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U.S., Soviets extend grain trade accord

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WASHINGTON — After eight months of bargaining, U.S. and Soviet negotiators signed an agreement Monday that maintains the status quo in superpower grain trade until the end of 1990.

The pact, retroactive to Oct. 1, extends for 27 months the exact terms of a five-year agreement that expired Sept. 30. It calls for the purchase of at least 9 million tons of U.S. grain a year.

"Any agreement that keeps the levels the same as before is a good agreement because they (the Soviets) didn't really want one," said former Agriculture Secretary John Block, who signed the previous five-year agreement in 1983.

Block described the new pact as "a concession on their part of good negotiations on our part."

U.S. officials would have preferred greater guaranteed Soviet grain purchases, but had to fight for what they got.

The Soviets, who wanted more flexibility in the agreement, are able to diversify their grain purchases, estimated at 31 million metric tons this season, among several countries.

The Kremlin reduced its dependence on U.S. grain after President Jimmy Carter imposed a partial embargo on grain sales to the Soviets in 1980. In addition, Soviet leader

Mikhail Gorbachev has sought self-sufficiency.

However, this year, the Soviets harvested the smallest crop in four years, 200 million tons.

In a joint statement, U.S. trade representative Clayton Yeutter and Agriculture Secretary Richard Lyng said the "extension will continue to stabilize grain trade between the two countries, benefiting American farmers."

With expiration set for Dec. 31, 1990, the agreement eases future negotiations by allowing new grain agreements to run concurrently with the Soviet Union's five-year plans, Yeutter and Lyng said.

Like the agreement it replaces, the new pact requires the Soviets to buy at least 4 million tons each of U.S. wheat and corn annually. The Soviets must buy an additional 1 million tons of wheat or corn or 500,000 tons of soybeans and meal a year.

The Kremlin can buy up to 3 million tons of additional wheat and corn a year without U.S. permission.

Rep. Dan Glickman, D-Kan., chairman of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Wheat, Soybeans and Feed Grains, said signing of the agreement is "healthy," but "the bad news is that there is no expansion of our markets."

Winston Wilson, head of U.S. Wheat Associates, which promotes wheat exports, said, "We'd have liked it a little better if it'd been a little longer, but we're satisfied."



Andy Rasmussen, 8, shovels Monday's snow from the sidewalk in front of his home on Third Avenue West in Wendell

From winter snows during a milder season Moisture likely for Idaho, Northwest

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Snows this winter could provide welcome relief to drought-plagued areas of the Midwest, Northwest and Appalachia, the National Weather Service projected Monday.

The Southeast and Gulf Coast, meanwhile, appear likely to bask in warmer than normal weather for the next three months, according to the long-range forecast for December through February.

"This particular season, we think, is more likely to be warmer than cold, more likely to be wet

than dry," said Donald L. Gilman, the agency's chief long-range forecaster.

Large areas of the middle of the country, including the northern plains, remain a major question mark, however, with the forecast too close to call in those regions, Gilman said.

A major factor in the prediction is a pattern of cooler than normal ocean temperatures in the Pacific Ocean, Gilman said. Unlike years when this area has been warm, the cooler conditions tend to steer weather systems from the Pacific across Mexico and into the Southeastern states, pumping warm air into that region.

But Gilman pointed out that conditions in the northern Pacific and Gulf of Alaska are unsettled, and changes there could upset the outlook for California and the Northwest.

"This is a zone of great doubt," he said.

"The best news is likely that there is little severe cold in the forecast, Gilman said.

But, asked if that means that the warmer than normal conditions of the past summer were continuing, he said no. The above normal winter temperature forecast is not a continuation of that pattern, nor is it a result of overall climate

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Trade deficit shrinks in summer quarter

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A drop in oil prices and higher costs for U.S. farm products helped provide a 5.4 percent improvement in America's trade deficit from July through September.

It was the third consecutive quarterly decline this year, the government reported Monday.

The Commerce Department said the imbalance between what America imports and what it sells abroad narrowed to \$26.53 billion in the third quarter, the best showing in 3 1/2 years.

The deficit had fallen by 14.6 percent in the first quarter and declined another 14.3 percent in the second quarter to a revised \$30.15 billion. Through the first nine months of the year, the deficit is running at an annual rate of \$125.2 billion, compared with last year's record \$160.3 billion deficit.

Analysts predicted the deficit for all of 1988 should be at least 20 percent lower than 1987, marking the first time since President Reagan took office in 1981 that the trade

deficit has shown improvement.

That gain has contributed significantly to the economy's momentum, providing almost half of total growth this year.

The trade figures Monday confirmed an improvement already evident in the Commerce Department's monthly merchandise trade reports. Those figures showed the deficit declining by 3.2 percent to \$22.2 billion in the third quarter, compared with \$33.2 billion in the second quarter.

The new report, which measures merchandise trade on a balance of payments basis, shows smaller figures because it subtracts shipping costs and military sales from the monthly numbers.

Exports climbed to a record \$82.3 billion in the third quarter, a 3.4 percent increase and the seventh consecutive quarter in which U.S. sales to foreigners have risen.

Imports also rose, but by a smaller 0.9 percent to \$110.8 billion as a drop in oil shipments helped offset a rise in non-petroleum imports.

The record level of U.S. exports reflected a 7.7 percent jump in farm sales, which climbed to \$10.4 billion.

Snow, rain, wind buffet Magic Valley

By N.S. NOKKENTVED
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — High winds conspired with several inches of new snow to close Gooding schools early and knock out local television stations Monday.

"Drifting snow driven by west winds caused hazardous conditions on many north-south roads and prompted the Gooding schools to send after-

noon buses on their way about 1 p.m. The area got five to seven inches of new snow overnight.

Monday's weather also knocked out television stations KXVT and KBAZ for about five hours when power to the stations' transmitters on Flat Top Butte went out about 11:30 a.m., said Dile Monson, electrical supervisor with Idaho Power Co.

West snow and wind in the Burley and Paul area created multiple small power outages

starting about 8:30 a.m., Idaho Power reported.

U.S. West Communications had only minor weather-related service problems typical of the season, said Wendy Carver-Harbert, U.S. West spokeswoman.

Northern storms dropped nearly three inches of precipitation on the Magic Valley, but as Monday's storm leaves the state so does the last moisture expected for the month. The winds

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U.S. would allow PLO debate to move to Geneva

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Saying the U.S. decision to bar PLO leader Yasser Arafat from the country was "firm and final," the State Department on Monday gave its reluctant consent to moving the United Nations debate on Palestinian issues to Geneva.

There the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization could air his views despite a U.S.

finding that he was an "accessory" to acts of terrorism against Americans and did not qualify for a visa to enter the United States.

"It's unnecessary," department spokesman Charles E. Redman said of the attempt by Arab diplomats to move part of this year's General Assembly session to Geneva.

He said other PLO officials present in New York could speak for Arafat's group and, besides, a shift to Geneva would be costly.

But, Redman acknowledged, if the United Nations decided to move the debate out of the country "the same factors would not be applied in the same way."

Arafat would not require U.S. permission in order to speak, and the judgment of L. Paul Bremer, director of the department's office to counter terrorism, that the Palestine National Council has not renounced terrorism would not be applicable.

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Harnessing antimatter could produce faster spacecraft

The Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Scientists believe a \$400 million investment might let them harness antimatter and start developing lighter, faster spacecraft and better ways to diagnose disease, the Rand Corp. said Monday.

"We are on the threshold of important advances in the basic science of antimatter and its practical applications. But as tantalizingly near as that may be, the rewards cannot be realized without a program such as we are advocating," said Bruno Augenstein, a physicist at the think tank.

For each type of subatomic particle in normal matter, there is a corresponding particle of antimatter that has the same mass but the opposite electric charge. For example, protons are positively charged and their antimatter counterparts, antiprotons, are negatively charged; normal electrons are also negatively charged but they are considerably smaller.

The Rand report stems from a 1987 meeting of 60 top experts on antimatter. They detailed experiments needed if they are to harness antimatter. Augenstein determined such research would cost about \$400 million over 10 years.

Recognizing federal budget deficits, the Air Force-sponsored report stopped short of urging the \$400 million expenditure, although it said such spending would be warranted.

Rand said the government, universities and industry should spend \$30 million jointly over three years to modify an atom smasher to produce one quadrillion antimatter particles annually and to develop magnetic devices that can store antiprotons for practical uses.

Antiprotons are so small that one quadrillion — that's a 1,000,000,000,000 — would occupy a space 30,000 times smaller

than the period at the end of this sentence, Rand said.

"Antimatter has a very buzzworthy, pushy, nifty impact upon the general public. People immediately think of 'Star Trek,' but the exotic substance really exists," said physicist Michael Nieto, of Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico.

While matter and antimatter have a family resemblance, no close relationship is possible. If they come in contact, both are destroyed.

"If you had a twin brother made out of antimatter, you would literally annihilate

each other in a big explosion of light and energy if you came into contact," said Nieto, who co-edited a book of technical papers from the 1987 conference.

Such explosions could be harnessed to propel space vehicles.

That would be the most difficult practical application to develop, Augenstein and Nieto said.

But it's also promising because a tiny amount of antimatter and matter would produce as much energy as a huge tank of chemical rocket fuel, "so you only have to carry a small amount of antimatter into orbit to carry you to Mars," Nieto said.

Idaho

Panel recommends loosening liquor sales

BOISE (AP) — An interim legislative committee has recommended that Idaho bars be allowed to start selling liquor by the drink each day at the same time as beer and wine.

The Legislative Council Committee on Alcohol Beverage Laws met Monday in Boise to review and recommend proposed legislation to the 1989 Legislature.

Among issues discussed by the committee at previous meetings was how to control the skyrocketing resale cost of state liquor licenses.

Since the number of licenses available in each city is limited by a quota system based on population, they are in great demand and reportedly have been sold for as much as \$100,000 when a license holder goes out of business.

Rep. Emerson Smock, R-Boise, has said he would like to see liquor licenses turned back to the state when a bar or restaurant goes out of business, and the owner reimbursed

for the original \$750 cost. But no proposed legislation on the issue was presented Monday, and most of the measures that did come before the committee either were rejected or sent without recommendation to germane legislative committees for further consideration.

Among the items winning approval from committee members was one calling for standardized opening and closing hours for retail alcoholic beverage sales. It also would allow retail sales on Sundays, Memorial Day and Thanksgiving, unless prohibited by county ordinances.

Beer and wine currently may be sold from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m., but sales of liquor by the drink are not allowed until 10 a.m.

Closing times also remain 1 a.m. and Sunday sales of liquor by the drink are prohibited unless the extensions are specifically approved by county commissions.

Standardizing opening and closing hours and Sunday sales — and requiring specific action if counties want additional restrictions — would make the law more enforceable, said Keith Mathews, administrator of the state Department of Alcohol Beverage Control.

Sen. Jerry Thorne, R-Nampa, said he was worried that setting uniform opening and closing hours statewide would eliminate counties' authority to regulate bar hours.

But Reps. Mary Ellen Lloyd, D-Pocatello, and Hilde Kellogg, R-Post Falls, said hospitality businesses in their areas need to have the ability to sell liquor by the drink on Sundays and holidays to remain competitive in the convention business.

Ms. Kellogg said it was a "reasonable" request, especially since some of those businesses have suffered as a result of Idaho raising its drinking age to 21.

The committee decided to hold a proposal to allow the sale of non-transferable retail state liquor licenses in unincorporated areas of counties. The sales, with the approval of county commissions, would not have been restricted by the quota system of liquor licenses allotted to cities based on population.

Sen. Dennis Hansen, R-Soda Springs, said the additional competition that could spark would hurt businesses inside city limits that already hold liquor licenses.

"I can see it as absolutely a knock-out blow to a person who has a liquor license now," he said.

Hansen said the proposal would work only if a substantially higher license fee than the \$750 now charged were levied against newly allotted licenses in unincorporated areas.

Smock agreed that the current license fee was "ridiculous" and probably should be raised to \$2,000 to \$3,000.

Feds may clean up uranium tailings

LOWMAN (AP) — A faded sign at the old uranium mill in Lowman says: "The sand and tailings on this property are slightly radioactive and are not suitable for use under or within habitable structures."

But Lowman residents contend those tailings are much more dangerous than the sign would lead readers to believe.

Ellen Shaw, who runs the South Fork Lodge with her husband, worries about the long-term effects of radiation and is pushing for a full clean-up of the 3½-acre site.

"It's a potential health hazard that has to be cared for," Mrs. Shaw said.

"If we don't, it sends out a bad signal to people who might want to visit or live here."

The tailings emit high levels of radon gas, as well as gamma radiation.

Mill foreman Alvin Rose worked around the ore for six years and used it for filler and foundation material at his home.

"I can take you out with a Geiger counter and show you just as much activity that occurs naturally in other areas as you get there," said 63-year-old Rose.

Lowman is one of 24 sites nationwide designated for clean-up under

the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act. Material would be buried at the mill site and removed from about 30 nearby homes contaminated by the tailings.

During the 1950s, miners brought truckloads of uranium-rich sand from nearby Bear Valley. More than 191,000 tons of tailings were left when the mill closed in 1960. Uranium ore was sent for further refining in St. Louis.

People moving into the valley in the 1960s used the sand in their foundations or as fill dirt. Some of the tailings have been found in Clear Creek, a trout stream that empties into the South Fork of the Payette River.

Environmental engineers began investigating the contamination two years ago. They drove vans with discs atop to gauge gamma radiation from the sand.

"They were secretive guys and wouldn't tell you what they were testing," said Boise National Forest employee Charlie Vaughn.

The federal government will pay for 90 percent of the cost of cleaning up the site, leaving the state to pick up the remainder — \$780,820. If Idaho will not pay its share, it stands to lose up to \$7.51 million in direct and indirect employment benefits, plus nearly \$250,000 in tax revenue.

Idahoans plan to launch rocket

BOISE (AP) — A group of Boise-area airline pilots and mechanics plans a Dec. 14 launch of a 9-foot-tall, two-stage research rocket near the Owyhee County town of Oreana.

Herbert Law of Meridian, a commercial airline pilot, said Monday that he and seven other men built the solid-fuel rocket and 20-foot-tall launch pad system for about \$1,500. Law said developers hope the rocket will travel 35,000 to 40,000 feet into the atmosphere at speeds reaching about 1,400 mph, or about twice the speed of sound.

"What we're trying to do is document the performance of the vehicle," he said. "If it works well, we have a research rocket we can sell space on to test circuit boards or

whatever."

Law said another possible application was the use of rockets for special effects.

"We're looking to get into that business," he said. "There is a market there, but right now the big boys have it all tied up."

The launch, which apparently would be the first of its kind in Idaho, is pending formal approval by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Idaho Department of Transportation.

Law said both have given verbal approval.

6-year coma ends in death

POCATELLO (AP) — A 19-year-old Pocatello resident who had been in a coma since a July 1982 bicycle accident died Sunday at a local nursing home, officials said.

Willy Misner was 13 when the bike he was on plunged from a 21-foot embankment on Pocatello Creek Road. He was riding on a large mound of dirt when he went over the edge head first, suffering head injuries.

His parents, Bill and Linda Misner, sued property owner Ralph Walker of Logan, Utah, for nearly \$6.75 million in damages. But a 10-member jury denied the claim following a three-day trial in August 1985.

The jury found both the plaintiff and defendant negligent.

Wheat growers to be surveyed

BOISE (AP) — About 2,000 Idaho winter wheat growers are expected to participate in a nationwide survey aimed at helping determine the number of acres planted with the crop.

Don Gerhardt of the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service in Boise said the nation's wheat supplies are down 20 percent from a year ago and at their lowest level since 1980.

He said that makes it important for producers to closely monitor national wheat production and cooperate with the 42-state survey, which will be conducted during the first two weeks of December by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The results will give growers their first look at an estimate of planted acreage for the 1989 winter wheat crop, and an early indication of the possible size of next summer's harvest, Gerhardt said.

He said that will help growers decide how much acreage to enroll in the 1989 wheat program, as well as make marketing and storage plans. The Department of Agriculture will release the results of the survey Jan. 13.



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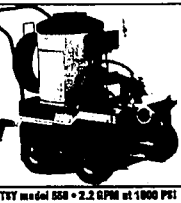
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Opinion

Real Life Test dispels myths of everyday existence

BOSTON—In the premiere of the TV series "Baby Boom," there was a wonderful moment when the single working mother of the 1980s met the '50s mothers of her dreams. Literally.

The star of the show, J.C., fell into bed after another hard day, failing to achieve a perfect score as mother, worker and woman. From deep in her subconscious she conjured up none other than June Cleaver and Margaret Anderson. But this time, the flawless mother of the Beaver and the perfect wife for father who knows best let her in on a little secret.

Margaret: "J.C., you know we were just actresses playing paria." June: "We reported to work and they tied aprons on us." Margaret: "In real life we were working mothers putting in a 12-hour day."

In this refreshing encounter, June Cleaver and Margaret Anderson were played by the actresses from the original show, Barbara Billingsley and Jane Wyatt. It was reassuring to discover in a non-fiction moment in this fictional meeting that even Barbara Billingsley felt inferior to June Cleaver: "I was forever comparing myself to the character I was playing and I always came up short...."

But the most crucial part of these confessions was embodied in three little words: "in real life." This presented in its most pristine form my favorite test on the images about women that have floated up and around for all these decades. I call it the Real Life Test.

I was first inspired to apply the Real Life Test long after June and Margaret were in reruns. It was

Ellen Goodman

back in the '70s when Phyllis Schlafly was extolling housewifery as the only virtuous role for women. But what was she in Real Life? A lawyer and political activist.

Then there was the woman who published a particularly judgmental book about how she had quit work—and others should follow—to stay home with her children. In Real Life, the woman had become a writer.

In the early '80s, there were all those superwoman stories about top executives who led seamless lives balancing home and office, without ever wearing pantyhose with runs stopped by nail polish. In Real Life, they had housekeepers and gobs of money.

Now, I find myself using the Real Life Test to judge the next generation of ads that have incorporated a late '80s fantasies of working motherhood.

One is the United Airlines ad that opens with a young mother dropping her child at day care and flying to a meeting in Chicago. While her child plays happily, she works with no more than a casual glance at her watch. After a calm flight home, she picks the girl up right on time. Courtesy of United.

The other is a Macintosh computer ad that shows a very pregnant woman talking about her plans to be back working one week after her baby is born. "Do you think you can run a \$10 million business

from the nursery?" a friend asks. She answers, "No, I think I can run it from the den." The computer makes it possible.

I don't know much about the stars of these ads, except that in Real Life the women are both actresses. But the test comes in handy anyway.

After all, in Real Life, we all know women who travel for work have more backup childcare plans than generals had for the invasion of Normandy. In Real Life, I have sat next to a mother of a waiting child when our plane was number 23 for takeoff out of O'Hare, and watched her hands begin to sweat.

I also know enough about Real Life to envision the baby formula dripping onto the Macintosh keyboard. I certainly know about trying to concentrate on work with a newborn in the next room.

There is a somewhat more honest tilt to the '80s. Shows like "Baby Boom" are about stress and the well-dressed single mother trying to hold it all together. (Although in a Real Life role reversal, the star Kate Jackson doesn't have children).

But there is still a notion running like a theme song through these decades that somebody (else) is doing it perfectly. In the Fifties, June

Cleaver and Margaret Anderson were perfect mothers because they had the right temperament. In the '80s, the women in these ads lead perfect lives because they have the right technology.

In real Life, there is no perfection. So the best, most enduring

line of all came from the Fifties: mom, June Cleaver, to her Eighties counterpart: "Aren't you being a little hard on yourself?"

Ellen Goodman writes for The Boston Globe.

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Letters/ Readers express their views

Pumpkin thief didn't think

To the naughty people who stole my pumpkins, I hope it made you happy because it broke my heart. I went to KMYT with my mom and someone broke my pumpkins on the neighbors sidewalk. My mom painted the big one and we were going to put a pilgrim hat on him. I painted the little one all by myself. You had to steal them off of my porch. I did not see you, but Jesus did see you. I told him to scold you. Does your mom know you tear up things on your way home from school? My mom told me it isn't nice to make to me to people. Somebody should make you clean up the mess you made.

BRENNNA DOWD
Twin Falls

Let's hope Bush follows up

In the wake of one of the most analyzed, and least appreciated, presidential campaigns in American history, little attention has been paid to what its results tell us about ourselves.

The name calling, the avoidance of honest discussion of issues, the emphasis on image over substance all worked in favor of George Bush. Mr. Bush wasn't the winner; his handlers were. The media manipulators who directed the vice president's campaign clearly understood the collective mind of the electorate. They knew many of us were sick of bad news; we have enough problems in our personal lives not tell us about things that don't directly affect us.

We watched George Bush evolve from an anonymous second banana to a tough-talking chameleon, willing to say, and do, whatever it took to get elected.

But there's no point in picking on Mr. Bush. He'll need all the help he can get the next four years, dealing with the problems ignored for the past eight and the ones yet to come. This is no time to choose up sides; it's a time to come together, despite the divisiveness of Campaign '88. That doesn't mean, however, that we should continue to be lulled into a false sense of security from the president's pronouncements that everything's under control.

Why did we vote for George Bush? What did we expect? That, somehow, he'll make the problems go away? Or did we just buy some time until things become so bad even the most hopelessly unaware will finally notice them.

We've been so bamboozled by the smoke and mirrors of television and the political

process that we're in a state of cultural hypnosis. We've truly become, as Vance Packard reported back in the 1960s, A Nation of Sheep.

We've again put off dealing with serious problems facing America to debate toughness and wallow in illusions, more concerned with what kind of car we drive than with the reality of Americans living in cardboard boxes.

The next four years will be interesting. I hope I'm wrong about George Bush and the team he'll assemble to run our country, but I'll be matching what he does with what he says he'll do, holding him and all other politicians accountable for what they do to stop the environmental degradation, fiscal irresponsibility, and the spiritual malaise America has sunk into during the 1980s.

MIKE SULLIVAN
Halley

Election doesn't end civic duty

Well, the election is over. We did our patriotic duty and voted, and now we can only hope for the best. Right? No.

Our civic responsibility continues. In the years ahead, tell our representatives what you think. In person, by phone or letter or telegram, tell them what you like and what you don't like.

You may think that your one phone call or your one letter is useless, but letter by letter, just as vote by vote, your voice grows stronger and is heard.

Stay informed on the issues, and before you write or call, think about not only what is good for you personally, but also what is best for our community—local, state, national, and global. Let's all pull together to create a positive future to live in.

BETTY SLIFER
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Medicare cuts will hurt elderly

Joseph R. Wright, director of the Office of Management and Budget must think the American public to be stupid when he says cuts in benefit programs will not reduce our payments to the sick or elderly themselves. Wright said, "rather the savings are being sought, in part, by slowing the rate of increase in payments schedules for doctors and hospitals under the Medicare program. Medicare pays 80 percent of what is deemed to be reasonable. The sick and elderly

have to pay the balance of fees Medicare does not pay. This comes from the pockets of those sick and elderly who need help the most.

Our government doesn't make much sense. Literally thousands and thousands of dollars are spent to keep condemned murderers alive on death row through years and years of appeals while it does little to keep honest law abiding citizens alive with needed medical assistance.

SUSANNE M. COLVIN
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I wish to thank the citizens of Twin Falls County for their support in the recent general election. I especially wish to acknowledge the efforts of my campaign committee and my family on my behalf.

I look forward to serving as your County Commissioner for another four years. Please feel free to call or visit the Commissioners' office with your concerns.

JAMES F. FRALEIGH
Twin Falls County Commissioner

Creationism deserves study

In reference to J.R. Stander's article "No justification for teaching creationism." Again, Stander, like many evolutionists, displays extreme arrogance and bigotry by his attempts to discriminate against creationism.

Clarence Darrow, at the infamous Scopes trial said that "it was the height of bigotry to teach only one view of origins," but one wonders if he would have been so charitable if the shoe were on the other foot as it is today.

If one studies the supposed "mountains of evidence" that allegedly support evolution, and if one objectively does so without prior bias, then the mountains become "mounds" of very low profile.

It is quite convenient to cloak the extremely unscientific theory of evolution behind the established and demonstrable "hard facts" of physics and chemistry and pass the whole mishmash off as "science" to an unsuspecting and unformed population of school children and adults, who are not always cognizant of the objective and extremely demanding criteria to which scientific theories must be subjected before they become fact.

How illogical is the statement to the effect that the historical reality of evolution is not debated within the community, it is just the details and mode of speciation, the relative

importance of natural selection, genetic drift, punctuated equilibrium, etc." Really read that statement.

Doesn't it say "let's not worry about specifics, just accept the general theory and the details will take care of themselves." That, is pseudo-intellectual tripe. Here again, a "mixed bag," has been used to confuse people.

The only aspect of evolution that is measurable and demonstrable is that which fits into the category of "microevolution," that is, observable changes within breeding groups, due to various degrees of genetic expression and manipulation of these genes. But in the quantum leap to "megevolution" is then interjected much like a "Stealth" concept, in hopes that switch is not noticed, but it has and that is what many of us object to. "Bait and switch" tactics belong to questionable business practices, not science.

Teaching science is to teach inquiry, and to not expose pupils to alternate ideas is to cheat them of the opportunity to inquire. And presenting evolutionary dogma without complete disclosure of its many faults and failures is unjustifiable.

DON PUDEF
Filer

Guard your wallet this holiday

Be of stout heart my friends for that season is upon us once more. Yes indeed it's time for Ho Ho Ho and Peace on Earth and for most of us to take leave of our senses, at least from a monetary standpoint.

And speaking of money, now hear me good on this, as you set out on your shopping trip this year just make sure you have a fat checkbook, a fat pocketbook or a fat friend with you far as sure as my middle name is Victor you're gonna get trimmed.

Recently I opened my Yule season with a trip to the mall over yonder by the bridge, with mind boggling results. With two twenties showing and a ten hid out in the secret compartment of my wallet I set forth smack dab into the middle of a new car display.

Right before my eyes was a \$20,000 Ford, wasn't painted black and had no running boards for a man to set down on. A salesman glides up on the side of my good ear and whispers suggestively, "how would you like to see that beauty sitting under your Christmas tree Dec. 25th?" he asks. Pshaw, if he thinks I'm gonna tear the side out of a \$7,000 house just to park a car then he had better

guess again.

Spent the next half hour looking at clothes, and friends you'll never believe the things I saw. Over in the men's department I found a Levi jacket just my size for \$69, now pay attention to old Ted folks cause this jacket looked just like the one Old Jubal, a flea bitten tomcat, slept on under our back porch out by the lake the winter of '37. I mean it was the same old faded out white color and I think it had a missing button.

A little farther on in the ladies section, hanging on a hanger right out in plain sight as bold as brass was a bright red pair of "toddies." I slipped over and read the name tag, claimed they was called the "Bandit." Please don't ask me why cause there didn't appear to be enough material in them to hold up anybody.

Headed for home about four o'clock with my money still intact, stopped by a cute little cherub holding a ridiculous Garfield doll and said "Merry Christmas little one," still got the bruse where she kicked me. I'm mailing money this year, no gifts.

TED BAMPLES
Twin Falls

Council thanks Sen. McClure

Dear Senator McClure: The Hagerman Fossils National Monument Council wants to say "Thanks" for a job well done. I'm not sure of the date, but I believe that you started this project in 1974. Support was weak and it's taken 14 years to turn that support into positive action by the public in South-Central Idaho.

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We have met with the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management and are planning two celebrations; one, a broadened second annual Hagerman Horse State Fossil Day and Parade, perhaps with an official public transfer of Federal lands at that time, in 1988, and two, a Statewide celebration for 1990, our Centennial year. If possible, we'd like to see you involved in both of these events. It would mean a great deal to the local people. Thanks again for an heroic effort. We will keep you informed.

BOB LUNNEY
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ALICE HOLMES
BURT HOLMES
Hagerman



MARLIN FITZWATER
Example of continuity

Bush keeps spokesman Fitzwater

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect George Bush announced Monday that Marlin Fitzwater, President Reagan's spokesman for the past two years, would keep his job as an example of "continuity in the best sense."

Bush also sought to make peace with a former rival, Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, inviting the Kansas Republican to a private lunch and declaring "the focus is properly on looking to the future."

Dole, who lost the GOP presidential nomination to Bush, agreed to set any past animosities aside. "The election is over and we both have obligations and certainly mine is to help him become a great president and I intend to do that," he said.

The naming of Fitzwater represented yet another Bush selection from the ranks of veterans of previous administrations. Asked when the new faces he has promised would begin to appear, Bush said, "I'm tuned for the changes. We'll be getting to them soon."

Transition sources said they expect the naming of former Sen. John Tower as defense secretary and Texas oilman Robert Moshbacher as commerce secretary later this week. However, the vice president gave no clue as to when he'd name additional Cabinet choices.

He showed up unexpectedly at Fitzwater's usual 11:30 a.m. briefing in the White House to announce his decision to retain the 46-year-old career government spokesman, who had been his press secretary in 1985-87.

"I think he's the best," Bush said. "He represents the old and the new. He represents the Reagan administration and he also represents the Bush administration. ... This is continuity in the best sense."

PTL probes resume work

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — A federal grand jury investigating PTL founder Jim Bakker and several of his former aides reconvened Monday amid speculation that indictments could be returned as early as the end of the week.

"It's a question of when, and what the particular allegations will be," Bakker's attorney, Jim Toms said last week. He did not return telephone calls Monday to his office in Hendersonville.

The 23-member grand jury went back to work Monday morning, hearing testimony from a number of PTL "lifetime partners," people who contributed money to the ministry in exchange for free hotel lodgings at Heritage USA, the Christian theme park run by PTL.

Bakker resigned as PTL president in March 1987 after the revelation that he had a tryst with church secretary Jessica Hahn.



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Union claims Delta crash probe to find pilots erred

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — The Air Line Pilots Association is suggesting that federal investigators have prematurely concluded that pilot error caused the August crash of Delta Flight 114.

On the eve of National Transportation Safety Board hearings, the Air Line Pilots Association advanced its own theory that mechanical failure may have caused the crash at Dal-

las-Fort Worth International Airport that killed 14 people.

The Delta pilot, co-pilot and navigator are among about 30 witnesses expected to testify at the hearing, which begins Tuesday.

"We anticipate that the NTSB has not made any indication of who or what is at fault in the crash, other than saying the lever controlling the wing flaps was found to be in the

contradictory evidence."

NTSB officials have said they are months away from issuing findings on the cause of the crash, which occurred just after the Salt Lake City-bound flight took off. The board has not made any indication of who or what is at fault in the crash, other than saying the lever controlling the wing flaps was found to be in the

wrong position after the crash.

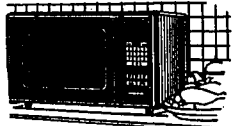
"The hearings start tomorrow and they're going to be full and complete. Nobody's prejudged anything," Mike Benson, an NTSB spokesman, said Monday.

Thirteen people died as the plane split open and the fuselage exploded in flames just off a south runway at the airport. Another man later died of injuries.

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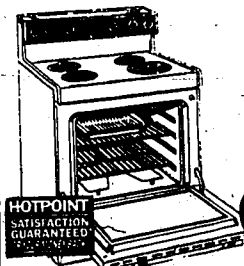
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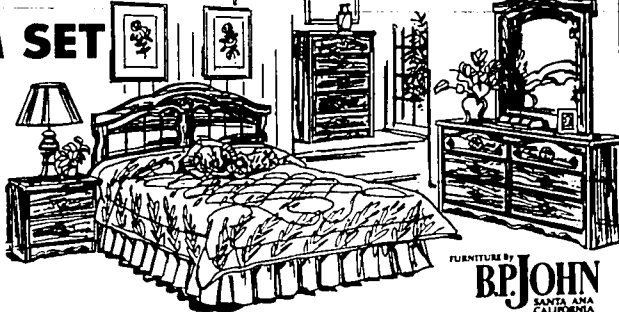
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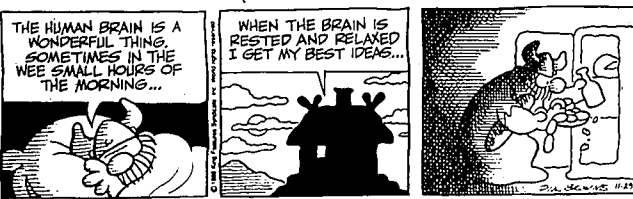
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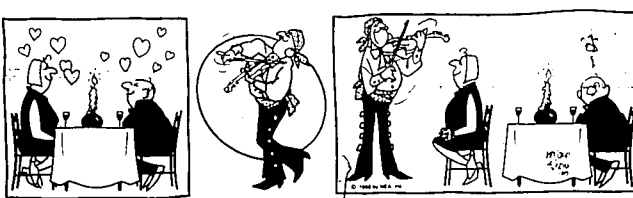
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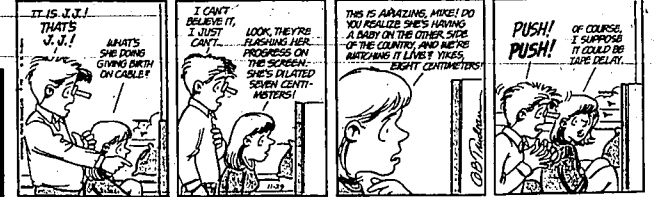
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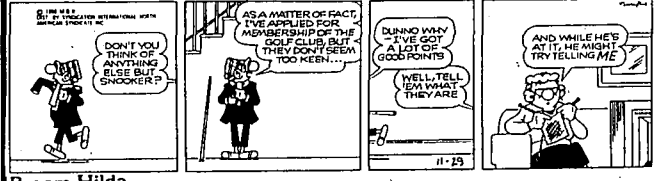
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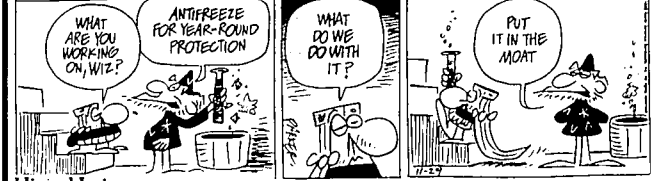
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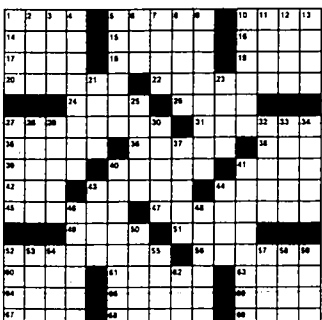


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L.M. Boyd What's what

A plane will stall

Police statisticians did a computer run on selected prison inmates to learn the average hardened, criminal stands 5-foot-9 and weighs 167 pounds. Not much help. Almost the same as the male averages of the general population.

Q How long is a gorilla pregnant?
A 8 1/2 months.

FLOGGED

Q Is it true the great American naval hero John Paul Jones once flogged a sailor to death?
A. As a young Scottish seaman, serving in the British Navy, he was assigned to a punishment detail. One fellow seaman flogged by him died. That's in the record. It's understood he had no authority to prevent it.

If you want to make a literal translation of "hari-kiri," you can call it "happy dispatch."

"If you want an ideal place to practice trumpet," says a rock musician, "rent space in a mini-warehouse."

BUZZARDS

Q Why do buzzards go every year to that one place -- Hincley, Ohio -- instead of someplace else?
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SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Sensuality is close to the surface. This energy is pleasing if used. Don't keep your love a secret. Move out into the world. Be romantic.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): You are in high gear. Keep a romance private. Changes at work will bring opportunities. Ease up a little. Don't run yourself ragged.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22): Many new contacts have been appearing. Avoid the one who gives you the creeps. Your intuition can accurately

moths of a partner could take a perplexing swing. Many admirers are hard to resist. A hidden legal matter may surface soon.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21): Take health matters seriously. Now is the time to make lifestyle changes, get checkups and exercise. Try for a new you.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21): Keep your emotions in check. Guard against fluctuating moods that can affect others' opinion of you. Take time for personal projects.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20): All systems are go in the romance department. Have fun, but don't expect to catch your one-and-only. Current finances take a dip.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21): The

Daily Horoscope

GENERAL TENDENCIES: In the morning partnerships may be tense and almost at the breaking point. Change is anticipated but levels off through the day. Talk things over, and communicate. By the evening peace is restored.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Fall out from a credit card frenzy will show up on the books next month. Use prudence, and head off the familiar financial crunch.

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Soviet ethnic tensions continue

MOSCOW (AP) — Islamic flags and portraits of Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini were displayed in the streets of the Azerbaijani capital of Baku, and more than 800 people were arrested in ongoing ethnic tension, the official media said Monday.

In Yerevan, the capital of the neighboring republic of Armenia, unofficial sources said Moscow dissident Sergei Grigoryants and another leading Armenian activist were arrested.

No new outbreaks of violence were reported in the troubled republics, where ethnic violence last week killed at least seven people. A strict

curfew remained in effect in Baku, Yerevan, and other cities. Soldiers and tanks patrolled the streets.

The government newspaper, Izvestia printed an interview with 26-year-old Nemat Panakhov, said to have led rallies by thousands of protesters on Baku's Lenin Square.

Izvestia correspondents asked him to explain why "we saw green flags and portraits of Khomeini on the square."

Azerbaijanis are predominantly Moslem, and Armenians are predominantly Christian. Both republics border on Iran, and the Soviet Union is concerned about the possibility of Khomeini's fundamentalist Moslem

revolution in Iran spreading across the frontier to Soviet Central Asia.

Izvestia quoted Panakhov as saying leaders of the protests rejected such appeals to Moslem fundamentalism.

Official Baku radio, in a report monitored in London, said 667 people were arrested in the Azerbaijani capital on Sunday night and Monday morning, and that 18 of them were jailed.

Quoting a report from the city's military commandant, it said, "illegal actions, measures and dismissals from work without any basis were allowed to happen against some people."

Soviets move to block restive republics

MOSCOW (AP) — The Communist Party Central Committee on Monday endorsed constitutional changes that critics say give the Kremlin too much power, setting the stage for approval over the objection of several restive republics.

Officials in Estonia, the tiny Baltic republic that led the challenge to Kremlin authority by declaring its sovereignty in internal policy and its right to review all new Soviet legislation, said they would stand firm despite a ruling the move was unconstitutional.

The more than 300 members of the party's policy-making body, meeting on the eve of an extraordinary meeting of the Supreme Soviet, or national parliament, declared the amendments "will mean a major step along the road of democratization of Soviet society," the official Tass news agency said.

It instructed President and Communist Party chief Mikhail S. Gorbachev to make a report on the amendments to the Supreme Soviet.

The Central Committee promised election campaigns "unlike all the previous ones as real competitiveness of candidates is introduced in the political life of the country," Tass said.

Gorbachev proposed the amendments to make the system more democratic, but the Estonians, as well as activists in Latvia, Lithuania, Armenia, and Georgia have criticized them for taking away some of the local control that Gorbachev has said he wants to foster.

Romanians may not raze 7,000 villages

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Romanian communist leader Nicolae Ceausescu on Monday appeared to back away from a widely criticized plan that would have razed up to 7,000 villages and resettled rural residents.

Addressing a long-delayed meeting of the Communist Party Central Committee in Bucharest, Ceausescu did not mention the criticism from the West and from neighboring Hungary, which fears the plan will destroy the cultural traditions of about 1.7 million ethnic Hungarians in Romania.

to preserve unspecified communes, or groups of villages, to prevent depopulation of the countryside.

"We have in mind the preservation of the number of communes and in a few counties even the development of a few communal centers which have been depopulated," Ceausescu was quoted as saying by the official news agency Agerpres.

He said many Romanians were migrating to towns to work in factories, where they get higher salaries than in agriculture.

"That's why resolute measures are needed for preventing the depopulation of rural settlements, for organizing them on a modern basis and creating conditions likely to provide inhabitants with everything they need for a decent, civilized life," Ceausescu said.

The village plan, made public in April, called for the razing of the villages and the resettlement of residents in new housing in "agro-industrial centers."

Romanian officials said the plan was aimed at gaining more farmland for use by state-owned collective farms.

Israelis wound 5 during general strike

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli soldiers in the occupied lands wounded five rioters Monday during a general strike honoring the 5,000 Palestinians imprisoned in a year of rebellion, hospital officials reported.

Dissension increased between rival Palestinian factions in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip over the declaration of an independent state Nov. 15 by the Palestine National Council, which acts as a legislature for the Palestine Liberation Organization.

in the public market, a maze of alleys and stone-stopped passageways where battles between soldiers and young Arabs are common.

Two teen-agers and two men in their 20s suffered bullet wounds, officials at the city's Al Iktihad Hospital reported. They said one victim was a 17-year-old shot in the stomach.

Another 17-year-old was wounded in the right thigh during a confrontation at the Beach refugee camp in

Gaza, officials there reported.

At least 316 Palestinians have been killed and more than 7,000 wounded in the uprising, which began Dec. 8, 1987. Eleven Israelis also have been slain.

In Ramallah, another West Bank city, underground leaders of the rebellion distributed leaflets urging merchants to ignore a call by Islamic extremists and a Marxist PLO faction for another strike Tuesday.

Freed black leader challenges government

SOWETO, South Africa (AP) — A black nationalist leader freed after 12 years in prison Monday challenged the government to legalize outlawed black opposition groups.

Zeph Mthopeng also urged blacks to unite, and he called for freedom of all jailed activists, including his rival Nelson Mandela.

"Long Live The Pan-Africanist Congress!" supporters chanted as the ailing 75-year-old president of the banned organization arrived for a news conference. It was his first public appearance since 1976.

The government said it freed him unconditionally Saturday for humanitarian reasons.

For years, followers of Mthopeng's group have been at ideological odds with Mandela's African National Congress. Both organizations train guerrillas to fight white-minority domination. But the Pan-Africanists favor black self-reliance, while the larger African National Congress

supports a multiracial approach.

Mthopeng, who quit the ANC in 1959, adopted a conciliatory tone Monday.

"My first task, which I am going to do everything in my powers to discharge, is to unite the African people," he said. "We don't look at the color of a person — we consider his convictions."

In calling for the release of jailed activists, Mthopeng named Mandela and fellow Pan-Africanist leader Jees Masemola "as symbols of all other prisoners of conscience who should be out here and working for the return of our land."

"They should be released not on the grounds of compassion or mercy but because they are held illegitimately," he said.

Mthopeng has been seriously ill for months with cancer of the thyroid gland, but he said he would remain active politically.

"I issue a direct challenge to

(President P.W.) Botha," he said.

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Poles to debate Solidarity union

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Both sides have agreed to terms for a nationally televised debate Wednesday night between Solidarity leader Lech Walesa and the head of the official trade union alliance, a Solidarity spokesman said.

The debate between Walesa and Alfred Miodowicz is to take place immediately after the main evening news show.

If it comes off as planned, it would be the first time that Walesa has ever been allowed to appear live on state-controlled Polish television to present his reasons for wanting the banned union made legal again.

Janusz Onyszkiewicz, Solidarity's national spokesman, said he reached agreement Monday on general terms for the meeting during a telephone conversation with Miodowicz's representative, Jan Bogutyn.

Earlier in the day, Miodowicz, who is also a member of Poland's ruling Polish United Workers (Communist) Party Politburo, told a news conference that he was ready for the debate on trade union issues.

Soviets reach Mir

MOSCOW (AP) — A Soyuz TM-7 spacecraft carrying a joint Soviet-French team docked Monday with the Mir orbiting space station, the Tass news agency said.

Soviet cosmonauts Alexander Volkov and Sergei Krikalev, and Frenchman Jean-Loup Chretien joined up with the three Soviets aboard the Mir, and are all feeling well, Tass said.

Volkov, Krikalev and Chretien blasted off from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Soviet Central Asia on Saturday.

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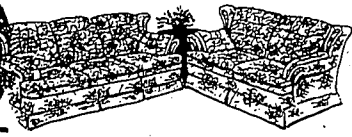
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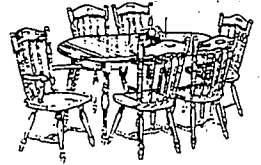
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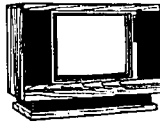
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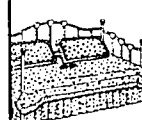
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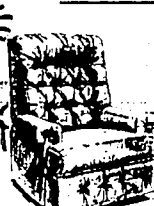
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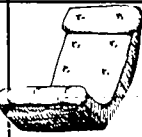
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Masked robber strikes Twin Falls twice

By KEN ARMSTRONG
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A gas station became the second Twin Falls business within 24 hours to be robbed at gunpoint Monday, probably by the same man, police said.

A robber armed with a short, bolt-action rifle entered the Sinker station on Kimberly Road around 9:15 p.m. and stole an undisclosed amount of cash, said Sgt. Ed DeVall of the Twin Falls Department of Public Safety. The robber, wearing blue coveralls and a ski mask, apparently fled on foot.

He had not been found by 11 p.m., police said.

Late Sunday, a man closely matching the gas-station robber's physical description held up Taco John's, clubbing two women employees with a sawed-off rifle and fleeing in a stolen pickup, police said.

The robber, who also wore a ski mask and blue coveralls, held the employees at gunpoint for roughly an hour and a half while he tried unsuccessfully to open the restaurant's safe, police said. He stole a pickup from the parking lot and left around 10:25 p.m.

Police were alerted shortly after 11 p.m. when a Twin Falls woman reported seeing lights flashing on and off inside the restaurant, located at 1879 Addison Ave. E.

Public Safety Director Tim Qualls said the

pickup had not been located by late Monday. An attempt-to-locate bulletin was issued in all Western states.

The two employees, aged 19 and 18, were treated for injuries at the scene by emergency medical technicians. Police requested that the women not be identified for fear of retaliation from the robber.

The robber, armed with a .243-caliber, bolt-action rifle with a sawed-off barrel, approached the two women as they were locking the front door in order to leave, police said. He forced them back inside and ordered them to open the restaurant's safe.

Both employees told the robber they were new and didn't know the combination, police

said. He then forced them downstairs to look for the combination in a desk.

Once in the basement, the robber struck both women with the rifle, police said. He also hit one of the employees with his hands.

At one point, the robber forced one of the women to lie face down, then told her co-worker that he would "blow her head off" if she wasn't opened, police said.

The robber eventually gave up trying to open the safe, police said. Instead, he stole an undisclosed amount of money from the employees' purses, along with a set of keys.

He told the women to remain in the basement, then went to the parking lot and used the keys to steal a pickup owned by one of

the employees, police said. He also tore the restaurant's phone out of the wall.

Police said the women were too afraid to leave the restaurant, so they instead made some signs asking for help and began flicking the lights on and off. Shortly after 11 p.m., a passing motorist saw the flashing lights while stopped at a nearby intersection.

The driver, Jennifer Kauth, said she initially thought it might be a malfunctioning alarm, but then a woman approached the restaurant's front window.

"She kept waving at me, and it seemed like she was looking right at me by the way her body was turned," said Kauth, a Times-

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Advocate blasts loan restructuring by Farm Credit

By MARTA CLEVELAND
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Farm Credit System is shooting itself in the foot by making its loan restructuring demands too stringent, a farm advocate said Monday.

The Agriculture Credit Act of 1987 did much for Farmers Home Administration borrowers and practically

work out a plan.

"We are closer to restructuring than most people," Baldwin said.

In fact, Baldwin knows of no one else who has successfully restructured with Farm Credit even though the Twelfth District bank says it has restructured 455 loans so far, she said.

In the Agriculture Credit Act, Congress took tight control over the



The Twin Falls County recorder's office was busy Monday processing over 120 new liens filed against Hawkins Co.

Bean liens pass 230 mark Monday

By MARTA CLEVELAND
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The number of liens filed against the Hawkins Co. Ltd. bean warehouse in Filer more than doubled Monday.

At least 126 new liens were filed with the Twin Falls County recorder's office Monday bringing the total to more than 230.

The filings were precipitated by the suspension of the company's warehouse license Nov. 22. The company directors voluntarily asked the state Bureau of Warehouse Control to step in after they discovered "certain inventory inconsistencies."

Securing a lien for the value of the dry beans a producer has in storage with the company

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could make the difference between getting paid and not getting paid if the company is unable to pay all its obligations, according to Twin Falls attorney Harry DeHaan.

The Bureau of Warehouse Control also began its official inventory and audit of Hawkins Co. Monday. The warehouse is sealed and all company assets are frozen until the audit is completed.

"We have a staff of seven people and five of them are there," said bureau Director Dale Scott in Boise. "We're trying to finish up as quickly as possible."

Scott estimates the whole process will take

probably 10 days to complete. So the financial status of the company may not be known before Dec. 7.

"This couldn't have happened at a worse time," Scott said.

The timing is bad because his staff is supposed to be conducting 10 hearings around the state to gather producer reaction to the new Commodity Indemnity Account Program, a 1988 addition to the state warehouse law designed to protect producers from financial loss due to licensed warehouse failures such as what may happen to Hawkins.

The timing is bad for farmers too who have loans coming due Jan. 1 and were counting on the proceeds from their beans to pay them.

'What are they gaining by running their borrowers into the ground?'

— Paul Slade, Idaho Rural Council

nothing for Farm Credit System borrowers, said Paul Slade, a farm advocate with the Idaho Rural Council in Clifton. Slade spoke to a group of farmers, attorneys, accountants and farm advocates gathered to learn about borrowers' rights under the new federal law.

"So many farmers are seeing and disapproving of the way Farm Credit is dealing with its current borrowers that they won't go to Farm Credit for any new loans in the future," Slade said. The system's loan customer pool is going to dry up, he said.

"It doesn't make any sense for them to get on the wrong side of farmers and then stand there," he said.

Farm Credit began its loan servicing program in February, shortly after the law was passed. As of July, the Twelfth District, which includes Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Alaska, had sent foreclosure notices to 64 Idaho farm families.

Farm Credit notified Idaho Rural Council President Pam Baldwin and her husband that they must pay the loan on their dairy farm in full immediately even though they had never missed a payment.

She and her husband were able to

restructuring activities of FmHA and little control at all over Farm Credit, mainly because Farm Credit has a better lobbying system, Slade said.

FmHA has little wriggle room in its restructuring procedures, which are beneficial for farmers. Each Farm Credit district, on the other hand, can handle its loans however it pleases so long as it stays above a 75 percent solvency level and takes no government bail-out money.

The Twelfth District has chosen not to take any bail-out money. If it had, "it would lower everyone's interest rates and provide other borrower benefits," Slade said. "But we don't have that right now."

The Twelfth District could adopt a loan restructuring program like FmHA's, but it doesn't seem to want to, Slade said.

"What are they gaining by running their borrowers into the ground?" he asked.

The lender is accelerating loan payments even on notes that aren't delinquent, Baldwin said.

And it isn't accepting restructuring plans unless they include a considerable cash payment, which most borrowers can't afford, Slade said.

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Oakley garbage vote will be Jan. 10

By DENISE TURNER
Times-News correspondent

OAKLEY — Residents here won't vote in December on the garbage issue after all.

The City Council had set Dec. 6 for a vote on whether to retain or overturn the city's new mandatory garbage service. But state law requires election notices to be published 45 days prior to the election date and the first notice wasn't published until Nov. 26 in the South Idaho Press.

Oakley City Attorney Howard Snyder said the city had hoped to get that notice in early enough so the election could be in December but wasn't able. The election now will be Jan. 10.

"I had hoped to have this whole thing over with before Christmas," said Stormy Anderson, who heads the committee of citizens petitioning to have the ordinance overturned. "Instead, we won't have the election now until January 10."

Anderson and her committee have complained that the city's

garbage ordinance represents a loss of freedom because the \$5 a month charge for weekly pickup is added onto the water bill, so that those who do not pay the fee can also have their water shut off.

"What are the council will try to draft another ordinance if this one is thrown out," Anderson said. "We are just objecting to the fact that this ordinance is mandatory."

Oakley Mayor George Trombley said the council has not yet discussed what they will do if the ordinance is overturned. "We will probably talk about it at our December 7 meeting," he said.

Snyder noted that the council would probably ratify the election, declaring it official, win or lose, at its regular February meeting, the first Wednesday in February. He added that a simple majority of voters would be needed to overturn the ordinance.

Snyder said he does know yet the exact wording voters will see on the ballot.

Refugee aid worries county officials

By KIRK MITCHELL
Times-News Writer

TWIN FALLS — County officials are worried that a cut in welfare aid to refugees will mean the county will have to pick up the slack.

"I don't think we should have to step in and ask our taxpayers to support" the refugee program, Commissioner Judy Felton said. "If the state wants to support a program like this, then that's fine as long as they provide funding for it."

The federal Office of Refugee Resettlement has reduced from 18 to 12 the number of months refugees can qualify for welfare, said Scott Cunningham, state coordinator for self support programs at the state Health and Welfare Department.

The abrupt curtailment leaves Emil Hintermaier, a Romanian taking on the job training in air conditioning and refrigeration at the College of Southern Idaho, temporarily without money for rent or utilities.

Hintermaier is paid for fixing equipment at CSI, but not enough to cover possible medical expenses for him, two children and his wife, Elena.

To help make ends meet, Elena Hintermaier, who is studying to be a nurse, works as an interpreter at the Refugee Center.

The Hintermaiers, who spent four years trying to leave Romania for the United States, both have Romanian degrees. Emil in bookkeeping and as an electrician and Elena in bookkeeping. But the degrees are not acknowledged in the United States. Emil also has five years experience as an electrician.

Elena Hintermaier said she could get a minimum-wage job, but it would not be enough for her

family.

Not having medicaid frightens her more than losing \$348 a month in welfare checks, she said.

"We are going to have a hard time," she said.

The federal resettlement office funnels money through the state for welfare payments, which range from about \$380 a month for a family of two to \$800 a month for a family of six.

Refugees may also qualify for food stamps and automatically receive medicaid.

Recently, Twin Falls County has received a flurry of indigency applications from refugees requesting medical, utility, rental and burial assistance. Felton said it could be another example of federal and state government passing on to counties the expense of programs they initiate.

"We see it happen in lots of areas of local government," she said.

Four refugees have applied for county assistance since October. Only one application, a \$1,215 burial bill, was paid, Felton said. It is illegal for county employees to reveal the names of indigents or those who apply for assistance.

"We just didn't feel we were the last resource," Felton said.

Under Idaho law, counties have the responsibility to provide a safety net for their residents.

The person who received the county money, which was used to bury his father, also asked the county to pay a \$106,255 medical bill from a Utah hospital. However, the county refused to pay the hospital bill because the applicant had medicaid.

Sharon Toolson-Glasscock, director of the Refugee Center at the College of Southern Idaho, said refugees turned to the county for help after they were unexpectedly cut off from federal money six months earlier than they expected.

Toolson-Glasscock said she found out about the program reduction one week before the new rule came into effect on Sept. 30. People already enrolled in vocational and language training were not allowed to continue receiving welfare checks while they completed their classes, she said.

"They were not grandfathered in," Cunningham said.

Had they known the new law was coming, refugees could have altered their training schedules so that they would have full-time jobs by the time the law took effect, Toolson-Glasscock said.

"The ones it's impacting, it's impacting quite severely," she said.

Toolson-Glasscock said besides Elena Hintermaier, the wife of another Romanian learning a trade in air conditioning and refrigeration at CSI will work at the Refugee Center.

"We have been doing a lot to take care of them," she said.

Refugees have rarely sought county indigency assistance, Toolson-Glasscock said.

"It's not going to be an ongoing thing," she said.

The majority find jobs within one to three months after coming to the area, she said. Of the 709 refugees living in the county, 28 are receiving government money.

Toolson-Glasscock said the biggest problem the center faces is finding jobs for refugees that offer insurance benefits.

Commissioner Marvin Hempleman has said that the majority of people who qualify for indigency funds do not receive insurance benefits with their jobs.

Felton said she will attend a public hearing in Boise tonight in which state welfare officials will describe the new program.

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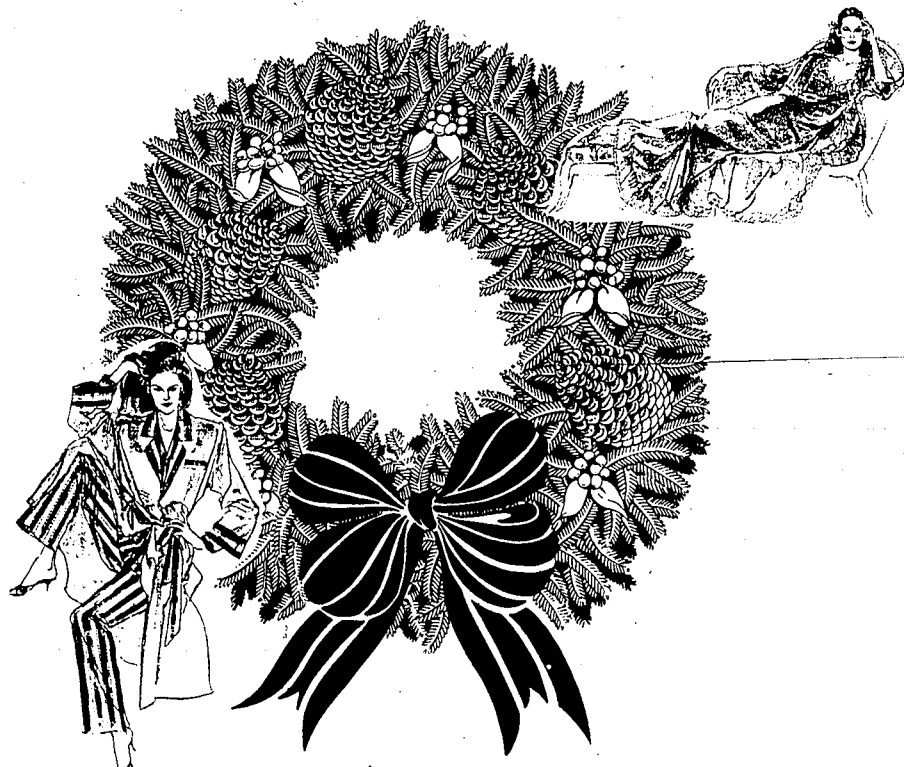
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Physical violence should not be the end result of anger

DEAR ABBY: If someone could compile an accurate statistic of all reported and unreported incidents of men beating up women — say, "Last year, 3,450,785 females were physically abused by their husbands, lovers or boyfriends" — another statistic would say, "In 1987, 3,450,785 males were verbally abused by their wives, lovers or girlfriends!"

is a human emotion, and there is nothing wrong with appropriate anger. (To become angry about injustice, prejudice and inequality is appropriate, and, therefore, good.) But if one acts out his anger with violence — that's bad.

matter how you are being disturbed, these neighbors are disturbing your peace.

Don't rely on their seeing this in the newspaper. Ask them (nicely, of course) to please tone down their lov-

ing farewells in the morning. CONFIDENTIAL TO RUTH IN EL PASO:

Thanks for the day brightener: "Life is uncertain. Eat the dessert first."

Abigail VanBuren
Dear Abby

While men pound with violent fists, women slash with vicious tongues!

I work in a casino where thousands of people pass by every day. To hear women insult, humiliate and denigrate their men in public is commonplace. (Imagine what they say at home?)

All in nature must balance, so for every man who takes it in the ear, another gives it on the chin. For every woman who whips out her tongue, her sister somewhere gets it in the mouth.

Solution: There are national drives against drugs, alcohol and smoking; one is needed against "anger." How about "No Anger Group" — we could call it NAG.

Unfortunately, there can be no official statistics of unreported incidents of physical and/or verbal abuse perpetrated by men or women. While neither is desirable, verbal abuse is the lesser of the evils. Ask any victim of physical abuse — male or female.

DEAR ABBY: Our problem is a pair of amorous but obnoxious neighbors.

The Mr. leaves the house about 6:30 a.m. for work. The Mrs. kisses him goodbye at the door. Then he gets into his car, and as he drives off, he yells to his wife, "I LOVE YOU!" Then she answers him with, "I LOVE YOUUUUUUU!" This can be heard in our house even with all the doors and windows closed.

They both holler "I love you" until he is out of sight. Abby, we believe in love, too, but this is really annoying for neighbors who are retired and don't have to get up at 6:30 every morning.

Maybe if you print this, it would calm down those lovebirds. Abby, this is no put-on. It's an earnest problem.

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DEAR K: I suppose it's better than being awakened at 2 a.m. by a couple of bathing neighbors. But no



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Ladies of the Elks hold annual bazaar
TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Ladies of the Elks will hold their annual holiday bazaar from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday at the lodge, 205 Shoshone St. N. Chili, hot dogs, chili dogs, salad and homemade pie will be served for lunch. The public is invited.

Senior center plans Christmas bazaar
SHOSHONE — Golden Years Senior Center will hold a Christmas bazaar from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Soup or chili will be available for \$1 and free coffee will be served all day. Raffles for a quilt, stuffed black lamb and alphan will be held at 3 p.m. There will be craft items, decorations and homemade items as well as cooked food.

Arts and crafts show set
HAGERMAN — The Hagerman American Legion Auxiliary will hold an arts and crafts show beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday in the Hagerman American Legion hall.

Bottle of wine sells for \$40,000
GENEVA (AP) — A bottle of 1806 Chateau Lafite was sold for \$40,280 at auction. The buyer was identified only as a European collector, said a Sotheby's spokesman. The auction house's catalog said the wine was of "excellent appearance," but it would not guarantee its quality. The bottle previously sold at auction in 1985 for \$20,270.

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For 10 new senators, it's a day of looking, lunching and lobbying

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 10 men who will become new senators in January gathered in the Capitol Monday for a hectic orientation tour that, for Democrats, included lobbying by the three voters who want their votes for majority leader.

"It's a special day you'll never forget," said Sen.-elect Herbert Kohl, D-Wis. "But it's also like going to college as a freshman."

The newly elected senators, five Republicans and five Democrats, were quickly enrolled in Senate politics as they eyed coveted committee assignments, prime office locations and other perquisites of life in the

Senate. For Trent Lott it wasn't necessarily a step up in life. The veteran congressman gave up his position as House Republican whip to run for, and win, the Senate seat vacated by the retiring John Stennis.

"You look at the House and the Senate and there certainly are a lot of differences," Lott said. "Like why it takes three months in the Senate to move in 10 guys, when in the House they move in 43 people in 30 days."

The five freshmen Democrats hadn't even had time to sit down for lunch before being lobbied by the three men who want their

votes today when the majority party elects its leaders.

Kohl announced he would support Sen. George Mitchell of Maine for the job because "he's a person I'm comfortable with." Joe Lieberman of Connecticut said he hadn't made up his mind and called it "the first major decision I'll have to make as a senator."

"I honestly don't know them very well," Lieberman said. "They're all saying roughly the same thing. It comes down to a decision in your gut."

Mitchell, 55, also picked up the endorse-

ments of Sens. Edward Kennedy and John Kerry of Massachusetts and Bob Graham of Florida over the weekend. But Sens. Daniel Inouye, 64, of Hawaii and Bennett Johnston, 56 of Louisiana also have support and no one is predicting the outcome.

"I haven't the vaguest notion who's going to win," said Sen. Alan Dixon, D-Ill. "There must be 75 of us if you add up the promised votes," he said, suggesting that some of the 55 Democrats were playing multiple choice in the verbal straw balloting.

"My experience, my seniority should be in

my favor," Inouye said in an interview Sunday.

Most of the freshmen were more interested in lobbying for office space and committee assignments, and in finding their way through the labyrinth of hallways, corridors and subways that honeycomb the Capitol.

Senator-elect Conrad Burns, a Montana Republican who unseated veteran Democrat John Melcher, wasn't too concerned with seeking out plum offices and assignments. Under complicated Senate rules and procedures, he stands at the bottom of the seniority ladder.

U.S., EEC try to avoid meat battle

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two top officials of the European Economic Community may come to Washington this week in an effort to avert a trade battle over the EEC's scheduled Jan. 1 ban of meat from animals treated with growth hormones.

U.S. producers stand to lose sales which totaled about \$169 million last year in the 12 EEC nations, and administration officials say President-elect George Bush could retaliate with restrictions against the sale of European meat products, or even some industrial products, in the United States.

Patricia F. Stolfa of the Agriculture Department's Food Safety and Inspection Service said the value of the European meat exports to the United States is higher, because they include high quality items like Danish ham. The U.S. market in Europe, on the other hand, includes a large quantity of cheaper cuts such as hearts and kidneys, she said.

The use of hormones to speed animal growth is forbidden in the EEC's member nations, which include West Germany, Britain, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Belgium, Spain, Portugal and Greece.

However, there have been widespread reports of illegal use of hormones by European producers and Ms. Stolfa suggested it could be appropriate to delay the import ban while the European Parliament completes an investigation already in progress.

If they occur, the prospective negotiations this week would be handled for the EEC by Willy De Clercq, a Belgian in charge of external affairs for the European Commission, and Frans Andriessen, a Netherlander and top agricultural official.

But "the meeting is not firmed up yet," Roger Bolton, spokesman for U.S. Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter, said Monday.

In any event, there will be a meeting in Montreal, beginning Dec. 5, when Yeutter and Agriculture Secretary Richard L. Lyng are due to review trade issues with representatives of nearly 100 nations.

Countdown clock ticking for Atlantis

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA set an invisible countdown clock in motion Monday for Thursday's launch of space shuttle Atlantis with five military men who reportedly will deploy the \$500 million Lacrosse satellite to spy on the Soviet Union.

NASA and the Pentagon say the flight and its cargo are top-secret, but reports have circulated widely about the satellite, and even the Soviet Union has discussed the mission through its news agency, Tass.

The weather could be a problem for launch day. A preliminary forecast for Thursday called for overcast sky, brisk winds and isolated rainshowers — unfavorable conditions that would prevent NASA from giving the go-ahead for liftoff.

The astronauts flew here Monday afternoon from their training base in Houston and their commander, Navy Cmdr. Robert L. Gibson, told reporters, "We're ready to go; the crew is excited about the mission, and we're anxious to be under way." He said he hoped for good weather on Thursday.

The crew members have been instructed not to discuss their mission publicly.

The pilot is Air Force Lt. Col. Guy S. Gardner, and the mission specialists are Col. Richard M. Mullane and Lt. Col. Jerry L. Ross of the Air Force, and Navy Cmdr. William M. Shepherd.

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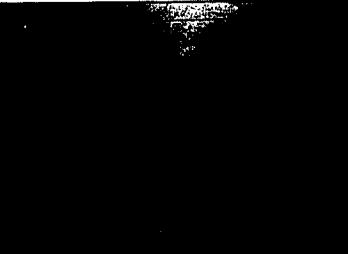
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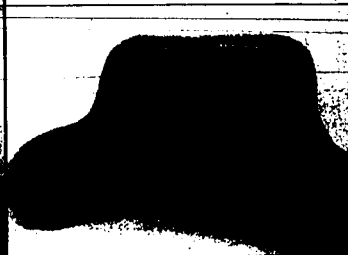
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High court refuses to disturb Congressional pay raise setup

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Monday refused to disturb the current system for giving pay raises to members of Congress — a system that produced a \$12,000 salary hike last year.

The justices rejected arguments that the process gives too much power to the president to determine salary levels. The court, also without comment, declined to use the case to determine what power members of Congress have to challenge the constitutionality of federal laws.

Sen. Gordon Humphrey, R-N.H., and five Republican House members challenged the pay-raise system after congressional salaries were raised \$12,000 last year to \$80,500.

The pay-raise system, which was established by a 1967 law, also controls salary increases for federal judges and high-ranking executive branch officials. But the challengers to the law did not attack those provisions.

The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington upheld the pay-raise sys-

tem last May 31, ruling it is constitutional because it allows Congress to override salary increases granted by the president. The Supreme Court left that ruling intact Monday.

In other action, the court:

- Heard arguments about the rights of unwed fathers whose children are put up for adoption by their mothers.
- Refused for now to let a Jewish organization display a menorah, symbolizing the Hanukkah holiday, on the steps of a Pittsburgh government building next month. The court is reviewing the constitutionality of the display.

• Agreed to use a case involving a small Pennsylvania and Ohio railroad to resolve an important railroad industry dispute affecting the ability of railroads to sell off their lines and reduce their work forces.

• For the second time this month refused to grant husbands legal power to prevent their wives from having an abortion. The court rejected an appeal

by a Michigan man who sought unsuccessfully last summer to stop his estranged wife from ending her pregnancy.

• Allowed prosecutors investigating labor union corruption in New York to use subpoenaed membership lists obtained from four carpenters union locals.

Prior to 1967, Congress had set its own salary scale. But the lawmakers, seeking to share responsibility for giving themselves pay raises, passed the Federal Salary Act in 1967.

The act calls for a study commission to be convened every four years with members appointed by all three branches of government. The commission submits recommendations to the president, who in turn proposes a pay plan to Congress.

The president's recommendations become effective unless Congress acts within 30 days to disapprove them.

The law was amended in 1985 to require action by both houses to override the president's recommendations.

Carlucci off on 10-day trip to Europe and Middle East

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Frank C. Carlucci is departing Washington on a 10-day trip to Europe and the Middle East, the Pentagon announced Monday.

The defense chief travels first to Paris for meetings with French defense officials before attending the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Defense Planning Committee meeting in

Brussels from Nov. 30 to Dec. 2. Following the NATO session, Carlucci will visit Oman, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait before returning home on Dec. 7, the Pentagon added.

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Carolina tornadoes kill 4, leave 151 hurt

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Tornadoes skipped without warning like a "big bouncing ball" across North Carolina's capital city early Monday, smashing homes and churches before heading into rural areas. Four people were killed and at least 151 injured.

"I can remember hearing a big gust of wind like a hurricane and then I could hear the wood tearing and I thought 'Oh God, this is it, I'm gone.' I just buried myself under the bed," said Betty Bell of Raleigh.

The storms brought reminders of the 24 twisters that ripped a 250-mile path through the state in 1984, killing 44 people, injuring more than 800 and leaving 2,300 homeless.

Monday's twisters destroyed mobile homes, damaged churches, toppled several houses onto their sides and threw power lines onto houses and streets, leaving more 6,500 homes without electricity for several hours. Trees were snapped several feet from the ground along the storm's path.

About 500 people were left homeless in Raleigh, where the storms struck without any advance notice, said Mayor Avery Upchurch. The National Weather Service issued no tornado warnings or watches before the tornadoes struck.

Roger Friedenson, a spokesman for the Insurance News Service in Raleigh, said insurance companies anticipated a possible loss of \$30 million in North Carolina from the twisters. The 1984 storms caused \$65 million in damage.

Joe Dean, secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, said twisters touched down in 17 locations in Wake, Nash, Franklin, Northampton, Halifax, Dare, Hyde, Pamlico and Currituck counties.

In neighboring Virginia, one tornado and high wind downed trees, damaged property and knocked out power in Isle of Wight, Brunswick and Southampton counties early Monday, but no injuries were reported.

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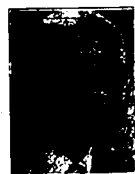
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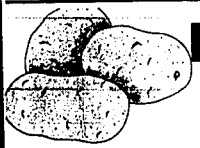
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Everywhere I go, there's a line that stretches from here to Vermont. I don't know how they know I'm coming, but they do. Banks, bakeries, supermarket checkout counters, it's all the same.

Five minutes before I get there, the place is about as crowded as the atomic test site on Bikini Atoll. The minute I show up, it's like they're giving away free chunks of the Hope diamond.

As this is the start of the shopping season, my problem with lines figures to get worse.

Perspectives

Kevin Cowherd

I'm not one of these people who agonizes over gifts, believe me. If my wife can't use that hydraulic jack, she can always return it. If the kids don't like those SteadyRider shocks and the cans of Quaker State motor oil in their stockings, fine, they can be exchanged.

What generally happens is I walk into a store knowing exactly what I want to buy.

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Sure, it'll hurt my feelings, but I'll get over it.

The thing is, even knowing exactly what gift I want to purchase doesn't do any good. I still have to wait on line.

First I wait on line to see a salesperson to show me the gift.

Then I wait on another line to pay for the gift.

Then I wait on another line to have the gift wrapped.

Sometimes I even wait on line to pick up the gift, if it's something like a 16-piece swing set, which I actually bought one Christmas in a fit of insanity.

This is probably not the place to detail the horror of assembling a 16-piece swing set, except to say that it often leads to a short stay in the Betty Ford Clinic.

There is really no way to practice waiting on lines, although a visit to Disney World is not a bad first step.

If you have ever visited the legendary children's haven in Orlando, Fla., you know the main attraction is the famous lines which snake all around the place.

You wait on line to visit the Magic Kingdom. You wait on line to visit Epcot Center. You wait on line to go on the rides.

And when I say you wait on lines, I don't mean 10 minutes and we're all chatting with Mickey Mouse.

I mean 45 minutes with the hot sun blazing down, dehydration setting in, mosquitoes dive-bombing the crowd, babies crying, children screaming. I could go on.

If the CIA is ever looking for a way to make enemy spies crack under interrogation, I suggest they put them on a line at Disney World.

Believe me, those spies will be singing like canaries after half an hour at Disney World. They'll be detailing battle plans, troops move-

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Break out at San Diego Zoo

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — An orangutan that escaped from a display enclosure at the San Diego Zoo earlier this month was put back on display and immediately made its fifth escape, a spokeswoman said.

The 11-year-old, 100-pound female named Kumang was released into the exhibit for the first time since its Nov. 7 escape and by about 9:25 a.m. Saturday had gotten out, said zoo spokeswoman Georgeanne Irvine.

The orangutan made its way atop an aviary as visitors who had entered the zoo since the 9 a.m. opening were cleared from the area.

When Kumang came down to a low level, zoo workers hit her with a tranquilizer dart and ended her bid for freedom at 10:15 a.m., Ms. Irvine said.

Unharmed by the tranquilizer, Kumang was returned to the orangutan sleeping area, which is separate from the display enclosure.

"I'm afraid she's gonna have to stay there till we figure out our next step," Ms. Irvine said. "She's quite a clever orangutan."

Kumang first escaped in August 1987 using a mop handle left in the enclosure and got free twice since June.



Crowd-stopper

A gigantic gorilla emerges from a shopping mall in downtown Tokyo. The gorilla, a 1-ton replica of the famous 'King Kong' movie character, was created by the owner of the building to attract customers.



Santa clones

Bell-ringing sidewalk Santas working for New York Friday for the start of their the Volunteers of America hit the streets of Christmas season.

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11-year-old aims for med school

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — An 11-year-old boy expects to graduate this year from a high school for academically advanced students, then try to break the record for the youngest person to finish medical school.

In some ways, Balamurali Ambati seems like a perfectly normal child who likes stamp-collecting, playing basketball with his friends and testing his video game skills.

But he's already a senior at Baltimore City College High School and has some decidedly uncommon interests, including college courses. And he's cowritten a book on AIDS with his 17-year-old brother, himself already a medical student.

"He is a very goal-oriented, conscientious, highly motivated and self-directed student," said Jean Johnson, assistant principal of the high school.

He was born in Vellore, India, but his family moved to Buffalo, N.Y., when he was 3. Within four months, said his father, Ambati Murali, Bala was speaking and writing English.

By age 4, the boy had mastered multiplication and was beginning to learn basic calculus, said his father, an industrial consultant.

In 1986, the family moved to Baltimore, where Bala completed seventh grade at Roland Park Public School. In the next two years, he advanced through middle and high

school.

In addition to his academic success, Bala fits in well with older classmates, Ms. Johnson said.

"He tells jokes and has a great sense of humor," she said. "He's a delightful person. It's been a pleasure to have him here."

Bala said his age has not precluded friendships with other students. "Everyone is initially astonished," he said. "But eventually they begin to appreciate my age and accomplishments."

While enjoying all academic subjects, Bala said he has a special affinity for math and science, technical topics. In my free time, I like the challenge of solving mathematical problems, inventing new phenomena and new problems.

At age 9, he qualified for admittance to The Study for Mathematically Precocious Youth, a program at Johns Hopkins University. It monitors the intellectual development of children who have displayed an exceptional ability in math based on Scholastic Aptitude Test scores.

The boy also takes two classes at Towson State University and participates in the Gifted Math Program correspondence course offered through the State University of New York in Buffalo.

Bala expects to enter college next fall with about 70 university credits already earned through advanced

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Juror marries man she helped convict

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A woman who married a man she earlier helped convict of murder, kidnapping and rape has asked the state Court of Appeal to overturn the conviction because of alleged coercion by fellow jurors.

Steven Erickson, 34, was convicted in March 1987 of the February 1984 abduction, rape and shooting death of a 26-year-old woman.

Gwendolyn Wix, 41, was a juror during Erickson's six-month murder trial.

Erickson was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole, primarily because of Ms. Wix's resistance to the death penalty.

In March, Ms. Wix filed a seven-page declaration alleging impropriety on the part of her fellow jurors.

She didn't mention her marriage in the affidavit and the attorney general's office wrote last month that her marriage to Erickson tarnished her credibility.

Deputy District Attorney Michael Knight, who prosecuted Erickson, said he once tried to have Ms. Wix removed as a juror after learning that she contacted the defense attorney in the case. That effort was de-

nied by the judge.

"This is stranger than fiction," Knight said. "She apparently fell in love with the guy during the trial. I've seen some jurors become enamored of the guy, but I've never seen where they've actually gone and met the guy and married him."

Knight said he planned to investigate how the couple got together and determine whether Ms. Wix acted improperly during the trial.

Jurors who worked with Ms. Wix said they agreed to a penalty other than death at her insistence to avoid deadlocking 11-1 and possibly having the case retried, jury foreman Harry Godley said Friday.

Referring to her marriage, Godley said: "I'm completely flabbergasted. I'd like to know how their relationship developed."

Ms. Wix said fellow jurors were biased against Erickson, verbally abused her and pressured her to side with them. She said they refused to listen to her arguments.

Godley denies Ms. Wix was coerced. "You have no idea the way everybody bent over backward to try to reason with her," he said.

The attorney general's office said there was no evidence that Ms. Wix's fellow jurors acted improperly.

Vietnamese refugee seeks new start in U.S.

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Ten-year-old Hung Quoc Tran clutches an American flag after arriving in Little Rock

CBS looks for younger audience

LOS ANGELES (AP) — New CBS programming executive Barbara Corday hopes to bring the network out of the ratings cellar by appealing to a younger audience.

"A lot of producers think of CBS as a lot older and a lot more rural than it actually is," said Ms. Corday, the new vice-president in charge of prime-time entertainment. "But CBS has begun to turn around a little bit in the areas of slightly younger, slightly more upscale, more female-oriented shows."



RICHARD NIXON
Subject of new book

Among the new projects is a series based on the hit Tom Hanks movie "Big."

It's too early to tell whether this new network attitude will help make CBS competitive. Ms. Corday, 43, former president of Columbia Embassy Television and co-creator of the Emmy-winning "Cagney and Lacey," came on board too late to influence this season's shows.

Book reveals Nixon's concerns in office

NEW YORK (AP) — Important matters of state were not always up-fermat in the mind of former President Richard M. Nixon.

The glamour of former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's dinner partners and the quality of the White House's wine cellar also concerned Nixon, according to a new book.

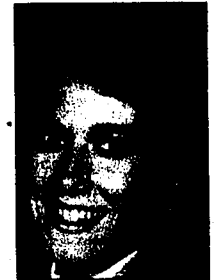
excerpts from "FROM: The President, Richard Nixon's Secret Files," edited by Bruce Opatow and published by Harper & Row, appear in People magazine's Dec. 5 issue.

The memos show Nixon was particularly concerned about the press.

After the publication of the Pentagon Papers, he told his assistant H.R. Haldeman to make sure no one spoke to the New York Times without the president's permission.

But Nixon had other interests as well.

In a March 1970 memo, he asked Haldeman: "Would you please have the Bordeaux years checked? I know that '59 is an excellent year, even with my unsophisticated taste; but my recollection is that '66 is one of the poor years. The reason I ask is that we seem to have a huge



AMY GRANT
Sees finished homes

stock of 66 Bordeaux on hand, and I wondered why."

Memos from Nixon's aides revealed even the attractiveness of Kissinger's dinner companions did not escape the former president's notice.

A Feb. 1971 message from Haldeman to Nixon deputy Alex Butterfield stated, "In seating at State Dinners, the President feels that Henry (Kissinger)-should-not-always-be put next to the most glamorous woman present."

Actress Mirren returns to London stage

LONDON (AP) — Actress Helen Mirren, who starred in the films "White Nights," "The Mosquito Coast" and "Pascali's Island," is returning to the London stage for the first time in five years, theater publicists said Monday.

The actress will star opposite Bob Peck in a Young Vic production of "Two-Way Mirror," two one-act plays by Arthur Miller that received mixed-to-poor reviews in their 1982 American debut at the Long Wharf

Theater in New Haven, Conn.

The double-bill is scheduled to run Jan. 19 to March 4. David Thacker, the Young Vic's artistic director, will direct.

She last appeared on the London stage in 1984, playing a rape victim in William Mastrorosso's "Extremities."

Amy Grant sees homes she helped build

AMERICUS, Ga. (AP) — Gospel singer Amy Grant had helped build several Habitat for Humanity homes, but until this weekend she had never seen the finished product.

"It takes it a lot closer to the bone," said Ms. Grant after a Sunday visit to Americus, headquarters for the agency that helps build homes for low-income families. "It really comes alive when you actually see it and the people whose lives it has changed."

Habitat for Humanity, founded by Millard Fuller and Clarence Jordan, is an ecumenical housing agency that has provided more than 4,000 homes since 1966.

During her 1988 tour, Ms. Grant promoted the the agency's work. She also has helped local Habitat workers build homes in Cleveland and Rochester, N.Y.

During Sunday's visit to a 50-house project in Americus, 90 miles south of Atlanta, Ms. Grant watched Lillie Mae Bowen hug Fuller and say, "I have to thank the good Lord and this man right here for this home."

"In a selfish world it's good to see that something like this can happen," said Ms. Grant's husband, Gary Chapman.

'Maverick' co-star seeks political office

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. (AP) — When ABC chose not to renew the TV series "Maverick" in 1982, co-star Jack Kelly didn't take it easy. He hit the road doing musicals such as "Guys and Dolls" and ended up entering local politics.

Now that his term as Huntington Beach City Councilman is up, he's set his sights on a new seat: Orange County supervisor.

Kelly, 61, says he plans to run for election in 1990.

He already has a line ready about a just Fair Political Practices Commission fine of \$4,000 for failing to report real estate transactions on his campaign disclosure forms.

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- Christmas, Fla., 32709.
- North Pole, Alaska, 99705.
- Santa Claus, Ind., 47579.
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- Mistletoe, Ky., 41351.
- Snowflake, Ariz., 85937.
- Rudolph, Ohio, 43452.

Holiday postmarks available for Christmas cards

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bethlehem, North Pole and Santa Claus are among the postmarks available to mailers of Christmas cards, the U.S. Postal Service has noted.

To get the special postmarks, simply address the cards as usual and apply first-class postage to each, then

put them all in a large envelope and mail it, to the postmaster at the post office in question, along with a note requesting the cards be post-marked in that community and mailed.

Among the suggestions of the Postal Service:

Alf, Roger Rabbit, Cher take top billing

NEW YORK (AP) — A rabbit named Roger, an alien named Alf and an actress named Cher have taken top billing in their categories, rated by a national magazine as Top, extraterrestrial and star of the year.

The three share the pages of the December issue of Ladies Home Journal with a roster of celebrities ranging from a royal baby — Fergie and Andy's — to new mother Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg.

In all, 10 creatures make the magazine's list as "Celebs of the Year," with actors and actresses dominating the lineup.

— "Hunk of the Year" Kevin Costner, who set "millions of women sigh-

ing in theater audiences across the country" when he painted Susan Sarandon's toenails in the movie "Bull Durham."

— Comeback of the Year for Sarandon, who's "made it to the major leagues" after 18 years of near-stardom.

— Enter of the Year Tom Hanks: "the current leading man of movie comedy."

— "Box Office Champ of the Year" Eddie Murphy, whose seven films have grossed more than \$1 billion.

— TV Woman of the Year Jane Seymour, "queen of the miniseries."

— "Baby of the Year" Princess Beatrice Elizabeth Mary of York, daugh-

ter of the duke and duchess of York, Prince Andrew and his wife, the former Sarah Ferguson.

— "Mom of the Year" Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg, daughter of President John F. Kennedy and mother of baby Rose.

— Extraterrestrial of the Year Alf, the "exciting star of a TV hit."

— "Toon of the Year" Roger Rabbit, the cartoon character star of the film "Who Framed Roger Rabbit?"

— Star of the Year Cher, whose performance in "Moonstruck" won her an Academy Award and "established her as one of the most important, serious actresses of our time."

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Good Samaritan receives prison sentence

NEW YORK (AP) — A man praised as a good Samaritan when he shot two muggers was sentenced Monday to 1 1/2 to 4 1/2 years in prison on a drug conviction despite his plea for a second chance to be an honest citizen.

Clovis Fearon, 30, of Brooklyn, had been a fugitive since March 1987 but his identity was revealed Nov. 2 when he came to the rescue of a woman being robbed on the street outside his home. He killed one man and wounded another, using an unregistered handgun.

"I knew that getting involved could lead to my exposure," Fearon told state Supreme Court Justice Joseph Slavin. "I did not want to get involved but I knew I had to do something to help."

Fearon, who came to New York from Jamaica five years ago, had

pleaded guilty in February 1987 to felony charges for directing two undercover police officers to a drug dealer who sold them two vials of crack.

Slavin had promised Fearon a sentence of one day in jail and five years' probation, but had warned him if he did not appear for sentencing he would impose a two-to-six-year prison term.

Fearon, who read from a written statement, told the judge Monday that the reason he did not come to his sentencing was that an immigration lawyer had told him that he could be deported to Jamaica.

"I was afraid. I did not want to go back to Jamaica because I love America. I know it is the land of opportunity," Fearon said.

He said that after he became a fugitive he made a vow to himself to

be a law-abiding citizen and had worked as many as three jobs at a time to support a wife and two children in Jamaica.

"I am not a hero. All I want is to be a good member of the community," said Fearon, who also quoted from the Book of Psalms. "I appeal to you from the bottom of my heart to show me mercy."

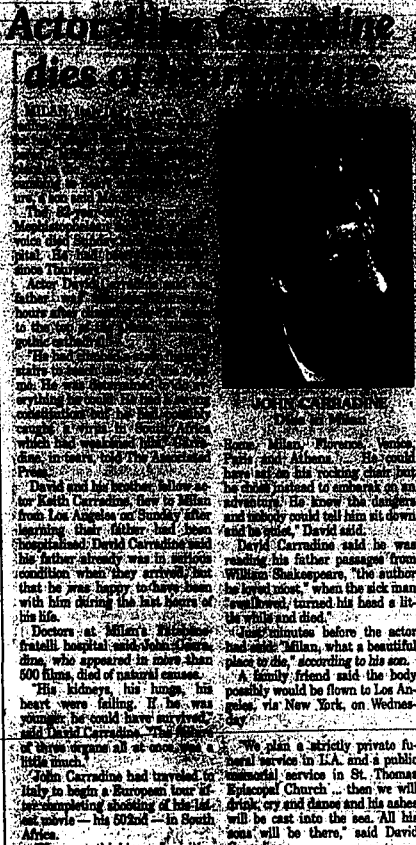
He asked the judge to give him probation and community service, suggesting that he could use his experience as a cook to help the homeless at a soup kitchen.

Slavin said he reduced the two-to-

six-year sentence to 1 1/2-to-4 1/2 years "for his" — quote — "heroism." Fearon must serve the minimum of 1 1/2 years before being eligible for parole.

But the judge chided Fearon for going underground and changing his name and for owning an unlicensed gun.

"If he's such a fine person, why did he have a Brazilian-made Saturday night special?" Slavin said. "If he had just come out with a knife or club and jumped those men, I would give him probation so fast it would make the D.A.'s head spin."



Acting Director
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Doctors at Milan's Fatebenefratelli hospital said John Carradine, 57, died of natural causes. "His kidneys, his lungs, his heart were failing. He was a young man, he could have lived for years," said David Carradine, Carradine's brother.

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Koo turns the tables on London tabloids

LONDON — Blend her soft-porn past with her royal romance and Koo Stark is always good for a headline.

"Koo and Andy Dated After She Wed," cried one tabloid story. "Andy, Koo and the Exorcist," teased another. "Koo Sparked Joan's Divorce," declared a third, invoking "Dynasty" star Joan Collins for a sure sell.

The stories were typical tabloid tripe, the patented titillation hawked by the million to a British middle class grown accustomed to servings of scandal with their early morning beans-on-toast.

Koo was secretly seeing her old flame Prince Andrew, reported The Sunday People. In the next installment, the newspaper said the priest who married her to Timothy Jefferies had offered to "exercise" her love for the prince.

Trouble was, the reports were pure fiction. The actress fought back and won big.

A jury this month ordered Sunday People to pay her \$550,000. This week, three more newspapers settled various claims out of court for what the lawyers termed "substantial damages plus all of her legal costs."

The victories produced fresh headlines victoriously oozing with contrition.

"We're Sorry Koo," read a large line of type atop the lead story in Tuesday's Daily Mirror. The paper apologized "unreservedly" and agreed that the story linking her to Peter Holm, Collins' husband at the time, was "totally untrue."

A spate of such cases serves as a reminder that Fleet Street isn't known as the Street of Shame for nothing. The comeuppance is coming at considerable cost to the press barons.

As critics call for legislation curbing the press, there is a growing conviction that the scandal sheets' standards have sunk lower than ever. One retired editor said these are the "dark ages" of tabloid journalism.

Hugh Cudlipp, former editor of The Daily Mirror, railed against "intrusive journalism for the prurient." He lamented "the daily nipple count and sleazy stories about banking bimbos," using the accepted British term for lovemaking.

A London attorney who defends tabloids against libel complaints said it is not unusual for his clients to be unable to prove the truth of their stories, as demanded by British law. He thinks the economics of jury verdicts may increase press diligence.

"It's just that the guy is hard-headed," Anthony said. "Kevin and I have both told him that there's a way to write it and certain answers that they're looking for. But he still does it his way."

Fewer than half the people who take the bar exam at any one time pass.

"I have seen people just faint away — roll over, just like that," Filer said. "And I have seen (instances where) not one person will move to help them ... because they're all too nervous or scared."

"I do it because it's like a continuing education to me," he said. "Every time I take the bar, I find something new and I go back to the books ... I want to pass. I want to practice law. I dream of it, very definitely so."

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Business

Banks boost prime lending rate

NEW YORK — Major U.S. banks boosted their prime lending rate a half percentage point Monday to 10.5 percent, the steepest level since mid-1985 and the fourth rise this year.

The increase will mean a jump in rates on a variety of consumer loans pegged to the prime, including home-equity loans. It also will raise borrowing costs for companies that rely on banks for financing.

Economists had been predicting a prime rate increase because interest rates in the bond markets rose recently due to inflation fears and the dollar's weakness in foreign exchange markets.

The financial markets had no major reaction to the announcement. Stock and bond prices were modestly higher while the dollar, steadied against other major currencies.

"It comes as no surprise, in fact, they (banks) seem to have held back longer than I expected," said Edward Yardeni, chief economist for the investment firm Prudential-Bache Securities Inc.

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan also has warned of higher short-term rates unless the government trims its huge budget deficit, the source of the dollar's woes.

"There's a building perception in the marketplace that the Fed is, in fact, tightening conditions ...," said William V. Sullivan, an economist for the investment firm Dean Witter Reynolds Inc.

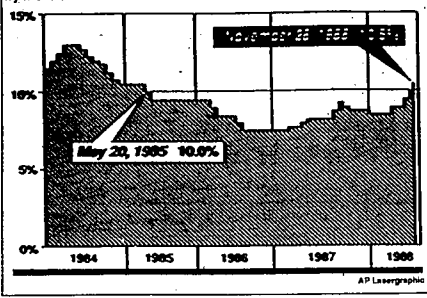
Sullivan and other economists predicted the Fed might soon raise its discount rate, or the interest it charges on loans to member banks.

"If it happened, the prime rate would be increased again," said Yardeni. "I'd look for something (from the Fed) in the next two weeks," said Yardeni.

Chase Manhattan was the first in-

Prime Lending Rate

Each bank sets its own prime rate; major banks tend to set similar rates and change them at the same time. Dates are for general industry move to new rate.



situation to increase its prime rate Monday, and other major banks quickly joined the move.

The prime stood at 8.5 percent at the start of the year and has been raised four times since Monday's increase to its highest level since May 20, 1985, when it was lowered a half percentage point to 10 percent.

The prime rate reflects a bank's costs of borrowing money, including interest it pays on savings accounts and certificates of deposit, and trails similar increases in other interest rates.

But Yardeni said some credit-hungry consumers might want to cut back on spending and "buy only things that they can afford."

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Economists were uncertain what effect the latest increase would have on the economy, and more specifically on consumers' spending during the holiday season.

James L. Kochan, chief fixed-income strategist for Merrill Lynch Capital Markets Inc., said, "I think the direct effect is pretty small because generally consumers aren't affected by modest increases in interest rates."

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Dow gains 6.16 in light trading

NEW YORK — Prices were little changed in quiet trading on Wall Street on Monday after major banks raised prime lending rates.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks rose 6.16 to 2,083.44. Advancing issues were about even with declines in nationwide trading of New York Stock Ex-

change-listed stocks, with 710 issues up, 726 down and 621 unchanged.

Volume on the floor of the NYSE came to 123.48 million shares, up from 72.09 million in the previous session.

Nationwide, consolidated volume in NYSE-listed issues, including trading at regional exchanges and on the over-the-counter market, totaled 145.26 million shares.

The market moved in a narrow range, opening marginally higher and then dipping after the national largest banks said they were increasing their prime interest rates to 10.5 percent from 10 percent.

The increase, effective immediately, pushes the base lending rate to its highest level since May 1985, when it was lowered a half percentage point to 10 percent.

Potatoes

CHICAGO (AP) — Potatoes posted gains for farmers' prices. The Farmers' Potato Marketing Board reported: Potatoes: Chipping grade, packing quality generally closed. Demand fairly light. Firm sales. Demand for chipping grade minimum. Par cut. Mostly mixed pack, wide range in volume. U.S. 1-80 net weight based on 3000 lbs. 1988-89: 1-80 net weight, mostly 13.00-13.25; 1-20 net weight, mostly 12.00-12.50; 1-30 net weight, mostly 11.00-11.50; 1-40 net weight, mostly 10.00-10.50; 1-50 net weight, mostly 9.00-9.50; 1-60 net weight, mostly 8.00-8.50; 1-70 net weight, mostly 7.00-7.50; 1-80 net weight, mostly 6.00-6.50; 1-90 net weight, mostly 5.00-5.50; 1-100 net weight, mostly 4.00-4.50; 1-110 net weight, mostly 3.00-3.50; 1-120 net weight, mostly 2.00-2.50; 1-130 net weight, mostly 1.00-1.50; 1-140 net weight, mostly 0.50-1.00; 1-150 net weight, mostly 0.25-0.50.

CHICAGO (AP) — U.S. — Major potato market. FOB Chicago: 1-80 net weight, mostly 13.00-13.25; 1-20 net weight, mostly 12.00-12.50; 1-30 net weight, mostly 11.00-11.50; 1-40 net weight, mostly 10.00-10.50; 1-50 net weight, mostly 9.00-9.50; 1-60 net weight, mostly 8.00-8.50; 1-70 net weight, mostly 7.00-7.50; 1-80 net weight, mostly 6.00-6.50; 1-90 net weight, mostly 5.00-5.50; 1-100 net weight, mostly 4.00-4.50; 1-110 net weight, mostly 3.00-3.50; 1-120 net weight, mostly 2.00-2.50; 1-130 net weight, mostly 1.00-1.50; 1-140 net weight, mostly 0.50-1.00; 1-150 net weight, mostly 0.25-0.50.

NEW YORK (AP) — Sugar futures trading on the New York Cattle, Cows and Calf Exchange Monday.

Table with columns: Sugar Futures, Open High Low Settle, Cattle, Cows, Calf, etc. Includes prices for various sugar grades and livestock categories.

Livestock futures

CHICAGO (AP) — Futures trading on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Monday.

Table with columns: Livestock Futures, Open High Low Settle, Cattle, Cows, Calf, etc. Includes prices for various livestock categories.

Gold futures

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Trunk and rail take grain delivered to Chicago. Quotations from the USDA report bids from terminal elevators, processors, millers and merchants for a 120-day contract.

Table with columns: Gold Futures, Open High Low Settle, Silver, etc. Includes prices for gold and silver.

Chicago grain

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Table with columns: Chicago Grain, Open High Low Settle, Soybeans, Corn, etc. Includes prices for various grain types.

Western grain

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Idaho Farm Bureau Warehouse western grain and livestock report.

Table with columns: Western Grain, Open High Low Settle, Wheat, Corn, etc. Includes prices for various grain types.

Beehive files for Chapter 11

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Beehive International, manufacturer of IBM-compatible computer terminals, has filed for protection under Chapter 11 provisions of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, officials said.

The filing in U.S. Bankruptcy Court, the company's second since 1984, follows a recent announcement that Beehive had reached an agreement to sell its assets and technology to FX International Ltd.

FX International is the parent company of Future International following the sale to FX International remains unclear. Howard was out of town and could not be contacted for additional comment on the company's condition.

But in the statement, Howard said all of the company's efforts are focused upon maximizing the return to all of its claimants through the sale of assets and by establishing a small administrative entity to manage and monitor the collection of all receivables, royalties and license fees.

Today's stocks

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Selected closing quotations on the Spokane Stock Exchange Monday.

Table with columns: Today's Stocks, Bid Asked, etc. Includes prices for various stocks.

New York Stock Exchange

NEW YORK (AP) — Monday market summary for the New York Stock Exchange.

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BOISE (AP) — Gov. Cecil Andrus said he was "pleased and encouraged" by Meridian Gold Co.'s discovery of what may be the largest single gold deposit ever found in Idaho.

Meridian Gold, a subsidiary of Burlington Resources Inc., said Monday that the central Idaho discovery could amount to more than 2 billion ounces.

The discovery was made at Meridian's Beatrice Joint Venture property near Salmon in Lemhi County.

In a news release, Meridian said an independent consulting geologist estimates the potential gold resource at the site at more than 36.9 million tons, averaging .055 ounce of gold per ton, and containing about 2.03 million ounces of gold.

Andrus said he welcomed the announcement for its potential economic impact, but also because of environmental assurances offered by the company.

Meridian Gold has promised to develop the project in accordance with Idaho's new surface mining regulations and new non-point source anti-degradation water policies.

"Obviously if the discovery is developed over time it can have a positive economic and employment benefit not only in the Salmon area, but throughout all of Idaho," the governor said.

"I am encouraged by these up-front assurances that a new development in the area will meet or exceed the state's surface mining and water-quality rules."

Meridian is the manager of the Beatrice tract, with a 60 percent share. Canyon Resources Corp. of Golden, Colo., and its Minex partners own the remaining 40 percent.

To date, more than 100 test holes have been drilled at the 50-square-mile site. Meridian plans additional drilling and geologic studies before deciding next year whether to develop a mine.

Glenn Dobbs, of Neidiger-Tucker-Bruner in Bellevue, Wash., said, "Canyon Resources stock was up, nearly 19 cents, to \$3, today, indicating the joint venture companies do not see any serious metallurgical problems in mining the deposit."

He said the discovery is significant, by North American standards, but that it would have no effect on the world supply or price of gold. Typically, he said, the gold would be mined over many years, at rates up to 120,000 ounces a year.

The United States will produce about 130 tons of gold this year, with world production of over 1,600 tons.

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Illinois man details Morrison Knudsen stock sale

BOISE (AP) — An Illinois businessman who bought \$25 million in Morrison Knudsen Corp. stock last summer has filed an amended federal disclosure form detailing what he intends to do with his share of the company.

Edward F. Heil is filing in the wake of a Nov. 18 ruling by U.S. District Judge Marion Callister on Heil's request that Morrison Knudsen lawsuit against him be dismissed.

Callister said he would not rule on the dismissal until Heil filed an amended Schedule 13D disclosure with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The amended disclosure was to include additional information proposed by Heil in documents submitted to the court Oct. 24, which Callister said were "fully accurate and contained everything that Heil was required to disclose."

Morrison Knudsen alleged in its lawsuit that Heil had filed false and misleading information with the SEC on his purchase of 6.2 percent of M-K's outstanding shares of common stock.

M-K contended in its complaint that Heil failed to indicate on his original 13D that he wanted to serve on Morrison Knudsen's board of directors.

It also alleged Heil did not disclose that as a director, he would move M-K into asbestos removal, hazardous waste disposal and dismantling of nuclear plants.

Morrison Knudsen said Heil also failed to disclose that Illinois had sought to bar him from doing business in the state because he and two companies he owns allegedly defrauded the Illinois Metropolitan Fair and Exposition Authority in connection with construction of the McCormick Place Annex in Chicago.

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