several people in the area and received social security payments.

The investigation did not reveal exactly how the fire started but had been living in Twin Falls, but Edwards said one woman told him that Schnese had been doing gardening work for her since 1960. "He apparently lived here for many years," Edwards said.

All but one of the victim's relatives live outside of Idaho, Edwards said. Schnese's sister, Clara Olsen, lives in Grace.

Obituary

Dagmar J. Blair

RUPERT — Dagmar-Jorgensen Blair, 91, of Rupert, died Friday, Jan. 1, 1988, at Mindoka Memorial Hospital.

She was born Jan. 11, 1897, at Hamby, Denmark. She attended schools in Denmark and married Carl W. Blair May 30, 1926, at Hamby. Following their marriage, they moved to the United States, settling in Rupert, where they engaged in farming and had three resided.

She was a member of the Rupert United Methodist Church. Surviving are: her husband, Carl W. Blair, of Rupert; two sons, Russell Blair and Gordon Blair of Burley; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters and a brother.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Hansen Mortuary Chapel in Rupert with Pastor William Lineberry officiating. Burial will be in the cemetery at Heyburn. Friends may call at the Hansen Mortuary Wednesday morning until the time of the service.

Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER — Admitted

Bonnie Ewing and Mandee Becker, both of Twin Falls; Howard Winger of Hagerman; Monica West, Mr. Larry Alfred and Daniel Johnson, all of Buhl; and Clarence Hoch of Kimberly.

Released

Gail Diamond — Mrs. Rex Hoover, Wilma Peck, Norma Rembold, Florence Lewis, Ruby get Waeger, and Mrs. Bunkie Waeger, all of Twin Falls; Mrs. Ray Broster of Kimberly; Darrell Darling and Megan Royce, both of Jerome; Donald Dixon of Halley; Ryan Horn of Burley; Blake Humphrey of Ketchum; Daniel Johnson of Buhl; Ida Lang of Filer; Daniel Murphy of Gooding; Mrs. Salvador Rodriguez and son of Wendell and Kenneth Topinka of Buhl.

Births

Daughters to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Steinmetz of Hazerlon and Mr. and Mrs. Virginia Federer of Murtaugh.

CASSIA MEMORIAL — Admitted

Mary Vahring; Laila Glover; Doris Rocha; Eddie Newirth; Jamie Larsen; and Gerald Johnson of Burley; Myrtle Hellwell of Heyburn; and Nellie Gled of Becla.

Released

Anthony Almanza and Chancellor Guzman, both of Burley; Janet Castaneda and baby of Paul Vaseha Oshertown, of Declo; Larry Bigelow of Heyburn; and Arnold Boster of Burley.

Births

A baby to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Larsen of Burley.

Magistrate court

TWIN FALLS — The following cases were recently filed in 5th District Magistrate Court:

Professional Service Agency vs. Torri Espartero. The plaintiff seeks \$314 and attorney fees.

Statewide Collections vs. T. Gary and Lorette Peck. The plaintiff seeks \$260 and attorney fees.

Credit Bureau of Twin Falls vs. Rex O. and Vicki L. Hanson. The plaintiff seeks \$339 and attorney fees.

Credit Bureau of Twin Falls vs. Bruce N. and Marjorie Mason. The plaintiff seeks \$408 and attorney fees.

Credit Bureau of Twin Falls vs. Steve R. Brannon Jr. The plaintiff seeks \$1174 and attorney fees.

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Gooding County rejects ambulance district

The Times-News

GOODING — The Gooding County Board of Commissioners voted Wednesday not to proceed with a proposed ambulance district.

Commissioners needed to approve it by Thursday to get the district on 1988 tax rolls.

"We had just too many questions arising concerning the management and operation of an ambulance district," Commissioner Robert Thackeray said Thursday. "It was just too early to go ahead."

If commissioners had delayed their decision until after Jan. 1 to obtain more information and to have more time to draw up a plan for the proposed district, the district could not take effect under state law until October 1989 and actual funds from the district would not be available before January 1990.

Thackeray said that if residents wanted to submit another petition asking for an ambulance district, the matter, but that he knew of no plans for the matter to be brought up again by residents.

The proposal to start an ambulance district was also complicated because the public notice, which appeared in the *Gooding County Leader* for three weeks prior to the December public hearing on the district, might not have been in compliance with Idaho state law.

State law requires a petition, with the signatures of at least 50 landowners, asking for an ambulance district, be filed with the county commissioners.

Then the law requires that a copy of the petition, showing "not more than five" of the signatures be printed for three weeks before the commission considers the ambulance district request at an open, public meeting.

County Prosecutor Lynn Nelson had advised the commission that the printed notice did not meet legal requirements because no signatures were published.

County Clerk John Myers said one solution might be to republish the notice for three weeks, but that the ambulance district would not be able to go on the 1988 tax rolls.

Current Gooding Ambulance Service operator Gilbert Schmidt has told county officials he cannot continue to operate "quality ambulance service" and provide for the purchase of new ambulance vehicles and critical equipment without the approximately \$95,000 annually a taxing district would generate.

Gooding County owns and maintains the ambulance vehicles operated by Schmidt, pays insurance on the vehicles and also provides a \$9,000 per month subsidy to maintain the service.

Schmidt says his major expense is payroll. But at his current service rates he will not be able to offer full-time employment and will find it difficult to attract the properly trained people necessary to operate the service.

Most people attending the hearing were opposed to raising taxes but in favor of continuing ambulance service in the county.

Some of those attending suggested using funds from a newly operating hospital taxing district to operate "mobile hospitals" rather than trying to maintain Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

Ketchum man creates game

By BARBARA NEIWERT
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — Zomax. Most likely you've never heard the word before, but by this time next Christmas, it may be one of the most sought-after games on the market.

Or so hopes Ketchum resident Gary Bellinger, president, founder and creator of the new game Zomax. The stockholders are banking on that prospect as well with plans to increase production 60-fold by mid-January.

More good news just arrived at Zomax, Inc. headquarters — a small business in Ketchum, Idaho, home converted into an office. According to Bellinger, Zomax has been selected by Toy and Hobby World magazine as one of the 10 best new products to be shown at the New York Toy Fair this February.

"This gives us tremendous credibility in the market place," Bellinger said.

Indeed, it is credibility the Zomax team is searching for because team members have done their homework. They have a highly marketable product and now their only problem seems to be how to keep up with the demand.

Bellinger is countering that problem with a solution. By mid-February, the company expects to produce 60 hand-made units per day to 3,000 per day by means of a new injection molding process for the game board.

Bellinger is not going out of state to manufacture Zomax. With the exception of supply of the raw materials for the game, it will be made entirely within Idaho.

After narrowing bids from a field of 27 countries, Zomax, Inc. has contracted with Trivial Pursuit of King B Products in Idaho Falls to produce the injection-molded magnetic game boards. Correctional Industries, a department of the state Board of Corrections which hires and contracts inmates, will assemble the games.

Bellinger predicts that if Zomax captures only 1 percent of the \$350 million sales that Trivial Pursuit claimed, it would mean employment of at least 70 people.

Advertised as the "World's Greatest Game," Bellinger sees the market as the national and international levels, with potential sales in the "tens of millions of dollars."

Bellinger's optimism comes from a strong belief in his product, as well as from sales figures from the industry as a whole.

According to Bellinger, in 1985 total sales of toys and games hit \$13.4 billion, with games alone comprising \$4.6 billion of that total. Comparing this to the market Sun Valley residents are most familiar with, skiing, Bellinger estimates 1986 sales of skis, boots, poles, bindings amounted to only \$800 million, giving game sales twice the potential as the ski industry.

"It's a huge market," Bellinger said. Bellinger has had the idea for Zomax brewing in his mind for 20 years now, but sees himself more as a businessman than an inventor.

"I had one good idea and stuck with it," he said.

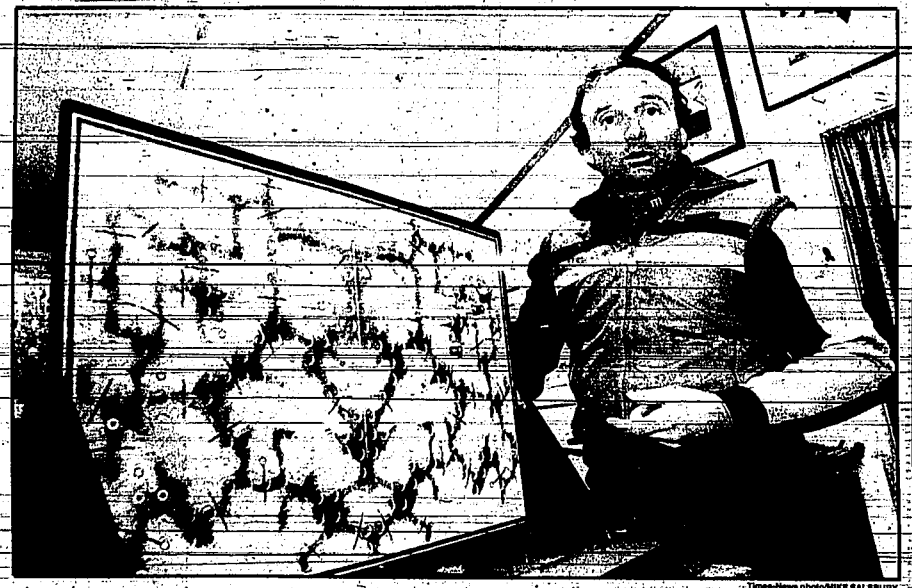
Living in Ketchum for 10 years now, Bellinger teaches ski lessons for Sun Valley Co. and also helps market artwork by his wife, Jennifer Bellinger. He also has a background as a promoter, developer and salesman.

His previous experience in the love for games, led him to develop Zomax, a game which would "not get boring" and would become a greater challenge the longer you played it, he said.

After 40 hours of effort went into the board design, the first prototype was developed in July of 1986 and the company went public with over-the-counter stock July 1, 1987. The first issue of 6 million shares was sold at 10 cents a share.

By Christmas, it had reached a high point in the 30 to 35 cent range prior to the stock market run-off of mid-October, and stockbroker Bill Hilde of Dillon Securities in Spokane.

To date, Zomax has sold in 42 states through direct mail and is available in Idaho only at Idaho Camera in Boise and Chateau Drug. The Toy Store and Framing with Love in Ketchum. The game retails for \$47.95.



Gary Bellinger, creator of Zomax, hopes it will be one of the most sought-after games on the market next Christmas.

Zomax is a modern version of chess

By BARBARA NEIWERT
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — It's not a game of luck. It's not a war game, although it uses the tools of war. And it's not cheap.

What it is, is a cross between Battleship and chess. It's a game of action, strategy and skill, and involves a high degree of concentration.

It's one of the hottest new games on the market — claims its creator — and it comes from Idaho. It's Zomax.

With the name derived from the terms "zoo" and "maximum," which describe the zone defense of the game and the maximum effort required to win, creator Gary Bellinger described the play of the game that he's hoping will sweep the nation for the next Christmas season.

"It's totally revolutionary," Bellinger said. "There's nothing that plays or looks like it on the market."

It's not quite a board game because the board sits vertically between the two players, shielding each other from view. The board is magnetized with 600 indented circles on which each player's 43 playing pieces — ships, aircraft, tanks and mines — can be secretly maneuvered.

The object of the game is to capture your opponent's capitol. At the roll of the dice, you can move your pieces across the maze of land and sea, trying to eliminate your opponent's pieces on the opposite side of the board. Once you land on a space occupied by a player's piece, the reverse polarity of the magnetic pieces propels his piece off the board and out of play. You may have eliminated a playing piece, but now he knows exactly where you are.

The slogan "Five minutes to learn, forever a challenge" is appropriate. With only five rules to the game, it takes very little to start play. However, it takes a bit more imagination and thought to develop a strategy to capture the capitol while playing both an offense and defense at the same time. And the more you play, the better you get.

With the sheer number of game pieces and possible moves, a mathematician once tried to figure out the number of possible moves in the game. "He got to one trillion and quit," Bellinger said.

Bellinger also is trying to get away from the suggestion that Zomax is a game of war. He likens it to chess.

"It's no more a game of war than chess is," Bellinger said, explaining chess has its knights and pawns but is a game of skill and strategy.

"It's a modern chess — it's more exciting. It moves faster and has an infinite number of possibilities," Bellinger said.

Bellinger did say the U.S. military is interested in Zomax because of the thought process and the strategy involved in the "seek-and-destroy" concept of eliminating the opponent's pieces.

The company sponsored a Zomax tournament this past spring in Ketchum with a \$2,000 prize to the winner, and had hopes of continuing this process across the country as a marketing tool. Such plans are still in mind with national sponsors and large cash awards, but Bellinger said until the company can match production of the game to demand, the tournaments will not be pursued.

Glenns Ferry sports program draws fire at board meeting

By PATRICIA DEVOY
Times-News correspondent

GLENN'S FERRY — The Glenns Ferry sports program, including the cheerleading squad's place in the school and gymnasium, became a lengthy topic of discussion at the December meeting of the Glenns Ferry School Board.

"I am wondering about two things," said Trustee Laura Bellegante. "They are: A. The girls games are always scheduled on school nights, the boys get the weekend nights. And B., that's very tough. There is some concern about the girls being scheduled on school nights."

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student energy for school work. Fontaine ended the discussion, saying "I think before (Athletics Director) Brent (Taylor) starts scheduling, it would be a good idea if he and (High School Principal) Len (Fenner) could be at a meeting to discuss about this. I did get a call from a parent today that addressed that very same issue. If we publicized that the issue was going to be on the agenda, it may be surprising how many parents might come here with that concern."

The board also discussed the place cheerleading should hold in the sports program, after trustees began discussing it in the descriptions for Taylor, who currently does not have one.

"We have a cheerleading squad that is partly funded through the school, that has a cheerleading advisor throughout the school year (yet) ... they don't seem to fall under anybody's category. The cheerleaders don't letter, but they have to sign the same deal as I think they do in the athletics," said Trustee Lesley Trail.

Bellegante said that cheerleading is considered a part of the girls' sports program. "If it is considered a sport, we have a rule that you can only participate in one sport at a time and now they are letting the girls be a cheerleader and participate in basketball and that is two activities," Trail said.

Gooding looks at speeds

By JANENE BUCKWAY
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — Speed limit changes could be coming for some Gooding city streets.

The City Council has agreed to go ahead with a \$7,000 engineering study of traffic patterns in the city. The study will include a traffic volume study, a survey to justify the need for any changes, and set appropriate speed limits.

Once the study is complete, the city will be able to determine which streets need speed limit changes. The \$7,000 study is being funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The study will be completed by the end of the year. The city will then be able to determine which streets need speed limit changes.

Getting adapted to 1988 takes time

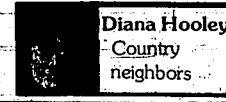
Today I really realized it's 1988. I have five voided checks to prove it. This month's telephone bill was being paid with a check dated last January, as was this month's electric bill and this month's orthodontist bill. January 1988 takes some getting used to.

I guess I'm not very progressive. New years make me feel older than birthdays. When I have a birthday I don't even think about being an older year older until someone with a large gift has the courtesy to come up to me, a relative, giving me a present, and ask me how old I am. Then I have to — quick — mentally subtract my birthday from that day's date. By the time I get finished with this bit of calculation the pain most normally associated with the tediousness of aging has diminished. In fact, I'm in shock. Am I really that old?

Yes, you are, I tell myself. It's not 1968 when you lived in a Knotty pine house and watched The Mickey Mouse Club on TV. It is not 1968 when you washed the Beatles and waned your hair. It is not 1978 when you hung diaper on a wooden rack to get them dry in the little kitchen of our little trailer. It is 1988!

George Orwell hadn't even conceived of such a year. I find it very comforting as time marches on my ego, to remember that I had the same rude awakening in January 1967. And despite all the inevitable changes that will take place this year, many are predictable. My psychic inner self tells me there will be a president elected this year. I also predict a fluctuating stock market. This year one or more of my children will be reprimanded at school for premeditated gab.

Someday when I'm older and even grayer, I will look back at '88 and wonder why I was bellyaching. I'll think, "We were at the prime of life then, with our children all home and healthy. We had plenty of food and a nice home. We took cars and had plenty of gas to travel on vacations. We watched television."



Diana Hooley Country neighbors

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School lunch menus

BLAINE
 Monday: Italian spaghetti, tossed green salad, garlic bread, chilled peaches and milk.
 Tuesday: Baked cheese sandwich, green peas, apple sauce, sweet potato cake and chocolate milk.
 Wednesday: Hamburger on bun, french fries, oatmeal-cookies, apple wedges and milk.
 Thursday: Tuna sandwich on whole wheat bun, baked beans, carrot sticks, cherry cutbur and milk.
 Friday: Beef taco, sweet rolls, chilled pears and milk.

BLISS
 Monday: Ravioia, celestaw, garlic bread, peaches and milk.
 Tuesday: Pork and noodles, rolls and jelly, beets and milk.
 Wednesday: Pig-in-a-blanket, pork, beans, peach crunch and milk.
 Thursday: Sloppy joes, rolls, oatmeal, plum and milk.
 Friday: Soup, peanut butter sandwiches, carrot and celery sticks, chocolate pudding cake and milk.

BUIH
 Monday: Chicken sandwich, french fries, and mixed vegetables.
 Tuesday: Soft flour burrito, tater tots, and jelly with fruit.
 Wednesday: Barbecue beef on bun,

carrot sticks, buttered beans and pudding.
 Thursday: Grilled sandwich, vegetable soup, pickles and fruit.
 Friday: Seafood platter, french fries, fruit, cinnamon rolls and chocolate milk.

CASTLEFORD
 Monday: Cinnamon rolls, Corn dogs french fries, vegetable, apple crisp and milk.
 Tuesday: Pancakes, Hot beef and cheddar sandwich, tater tots, buttered green beans, cake and milk.
 Wednesday: Cook's choice: Chili, buttered corn, appleauce, cinnamon rolls and milk.
 Thursday: French toast, Taco salad, appleauce, maple bits and milk.

GOODING
 Monday: French bread pizza, buttered corn, peach cobbler and milk.
 Tuesday: Beef fingers, whipped potatoes, and butter, peas, rolled wheat roll and butter, pears and milk.
 Wednesday: Turkey noodles, green beans, string cheese, whole wheat roll, appleauce and milk.
 Thursday: Chili, french fries, corn bread, cherry cake and milk.
 Friday: Ham and cheese sandwiches, grilled, turkey Hooley soup, cookie, fresh

apple, and chocolate milk.

HAGERMAN
 Monday: Pepperoni pizza, green beans, apple, raisin-nut cup, and milk.
 Tuesday: Wiener wrap-up, corn or broccoli, pears, Tugan squares and milk.
 Wednesday: Ham and cheese on English muffin, hash-brown-potatoes, orange wedges, and chocolate milk.
 Thursday: Beef ravioli, green beans, appleauce, hot roll and milk.
 Friday: Hamburger on bun, french fries, fresh fruit, cookie and milk.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
 Monday: Hamburger on bun, baked beans, potato chips, peaches, cookies and milk.
 Tuesday: Creamy cheese pasta, garlic bread, green beans, apple half and milk.
 Wednesday: Taco salad, long bread, pears, pumpkin bread and milk.
 Thursday: Potato soup, cheese stick, celery with peanut butter, orange half, chocolate cake and milk.

Board

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 school principal. But that wouldn't make any difference as far as being able to letter."
 Others at the meeting said that while cheerleaders do have their own supervisors, bylaws and rules, they are generally given directions by the coaches, because they regularly ride the buses with the coaches and players.
 Trail said he thought that the cheerleading squad should fall under the direction of the athletic director so they could letter.
 "Several school districts don't allow their cheerleaders to participate in sports because they consider it a separate activity," he said. "We added two more cheerleading positions to our cheerleading squad two years ago, and have fewer cheerleaders going to games now because they are all participating in girls' basketball. After the JV games, the coaches won't let the JV players bail up in their cheerleading uniforms for the varsity games."

The board also discussed the problems that arise when the girls and boys play on the same night. Because many of the cheerleaders also play basketball, on those nights there are few, if any, cheerleaders present at the boys' games.
 Bellogonte said, "With the effort the group of girls put in, and for the time they spend and the benefits for the school, I think they at least deserve a much credibility as any sport."
 Trail ended the discussion by commenting, "We have an activities director who is being paid to watch over activities. The cheerleaders go to the activities that Brent is in charge of. It seems it would fall under the auspices of director."
 Fontaine said he would check with the state activities association to see what activities it recognizes. Then he would meet with the high school officials involved, draw up some potential guidelines for cheerleading and bring them to the next board meeting, he said.

Hooley

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 and saw Ronald Reagan make presidential speeches.
 "Hi! I'll say to myself, 'Back in '88 we thought President Reagan was old!'"
 It doesn't take Albert Einstein to understand how relative time is. Yet knowing this only makes me a little less apprehensive about 1988. What if in 1988 I gain 10 pounds? What if in 1988 I lose my line of credit at my favorite department store? What if in 1988 I have a car crash, break both legs, both arms,

lose consciousness, suffer amnesia AND get killed? What if?
 A person can get hooked on living with what ifs instead of what is. That's why sometimes it takes a little effort to put on a party hat and drink a cup of cheer to stay sane. December 31st. Then, it helped to remember it was still 1987. 1988 doesn't hit until you start writing checks in the morning.
 Diana Hooley writes her weekly column from her farm-home near Indian Cove.

Study

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 The street has become a popular alternate route for city residents and provides access to city offices, school district offices and some downtown businesses. State Highway 46 runs north and south through the town as Main Street.
 Before the city can enforce any new speed laws, the new limits must be adopted by an ordinance based on the traffic survey, Bill Bunn, police chief until his retirement Thursday, told the council when discussions on the matter began in November.
 In other city business, the council has approved a change in the city's lease with the Idaho State School for the Deaf and Blind's swimming pool and gymnasium complex.
 The original lease restricted use of the facilities to city-operated recreation programs. Since the city does not operate any specific recreation programs, the original lease made it difficult for the community to use the buildings.
 A community swimming program has been operated for several years at the state school pool under the direction of a volunteer Community Swim Committee. The program has been approved and jointly funded by the city.

The new lease provides for use by "city authorized recreation programs," Heller said the new wording will make the lease more "flexible" and the facilities available for community use without the city having to institute or operate new programs.
 The city has also set a public hearing Jan. 18 at 8 p.m. in City Hall to amend the city budget.
 The budget will be amended to include a \$10,000 grant from the Idaho Commission on Children and Youth. The grant was awarded to fund a feasibility study for an adolescent diversion and detention program at the vacant state tuberculosis hospital.
 The grant was awarded to the city on the application of Don, Bart and Mae Morrow, who are managing the juvenile detention program. It will be administered by a city-appointed supervisory committee that includes Magister Valley business leaders, educators and law enforcement personnel.

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Lunch menus

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 Friday: Chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, hot rolls; plums and milk.
JEROME
 Monday: Meat loaf, jo jo potatoes, buttered corn, strawberry pie and milk.
 Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwiches, fresh vegetable medley, potato soup, fresh fruit, chocolate pudding and milk.
 Wednesday: Sloppy joe, green beans, peaches, brownie and milk.
 Thursday: Soft shell taco, meat frie, fruit, chocolate chip cookie and milk.
 Friday: Pig-in-blanket, hash brown potatoes, peanut butter and celery cups, cherries over cake and milk.
MINIDOKA
 Monday: Submarine sandwich, buttered corn, peaches and milk.
 Tuesday: Spaghetti, buttered yeast applesauce, bread sticks, and milk.
 Wednesday: Canadian bacon pizza, mixed vegetables, purple plums, cookie

and milk.
 Thursday: Baked cheese sandwiches, buttered green beans, fruit cup, and chocolate milk.
 Friday: Chili and crackers, carrot sticks, pears, sweet rolls and milk.
MURTAUGH
 Monday: Pizza, carrot sticks, pineapple and milk.
 Tuesday: Oven, fried chicken, whipped potatoes, buttered peas, hot rolls with honey butter, fruit and milk.
 Wednesday: Swiss cheese sticks, celery sticks, angel biscuits, pudding, and milk.
 Thursday: Taco burgers, french fries, carrot sticks, fruit and milk.
 Friday: Burritos, buttered corn, fruit, cookies and milk.
TWIN FALLS
 Elementary & Jr. High
 Monday: Corn dogs, french fries,

peaches, birthday cake and milk.
 Tuesday: Hamburger, deluxe on whole wheat bun, corn, pears, ranchero cookie and milk.
 Wednesday: Lasagne, tossed salad, garden peas, cherry cutie pie and milk.
 Thursday: Chicken fillet sandwich, jo jo potatoes, orange quarters and milk.
 Friday: Texas chili, nacho chips, garden salad, pineapple chunks and regular or chocolate milk.
TWIN FALLS
 Junior High
 Monday: French bread pizza, tossed salad, diced peaches, birthday cake and milk.
 Tuesday: Chef's salad, crackers, pickled beets, fresh fruit choice ranchero cookie and milk.
 Wednesday: Roast beef sandwich, jo jo potatoes, peas, cherry cutie pie and

milk.
 Thursday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, whole wheat roll, orange quarters and milk.
 Friday: Ham and Swiss cheese sandwich, garden salad, California blend vegetables, pineapple chunks and regular or chocolate milk.
VALLEY SCHOOL
 Monday: Crisp burrito, buttered corn, sliced peaches, cookie and milk.
 Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese, winter green beans, winter wheat roll and milk.
 Wednesday: Hot turkey sandwich, potatoes and gravy, buttered peas, pears, and milk.
 Thursday: Chili and crackers, cinnamon roll, celery sticks, applesauce and milk.
 Friday: Cheeseburger, french fries and dip, spice cake, fruit and milk.

Farmer fights for rights of borrowers

BOISE (AP) — An Idaho Falls farmer who crusaded for the people's right to trial by jury has sent Idaho legislators a bulky packet which includes a brief questionnaire on lawmakers' personal financial holdings.
 David Steed has been involved in a foreclosure battle with eastern Idaho banks and has claimed it is improper for judges to refuse to let jury decide counterclaims.
 Steed's latest campaign urges House Speaker Tom Boyd (R-Genesee) to resign, apparently because of Boyd's comments regarding proposed legislation requiring third-party mediation between lender and borrower before foreclosure proceedings could start.
 In an enclosed newspaper article, Boyd is quoted as saying the bill was introduced too late for consideration in the current session, and even if reintroduced would not likely pass because some bankers oppose it.
 As a citizen of Idaho and of the United States of America, I have no choice but to call on Rep. Tom Boyd, speaker of the house, to resign and quit the Idaho Legislature forever in favor of an appointed or an elected representative that would have the courage to stand up to the one-quarter of one percent of Idaho's population that makes up Idaho's bankers," an enclosed letter from Steed said.

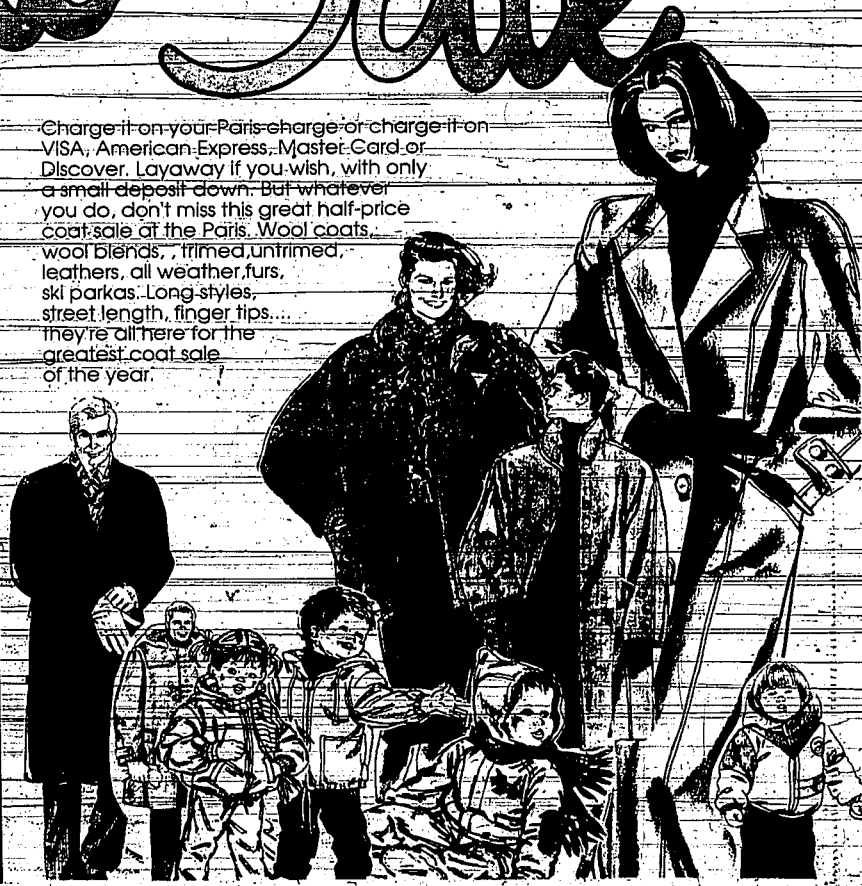
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Cash, drug seizures to pay off Slain woman's family continues search for killer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies should soon begin reaping the financial rewards of several million-dollar drug seizures on Utah's freeways, says public safety commissioner John T. Nielsen.

The Utah Highway Patrol had a banner year for interstate drug busts in 1987, collaring dozens of alleged couriers and dealers on southern Utah's I-76 along.

The Department of Public Safety is trying to turn the tables on dealers by using confiscated drug money to fund the battle against traffickers.

The freeway drug busts have been highly publicized, but actions of cash are not as well known, even though troopers have seized amounts as high as \$500,000. Confiscated cash is turned over to a special forfeiture fund. A series of court hearings are then held, as the department tries to prove the money was generated through criminal enterprises, while the owner tries to establish that it was obtained legitimately.

In most cases, the owners of the cash put in no claim for it. The money eventually will work its way through the legal system to help fund drug investigations, but it wasn't always that way.

"Under the old law, once the money was forfeited it would go to the uniform fund," Nielsen said. Nielsen says the Legislature determines where it goes, and they have determined that it will go to the agencies that investigated it.

FEMA grant given to aid state's needy

BOISE (AP)—The new year carries with it the promise of some additional financial help for Idaho's hungry homeless.

The state has received a \$497,000 federal grant to provide emergency food and shelter programs for the needy in 1988.

In addition, nine Idaho counties with high unemployment and poverty rates have received \$3.1 million in supplemental funding. They are Bannock, Bingham, Bonner, Canyon, Kootenai, Minidoka, Nez Perce, Shoshone and Twin Falls.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Northwest regional office in Boise said the grants were announced the grants Thursday, said the money is part of a \$114 million awarded by Congress to assist emergency food and shelter programs nationwide.

FEMA chairs a national board which distributes the funds to states. The Emergency Food and Shelter National Board comprises representatives from the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the United Way of America and other agencies.

The grants then distribute funds through a local board, consisting of many of the same agencies that determines allocations.

DES-MOINES, Wash. (AP)—Nearly nine months after the abduction and slaying of 21-year-old Robin Smith, authorities say they have no leads on the whereabouts of Darren, Doc O'Neill, the man charged with her murder.

Ma. Smith's mother says she

thinks authorities could do more to find O'Neill; 27, a self-proclaimed mountain man also wanted for questioning in a second slaying and disappearance.

"There's not a day goes by that I don't think of my daughter," said Edna Smith. "What's the FBI

doing? You'd think that with a guy as dangerous as O'Neill, they'd have everybody out looking for him."

O'Neill is on the FBI's list of 10 most-wanted fugitives. And the bureau says it came close to capturing O'Neill twice last summer in Idaho.

But since then, there have been no confirmed sightings of the fugitive.

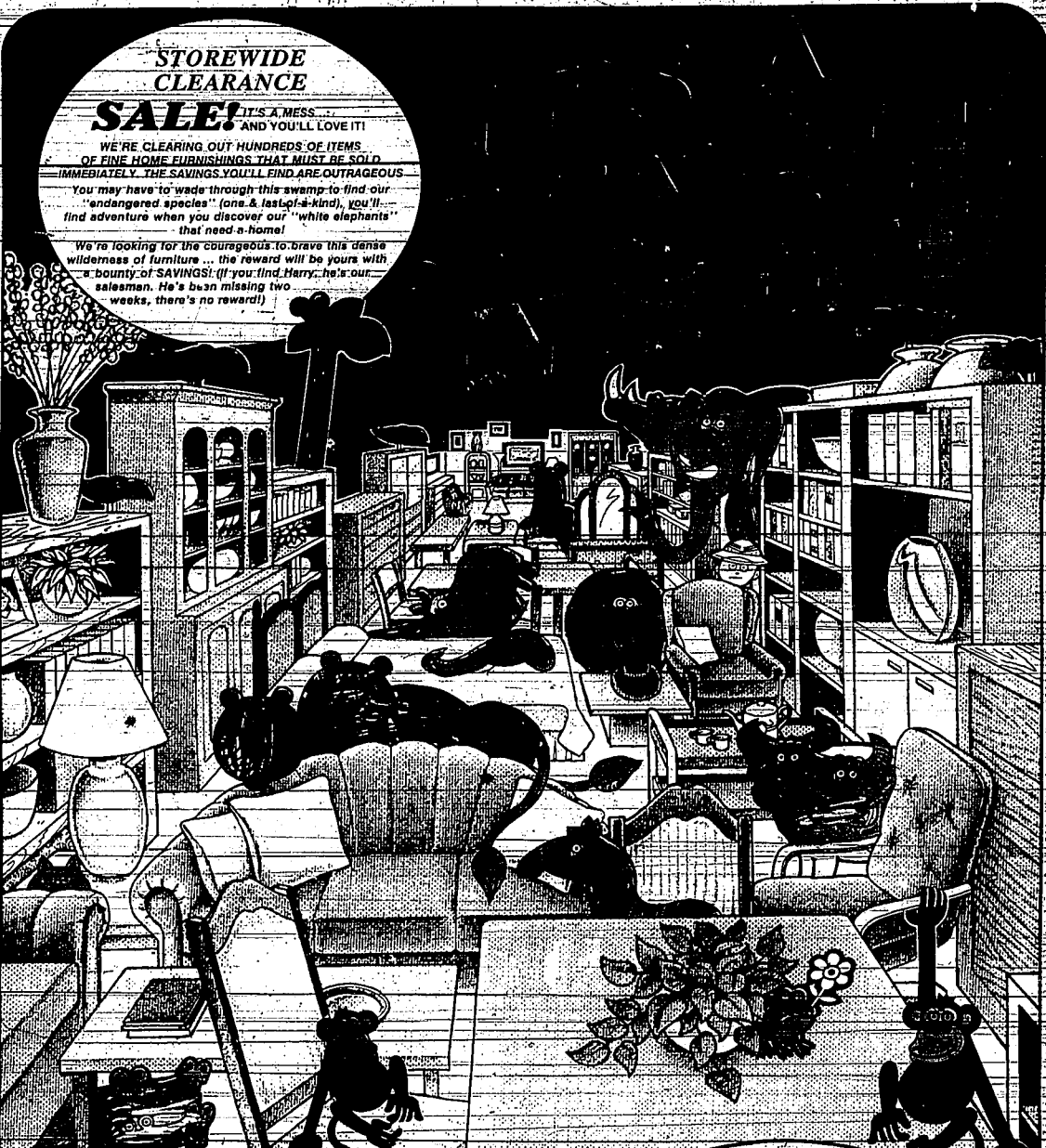
"I don't have anything going now," said T.C. Brock, chief of the FBI bureau in Boise. "We were close to him a couple times but just missed him."

Brock said a man who matched

O'Neill's description sought a short-term job with a landscaping company in Ketchum, Idaho, in September.

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A referee ejects Camas' Kit Barron while Carey's John Cenarussa applauds the decision during the first half of Saturday night's contest.

Tingey-led Carey outduels Camas

By RON GATES
Times-News writer

CAREY — Carey junior Tim Tingey smacked a baseline jumper over two defenders one second from the end Saturday to give Carey a 59-57 Northside Conference boys' basketball victory over Camas County and the share of the conference lead.



ected strenuously to an official's decision, resulting in a technical foul. Tingey started a 12-0 run with four free throws that carried his team to its first lead of the game at the 2-minute, 50-second mark. Dave Parke added two for

In the "parlor-girl" game, the scoring came in nines for the Carey girls. The Panthers opened with the first nine points, then after a low-scoring middle quarter, outscored the Musers 9-2 in the last five minutes for a 32-24 Northside Conference win.

The victory left Carey in second place in the league at 3-1 (12-1 overall) while Camas, which holds the only win this season over the Panthers, dropped its third confer-

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The win left the Panthers, at 2-0, one of two undefeated teams along with Richfield in the Northside. The loss was Camas' first league setback. Tingey's final basket, his 26th and 27th points of evening, ended a quarter in which the Panthers outscored Camas 18-9, the second such rally of the game. "I want Tingey's jump shot that beat us," said Camas County Coach Mike Hansen. "We had it won. We just made some very young mistakes."

Early in the game, it appeared to be a different story. The Musers' opened on a 12-2 run to lead by double figures with less than 5 minutes gone. Andy Frostenson, who led his team with 20 points, hit eight of those in that stretch as Camas jumped to an 18-11 advantage after 8 minutes.

and Camas player to take exception to a call and was ejected with 5 minutes left in the game. The absence of Fankhouser, who played the entire game on defense in Tingey's face, was felt immediately and Tingey registered the last six points of the game, interrupted only by a final tying field goal with 9 seconds left by the Musers' Eddie Harness. "I'm really got hot, no question about it," said Cook. "They were over-confident in my opinion. I think they were looking past us."

The victory improved Carey's season record to 6-4 and left Camas at 4-5 overall and 1-1 in league games.

Less than two minutes into the second quarter, it appeared another Northside Conference pushing-shoving match was under way as each team was in the bonus at the free throw line. Carey got the best of that when a Muser ob-

"We had a little trouble with that," said Carey Coach Lee Cook. "But we switched Dave Parke on to Frostenson and had John Cenarussa shift over one step."

If that were not enough to make the difference, Muser point guard Jasper Fankhouser became the sec-

Area skiers find colder temperatures

Sun Valley — Sun Valley reported cold temperatures and clear skies on Saturday, with 34-inches of snow on the top of Bald Mountain and 26 inches of packed snow at midslope. All runs except a couple of the expert runs off Lower River Run are open, as are all lifts. Hours today: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Ski report

Pomerelle — Pomerelle reported clear skies and cold temperatures on Saturday, with 40 inches of snow at the lodge and 62 at the top of the mountain. Bus service will be available today, leaving Lincoln Plaza in Jerome at 7 a.m., K-mart in Twin Falls at 7:30 a.m., the Burley Inn at 8:30 and the Deelo Service Station at 9 hours today, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Red Bell	20 base, 32 midcourse, no new
Black Bell	32 base, 20 midcourse, no new
Snowcat	24 base, no new
Overnight	18 base, 18 midcourse, no new
Blue Bell	21 base, 32 midcourse, no new
Red Bell	20 base, 32 midcourse, no new
Black Bell	32 base, 20 midcourse, no new
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Some depth on edges, 18 in. to untracked snow at the top of Bald Mountain. New snow 1/2 in. to 2 in. at 24 hours.

In New Orleans, a hot streak meets a cold spell

By AUSTIN WILSON
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A hot streak meets a cold streak today in the NFL playoffs. But the results promise to be anything but tepid. Both the New Orleans Saints and the Minnesota Vikings have been waiting too long for that to happen.



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Steve Sidwell said both Kramer and Wilson are capable of winning.

"They're both excellent quarterbacks. They both throw well. They both execute their offense well," he said. "Kramer, obviously, is a less mobile guy. Here's something for you to notice: in the games we've scouted, they've scrambled 21 times and averaged 10 yards per scramble."

ories at eight. In the preseason, this was the Vikings' regular jam set out to a big early lead, but the Saints reserves outaced the Vikings reserves and New Orleans won the game 23-17.

"Don't ask us about how low your good defense against these guys because they've carved us up," Sidwell said. Burns said he sees no weaknesses in the Saints. "Everything about them is impressive," he said.

Kickoff time is 10:30 a.m. MST. The game will be broadcast on Channels 11 and 12 in the Magic Valley.

those are three pretty good football teams. Both teams will have their starting quarterbacks for Sunday.

Wilson has most of those, 18, but the times Kramer did come out of them, it was like 15 or 18 yards.

And it's one of those things that Minnesota receiver Anthony Carter does pretty well, too.

New Orleans, 12-3, has won nine in a row. The Vikings, 8-7, has lost three of their last four.

Minnesota's Tommy Kramer missed the Washington game with a neck injury, but Burns said he will start against the Saints. New Orleans' Bobby Hebert missed the second half of the Cincinnati game with a sprained knee, but turned last week against Green Bay and played the whole game.

Burns said at midweek that he might change his mind and start Wilson.

"Other than Jerry Rice (of San Francisco), he's the best big-play receiver we've played," said Saints safety Brett Music. "He's a great receiver after the catch. He can really run with it."

"I don't think that makes a bit of difference," Saints coach Jim Mora answered. "They lost to Chicago, Green Bay and Washington, and

The Wilsons are in the wings in case a starter goes down. Wade for the Vikings and David, no relation, for New Orleans.

He's just trying to screw our heads up," Sidwell said.

"I think I've shown the people that I'm a competitor," Highsmith said. "I come from a program where losing is not tolerated, and I told the people when I came here that I would not tolerate losing."

Seahawks will have hands full of Highsmith

HOUSTON (AP) — Another piece of Houston coach Jerry Gilmore's plan to bring the Oilers back to NFL respectability fell into place a week ago when high-priced rookie fullback Alanzo Highsmith played his best game of the season.

Glanville related pressure from fans and media to play Highsmith earlier.

fore signing a four-year, \$2.6 million contract on Oct. 28. He played briefly three games later against San Francisco, but has slowly earned more playing time each week.

"Somebody has to catch a touch-down pass and it might be Mike Rozier. And maybe I'll have to pick up a linchpin to allow quarterback Warren Moon to throw a long pass," Highsmith said.

Highsmith scored his first two pro touchdowns, one on a tackle-breaking 33-yard pass reception, to help the Oilers defeat Cincinnati 21-17 and gain the playoffs for the first time since 1980.

Glanville said, "You're counting on them for a big play, and all of a sudden he doesn't know if he can do it or not."

"I think that's the way we brought him along, so he not only would be ready but would have confidence about what he could do," Glanville said.

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The morning line

Good morning. It's Sunday, Jan. 3. Wild Card day in the NFL playoffs. This morning at 10:30, the Minnesota Vikings (8-7) will visit new foe, the Saints (12-3) for the NFC Wild Card Game (Channels 11, 12). At 2 p.m., the Seattle Seahawks (9-8) will take on the Houston Oilers (8-8) in the Houston Astrodome (Channels 7, 38). The winners will advance to the second round of the NFL playoffs next weekend.

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Prep girls

- Richfield 61, Dietrich 38, late, see story in Monday's Times-News.
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Hall of Fame

- Michigan 28, Alabama 24

Peach Bowl

- Tennessee 27, Indiana 22

College bowls

- Sunday, Jan. 30 (Spartan Bowl)
- At Berkeley, Japan
- TBA
- Saturday Jan. 31
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- At San Francisco
- 1 p.m.
- Holy Bowl
- At Honolulu

Ice hockey

NHL

- Boston 5, Quebec 1
- Washington 2, Edmonton 0
- New York Islanders 3
- Pittsburgh 1
- New Jersey 1, Hartford 1, tie
- Philadelphia 4, Vancouver 1
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- New York Rangers 5, Minnesota 3
- St. Louis 5, Calgary 3
- Los Angeles 5, Montreal 2

Scores and Results

Basketball

NBA stats table with columns for team, points, and various statistics. Includes entries for New York and other teams.

Field Goal Percentages table listing various teams and their field goal percentages.

Rebounding table with columns for team, off, and total rebounds.

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Team Totals table with columns for team, points, and other statistics.

College schedule

College schedule table listing dates, times, and matchups for various college sports.

City league

City league table showing scores and results for various city league games.

NBA box scores

NBA box scores table providing detailed statistics for various NBA games.

College scores

College scores table listing scores for various college football games.

Quarterback leaders

Quarterback leaders table listing top quarterbacks and their statistics.

Running backs

Running backs table listing top running backs and their statistics.

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Wide receivers table listing top wide receivers and their statistics.

Tennis

Tennis table listing tennis match results and scores.

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Ice hockey table listing ice hockey game scores and results.

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NHL standings table showing current standings for NHL teams.

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NFL stats table listing various statistics for NFL teams.

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National Football Conference table listing scores and results for AFC games.

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Individual Standings table listing individual player statistics.

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Fame Game: Late pass beats 'Bama

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — In a display of getting even, Denning Brown and that made Michigan better than ever against Alabama in the Hall of Fame Bowl Saturday.

College football

Jamie Morris carried Michigan for three quarters with his running, but it took a 20-yard touchdown pass from Brown to John Kolar with 56 seconds left to give the Wolverines a 28-24 victory.

"I was throwing lousy balls and was mad at myself, but the game wasn't over," said Brown, who found Kolar in the left corner of the end zone less than three minutes after Alabama went ahead 24-21 to complete a comeback from an 18-point deficit.

"I had to get it done," Brown said. "I visualized it in my mind."

Morris, Michigan's all-time leading rusher, gained a career-high 234 yards and scored three touchdowns for the Wolverines.

Kolar, who beat Alabama cornerback John Mangum, jumped high into the air on a fourth-and-3 play to catch the winning pass. It was his only reception, and the touchdown finished a six-play, 62-yard drive led by Brown's 33-yard pass to Greg McMurry.

"Alabama played good defense, but you don't have any choice when it's fourth-and-3," Kolar said. "You just have to go and get it. You have to give credit to Dickerson, who threw a great pass, and to the line that gave him enough time."

Brown finished with four completions in 13 attempts for 72 yards and one touchdown. He directed the winning drive after Alabama took a 24-21 lead on Bobby Humphrey's 17-yard touchdown and Jeff Dunn's two-point conversion pass to Clay Whitner.

"It was a very difficult way to lose a football game," Alabama Coach Bill Curry said.

"I was down for a little while because they scored on my fumbles," said Cobb. "I thought it was my fault."

Actually, Indiana only scored on one of the fumbles — driving 91 yards midway in the second period and scoring on a 42-yard Dave Schell to Eric Jones pass — to get the Hoosiers within 21-10 at halftime.

"We had a chance to put them away," Cobb said. "If we had scored it would have put us up 28-3 and probably would have put them out of the game." Indiana tried to dominate the second half, stopping Tennessee's offense led by the game's most valuable defensive player, linebacker Van Walker, and Tim Jordan turned a 46-yard field goal attempt into a 12-yard touchdown early in the fourth period to give the Hoosiers their only lead at 22-21.

"We wanted this bowl today," said Indiana coach Bill Mallory, whose first squad four years ago won 0-11. "We prepared hard, but it just didn't work out. We tried to fight our way out of a defensive front at halftime, which we did."

Top 20: No. 3 Panthers hammer Gators

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh's Cliff Smith and Jerome Eugene each entered the Florida game Saturday looking for something and they found it in an 80-68 victory.

"I found it in the game looking to rebound and I went in looking to score around the post," Smith said.

Florida's center, 7-foot-2 Dwayne Schintz, scored on only two points, 13 below his average, on 1-of-12 shooting as the battle of the front lines was easily won by Pittsburgh which enjoyed a 49-33 rebound advantage.

"Dwayne's been bothered by something," Florida Coach Norm Sloan said. "He's felt nauseous and dehydrated the last couple of days."

Smith, who had seven blocks, and Lane certainly didn't help his condition.

"I felt if we could get at him early, we could keep effective," Pittsburgh coach Paul Evans said. "He's shot a lot for 12. I don't care if he's hot, a lot of that had to do with Charles."

Schintz declined comment after a game in which Florida's 8-3, led 29-24 with 5:23 left in the first half. Pittsburgh went on a 7-0 run with Smith scoring four of the points. Florida again took the lead, its last of the game, at 33-32 but the Panthers went on an 8-0 run for a 40-33 halftime lead.

Iowa St. 95 S. Dakota St. 67

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Lafeste Rhodes scored 26 points as 16th-ranked Iowa State defeated South Dakota 95-67 Saturday, winning its 11th game earlier than any other Cyclones team in school history.

Although Iowa State never trailed after running off 10 straight points to take an 18-0 lead less than six minutes into the game, the Cyclones were sluggish throughout in running their record to 11-2.

Georgetown 82 Miami 78

MIAMI (AP) — Mark Tillmon scored 24 points, including a 3-point shot that put Georgetown ahead with five minutes left Saturday night, as the No. 18 Hoyas rallied from a seven-point deficit in the second half to beat Miami 82-78.

College basketball

two shots in Miami's first six possessions as the Hoyas raced to an 8-0 lead.

Miami came back and three straight baskets by Brown gave the Hurricanes a 18-19 lead three seconds into the second half.

Georgetown hit six 3-pointers, four by Tillmon, in the final five minutes of the first half.

Syracuse 123 Siena 72 SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Ronny Seikaly scored a season-high 30 points and Derrick Coleman added 21 as No. 7 Syracuse set a Carrier Dome record for scoring Saturday night and beat Siena 123-72.

The Orangemen, 10-2, who have won eight straight, broke the record of 11 they set Dec. 4 against South Florida and equaled two weeks later against St. Bonaventure.

Wyoming 94 S.F. Austin 55 LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — Wyoming forward Fernis Dembo scored 19 points Saturday in a 91-65 victory over Stephen F. Austin 94-55.

Wyoming, 11-0, dominated the smaller Lumberjacks, hitting 57 percent of its shots and out-rebounding the Lumberjacks 61-23.

Stephen F. Austin, 4-5, hit just 30 percent of its shots.

The Cowboys held a 45-18 halftime lead as they limited the Lumberjacks to the lowest point total of any Wyoming opponent for one half this season.

Wyoming opened the second half by outscoring Stephen F. Austin 19-7 in the first seven minutes.

The closest Stephen F. Austin could get in the second half came with 19:17 left when Colleen Wade scored from underneath to pull Lumberjacks within 46-27.

UNLV 69 N. Mexico St. 64

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — Jarvis Brunot scored 22 points and Gerald Padgett added 22 points Saturday night as No. 15 Nevada-Las Vegas pulled ahead with five minutes left and defeated New Mexico State 69-64 in the PCAA opener for both teams.

New Mexico State, 7-6, tied it at 55 with 5 minutes; 44 seconds remaining when Steve McClothin grabbed a loose rebound and converted a layup.

Clint Rossam and Basmight followed with consecutive layups for the Runnin' Rebels, 10-0, and the Aggies never got closer than three after that.

Virgil Harris led New Mexico State with 27 points and Willie Terry scored 14.

Nevada-Las Vegas has won all 10 games it has played against the Aggies.

New Mexico State took advantage of the Rebels' ball-handling errors early, inking a 14-10 lead in Virgil Harris' dunk with 12:33 remaining in the first half.

The Rebels scored seven straight points as McClothin made a layup

and a 3-pointer. Nevada-Las Vegas led 32-27 at the half.

New Mexico State made just 36 percent of its shots, going 2-12 from the free-throw line.

Kentucky 84 Georgia 77

ATLANTA (AP) — Ed Davondor scored 22 points and led No. 2 Kentucky on a 7-20 run in the second half Saturday night as the Wildcats came from behind to beat Georgia 84-77.

Georgia led 45-43 at halftime and 61-48 with 16 minutes, a second left after a layup by Tony Mack; Davondor then scored six points while running Kentucky's offense in a 12-0 surge over the next 4:30.

Kentucky is 9-0 and 2-0 in the Southeastern Conference. Georgia is 8-5 and 0-1.

N. Carolina 80 UCLA 73 LOS ANGELES (AP) — J.R. Reid scored 25 points to lead No. 4 North Carolina to an 80-73 victory over the UCLA Bruins Saturday.

Ranzino Smith scored 18 points, including five consecutive points late in the second half, for the Tar Heels.

After trailing 33-19, UCLA rallied behind senior guard David Imhoff, who scored 25 points, to tie the score at 68 with 3:27 left.

Smith scored the next five points on a 3-point shot and a breakaway basket to give the Tar Heels a 74-69 lead.

The Tar Heels improve their record to 9-1, while UCLA fell to 4-7.

CSI's women break even at Ephraim

By The Times-News

EPHRAIM, Utah — The College of Southern Idaho's women's basketball team put four players in double figures here Saturday to collect the consolation honors of the Snow Invitational Basketball Tournament.

The Eagles defeated Western Wyoming Community College 91-68, averaging a season average of 108 points per game, in November.

CSI was bumped into the loser's bracket Friday night by Utah Valley 77-85, ending an eight-game CSI winning streak.

The victory improved CSI's season record to 9-2, pending a non-conference game against the Eastern Oregon State junior varsity in LaGrande, Ore., Tuesday night.

CSI is 10-2 in the regular season. Last season, CSI finished 11-10 in the regular season. CSI is 11-10 in the regular season.

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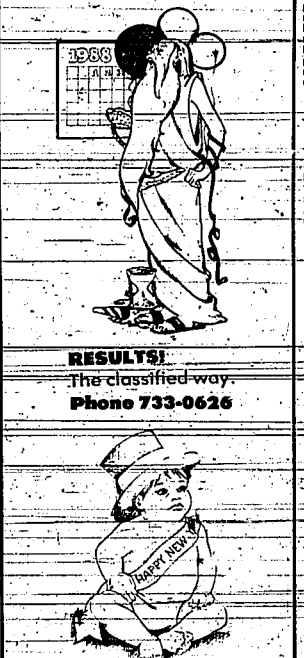
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College costs force financial creativity

The Los Angeles Times.

NEW YORK — None of the young Michigan couple's four children are older than 6, but the college their parents hope they will attend someday already has collected their college tuition in full.

For the \$20,000 the couple borrowed against the equity in their home — Hope College in Holland, Mich., guarantees four years of college for each of the toddlers, assuming that they can meet the admission requirements when they're old enough to enroll. Four years of college for four students at Hope already costs about \$136,000.

Parents searching for affordable ways to finance their children's college education in an environment of soaring educational costs and dwindling tax benefits have been forced to become more creative. So they are borrowing against the equity in their homes, buying growth stocks, investing in savings bonds and zero-coupon municipal bonds and even, as the Hope College case illustrates — giving money to schools many years in advance in hopes of forestalling further tuition increases.

Although advisers say these options are the best still available to parents now that tax reform has undermined the usefulness of the most popular college-savings schemes, none is a panacea.

Investment advisers only recommend prepaid college tuition plans, for example, to the very conservative investor. Parents or grandparents who don't want to hassle with working over their investment, or who fear falling short of the actual schooling expenses if they don't take advantage of the prepaid tuition plans now. Both Duquesne University in Pittsburgh and Hope say their participants overwhelmingly are grandparents and parents with newborns.

"We admit that it's a little bit of a gamble on both sides," said John Fedele, a spokesman for Duquesne, believed to offer the first tuition-futures program that is available.

If tuition costs rise faster than the school predicts or if the college's investment of the prepayment falls short of expectations, the college suffers. And if the child fails to make the grade, the payment is returned to the school or doesn't want to go to college at all, the parents may not get all of their money back and, at best, must forfeit the interest on their investment.

Financing such a large up-front sum poses another problem for parents who choose this route, as does the uncertainty over whether the Internal Revenue Service will start taxing the income earned by the prepaid tuition contributions.

The state of Michigan, which is de-

signing an umbrella tuition futures program under which parents could pay for four years of schooling at any Michigan college or university for as little as \$4,000, has asked the IRS for a ruling on the taxation question and hopes to get a response soon. Also awaiting the outcome of the ruling are Indiana, Tennessee, Maine and Florida, all of which have plans on the drawing board, and Wyoming, the first state to offer a statewide prepaid tuition program.

Tax considerations have always been important for parents trying to salt away money to put their children through college. The less one has to fork over to the IRS, the more "goes toward" the student's education and the faster compounded interest accumulates.

Financial advisers were steering parents toward growth stocks that pay no dividends because the increase in the stock's value would not be taxable until the shares were sold. Hence, parents could save money for college tax-free by keeping the stock at least until the child turned 14 — at which point earnings on cashed-in stock are taxed at the child's rate.

But in the aftermath of the Oct. 19 stock market crash, some advisers are steering clear of stocks, favoring instead variable life insurance policies — which provide money for college tax-free as long as the policy is in force — tax-free municipal bonds or tax-deferred savings bonds for parents who have many years to save before their children head off to college.

For those who lack the money or sophistication for such savings plans as tuition futures, bonds or variable annuities, or who didn't plan far enough in advance, there are the home equity loans or new types of financial aid plans through certain colleges and universities.

The home equity loan has become popular for financing college expenses, tax advisers say, because the interest expense on such loans is fully deductible. Conversely, interest on most other consumer debt is no longer fully deductible and, beginning in 1991, won't be deductible at all.

But tax deductibility should not be the only consideration, which borrowing for college, cautions Gregory P. Kushner, director of executive financial services at the Los Angeles office of Price Waterhouse & Co. With a home equity loan, the borrower's home is at risk in the event of a default and a percent loan whose interest is not deductible is still more attractive than a 12 percent loan whose interest is, he noted.



Chris McMannan says her pet ferret 'Spuds' is extremely friendly, loving and a very entertaining house pet.

Owners say ferrets are playful, entertaining Ferretting out a novel pet

By BONNIE BAIRD JONES
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Ferret popularity tends to run in fads.

One year it was the Cocker Spaniel and then the Schnauzer became the rage. The Siamese cat had its day but it gave way to the Burmese and Himalayan. Exotic animals like the jaguar or lion have had their moments.

Some families have adopted house rabbits, and even the skunk has found its way into many homeowners' hearts.

These days, however, it's not unusual to see a ferret being walked on a leash, clinging to the shoulder or wrapped around the neck of its proud owner.

According to those who own them, the little ferret, a member of the polecat family, can be a friendly, loving and entertaining housepet.

While many are smaller than a half-grown kitten, males may grow to a couple of feet in length. They resemble the wild animal commonly known as a weasel which Webster defines as a "bloodthirsty carnivore." This may have something to do with what Chris McMannan says is an unearned bad reputation the affectionate little mammals have acquired.

McMannan has had "Spuds" a young female ferret, as a housepet for the past several months. She says she likes her better than any other pet she has ever had and wouldn't trade her for the world.

Spuds enjoys the run of her owner's apartment, except during the night when the owner is trying to sleep or when she is at work. Then, it's into a carrier-type cage for the nocturnal ferret.

She plays with toys like a kitten, uses a lit-

ter box and has been trained to stay off of the dining table.

While ferrets are extremely intelligent, some say the animals are known to bite and to be destructive. But McMannan says "that just isn't so. Spuds plays hard with her, but has never bitten. She doesn't claw furniture or dig the carpet, other than in front of an off-limits closet door.

Since the ferret is a burrowing animal, Spuds can often be found sleeping in a bureau drawer where she has burrowed under clothing or towels.

McMannan got her ferret from a local man who raised them for pets. "I went to look at the babies and ended up talking him out of the mother instead," she says.

The female ferrets give off a faint aroma such as a skunk or polecat, but once they have

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Retirement a creative boon Sathers at last has time to draw

By LORAYNE O. SMITH
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Charles Sathers always has liked to draw, but drew his 38 years as a streetcar and then as a driver in Minnesota's Twin Cities, he didn't have time to use his talent.

But since moving to Twin Falls 10 years ago he's been making professional quality black and white ink drawings to decorate the family Christmas letters.

He also shares them generously with friends who need a design for some project.

Sathers has a habit of doodling while watching TV and his wife, Hazel, who has been married in 1939, urged him to put his talent into "something we could use."

In addition to individual designs on their family Christmas letters, he also "uses" them for thank you notes.

And his creative ability even extends to the family garage at their home on Madison Street in Twin Falls. He has painted a colorful floral design in a sunburst arrangement in the center of the big door.

His Christmas cards feature rural and scenic designs, illustrating Idaho mountains and lakes. An ardent fisherman, he has enjoyed lakes, both in Wisconsin where he built a summer home and in Magic Valley, as a source of sport as well as beauty.

He's also done roseangling, an old Scandinavian art form, not only on wood but also on Melmac dinnerware. His wife urged him to enroll in a roseangling class when he broke a leg about 12

years ago.

"The teacher said she couldn't teach me much, but she let me copy many of her designs," Sathers says, and he enjoyed that. Years ago he did several oil paintings which now hang in the Sathers' living room.

He's never tried to sell any of his work, but a few years ago he received a \$100 check for drawings which appeared in the Times-News Christmas edition.

That check, a copy of which he has proudly retained, is the only financial return his artistic talent has ever brought him, except for one sale years ago.

When he was 12 years old he attended high school in his home town of

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Charles Sathers' drawing, "Finally has time to draw"

6 area schools win recycling awards

Six Magic Valley schools are among 28 schools to win prizes from Gov. Cecil D. Andrus in the statewide student recycling project.

The project has generated more than \$40,000 for schools to purchase materials and equipment.

Janet Harney of American Recycling in Twin Falls, who originated and coordinated the project, said 1,366 pounds of recyclable materials were collected during just two months during the student "Idaho Is Too Great to Litter" Education Program.

Albion and Hollister Elementary Schools are among 10 grade schools to receive first place prizes, which are apple computers, sponsored by the Coca-Cola Bottling Co.

Bliss Grade School was among 11 grade schools earning \$400 gift certificates for playground equipment for other materials as second place winners.

Both second and third prizes are sponsored by Shopko. Third place winners include Big Valley Elementary, Rupert, Hagerman Grade School and Hemingway Elementary at Teton.

Both Hollister and Albion had individual students recognized for collecting the most poundage. They are Gwen Williams, Hollister, and Jasmine Yaden, Albion.

Carrie Galindo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Galindo, and a junior at Twin Falls High School, won honorable mention in the Guideposts magazine youth writing contest.

She is one of 30 winners from more than 8,000 entries nationwide, according to Jeanne



Lorayne O. Smith Spotlight

Alban, of the high school English department.

Sarah Green, first grader at Dworshak Elementary School in Burley, won second place in the primary division of the International Wildlife Prevention poster contest. Winners were selected at the Western Forestry conference held in Portland, Ore.

The Burley student, whose teacher is Carolyn Hanks, was one of six Idaho students whose posters were listed among 15 winners in the international event. She received a \$75 savings bond.

DeClis and West Elementary in Mountain Home, are among four Idaho schools nominated for national recognition by the U.S. Department of Education.

Jerry Evans, Idaho superintendent of public instruction, said the selection process is part of the federal "Elementary Recognition program" to honor schools with evidence of high student achievement, quality educational programs, committed teachers and supportive communities.

The four Idaho schools, including New Plymouth and Westside Elementary in Idaho Falls, are among 680 schools nominated throughout the U.S.

The Times-News welcomes items about area residents who receive honors or recognition. Send information to Times-News Spotlight Column, Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301, in care of Lorayne O. Smith, lifestyle editor.

Study finds reasons for cats always landing on their feet

By The Los Angeles Times

Sabrina, a long-haired mixed-breed New York City house cat, probably does not fully appreciate her role in unraveling a long-standing animal mystery.

The young cat fell from the 32nd floor of a building on concrete sidewalks and suffered only a chipped tooth and a minor chest injury, a feat that would seem to further the folkloric belief that felines have the ability to survive falls.

But from that case and others comes a study focused on the cat's superb internal gyroscope, that is, the major reason for that folklore.

The inquiry concerns a phenomenon called "righting reflex," common in urban areas with high concentrations of tall apartment buildings. It sheds new light on quirks of cat behavior often little understood by humans.

Most important, perhaps, it confirms what many humans have always known: Cats will almost always land on their feet. At the same time, another tenet of human faith has been seriously undermined: Cats, it turns out, are capable of po-

reaching almost any horizontal position or just plain clumsy footwork.

The new study looks at 132 cats that fell from great heights — an average of 8 1/2 stories and a range of from two to 32 floors — and were treated at the Animal Medical Center, a large-veterinary hospital in New York City. Doctors there did the survey after one vet noticed what he initially thought was an extraordinary number of cats being brought in after reported falls.

Despite the fact that 90 percent of the cats survived and 60 percent required no medical treatment or comparatively minor care. The others had corrective surgery or extensive care and sometimes died.

The study's observations, published this month in the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*, are in stark contrast to the outcomes for humans who fall. Falls of more than six stories are almost always fatal to humans and falls by children under 16 are the most common traumatic cause of death, taking about 13,000 lives a year.

Humans, who fall, suffer cata-

strophic outcomes largely because they often tumble uncontrollably, hitting the ground head-first or at a disastrous angle. Cats are saved by their instinctive resistance to tumbling, but it is such an innate skill that veterinary experts agreed it cannot be taught, transferred or in any way used to honor humans.

It has long been known that cats tend to land on their feet after a fall. They turn legs downward as if they were trying to go as soon as they start to fall — regardless of their position when the tumble begins. This study, however, adds new detail to that phenomenon.

Once the gyroscope turn occurs, said Dr. Wayne Whitney, the New York City veterinarian, the new research, a cat instinctively uses aerodynamics and its supple musculature to its advantage. In short falls, Whitney said, a cat tends to hit the ground with its legs fully extended, using its exterior muscles to flex outward and connect its limbs to flex outward — and connect tissues as natural shock absorbers.

In longer falls, Whitney said, cats apparently spread their legs farther

apart, changing aerodynamic drag in much the same way as flying squirrels. The increased drag, Whitney said, permits cats to hit the ground with the least possible force.

A cat reaches its maximum impact speed, 60 mph after the equivalent of a seven-story fall.

Of the 132 cats that fell, he said, 10 fell more than nine stories. Ninety percent of the cats suffered some sort of chest injury — though most were minor and easily treated. Most of those injuries involved air escaping from the lungs into the chest cavity on impact. There was an about-equal incidence of broken legs, with 39 percent of the cats breaking or cracking leg bones.

Ten cats had fractures of both front and rear legs.

Only three of the 132 cats were seen falling. But Whitney said that all the falls seemed to have resulted from cats miscalculating when they turned or jumped, not paying attention during play, or becoming distracted while stalking insects or rodents: One of the observed falls occurred when the cat miscalculated while lunging at an insect.

"I think the curious nature of the cat is important here," Whitney said. "It's curious and it's naturally a daredevil. A cat will get out on a narrow ledge and take chances. At the time a dog would do that, what is apparently the most sophisticated younger cats are more active and more curious, and they get themselves out on a limb, so to speak, a little more often."

Two of the New York cats fell together — an indication, Whitney said, that they had been playing and tumbled when things got a little tricky. Most of the cats in the study were comparatively young —

64 percent were younger than 3 years old. But some of them were as old as 16.

The peculiar survival skill of cats originates deep in the feline inner ear canal, which is equipped with a balancing apparatus of any animal, said Dr. Ralph Kitchell, a neurologist at the University of California, Davis, animal hospital. It lets a cat automatically right itself when it is falling in complete darkness.

"There is no doubt, Kitchell said, that the automatic fall response is largely responsible for the myth that cats gave nine lives.

Despite research, cats are still a mystery to behaviorists

By The Allentown Morning Call

Flashback: A successful ad campaign. An orange alley cat lies across a living-room floor some where in middle-America, his tail twitching behind him. In the next room, his owner pines over a can of cat food, then calls to him: "Morris, it's time for dinner."

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People like these commercials with good reason. Because while this commercial for one glorious prime-time minute, people get to see what's happening inside a cat's mind.

It's an illusion, of course, created by the comforting video world — a commercial that lets people dream they're being let in on the nasty little secrets of the feline psyche, that they're seeing what's going on in this smug tabby's brain as its hapless keeper tries to give it a good home.

In reality, however, no one ever knows what a cat is really thinking.

No one knows why a cat may de-vote hours to napping in the bathtub, then insist on jumping atop the dining table when he knows he isn't supposed to. And no one knows whether a cat is really thinking when he sits staring into space for a half hour, or whether his mind is simply registering some thing akin to a television test pattern.

"I don't have any idea what they could be thinking. First, you have to decide on a definition of thinking," said Victoria Voith, an animal behaviorist at the University of Pennsylvania's veterinary school.

"They can solve problems, so if that's thinking, then yes, a cat does think. But whether they're actually sitting there and contemplating things, I don't know how we could ever assess that."

What animal researchers do know is that more Americans want to know how a cat thinks, why it acts as idiosyncratically as it does most days, and why it doesn't behave, in short, like a dog.

"We just don't know what the wiring is in the brain that gives differ-

ent cats different behavior. I do not know that any more than I know what makes some people more intelligent, what makes some musical and what makes some good at art," said Drew Noden, a Cornell University veterinarian studying feline genetics.

But animal behaviorists can answer some questions about cats. Roughly 20 of them around the country now make a living diagnosing behavior problems for cat owners, said Dr. Peter Borchardt, a veterinarian and feline behavior therapist. Borchardt charges \$200 for showing owners, for example, how to get cats to use the litter box instead of the rug.

Ten years ago, he said, his profession didn't exist. Indeed, "now Allentown, Pa., veterinarian, Michael Obenski, virtually no researchers were studying feline behavior when he finished his training in 1972. Universities did not have behavior studies departments," he said, major veterinary colleges have behaviorists alongside animal neurologists and cardiologists.

"There has been a tremendous amount of research in recent years because cats are more popular now than they were 10 years ago," he said. Great treatises have been written on how cats communicate, and the gaps in which they walk.

What has created this new feline boom in living in American homes?

Last year, for the first time, a survey by the Pet Food Institute showed the population of cats in the United States exceeded the dog population, said Andrew Rowan, director of the Center for Animals at Tufts University in Massachusetts.

"There are fewer homes with cats living in them than dogs, but there are more cats per house," he said. According to the survey, there is an average of 1.4 dogs per household, compared with two cats per household.

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- Snow Riders to meet Wednesday**
GOODING - Northside Snow Riders will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Wood River Inn in Gooding. Fun days planned for Jan. 28-29 will be discussed.
- Bloodmobile will arrive in Gooding**
GOODING - The Red Cross bloodmobile will be in Gooding from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at War Memorial Hall. Type O blood donors are especially needed, says Carolyn deWitt, bloodmobile chairman. For more information call her at 934-5409.
- Lillian Bennett open house planned**
FILER - Lillian Bennett, Filer, will be honored at an open house Jan. 10 for her 90th birthday. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Dougherty recreation hall at the senior housing unit on Yakima Avenue, Filer.

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Cats

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 Rowan, which shows that a large number of people intensely dislike their pet cats, compared with only five percent who dislike dogs. A cat usually won't jump all over an owner when he comes home. And, he said, when you look at a dog, "it's part of a hierarchy" and that means they will tend to behave submissively to a human. A cat, however, is a solitary hunter who behaves more independently, Rowan said.

So to understand the mystery of the way a cat's mind works, it's necessary to return to the question of how — or whether — they think. "I do know that a cat can think to this extent: We have started putting a chair by my window at home so that my cat can sit there and look at the chipmunks outside. So now my cat means for the chair when it's not there," said Katherine Houpt, veterinary animal behaviorist at Cornell University. He can

connect the chair with the window, and with the outside.

"Cats roughly have the ability of a 2-year-old child," she quipped. A cat, for example, will quickly learn to associate the sound of a tin can being opened in its kitchen with the possibility that it might soon be fed. A cat also will learn not to confuse that sound with others, such as the sound of a vacuum cleaner. In fact, the letter carrier at the door is about to drop a pouch of Tender Vittles through the mail slot.

Though cats don't understand human language, they do understand that they have a limited vocabulary of meows they use with each other.

It is difficult to read the phonetics of it," Houpt said. Veterinary researchers have studied feline communication, but they have not been able to determine exactly how large a cat's vocabulary is. Many researchers also say they aren't sure whether two cats of different breeds, such as Persians and Siamese, understand each other's different-sounding meows. A Siamese, for example, usually sounds like it's bellowing, while a Persian's cry is soft.

Many humans, of course, do try to talk to their cats. A study by Voith

and Borchelt, in which 887 cat owners were surveyed, found that 96 percent of people talked to their cats at least once a day. Almost 37 percent admitted they usually address their cats as if they were children, and another 20 percent claim to talk with cats as other adults.

Some owners, in an effort to unravel the riddle of the feline mind, have even resorted to giving their cats IQ tests — a practice that most feline researchers scoff at. One such test is included in the book "Your Incredible Cat: Understanding the Secret Powers of Your Pet" by David Greene, in which the author suggests testing your cat's smarts by asking him to jump through a hula hoop and sit on a square of cardboard, on command.

But while it may not be possible to show your cat that it may be relatively easy to understand why cats behave certain ways.

If you take the typical cat — the one who sat staring into space for a half hour in the morning — and study what he did the rest of the day, you'd most likely find that he slept a lot. He probably bathed

himself, and visited the food dish and litter pan a few times. But mostly he slept.

The main purpose in a cat's life, both domestic and wild, is hunting. If there isn't anything to hunt, they'll sleep all day. It's like a lion, she'll kill something then sleep for two days," Obenaki said.

A cat's hunting instincts also dictate its other behaviors, such as his affinity for perching atop shelves, counters, and window sills — all good places for eyeing prey. The cat's hunting instincts also make it virtually impossible to train one to walk on a leash. Cats are prone to be wary when exploring new areas — a behavior that is useful to those who live in the wild.

"Cats, of course, claw whether they still have their claws or not," Obenaki said, and that has to do with the scent of their feet on themselves. It's how they mark territory.

"They've been marking territory for thousands of years, so when they're inside — since they don't have a tree around — they'll mark the sofa."

Of course, few cat owners appreciate

ate the handwork of their pet's behavior, especially when it means their \$800 Bauhaus love seat has been left looking like a bargain basement remnant. The kind of pet problems you keep behaviorists in business.

"The typical complaint is not using the litter box. The idea is to try and diagnose the problem," Borchelt said. "In 50 percent of the cases, we can figure it out."

Other frequent complaints are about cats who behave aggressively, such as pouncing on an owner's feet as he walks through the house.

The cat is simply going after moving objects that are catchable, Borchelt said, another remnant of a cat's hunting nature.

Other problems require more elaborate solutions. A few owners have called Mercer University's Wright to complain about their cats jumping counter tops. He's tried two techniques to break cats of this habit: One possible solution involves placing mouse traps upside down on the counter top.

"When the cat jumps up, these things spring up around it and

scare the dickens out of it," Wright said.

Soon, he said, the cat will learn to associate the bouncing mouse traps with the counter top, and will shy away from jumping up. Cats, he added, can also be taught in other ways, though the training is considerably different from that used with dogs. A cat can learn to come when called, for example. If he's rewarded with food and affection.

"You can teach a cat, and train him. It just takes a different set of rewards than you'd use with dogs," he said.

And that brings Wright back to the question of just how "smart" these creatures are.

"They are very intelligent, for cats," he said. "A cat is very smart at being a cat."

Ferret

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 been spayed there is no odor, McMannan says. They're also wicker and can be bathed. McMannan says she doesn't know if her pet would turn white in winter like its cousin, the ermine, but its coat is lighter than it was in summer.

A friend and neighbor, Robin Cagle, also has a ferret — the son of Spud. Although only a few months old, the male ferret is already larger than the mother.

Spuds eats a high-protein cat food, but she also is a junk food addict. She loves fudge and other sweeties and orange juice. She is extremely playful.

But Dr. Richard Boswell, a Twin Falls veterinarian, doesn't agree that a ferret is just a loving and friendly animal.

"The ferret is a different kind of pet, and one that needs a lot of special care and work from the owner," Boswell says. "They make interesting pets, but they have long sharp canines (teeth) and strong jaws and they can and will bite — especially children if handled roughly."

Boswell says there are a number of things a person must be aware of if planning to adopt a ferret for a pet.

"They do make splendid pets, but they are wild animals and are dangerous to a child. If a dog or cat is domesticated. The stories about their tendencies to chew on babies are true. There are cases on record in which babies have been bitten, and at least one in which the infant died after its face was chewed by the animal," he says. "They should be kept away from babies and very small children."

While the veterinarian says there is a growing interest in the animals, there are other things a prospective owner should know before deciding to add a ferret to the household. The small animals are "on the edge of being wild," he says. In addition, they require more care than the average pet. They must eat a high-protein food, preferably a good kibble that shows high protein content.

Boswell says the ferret may love grapes or orange juice, but a diet of this kind can prove disastrous to the little animal.

"We had a woman customer whose ferret liked grapes, so she fed him primarily grapes and he died. They like fruit and sweets but they

have to have lots of protein, too."

Since the North American ferret is extinct, or nearly extinct, Boswell says, it is imported as a pet in this country in the form of a European ferret — one of the mustelid family. Boswell says, and as such, do have scent glands that create an offensive odor. These can be removed to take care of the problem.

The females will come into heat and stay in heat until bred or spayed, he says. If not spayed or mated, the body continues to produce estrogen, which depletes the red blood corpuscles and the animal will die of anemia. Ferrets are also very susceptible to diseases of cats and dogs and must be vaccinated. A ferret will die if it contracts dog distemper. They can easily catch cat leukemia, which is also frequently fatal.

The vet advises anyone interested in obtaining such a pet to pick up a book on ferrets at their favorite pet shop first before taking one of the little guys home.

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Sathers

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 Toronto, S.D., purchased one of his pastel paintings for \$5.

"I thought that was pretty good for that time," he says.

But even though he was encouraged by taking art classes, he graduated from high school in 1930 times were hard and the first order of business was to earn a living.

"You could survive and that's all," he says, recalling the combined misery of drought, dust storms, and grasshoppers who ate corn stalks down to mere sticks.

Such conditions ended his farming career with his father. And like many of his generation, he then went to work for the Lumbermen's Corp. thinning timber in the Black Hills before getting a job with the street car company in St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn., in 1937.

He was both operator and conductor of the street cars and was discontinued and the company moved to city buses in 1944.

His artistic ability was put to practical use during World War II when he served in the medical corps. Drafted in 1944, he was sent to India, but ended up to be a hospital first aid attendant, he says, but ended up putting lettering on vehicles since by that time the war was winding down.

After the war his old job was still open so his artistic pursuit waited until he retired.

Gap in husband's grin puts big distance in his marriage

DEAR ABBY: I have a kind and loving husband. He's been a good father and still is, even though our children are grown.

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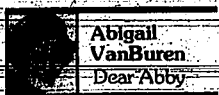
We communicate well - about everything else. I've told him how I feel about his lack of teeth, but he doesn't nag him about it. He says we can't afford it. That's not true - we can. I love to hug him, but I'm not crazy about kissing him.

Whenever I look at old pictures of him, I want to cry, Abby. He was such a handsome man, and still is. We are in our early 50s. I'm no raving beauty myself, but I have enough self-esteem to keep myself looking as good as I can. He has so many wonderful qualities and I love him dearly.

There's anything I can do about this situation, or should I say more about it and accept him as he is?

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DEAR NO: I rarely encourage a wife to nag a husband, but in your case I'll make an exception. He should maintain his teeth and replace those he lost promptly, not only for appearance's sake, but for



Abigail VanBuren
Dear Abby

health reasons. A neglected mouth can cause headaches, tensions, invasive infections, neck, head and back pain, and general poor health. Reg him, nag him, bribe him - promise him anything - but get your man to a dentist at the earliest possible moment. He will thank you later - and that's a promise.

DEAR ABBY: I am 27 years old and haven't lived at home for five years. I live in a different state from my family.

My problem: I grew a beard as I wanted to see how I looked with one. I liked it and so did all my friends.

I visited my family last weekend and my father told me how good and how in language that this newspaper would not print that I should not come home for the holidays unless I shave off the beard.

Abby, I think this is terribly unfair. I paid for all my own schooling and am doing very well on my own. I want to see the rest of my family for the holidays - but if I shave my beard, what will I tell my friends who have told me it looks great?

My father isn't the type you can reason with as he is a very stubborn man. Sign me, — **BEARDED IN BOSTON.**

DEAR BEARDED: Tell your friends that your father refused to let you come home for the holidays unless you shaved your beard, and because you wanted to see your friends and family, you shaved it off.

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Jolley-Walgamott

CAREY - Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Jolley, Carey, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cindy Ann Jolley, to Bill Walgamott, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Walgamott, Boise. Jolley, a graduate of Carey High School and College of Southern Idaho, works at First Security Bank in Boise and attends Boise State University.



Cindy Ann Jolley

Walgamott, who graduated in 1982 from Capital High School in Boise, also attends BSU. He served a mission for the LDS Church in Phoenix, Ariz. The couple will be married Jan. 8 at the LDS Temple in Salt Lake City. Reception will be held Jan. 9 in the Carey LDS church, with an open house scheduled at the home of Allen Tolley, Boise, Jan. 16.

Ellis-Jordan

BUHL - Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ellis, Buhl, announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle E. Jonathan Jordan, to Jonathan Jordan, son of Mrs. Tamara Jordan, Olympia, Wash., and the late Donald Jordan.



Jonathan Jordan and Danielle Ellis

Ellis will graduate in May from Boise State University and is employed by Automated Office Systems in Boise. Jonathan, who also attends BSU, is scheduled to graduate in December, 1988.

A May 28 wedding is planned at the First Christian Church in Buhl.

CSI Northside registration set

Registration for College of Southern Idaho - Northside classes will be held Jan. 4-8 at the CSI North Side Outreach Center.

The Center is located at Wendell High School, 350 East Main Street. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Credit classes offered in Gooding County include Introduction to Computers, Lotus 1-2-3, dBase III, Word Perfect, Accounting, Economics, English - Composition, U.S. History, American Government, Foundations of Education, General Psychology, Sociology, Data Processing, Introduction to Programming, BASIC, Modern Math for Elementary Teachers, College Algebra, Drawing and Bookkeeping. Accounting is also being offered in Palmyra.

Non-credit classes include Pottery, Photography, Flower Arranging, Tele. Painting, Sign Language, Street-spoken Spanish, Western Swing, Cake - Decorating, Lap Quilting - Painting with Watercolor, Calligraphy, and Handgun Hunting and Silhouette Shooting. To register, call Etaine Bryant, coordinator, at 538-2800. Registration is required - no walk-ins the first night of class.

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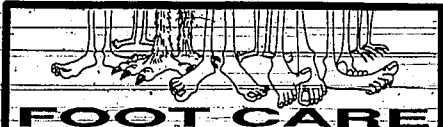
Friday - Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green peas, slaw with carrots, hot rolls, butter and fruit.

ISU registration is set

TWIN FALLS - Registration for Spring classes offered by Idaho State University in the Magic Valley will be held Tuesday from noon to 7 p.m. at the ISU Resident Center, 1402 S. E. Twin Falls. Classes include four from the College of Arts and Sciences, Professional Writing, Business and Professional Speaking, Shakespeare and Environmental Geology. Courses from the College of Education include: Elementary A Methods and Philosophical, Historical and Social Foundations of Education. The College of Health-Related Professions is offering a graduate only nursing class: Concepts/Practice of Family Nursing.

Registration does not include cost of books or special charges. A new degree program is being offered with the spring semester in the Magic Valley area. Called the Bachelor of Arts in General Studies (BAGS), it is a degree program with a general orientation rather than a specific major emphasis. The program allows course work from various fields of study to be used toward a degree. Student advising will also be available during the noon to 7 p.m. time on Tuesday. Students should call 734-4378 for an appointment or further information.

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Putting spuds' best foot forward

Eastern Idaho battle raging over potato promotion site

By MARK WARBIS The Associated Press

RIGBY — There's a battle raging in eastern Idaho... The objective is promotion, both of the product and the communities that claim it.

It would be good for the potato industry, he says, and what's good for the potato industry is good for Idaho.

And if Idaho's Famous Potatoes-Centred Inc. can build something on a five-acre, city-donated roadside park that lures a few more tourists dollars to Rigby off U.S. Highway 20 — the main route into Yellowstone National Park — so much the better.

Trouble is, King's idea is far from unique. Folks in Rigby, Rexburg and Blaine think their town would be the best place to put an information center, spud museum, gift shop, production and equipment exhibit and potato-made food emporium.

Each town thinks it has what it takes to put the potato's best foot forward, as it were. At least one claims a natural right to the job.

Blackfoot officials envision a two-block downtown complex centered around an old Union Pacific Railroad depot that would be renovated with local contributions and about \$40,000 from a state community development block grant.

Rexburg's plans are less elaborate, but perhaps more sensationally: Chamber of Commerce President Gary Olsen said

he also would like to snare some of the Yellowstone tourist traffic off U.S. 20. A small, potato-oriented gift store will be established at the site, as will a gas station and convenience store near Rexburg's south exit.

But Olsen says the gravel atop spud promotion could be his proposed Idaho Potato Pavilion near the same exit. It would be housed in a 45-foot-long cement-and-foam structure formed and painted to look like a giant Burbank russet and perched atop a railroad trestle.

Postcards with a similar scene have been popular Idaho souvenirs for decades.

"I don't think we're stopping one out of 10 cars here in Rexburg right now. There's nothing here to stop them," Olsen said. "It indicates to other people we are looking for things to stop and see, and we just felt that the Idaho potato industry is a natural."

None of the potato promoters claim an exclusive right to speak for the industry, or to reap the rewards of its notoriety. But the prospect of having three similar facilities within about 50 miles could put the Idaho Potato Commission in a bit of a bind.

Officials from all three communities have approached the commission about possible financial support or at least material cooperation. But Mel Anderson, who became director of the commission Dec. 17, said he is steering clear of endorsing any particular project.

"I don't think of them; I think it's great, but I don't think we're going to decide which one should be more important," Anderson said. "The politics of getting involved with this is a little difficult. You'd have to support all of them equally because you have growers and processors and shippers in each area."

But most promoters also have a reason why, if a choice ever is made for a single site to carry the spud's banner, theirs should be the one.

For Blackfoot, it's the county's record of potato production and the town's proximity to Shelley, home of the annual Spud Days celebration and the Shelley High School Russets.

For Rigby, which already touts itself as the Birthplace of Television, it's the town's freeway access and intention to build a new facility rather than renovating an existing structure.

"In the case of a couple of other towns, they're taking things they don't know what else to do with and trying to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear," King said.

Check with repair services concerning scope of charges

Q: I recently had a TV service repairman come out to look at my television. He found that the problem was a small tube that needed replacing. The repairman was only at my house for a total of 15 minutes, however, he presented me with a bill that included a \$35 service call charge, his labor, and the cost of the part. I can understand paying for the labor and part, but why must I also pay a service call charge?



basic facts about its business and its officers to the BBB. It does not mean, as it is often implied, that the firm is a member. Firms registered with the Bureau can and do have satisfactory business performance records. The important item is the content of the firm's own record, which is developed directly from a firm's customers and from independent BBB investigations. The only true control a firm has over this file, record is its own advertising expression and its own responsibility in sales tactics.

A: Charging for service calls is a normal practice of most service-related companies. This charge is to cover items such as the company's mileage, insurance, vehicle maintenance, etc. Therefore, the company is entitled to receive payment. In the future, we suggest you always check with any service-related company regarding their service charges before having them come to your home or do any work.

A: You can phone the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Auto Safety Hot Line for information on the cost of operating different cars, tire quality ratings, recalls, fuel economy, crash test results, list of useful publications, and much more. The number is 1-800-424-9990.

Q: I called a firm the other day, and during the course of the conversation, the salesman said they were registered with the Better Business Bureau. Can you explain what this means?

Q: I have been considering purchasing a new car. Is there a way to compare different char-

A: Registered with the BBB is a phrase that can be misleading, especially when it comes from a fast-talking salesman. What the phrase means is that a firm has provided

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Florida sees citrus fruit export boom

MIAMI (AP) — The decline of the dollar and increased promotion overseas is proving profitable for the Florida citrus industry, which plans to spend \$10 million this year advertising in Japan and Western Europe.

Blackfoot officials envision a two-block downtown complex centered around an old Union Pacific Railroad depot that would be renovated with local contributions and about \$40,000 from a state community development block grant.

Rexburg's plans are less elaborate, but perhaps more sensationally: Chamber of Commerce President Gary Olsen said

he also would like to snare some of the Yellowstone tourist traffic off U.S. 20. A small, potato-oriented gift store will be established at the site, as will a gas station and convenience store near Rexburg's south exit.

But Olsen says the gravel atop spud promotion could be his proposed Idaho Potato Pavilion near the same exit. It would be housed in a 45-foot-long cement-and-foam structure formed and painted to look like a giant Burbank russet and perched atop a railroad trestle.

Postcards with a similar scene have been popular Idaho souvenirs for decades.

"I don't think we're stopping one out of 10 cars here in Rexburg right now. There's nothing here to stop them," Olsen said. "It indicates to other people we are looking for things to stop and see, and we just felt that the Idaho potato industry is a natural."

None of the potato promoters claim an exclusive right to speak for the industry, or to reap the rewards of its notoriety. But the prospect of having three similar facilities within about 50 miles could put the Idaho Potato Commission in a bit of a bind.

Officials from all three communities have approached the commission about possible financial support or at least material cooperation. But Mel Anderson, who became director of the commission Dec. 17, said he is steering clear of endorsing any particular project.

"I don't think of them; I think it's great, but I don't think we're going to decide which one should be more important," Anderson said. "The politics of getting involved with this is a little difficult. You'd have to support all of them equally because you have growers and processors and shippers in each area."

But most promoters also have a reason why, if a choice ever is made for a single site to carry the spud's banner, theirs should be the one.

For Blackfoot, it's the county's record of potato production and the town's proximity to Shelley, home of the annual Spud Days celebration and the Shelley High School Russets.

For Rigby, which already touts itself as the Birthplace of Television, it's the town's freeway access and intention to build a new facility rather than renovating an existing structure.

"In the case of a couple of other towns, they're taking things they don't know what else to do with and trying to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear," King said.

FARM FOR SALE

The U.S. Government is offering for sale a farm located in the Twin Falls, Idaho area. The property consists of 160 acres. The property is located 7 miles South and 1 3/4 miles East of Hansen, Idaho. This property may be purchased for cash or terms of not less than 10 percent down with the balance payable in not more than 25 annual installments at 11 percent interest. Offers must be in the form of sealed bids and must be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check, postal or bank money order or bank draft payable to Farmers Home Administration, (FmHA) for at least \$10,000. For further information concerning the property may be obtained from the FmHA County office at 693 First Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho. Bids will be accepted only on Form FmHA-1955-46, "Invitation, Bid and Acceptance." The sealed bids will be opened at 11:00 a.m. on January 30, 1989, at the FmHA County office located at 693 First Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho. The bids must be delivered to the FmHA County office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 1989. The outside of the sealed envelope will be clearly marked with the following identification: "SEALED BID OFFER: Date of Bid Opening: January 19, 1989; FmHA County office, Twin Falls, Idaho." Bidders requesting terms other than cash will be required to submit a current financial statement and evidence of repayment ability with their bid. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Acceptance of any bid based on the condition that the full or a portion of the sale or terms will be subject to approval of the bidder's credit by FmHA. The property will be sold without regard to race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, or marital status.

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This Government is offering for sale a 101 acre farm located 1.1 miles south, and 1/2 mile south from Gooding, Idaho. Legal description: Township 6 South, Range 14 East, Boise Meridian, Section 9; S 1/2 NE 1/4, part S 1/4 NW 1/4 East of river. Improvements consist of a dwelling, outbuildings, grain bins, and corrals. 80 acres Big Wood Canal water. Gravity flow irrigation. 80 crop acres and 16 acres dry pasture.

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Pocatello plant expansion slated

POCATELLO (AP) — United Engineers and Constructors, which bought most of the domestic operations of Starn Energy Group Corp. for \$45 million last year, expects to employ 100 workers at the PARCO industrial complex in Pocatello this year.

Hiring for the project was expected to begin this past October, but design work has not been completed, said Nancy Engel, communications administrator for the Philadelphia company.

"We're still expecting the contract... sometime within six months," she said.

United Engineers constructs large industrial and power generating plants and is engaged in fossil fuel and nuclear production. Other interests include nuclear engineering and high technology research.

Ms. Pigford declined to identify the company that would contract United Engineers' services here or specify the nature of the project.

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