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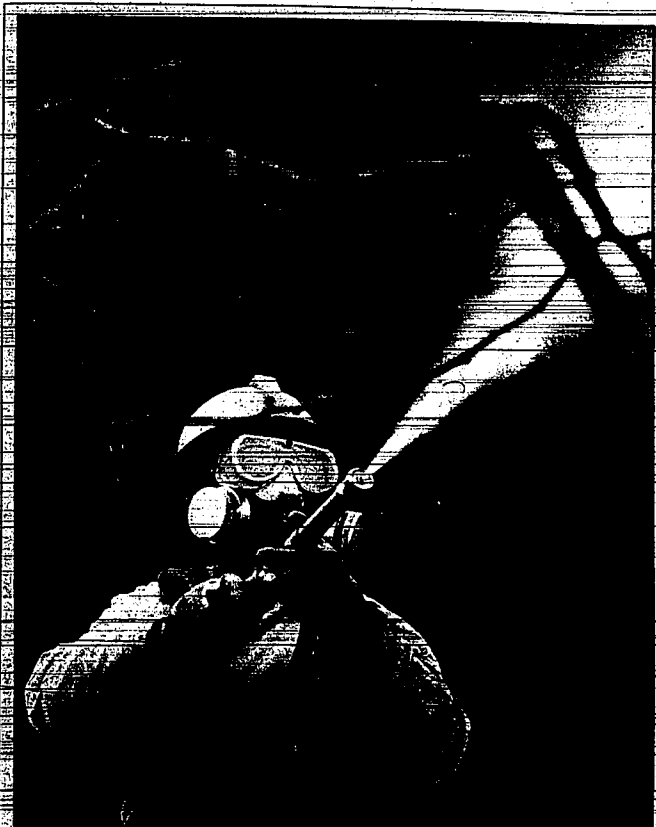
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Police in Twin Falls arrest 4 in drug bust

By KEN ARMSTRONG
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In what police dubbed "one of the biggest" drug busts in Twin Falls history, three adults and one juvenile were arrested Tuesday night following a search that uncovered approximately \$20,000 in cash and \$50,000 worth of cocaine in a Twin Falls home.

The arrests were made following execution of a search warrant at the home of Guadalupe Solis, a 44-year-old woman whose home at 950 Del Mar Drive is acrossed in view of the city's upper-class neighborhoods.

Police arrested Solis, Israel Osbaldo Guzman, 32, Ruben Garza, 18, and a 17-year-old female juvenile. The three adults were arrested Wednesday and the juvenile was released to the custody of one of her parents.

Tim Qualls, chief of the Twin Falls Department of Public Safety, said the bust was "one of the biggest we've had in a long time."

Referring to the money that was recovered, Qualls said, "I think that's the highest (amount) we've confiscated here that I can remember."

'Nice cars' made up after-dark traffic

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TWIN FALLS — Neighbors say there's been a lot of traffic lately at 950 Del Mar Drive.

Car traffic, that is. Until Wednesday, they didn't know about the drug traffic. Or at least they weren't sure.

When informed Wednesday that her next-door neighbors had been arrested the previous night in a major drug bust, Marjane Thorneck was "initially" taken aback.

"I thought something like that was going on over there," she said.

According to Thorneck and her husband, Laveur, this marks the second time within roughly a year that the house next door, an attractive two-story home whose yard is spickled with pine trees, has been the scene of a drug arrest.

The couple's former neighbor, Sherland Hoskins, was also arrested on drug charges.

Hoskins was indicted in October on two counts of delivering a controlled substance. A motion to quash that indictment was denied last month.

Referring to the house's latest inhabitants, who were arrested following a search late Wednesday night which uncovered lots of cocaine, cash and marijuana, Marjane Thorneck said, "I think it's possibly why these people moved out of the house — the convenience of the notoriety."

The house's most recent inhabitants, headed by 44-year-old Guadalupe Solis, had been living in the neighborhood between two and three months, the Thornecks said.

The house, made of brick and a dark brown wood, is located in an area...

...the four individuals were arrested roughly two hours later following the search's completion.

Qualls said \$20,478 was confiscated during the search. Officers also found 1.76 pounds of cocaine, street value at roughly \$31,000, and three pounds of marijuana, worth approximately \$6,000.

Solis told officers that she was the owner of all the marijuana.

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U.S. applies economic squeeze to Panama regime; strike grows

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States is taking legal action to prevent Panama's military-dominated regime from withdrawing Panamanian government funds from U.S. banks, a lawyer representing opposition forces said Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Assistant Secretary of State Elliott Abrams said the possibility that the United States will shut off the loan guarantee program for Panama tolls, fees and services for Panama Canal operations.

The developments indicated Reagan administration interest in accelerating a campaign of economic denial against the Panamanian regime, dominated by the chief of the Panamanian Defense Forces, Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega.

In Panama on Wednesday, doctors joined a general strike against the government.

Noriega had fired several senior military officers he suspected of being disloyal. There were reports of scattered demonstrations which were the target of security forces attempting break them up.

William D. Rogers, a lawyer for ousted Panamanian President Eric Arturo Delvalle, told a news conference about the alleged U.S. effort to freeze Panamanian government funds deposited in American banks.

Although no firm figures were available, \$50 million was said to be involved.

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NATO leaders call for big cutbacks in conventional Warsaw Pact arms

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BRUSSELS, Belgium — NATO leaders on Wednesday demanded huge cutbacks in Warsaw Pact tanks and artillery that cast a shadow over Europe, and endorsed President Reagan's efforts to negotiate strategic arms reductions with the Soviet Union.

Defining strategy for a new set of East-West negotiations, NATO leaders said Soviet conventional forces pose the threat of a surprise attack and must be slashed to rectify an imbalance in military strength.

The Soviet cutbacks would entail, for example, the elimination from Europe of tens of thousands of Warsaw Pact weapons "relevant to surprise attack among them tanks and artillery pieces," a NATO communiqué said.

Meeting behind closed doors at alliance's heavily guarded headquarters, the leaders of the 16 alliance countries attempted to reach an agreement. They did not want to highlight differences about the pace of modernizing short-range nuclear missiles, left in Europe after the elimination of longer-range weapons covered by a new U.S.-Soviet arms treaty.

British sources speaking on condition of anonymity said NATO foreign ministers late Wednesday agreed on compromise language for a final declaration Thursday on the modernization issue.

The summit participants will call for the above-range nuclear missiles to "continue to be kept up-to-date where necessary," the sources said, a statement that avoids the word "modernization," to which West Germany objects.

According to his spokesman, Reagan quoted Benjamin Franklin, telling the NATO leaders, "If we do not hang together, we will assuredly hang separately."

Security was so strict that a NATO guard attempted to eject a reporter who asked Reagan a question as the leaders posed for a "family photo."

Emphasizing alliance unity, Reagan said, "There are no great fundamental differences there. I have never seen such harmony and togetherness as we have."

Reagan mixed NATO summits with Middle East peace efforts. He ordered Secretary of State George P. Shultz to make a whirlwind return to the Middle East after the summit windup Thursday night to continue his efforts to set up Arab-Israeli peace talks.

House votes 43-40 to make English official state language

BOISE — Rep. Ron Crane, R-Caldwell, says immigrants and other newcomers to the United States won't get far unless they learn English.

"English is the common denominator that ties us together," he told the Idaho House on Wednesday. "It is absolutely imperative that people learn to speak English to function in our society."

The House voted 43-40 for Crane's bill declaring English the official language of the state. Opponents argued it would accomplish almost nothing and would offend the state's sizeable Hispanic population.

The measure now goes to the Senate, which last session rejected a similar proposal after it passed the House.

Crane said 14 states have declared English the official language, and another 19 legislatures have the matter under consideration. Four states have the question on the ballot, including Texas, which will vote next Tuesday.

By BART JANSEN
Times-News writer

BOISE — Despite English being the official language in Bode County, Fla., spectators browsing through Miami's Metrozoo find directions to the monkey cages in both English and Spanish.

The difference, however, is that since 1980 the zoo has had to raise money privately for those special canine signs accommodating the area's large Hispanic community.

"Our business is tourism and we felt like we needed the signs," said Metrozoo Assistant Director Al Fontana. It seemed important.

In Idaho, the House passed 43-40 a similar bill Wednesday designating simply that "English shall be the official language of the state."

Rep. Robert Fry, R-Horseshoe Bend, who opposed the bill, asked Crane what has been accomplished in states which have declared English their official language.

Crane said he was not able to determine much impact. But he said it was important that the state send a message to newcomers that they must learn English.

"I see no language benefit to the state of Idaho by passing this," said Fry. "It could be used as the basis for racist slurs against Hispanics."

"Hispanics are a significant portion of our population. It could drive a wedge between those people and the rest of the state," he said.

Critics of Idaho bill fear strict interpretation of terms

Still, critics fear the local language could grow even more severe than the Florida ordinance through interpretation.

Rope, Ron Blinn, Jerry Callon, Celia Gould, Waldo Martens, Mack Neibaur and Ralph Peters, all voters' rights Republicans, voted for the measure.

Idaho's bill doesn't match Dade County's concrete prohibition against "expenditure of county funds for the purpose of utilizing any language other than English."

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Supporters insist it would be education and welfare recipients, though there is little evidence of harsh effects in Idaho.

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"It doesn't take away the heritage or language of anyone," said sponsoring Rep. Claudi Judd. D-Orofino.

"We should teach English better," said Rep. Dorothy Reynolds, R-Caldwell. "We can't legislate language."

Rep. James Stoitchoff, D-Sandpoint, said he did not know if there was any basis for Hispanic fears that they would be threatened by the legislation. "We have a large segment of our society that feels threatened," he said.

Swaggart lawyers head for court

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Lawyers for televangelist Jimmy Swaggart, who is still waiting to learn his punishment in a sex scandal, go to court Thursday to fight a \$30 million lawsuit filed by a rival minister he accused of adultery.

The damage suit was filed almost a year ago by Marvin Gorman, who in October reportedly caught Swaggart at a motel with a prostitute. Swaggart denied the charges for a month, but then made a tearful public confession to unspecified sins.

Swaggart's punishment by the Assemblies of God Church is pending before the national office in Springfield, Mo.

The 19-member Louisiana presbytery, which has close ties with the \$150 million Swaggart empire, had recommended that he be barred from the pulpit for three months as part of a two-year rehabilitation.

The national body, flooded with calls denouncing the plan as too lenient, asked the state group to reconsider. A church official who refused to let his name be used said late Tuesday that the Louisiana presbytery had voted in secret to re-submit its original recommendation for punishment.

Julien Durange, a spokesman for the national office, said Wednesday that the national presbytery had never been unable to reach agreement with a regional group.

"This is unprecedented," she said. Swaggart has been investigated for comment on the developments this week, and there was no indication that he would appear for the court hearing.

Gorman's suit, alleging that Swaggart and 13 others had defamed his own Assemblies of God ministry by spreading false rumors of adultery, was originally thrown out by a state judge, who said it was the business of the church and not the courts.

A three-judge state appellate panel will hear Gorman's appeal. Gorman admitted "an immoral act" with one woman in 1979, but denied another affair brought up by Swaggart.

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...on their civil liberties and civil rights," said Tony Califa, with the American Civil Liberties Union in Washington, D.C.

"He said 'D.C.' usually means all state functions are in that language," he added. "Primary language" or just "state language" would alleviate "counter-productive" laws such as the one in Deale County.

Legal officials agreed that bilingual education is a federal requirement because of the 1980 census and wouldn't change with a change in state law.

Cassia County offered bilingual ballots until 1976. Deputy County Clerk Tim Hurst said the practice was discontinued because the total cost set at about a \$100 price tag on each of the 11 votes cast.

"Most of them understand English and they don't want to use the designated ballots," Hurst said.

In public education, there are about 2,000 children studying with limited English skills in 49 school districts statewide. But state money to educate those children is channeled through general state funding to districts, which in turn decide whether to teach English as a second language or other course work.

"Our goal here is to increase their functionality into English as quickly as possible," said Doyt Sim-

boc, who coordinates federal programs for the Twin Falls School District.

School migrant and refugee programs, again, are federal and unaffected.

Willard Abbott, Magic Valley's regional director for the state Department of Health and Welfare, said bilingual brochures are printed by Idaho Families with Dependents Children and food stamp programs. But he added those are federal programs.

Without certain effects, the issue has become an emotional one. Supporters say the bill helps a national unity, while critics characterize the move as racist.

Rep. Jerry Callen, R-Jerome, said, "I think this is the glue that can hold the country together."

He echoed Crane in referring to Canadian cities that face disputes between English or French being the official language. They said this bill would prevent that type of thing from happening in Idaho.

But Marilyn Shuler, executive director of the Idaho Human Rights Commission, said that her organization has taken offense at the proposal.

"So many people interpret it as a racist bill," Shuler said.

"Pena added, 'It's a direct attack on anyone who speaks anything other than English.'

Shooting spree leaves 5 wounded

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — A man with a pack of dynamite jumped out of a taxi near the Alamo on Wednesday and opened fire, wounding four people at random before being shot by lawmen, authorities and witnesses said.

"He just started shooting. All hell broke loose," said Officer Bob 20, who was waiting for a bus about three blocks from the historic site when the shooting began at 9:30 a.m.

"I've had two guns in my hands. I've never seen anything like this."

The guy was acting like John Wayne, he was crazy," said Officer Robert 85, who was charged with six counts of attempted capital murder and ordered held on \$1.5 million bail, said Police Chief William O. Gibson.

As to why the suspect began shooting, we don't know, with the exception that he wanted to gain some attention," Gibson said.

The man was reported in good condition at Medical Center Hospital, where he was being treated for a thigh wound, said hospital

spokeswoman Inez Eisengard. For the first time since 1973 on a variety of charges including assaults and shootings.

Court records indicate Duncan was placed in Ruak State Hospital in 1960 after being found incompetent to stand trial on an attempted murder charge.

He was released in 1981 to stand trial, but Bexar County prosecutors dismissed the charge in favor of a civil commitment to the San Antonio State Hospital.

Bust

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found in the home and in her purse, court records show. She told officers she had purchased the marijuana in Phoenix, Ariz., and purchased the marijuana for \$800 a pound.

Officers unearthed \$14,790 in cash in one of the house's bedrooms, money which Solis said she had bought holding approximately 23 grams or nearly 23 ounces of cocaine was also found in Solis' purse.

Officers found the home's share of the cocaine in a 1987 Chevy Impala belonging to Guzman. A red syringe holding approximately 23 grams of cocaine was found in the trunk of the car, which was parked in the home's garage.

Guzman told officers he had purchased the cocaine in Los Angeles and had transported the drug to Twin Falls in the Impala. He said he had sold approximately 5 ounces of the cocaine and Solis had sold roughly 2.5 ounces.

Officers found more than \$4,000 in Guzman's possession when he was booked, money which Guzman said came from cocaine sales.

Upon securing the house at the search's outset, officers found Garza, 37, in a basement bedroom inside the bedroom, which belonged to Garza, searchers said they discovered several items of contraband, including a flower pot in which two marijuana seedlings were growing and numerous items commonly associated with the use of marijuana, such as a pipe.

After being brought to the police department, the juvenile told officers she and Garza had been smoking a pipe in the bedroom. According to court records, she also informed officers that Garza had given her the cocaine, which they had been smoking.

At Wednesday's arraignment, Garza and Guzman were appointed counsel from the public defender's office. Solis was represented by a private attorney.

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Twin Falls, Burley, Hupert, Jerome and Gooding: Partly cloudy Friday, partly cloudy. Highs today and Friday upper 50s. Lows tonight near 30.

Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley: Today and Friday, partly cloudy. Highs both days near 60. Lows tonight near 20.

Northern Utah and Nevada: Partly cloudy today and Friday with isolated morning showers today. Areas of fog this morning. Lows tonight mid-20s to mid-30s. Highs both days near 50.

Nevada: Sunny and a little warmer today. Clear tonight. Partly cloudy and mild on Friday. Highs to mid-50s. Lows to mid-30s.

Highs Friday: mid-50s to mid-60s. Overnight lows from the upper teens to around 30.

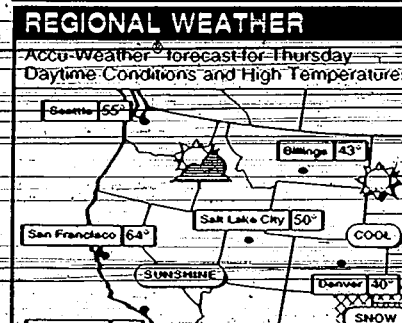
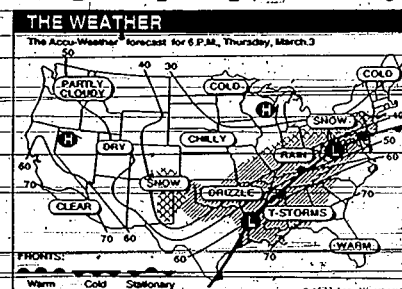
Summary: Cloudiness was reported in portions of the panhandle while fair skies were the rule over most of the state Wednesday.

Late afternoon temperatures were mostly in the 40s and 50s. Light winds were predominant most of the state. In the south, winds were in the 12- to 15-mpg range at many locations.

The warmest temperature in the state Wednesday was 63 degrees at Weiser. Deadwood, Barn reported the coldest at 18 degrees.

The extended forecast for southern Idaho, Saturday through Monday, changes of rain Saturday. Cooler with a chance of rain on Saturday and Sunday. Windy. Highs in the mid-40s to mid-50s. Lows 20s to lower 30s.

Elsewhere in the nation Wednesday, the highest temperature was 66 degrees at Del Rio, Texas, and the lowest was 14 degrees below zero at Saranac Lake, N.Y.



Idaho road report

BOISE (AP) — Road conditions Wednesday evening, reported by the Idaho Department of Transportation: U.S. 95 — Dry. U.S. 12 — Wet. U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Kootenai — dry. Kootenai-Lolo Pass — wet. Interstate 84 — Dry. Idaho 85 — Icy spots. Idaho 21 — Icy spots. U.S. 20 — Mountain-Home-Arco — wet. Arco-Montana line, icy spots. U.S. 26 — Icy spots. Idaho 21 — Dry.

U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Twin Falls, dry; Twin Falls-Carey, wet; Carey-Arco, wet; Arco-Lost Trail Pass, icy spots. Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, wet. U.S. 91 — Dry.

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attractive neighborhood near O'Leary Junior High School. That neighborhood, according to the Thornecks, is permeated with counter-industrial participants, whose occupations run the gamut from store managers to insurance adjusters.

But then there's 960 Del Mar Drive.

"I think all we neighbors ought to pitch-in-and-buy that house and then clean-it-up," Marjoun-Thorneck said.

Her husband added, "They were quiet about it, but there certainly was a great deal of night traffic."

Marjoun Thorneck said the Thornecks' making up that traffic were "nice cars." She said one person would often stay in the car while another went up to the 960 house. At other times, the car's driver would park a considerable distance away from the 960 house, then walk up to it.

"It always seemed strange that someone would park a (housing) lot away," she said, "when there was nothing parked in front of the house they were going to."

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Tax increase more likely

BOISE (AP) — Budget writers put the Legislature on what appeared to be a crash course with a tax increase Wednesday as they approved more than \$1.2 million in general tax spending enhancements for the state auditor and the Health and Welfare Department.

"We've had a lesson today in how to break budgets," conservative Rep. Bob Geddes, R-Preston, declared.

The chairman of the House Appropriations Committee predicted a tax hike would be necessary to provide the kind of state education support lawmakers can take into their re-election campaigns. But Senate Republican President Pro Tem James Rich of Boise remained adamant that taxes would not be raised this year.

At the same time the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee was increasing budgets, however, the House Revenue and Taxation Committee was rejecting proposed corporate tax hikes to pay the mounting bills. Rep. Chris Hopper, D-Boise, said a majority of lawmakers still was not convinced more money was needed.

But across the Capitol, the Senate Health and Welfare Committee endorsed a proposed \$1.6 million program for health care to low-income pregnant women and an increase in compensation for doctors handling Medicaid cases. The budget committee delayed action on financing those programs.

The committee on Wednesday granted state Auditor Joe Williams

an \$800,000 budget increase to implement the first phase of a multi-million-dollar program to create an acceptable statewide accounting system.

The allocation came as the committee continued to refuse to effectively comply with a state Supreme Court decision giving Williams authority to conduct post-audits of government agencies. That duty has been handled by Legislative Auditor Bruce Balderston, and the 1989 budget calls for continuation of Balderston's operation.

Less than a month ago, Williams told the committee it was violating its constitutional oath by not providing his office with the \$700,000 for post-auditing work that Balderston continues to perform.

In the Health and Welfare budget, the committee agreed to \$250,000 more for the statewide vaccination program.

Meanwhile, Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus, whose own tax increase plans have been shelved by the Republican legislative majority, said public support was still growing for the cornerstone of his tax package — repeal of the \$16-million investment tax credit.

Citing the addition of the chambers of commerce in Sandpoint, Andrus said, "The business community has sent a loud message concerning education, and it has been repeated again and again. I simply can't understand why it continues to be ignored."

Water users approve minimum flow on Snake's South Fork

IDARHO FALLS (AP) — Irrigators have approved maintaining a minimum stream flow of 550 cubic feet per second on the South Fork of the Snake River this season, even if it means not filling Palisades Reservoir.

The full membership of Water District 1 approved a resolution presented by the Committee of Nine on

Monday to set the minimum flow on the South Fork at the level reached during the 1977 drought.

Water District 1 represents irrigators with water rights in the Snake River Plain above Milner Dam. The Committee of Nine is the district's governing board.

Committee members said Tuesday that state law allows them to

ask the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to cut the flow of the South Fork out of Palisades Reservoir to zero; as it was when the reservoir was filled in 1969, to maintain irrigation storage.

But, said committee member Claude Storrer, "We want to show that we care about fish and the river just like everybody else."

Idaho Department of Fish and Game officials say fish begin to suffer when flows drop below 1,800 cfs. But the Committee of Nine said no long-term effects resulted from dropping the flow to 550 cfs in 1977.

Bureau of Reclamation officials estimate all other major reservoirs on the upper Snake River will fill.

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Committee rejects corporate tax hike

BOISE (AP) — Despite warnings that more revenue is needed to finance an acceptable 1989 state budget, the House Revenue and Taxation Committee on Wednesday rejected two bills that would have paid the bills with an increase in corporate taxes.

Rep. Mack Neibaur, R-Boise, and vice chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said it appeared that education budgets possible under current state revenue will not pass.

"I don't think that will fly," Neibaur said.

He said he and about 15 to 20 House members could support the proposed education budgets, giving public schools and the colleges only a minimal increase this year, but he said 60 House members probably will not.

"We are in need of more money," he said.

Neibaur proposed increasing the state income tax on large corporations 10 percent. One bill proposed boosting the tax rate from 6 percent to 10.6 percent for corporations making at least \$250,000 profit. Neibaur said that would hit less than 300 corporations.

That would generate an extra \$6.2 million for the next state budget. A companion measure, boosting the top tax to 10 percent, would generate about \$5 million. Neither bill won approval today.

Neibaur said it was "a sore spot with me" that some of the state's large corporations have been urging increased spending on education, but won't support higher taxes to pay for it.

"They've been saying we need more money and we are willing to pay for it," he said. "And yet, every year, they've escaped scot-free. I've got a lot of pent-up frustration."

Greg Casey, president of the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, and 2013 Business National Federation of Independent Business, opposed the tax increase, saying it would curb business expansion.

Rep. Chris Hooper, R-Boise, said the action against the bills to the House floor for a vote is premature.

Neibaur was asked how he knew corporations wanted to pay more for education. Neibaur said a few companies have been making such statements to the news media.



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Tax payment ordered

BOISE (AP) — An order directing Boise School Bus Co. to pay four years in back state taxes has been filed in 4th District Court by the Idaho State Tax Commission.

Company owner Terry Kirkman said the order stems from a misunderstanding that soon will be cleared up, but the commission says it has received no indication of that.

The order claims the company, which provides Boise School District bus service under contract, has filed income tax returns for 1982, 1984, 1985 and 1986. Taxes allegedly are owed on the company's gross income for those years to totaling \$5.4 million.

The order does not state how much is owed. "We have no basis at all for knowing what their business expenses might be, and that's needed to compute the taxes," said Ted Spangler, a deputy attorney general assigned to the Tax Commission.

Kirkman said the company had paid its taxes in a consolidated return with the parent Boise Bus Co.

A state inspection in early February temporarily grounded 70 of 102 buses for traffic violations.

A report by the Idaho State Police and the Idaho Department of Education slammed the company for poor maintenance and admonished school officials for failing to ensure bus safety.

Spangler said the Tax Commission decided to take action against the company before the recent inspections.

Boise School Bus Co. also was hit by a trio of lawsuits filed a month ago seeking \$700,000 in back payments and damages by Brunel Tire Service of Boise, FBS Finance Corp. of Minneapolis and FBS Leasing Corp. of Fargo, N.D.

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Coalition seeking to head off windfalls

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Liability Reform Coalition is working for a new package of five bills on negligence lawsuits, some aimed at discouraging people from looking for a so-called "lottery" windfall through the courts.

The coalition, an alliance of more than 300 businesses and organizations, last session won approval of law changes aimed at curbing the soaring cost of liability insurance and the fact many companies can't get it.

After another bill extending the changes was introduced in the House earlier this session, the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association won approval from the Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee last month for introduction of several bills reversing much of last session's action.

Jim Weatherly, executive director of the Association of Idaho Cities and president of the Liability Reform Coalition, told a news conference here Wednesday that five bills will be introduced in the Senate and House Judiciary committees.

Weatherly said the package makes mostly technical changes in legislation passed last year. The key bill adds new definitions of "gross" and "reckless" negligence. Sen. Roger Fairchild, R-Payette, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, called definitions in that area "a new art form."

It also outlines government actions exempt from liability. Included are tax collection or assessment, parole, probation or work-release decisions, and operations of mental health centers, hospitals and similar facilities.

Other changes include laws against frivolous claims and make other changes.

House passes motor fuel tax increase

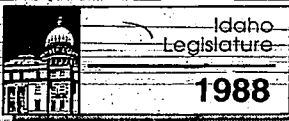
BOISE (AP) — The Idaho House voted Wednesday for a 3 1/2-cent-per-gallon increase in the state motor fuel tax, effective April 1, to pump millions of dollars into the state's road construction and maintenance programs.

But minutes after the 56-26 vote, the House also voted 65-19 for a companion bill changing the formula used to distribute money from the tax. The net result will be to take more than \$1 million from the Department of Transportation and local government and put it into facilities for boats, off-road and recreation vehicles.

The measures both were sent to the Senate. They are the latest in a two-year effort to boost fuel taxes to make more money available for road construction and maintenance.

Last session, the House and Senate separately passed fuel-tax increase bills but never could agree on the amount. The tax remained at 14 1/2 cents per gallon.

On Wednesday, northern Idaho House members tried to put the bill up for amendment to



make the increase 6 cents per gallon. That was the amount recommended by Gov. Cecil Andrus.

Rep. Deanna Vickers, D-Lewiston, led an effort to amend the bill to a 5-cent increase. She wanted to dedicate revenue from 1 1/2 cents per gallon of state fuel tax, or about \$8 million per year, to improvements in U.S. 95 for the next eight years.

Most northern Idaho legislators supported her, but the effort was voted down. After only brief debate after lunch, the bill was approved.

But minutes later, the House also approved a companion bill, sponsored by Rep. L. Ed Brown, R-Pocatello.

Brown said a tourism-oriented state like Idaho must put more money into facilities aimed at that trade.

"This will represent a significant infusion into key recreation areas," Brown said, adding that the number of boats and recreation vehicles registered in Idaho doubled in the last 10 years.

The net result, said Brown, would be \$46,000 less for local government for highways, \$80,000 less to the Department of Law Enforcement and about \$833,000 less to Transportation.

He said the extra money will enable widespread upgrading of recreation facilities and services.

The main fuel tax increase bill gives the Department of Transportation most of the extra money for the next 27 months.

Tax break gains nod

BOISE (AP) — Despite warnings it may be acting precipitously, the Idaho Senate has approved an unemployment insurance tax break for the state's employers.

On a 28-13 vote Wednesday, the Senate sent the half-million-dollar tax break to the House.

Three Democrats — Don Mankin of Moscow, Ralph Lacy of Pocatello and Bert Marley of McCammon — joined the Republican majority in supporting the bill. Republican Jerry Hanson of Boise did not vote.

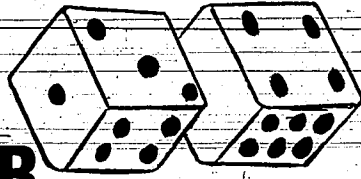
Sen. Rachel Gilbert, R-Boise, pushed the tax break, claiming the unemployment insurance trust fund was building at a more rapid rate than necessary.

The bill reduces the ratio of the trust fund to covered wages in the state so that the tax rates paid by employers will decline.

Mr. Gilbert and other supporters of the move claim the fund will increase but not at such a rapid rate, giving employees a break in expenses that could boost their profitability and the state's economy.

But critics of the bill recalled the fund's problems over the past decade. State Employment Department figures showed that in 1979 the fund totaled about \$95 million on a wage base of \$2 billion. Four years later, the trust fund was on the verge of bankruptcy and was saved by severe tax rate increases and benefit reductions.

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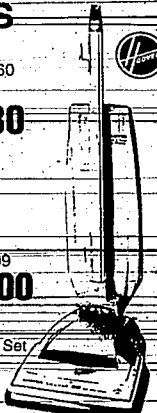
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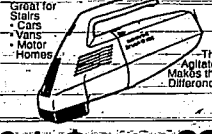
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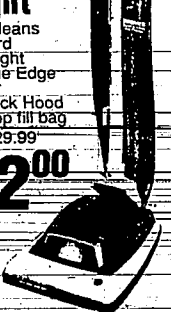


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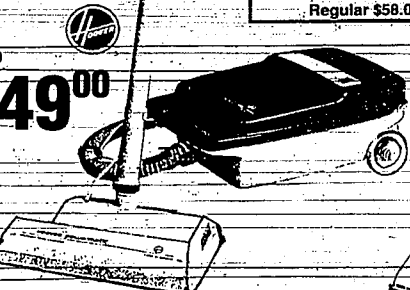
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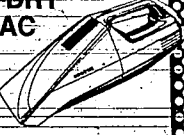


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Big airlines improve on-time performance during February

WASHINGTON (AP) — On-time performance by the nation's major airlines improved slightly during February, but three out of every 10 flights still were at least 16 minutes late, the Transportation Department said Wednesday.

Southwest Airlines, which consistently has been among the best on-time performers, had the best record in February, with 85 percent of its flights arriving on time. Continental Airlines had the worst mark with a 65 percent on-time arrival record.

Overall the 14 airlines that are monitored in the monthly report had 69.2 percent of their flights ar-

iving within 15 minutes of schedule, compared with 66.4 percent in December.

During January, there were 148 chronically late flights, those late at least 30 percent of the time, four of those flights — two for Continental and one each for Delta Airlines and Northwest Airlines — were late each time the planes flew.

Meanwhile, consumer complaints to the Transportation Department dropped sharply in February, compared with the previous month, but still were higher than the number recorded in February 1986; the department said.

The complaint statistics are re-

leased with the on-time performance statistics, although they cover different months.

There were 2,236 complaints received by the department's consumer affairs office about airline service during February, compared with 3,610 in January, a decline of 38 percent. The department received 1,574 such complaints in February 1986.

The three airlines that had the most complaints lodged against them in the two previous months — Continental, Eastern Airlines and Northwest — led the list again in February, according to the department.

There were 14,79 complaints per 100,000 passengers involving Continental, 11.3 complaints involving Eastern and 10.64 complaints involving Northwest, the department said.

After Southwest, the airlines with the best on-time performance in January were America West, which also was No. 2 in December, and Pacific Southwest Airlines, which soared from last among the

14 airlines in December to having the third best record in January. The airlines with the worst January record were Continental, 64.8 percent on-time arrivals; Trans World Airlines, 65.6 percent.

Robertson wants to drop libel suit; McCloskey: 'He's chickening out'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pat Robertson wants to drop his libel suit against a former congressman who questioned his war record because going to trial now would "sacrifice his presidential campaign," his lawyer said Wednesday. But Robertson's lawyer declared, "How chickening-out-of-the-trial-just-like-he-chickened-out-37-years-ago."

Former Rep. Paul McCloskey, R-Calif., who has accused Robertson of using his father's political influence to avoid combat duty in the Korean War, has said in recent weeks he wouldn't settle the suit unless Robertson paid the costs, which McCloskey estimates at \$400,000, of defending against the suit.

The trial, set to begin on Tuesday when Robertson hopes to do well in delegate-rich Southern primaries, would force him off the campaign trail for three weeks, attorney Douglas Rigler said.

In dropping the lawsuit, Robertson does not intend to back

away at any time from his denial of the charges that Mr. McCloskey made, Rigler said.

He said that "it is quite possible that Mr. Robertson will be asked to pay a substantial amount of court costs to cover the expenses of taking depositions from more than 50 witnesses."

But Rigler said he would likely appeal any such decision by U.S. District Judge Joyce Hens Green. He also suggested the \$400,000 defense estimate of costs "may be an artificial figure" that includes lawyers' fees that Robertson should not have to pay.

McCloskey's lawyer, George Lehner, said that, "if anything, the defense estimate of its costs is artificially low."

Lehner said he will ask the judge to order Robertson to go to trial on Tuesday or force him to pay court costs as well as attorney fees.

Rigler said Robertson will ask dismissal of the lawsuit because "he

is being asked to sacrifice his presidential campaign in order to vindicate his personal honor."

Robertson, in South Carolina, said Wednesday he wanted to proceed with the suit but couldn't be in court and out campaigning for the Republican presidential nomination at the same time.

McCloskey, commenting Wednesday on CBS-TV, said, "The courtroom's a great place to learn the truth. Now that he's up with the truth, he's backing off."

"I think the truth ought to be told. I don't know any better place to get the truth than in the courtroom." He invoked the process, he ought to go through with it," McCloskey said.

The lawsuit was filed in 1986 following publication of McCloskey's allegations that Robertson used the influence of his late father, Sen. A. Willis Robertson, D-Va., to avoid combat duty in the Korean War.

Utah officials plan to dredge pump channel

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Having gained Air Force agreement, state officials have made contingency plans to dredge the intake channel for the Great Salt Lake pumps in a bid to lower the inland sea another 24 inches.

Utah Natural Resources Director Dec Hansen said he met Tuesday with Gov. Norm Bangertor to discuss spending up to \$1.5 million to dredge the channel, which brings water to the pump station near Lakeview.

Because the level of the 80-mile-long, 30-mile-wide lake has dropped nearly 30 inches from its 1987 peak, the channel must be dredged before the lake can be further lowered, officials said.

Hansen said that despite an unusually mild winter that has helped keep the lake level down, the state still needs a "cushion" in the event of above-average spring runoff.

The Air Force had opposed lowering the lake below 4,208 feet above sea level, fearing that water

pumped into the western desert could imperil its butterfly range.

But Air Force officials last week notified the state that they would interpret the 4,208-foot limit as applying to the lake's peak. That would mean that the state would be free to pump the lake down another 24 inches, or to about 4,206.

Hansen said plans have been prepared, and the state could begin competitive bidding on April 1, if necessary.

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IRS says diversion of withheld taxes by employers is growing

WASHINGTON (AP) — A growing amount of tax money withheld from workers' paychecks is being misused by employers, often never finding its way to the government, the Internal Revenue Service said Wednesday.

The total of these delinquent Social Security and income taxes rose by 49 percent from 1982 through 1987, to almost \$3.73 billion, said William M. Wauben, IRS assistant commissioner for collections. About 536,000 employers have failed to pay an account for that sum.

Because withheld taxes account for 69 percent of all federal revenues, even a slight decline can have a devastating impact on the government, Wauben said at a news conference.

The IRS also announced that although fewer individual taxpayers are filing their returns early this year, the pace is picking up. Through Feb. 26, 30.2 million returns had been filed, down 4.9 percent from a year ago. But last week, the IRS received 6.7 million, up 3 percent from the same week in 1987.

The IRS speculates that taxpayers are delaying filing this year because of the changes caused by a

taxing tax revision enacted in 1986.

The number of returns qualifying for refunds is down 4.5 percent, to 7.55 million this year, but the average refund has risen to \$793, from \$735 a year ago.

Wauben said employers' failure to forward taxes withheld from workers' checks often is caused by ignorance of the law, although in some cases withheld taxes are kept out of greed. Often, as not, he said, the problem is traced to a falling company's efforts to stay afloat.

"When employers find they are no longer able to keep their business operating on the cash available and they... are unable to borrow from a bank or other lending institution, some begin using the funds withheld from their employees' wages as their own," Wauben said.

Employers are required to turn over withheld taxes to the government at least once a quarter. Some big companies pay the IRS every three days; most employers file these employment-tax returns weekly or biweekly.

An employer's misdeed does not necessarily cause a problem for workers. Even though workers' withheld taxes might never be

turned over to the government, their accounts will be credited by the government so long as they file an income tax return.

The rise in delinquent withheld taxes is attributed to the fact that total payroll and Social Security taxes have been increasing steadily. Wauben said there has been a disproportionate increase in areas of the Southwest, where oil prices and real estate values have dropped sharply.

Wauben said a new IRS program aimed at another route of tax evasion has produced good results. This involves the practice of some employers of wrongly classifying some employees as independent contractors.

That means the employer does not withhold Social Security and income taxes from these workers, although they are required to make quarterly estimated tax payments. But many such workers understate their earnings, and some don't even file returns, the IRS says.

During a two-year study in 26 areas of the nation, IRS collections officers audited 1,100 employers, suspected of misclassifying workers as independent contractors.

Entitlement program cuts said best

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan said today that deep cuts in "entitlement" programs, which include Social Security and Medicare, may be the most realistic way for cutting the federal budget deficit.

Greenspan, testifying before the Senate Budget Committee, also called for a 5 percent cap on increases in the federal gasoline tax.

But he said that, in general, tax increases do not appear to be a feasible way for trimming the budget shortfall, which was \$160 billion last year.

"There are upside limits to the share of income that can be taxed," Greenspan said.

He also said he saw little opportunity for further major cuts in military spending, or in crucial federal programs such as the prison and air control system.

That leaves little left for budget cuts beyond entitlement programs, which now make up about half of the federal budget.


Entitlement programs are automatic-benefit social programs, in which increases are tied to the rate of inflation.

to those areas where the scope for action is greatest," Greenspan testified.

Even though trimming Social Security and other benefit programs would be politically difficult, Greenspan told the panel that "entitlement programs offer substantial opportunities for long-term budgetary savings."

"All the alternatives are known. The choices are political, not economic," Greenspan testified. He appeared as the panel considered President Reagan's \$1.09 trillion budget for the fiscal year that begins next Oct. 1.

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Big airlines improve on-time performance during February

WASHINGTON (AP) — On-time performance by the nation's major airlines improved slightly during February, but three out of every 10 flights still were of least 15 minutes late, the Transportation Department said Wednesday.

Southwest Airlines, which consistently has been among the best on-time performers, had the best record in February with 86 percent of its flights arriving on time. Continental Airlines had the worst mark with a 65 percent on-time arrival record.

Overall, the 14 airlines that are monitored in the monthly report had 69.2 percent of their flights ar-

iving within 15 minutes of schedule, compared with 66.4 percent in December.

During January, there were 148 chronically late flights, those late at least 80 percent of the time. Four of those flights — two for Continental and one each for Delta Airlines and Northwest Airlines — were late each time the planes flew.

Meanwhile, consumer complaints to the Transportation Department dropped sharply in February, compared with the previous month, but still were higher than the number recorded in February 1986, the department said.

The complaint statistics are re-

leased with the on-time performance statistics, although they cover different months.

There were 2,235 complaints received by the department's consumer affairs office about airline service during February, compared with 3,610 in January, a decline of 38 percent. The department received 1,674 such complaints in February 1986.

The three airlines that had the most complaints lodged against them in the two previous months — Continental, Eastern Airlines and Northwest — led the list again in February, according to the department.

There were 14,779 complaints per 100,000 passengers involving Continental; 11.3 complaints involving Eastern and 10.64 complaints involving Northwest, the department said.

After Southwest, the airlines with the best on-time performance in January were America West, which also was No. 2 in December, and Pacific Southwest Airlines, which soared from last among the

14 airlines in December to having the third best record in January. The airlines with the worst January record were Continental, 64.8 percent on-time arrivals; Trans World Airlines, 65.5 percent.

Robertson wants to drop libel suit; McCloskey: 'He's chickening out'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pat Robertson wants to drop his libel suit against a former congressman who questioned his war record because going to trial now would "sacrifice his presidential campaign," his lawyer said Wednesday. But Robertson's accuser declared, "He's chickening out of the trial just like he chickened out 37 years ago."

Former Rep. Paul McCloskey, R-Calif., who has accused Robertson of using his father's political influence to avoid combat duty in the Korean War, has said in recent weeks he wouldn't settle the suit unless Robertson paid the costs, which McCloskey estimates at \$400,000, of defending against the suit.

The trial, set to begin on Tuesday, which Robertson hopes to do well in, delegates rich Southern precincts, would force him off the campaign trail for three weeks, attorney Douglas Rieger said.

In dropping the lawsuit, Robertson does not intend to back

away at any time from his denial of the charges that Mr. McCloskey made, Rieger said.

He said that "it is quite possible that Mr. Robertson will be asked to pay a substantial amount of court costs" to cover the expenses of taking depositions from more than 50 witnesses.

But Rieger said he would likely appeal any such decision by U.S. District Judge Joyce Hens Green. He also suggested the \$400,000 defense estimate of costs "may be an artificial figure" that includes lawyers' fees that Robertson should not have to pay.

McCloskey's lawyer, George Lehner, said that, if anything, the defense estimate "of its costs is artificially low."

Lehner said he will ask the judge to order Robertson to go to trial on Tuesday or force him to pay court costs as well as attorneys' fees.

Rieger said Robertson will ask dismissal of the lawsuit because "he

is being asked to sacrifice his presidential campaign in order to vindicate his personal honor."

Robertson, in South Carolina, said Wednesday he wanted to press ahead with the suit but couldn't be in court and out campaigning for the Republican presidential nomination at the same time.

McCloskey, commenting Wednesday on CBS-TV, said, "The courtroom's a great place to learn the truth. Now that he's up with the truth to be told and testimony under oath, he's backing off."

"I think the truth ought to be told. I don't know any better place to get the truth than in the courtroom. He invoked the process, he ought to go through with it," McCloskey said.

The lawsuit was filed in 1986 following publication of McCloskey's allegations that Robertson used the influence of his late father, Sen. A. Willis Robertson, D-Va., to avoid combat duty in the Korean War.

Utah officials plan to dredge pump channel

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Having gained Air Force agreement, state officials have made contingency plans to dredge the intake channel for the Great Salt Lake pumps in a bid to lower the inland sea another 24 inches.

Utah Natural Resources Director Don Hansen said he met Tuesday with Gov. Norman Bangert to discuss spending up to \$1.5 million to dredge the channel, which brings water to the pump station near

Because the level of the 80-mile-long, 30-mile-wide lake has dropped nearly 30 inches from its 1987 peak, the channel must be dredged before the lake can be further lowered, officials said.

Hansen said that despite an unusually mild winter that has helped keep the lake level down, the state still needs a "push" in the event of above-average spring runoff.

The Air Force had opposed lowering the lake below 4,208 feet above sea level, fearing that water

pumped into the western desert could imperil its bombing range.


But Air Force officials last week notified the state that they would increase the 20-foot limit to 25 feet to pump to the lake's peak. That would mean that the state would be free to pump the lake down another 24 inches, or to about 4,206.

Hansen said plans have been prepared, and the state could begin competitive bidding on April 1, if necessary.

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IRS says diversion of withheld taxes by employers is growing

WASHINGTON (AP) — A growing amount of tax money withheld from workers' paychecks is being misused by employers, often never finding its way to the government, the Internal Revenue Service said Wednesday.

The total of these delinquent Social Security and income taxes rose by 49 percent from 1982 through 1987, to almost \$3.73 billion, said William M. Wauben, IRS assistant commissioner for collection. About 838,000 employers have failed to pay or account for that sum.

Because withheld taxes account for 69 percent of all federal revenues, even a slight decline can have devastating impacts on the government, Wauben said at a news conference.

The IRS also announced that although fewer individual taxpayers are filing their returns early this year, the pace is picking up. Through Feb. 26, 30.2 million returns had been filed, down 4.9 percent from a year ago. But last week, the IRS received 6.7 million, up 3 percent from the same week in 1987.

The IRS speculates that taxpayers are delaying filing this year because of all the changes caused by a

sweeping tax revision enacted in 1986.

The number of returns qualifying for refunds is down 4.5 percent, to 7.55 million this year, but the average refund has risen to \$739, from \$735 a year ago.

Wauben said employers' failure to forward taxes withheld from workers' checks often is caused by ignorance of the law, although in some cases withheld taxes are kept out of greed. Often as not, he said, the problem is traced to a failing company's efforts to stay afloat.

"When employers find they are no longer able to keep their business operating on the cash available and they are unable to borrow from a bank or other lending institution, some begin using the funds withheld from their employees' wages as their own," Wauben said.

Employers are required to turn over withheld taxes to the government at least once a quarter. Some big companies pay the IRS every three days; most employers file these employment-tax returns weekly or biweekly.

An employer's misdeed does not necessarily cause a problem for workers. Even though workers' withheld taxes might never be

turned over to the government, their accounts will be credited by the government so long as they file an income tax return.

The rise in delinquent withheld taxes is attributed to the fact that total payroll and Social Security taxes have been increasing steadily. Wauben said there has been a disproportionate increase in areas of the Southwest, where oil prices and real estate values have dropped sharply.

Wauben said a new IRS program aimed at another route of tax evasion has produced good results. This involves the practice of some employers of wrongly classifying some employees as independent contractors.

That means the employer does not withhold Social Security and income taxes from these workers, although they are required to make quarterly estimated tax payments.

But many such workers understate their earnings, and some don't even file returns, the IRS says.

During a two-year study in 26 areas of the nation, IRS collections officers audited 1,196 employers suspected of misclassifying workers as independent contractors.

Entitlement program cuts said best

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan said that the best way to cut the federal budget deficit is by cutting entitlement programs, which include Social Security and Medicare, may be the most realistic way for cutting the federal budget deficit.

Greenspan, testifying before the Senate Budget Committee, also called for a 15-cent-a-gallon increase in the federal gasoline tax.

But he said that, in general, tax increases do not appear to be a feasible way for trimming the budget shortfall, which was \$150 billion last year.

"There are upside limits to the share of income that can be taxed," Greenspan said.

He also said he saw little opportunity for further major cuts in military spending, or in crucial federal programs such as the prison and air control system.

But he leaves little left for budget cuts beyond entitlement programs, which now make up about half of the federal budget.

Entitlement programs are automatic benefit social programs, in which increases are tied to the rate of inflation.

"Simple arithmetic points clearly

to those areas where the scope for action is greatest," Greenspan testified.

Even though trimming Social Security and other benefit programs would be politically difficult, Greenspan told the panel that "entitlement programs offer substantial opportunities for long-term budgetary savings."

"All the alternatives are known. The choices are political, not economic," Greenspan testified. He appeared on the panel considered President Reagan's \$1.09 trillion budget for the fiscal year that begins next Oct. 1.

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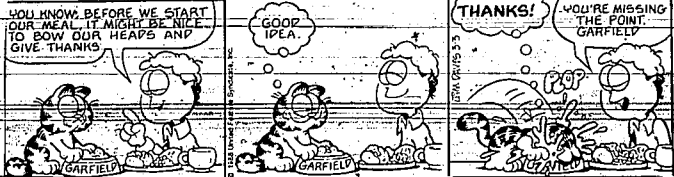
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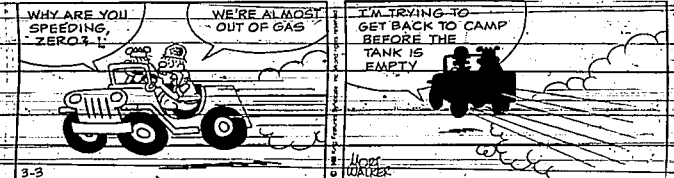
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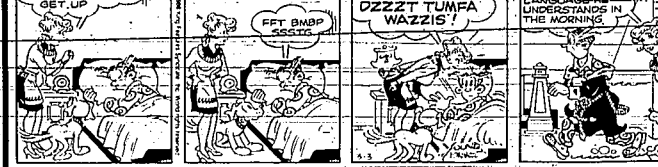
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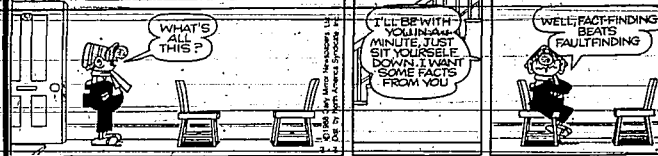
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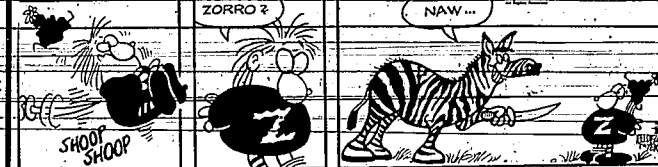
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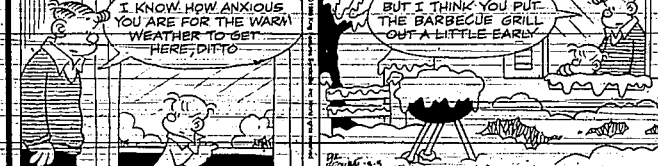
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L.M. Boyd
What's what

Q. What sort of professional is most likely to hold down some extra job? A police officer?
A. That's what I thought, too, but researchers say the school teacher merits the distinction: One in 10 so moonlight.

Teddy Roosevelt rode in a submarine. No other president had. He rode in an airplane. No other president had. He rode down Broadway in a ticker-tape parade. No other president had.

Q. Which subway system is bigger, New York City's or Moscow's?
A. Moscow's moves more people, but New York's serves more than twice as much territory.

In Norway, you drive with your headlights on, day or night.

KISSES
Do you buy the contention that the average woman kisses 79 different men before she marries? A turns out years ago they said so words to that effect.

Our Love and War man doesn't quarrel with the claim, exactly. But he can't figure out how any woman can go on keeping score after the first couple dozen.

A fifth of the earth's land area is Africa.

A golf ball that starts sending up smoke signals when it lands - that, too, is on record in the U.S. Patent Office.

When zoos first started to charge admission - they used to be free - what surprised the keepers was how seldom it went down and attendance went up. Man, we should've put in

AMERICAN STARTS
Q. Nude dancing on stage originated in France, but the striptease act got its start in America. I just read that it and the old black-faced minstrel shows are the only forms of theatrical entertainment which began here. What about jazz?
A. Similar distinction, different category. In music, jazz and the marching band are said to have been likewise uniquely American at the outset.

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SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time to do some civic work which will not only make you feel good about yourself, but will add to your prestige as well.

VIRGO (August 22 to September 22) You have many duties to handle, but take care of them one by one - no mistakes are made.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 20) Carefully review the details of a new project and make sure there are no small errors, especially mistakes in financial areas.

AQUARIUS (January 21 to February 19) Review your facilities and assure you will know exactly where you stand. Be sure to take care of the duties your mate expects you to do.

PISCES (February 20 to March 20) Be more cooperative with an associate, and the partnership will become more efficient and profitable. Be sure to drive carefully tonight.

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Daily Horoscope

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You will have the energy and the opportunity to get right to the heart of any problems which are facing you. Keep your head about you today, as your energy level may cause you to become rather excited.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Give your best effort to your daily activities, no matter how mundane they may seem. You would be wise to take better care of your health.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): This is a good time to have some decided successes in anything of a creative nature. Make sure your appearance is at its best today.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21): Try to make your house more charming, comfortable and smooth-running, as you will want to entertain some important guests there soon.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21): Give greater attention to the details of an important financial matter. Several long-distance calls could bring you greater benefits.

LEO (July 22 to August 21): Study your bookkeeping records, then make collections and pay your bills. It may be wise to revise your budget at this time, also.

VIRGO (August 22 to September 22): You have many duties to handle, but take care of them one by one - no mistakes are made.

Texan's crowning sparks ire at Miss USA pageant

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Texas women extended their reign over the Miss USA pageant to a fourth consecutive year as a booming Courtney Gibbs took the crown in a contest marred by arrests, an assault and protests.

Saco said she was stunned by the Texas victory record and felt compelled to assure reporters Tuesday night that the contest televised nationally by CBS was not rigged.

Martinez-Herring of El Paso, did a little jig after Gibbs was crowned, and echoed the sentiments of many pageant-watchers: "It feels fabulous," the blond-haired brunette said calmly, seemingly unsurprised by her victory.



Gibbs, a 21-year-old junior at Texas Christian University, smiled broadly when outgoing Miss USA "Michelle" Royer of Keller put the crown on her head.

The pageant made the news weeks before the coronation. Bob Barker ended his 21-year reign as host to protest the awarding of a prize to the winner and use of funds during the show. The first two Miss Mississippis bowed out after it was disclosed they had been arrested. Animal-rights protesters picketed the El Paso Convention Center. And co-host Tracy Scoggins fought off an attacker in a hotel elevator.

Gibbs of Fort Worth beat Dianna Magana, 22, of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., who was first runner-up. It was one of two best possible results for Guyrex Associates of El Paso, the company that produces the Miss Texas USA and Miss California-USA contests and honors those winners pageant skills for the Miss USA contest.

Gibbs, who won about \$200,000 worth of prizes, including a mink coat and jacket, will represent the United States in the Miss Universe pageant May 23 in Taipei, Taiwan. Magana, a brown-eyed brunette, will represent the United States in the Miss World pageant.

Second runner-up Tuesday was Donna Rampy, 24, of Riverdale, Ga.; followed by Monica Farrell, 23, of Jacksonville, Fla.; and Dana Michele, 20, of Richmond, Miss.

El Paso's Courtney Gibbs became the fourth Miss Texas USA in a row to be crowned Miss USA

People

\$2-million lure fools couple

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Convinced they stood a chance of winning a \$2-million prize, said to be more than \$2 million, the man would not give his name and would not respond to other questions.

Work is not the first person to be confused by the sweepstakes. An Allegan County, Mich., woman told reporters she recently quit her job and vacationed in Las Vegas before learning she had not won \$1.7 million, as she thought.

Michael Ferrarini, a Chardon, Ohio, truck driver, said he thought he had won the contest after receiving a letter from the company on Monday.

The United States Purchasing Exchange, a Pasadena, California-based company sponsoring the sweepstakes, said Work has not won anything — at least not yet.

The U.S. Postal Service said Wednesday it had received complaints about the company and had forwarded them to the Federal Trade Commission for investigation.

A man who answered the telephone at a USPE telephone number said the sweepstakes is still in progress.

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Alleged death threat was politics, Mecham lawyer suggests

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — An alleged death threat against a grand jury witness was a "political matter," not a crime, a defense lawyer suggested Wednesday at Gov. Evan Mecham's impeachment trial.

Mecham's former security chief, testifying for a second day, said he considered the incident a potential felony and personally told Mecham a crime could be involved.

"The criminal nature of it was

primary in my mind," said Department of Public Safety Lt. Charles Beau-Johnson. "I did not really think of it in the political sense."

"But if you also believe this could be a political matter," defense attorney Brad Craft asked.

"I don't recall that that crossed my mind," Johnson said.

One of the "high crimes, misdemeanors" of Mecham's impeachment charges against Mecham is that he

obstructed an investigation into the alleged death threat.

Johnson and another former member of the governor's DPS security detail have testified they were told that Mecham's aide, Lee Watkins, threatened last November that the governor's legislative liaison, Donna Carlson, might "go on a long boat ride" if she didn't stop testifying before a grand jury which was investigating Mecham.

Mecham is accused of instructing the head of the DPS not to cooperate in the attorney general's probe. Watkins has denied threatening Carlson, and he has not been charged in the matter.

Mecham, who was impeached by the House of Representatives on 23 articles detailing three separate areas of alleged misconduct, stayed away from his Senate trial for a third day.

The first-term Republican, who is suspended from office, is also accused of concealing a \$350,000 campaign loan and misusing \$30,000 from the governor's protocol fund by loaning it to his auto dealership.

The Senate is considering the handling of the alleged death threat first.

Mecham has said he didn't know all the details of the incident, but denied that he didn't know a po-

tential felony was involved and blamed his security officers for not fully informing him.

"We have something very critical here," Craft said during questioning. "The allegations in article one predicated on the governor knowing a felony had been committed."

He asked Johnson to "think very carefully about whether he really told Mecham."

FDA: Go easy on aspirin claims

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration warned pharmaceutical companies Wednesday not to make advertising claims that aspirin can help to prevent a first heart attack, despite a report in a medical journal that drew this conclusion.

FDA Commissioner Frank E. Young met for more than an hour with representatives of the aspirin manufacturers at his office in this Washington suburb and announced at a news conference later that the companies had voluntarily agreed to restrict their advertising claims about aspirin.

Young said he told the manufacturers for a use not supported by an FDA analysis, they could be guilty of mislabeling, and "this mislabeling can lead to regulatory action by the FDA."

The commissioner said he was "so busy" in his job that he never read, listened or watched advertising and thus did not know if any had been run.

He also said that no one had brought such ads to his attention.

William C. MacLeod, director of consumer protection at the Federal Trade Commission, which regulates drug advertising, refused repeatedly at the news conference to say if his agency had taken any action regarding ads by aspirin manufacturers.

He would be confirmed that inappropriate ads had been run.

Young said the meeting was prompted by the publication, surrounding a study published Jan. 28 in the New England Journal of Medicine.

In the study, more than 11,000 physicians over the age of 40 took one aspirin every other day, while another group of physicians took placebo or fake aspirin. At the end of 57 months, the study showed that those taking aspirin had a 47 percent fewer heart attacks.

While refusing to say if the action was prompted by any ad that has run, Young said the drug manufacturers had agreed to voluntarily "refrain from further promotion of the study results."

In a Feb. 24 letter, Young "invited" the drug manufacturers to attend a meeting at his FDA office to discuss the aspirin findings.

He wrote of his concern that "the dissemination of certain types of information is clearly premature" until the FDA has analyzed the aspirin study and established "appropriate" labeling for use of the over-the-counter medication for the prevention of first heart attacks.

The invitation letter also cited the federal law that forbids mislabeling of drugs.

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Child sexual abuse bills killed in committee

By BART JANSEN
Times-News writer

BOISE — Overt partisanship lurked in the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee Wednesday and killed three bills that would have stiffened penalties for child sexual abuse.

Republican lawmakers blamed the Democratic governor for meddling in legislative affairs better suited to them.

"The executive branch wants to keep jumping in and writing bills," said Sen. James H. B. Boise, president pro tem of the Senate. "It makes you think there's a good reason why we have an executive branch and a legislative branch."

Gov. Cecil Andrus later responded, "There are three



branches of government, and I know he would prefer to have just one, but they call that a monarchy."

Nevertheless, the governor called for action during this session, either to change the bills or draft new ones.

"I have tools for my job," Andrus said, reaching into

a desk drawer for a large "veto" stamp. "But I'm not threatening to use them; I'm just saying they're a long way from going home."

Andrus also countered that the bills shouldn't be lost in the desk drawer of Committee Chairman Roger Fairchild, R-Fruitland. Andrus said the Judiciary Committee should draft its own changes or new bills this session, instead of nominally banishing them to an interim committee for further study.

That action by the same committee chairman two years ago has let 9,000 more offenders get off with very little supervision or a slap on the wrist, Andrus said.

Andrus was referring to a 1986 House bill that set mandatory sentences for sex crimes against a victim who is less than 16 years old and injured during the ac-

sault. The bill passed the House overwhelmingly 70 to 1, with 13 absent.

But it has since been ignored, after being sent to Fairchild's Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee.

There have been about 1,500 reported cases of child sexual abuse in Idaho each of the last two years.

The three bills killed Wednesday included requirements for a speedy trial in these cases and added five years to prison sentences, depending on the age of the aggressor and his relationship to the victim.

During a flare-up, Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Deer, co-sponsor of the bills, asked what was wrong with speeding up trials because the bill "has no time limits, no deadlines and no penalties."

"I really don't think I'm going to have an interim study committee. I really think we ought to send this along."

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Utility shutoff ban still intact

By The Associated Press
and The Times-News

BOISE — The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has backed off its plan to limit a ban on winter gas and electricity shutoffs in the face of stiff opposition from consumer groups.

The commission announced Wednesday that the moratorium would be retained during December, January and February for homes with children, sick or elderly residents and extended to November and March for customers who agree to a special winter payment plan.

While pleased with the PUC's decision, one Twin Falls social-service agency official said she feared the moratorium will eventually become "watered down."

The PUC last year proposed limiting the ban on winter shutoffs, saying it wanted to encourage the development of good payment habits, lift impossible financial obligations for low-income families and allow utilities to collect on problem accounts.

But that proposal was widely criticized by consumer groups, prompting the commissioner to conduct a series of four public hearings in December.

After reviewing comments from those hearings, the commission decided that "the balance of the public interest factors favors continuation of the existing moratorium."

"Nevertheless, as we initially noted, the moratorium is a safety net, but it has no incentives for the affected customers to pay utility bills during the winter," the PUC's secretary said. "A substantial disincentive is that persons who rely upon it to preserve their service without making payment will often have unmanageable bills at the end of the moratorium."

So the commission said it would create a new winter payment plan to encourage at least partial payment of heating bills. The plan calls for customers to pay at least one-half their level pay amount at least through the five-month period to remain eligible. They also must make payments to reduce outstanding gas or electricity bills run up during the spring, summer and fall to a maximum of \$100 by Nov. 1 of each year to be eligible for the winter plan, the PUC said.

"Because eligibility depends upon continuing payment, neither the commission nor the utilities will become social service agencies investigating individual customers' ability to pay and the ages or health of the persons in the households involved," the commission said.

Under the PUC order, utilities will be required to report shutoffs each month and to submit termination notices to the commission staff for review. The commission said its new rules will not become effective for several months because of their complexity.

Representatives from the Idaho Power Co. and Intermountain Gas Co. said the utilities didn't keep track of how many residents in the Magic Valley qualified this winter for the protection offered through the moratorium.

In January, 6.9 percent of all Idaho Power's accounts in Twin Falls were in arrears, a point where some action was required, although not necessarily disconnection, said Ila Staab with Idaho Power. A majority of the company's accounts are residential.

The percentage of past-due accounts for Twin Falls is lower than the company average of 7.3 percent, she added.

Despite the mild winter, plenty of people sought help with paying heating bills in the region.

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At 76.9 cents per gallon motorists are finding bargains at the gas pumps, including Craig Bywater of Twin Falls.

Prices hit 76.9-cent low

Gas war has drivers cheering, retailers blinking

By MARK PRATTER
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Unleaded gasoline prices in Twin Falls have dropped by 10 cents per gallon from about a week ago, leading consumers to cheer while topping off their tanks at 76.9 cents per gallon.

They are also scratching their heads about the latest price war.

"It baffles me to see these price fluctuations," said Bill Kersey of Jerome. He was filling up at the Sinclair station on Addison Avenue West in Twin Falls on Wednesday.

"Prices are not as low as in Jerome where there is less competition here."

Many stations along Blue Lakes Boulevard in Twin Falls were selling unleaded and regular for 78.9 cents.

But a spokesman for B&B Oil Co., a local gasoline supplier, said there has been no change in the wholesale price of gasoline in the last week or so.

The stations are selling gasoline at prices that are close to below cost, said Glenda Bankhead of B&B.

Vince Burchett of Boise said prices were 10 cents per gallon higher in Boise.

He was tanking up on 76.9-cent gasoline at Mr. Gas, 306

Blue Lakes Blvd. North, Burchett said the lower prices were super.

Glade Swartz, another out-of-towner at Mr. Gas, said stations in Provo, Utah, were selling gasoline for 92 cents per gallon.

Swartz said he regularly comes to Twin Falls from Provo to bid at farm auctions.

"This is the first time I have seen a price war. Usually it's 10 cents higher in Idaho," he said.

Prices in Salt Lake City are 10 cents per gallon cheaper than in the Provo area, he said.

"I like this. I would even be happy with the prices in Salt Lake City," he said.

But the Mr. Gas, 306 Blue Lakes Blvd. North, is not making money at these prices even though sales volumes are up by 10 percent, said Janette O'Loughlin, manager.

"We're just about selling at cost, so we buy it at the terminal," she said.

Mr. Gas wants to keep its steady customers so it is matching the price of the other stations, O'Loughlin said.

The last time the members prices this low was in July and August 1987 when unleaded sold for 73 cents per gallon.

"It didn't last," she said of the last gas war.

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Hearing set for open-pit metal mine

By MARK PRATTER
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The U.S. Forest Service will hold a public hearing in Burley on Tuesday on a proposed open-pit gold and silver mine in the southeast corner of Cassia County.

The 7:30 p.m. meeting at the Burley Inn will be to take public comment on the plan by Noranda Mining Co. of Reno, Nev., and allow Noranda to present information about the project.

Starting in July 1988, Noranda wants to mine 1 million tons per year of limestone containing gold and silver. Noranda thinks the project could continue for five years at this level.

The U.S. Forest Service is holding the hearing because the project will touch on 319 acres of government land, most of which is owned by the Forest Service. Parts of the project will touch on U.S. Bureau of Land Management property. Both agencies have to grant approval before Noranda can go ahead.

Some environmental objections have been raised to the project that involves using a cyanide liquid to put the precious metal in the limestone into solution. The solution will then be pumped from lined ponds into a plant where the metal will be removed from solution and turned into a solid.

The company has said it can carry out the project to minimize the environmental impact on the project area and the surrounding region.

Noranda has hired Graystone Development Consultants, Inc. of Englewood, Colo., to do an environmental analysis of the project.

Noranda's plan also involves the construction waste and ore hauling roads, processing and support facilities. During the construction phase the project will employ about 100 people.

Randy Burbank of Hansen filed a protest with the Forest Service saying the project will have a major impact on the wildlife and soils in the Black Pine section of the Sawtooth National Forest. The area is prime deer country.

The Forest Service has prepared an issue paper on the project that can be obtained through its offices in Twin Falls, Ketchum, Burley, Fairchild and Burley.

Those who can't attend the hearing should send written comments to: Jerry Green, District Ranger, Forest Service, Burley Ranger District, 2621 S. Overland, Burley, Idaho 83318.

Arraignment for Stover continued

The Associated Press

BOISE — An arraignment has been continued until next Wednesday for the former Twin Falls elementary school principal charged with the shotgun slayings of his wife and two daughters last November.

William Murray Stover, 50, appeared Wednesday before District Judge Alan Schwartzman in Boise to enter a plea on three counts of first-degree murder and one count of using a firearm in the commission of a felony.

But Schwartzman granted defense attorney Alan Trimming's request to continue the arraignment for one week. Stover waived a preliminary hearing on the charges in Ada County Magistrate Court last month.

He is accused of shooting his wife, June, 50, and daughters Kristina, 16, and Korinne, 13, to death with a 12-gauge shotgun early on the morning of Nov. 30 at the family's duplex west of Boise.

He then slashed his own wrists and was hospitalized in Salt Lake City for about a week before being returned to Idaho to face murder charges.

Stover resigned as principal of Harrison Elementary School in Boise last spring and later moved with his family to Boise, where he was working as an insurance salesman at the time of the slayings.

He remained held without bond Wednesday at the Ada County Jail in Boise.

Lawsuit over bogus money drafts may be settled

By CRAIG LINCOLN
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — One of a series of lawsuits may soon be settled against members of a prominent Carey family over attempts to pay off loans with apparently bogus check-like drafts.

James Tucker, attorney for Idaho First National Bank, said a stipulation should be filed soon in the bank's case against Carey resident Jed Adamson.

Idaho First asked 5th District Court to force Adamson to return a 1987 Volkswagen van. The bank also requested attorney's fees and costs of the suit. Last Friday, Adamson agreed to give the bank temporary possession of the vehicle.

The bank said Adamson has failed to make payments on the \$13,500 van, but didn't mention the use of "eight drafts." Sight drafts are banking instruments similar to a check-

However, banks and other lending institutions say the drafts are worthless because the Mexican company supposedly backing the draft doesn't exist.

Court documents say Adamson bought the Vanagon Sept. 14, 1987. On Oct. 27, 1987, Adamson sent a sight draft drawn on International Credit Exchange to Idaho First for \$20,900.

Idaho First didn't mention International Credit Exchange in its complaint, but Adamson claimed he paid the debt with the sight draft and the bank should honor the draft.

Bankers say International Credit Exchange and another company named in similar sight drafts, Panora Credit Trust, don't exist.

A directory assistance officer in Mexico City reached by The Times-News said she could find neither of the companies listed in Acapulco, Mexico, the supposed address of the companies.

Lawsuits have been filed against at least eight Carey residents over the use of the sight drafts. The lawsuits all in-

volve Adamsons, members of what an Idaho senator calls the "leading family" of the small rural town.

When you get the town's leading family leading the charge, it's pretty serious," said Sen. John Peavey, D-Carey. "I'm worried that more and more people are getting into a lot of people went out and got the money by taking money out of their credit cards."

Bank officials say sight draft activity has tapered off and few, if any, are being presented to banks.

Peavey said he heard people using the sight drafts pay 10 percent of the amount of the sight draft, a claim similar to assertions by the Austin, Texas-based Institute for Financial Crime Prevention.

Agencies promoting the sight drafts, according to the institute, say the sight drafts can be used to eliminate debt entirely. The institute also says federal law enforcement agencies

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Wendell board approves superintendent, principal contracts

By TERRELL WILLIAMS
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — In a split vote, the Wendell School Board has decided to renew the two-year contract of Superintendent George Crawford and also to offer another one-year contract to Elementary Principal Jerry Hope.

In a special board meeting Monday, trustees met with Crawford in executive session from 8 to about 10 p.m. The board then called an open meeting and voted on the two contracts.

Trustees Jack Hirni, Elaine Daniels and Jim Davis voted in favor of the contracts, while Board

Chairman Clayton Pope and trustee Vernon Mison voted against them. Pope was out of town Tuesday and Wednesday, and Mison had no comment on his vote.

However, Mison said that the issue may not yet be dead. Calls to the state Department of Education indicate that the Monday meeting may not have been legally called, he said. He expects the issue to be brought up again at the next board meeting.

Crawford's contract, with one year remaining, was extended under the Monday vote to two years. His current annual salary is \$41,000. Next year's salaries have not been decided, he said.

Hope, who turned in his resignation Feb. 21, said Tuesday he does not know if he will sign the contract and work a second year in Wendell.

"I appreciate all that has happened since the last board meeting," said Hope.

Some teachers, he said, signed a letter of support, and some parents of students called to voice support.

Hope said he resigned because he did not feel he had the support of the board. But now, he said, "The board, on a split decision, has said they support me, and I appreciate that."

The principal said he will meet and talk with the trustees before

making a decision on his contract. Hope's salary this year is \$30,780.

Crawford also said some questions have been raised about the legality of the special board meeting.

Notice of the special meeting, posted for the required 24-hour on the high school front door, at a local bank, stated that the board "will meet in executive session ... for the purpose of discussing personnel and negotiations."

"I was not allowed in executive sessions. However, after the executive session, the board had an open meeting and made decisions."

Crawford said Tuesday that somebody in Wendell called the

state Department of Education to file a complaint about the meeting.

"If there is some doubt in some people's minds, there was no intent to do this behind closed doors," he said. "That wasn't the intent at all."

Crawford said the special meeting was called at his request because the next regular meeting is not until March 21, and, he said, personnel and negotiations needed to be discussed and clarified right away.

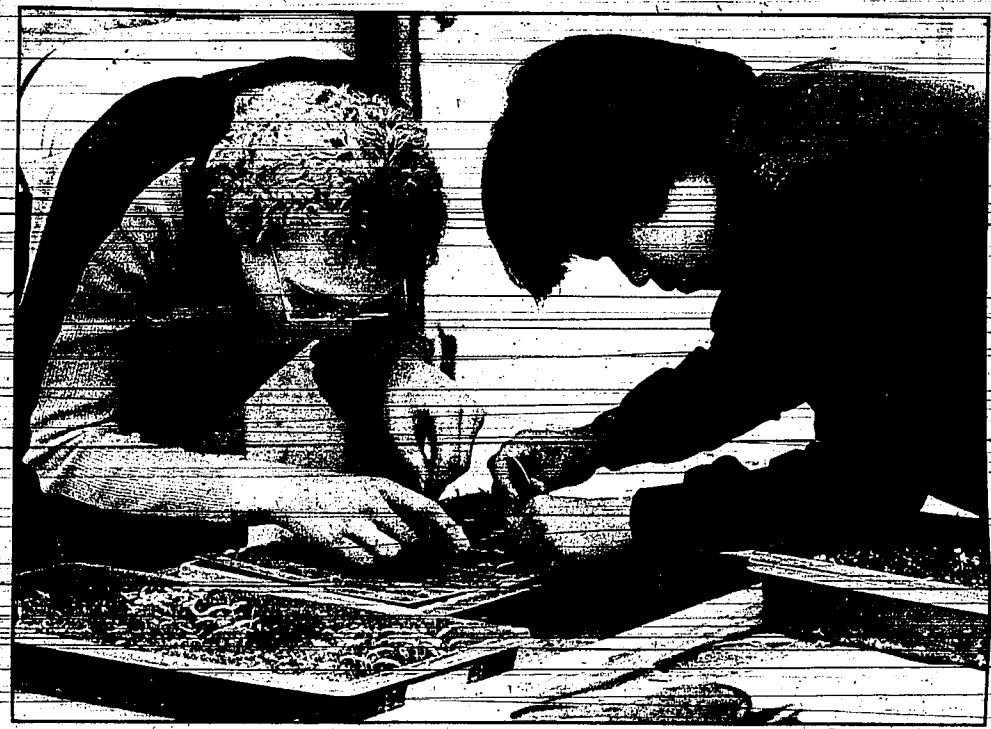
"I wanted to get some direction earlier than that (March meeting)," said Crawford. "If I'm going to start negotiations with teachers, I needed to meet with the board and get some basic guidelines and un-

derstandings about the board's role, and my role and what we were going to do in regards to that."

Crawford said the board gave him the role as spokesman and chief negotiator for the district.

"We discussed that last night," he said, "and the board indicated they wanted me to be the spokesman for the board, so that the teachers will be negotiating with me as a representative of the board."

To correct the mistake of advertising an executive meeting and then holding an open meeting, Crawford said he plans to advise the board to reaffirm the votes during the next regular meeting.



Kenneth Sibbett, left, and Dale Slim transplant seedlings into trays. The two participate in Minico High's Special Needs Program

Dirt today, jobs tomorrow for special ed kids

By ADELL HARVEY
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — They're making dirt at the White House these days. Not Ronald Reagan's White House, but the little white house sandwiched between the two major buildings at Minico High School — the "White House" which houses Minico's special needs program.

Preparing for spring planting, the 10 students enrolled in the district's greenhouse project are busy "making dirt," mixing proper amounts of vermiculite and peat moss. The hybrid dirt is then placed in an oven for pasteurization before seeds are planted in it.

Some seeds have already started to sprout, and these will be transplanted into six packs this month and placed in the greenhouse. Doug Gosnell, special needs teacher, says the students will oversee the project from beginning to end, including the sale of their plants to district residents.

"What we're trying to do is develop a transitional program from high school into the working world,"

he says. "Minico covers a very broad spectrum of exceptionalities, from learning disabled to educably mentally retarded. We're trying to develop a total program where the kids can walk out of the high school with a diploma and have somewhere to go."

The greenhouse project is just one of several programs offered in the special needs department. Manned by Gosnell and teacher Laurie Kerbs, plus two aides, the program includes welding, small engine repair, some carpentry and typing for approximately 45 students.

A special class teaches apartment living, preparing students to live on their own with skills such as mending, laundry and cooking.

"It's a prerequisite to the regular home economics program, hopefully to get some of the kids into the mainstream," Gosnell says.

"Mainstreaming" is a primary objective of the entire program, to enable students to enter regular classroom activities when possible. Gosnell says some students require extra help, and the program is designed to help these students survive in the work force in the real world.

Kerbs teaches a "world of work" class, which deals with job applications, interviews and work attitudes. Students are then placed in the cooperative education program and exposed to different jobs in the work force.

Gosnell says this is the first year students have been placed through the school's regular vocational education program. "Students work with an employer, on the premise they'll develop good work attitudes," he says. "Because the employer already has the student trained, we're hoping they'll turn around and hire the student."

Gosnell says the idea is working, as some employers have already said they plan to hire the students at the end of the year on full salary.

Gosnell says the greenhouse project is one of their most effective programs. "It teaches real work attitudes, like getting here on time, punching a time clock, dressing properly for the job and job training skills," he says.

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Shoshone seeks funds for RV dump

By JAENE BUCKWAY
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — The city of Shoshone is applying for an Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation grant to build a recreational vehicle dump station at the south edge of town.

In addition to the projected state funds, the city is working with Idaho Power Co. and the local chapter of Veterans of Foreign Wars to install the facility. The station, with facilities free to the public, will be located on the east side of U.S. Highway 93 as it enters Shoshone from the south.

VFW representative Vic Bozuto said his group is working with the city to acquire five lots from Idaho Power Co.

He said the proposal calls for a trade of city-owned land adjacent to the lots for the five lots situated between South Apple Street and Highway 93. According to Bozuto the trade will consolidate IFC land in the area, and make a site available for the dump station.

City Clerk Ron Boian said Tuesday the city is still negotiating with Idaho Power, and will file the grant application before the March 10 deadline.

A well-developed, attractive, public dump station could be an economic boost to tourist trade for the historic town, Bozuto said.

"If RVers stop to use the dump, they will stop to see what else we have and spend a few dollars in local businesses," he said.

Grants are funded through a state pool that comes from recreational facility improvement fees. Some \$3.50 of each license is deposited in a state account for use in improving Idaho's recreational facilities.

The Parks and Recreation Department lists sanitary dump stations as a vital use of state funds. Grants will be awarded on the relevance of the project, accessibility, usefulness, environmental impact, design quality and provisions for continued maintenance.

The city has agreed to maintain the station and adjacent landscaping once it is installed.

Questions concerning Lincoln County's participation in the recreation facility improvement program were raised by RV owners earlier this year. Licenses that were under the impression the \$3.50 facility improvement fund was administered at the local level.

But County Clerk Dana Sturgeon says Idaho law provides for the fund to be maintained at the state level. Sturgeon is applying to the fund for aid in installing the proposed dump station.

Sturgeon said state law provides for 1.50 of the fee to be kept in the county expense fund to offset the cost of administering the RV license program. The cost of an RV license depends on the value of the vehicle, with \$8.50 being the minimum charge.

The remainder of any funds generated are divided by state law between the state highway department and county highway units. County records show that in the past three years Lincoln County RV owners' registration fees have provided approximately \$2,000 to the state recreation facility fund, \$5,000 to state highway funds, with \$4,800 going to local highway departments.

Rupert's financial picture is looking better, auditor reports

By ADELL HARVEY
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — In a "state of the city" report Tuesday night, Auditor Elden Condie said the city is in a better financial position than it was a year ago, "all the way through."

Also at the meeting, the council agreed to consider alternative sites for a proposed RV Park.

In his city report, Condie said, "All funds have shown an increase in fund balance, which means there's more assets to start a new year with. There's not a lot of money there yet if a major need arises, but it's now built into the long-range plans."

Condie explained the two major divisions in Rupert's accounting system: the enterprise funds and the governmental funds. The enterprise funds, which are those entities supported by user fees, such as water, electricity, sewer and irrigation, all showed retained earnings.

"You've made some good progress in these funds," Condie said, "but you need to continue to increase the retained earnings for capital improvements in the future."

He explained that the enterprise funds are supposed to make a profit in order to maintain the capital to provide services to the users. "They are to be treated like a business," he said.

On the flip side of the ledger, the government funds — revenue raised through taxation — didn't do as well. It cost the city \$1,014,000 to operate, and only

\$841,000 came in through taxes. With a transfer of more than \$200,000 from the enterprise funds, however, the general operating fund showed a \$120,000 excess.

"This is a healthy condition," Condie said.

Mayor Bill Whitton expressed appreciation for the good report, pointing out major changes in the city's accounting system as "definite improvements." Whitton said the city now has a complete inventory of everything it owns, "down to the small tools."

Whitton said, "We adopted this pay as you use policy instead of attacking property with higher taxes, and it has paid off."

Councilman Ron Klebe said the audit has proven the wisdom of the city's long-range planning. "Everything is starting to fall into place and doing what we started out to do," he said.

On the matter of the RV park, City Parks and Recreation Director Les Hutchinson presented a proposal to file a grant application to install 17 recreational vehicle sites behind the RV dump site the city installed last year.

However, a resident of the area, Susie Delozier, strongly opposed the location, saying it would lower her property value, cause a loss of privacy and endanger her children. "As a parent, I'm concerned about the safety of my children playing outside when people who are just passing through stay in the area," she said.

Delozier asked the council why it planned to locate the RV park in a residential area, and not out at town somewhere.

City Attorney Don Chisholm pointed out that the proposed area is zoned for limited commercial use. "Even though the block you live on is primarily in residential use, it has been zoned limited commercial since 1948 or so, whenever zoning began here in Rupert," he said.

Hutchinson said that when a similar application was made last year, the city spent months in distributing printed handouts, newspaper notices and public hearings. "We spent hundreds of manhours getting a survey," he said. "And the dump station location was selected by a 10 to 1 margin."

Delozier insisted neither she nor her neighbors had been aware of the situation. "You didn't notify the ones who live by it," she said.

Hutchinson said numerous efforts had been made to get input from everybody concerned, and showed newspaper ads requesting people respond to the survey, but Delozier insisted, "A lot of people don't take the local

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 Job in a greenhouse, it's a piece of the total spectrum. They get an idea what it's like to work, to stay on task and to see the fruits of their labor.

This year Gonnell plans to use an assembly-line style of production, with students in groups, each responsible for his or her own business. One group will grow petunias, another marigolds, another various types of vegetables.

"They will keep a minimal type of books, prepare profit and loss statements, and ultimately be responsible for the success or failure of their ventures," Gonnell says.

He hopes this peer-relationship will teach needed interpersonal relationship skills. "It should keep down the goofing-off," he says. He also hopes to see some of the proceeds from the venture used as token salaries for the students, so they can see a couple bucks in their pockets. Part of the proceeds will also help fund a party at the end of the semester.

Gonnell says the greenhouse is usually a "break over" situation. Last year the students sold \$1,000 worth of plants at 50 cents per plant, which covered the costs of seeds, peat moss and equipment.

Prior to planting time, this year's students installed a new sun-protective plastic top to their Quonset-style greenhouse. They've also learned painting and maintenance skills repairing and improving the structure.

When a leaky pipe developed in the greenhouse, Gonnell taught pipe-cutting and splicing using an old dishwasher for practice parts. He says, "Anything anybody around here discards is fair game. I scrounge around the school for whatever they throw away that I can salvage and use."

Because of the prohibitive heating costs, the greenhouse can only

be used in the spring, which precludes any work with houseplants. However, the students keep busy, making items such as wooden bird feeders for gardens or Christmas toys for children. However, "Our greenhouse is by far our best money maker," Gonnell says.

The city of Rupert is a major customer, buying flower plants for its parks. "Nine to ten percent of the plants, as do parents of the students. We let the kids take some of the plants home for their own gardens," Gonnell says, "so they can see the end results of their labor."

The greenhouse is closed the end of May, and any leftover plants are given to charity. Last year representatives of the Cleaners took the leftover pepper-and-tomato plants.

"To most teenagers 'whoppers' and 'six packs' mean snack time. To the students in the greenhouse project, however, a 'whopper' is a hybrid pepper and a six-pack is where you transplant the sprouts. In other ways, the students are no different than their peers," Gonnell says. "They have about as much interest in flowers, gardening and plants as most teenagers do, which is to say, not much."

"He has had some students who really took to the earth, however, developing not only the proverbial green thumb, but business acumen," Gonnell says. One student who took advertising flyers around to all his neighbors, took their orders, then delivered their plants in a pickup truck. "He was really proud of this accomplishment," Gonnell says.

But producing green thumbs is not the primary objective of the program. "We use it as a launching pad to teach survival skills in English and math, in ways that are directly related to help students get a job," Gonnell says.

"For years, we used elementary

school techniques to teach these kids, and it just doesn't work for secondary students. We've had frustrated kids in school for nine years who still come into our classroom and can't do long division," Gonnell says.

"Let's teach him some skills that will help him survive. We hand him a calculator and teach him when to use it, when not to use it," Gonnell says. By the same token, Gonnell teaches his students how to write a sentence, not how to diagram it. "It should be a sentence involved in a job resume, or maybe a simple note to his boss. Or he may need to learn how to read a simple note from his boss."

Near the end of the class, the phone rings. Gonnell picks it up and says, "White House. Can I help you?"

It's obvious even to a casual observer that this particular White House is helping a great many people. Special needs students are learning survival skills, and some are getting back into the mainstream of academic life. Rupert's parks are being beautified, charitable organizations are benefiting, and area gardens get a headstart, all at little cost to the taxpayer.

It's not a bad record for a White House.

Idahoan arrested on 3rd drug case

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A Coeur d'Alene man appealing a conviction for delivering cocaine and awaiting another trial, on a similar charge has been arrested again for possession with intent to deliver more than a quarter-pound of the drug, police say.

Mark A. Printz, 27, was arrested at his home Tuesday evening by officers of the Kootenai County Drug Task Force. Coeur d'Alene Police Capt. Dave Sentes said.

TMI shipments delayed for probe

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Nuclear waste shipments from the crippled Three Mile Island reactor to the TMI unit by delivery for reprocessing will be delayed for a week while a federal agency investigates a rail switching incident in the St. Louis area.

The Federal Railroad Administration is investigating an incident Feb. 27 when a train carrying a tank car from Three Mile Island to the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, was misidentified as carrying a flammable material. At the request of Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo, no shipments will be made until that investigation is complete.

It was a part of an overall agreement made by DOE to meet Danforth's concerns.

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Roll calls

BOISE (AP) — Here is the roll call vote by which the Idaho House voted 43-0 Wednesday for legislation declaring English the official state language.

Republicans for (40) — Allan-Hodge, R.Black, Brimhall, Durt, Callen, Childers, Cross, Crow, David, Duckwall, Duhin, Field, Geddes, Gould, Hangerson, Hawkins, Infanger, Kellogg, Kennovick, Linnford, Loercher, Loveland, Mahoney, Parson, Peterson, Montgomery, Nelson, Parks, Peters, Sentes, Schaefer, Sessions, Slater, Smock, Steele, Steger, Stone, Stuckert, Taylor, Wood.

Democrats for (3) — Braun, Hall, Judd.

Republicans against (23) — Antonio, Bengson, Boyd, Brockman, Brown, Clark, Fry, Gurnsey, Hale, Hanson, Hartung, Hise, Houser, Dornit, Jones, Doug Jones, Lucas, B. Newcomb, R. Newcomb, Reynolds, Robbins, Sorenson, Sutton, Wilder.

Democrats against (17) — Adams, P.Black, Giovannelli, Givens, Horvath, Johnson, Lauen, Lloyd, McCann, McDermott, Reid, Robinson, Stoicheff, Tucker, Williams, Vincent, White.

Absent — Hill.

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Valley happenings

Local Scouts need shirts

JEROME — There is a real need in the Magic Valley for Cub Scout and Scout shirts. Many boys cannot afford a new shirt. If you have one (or need one) and would like to donate them to another boy, please call 824-5680.

Sunday sing-along planned

TWIN FALLS — Valley Vista Village, 653 Rose St. N., Twin Falls, will hold its monthly sing-along at 3 p.m. Sunday. Special music will be presented by the Bible Baptist church. The Rev. Wayne Love will conduct vesper services at 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Club promises surprises

TWIN FALLS — Linda Mayes, Burley, will speak at the Magic Valley Christian Women's Club luncheon at 12:45 a.m. Tuesday on the Holiday Inn. The special feature will be "Sweet Surprises" by Sweet-Nash's and More. Reservations should be called by Friday to 826-5319 or 543-5687.

TF County clean-up day set

TWIN FALLS — Plans are being made now for Johnny Horizon Day, an annual clean-up day for Twin Falls County, to be held May 7. Those wanting to help call D. W. Heider county director of parks and solid waste at 734-9491.

Odors foul relations between neighbors

DEAR ABBY: "Irritated in Tampa" indicated that she lived in an "affluent condominium complex" and was regularly offended by the odor of fish cooked in a neighboring condo.

You suggested that she speak to the offending neighbor — or write a pleasant note, with a copy to the president of the homeowners' association.

"Good grief. Why did you suggest that she take this petty complaint to the president of the homeowners' association? That is certainly not what I would call the good-neighbor policy."

"I can't think of a more surefire formula for open warfare! I once received a note from my next-door neighbor soon after I moved to a new home. She complained about the way I parked my car."

"Had she said, 'Gee, I wish you'd



Abigail VanBuren
Dear Abby

move your car down about three feet so I can see my flowers, I'd have gladly done so. Instead I received a rude letter that I've kept on my desk for about a year, and every time I come across it, I boil."

Abby, you are right about 99.9 percent of the time, but lawyers send notes with carbon copies — not friends and neighbors.

SEETHING IN CAPISTRANO
DEAR SEETHING: All right, I hear, but there's no ill wind that doesn't blow some good — a fitting analogy for this fish tale. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: Having been in the home-building business for a

number of years, I've known that air-sealing doors and windows can do more than "keep out the cold."

Weather stripping prevents outside private odors such as cigarette smoke, cooking meat, fish, onions, garlic, etc. from escaping into shared areas such as hallways and stairwells, thus promoting neighborly peace by avoiding the need for confrontations!

I hope this helps. Sign me ...

— ONE FOR MANY

DEAR ABBY: In regard to the condo dweller who complained about her neighbor cooking fish frequently: Adele Davis said that most fish is overcooked; when you can smell it, you've already cooked it too long.

Just thought the rest of the world should be let in on this hint.

— JEAN M. DAVIS, EUGENE, ORE.

DEAR ABBY: I have a cooking tip for "Irritated in Tampa": Instead of complaining to her neighbor, suggest to the neighbor that she sprinkle a little powdered ginger on the fish while it's cooking, and there won't be any fish smell.

Also, if she's frying the fish, tell her to put a few little balls of peanut butter (the size of a pea) in the skillet. Result: No fish odor! Some

times I call myself "Dear Abby," but my name is ...

— RUTH B. JONES, BELLEFONTAINE, PA.

DEAR ABBY: About fish odors: I should think all "affluent condos" would have a ventilating fan in the kitchen.

Perhaps after "Irritated in Tampa" writes to the president of the homeowners' association, she will receive instructions as to where this fan switch is located, and how to turn it on.

Also, how about buying a couple of cans of air freshener?

— CHARLES IN VANCOUVER

DEAR ABBY: Since when is it against the law to cook fish? Fish is highly recommended by health experts.

Eating large amounts of fish that are rich in specific polyunsaturated oils appears to reduce the chances of blood platelet cells sticking together, thereby reducing the chance of heart attack.

Are people who live in "affluent condos" not supposed to cook cabbage, mustard and turnip greens, and Brussels sprouts?

I hope you hear from plenty of other fish lovers.

— FISH LOVER IN TACOMA

United Way offering funds to non-profit support groups

JEROME — An eligible, non-profit group in Jerome County may receive \$5,000 to be used for "food and shelter for the needy."

"The government money is available through United Way of Magic Valley," Sandy Thomas, director, says. "Last year the Jerome Ministerial Association received some of these funds. Working with Citizens East Side and the South-Central Community Action Agency, the association provided 1,540 nights of shelter and 5,692 meals for needy Jerome families."

Funds from both corporate and government sources have been dispensed nationwide through United Way on a county basis for the past four years, Thomas says.

Previous groups receiving such funds in Twin Falls County include West End Ministerial Association in Buhl, Salvation Army, Neighbors in Need, Idaho Migrant Council and

Community Action Agency in Twin Falls and East End Providers. Currently \$8,000 is available to eligible organizations in Cassia County, Thomas says.

Wedding

Evey-Boone

PAUL — Stacey Evey became the bride of Robert Boone Dec. 12 at the Congregational church in Paul.

The Rev. Larry Pilkington officiated and Louise Doekter was organist.

The bride is the daughter of Don and Corinne Murray, Pocatello, and Richard Evey, Meridian, and the bridegroom's parents are Daniel Boone, Gooding, and Ruby Boone, Hagerman.

Carlson Schritter was maid of honor with Eric Murray, Kimberley Basin and Amy Meulman serving as bridesmaids. Tyler Beck was flower girl.

Jim Weaver was best man with Joe Wright, Brett Gorrell and Jesse Rodriguez as groomsmen. Joe Henderson and Logan Hamilton ushered.

Pam Boone attended the guest book and Janice Marisch and Pat Waddel were gift attendants.

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Korena Simmons and Anthony Heiner.

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FAA would loosen proposed flying restrictions over the Grand Canyon

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Environmentalists and Ben John McCain said Wednesday they were dismayed by the Federal Aviation Administration's plan to loosen proposed flying restrictions over sections of Grand Canyon National Park.

In December, the Interior Department endorsed a compromise plan by the department's National Park Service to restrict sightseeing flights over 44 percent of the canyon, and to ban flights below the canyon's rim, located in northern Arizona.

Thursday night in Las Vegas, Nev. The FAA said its proposed regulations were to appear Friday in the Federal Register and that copies would be available at the hearings.

The Interior Department's plan generally was endorsed by environmentalists and most air-condition operators, but the FAA's new proposal met with immediate criticism.

"I'm extremely disappointed with the FAA proposal," said McCain, an Arizona Republican who sponsored legislation requiring flights in zones over the park.

"It's not in keeping with the intent or letter of the legislation, which was to create areas of quiet and protect the pristine nature of wilderness parts of the park," McCain said from Washington.

"The regulations issued by the FAA would violate any potential gain to be made in retaining the natural quiet of the canyon."

"The FAA chose to disregard the statutorily designated mechanism, designed to reconcile aviation safety, needs to land-use requirements. The Grand Canyon does not exist for anyone's financial benefit," McCain added.

David Bennett, manager of the FAA's airspace and environmental law branch, said the agency has proposed, for safety reasons, to double each of three 2-mile-wide corridors between four flight-free zones.

Bennett said the FAA also proposed adding a 4-mile-wide corridor through one of the flight-free zones.

The FAA's proposals "are for discussion," Bennett said. "We expect comments and will make a final proposal after hearing them."

The FAA hearings were scheduled for Wednesday night here and

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United Nations vote supports PLO, opposes U.S. action

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United Nations voted 143-0 for a resolution asking the World Court in The Hague for a ruling on whether the United States has the right to refuse arbitration. The resolution was sponsored by the Soviet Union, which accused the United States of "lawlessness" for its mission to close the PLO office in Washington.

The United States did not vote, and Israel cast the only negative vote. Israeli Ambassador Benjamin Netanyahu said the Palestine Liberation Organization is a terrorist group that has no place in the United Nations.

The assembly also voted 142-0 for a resolution asking the World Court in The Hague for a ruling on whether the United States has the right to refuse arbitration. The arbitration would be conducted by an independent three-member panel, with the United States and the United Nations each appointing one member and the third appointed jointly.

The United States, which has not moved to close the Palestine Liberation Organization mission, considered the emergency meeting of the 159-nation assembly premature and unnecessary.

The United States has refused arbitration on the same grounds.

"It remains the intention of this government to find an appropriate resolution to this problem in light of the charter of the United Nations, the headquarters agreement and the laws of the United States," U.S. Ambassador Herbert Okun told the assembly after the vote.

The resolutions were sponsored

by the Soviet Union, which accused the United States of "lawlessness" for its mission to close the PLO office in Washington. The mission would violate the 1947 treaty under which the United States became U.N. headquarters. The pact provides for binding arbitration.

The PLO has non-voting, observer status and exercises considerable influence at the United Nations, which regards it as the only legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, many of whom live under Israeli occupation.

The PLO mission, a four-story townhouse on Manhattan's fashionable Upper East Side, has a staff of three political officers and two secretaries.

Scores of organizations and nations, including most of America's closest allies, said during the three-day emergency session that closing the mission would undermine the independence of the world body.

Many said the move is further eroding the already diminished U.S. prestige at the world body. Others warned it could cripple American peace efforts in the Middle East.

The State Department agrees with the United Nations that the

and-terrorism legislation ordering the mission closed violates the headquarters agreement. But Attorney General Edwin Meese III reportedly said he plans to enforce the measure anyway. He is expected to announce his decision later this month.

The State Department closed down the only other PLO office in the United States, an information office in Washington, in what turned out to be a futile attempt to forestall the legislation.

Underlying the bitter confrontation over the mission is the nagging question of what the United Nations can do to achieve peace in the Middle East.

The world body has repeatedly called an international peace conference that would include the PLO and the Soviet Union, among others. The United States, which wants direct talks, and Israel, which refuses to deal with the PLO, resist this plan.

Several speakers in the assembly denounced what the United States has never accused anyone accredited to the mission of terrorism or expelled anyone attached to the mission.

In December, the assembly passed a resolution 145-1 asking the United States not to close the PLO mission. Israel, which regards the PLO as a terrorist group bent on the destruction of the Jewish state, cast the only negative vote.

Iran, Iraq exchange missiles; rockets hit holy city of Qom

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iraq and Iran battered each other's capital with long-range missiles for a third day Wednesday as the first Iraqi rockets of the 7½-year-old war crashed into Qom, seat of the Iranian religious hierarchy.

Iran reported no casualties in Qom, a holy city of 250,000 whose shrine is the Islamic holiest site after Mecca. The 87-year-old revolutionary patriarch has lived for several years in Jamana, a northern Tehran suburb.

The Iraqis said they fired seven Scud-B missiles Wednesday, two of them into Qom, bringing the total for three days to 23. Iran said it hit Baghdad with three missiles, for a total of eight in the same period.

Fear-not, Khomeini told Iranians in remarks quoted by the official Islamic Republic News Agency. "It does not make any difference for a people who seek martyrdom whether they are killed by missiles, tanks or artillery," he said.

Iran said Iraqi warplanes also raided a village near Rasht 150 miles northeast of Tehran. IRNA said several civilians were killed Wednesday in Tehran and bombs

destroyed the mosque in the village. Baghdad's official Iraqi News Agency said the Iraqis killed or wounded civilians and demolished houses and shops in residential neighborhoods of the Arab capital, but was not more specific.

Iran said Wednesday's hits on Tehran wounded 15 people, bringing the total to 115. Before the general report about casualties in Tehran, it had reported 27 killed in the capital and five in the village near Rasht.

It said casualties included two newlywed kids in the village and an 80-year-old woman wounded in Tehran.

Western military analysts believe Iraq uses Soviet-made Scud-B missiles fitted with strap-on boosters enabling them to reach Tehran, which is 290 miles from the border. Qom is roughly the same distance from the frontier.

Iran's weapons also are Scud-Bs, provided by its Arab allies Syria and Iraq, but without boosters, because Baghdad is only 80 miles from the border.

This week's attacks by Iraq are its first on Tehran and Qom with surface-to-surface missiles. President Saddam Hussein's government declared in August it had ac-

quired missiles that could reach the Iranian capital, a city of 6 million people.

The Iraqi air force, which has an estimated 8-1 advantage over Iran's, has made many raids on Iranian cities and bombed Qom repeatedly in January 1987.

Thousands of civilian lives have been lost in the "war of the cities," the periodic rounds of bombing and missile attacks in a war that has claimed at least 1 million casualties since it began in September 1980.

Iran said its artillery batteries, in response to the rocketing of Tehran, shelled military and economic installations in the Iraqi cities of Basra, Ammara, Badra, Zorbatani, Al Sharqi and Ali Garbi.

Dispatches from Iraq said its warplanes bombed the western Iranian towns of Dezful and Karaj, a city near Tehran, setting their targets ablaze. Iran did not report the raids.

Iraq said it began the missile barrage of Tehran in retaliation for two Iranian rockets that hit Baghdad before dawn Monday. Iran described the missiles as a response to Iraqi air raids on the Tehran oil refinery last week.



Israeli soldiers beat a Palestinian in Ramallah, Wednesday. AP Laserphoto

Israeli tear gas empties hospital; beatings continue

RAMALLAH, Occupied West Bank (AP) — Israeli troops fired tear gas inside an Arab hospital Wednesday, forcing doctors to don gas masks and sending dozens of choking patients fleeing with their lungs covered by Arab headresses.

Soldiers clubbed a Palestinian teenager suspected of throwing rocks at troops from a barricade erected about 10 yards from the hospital's emergency room.

An Associated Press photographer saw soldiers throw the youth head first down a flight of stairs, then sit on his stomach while beating him with a wooden truncheon.

Troops detained 20 Arabs suspected of participating in demonstrations in Ramallah, Israeli radio said.

President Reagan, meanwhile, ordered Secretary of State George P. Shultz to return to the Middle East on Thursday for further talks with Arab and Israeli leaders.

In Jerusalem, police detained 27 Israeli students from the Bezalel art school after their parade for the Jewish holiday of Purim turned into a protest against the Israeli handling of unrest in the territories.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin defended Israel's policy of using blows to subdue Arab protesters, say-

ing that of several thousand soldiers serving in the occupied territories, only 2 percent to 3 percent had committed excesses, the film news agency reported. As a matter of policy, the agency does not release exact figures on troop deployment.

In Ramallah, eight miles north of Jerusalem, soldiers fired at least six tear gas canisters at Palestinian protesters who used rocks and twisted metal to block a street outside government-run Ramallah Hospital and hurled stones at a dozen soldiers.

One smoking canister landed in the emergency room reception area and a second landed in a hospital courtyard.

Two doctors donned gas masks and others held onions to their noses to counter the effects of the gas. About 30 coughing patients, including old men with canes, used Arab headresses to cover their faces.

"Even the doctors couldn't breathe; so imagine the effects on the patients inside, many of whom are seriously ill," said one doctor, who declined to identify himself.

Soldiers detained three youths outside the hospital, dragging away one of them with a gash on his forehead and a blood-drenched shoulder.

The tear gas attack was the second on the hospital in two days.

Freed hostages meet their families in an emotional reunion

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Two Scandinavian relief workers came home to the emotional embraces of their sobbing families on Wednesday and recounted their harrowing ordeal in Lebanon and 25 days of fear and captivity.

Jan Stening of Sweden and Norwegian William Jorgensen greeted their wives and children at a downtown Vienna hotel slightly more than 24 hours after being freed by the Lebanese kidnappers.

Jorgensen said he would die in the ordeal that began with his Feb. 6 abduction.

"My only thought was of my wife," said Jorgensen, pausing to collect himself as his daughter, Sesil, began crying. His wife, Gord, and son, Kurt, also were at the news conference.

Stening, 44, and Jorgensen, 58, were the

working with the Vienna-based U.N. Works and Relief Agency that cares for some 200,000 refugees in Lebanon when they were kidnapped.

Ciampi Giacomelli, head of the Vienna-based agency, Giacomelli said both men were in relatively good shape.

"It's the end of a very sad story, which the happiness over the return of Stening and Jorgensen."

In Beirut on Wednesday, a group called missing after being kidnapped in Lebanon since March 1985. They are nine American, four Frenchmen, three Britons, an Indian and two unidentified men.

The longest held hostage is American Terry Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, who was kidnapped March 16, 1985.

"Our common joy doesn't allow us to for-

get other colleagues who are still missing. We hope they will join us again soon," Giacomelli said.

Among those missing is U.S. Marine Lt. Col. William R. Higgins, who was abducted Feb. 17 in south Lebanon.

A statement released by the abductors, the Organization of the Oppressed on Earth, said Israel's crackdown on Palestinian attacks against Israeli-occupied territories and the Middle East trip of Secretary of State George P. Shultz "make us more determined to try this criminal, Higgins."

Both the United Nations and the United States have denied that Higgins, who served with the U.N. peacekeeping force in south Lebanon, was a CIA spy.

Higgins, 43, was abducted near south Lebanon's port of Tyre on Feb. 17. He heads a 76-man U.N. observer group that moni-

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NATO hopes to increase unity by emphasizing non-nuclear arms

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — By putting new emphasis on the threat to Europe from Soviet tanks and troops, Western leaders hope to blunt Moscow's drive to capitalize on splits within NATO on nuclear arms strategy.

In a joint statement Wednesday, leaders of the Western alliance called on the Soviet Union and its allies to begin negotiations aimed at eliminating the East's capability for launching a surprise attack in Europe.

They said Soviet non-nuclear forces facing NATO are far in excess of Moscow's needs for self-defense and "put a shadow over the whole of Europe."

The NATO initiative also shifts the public spotlight to a NATO pact called the declaration "a major step forward for the alliance."

The idea is to portray the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as united in calling for fewer non-nuclear weapons at a time when the alliance members cannot agree how far to go in scrapping atomic arms.

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clear weapons with new, more effective ones. Most of these weapons, it is said, would be kept in East Germany or West.

The main NATO theme is that the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact's numerical superiority in conventional weapons and troops is the greatest danger to Western security.

According to Western estimates, the Warsaw Pact holds about a 3-to-1 advantage in tanks and artillery and nearly a 2-to-1 edge in combat aircraft and troops, including reserves in the Soviet Union. Moscow contends that East-West conventional forces are roughly equal.

The stress on conventional arms, NATO leaders, will steal some of the momentum from Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev's campaign to woo the European public with calls for ridding their continent of all nuclear weapons.

Gorbachev appears to have significantly improved his public image in Western Europe by agreeing last year to a longstanding U.S. proposal to eliminate all intermediate-range nuclear weapons.

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Judging balance of conventional weapons in Europe is a difficult task

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Soviet bloc has a substantial edge over NATO in five major ground force categories, according to the Pentagon, but measuring the conventional military balance is much trickier than simply counting soldiers, tanks and guns.

Negotiators for the alliance have found it so complicated they have been talking off and on in Vienna since 1973 without agreeing on how many troops the bloc could throw into a fight in Europe.

Western analysts say it would be more than 2 million on a side.

Now as Europe heads for elimination of medium range nuclear missiles under a treaty signed by President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, attention has been focused on conventional forces.

The president and 15 other Western leaders even issued a special statement on the subject Wednesday at their summit meeting in Brussels.

According to the Pentagon's red-covered 1987 report "Soviet Military Power," Moscow and its European allies have 230 divisions compared with NATO's 121.

The Soviet edge in main battle tanks is 62,000 to

24,250. They lead in antitank guided weapons launchers 28,000 to 22,800.

The report says the East bloc has 42,000 artillery and mortar launchers compared with the West's 18,350 and has 54,000 armored personnel carriers, while NATO has 41,500.

Of the direct comparisons, NATO leads only in attack helicopters, 1,250 to 970.

The numbers include forces deployed in Europe and those that can be rapidly deployed from the United States.

When he was supreme allied commander in Europe from 1979 to 1987, Gen. Bernard W. Rogers used such figures in a set speech on the subject. He would say, in effect: "We'd give them a good fight if deterrence failed and a war broke out; but it wouldn't be long before I'd have to pick up the phone and ask the NATO politicians to let me use nuclear weapons."

Even Rogers warned, however, against what has become known as "bean counting" — judging strength by mere numbers.

Ferry disaster leaves lives changed

LONDON (AP) — For Evelyn Pinnells, it has been a year of depression, sleeping pills and anger that the owners of the Herald of Free Enterprise ferry have gone unpunished for the disaster that killed 193 people one year ago.

Every day she goes to the little cemetery near her home in Aylesbury. There her daughters, Heidi, 14, and Fiona, 20, and Fiona's fiancé, Jonathan Reynolds, are buried. They were among the victims when the Herald of Free Enterprise capsized off the Belgian port of Zeebrugge on March 6, 1987. It was the worst peacetime disaster involving a British ship since the Titanic sank in 1912.

"They say that time heals," but I don't think I'll ever get over it," said the divorcee, who survived with her two other children.

As the salvaged ferry heads for a Belgian shipyard to be scrapped, its legacy lives in shantytowns, police investigations, compensation disputes and possible charges against three crewmen and the owners.

Many survivors haven't been able to return to work. Some who lost loved ones have had serious emotional problems. Others started drinking heavily. Many suffer nightmares and are afraid of the water. More than 200 policemen involved in the aftermath have received psychiatric counseling.

"It has ruined my life forever," said forklift operator Chris Leach, who rescued Mrs. Pinnells' 12-year-old son.

Things I'd done before, I can't do now. I'm a fisherman but I can't go fishing. I have a boat but it's locked away on a farm and I can't even look at it," he said.

Leach says he is over-frightened to drive his car through a curve. Martin Hartley, a 2-year-old boy orphaned in the disaster, is living with an aunt and back at school. His story touched the hearts of Britons and helped swell a relief fund that has raised \$10.6 million for survivors and bereaved.

For ferry owners Townsend Thoresen, it has been a year of change. Taken over by P and O just before the disaster, the company has a new name — P and O European Ferries Ltd. — new senior management and new safety measures on its ships.

But the threat of corporate prosecution exists, and debate rumbles on over the safety of the modern roll-on, roll-off ferries, which have doors on both ends instead of just one to allow faster loading and unloading of vehicles.

The company faces a massive compensation bill. On Jan. 22, the High Court approved a test case compensation settlement of more than 185,000 pounds, or \$292,000, for a family including young children, who lost their father in the disaster.

Lawyers representing most claimants say that settlement is expected to become the model for settling more than 300 other claims. The Herald of Free Enterprise capsized after the sea rushed in through bow doors that were left open.

The estimated 543 Britons on board, mainly families returning from a day's outing in Belgium, had no time to scramble into lifeboats. The lights went out, furniture flew, the water kept rising and the screaming chaos only 350 made it to safety.

It was over in less than five minutes. Dave Wilkinson, head of the Herald Assistance Unit in Dover, where the ferry was bound, said only three officers of the 42 crew members who survived have returned to sea.

An official British inquiry blamed Townsend Thoresen and three crewmen for allowing the ferry to sail with its bow doors open. It said no laws were broken but found the company "from top to bottom" was infected with the disease of sloppiness.

But in October, an inquest jury ruled that the victims were "unlawfully killed," paving the way for possible criminal proceedings against the company's owners and those blamed for leaving the bow doors open. Capt. David Lewry,

First Officer Leslie Sabel and Assistant Boatswain Mark Stanley. Lewry's Certificate of Competency was suspended for a year after the inquiry found him "seriously negligent." Sabel lost his certificate for five years. Stanley, shunted by the tragedy, left the company on medical grounds.

On Nov. 13, Kent police were ordered to start a new investigation, and Belgian judge Arthur d'Hoest's separate investigation may also bring criminal charges.

The Herald Families Association, comprising about 150 survivors and relatives, says it will fund a private prosecution of the company for corporate manslaughter if Britain's state prosecutor doesn't.

"There are strong feelings of injustice among the families... very strong. Their children are killed and nobody's doing anything about it," said association president Maurice de Rohan.

De Rohan, whose daughter and son-in-law were among the dead, said: "It was just utter carelessness and indifference. I believe the company didn't understand what it was doing and didn't sufficiently care."

But P and O chairman Sir Geoffrey Sterling said responsibility rested on the shipboard staff. He said it was "a bit far-fetched" to prosecute those onshore.

United in grief, hundreds of survivors and relatives will join to gather March 6 to mark the first anniversary.

Some will return to Zeebrugge to drop a wreath in the water where the Herald capsized. Others will attend a service at St. Mary The Virgin church in Dover and unveil a commemorative stained-glass window.

New British regulations require indicator lights on the bridge to show that doors are closed, and ferry passengers must have boarding cards to avoid the kind of confusion over incomplete passenger lists that hampered the search for survivors in the Zeebrugge disaster.

A bill before Parliament includes a two-year jail sentence for an owner or a master who sails with an unsafe ship.

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Mexican economy still troubled despite new programs

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Most mornings Angel Salazar can be found standing at the side of the city's Metropolitan Cathedral, waiting with dozens of other unemployed tradesmen for a truck break — a day's earnings as a plumber.

Salazar, 25, has been coming for about a decade to this spot in downtown Mexico City, a traditional gathering point for tradesmen looking for work.

Jobs this year, he says, are harder than ever to get.

It's more difficult, he said, wearing a worn beige sweater against the chill of the morning air in this mountainous capital. "There's less work and everything is more expensive."

Hundreds of tradesmen use this spot, within sight of the president's office at the National Palace, to advertise their skills to prospective employers.

An electrician sets a light bulb on top of his metal tool box, while a painter drapes brightly colored

paint chips over his khaki-colored canvas bag, bulging with the tools of his trade. Others list their varied skills on small pieces of wood.

But this morning, there is little demand for their talents.

Mexico has entered yet another year of economic crisis, a year of uncertainty as the government embarks on a new, untested and so far unpopular economic program designed to halt the inflationary spiral.

"It will be a very difficult year," cautioned Jonathan Heath, senior economist at the forecasting firm of Macro Asesoría Económica in Mexico City.

"This may well be a watershed year," said Abel Boltran del Rio, executive director of the Ciemex-Wea Mexico forecasting group in Philadelphia.

"It is a very crucial year in a sense on the economic front," he said. "We will know if we are going to conquer inflation."

The answer hinges on the government's risky new program, called

the Economic Solidarity Pact, which was introduced late last year in an effort to rein in the worrisome inflation rate.

The plan has logic and everyone wants to have the pact succeed because if it doesn't, we'll be in a mess because inflation is so high," said a high-ranking government official in a recent interview.

"We feel we can reduce inflation very quickly without the social cost of having a hard recession," said the official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Overhauling the program is the July presidential election.

Carlos Salinas de Gortari, the nominee of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, is virtually certain to be sworn in as the next president on Dec. 1.

But voter unhappiness over his role as a key architect of the government's policy during the nation's 61-year-old economic crisis may cripple his ability to govern.

Heath predicts the anti-inflation program will show results in time

for the presidential balloting.

The government will make sure," he said, "that inflation comes down at all costs by the elections."

"What happens with inflation and growth will help determine what happens with the election," he said.

Government officials say the program should quickly bring down the inflation rate to 1 percent to 2 percent a month by year's end so that the yearly pace is 65 percent to 75 percent, less than half the record 169.9 percent of 1987.

In December alone, consumer prices soared 14.3 percent, which at the time was the biggest monthly gain since the government began collecting those statistics in 1968.

The record was broken again in January, with a 15.5 percent increase recorded in consumer prices.

A key part of the program was to have a 10 percent indexation plan slated to go into effect this month to regulate increases in wages and prices. This past week, the govern-

ment decided to postpone the implementation of that plan until April and instead announced a 3 percent increase in "the minimum daily wage and a freeze on regulated prices of such things as gasoline, telephones and electricity."

The government also urged private companies to join in the freeze and said the exchange rate for the peso would be held steady in March.

"We are going to reduce the increase in prices according to some guidelines," said one government official.

Several major stores, showing their support for the inflation fight,

already have announced special sales or given cash refunds of the 15 percent sales tax imposed on consumer goods.

Moreover, the government has taken additional steps to open the economy to more imported goods, reasoning that foreign competition will over the long run force Mexican manufacturers to produce better, cheaper products.

It also sharply devalued the peso currency, and promised to cut its deficit spending.

Despite the government's confidence in its handiwork, some private analysts remain skeptical.

Inflation rate plagues businessmen

MORELIA, Mexico (AP) — César Nava, a small and prosperous tool business in this bustling provincial city, but like most businessmen throughout Mexico, he complains that inflation is eating him up.

"I'm chewing up my profits, his capital is being eroded," he says. "Worst of all, he says he's even getting used to it."

Like most others — rich and poor — he is becoming "confused, losing confidence in the system and I don't know what lies ahead tomorrow."

Nava's main and other tools are typical of those afflicting business people in Mexico.

When the economic crisis hit Mexico back in 1982, Nava's dealer shop sold mostly electric motors of up to 6-horsepower and mills for grinding "nixtamal," the corn dough out of which tortillas are made. Ribbon-saws and other carpentry tools were in vogue.

As inflation grew, sales slumped and he began to cry up. Nava quickly made carpentry tools his main line, which he sold to colonial furniture-makers throughout Michoacan state.

Nava, 45, a mechanical engineer

by profession, got rid of the many salesmen he had on commission, keeping four of the best. He gave them a salary plus commission, but also made them double as drivers, deliverers, bill collectors and service men.

He also gave his customers credit, on easy payment terms.

"Not one of them wobbled. Some were late with their payments, but overall my collection rate averaged 98 percent, far better than any bank in the state," Nava said.

He gave them up to 10 months credit, at about 6 percent when the banks were charging more than 11 percent monthly, he added.

By late October 1987, Nava's business was thriving. The salesmen alone were earning an average of \$60,000 a month, the equivalent of \$351, a good wage at the time and about one-quarter more than his rivals were making.

But last November, the government suddenly devalued the peso, currency from around 1,708 to around 2,025 to the U.S. dollar in order to keep the price of Mexico's exports competitive. Nava's working capital of 40 million pesos shrank overnight in dollar terms from the equivalent of \$23,400 to

\$19,700.

The devaluation set off another huge round of inflation, so President Miguel de la Madrid's lame-duck administration announced an Economic Solidarity Pact to keep worker's purchasing power — and sales — from shrinking even further.

De la Madrid administration has said its main aim is to keep things relatively stable until Carlos Salinas de Gortari, the Institutional Revolutionary Party's shoe-in candidate for president Dec. 1, is sworn in as president Dec. 1 for a six-year term.

Salinas de Gortari, who was the current president's budget and planning secretary, has promised to modernize the country, closing or selling hundreds of money-losing state companies, slashing the budget deficit, reducing unnecessary subsidies.

"If Salinas accomplishes even half of what he has promised we will all be in good shape. The trouble is that they (candidates) have made promises and promises over the years, but have not fulfilled them," said Nava.

"So people believe less every day," he said, describing himself as neither a supporter of nor an indig-

erminate critic of the ruling party.

Meanwhile, he complains that in real terms his business is shrinking.

"I have raised interest rates to my clients to 8 percent monthly and reduced payment deadlines to a seven-month maximum," he said.

"Even so, we have had to absorb a lot of the added costs (caused by inflation)."

As a result, he said that, "while the volume of sales in peso terms has gone up, the number of units sold has dropped." Overall his net profits have dropped 10 percent since late October.

"It's psychological to a great degree. Inflation is in part due to a lack of confidence," he said.

Afghan meetings continue

GENEVA (AP) — Negotiators on Wednesday launched their latest and possibly last round of Afghanisthan peace talks, and the U.N. mediator said he was confident of forging a settlement to end Soviet involvement in the country.

"This was a good session," Pakistan's acting foreign minister, Zaki Noorani, said as he emerged from the first closed-door meeting late Wednesday. "We are cautiously optimistic."

Pakistan is representing the Afghan guerrillas in the talks.

Afghanistan's foreign minister, Abdul Wakil, told reporters that his meeting with mediator Diego Cordovez was "very rich."

Cordovez has been the go-between since the indirect negotiations began nearly six years ago. Because Pakistan refuses to recognize Afghanistan's Soviet-backed government, the delegations sit in separate rooms with Cordovez shuttling back and forth.

Before the talks opened, Cordovez told reporters he believed both sides had the "political will" to work out an agreement.

Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev announced last month that if a settlement were signed by March 15, the withdrawal of an estimated 115,000 Red Army troops from Afghanistan could begin by May 15.

The Soviets intervened in 1979 to back the Kabul government in its war with Moslem guerrillas.

Pakistan wants any settlement to be accompanied by formation of a transitional government, replacing the present one-headed-by-President Najib.



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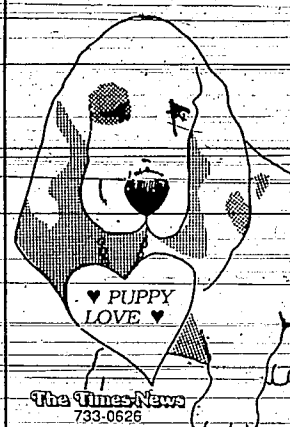
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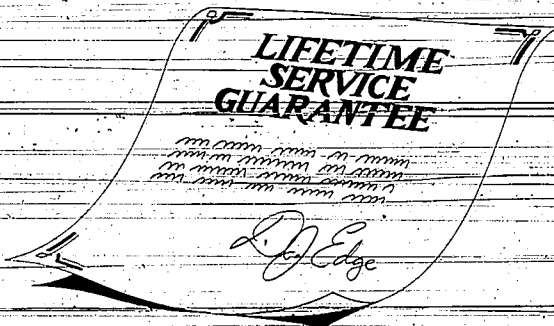
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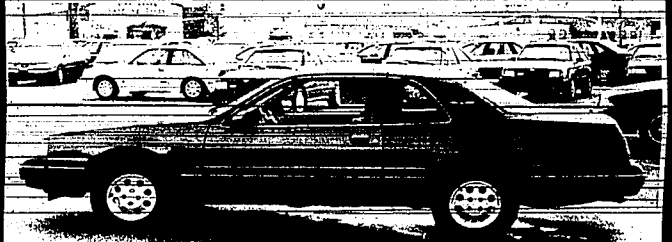
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CSI is target in region tourney

By LARRY HOVEY
Times-News writer

Scout report — D4

ST. GEORGE, Utah — If the Region 18 men's junior college basketball tournament opening here tonight is truly mind over matter, defending champion College of Southern Idaho may be in trouble.

The fourth-ranked Golden Eagles, also defending National Junior College Athletic Association champions, come into the region's first eight-team tourney with the No. 1 seeding, the regular-season championship and a 28-3 record. But the last three weeks of the season may have cost the Eagles the previous six weeks of building a major psychological advantage.

After piling up a 12-0 record against regional opposition, CSI lost the services of top scorer Mauro

Gomes to a broken finger on his shooting hand and immediately became vulnerable. The Eagles nipped Ricks by one point in the first outing, then bowed to North Idaho the next time out. Dale Karsa's three-pointer lifted CSI past Utah Valley in the final two seconds before the Eagles blow away Salt Lake Community, 118-88, giving rise to hopes the team had learned to play without Gomes.

But Todd Peterson then went out with tendinitis in his left shoulder and CSI immediately bowed at Dixie in the closing minutes and then pulled out a win over Snow College when Kenny Jarvis scored

four points in the last 21 seconds. "If anyone was afraid of us, they probably aren't now," admits CSI Coach Fred Tronkle. "But I'll tell you something about psychology. I've heard guys say it's tough beating a team three times in a season, but I'd a lot rather play a team I've beaten twice than one that's beaten me twice."

That's exactly the position the Eagles have for the opener. The foe is eighth-seeded Snow (11-16), which has good height in Paul Afanki and picks up good scoring from Mike Barge and Tom Green. The last week of the season caused one change in the expected bracketing. Eastern Utah knocked off Utah Valley Friday night and, through the regional tie-breaking system, moved into fifth-place ahead of North Idaho.

That means that fifth-seeded Eastern Utah (16-15) and fourth-seeded Utah Valley (22-9) will get the tournament-under-way at noon today with the winner going against the CSI-Snow winner at 6 p.m. Friday.

Third-seeded Salt Lake Community College (23-8) and sixth-seeded North Idaho (19-12) will square off at 2 p.m. with CSI and Snow playing at 6 p.m. Second-seeded Dixie College (23-8), exercising its prerogative to play the final game each evening, will play seventh-seeded Ricks (18-12) at 8 p.m.

The ironic part about the first round is that Ricks is the only team that has beaten Dixie twice this year — and the only team in the tournament to have won on the Dixie's home court. CSI has swept Snow and Salt Lake swept North

Idaho, Utah Valley and Eastern Utah split during the season. Tronkle received one bit of good news Tuesday when the pain in Peterson's left arm subsided sufficiently for him to practice.

"I think the one thing we found out over the weekend is that our depth was hurt. We played those last two games with just nine guys and it made a difference. Todd can give us some big help on the boards, where we had some trouble last weekend, and, of course, he provides defensive strength against the size we'll be facing down there."

Peterson's return is critical because Gomes remains a definite question mark. The 6-foot, 7-inch freshman guard, averaging 22 points per game, kept the protective cast off his right hand and wrist Monday and found the wrist very



Today's Games
Dixie Fieldhouse,
St. George, Utah

Eastern Utah (16-15) vs. Utah Valley (22-9), noon.
Salt Lake Community College (23-8) vs. North Idaho (19-12), 2 p.m.
CSI (28-3) vs. Snow (11-16), 6 p.m.
Dixie (23-8) vs. Ricks (18-12), 8 p.m.

stiff. He worked out Tuesday with it but wasn't able to use it much. "It's just a matter of if the wrist loosens up, he'll be able to play. If it

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Hamilton sparks 6-shooters

At Declo, everybody shares the offense

By RON GATES
Times-News writer

DECLO When Declo High School last shipped its boys' basketball team off to the

state Class A-3 tournament back in 1971, the majority of the players were a month or so shy of their first look at the world.

One member of the 1987-88 squad, which takes on District 6 runnerup Teton in tonight's 8:20 p.m. opening-round windup in the College of Southern Idaho gym, is Jay Hamilton, a weapon in an arsenal Coach Ron Knowles terms the "Declo six-shooters."

Other threats to hit from just about any spot on the court include seniors Darin Matthews and Mike Munsee, along with Shane Osterhout and a pair of Gregs, Kovitz and Turner, the latter three representing the Class of '89.

"I'm 17-year old junior, may be the smallest of the starting five — but performs his role well in the Hornets' controlled run-and-shoot style of play."

"I just try to keep the boys fired up as point guard," says Hamilton. "Ron the player/coach tells us to run and try to hustle on defense. I don't think anyone on this team is better than anyone else. Starting the season our goal was to shoot seventy percent from the line and forty percent from the floor. We've pretty well done that this season."

While that formula for success might sound overly simple, it's right on target according to Coach Ron Knowles.

"The strength of our team this year has been our balance," Knowles said. "No one scores much over 12 points; but seven or eight kids average about 8 points per game."

While a half dozen sharpshooters can light it up from three-point range almost at will, that's not the idea that Declo's is solely a perimeter team. See DECILO on Page D4.



"I just try to keep the boys fired up as point guard," says Declo junior Jay Hamilton

Wildcats, Indians start defense of titles today

By STEVE CRUMP
Times-News sports editor

TWIN FALLS — Defending state champions Lapwai and Shoshone face some tough company this weekend in the state Class A-3 and A-4 boys' basketball tournaments, which began today in the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium.

The tournaments make their return to Twin Falls after a three-year absence with the top-ranked Indians and Castleford representing in Magic Valley in the small school division and Declo representing District 4 in Class A-3.

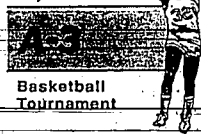
All 16 teams are profiled in depth in the accompanying articles. The A-3 event, which begins this afternoon at 12:20 p.m. when Malad takes on fourth-ranked Sugar-Salem, promises to be a festival of offense. Second-ranked Lapwai,

which is working on a 47-game winning streak, displays the same explosive style used by the team led by current College of Southern Idaho freshman Greg Jose, which won the state title a year ago.

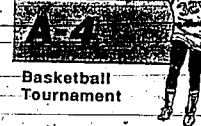
But top-rated Fruitland, which along with the Wildcats is the only unbeaten boys' basketball team in Idaho, has the formidable front line of Brian Locke (22 points per game), Troy O'Dell (14) and Victor Martarano (20).

Apart from Lapwai and Fruitland, Malad, third-ranked Sugar-Salem, Declo and Teton also favor an up-tempo offense. The style will be different in the A-4 tournament, which Castleford will open against Wilder at 9 this morning, followed by a rematch of last year's state championship game at 10:40 against top-ranked Shoshone and fifth-ranked Malad.

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Today's games
At CSI gym
Malad (17-8) vs. Sugar-Salem (20-2), 12:20 p.m.
Fruitland (23-0) vs. Kamiah (18-9), 2 p.m.
Lapwai (21-0) vs. McCall-Donnelly (17-6), 4:45 p.m.
Declo (17-7) vs. Teton (18-7), 8:20 p.m.

Today's games
At CSI gym
Wilder (18-5) vs. Castleford (15-13), 9 a.m.
Shoshone (22-2) vs. Mackay (18-5), 10:40 a.m.
Kendrick (14-10) vs. Meadows Valley (20-7), 6:25 p.m.
Mullan (20-3) vs. Malba (19-9), 10 p.m.

A-3 scouting report

Malad

Season record: 17-6.
State AP ranking: None.
Basic offense: Multiple.
Basic defense: Multiple.
Route to state: Won District 5 championship.
Coach: Terry Jones.
Starters: G — Lance Taylor (6-4, senior), 19.0 ppg. G — Tony Gibbs (6-2 junior), 10.0. F — Lance Tripp (6-5, senior), 14.0 ppg. F — Todd Hubbard (6-3, sophomore), 7.0 ppg. C — Jason Rich (6-2 junior), 11.0 ppg.
Rebounding leader: Tripp and Rich, both 10.0.
Assist leader: Gibbs (5.0).
Injuries: None.
Jones on the Dragons: "Size has helped us during the season. We prefer to get up and down the court on the fast break, but we can settle down into a halfcourt game. We're not a die-hard man-to-man team, but like to play man-to-man. Man helps in the transition game."
Declo's Ron Knowles on Malad: "They've got some good athletes. I expect they'll do well in the tournament."

Sugar-Salem

Season record: 20-2.
State AP ranking: Third.
Basic offense: Motion.
Basic defense: Man-to-man.
Route to state: Won District 6 championship.
Coach: Max Romrell.
Starters: G — Mike Keller (6-8 junior), 9.5 ppg. G — Todd Pock (6-9, senior), 12.0 ppg. F — Grant Gardner (6-2, senior), 6.0 ppg. F — Jason Gee (6-3, junior), 11.0 ppg. C — Nathan Butkofer (6-2, senior), 17.0 ppg.
Rebounding leader — Butkofer (12.0).
Assist leader — Pock (4.0).
Injuries: None.
Romrell on the Diggers: "We have to run with the ball to be successful. On defense, we run man-to-man and try to cause mistakes."

Fruitland

Season record: 23-0.
State AP ranking: First.
See A-3 SCOUT on Page D2

A-4 scouting report

Wilder

Season record: 19-5.
State AP ranking: None.
Basic offense: Multiple.
Basic defense: Multiple.
Route to state: District 3 champion.
Coach: Ferris Lynn.
Starters: Jose Elizondo (6-10, senior), 10.0 ppg. G — Joel Lynn (6-0 junior), 22.0 ppg. F — Jamie Austin (6-2, junior), 12.0. F — Jeff Fogg (6-2, junior), 14.0. F — Dan Ebberts (6-1, senior), 13.0 ppg.
Rebounding leader: Not available.
Assist leader: Not available.
Injuries: None.
Lynn on the Wildcats: "They played much bigger than what they are. This is the third state tournament with these kids. We have a lot of experience."
Malba Coach Corky Hill on Wilder: They're an excellent shooting ballclub. Wilder passes the ball well and Joel Lynn is the best pure shooter in our league."

Castleford

Season record: 15-13.
State AP ranking: None.
Basic offense: Two-post.
Basic defense: Man-to-man.
Route to state: Runnerup in District 4.
Coach: Sam Wiseman.
Starters: G — Shane Wiggins (5-9, senior), no scoring average available. G — Troy Ruhter (5-10, junior), no scoring average available. F — Vern Wells (6-3, senior), no scoring average available. C — Bryce Hahn (6-5, sophomore), no scoring average available. C — Ed Hiddleston (6-5, senior), no scoring average available.
Rebounding leader: Not available.
Assist leader: Not available.
Injuries: None.
Wiseman on the Wolves: "We're an even-scoring team; it depends on the game. We'll try to control the game, take good per-

See A-4 SCOUT on Page D2

CSI women shoot for first-ever region title

By LARRY HOVEY Times-News writer

COEUR D'ALENE - The jump from an all-star to a possible contender could provide a little extra spark for Colette of Southern Idaho's women when they enter the region's 18 women's basketball finals at the North Idaho Fieldhouse Friday night.

The Eagles, holding a 21-7 record, will meet the Vikings in the first game of the two-day event at 7 p.m. (MST) Friday with host and favored North Idaho taking on Salt Lake

A-3 scouting report

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Basic offense: Motion.
Basic defense: Multiple.
Coach: Bill Latta (1st year).
Star: Steve Starnes (10.1 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 1.0 apg).
Key players: Steve Starnes (10.1 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 1.0 apg), Tom O'Connell (8.5 ppg, 3.0 rpg), Mike Johnson (6.5 ppg, 2.0 rpg).
A-3 scouting report: The team is well-balanced and has a strong defense. They are looking to make a deep run in the tournament.

Kamahia

Season record: 18-8.
State AP ranking: None.
Basic offense: Multiple.
Basic defense: Multiple.
Coach: Fred Meyer.
Star: Steve Starnes (10.1 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 1.0 apg).
Key players: Steve Starnes (10.1 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 1.0 apg), Tom O'Connell (8.5 ppg, 3.0 rpg), Mike Johnson (6.5 ppg, 2.0 rpg).
A-3 scouting report: The team is well-balanced and has a strong defense. They are looking to make a deep run in the tournament.

Lapwai

Season record: 12-10.
State AP ranking: None.
Basic offense: Multiple.
Basic defense: Multiple.
Coach: Bill Latta (1st year).
Star: Steve Starnes (10.1 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 1.0 apg).
Key players: Steve Starnes (10.1 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 1.0 apg), Tom O'Connell (8.5 ppg, 3.0 rpg), Mike Johnson (6.5 ppg, 2.0 rpg).
A-3 scouting report: The team is well-balanced and has a strong defense. They are looking to make a deep run in the tournament.

McCall-Donnelly

Season record: 12-10.
State AP ranking: Fourth.
Basic offense: Multiple.
Basic defense: Multiple.
Coach: Bill Latta (1st year).
Star: Steve Starnes (10.1 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 1.0 apg).
Key players: Steve Starnes (10.1 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 1.0 apg), Tom O'Connell (8.5 ppg, 3.0 rpg), Mike Johnson (6.5 ppg, 2.0 rpg).
A-3 scouting report: The team is well-balanced and has a strong defense. They are looking to make a deep run in the tournament.

Declo

Season record: 17-7.
State AP ranking: None.
Basic offense: Multiple.
Basic defense: Multiple.
Coach: Bill Latta (1st year).
Star: Steve Starnes (10.1 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 1.0 apg).
Key players: Steve Starnes (10.1 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 1.0 apg), Tom O'Connell (8.5 ppg, 3.0 rpg), Mike Johnson (6.5 ppg, 2.0 rpg).
A-3 scouting report: The team is well-balanced and has a strong defense. They are looking to make a deep run in the tournament.

Teton

Season record: 14-10.
State AP ranking: Fifth.
Basic offense: Multiple.
Basic defense: Multiple.
Coach: Bill Latta (1st year).
Star: Steve Starnes (10.1 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 1.0 apg).
Key players: Steve Starnes (10.1 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 1.0 apg), Tom O'Connell (8.5 ppg, 3.0 rpg), Mike Johnson (6.5 ppg, 2.0 rpg).
A-3 scouting report: The team is well-balanced and has a strong defense. They are looking to make a deep run in the tournament.

A-4 scouting report

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Mackay

Season record: 12-10.
State AP ranking: None.
Basic offense: Multiple.
Basic defense: Multiple.
Coach: Bill Latta (1st year).
Star: Steve Starnes (10.1 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 1.0 apg).
Key players: Steve Starnes (10.1 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 1.0 apg), Tom O'Connell (8.5 ppg, 3.0 rpg), Mike Johnson (6.5 ppg, 2.0 rpg).
A-3 scouting report: The team is well-balanced and has a strong defense. They are looking to make a deep run in the tournament.

Shoshone

Season record: 12-10.
State AP ranking: None.
Basic offense: Multiple.
Basic defense: Multiple.
Coach: Bill Latta (1st year).
Star: Steve Starnes (10.1 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 1.0 apg).
Key players: Steve Starnes (10.1 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 1.0 apg), Tom O'Connell (8.5 ppg, 3.0 rpg), Mike Johnson (6.5 ppg, 2.0 rpg).
A-3 scouting report: The team is well-balanced and has a strong defense. They are looking to make a deep run in the tournament.

Kendrick

Season record: 12-10.
State AP ranking: None.
Basic offense: Multiple.
Basic defense: Multiple.
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State AP ranking: None.
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Basketball

Boys' 8th Grade	10	10
Boys' 9th Grade	10	10
Boys' 10th Grade	10	10
Boys' 11th Grade	10	10
Boys' 12th Grade	10	10

NBA standings

By The Associated Press

Team	W	L	Pct.
Atlanta	37	18	.674
Chicago	35	20	.636
Los Angeles	35	20	.636
Phoenix	35	20	.636
San Antonio	35	20	.636

Western Conference

Team	W	L	Pct.
Portland	21	11	.656
Seattle	20	12	.625
Utah	19	13	.594
Denver	18	14	.563
San Diego	17	15	.529

Eastern Conference

Team	W	L	Pct.
Philadelphia	21	11	.656
Washington	20	12	.625
Indiana	19	13	.594
Charlotte	18	14	.563
Atlanta	17	15	.529

NBA box scores

By The Associated Press

Game	Score
Portland vs Seattle	101-95
Utah vs Denver	105-98
San Diego vs Phoenix	102-95

NCAA stats

By The Associated Press

Team	W	L	Pct.
North Idaho	21	7	.750
Salt Lake	18	10	.643
McCall-Donnelly	12	10	.545

Field goals

Player	FGA	FGM	Pct.
Steve Starnes	25	12	.480
Tom O'Connell	20	10	.500
Mike Johnson	15	8	.533

Rebounds

Player	Reb
Steve Starnes	15
Tom O'Connell	12
Mike Johnson	10

Assists

Player	Asst
Steve Starnes	8
Tom O'Connell	6
Mike Johnson	5

Steals

Player	Stl
Steve Starnes	4
Tom O'Connell	3
Mike Johnson	2

Blocks

Player	Blk
Steve Starnes	2
Tom O'Connell	1
Mike Johnson	1

Points

Player	Pts
Steve Starnes	24
Tom O'Connell	18
Mike Johnson	15

Minutes

Player	Min
Steve Starnes	35
Tom O'Connell	30
Mike Johnson	25

Prep scores

By The Associated Press

Game	Score
Boys' 8th Grade	10-10
Boys' 9th Grade	10-10
Boys' 10th Grade	10-10

College scores

By The Associated Press

Game	Score
Boys' 11th Grade	10-10
Boys' 12th Grade	10-10

Money winners

By The Associated Press

Player	Team	Points
Steve Starnes	North Idaho	24
Tom O'Connell	North Idaho	18
Mike Johnson	North Idaho	15

Ice hockey

By The Associated Press

Team	W	L	Pct.
North Idaho	15	5	.750
Salt Lake	12	8	.600
McCall-Donnelly	10	10	.500

NHL standings

By The Associated Press

Team	W	L	Pct.
Edmonton	23	7	.767
Calgary	22	8	.733
St. Louis	21	9	.700

Region 18 stats

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Ramon Rivas, left, of Temple, battles Iuan Brown of St. Joseph's for the ball

Seton Hall knocks off Pitt for the second time, 83-79

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mark Bryant had 24 points and 13 rebounds and Ramon Ramos converted a three-point play in the last minute Wednesday night as Seton Hall beat No. 7 Pittsburgh 83-79, its second victory over the Panthers this year.

Seton Hall, 20-10 and 8-7 in the Big East, overcame a 12-point deficit in the final four minutes and ended Pittsburgh's 14-game home winning streak.

The loss prevented Pitt from clinching at least a tie in the Big East and the victory gave Seton Hall its first 20-win season since 1955-56.

Charles Smith scored 25 points for Pittsburgh, 21-5 and 11-4, and Demetrious Goro and Sean Miller scored 14 each.

On Pitt's next possession, Nate Bailey's apparent layup was nullified by a traveling call and the Panthers made five of six free throws down the stretch.

Ramos had 19 points and eight rebounds and John Morton had 16 points for Seton Hall.

Temple 75
St. Joseph's 62

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Freshman Mark Macon scored a season-high 35 points as No. 1 Temple defeated city rival St. Joseph's 75-62 in a tight-marred Atlantic 10 game Wednesday night.

The victory allowed the Owls to end their regular season with only one defeat in 27 games. They won the Big 5 city title for the second straight year and were undefeated in the Atlantic 10 with 18 victories.

The game was marred by several fouls, and at one point both coaches were shouting at each other on the sidelines.

The Owls led 40-21 at halftime, paced by Macon, who had 20 points on 8-for-10 shooting, including 4-for-5 from 3-point range.

St. Joseph's, 14-19 and 4-9, closed to 63-44 on a three-point play by Owens with 1:07 left. A three-point play by Howard Evans increased Temple's lead to 69-55 with 5:18 to go, but the Hawks came back with five straight points.

Mike Vreagwyk hit two free throws, Macon a jumper, and Vreagwyk again made two foul shots.

Clemson 79
Duke 77

CLEMSON, S.C. (AP) — Grayson Marshall made a short jumper with 1:11 left, and Tim Kincaid made four free throws in the final minute as Clemson stunned No. 9 Duke 79-77 in an Atlantic Coast Conference game Wednesday night.

With the score tied 72-72 with 1:32 left, Marshall drove the lane and made a 13-footer to give Clemson its first lead since midway through the opening half.

Quin Snyder hit the second of two free throws to give Clemson with 45 seconds left. But Marshall, who had been in the student infirmary with the flu on Monday, hit the front end of a one-and-one eight seconds later.

Kincaid then hit two straight one-and-ones with 31 seconds and 19 seconds left to give Clemson a 79-72 lead.

Clemson, which is last in the ACC, is now 13-13 and 3-10 in the league after only its second victory in its last 10 games.

Duke dropped to 20-6 and 8-5 after being knocked out of the race for the regular season title last week with 45 seconds left. But Marshall, who had been in the student infirmary with the flu on Monday, hit the front end of a one-and-one eight seconds later.

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Ne'er-do-well Nets surprise Celtics in Boston, 117-107

BOSTON (AP) — The New Jersey Nets, like the rest of the Eastern Conference, don't win much at Boston Garden.

But with Tim McCormick scoring 23 points and Roy Hinson adding 21 points and 15 rebounds, the Nets defeated Boston 117-107 Wednesday, snapping the Celtics' 67-game win streak against Eastern Conference foes at the Garden.

Amazingly, it was the second victory in 27 road games this season for the Nets, prompting Celtics coach K.C. Jones to say, "It was a stinky poo."

"Everybody thought I was taking a bad job," said Willis Reed, who is undefeated in two games since being named Nets coach on Monday. "But after the first two games, it's been pretty good."

"I told the players then, 'Don't worry, we won't play them for the rest of the season.' Now I look up and we have to play them two more times," Reed said.

The Nets led 99-78 with just 7:35 left, but the Celtics, with Danny Ainge scoring consecutive 3-point field goals during an 18-4 run, cut the deficit to 103-95 with 4:35 to play.

The rally had McCormick thinking, "Here we go again."

"I've seen it so often in the past. You almost expect it," he said.

The rally was halted with Otis Birdsong scoring three points and Hinson five of his 11 fourth-quarter points.

The Celtics were led by Larry Bird's 34 points and 14 rebounds. Ainge added 20 as Boston lost for the third consecutive time. Forward Kevin McHale was forced to sit out the game with a knee injury.

"We didn't play well from the beginning to the end," Bird said. "We've had some bad ones in the past, but this is one of the ugliest I've been involved with."

Buck Williams was forced to leave the game in the first quarter when he strained his right hamstring in a collision with Bird.

The Nets opened the second quarter with a 7-0 run to take a 37-17 lead, but the Celtics got back to within 31 with seven consecutive points, five of them by Bird, who had 12 of his 16 first-half points in the second quarter.

Then, trailing 52-39, the Celtics closed out the half with six straight points, including a 3-point play and two free throws by Bird, cutting the deficit to 69-46 at halftime.

Washington 111
Indiana 102

LANOVER, Md. (AP) — Moses Malone scored 28 points and Jeff Malone added 25 Wednesday night as the shorthanded Washington Bullets posted their fourth straight NBA victory, 111-102 over the Indiana Pacers.

The Bullets, who lost both Bernard King and Frank Johnson to injuries on their recent eight-game Western trip, had 10 men in uniform for their first home game since Feb. 15.

Detroit 103
L.A. Clippers 90

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Joe Dumars scored 21 points and Isiah Thomas had 14 of his 19 points as Detroit outscored Los Angeles 38-19 in the third quarter, and the Pistons went on to beat the Clippers 103-90 for their sixth straight NBA victory.

Dallas 115
Sacramento 90

DALLAS (AP) — Mark Aguirre and Rudy Rutherford scored 18 points each and the Dallas Mavericks pushed their franchise-record winning streak to 10 Wednesday night, coasting to a 115-90 rout of the Sacramento Kings.

Kentucky improved to 21-6 overall and 12-5 in the SEC, marking the 37th time it has won the league crown; Georgia fell to 15-14 and 7-10

The game also marked the return to the Kentucky lineup of guard Rex Chapman, who was out a week after fracturing a bone in his lower back. He responded with 15 points, and scored five points in an 8-0 second-half spurt that sparked the Wildcats to their third straight victory.

Timmy Mack hit a 7-foot hook shot with 1:01 left in the game to pull Georgia even at 50.

Georgia then went scoreless for the next 4:03 while Kentucky got a rebound basket and free throw from Eric Munuel and a 3-pointer and dunk off a steal from Chapman to go ahead 58-50.

Michigan 105
Northwestern 67

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Glen Rice scored 25 points and Gary Grant added 24 Wednesday night, leading No. 10 Michigan to a 105-67 victory over Northwestern in the Big Ten.

North Carolina 97
Georgia Tech 80

ATLANTA (AP) — J.R. Reid scored nine of his 24 points in a 4-second-half burst that carried No. 6 North Carolina to a 97-80 Atlantic Coast Conference victory over No. 13 Georgia Tech Wednesday night.

The five-minute run stretched a six-point lead to 90-66 when Reid capped it with a basket with 4:10 left in the game.

The victory gave Carolina, 22-4 overall and 11-2 in the conference, the outright regular season title in the ACC, marking the 20th time the Tar Heels have either won or shared the top spot in the 36-year history of the conference.

The setback snapped a seven-game winning streak for Tech, 21-7 and 8-5.

North Carolina never trailed in the game, surging to a 27-18 lead midway through the first half. King Rice's layup with four seconds left gave the Tar Heels a 41-39 halftime lead.

Big Sky teams compete for tournament seeding this week

By The Associated Press

With the regular-season title decided, the battle in Big Sky Conference basketball this week turns to seeding in next week's league tournament.

Two victories last week helped 13-3 Boise State lock up the tournament's top seeding and keep round-bye into the semifinals. The Broncos, 22-4 overall, have finished

their Big Sky schedule and wind up regular-season play on Friday at No. 17 Wyoming.

Idaho, 10-4 in Big Sky play and with its final two games of the season at home this week, needs only one victory to wrap up the No. 2 seeding and receive a semifinal byo to the semifinals.

But Montana State and Nevada-Reno, both 8-6 against league competition, could challenge the Van-

dals for that two-round advantage. Montana State visits 2-12 Eastern Washington on Thursday, then Idaho on Saturday in both teams' regular-season finale. Nevada-Reno hosts 7-7 Idaho State on Thursday and 6-9 Weber State on Saturday.

Idaho, meanwhile, also must get by 6-8 Montana on Thursday. That might not be easy. The Grizzlies are 16-9 overall and beat Montana State by 18 points last Saturday in Missoula.

Then there is the added incentive for Montana State of hosting the four-day conference tournament that starts next Wednesday in Bozeman.

"This week's road trip to Eastern Washington and Idaho will provide us with a great challenge," Bobcats coach Stu Starmer said. "Basketball is so unpredictable from one game to the next, and regardless of where we play, we need to come up with a win this week. You want to enter postseason play at the top of your game."

Time for spring skiing - already

Soldier Mountain — Soldier will be closed this weekend because of poor snow conditions. If conditions improve, the resort will reopen next weekend.

Sun Valley — Sun Valley reported "partly cloudy" skies Wednesday with temperatures in the high 40s. There is 38 inches of snow on the top of Bald Mountain and 29 inches at mid-slope, with packed snow and spring snow conditions on all runs. All lifts will be operating today, but several of the lower runs are closed. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pomerelle — Pomerelle picked up 4 inches of new snow with the rainstorm that passed through the Magic Valley Tuesday night, bringing the total to 76 inches at the top of the mountain and 56 inches at lodge. Hours today: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Magic Mountain — Closed, cross-country ski trails open. Ski conditions Wednesday as other major southern Idaho resorts:

- Bobcat Basin — 38 inches, 50 mid-course, no new, grooming under way.
- Dunsmuir — No report.
- Glades Lodge — 52 base, 150 top, 3 in, deer.
- Palace Creek — No report on depth, snow new.
- Snake River — Wednesday — night, opening Wednesday through Sunday.
- Sally Canyon — No report, operates Wednesday through Sunday.
- Lookout Pass — No report, operates weekdays.
- Snow depth in each refers to packed snow at the main lift markers. New snow refers to snow within 24 hours.

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One bid all but assures future of bighorns in southern Idaho

Idaho has auctioned off its first bighorn sheep tag.

The raising price that raised some "moral questions" with some outdoorsmen at first suggestion and then was approved by the last state Legislature under a provision that it earn a minimum of \$30,000, went on the block in Reno, Nev., last Saturday night.

The \$63,000 final bid.

Financier, but it wasn't the best. A Montana bighorn tag went for \$88,000 — and all the time you thought \$15 for a tag was too much.

But the bottom line of this is that one tag virtually assures Idahoans of another population pocket or two in which they can hunt in the next few to several years.

All the money generated through the auction at the Bighorn Sheep Foundation's national convention is dedicated to the enhancement of Idaho's bighorn populations.

Larry Hovey

While there was some outcry by detractors that this was "selling" Idaho's wildlife resources by auction, the real truth is that Idaho and the other western states, through management plays such as this and outright hard work, have rescued bighorns from almost a remnant situation in many areas.

For instance, it is estimated that the North American supply of California bighorns had dwindled to 2,600 some 25 years ago with a sparse population in a couple parts of California and a better supply in British Columbia.

Drawing from those sources, the several

Western states have participated in watching that total number grow to 6,000 California bighorns which are providing a lot of hunting side effects.

While \$63,000 seems a lot of money for a tag (it doesn't guarantee a trophy), there were hopes among Idaho Fish and Game Department personnel that it might be bigger.

"But I think we're pretty well satisfied. It's not shabby for our first one," says Region 4 Wildlife Manager Craig Kvale.

Kvale says a ballpark figure for transplanting bighorns might be \$1,000 average per head.

There are at least three ways of taking them and all of them have varying costs, Kvale said: "For some that \$1,000 figure may be way too high. For tag trapping conditions, it may not be enough. And I wouldn't guarantee the figure one way or another."

Because of over-hunting and domestic sheep encroachment, the western states have many areas of "historic but vacant" ranges. Because the area biologists like to transplant sheep into because previous history has established they can make a living and thrive there.

Just in Idaho alone, the number of possible translocation sites runs into the many dozens.

It is desirable to fill all the habitat with bighorn sheep for two reasons:

- It provides a lot of hunting opportunity for Idahoans, and;
- A larger number of tags can be sold, generating revenues that can be used for further population or habitat enhancement.

Idaho's management plans call for California bighorns to be used to fill vacant habitat south of Interstate 84. That basically puts all California habitat in Cassia,

Twin Falls and Owyhee counties. The remainder of Idaho is reserved for Rocky Mountain bighorns.

Idaho's southern mountain tier is drier and California bighorns are better adapted to utilize that basin-and-range type of habitat. They have thrived in the Jarbidge and Owyhee river breaks. And a planting in Magic Valley's Big Cottonwood Creek a year ago — augmented this winter — appears to have been successful.

All the South Hills from the Raft River area west have a history of bighorns, says Kvale. "Not every area is likely sheep country. There are several more possible transplanting sites we'd like to try." And that, fans, is where the once-a-year Idaho sheep auction moves front and center.

Larry Hovey is a sportswriter for The Times-News.

Survey indicates Salmon Falls walleye walleye growth cut by half

A study started in 1986 by Fred Partridge, senior fishery research biologist for the Department of Fish and Game, shows the walleye in Salmon Falls Reservoir are currently growing at about half the rate they did back in 1975.

His data show a two-year-old walleye in 1975 grew to about 15 inches long and the next two years of information indicated this was reduced to 9 inches for a two-year-old.

He attributes this to a reduction in the available forage fish as the walleye population increased and munched up a good share of the smaller species.

The methods utilized to sample the fish population have included wintering, electrofishing and beach seining. The addition of a new research boat for electrofishing dramatically improved the sampling technique in 1987.

The yellow perch population has dropped drastically from 80 percent of the fish sam-

Stu Murrell

plished in 1975 to 8 percent in 1987. Last year showed a good yellow perch hatch, but Partridge stated most of them will be taken by walleye before they reach the next year.

The yellow perch is a favorite forage fish of walleye. At night the yellow perch is not active, essentially going to sleep near the bottom. The walleye is a night feeder with specially adapted eyes that see well under dark conditions. The sleeping perch make easy prey for a walleye.

Two other forage fishes, the chiselmouth and sideslip shiner, have dropped from 17 percent of the population in 1975 to 2 and 0 percent, respectively. Crappie fishing used

to be a popular sport at Salmon Falls Reservoir. Its population has gone from 5 percent in 1975 to 1 percent in 1988.

During the same period, walleyes have increased from less than 1 percent of the game fish in 1975 to 60 percent in 1987.

The walleye was first introduced to Salmon Falls Reservoir in 1974 with about 1.5 million fry from Minnesota.

The trout population also was reduced as the walleye increased, but plantings of larger catchable-sized rainbow in recent years have helped maintain the trout fishery. These larger trout are less susceptible to walleye predation than the smaller ones.

The trout population also was reduced as the walleye increased. Some nice trout were taken through the ice this winter and Partridge stated fishing should be good this spring.

As a result of these findings, it was decided to introduce a new forage fish to pro-

vide a dependable food supply for the burgeoning walleye population. The spottail shiner was chosen since it evolved with the walleye in the midwest and is able to maintain its numbers in face of heavy predation.

The spottail grows to 4 to 5 inches, lives three to four years and breeds in its second year. Partridge traveled to South Dakota in June 1987 and picked up 20,000 spottail shiners from Lake Reservoir. They were taken on their spawning run and were ready for egg laying when introduced to Salmon Falls Reservoir.

Fish sampling in October 1987 showed reproduction was successful and young-of-the-year spottails turned up in the catch. It will still be several years before this forage fish contributes significantly to the walleye's food base if the introduction is successful.

Fishing for walleyes in Salmon Falls Reservoir has been somewhat sporadic over

the years. Partridge indicated most fishermen have marginal success during spring months. He can't explain this because he said the walleye was actively feeding based on the fish samples he has taken.

The best period has been in July and August with some fishing in October. Lures that are fished slowly near the bottom seem to produce best. Yellow, orange and red seem to be the best colors.

The trophy fish, such as the record of 15 pounds, 12 ounces caught by Jim McMullen last summer, are about 10 to 12 years old. Partridge indicated these fish will past out of the picture and it may be some years before the next generation grows at a sufficient rate to produce some more lunkers.

Stu Murrell is Region 4 conservation advisor for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Study says most big-game species thriving in Yellowstone ecosystem

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — A lengthy report on the six national forests and two national parks that form the greater Yellowstone ecosystem shows that seven of eight big game species in the ecosystem are either stable or growing in number.

Only bison populations are projected to drop in the coming years, and that reflects management decisions to reduce the number of the shaggy beasts wintering in the National Elk Refuge, according to the report.

Entitled "The Greater Yellowstone Area: An Aggregation of National Park and National Forest Management Plans," the annual re-

view management plans for Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks, plus those for the Custer, Beaverhead, and Gallatin national forests in Montana, the Targhee National Forest in Idaho, and Wyoming's Bridger-Teton and Shoshone national forests.

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where hunting is forbidden will be stable or increase slightly for all big game species except mule deer where the harvest is planned to increase substantially.

According to the report, here is a breakdown of current big game populations in the national forests and parks, planned populations in the mid-1990s, current harvest sizes, and planned harvest sizes.

The first number is the current population, the second is the planned population, the third is the current harvest, and the fourth is the planned harvest. NA stands for not available.

ELK

Bearhead NF	18,000	10,000	100	200
Grand Teton NP	2,500	2,500	100	100
Yellowstone NP	2,500	2,500	100	100

WILDCAT

Bearhead NF	600	100	100	100
Brigadeier NF	0	0	0	0
Custer NF	100	100	100	100
Gallatin NF	200	200	200	200
Shoshone NF	100	100	100	100
Targhee NF	100	100	100	100
Yellowstone NP	100	100	100	100
Yellowstone NP	100	100	100	100
Yellowstone NP	100	100	100	100

WOLF

Bearhead NF	0	0	0	0
Brigadeier NF	0	0	0	0
Custer NF	0	0	0	0
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Targhee NF	0	0	0	0
Yellowstone NP	0	0	0	0
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MOUNTAIN GOAT

Bearhead NF	0	0	0	0
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Custer NF	0	0	0	0
Gallatin NF	0	0	0	0
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BIG HORN SHEEP

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State biologists keep migratory fish moving

BOISE (AP) — More than 8 million steelhead will take a winter trip in April from federal and state hatcheries to Idaho's major rivers.

The Idaho Fish and Game Department is expected to log more than 100,000 miles with 11 tractor-trailer rigs making the haul deliveries.

About 6.2 million steelhead will be trucked from facilities at Magic Valley, Niagara Springs and Hagerman to release sites in the Salmon and Snake rivers. An additional 1.8 million steelhead will be hauled from Dworshak Hatchery to the South Fork of the Clearwater River.

Biologists will begin moving more than 1 million fish taken from the McCall Hatchery to the South Fork of the Salmon.

A total of 1.85 million chinook will be transported from the Sawtooth Hatchery to the Yanket and East forks of the Salmon; from Rapid River Hatchery near Riggin to Hells Canyon; and from Dworshak to the headwaters of the South Fork of the Clearwater.

In addition, 6 to 8 million chinook and 1.2 million steelhead will be released directly into rivers from the hatcheries.

Guides say USFS should reconsider its policy

BOISE (AP) — The U.S. Forest Service should consider the economic loss to outfitters and guides when they allow wilderness fires to burn naturally, Idaho outfitters say.

The real question here is: If fires continue to burn in the Middle Fork of the Salmon River canyon, are people going to want to float the Middle Fork anymore? Boise outfitter Dave Mills said at a recent meeting of the Idaho Outfitters and

Guides Association.

The Middle Fork is doing a \$6-million-a-year business. How does that compare to the \$1.4 million they put into this fire?

Tom Allegrezza, a Boise chiropractor and owner of Sulphur Creek Ranch in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness, sent six outfitters home prematurely last summer because of smoke inhalation problems produced by the 61,500-acre Deadwood Summit fire left to

burn.

The fire started outside the wilderness boundary in early August and was extinguished Nov. 3 by rain.

"The smoke was so thick in there, you couldn't breathe," Allegrezza said earlier this summer. Business was down 70 to 80 percent in August because of the fire, he said, and elk counts were 50 percent normal.

On Wednesday, Allegrezza said the Forest Service's wilderness fire plan was not implemented when it was first released in 1986, because that was a dry year.

"If that's true, why implement the plan in 1987, when it was even drier?" he asked.

When the Forest Service made the decision to let the Deadwood fire burn inside the Frank Church wilderness area, Bird said, the need to reintroduce fire to the area superceded other concerns.

IFGC reopens Little Salmon, closes off south fork of Snake

BOISE (AP) — The Fish and Game Commission opened steelhead fishing on the Little Salmon River that was contaminated by a chemical spill in December, and ordered an emergency closure of the South Fork of the Snake River.

Commissioners opened fishing on the Little Salmon effective at midnight Friday after holding a teleconference earlier in the day.

Fish and Game spokesman Jack Trueblood said tests conducted by Health and Welfare Department recently showed no residue of a fungicide that tured the Little Salmon red on Dec. 19.

A rig overturned on a curve along I-15, 95 in Adams County dumping hundreds of gallons of a fungicide into the river. The spill was nearly all the fish in a 21-mile stretch upstream from Riggin were killed.

Adult steelhead are expected to return to the Little Salmon with the spring melt. Trueblood said, and local servers have seen steelhead in the pools in the lower Little Salmon.

Fishing for steelhead in the Little Salmon opened midnight Friday following the regulations printed for 1989 steelhead fishing.

In eastern Idaho, low stream flows have forced the closure of the South Fork of the Snake River in a 23-mile stretch from the mouth to near Hoise effective Tuesday.

As the state heads into what could be another drought year,

aluminum flows on the South Fork at Hoise measured 700 cubic feet per second this week, compared to a normal rate of between 1,200 and 1,500 cfs.

Objections withdrawn to Owyhee bighorn relocation

BOISE (AP) — Language changes have led to the withdrawal of the appeals of an environmental assessment, allowing the Bureau of Land Management to transplant bighorn sheep to Big Jacks Creek Canyon in Owyhee County.

The Idaho Wool Growers Association and the Idaho Cattle Association and the Idaho Department of Agriculture's Division of Animal Industries filed the appeals Jan. 26. But they were withdrawn last month after a meeting between livestock representatives, the BLM and officials from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Eighteen California bighorn sheep were transported into the

Big Jacks Creek Canyon during the second week of February. The animals were taken from a herd in British Columbia, Canada.

The livestock group and Division of Animal Industries had objected to the absence of any requirement in the BLM's original environmental assessment for fish and game to implement an animal health program for the transplanted bighorn population.

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California breaks up big poaching ring

COLMA, Calif. (AP) — A sting operation caught 62 suspects who allegedly operated a \$100 million poaching ring which dealt in tiger, bear, sea lion and rhinoceros parts, state officials announced Tuesday.

Surrounded by bear gall bladders, bear-claw jewelry, skin parts, whole stuffed bears, skulls, dried abalone and the remains of a tiger, a regional game warden chief Chuck Monroe said the investigation helped to "wipe out the poaching of California's precious wildlife."

An additional 23 people in Southern California are expected to be charged as a result of "Operation Abraxas," the code name given the 23-month probe by the state Department of Fish and Game.

Many of the animal parts were sold to Asians who regard them as aphrodisiacs and tonics, he said.

At one point, an undercover warden taking part in an illegal "safari" in the Sierra was forced to kill a trod bear, Monroe said as he described the complexity and danger of the probe.

Monroe said 74 misdemeanor complaints were filed against 62 defendants. The charges range from illegally killing bears to selling bear claws jewelry at swap meets.

So far, Monroe said, agents have made 14 arrests and seized 100 pounds of animal parts. Those convicted of poaching can draw stiff fines and prison sentences, according to Monroe.

The display in the council chamber at Colma City Hall, just south of San Francisco, represented \$80,000 worth of exotic animals and organs seized in the sting, he said.

The probe extended from the black bear range of Northern California to San Francisco and Los Angeles, with the arrests made over two months, said Monroe.

He singled out the Yau Hing Apothecary Shop in San Francisco, object of a search that yielded "bear galls, mounted bears, seal and tiger penises, abalone, rhino horn and powder."

The probe recovered parts of animals taken outside the country and illegally shipped here, he said.

Russian bear gall bladders were sold in two cases, but one turned out to be from a cow, he said. The bear parts are purchased mainly by Asians who believe eating the organs will transfer the bear's strength, health and courage.

"Northern California arrests included a Weaverville man for felony sale of 25 wet bear galls and five skulls; a Fresno art dealer for felony sale of bear-claw rings and pendants; a San Bruno exotic meat dealer for sale of bear hams, galls, skin and other bear and tiger parts, and a San Bruno taxidermist for sale of a bear rug and skull," said Monroe.

In describing the illegal safari, Monroe said the undercover warden was included in the party after passing himself off as a game hunter.

"He had been with them on several hunts," Monroe said.



L.R. Brodrick displays a black bear skull taken from poachers

Birds need spring rains

BOISE — "Springtime is a very crucial period for Idaho's upland game bird populations. If springtime precipitation fails to provide enough moisture to produce a good crop of both insects and forbs, we can lose a great percentage of a given year's production," says Gary Will, state bird manager for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Will said young chicks depend heavily on a high insect diet the first two to three weeks of their lives and after that must be able to find succulent forbs in order to support the fast growth rates they normally follow. Both the insects and the forb production are directly dependent on the "right" amount of precipitation falling at the right times of the year.

Spring temperatures also directly affect survival. Nesting hens can survive cold temperatures but if cold is mixed with a lot of precipitation, nests are abandoned or many young chicks die outright.

Turkeys enjoy good winter

BOISE — The 1987-88 winter period was a good year for turkeys in Idaho.

Wild turkeys were trapped from strong, existing populations and moved into 13 new areas in a continuing project designed to enhance turkey numbers in the state.

"There was a total of 269 birds captured and relocated in this year's efforts," says Neil Johnson, who heads the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's wild turkey program.

Johnson indicated some sportsmen were worried the transplant programs would deplete stocks of local birds, but quickly pointed out that turkeys were not even found in Idaho until they were brought into the state by the department about 20 years ago. He further explained that trapping rarely catches adult toms, which are the only turkeys hunters can harvest.

Those interested in applying for the 1988 spring controlled turkey hunt permits in Idaho must file applications by March 4.

Bighorn sheep translocated

BOISE — Some 36 Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep were introduced to new homes last week by Idaho Department of Fish and Game personnel who continued a trap and transplant program designed to move sheep into new habitats or enhance existing populations.

Lloyd Oldenburg, big game supervisor for the department, revealed that 13 sheep were taken from unit 36A on east fork of the Salmon River and released in Moberg Creek (unit 37A) of the Pahsimeroi range the first day of the project.

On the second day, 23 sheep were captured on Morgan Creek (unit 36B) near Challis. Six were taken to Williams Creek in Unit 28 and the remaining 17 were transplanted in Unit 30A, Cedar Gulch.

Both the trapping and transplanting were accomplished by personnel from the headquarters office, bureau of wildlife and region 6 staff.

Some 40 animals were netted on the project.

Burk pays record fines

BOISE — A total assessment of \$10,326.50 was levied against David F. Burk of Challis following his plea of guilty to four wildlife violation charges.

Burk entered the guilty plea on Feb. 23 in Custer County magistrate court, admitting each of four charges of illegal possession of an unlawfully taken elk, illegal taking of one bighorn sheep and an unlawful attempt to kill a second bighorn.

In addition to the \$10,326 assessed for fines, court costs, penalties and restitution, Burk also received a suspension of \$500 in fines, had his hunting, fishing and trapping privileges revoked for six years and was ordered to serve two weeks in jail.

Custer County Magistrate Charles Bond also sentenced Burk to six months in jail but suspended the term with the provision that if Burk is caught hunting, fishing or trapping in the next two years, the jail time will be imposed.

Steelhead clinic slated

TWIN FALLS — Professional fisherman Buzz Ramsey will present a two-hour steelhead and salmon fishing techniques clinic at Owyhee Junior high school auditorium at 7 p.m. March 7.

The presentation is co-sponsored by Idaho Steelhead and Salmon Unlimited. Cost is \$2 donation for adults. Children under 10 will be admitted free.

Fishing rules reassessed

SANDPOINT (AP) — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is reopening public comment on Lake Pend Oreille fishing rules that have already been printed in baitshop pamphlets.

Harrop

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Tribal authorities are aware of the situation, and that's why limits have been imposed.

The problem lies in how we manage to somehow reconcile a modern prege for conservation with a special right given to people who were then citizens of the United States.

What we want to conserve is the steelhead of the wild steelhead fishery so that Indian and white can continue to catch steelhead for centuries to come.

Unfortunately, by granting them themselves some of the seed stock, the Sho-Bans have elected to spend some of the future of all Idaho children.

In their defense, southern Idaho Indians are not the same ones as those who take salmon and steel-

head by the boatload and sell them on the commercial market down stream in Washington and Oregon.

They're suffering from the same political situation as are other Idahoans: Hunting and fishing are very important to them, and they suffer when they are unable to get into the game.

They're not the same ones as you and I do.

The conservation movement among Indians is a very new and delicate thing. It has emerged in the last 20 years among a people who were once few in a vast land that once alternately starved them, then overflowed with bounty.

In a land-like that, you take all you can when you can without worrying a lot about biological principles. When you get the chance, you run the herd of buffalo over a cliff to

gain a few hundred pounds of dried meat. You catch all the fish you can when they're available and preserve them as best you can, because you'll probably starve to death if you don't.

Idaho's Indians are getting away from that cultural pattern and have become dependent on biological riches. We need to nurture their ethics.

They need to nurture their ethics along by sitting down together and making a bargain. They need to see hunting and fishing as symbolic activities in which the taking of game is not as necessary as in the pursuit of it. And we need to help them achieve the economic equality needed to develop that state of mind.

Indians are now beginning to create a sporting habitat in streams and have hired experts to advise them. But many of them — just like many whites — are a long way from wanting to practice catch-and-release fishing.

You see, that's a cultural change that comes about from knowing that no one will go hungry if you

put that fish back in the river. Our law allows us to force white people to practice catch-and-release. But native Americans set their own rules.

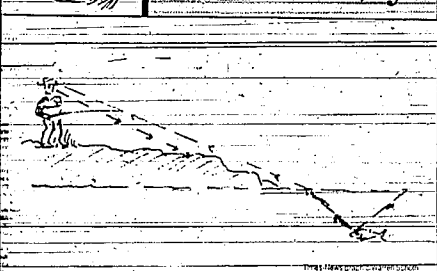
The answer lies in making more Indians into sportsmen. To be sure, there are many Indian sportsmen today, but there are more who are fishing for meat and who constitute a strong lobby which comes to setting seasons and limits.

Sportsmanship comes with economic security. There are a lot more than 10 or 15 Indians who'd like to go fishing this spring. The truth is, many of them can't afford the money for gasoline.

And the day that we cease to discriminate against Indians who want jobs — the day that there is no difference between white and Indian annual income figures — we'll be able to talk to them on the same basis when it comes to steelhead seasons.

Mike Harrop is assistant city editor at the Idaho Falls Post Register.

Warren's Ways



The difference in density of water and air causes a lens effect that may allow a trout to see an angler before the angler sees the fish.

Scoth

Who's fishing muddlers, a favorite of brown trout and native to the Snake River, remember they are bottom-huggers and tend to bumble down current.

Leaches are good flies for brown trout and they can be very particular about color and size preference.

Leaches are in their natural element in the low-light conditions that big trout feed.

Brown trout like rainbows, can be caught trolling on bait and with lures but it is most closely associated with fly fishing. Much fly-fishing history and literature is rooted in pursuit of the brown trout.

The legendary elusiveness and historical ability to outwit the angler may what your predatory instincts are, but one thing is certain: it's

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vestment, so it is doubtful the added features will ever be registered.

"Now all I have to do is convince my wife that a \$60 safety is more important than finishing our new bathroom.

If you are considering building a custom rifle for use this fall, now is the time to start. There are always unexpected delays and the last thing you want to do is feel rushed. Plus, time is needed to develop loads and familiarize yourself with the gun before the season starts.

If you would like more information on handgun silhouettes shooting, which I discussed last week, contact Art VanHolland at 324-5014 or John Weston 324-6761.

Also, CSI is offering a beginning

course in handgun hunting and silhouette shooting beginning March 23. Elaine Bryant at 536-2600 has more information.

David Hocklander is a teacher and athletic director at Gooding High School.

Deer

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Some of the pre-winter information is pretty encouraging as far as production," Smith said. "Given a relatively mild winter, we would expect low mortality among fawns and good recruitment into the population this spring."

The buck population on a couple of the units was broken down further, offering more insight into the herd makeup.

On unit 54, the 92 bucks counted were divided into 67 percent two-point, 4 percent epikes, 18 percent three-points and 10 percent four-points and larger.

On Black Pine, the 39 bucks broke down to 59 percent 2 points, 18 percent three-points and 23 percent four-points.

Smith said the post-winter count will be taken in late April or early May.

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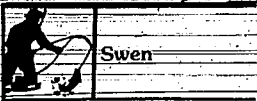
Scottsdale, Ariz., is a rich man's city. It can be compared to Palm Springs, Calif., as a rich man's getaway.

Both cities have a major problem — water. Scottsdale has purchased ranches in Arizona, not to raise crops, but to transfer the water. Scottsdale is using 327 gallons per person daily, while the average for the state is 281.

Scottsdale has now filed on water in a wilderness area called the Bill Williams. Williams — The city wants the water rights to 75,000 acre-feet of water from that area more than 200 miles away.

Here in Idaho we are informed that an acre-foot of water covers an acre of land to one foot in depth.

In order to give the Scottsdale residents an idea of how much water an acre-foot of water is, the local newspaper put it this



Swen

needed to fill 16 residential swimming pools.

Fishermen are concerned. The amount of water to be pumped from the Bill Williams River would dry it up and end forever the fishing provided. It would end the wetlands along the river that support a large population of birds and wildlife.

I am writing about this because it gives direction to what may happen to Idaho wa-

ter when Palm Springs or Los Angeles residents cannot flush, toilet or fill swimming pools.

Already growth quotas are applied to California cities because they do not have enough water to serve the residents, and it isn't just the southwest desert area that is seeking water. Reno, Nev., for example, is looking at water as far north as the Idaho border and westward to the Oregon border.

This same water is part of the California water plan that projects water needs into the next century.

With pressure from all areas on Idaho water, let me give you reasons why, if we cannot find ways to protect it, we are on the road to losing it.

Former Idaho resident Sidney Honderston, who moved to California in the 1960s, and serves on commissions on how to solve

California water problems. He put it to me this way.

Idaho's major export to California is such as the children of Idaho," he says. "Many of us moved here to gain higher wages to support our families. Many moved from Idaho for the California climate. In any event, Idaho is sending its children, and we now need Idaho's water."

Water is a big business. Imperial Irrigation District, in Imperial Valley, is selling excess water to California communities and the farmers are making more selling the water than they possibly can farming.

Gerald L. Moore, president of the irrigation district in Imperial, notes that water being sold from the district now brings \$624 an acre-foot. A cotton crop from that amount of water would only bring less than \$500.

Those who monitor such water sales note that many large ranches, which have stepped in and the farms and streams are being left high and dry.

Utilities such as Nevada Power have purchased ranches in northern Nevada for the water, not how many cows can be raised.

The legality of irrigation districts selling water has been long established. When the need arises, the price is right. We may see farmers in Idaho voting to sell their water rather than losing money farming.

When that day arrives, we will also see the end of fishing and wildlife in Idaho.

Swen is an avid Twin Falls fisherman who writes a weekly column for The Times-News.



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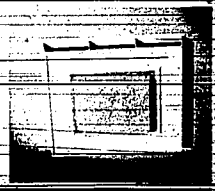
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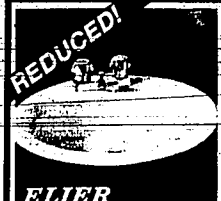
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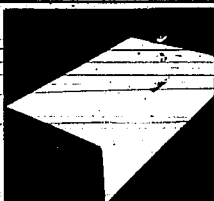
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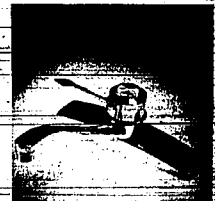
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