

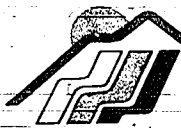
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Andrus asks DOE for copy of cleanup paper

The Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus asked the Energy Department on Monday for a copy of a classified document reportedly calling for less than half the money needed for environmental clean-up at nuclear production facilities, including the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory.

those of us in states with DOE facilities." Published reports over the weekend said the document, informally called the "2010 Report," recommends only \$50 billion be spent in the next 40 years to clean up the worst of the environmental damage at federal nuclear weapons production facilities. Earlier this year, the government said it would cost more than \$100 billion to clean up those sites, and congressional research put the figure even higher.

some facilities around the nation and relocating other operations away from more populous areas. "The Department of Energy is going full-speed ahead with rebuilding its empire and once again putting cleanup on the back burner and this is unacceptable," said Liz Paul of the Snake River Alliance, which has opposed nuclear-weapons projects at INEL.

security than any foreign government." The classified report was to be forwarded to Congress this week, but Reagan administration sources reportedly said it is likely to be held up for several more weeks because of a dispute between the Energy Department and the budget office over the blueprint's high costs.

rather temporary storage of radioactive waste from out-of-state at INEL until the government opens its long-promised permanent disposal facility in New Mexico. Over 2 million cubic feet of that waste is currently stored above ground at INEL.

PUC votes to challenge rate decision

The Associated Press

BOISE — State utility regulators voted Monday to challenge an Idaho Supreme Court decision that allows Idaho Power Co. a Christmas-time rate hike. Though seeking a rehearing on portions of the decision seen as an unjustified assault on its authority, the Public Utilities Commission said it would support the court-allowed \$28 million rate hike to take effect while the legal battle continues.



Magically funny. Dressed as "one of the fastest, funniest magicians ever," Dick Oakland, right, delights students at Robert Stuart Junior High School with his performance on Monday afternoon in Twin Falls.



The entertainer will continue his performance today at various schools in the area.

Sonja Henie's heart will stay on ice

The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Sonja Henie's icy heart won't be left out in the cold when the warehouse, where it has been stored for nearly 48 years is demolished to make room for a frozen foods plant.

Soviet press scores quake rescue efforts

Los Angeles Times

MOSCOW — As rescue workers struggled to save those victims of the Armenian earthquake still alive beneath the rubble of collapsed buildings, official criticism began to emerge Monday that the relief effort needed better organization.

Valuable time was lost immediately after the magnitude 6.9 earthquake Wednesday morning through a lack of preparedness, articles in the official Soviet press asserted.

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Communist Party newspaper Pravda commented, urging intensified efforts to find and rescue the thousands of people believed to be still trapped.

Some carrying medicine and rescue workers from abroad — are now in the skies over Armenia in the southern Soviet Union, and the congestion requires skilled air traffic control.

Congressional pay raise backers trying to head off opposition

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Supporters of a substantial pay raise for Congress are working behind the scenes to dampen potential opposition and allow it to take effect automatically in February.

Under the law, the increase will take effect a month later, on Feb. 8, unless both the House and Senate vote to scotch it. For 19 of those 30 days Congress will be out of session, leaving only a limited time for opponents to act.

It will be even tougher to pull off if, as expected, the advisory group — known as the Quadrennial Commission — and the presidential draft report issued last week, while mentioning no specific numbers, suggested that pay should be restored to its purchasing power of 1963.

Democrats also are making the argument that failure to let the pay raise take effect will penalize judges and make it harder for the new administration of George Bush to find qualified Republicans willing to be named to the federal bench.

To help the medicine go down a little easier, the commission is expected to recommend that any pay raise go hand-in-hand with a ban on honoraria, the speaking fees many lawmakers collect from special-interest groups.

Quake

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 Monday denied an earlier report by Armenian government spokesmen that the plane had collided with a helicopter, but they could provide no reason for the crash.

lamenting these "additional deaths" the government newspaper *Izvestia* commented Monday evening, "In the airspace, there is the same kind of commotion as on the ground. Sometimes there are several dozen planes circling, wait-

ing to land."
 But Boris Panykov, first deputy minister of civil aviation, told a news briefing here that, despite the two crashes, air safety standards had been maintained. "If we could not ensure security, we would refuse entry into our airspace," Panykov declared, nevertheless acknowledging "a dramatic increase" in air traffic.

Such sharp questioning and often-critical comments are beginning to emerge as the country absorbs the

initial shock of the Armenian tragedy. Officially, 40,000 to 45,000 people are said to have died in the earthquake and its aftermath, but the unofficial estimates run as high as 100,000. The Soviet leadership is now demanding better coordination to "save those who can still be saved."

"Lives are at stake — it is not too late to save people!" Premier Nikolai Ryzhkov told a press conference in Yerevan on Monday. "Every life is precious to us. We must continue."

Train

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 Two trains were packed with 1,500 people, many of whom were standing.

Rescue efforts began, but an empty freight train on an adjacent line then plowed into spillover wreckage and apparently hit some passengers who had scrambled onto the tracks.

"Bodies were cut in half, limbs were thrown around by the impact," said Robin Winch, a doctor.

Three cars hurtled into the air and onto an embankment and eight overturned.

A fourth train, crowded with commuters, stopped a few feet short of the wreck, British Rail said.

Rescue teams working under arduous conditions are using heavy lifting equipment and hydraulic jacks through the car-

ly morning hours Tuesday searching the mangled debris for more trapped victims.

Many passengers, dazed or slightly injured, were able to walk away, but London Ambulance Service spokesman Chris Webb said 14 passengers were taken to five local hospitals, 30 with serious injuries, and others were treated on the scene.

Dozens of passengers were trapped, some for up to five hours, waiting for rescue workers to hack through dense underbrush alongside the tracks and to pry open roofs of overturned cars.

Others walked away in search of other transport to their jobs in London. A man clutched a crushed briefcase to his chest. Another, in a smart business suit, carried a blood-spattered raincoat.

Lou Gill, the fire brigade's chief divisional officer, said all survivors were rescued by 1 p.m.

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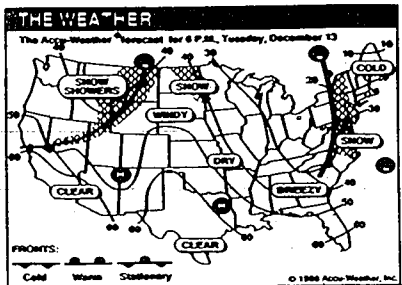
Today's weather

Cloudy with scattered rain or snow showers

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding:
 Cloudy today with scattered rain or snow showers. Highs from 40 to 45. Afternoon winds west from 10 to 25 mph. Colder tonight and Wednesday. Partly cloudy with widely scattered snow showers. Lows in the mid 20s. Highs in the lower 30s. Winds west from 10 to 25 mph.

Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley:
 Scattered snow showers today. Accumulations of 1 to 3 inches. Highs in the mid 30s. Winds south west from 10 to 20 mph. Turning colder tonight and Wednesday with variable clouds and widely scattered snow showers. Breezy. Lows from 5 to 15 mph. Highs in the 20s.

Northern Utah and Nevada:
 Utah — Partly cloudy today. Areas of haze in the northwest. Increasing clouds late today; becoming mostly cloudy Tuesday night with widely scattered snow spreading across the state from the northwest. Gusty southwest winds shifting to northwest tonight. Considerable clouds with a few lingering snow showers Wednesday. Low Wednesday night only in the upper teens to low 30s. Highs today in the low 40s and Wednesday in the 30s. Lows tonight in the teens to mid 20s.

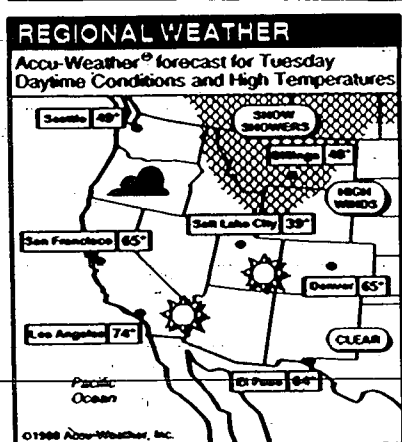


Summary:
 The National Weather Service in Boise says an end to the valley inversions is in sight as a Pacific weather system pushes into Idaho Tuesday morning. The front pushed the fog, smoke and low clouds out of the valleys.

Precipitation with this system should be generally light. Colder air behind this system will usher in colder winter-like weather.

High pressure will rebound into the state again later this week, bringing back the valley inversions.

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The fog and low clouds cleared out of the Magic Valley while the Upper Snake River Valley had fog and low clouds.

The visibility at Pocatello was down to one-eighth of a mile in fog.

Temperatures at mid-afternoon were in the 20s to lower 40s, except in the Grandville-Lewiston area where the lower 50s was reported.

The warmest temperature in the state Monday was 54 degrees at Grandville. Ketchum reported the coldest at 6 degrees.

The extended outlook in Southern Idaho shows Thursday through Saturday, fair except for areas of valley fog and low clouds. Colder. Highs in 20s Thursday and in mid

20s to mid 30s by Saturday. Lows from 5 below to near 15 above zero.

Elsewhere in the nation Monday, the highest temperature was 83 degrees at Conch Key and Homestead, Fla. The lowest was 21 degrees at Saranac, Lake, N.Y.

Idaho road report
 BOISE (AP) — Road conditions Monday evening, reported by the Idaho Department of Transportation:

U.S. 96 — Riggins-Whitebird Hill, dry; Grandville-Winchester, dry, wet; Winchester-Moscow, dry, wet; Weiser-New Meadows, dry, rain; Marsing-Oronon line, dry, wet, fog; Interstate 84 — Caldwell area, dry, fog; Boise area, dry; Boise-Glenn Ferry, dry, fog; Bliss-Utah line, dry.

Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend-Donnely, dry, icy spots; Donnelly-New Meadows, icy spots.

Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, dry, wet, icy spots, fog; Idaho City-Lowman, wet, broken snow floor.

Grandjean Junction-Stanley, icy spots, broken snow floor.

U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, dry, fog; Fairfield-Carey, dry; Carey-Arco, dry, thick fog; Arco-Ashton, dry, icy spots, fog; Ashton-Montana line, wet, broken snow floor, light drifts.

U.S. 26 — Wet, broken snow floor, fog.

U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Carey, dry; Carey-Arco, dry, fog; Arco-Salmon, dry, icy spots, fog; Lost Trail Pass, icy spots, broken snow floor, snow floor.

Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, dry; Galena Summit, broken snow floor.

Interstate 86 — Raft River-Pocatello, dry, fog; Pocatello-Idaho Falls, wet, fog; Pocatello-Idaho Falls-Dubois, wet, icy spots; Montida Pass, icy spots, broken snow floor.

U.S. 30 — McCammon-Soda Springs, dry, icy spots, drifts; Soda Springs-Wyoming line, dry, icy spots.

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Des Moines	25	20	
Detroit	33	20	
Honolulu	83	70	
Houston	40	30	
Indianapolis	23	8	
Kansas City	35	22	
Las Vegas	46	39	
Los Angeles	54	31	
Madison	24	5	
Miami Beach	78	72	
Milwaukee	23	8	
Minneapolis	24	5	
New Orleans	61	42	
New York	34	23	
Oklahoma City	51	32	
Omaha	40	17	
Phoenix	73	49	
Pittsburgh	21	7	
Portland Me	23	3	
Portland Ore	52	46	
San Jose	55	37	
Salt Lake City	49	28	
San Francisco	67	49	
Seattle	55	40	
Spokane	41	23	
Washington	23	13	

Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	39	26	
Burley	39	26	
Hagerman	42	33	
Idaho Falls	32	25	
Lewiston	52	39	
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Pocatello	31	25	
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Nation

Americans in giving mood despite commercialization

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans are in a giving mood this Christmas, although a vast majority believe the holiday has become too commercialized, according to a Media General-Associated Press poll.

Three-quarters of those answering the poll said they intend to spend the same amount of money or more on gifts than in past years, and fewer than one in four intend to spend less.

Seven years ago, when joblessness and inflation were considerably higher, an AP-NBC News poll found that 69 percent of the public intended to cut back on gift-giving.

The new poll found that 85 percent of the public believes that Christmas is too commercialized, but 87 percent still said they looked forward to it.

The survey of 1,084 adults in the continental United States was conducted by telephone between Nov. 10 and Nov. 20.

Ninety-six percent of those answering the survey said they celebrate Christmas. Eighty-nine percent identified themselves as either Catholic or Protestant; the rest were Jewish, "other," or had no religion.

The poll indicated that most Americans are religious, although religious observance varied considerably among regions and among different ethnic and social groups.

About a third of the public thinks of Christmas as merely a social holiday, while about one-quarter re-

gard it as primarily religious. But the largest number — 38 percent — consider it both religious and social.

The poll also showed that nearly seven in 10 Americans are churchgoers, and four in 10 said they had been to church the week before the poll. Sixty-four percent said they generally go to church on Christmas.

The poll found that most Americans intend to spend at least \$200 on Christmas gifts this year, and one in four will spend at least \$500.

Sixty-nine percent intend to give gifts to at least 10 other people, and 20 percent will be giving to 20 or more people. Only 3 percent don't plan to give any gifts.

Seven in 10 people said they usually receive the gifts they really want for Christmas, while one-quarter don't.

The poll showed that younger adults are more likely to look forward to Christmas than their elders, and that they also are much more likely to view Christmas as a primarily social, and not religious, holiday.

Older people are much more likely to view Christmas as overly commercialized.

The poll also indicated that Americans who live in the South and Midwest are more religiously observant than those in the West and Northeast, and that black Americans are more religiously observant than whites, conservatives more than liberals.

Rates

Continued from Page A1 million, and in mid-1986 the commission granted about \$3 million in higher rates.

The court effectively held that a certificate issued by the commission allowing Idaho Power to participate in construction of the multimillion-dollar Valmy II coal-fired power plant in Nevada guaranteed that it could recover the cost from ratepayers.

The commission maintains the construction permit was simply an option and corporate management makes the final decisions with the commission to determine whether stockholders or rate-payers should finance the cost.

The commission also objected to a court mandate that it could not substitute its own expert judgment for that of utility experts on disputed matters, and that it has no authority to modify its orders when remanded after judicial review.

"From a legal standpoint of precedent, the decision, if allowed to stand as is, would redefine the dividing line between the Legislature and its agency, the Public Utilities Commission, and the courts," Miller said. "I believe it is possible the court did not understand the implication of its decision."

Since the original request for higher rates was filed, the commissioners agreed, Idaho Power had undergone significant changes. Swisher pointed out that the company's cus-

tomers demand has increased significantly while income from surplus power sales to other utilities plunged dramatically during the last two years of drought.

The utility, Swisher argued, would have been better off coming before the commission with those facts in another rate increase request "instead of dinking around in that great Public Utilities Commission in the sky — the Supreme Court."

While the court ruling is troubling and should at least be clarified, he said, "I think we ought to bite the bullet on what time it is, and the company ought to have some rate relief."

At the same time, however, Swisher accused the court majority of believing without question the arguments of utility lawyers that it was the last protection from a hostile utility commission.

"I hope that three-member commission over there will shut down and become a Supreme Court again," he said.

Though Idaho Power may have used poor legal judgment in handling the case, Miller said the commission should no longer stand in the way of additional rate relief for the company in view of its changed financial situation.

It has taken two years for the company to get the rate hike allowed under the court order, Swisher said. The company would be in real financial trouble if it went without rate re-

Idaho's rates still cheapest

TWIN FALLS — Even with a proposed rate hike, Idaho has the nation's cheapest electricity.

A survey by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners ranked three Idaho utilities first, fourth and 19th among the 25 investor-owned utilities with the cheapest rates in the nation during the 1987-88 heating season.

Washington Water Power Co. was first with 4.2 cents per kilowatt-hour. Idaho Power Co. was fourth with 4.4 cents and Utah Power and Light 19th with 5.8 cents per kilowatt-hour.

Idaho Power's current rate to its 250,000 southern Idaho customers is 4.5 cents per kilowatt-hour. An 8.8 percent increase Idaho Power has requested would raise that to 4.9 cents per kilowatt-hour.

The nation's highest utility rates are those of New York's Consolidated Edison, with 13.5 cents per kilowatt-hour. The nationwide average is 8.01 cents, nearly twice what most Idahoans pay.

Andrus

Continued from Page A1 They've got to face their responsibility. If it's \$50 billion or \$100 billion or whatever, it has to be cleaned up."

The governor, who meets with federal officials in Salt Lake City on the waste issue this Friday, said he believed it was currently impossible for anyone to accurately estimate what clean-up will cost, and "the best thing they can do is remove immediately what is below ground in Idaho and then we can tell them what it costs."

Ms. Paul also said there are indications that the nuclear plant the "2010 Report" indicates will be relocated are destined for Idaho as well.

"We are very concerned that they are not making it public knowledge

at this point," she said. "What do they have to hide? Why would it be political suicide? This is in contradiction to their new policy of public disclosure, public relations, keeping things up-front."

According to the published reports, the document also reiterates previous Department of Energy statements that it eventually wants to add three reactors for production of nuclear-weapons material to the one New Production Reactor already being proposed at INEL.

She said environmentalists will announce an initiative later this week intended to force the Energy Department to put all the components of its nuclear-weapons blueprint before the public at the same time.

Coats to take Quayle's Senate seat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Dan Coats, who got his start in politics as an aide to Dan Quayle, was named Monday to take the vice presidential seat in the Senate.

"I believe in providence," said Coats, the Indiana Republican who had succeeded his boss in the House eight years earlier when Quayle moved up to the Senate.


Coats, 45, had won re-election to a fifth House term on Nov. 8, the same day Quayle won the vice presidency as George Bush's running mate.

Indiana Gov. Robert Orr announced Coats' name at a news conference in Indianapolis, saying he "represents values near and dear to the people of Indiana."

Capitol Hill, praised the Republican congressman as a dedicated family man and trusted friend. But he turned aside suggestions that Coats was his hand-picked successor.

"This was a one-man vote. The governor made the decision ... I did not make any specific recommendation," Quayle said.

Coats thanked Quayle, Orr, and Indiana's senior senator, Republican Richard Lugar, for their support and promised great efforts on behalf of his Indiana constituents.



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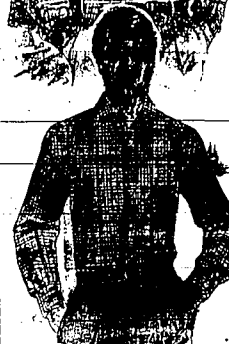
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Armenia helps focus world's consciousness

When the history of the 20th Century is written in the distant future, it may well be acknowledged that Soviet Armenia was one of the pivotal regions in our time.

At several times in this century, the remote and inhospitable land tucked into a corner of the Middle East has played an important role on the world stage.

This may be such a time, brought into focus by two major events.

One is a terrible earthquake in which tens of thousands have died, an event which has resulted in an enormous relief effort from countries rich and poor.

That outpouring of sympathy and aid may go a long way toward breaking down a long-standing Soviet distrust of outsiders.

The swiftness and breadth of the response — aid has come from nations as diverse as the United States and Iran — seem a symbolic gesture and signal of approval to the new openness with which Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has begun to move his nation.

Thus, the result of the cataclysmic event in Armenia may help to move the whole Soviet nation closer to a sense of how it shares a common destiny with the rest of humanity. Gorbachev already seems aware of that possibility. In his public concern and in the way he rushed home from New York to be with his countrymen, he sends a message which can only help improve the Soviet people's long isolation.

The second event is the simmering dispute over regional and cultural identity between Armenia and its larger Soviet provincial neighbor, Azerbaijan, over territory which both claim.

The dispute is one of ethnic heritage, religion, language and nationalistic identity; it has broken out into the open in recent years, partly because of the Gorbachev era of "perestroika," which presumably means a larger role in Soviet society for the nation's many cultural interests.

In the United States, many nationalities and heritages have come together in what we like to think of as a "melting pot" to form a nation of essentially common values and shared history.

But in the Soviet Union, that has not happened. Regions remain distinct "republics" of the Soviet "union," linked by little more than a common army and the Communist Party.

Gorbachev's calls for freedom and diversity have awakened long-dormant nationalist feelings in regions like Armenia and how these will be played out is wholly uncertain.

The history of the area, however, suggests a sad scenario. During World War I, Turkish subjugation resulted in millions of Armenian deaths.

Bordered by powerful neighbors and beset by ethnic conflicts, Armenia could easily become the spark from which the Soviet "union" begins to stress apart.

Gorbachev, clearly aware of the pitfalls, this week warned against just that possibility from elements who, he said, were trying to take advantage of the earthquake for their own ends.

Seventy-five years later, Armenia is again rising in the world's consciousness. We should all watch where the tensions and stress lead.

School consolidation

Local control of schools conflicts with mandates

In 35 years of teaching and administration, in many parts of the country, I thought I had seen everything. But I had to come to the Magic Valley to encounter a continuous stream of negative comments about education in general and administrators in particular over the course of my three years here.

It is not my intent to defend obvious shortcomings of education in Idaho, and there are many. Nor can I attempt to speak for all school administrators, but rather only to express my own opinions. Certain facts, however, need to be examined and clarified.

And so I feel it is time to set the record straight and record some facts:

The fact is that there are many groups of Idahoans, including chambers of commerce, city and county leaders, school board members, teachers, and administrators, who annually communicate to the legislators their needs, and in many cases these needs are not centered on money.

The fact is that school board members, administrators, and many district patrons are interested in local control of education, not in having continuing mandates from Boise.

The fact is that school consolidation is an emotional issue in Idaho, but the fact is also that no study or experience shows that there is any saving of money in consolidation across the nation the results indicate just the opposite: consolidation results in higher costs, not in any proof that consolidation alone improves educational quality (within the last ten years, seven states have studied consolidation and have abandoned it as a good way to improve educational quality).

The fact is that it is administrators in the larger districts who are being paid the larger salaries, and consolidation would only expand this.

The fact is that superintendents themselves are proposing tougher and more realistic standards for superintendent certification, and that these proposals do include familiarity with budgeting and financing.

The fact is that school administrators are just as honest and dedicated as any one else in society, and that the failings of one should not be charged to all in blanket condemnations.

The fact is that many superintendents are excellent financial managers, and have, with full accountability, been able to stretch available funds as much as possible.

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The fact is that many school districts ask for and receive overrides in order to provide necessary services, and in so doing are fully accountable to their patrons.

The fact is that local school districts do have written goals and objectives and long range plans.

The fact is that, even with larger per pupil expenditures and higher average teacher salaries, the educational quality in Texas was far below that in Idaho, and that things like rampant athletic activities and non-essentials in the school day have been effectively dealt with here in Idaho already.

The bottom line fact, however, is that education, just as anything else, costs money, and "you get what you pay for." Improvements and new Federal and State mandated programs are expensive, and must be paid for by someone.

If the intent of the negativism is to raise accountability to local patrons, and to raise their involvement in school affairs, it is a noble goal. But negativism is destructive, and is not the answer. The answer lies in determining the true facts, and then in working together to solve the problems.

I am sure that every administrator in the Valley would welcome an opportunity to explain programs, policies, procedures, and needs. Our records and books are open; our actions are public domain. The goal is and should be the best possible education for each student, within the scope of the resources we have available to us. Cooperation can produce measurable progress toward that goal.

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Small school districts offer high quality education too

School consolidation has been discussed and utilized in public education for many years—peaking in the late 1960's and early 1970's. Idaho has a number of laws on the books speaking to school consolidation with the present interest centering on increased legislation to speed up the process.

In order to obtain information on consolidation nationwide I contacted the federally-supported Educational Resources Information Center Clearinghouse on Rural Education and Small Schools located in Charleston, W.V. Their research and the information which they have collected reveal several interesting facts about school consolidation.

Approximately one in four school districts in the United States enrolls 300 students or less. These small school districts are scattered over the entire country with no one area having a surplus or shortage.

Seven states have considered school consolidation in the past five years: New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, Illinois, Iowa, Colorado, and New Mexico. All seven of these states have rejected consolidation as an appropriate consideration for their schools.

Their reasons vary but in every state the process was dropped.

In each of the seven states a process of research was developed to study the feasibility of consolidation. These studies were authorized by the respective states, usually by the education branch of state government.

The conclusions of these studies have several commonalities.

When school districts are consolidated for the purpose of saving money the results are exactly opposite.

Most consolidations studied revealed an increase in total funds expended with a minority of cases having the same level of expenditures. There seems to be no regional character to this conclusion as most of the seven states cited this result.

All of the research points out the increased achievement of small school students; they achieve better grades and participate in more activities. A recent study of students in Idaho concludes that (this is also true in our schools. There are many reasons cited for this higher achievement but smaller class loads and a more personalized curriculum are noted.

Student participation in extra-curricular activities is much higher in small schools than in large schools. Large schools seldom have over 35 percent of their students participate

in activities; small schools frequently have over 70 percent. The reports from the states conclude that extra-curricular participation is a positive factor for small schools.

Also, as a school becomes larger, the dropout rate increases dramatically. A dropout rate of over 50 percent from grade nine to grade 12 is not unusual in urban schools.

The educational system of the United States has been compared to just about every country in the world recently with the comparison yielding negative results for our schools. How do we compare with the schools of other countries in school size? Most research concludes that our schools are much larger than the schools in other countries. How large is large in these countries? A school system of 1000 students is very large in most European countries. Norway, a country with very high educational attainment and achievement rates, has legislation prohibiting a school with more than 450 pupils. Their rationale is that schools larger than 450 pupils will no longer educate individuals, they merely would be processing people through the institution.

One advantage of larger schools is a broader curriculum, at least that's what many people think. The researcher I've seen concludes that where more courses are available the students under-utilize the extra courses. Many of the courses are classified as "frills" which are not central to the preparation of the student.

What's the answer? How do we proceed? The overwhelming conclusion from the research I have available is that small schools are valuable, as are medium and large size schools.

Any decision to consolidate schools, and remember that all seven of these states chose not to consolidate their schools, should be undertaken only after a detailed study of what, why, how, who, savings, and a large variety of other factors. In some instances bigger is better; in some areas cost savings result from combination; in education such consolidation may not be the answer and recent research seems to agree.

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Letters Welcome

The Times-News welcomes letters to the editor but will reject those it considers libelous or in bad taste. Each letter must be signed and should include the writer's mailing address. Letters of more than 400 words may be edited for length.

Letters/CSI, buyouts, INEL draw reactions from readers

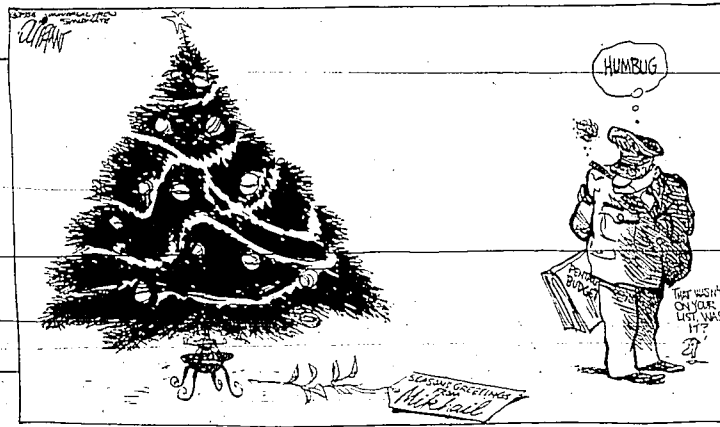
Focus attention on CSI
The extensive coverage of the upcoming CSI Board of Trustees election by the Times-News is greatly appreciated. The 13 candidates are also to be commended for their willingness to serve our community. Right now we have a chance to focus attention on the College and its future Board members in a way not usually possible. Personally, I would like to see the candidates inject some priorities into the multi-faceted mission the College has set for itself. Sources of future funding appear to be dwindling and doubtful. It is not apparent how the College can strive to maintain excellence while trying to be all things to all people. A serious shortage of scientists and engi-

ners is projected for the mid 1990's. The National Science Foundation has concluded that we will have to enlist an increasing portion of our future scientific and technical expertise from the ranks of the so-called "non-traditional" student. This type of student is most commonly found at the community college. Today more than half of the students earning bachelor's degrees start out at a two-year school. In addition, other reports state that 300,000 new secondary school science teachers will be needed by 1995. It stands to reason that there will be an increasing demand for an academic education. Is our College preparing?

With the holidays upon us we haven't much time to give each of the 13 candidates their fullest consideration. Many of them will speak at a forum at CSI this Wednesday at 7 p.m. Meet them there and let them know what your concerns are. **REX WIDENER** Twin Falls

Buyouts deserve closer look
Within the last week the largest single employer in the Magic Valley, Universal Foods, received an unsolicited buyout offer. If the price action apparent in the stock is any indication, the buyout offer will be contested. Each day in the business press we see continuing and increasing coverage of the spread of such buyout activity. News such as this, which impacts so many Magic Valley residents, must deserve some of your attention. Please cover this news while it is still developing and before it is history. **ZANE LINDLEY** Kimberly
Editor's note: A page one story on the proposed buyout of Universal Foods appeared in Saturday's Times-News.

Time to reject INEL, SIS
To Sens. McClure, Symms; Reps. Stallings, Craig:
Now that the truth has come out and the government has at last admitted that radioactive waste has invaded our aquifer, I hope that you will make every effort to get the INEL site cleaned up and fight to get all nuclear waste out of Idaho. Also, I hope that you will reverse your attitude about the Special Isotope Separator being located at Arco. At a time when Russia is trying to halt the manufacture of nuclear weapons, we should come to an agreement to rid our world of this terrible menace. For many years we enjoyed the reputation of being the "good guys." It is shameful that in the sight of most of the world our role has been reversed, and we are now thought of as "the bad guys." **MARY COOK** Twin Falls



DOE reactor plan stirs fresh controversy among lawmakers

By Amy Gammernan
States News Service

WASHINGTON — The Energy Department's plan to build four nuclear reactors for military use at Idaho's National Engineering Laboratory stirred fresh controversy after the Washington Post reported on a confidential DOE study over the weekend.

The so-called "2010 report," which will be submitted to the Senate and House Armed Services committees this Thursday, outlines future plans for defense production facilities around the country.

Two different kinds of tritium-producing reactors are scheduled for construction at INEL in Idaho Falls, and the Savannah River plant in South Carolina, the only defense plant in the country where tritium is now produced. Tritium is used to make triggers and other components of nuclear bombs.

The newspaper report drew positive statements from both Sen. James McClure (R-Idaho) and Steve Symms (R-Idaho).

"The Senator believes you shouldn't put all your eggs in one basket," said H.D. Palmer, McClure's press

FAA levies fine against SkyWest

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — A St. George-based airline has been fined \$20,000 for alleged security violations as part of an investigation involving airlines nationwide, says Federal Aviation Administration spokesman John Layden.

Layden said Monday that the SkyWest airlines was one of the companies fined more than \$1.6 million for security lapses at passenger check points.

Donna Jardine, marketing director for SkyWest, said the company sees the fines as "alleged violations" rather than fines that have been levied.

"There is a whole process that happens before we get to the fines. Until we know further, these are not fines, but are alleged violations," she said.

Jardine said hearings and an investigation into the charges are pending, but company officials had met with members of the FAA.

Layden said the penalties range from \$1,000 against a handful of commuter carriers to more than \$200,000 apiece against American Airlines, Northwest and United Airlines, each of which had more than two dozen violations.

Layden said the maximum penalty is \$10,000 per violation and that the penalties stemmed from failures by security guards at checkpoints to detect 136 mock weapons.

secretary, referring to the plan to open the reactors at two different sites.

"From the Senator's standpoint, it's another contribution that Idaho can make to the national defense," Palmer said.

The planned reactor, which is much smaller than traditional models, may become a model for non-defense related utility plants, aides to McClure and Symms agreed.

But Rep. Richard Stallings, (D-Idaho), expressed some reservations about related aspects of the INEL plan.

"What I'm really concerned with is waste," Stallings said. "That just can't be allowed to continue to build up in Idaho."

Last July, DOE announced that four small gas-cooled reactors, designed to function as lego-like components of a single system, sometime over the next 20 years. The new reactor to be built at Savannah River will conform to traditional, larger models.

"If it was news to anybody, somebody has not been paying attention to what we proposed back in July," said Chris Sankey, DOE spokeswoman.

The Post report also referred to plans to close down Colorado's Rocky Flats Weapons-Plant during

the next two decades. There has been some speculation that the plant will be relocated at INEL.

"We've been talking about that more than once," Stallings said. "As Denver grows, there's more concern."

In contrast to Rocky Flats which is located 17 miles from a metropolitan area, INEL is situated in an unpopulated desert region.

Thursday's report will give new urgency to questions about environmental safety that are now being aired at hearings in Idaho, said Cary Jones, a legislative aide in Stallings' office.

"Both in Congress and in Idaho there will be questions raised about the cost, the need to clean up existing facilities before we build new ones," Jones said. "The need for water will also have to be negotiated."

Power outage leaves Pocatello TV station fund drive \$10,000 short

POCATELLO (AP) — A power failure knocked public television station KISU-TV off the air this weekend during the height of its winter fund-raising drive.

Station officials said the would extend the drive into this week in hopes of attracting the remainder of the

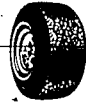
\$10,000 in contributions they expected to garner through the weekend before the Sunday night power outage.

A line to a transmitter broke about 5 p.m. Sunday, knocking the station off the air for the rest of the broadcast night. Station officials had raised \$6,000 up to that time, hoping

the Sunday night schedule that included a special two-hour "Wonderworks" program would generate the other \$4,000 in pledges.

Station manager Bill Campbell said he expected the rescheduled conclusion of the drive will fall short of that amount.

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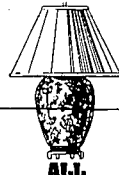
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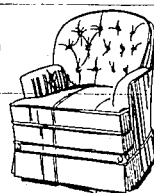
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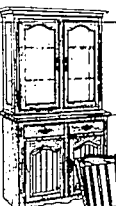
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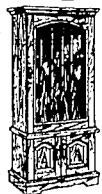


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U.S., allies suspend low training flights

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States, Britain and Canada on Monday agreed to suspend all low-level military jet training over West Germany for the next three weeks "out of respect for the victims" of a fiery crash last week.

The suspension, requested by the West German government after the Dec. 8 accident at Remscheid, will block military flight training below altitudes of roughly 10,700 feet.

"The suspension will remain in effect until Jan. 2, 1989, at which point fighter training will resume," the Pentagon added in releasing a joint communique from the four NATO allies.

In a related matter, the U.S. Air Force on Monday denied newspaper reports that American soldiers used force to keep local residents and a news reporter away from the scene of last week's crash.

The accident involved an Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt II jet that slammed into a residential neighborhood in Remscheid, killing the pilot and five others on the ground and igniting a huge blaze that destroyed two dozen homes.

Some West German officials have charged that American au-

thorities mishandled the rescue efforts and delayed releasing information.

The suspension of low-level training, through the holiday season (was agreed to) out of respect for the victims and the families of the victims of the Remscheid accident, and for Capt. Michael Foster, USAF, and his family," the communique stated.

Foster, 34, of San Benito, Calif., was the pilot of the A-10. The accident generated fresh demands in West Germany for curbs on training flights by North Atlantic Treaty Organization air forces.

The flight suspension was announced shortly after Defense Secretary Frank C. Carlucci met behind-closed doors at the Pentagon with his West German counterpart, Defense Minister Rupert Scholz.

Neither Scholz nor Carlucci were available after the meeting to discuss the matter. Scholz previously had said that France, Belgium and the Netherlands had agreed to his government's request.

On any given day in West Germany, the sky is filled with hundreds of jets and helicopters, leading to public opposition that has been fueled by recent tragedies.

Judge limits North's use of classified documents

WASHINGTON (AP) — The judge in the Iran-Contra case on Monday sharply limited the classified documents Oliver L. North can use for his defense, rebuking the former White House aide for threatening disclosures simply to "frustrate the prosecution."

U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell invalidated a 500-page list of secret documents North had proposed as defense exhibits. He said the former National Security Council aide "seeks disclosure of masses of classified material which under no conceivable version of a defense could have any utility whatsoever."

"The effect of this tactic on the efficient and reasonably expeditious pretrial proceedings is immense," Gesell said. "Confusion, delay and uncertainty result and the court's control of proceedings is undermined."

"Some strain is to be expected, but the tensions resulting from this obdurate, purposeful obfuscation brought matters to the breaking point," the judge said.

Gesell gave North's lawyers until Jan. 3 to select 300 classified documents — roughly the same number prosecutors want to use as trial exhibits — for possible use in his defense.

North's lawyers will be given a chance at another closed hearing to outline the "relevance and materiality of each item and generalities will not be accepted," the judge said.

The Nov. 14 notice filed by the defense under the Classified Information Procedures Act contains "ample evidence of North's attempt to frustrate the prosecution," he said.

This trial does not concern the reaction of various Central American countries to congressional legislation, ... the precise distribution of Sandinista forces at a particular time among various villages," Gesell said.

Nitze calls Gorbachev radar plan insufficient

WASHINGTON (AP) — Paul Nitze, President Reagan's principal arms control adviser, said Monday that Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev's plan to turn a controversial radar installation in Siberia over to civilian and eventually international control does not satisfy U.S. concerns.

"The United States has long maintained that the radar at Krasnoyarsk should be torn down because it violates the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty."

"The treaty permits radars on national borders pointed outward to detect incoming missiles. The United States says the Krasnoyarsk radar is a violation because it is in the middle of Soviet territory facing inward where it might be used in an early-warning battle management system."

"Turning it over to Soviet and international scientists isn't satisfactory to us," Nitze said.

"There is no way we can be certain these civilian scientists will remain in charge," he said. "They could convert it to an early-warning radar in no time at all."

Nitze commented in an interview by international journalists and others on the sidelines, a television production of the U.S. Information Agency beamed overseas.

In his address before the U.N. General Assembly last Wednesday, Gorbachev said the Krasnoyarsk radar will be removed from military control and placed under the Soviet Academy of Science.

"Soviet scientists are prepared to

receive their foreign colleagues and discuss with them ways of converting it into an international center for peaceful cooperation by dismantling and refitting certain units and structures and to provide additional equipment," Gorbachev said.

"The entire system could function under the auspices of the United Nations," he said.

Responding to questions, Nitze praised Gorbachev's decision to unilaterally reduce Soviet troop strength by 500,000 men while cutting back on tanks, artillery and combat aircraft in Eastern Europe.

"I believe that Gorbachev has been an important force to move the Soviet Union to a position that makes more sense," Nitze said. "He has moved the Soviet Union from positions I believe were totally incorrect."

But he said that while Gorbachev's moves have been "very much" in the direction of bringing massive Soviet military forces closer to equality with Western armed forces, "it is not yet adequate."

He said arms control negotiations for cuts in conventional as well as strategic nuclear arms must be pursued aggressively in the Bush administration.

"We can't just stand still and wait for unilateral cuts by the Soviet Union," he said.

Gorbachev has said Soviet forces should be reduced to meet a standard of "realistic sufficiency," but Nitze said U.S. officials are not sure what that means.

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Panel: Pay boost may solve nursing shortage

WASHINGTON (AP) — A potentially dangerous shortage of nurses in the United States is best solved by boosting pay scales for career caregivers and making sure they have time to be nurses instead of clerks, a federal commission said Monday.

"It is the sincere belief of the commission that the health of this nation will be at risk if the changes suggested in these recommendations do not occur," the report said.

"The institutions themselves have to change the way they allow nursing to be practiced," Carolyn K. Davis of Cleveland, said at a news conference.

"The report said higher pay will help, particularly for career nurses, but that better financial compensation alone is not the answer."

The commission was convened a year ago by the Department of Health and Human Services. An underlying theme of its report, which is to be presented to HHS Secretary Otis R. Bowen, is that nurses yearn for time to nurse.

Nurses also want recognition for their nurturing instincts and acquired knowledge, and they want to be respected and consulted by the physicians who write up the orders telling them how to care for their patients, the report said.

"With increasing frequency, nurses provide services that should be carried out by other health care workers, the commission said.

The report said hospitals "should preserve the time of the nurse for the direct care of patients and families by providing adequate staffing levels for clinical and non-clinical support services."

Without using the word doctor, another recommendation said, "Close cooperation and mutual respect between nursing and medicine is essential."

On the pay issue, the panel said starting salaries are not so much a problem as the lack of opportunity to see compensation grow with experience.

Davis said the current average salary for all working registered nurses is \$26,000 a year.

Reagan discusses role of Indians with leaders

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan told tribal leaders Monday that American Indians "should have the right to choose their own life," and said he doesn't recall his controversial remarks on their "primitive" ways.

Indian leaders, after a long-sought meeting with Reagan at the White House, said they were willing to put the controversy surrounding his comments in Moscow last May behind them, and look forward to further dialogue with the administration of George Bush.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the president met with 16 tribal leaders for about 30 minutes, outlining a 1983 statement in which he endorsed self-determination for Indian tribes.

"Indians should have the right to choose their own life... The right to have a say in what happens in Indian country," Fitzwater quoted the president as saying.

"Tribes must make those decisions, not the federal government," Reagan said, according to the spokesman.

Reagan was accompanied by three members of his Cabinet, along with other government officials, who continued to meet with the Indians for nearly an hour after the president left. Reagan called it "a meeting between friends."

The session came more than six months after the president, in Moscow for the May summit with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, said he was willing who to meet "any time" with Indians then eager to see him to air grievances.

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Convicted mob chieftain dies of a heart attack

LOMPOC, Calif. (AP) — Anthony "Tony Pro" Provenzano, convicted mob chieftain and ousted Teamsters official, died today in a hospital near the federal prison where he was serving a 20-year term for racketeering, authorities said. He was 71.

Provenzano died at 7:56 a.m. at Lompoc District Hospital, said Chuck LaRoe, spokesman for the maximum-security prison 140 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

Provenzano, who had been confined to the hospital for treatment of congestive heart failure, died of a heart attack, the spokesman said.

He had been serving a 20-year, 11-month and 29-day sentence on two racketeering conspiracy offenses, LaRoe said.

In July 1975, former Teamster boss Jimmy Hoffa disappeared while on his way to a Detroit meeting with Provenzano, a member of the Genovese crime family. Hoffa is presumed dead, but his body was never found.

Provenzano was first sentenced to four years in prison by a federal judge in New York City in July 1978. In July 1979, he was sentenced by a federal judge in New Jersey to another 20 years.

He had a tentative release date of Aug. 13, 1992, and had waived parole

consideration," said LaRoe. Provenzano began his sentence at Lompoc on Nov. 18, 1980. Due to his age and poor health, he hadn't participated in a prison work assignment for the past two years, LaRoe said.

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Ag careers don't interest students

By MARTA CLEAVELAND
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The majority of high school students in Twin Falls County don't want agriculture careers when they grow up.

"I think to pursue a job in agriculture you need a strong back and a weak mind," one student wrote on a questionnaire. "In today's economy, a guy would be foolish to become a farmer."

In a county with an agricultural economy, in a state where more than one-third of the jobs are agriculture-related, 60 percent of the

students surveyed this year don't want agricultural careers. At Twin Falls High School the rejection level was 84 percent.

What the survey shows, ag teachers have concluded, is that students don't realize agriculture is more than just "cows and plows."

The survey was conducted by three vocational agriculture instructors — Glenn Orthel in Twin Falls, Jim Sorensen in Kimberly and Shannan Lierman in Filer — to learn students' attitudes about agriculture and associated careers.

The instructors found the results disheartening, but useful.

They plan to use their findings to improve recruitment for their classes.

"Vocational agriculture programs are important because they provide exposure to the field of agriculture," Orthel said. "When there are 84 percent who don't want agriculture jobs, I'm not saying they won't survive, but they will be at a disadvantage."

The majority of the PhDs in the Magic Valley are working in agriculture and making good money, he said.

Enrollment in high school vocational agriculture classes has been dropping locally and nationwide since 1983, when the government

study "A Nation at Risk" warned schools to put more emphasis on academics, Orthel said.

As a result, more academic classes were required, leaving students fewer electives, and vocational programs suffered.

Even before the survey, Orthel already had taken measures to step up enrollment at Twin Falls High School. In 1986, the vocational agriculture program had 63 students. This year there are 88, a 39.7 percent increase in two years.

The expanded interest is the result of program changes and focused recruitment. Graduation science credit is given to horticulture and ag animal science courses. Management and job skills are being emphasized in the curriculum, and ag career education has been expanded.

"This is a part of a shift in image from only cows and plows to all aspects of agriculture," he said.

The March survey involved 196 sophomores and juniors in Kimberly, Filer, Hagerman, and Twin Falls this year to learn students' attitudes toward agriculture. Some typical responses:

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Friedman Airport will have curfew

By BARBARA NEIWERT
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — A curfew for Friedman Memorial Airport will restrict all air traffic between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.

The Blaine County Airport Commission moved last week to amend a proposed regulation to further restrict air traffic at the airport.

It also voted to hire a new assistant airport manager.

The regulation would prohibit air traffic at the airport during the curfew hours, except emergency landings, which the commission considered in November, when the regulation allowed curfew landings from the south.

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Board to receive final creationism guidelines

By JENNIFER KAUTH
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The final verdict on an origin-of-life controversy will be announced at the School Board's monthly meeting tonight, in the form of approval or disapproval of a set of guidelines presented to the board during its November meeting.

The guidelines — written by a board-appointed committee of teachers and administrators — do not mention creationism specifically, but state: "Evidence supporting any origin of life theory should be documented as having a scientific basis. Information which is considered a religious tenet

should not be presented."

A recommendation from the district administration on how to implement the guidelines is expected tonight.

The board's acceptance of the guidelines would end a year-long battle of beliefs between those who say creationism is a valid theory and should be taught in public schools and those who say it is a religious belief that doesn't belong in the classroom.

The controversy was sparked by the parents of a seventh-grade O'Leary Junior High student last year. Stephen Hartgen, managing editor of The Times-News, and his wife, Jan, wrote a letter asking

the district to develop some sort of policy.

The board approved a "mention-but-don't-teach" origins of life policy in May, appointing a separate committee to hash out a set of guidelines to clarify the policy.

At that time, Superintendent Carl Snow said origin theories relying on a supreme being "can't be taught in science class."

He said creationism is a religious tenet, but that the policy would allow it and other religious theories of the origin of life to be mentioned as alternative theories.

Opponents of teaching creationism argue that

Arlo Kent appeals \$13,688 in attorney's costs

The Times-News and
The Associated Press

BOISE — A Twin Falls man has asked the Idaho Court of Appeals to free him from paying attorney's fees after he tried to stop construction of the new Twin Falls County Jail.

Arlo Kent had sued county Clerk Dick Pence and Prosecutor K. Ellen Baxter shortly after a successful 1987 jail lawsuit, alleging they broke election laws in a bond measure to

build the jail.

Fifth District Judge Daniel Meehl granted a summary judgment to Pence and Baxter in July 1987. Kent was called upon to pay \$13,688 in attorney's costs, an order he has appealed.

Kent asserts Meehl's decision to award attorneys' fees was incorrect.

"My argument is the court abused its discretion by awarding the attorney's fees," said Kent, who represented himself Monday before the appellate court.

When Judge Donald Burnett asked attorney Rich Christensen how the \$13,000 figure was set for attorney's fees, he said, "It took a great deal of legal research and time to understand what Mr. Kent was saying."

Christensen is representing Pence and Baxter.

Kent repeated his assertion that the bond election was null and void under state law and taxpayers had been forced to pay for the jail construction.

Kent had also appealed Meehl's decision to dismiss the lawsuit. Meehl said Kent hadn't filed a required tort claim with the county before proceeding with court action. The judge also said Baxter was protected by prosecutorial immunity.

Meehl also questioned how Kent could file a civil lawsuit over actions that were more properly addressed in criminal court. Calling the lawsuit

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Police arrest 2 girls on shoplift charges

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A shopping spree became a crime spree Saturday when two 12-year-old girls did their Christmas shopping at the Magic Valley Mall, police allege.

All told, the two youths stuffed a shopping bag, two purses and one jacket with at least \$300 of merchandise stolen from eight different stores, according to police reports. The booty ranged from two evening dresses from the Bon Marche to a Barbie Doll and a Barbie Hot Dog Stand from Sherk's.

In between, the two girls, both from Twin Falls, allegedly stole 19 key-rings — six breath-fresheners, a box of cherry chocolates, a Heart Family doll, "birthday control pills," a bubblegum pencil, play \$10 bills, seven pairs of underwear, a

swimsuit, Pictionary and another game, a hair clip and four cassette tapes — including two from Tiffany and one of Madonna's.

The spree came to an end when Sherk's security officers spotted the two girls putting the Barbie Hot Dog Stand and the music tapes into their Bon Marche sack, according to police reports. The two girls were stopped as they were leaving the store through the mall exit.

After police arrived and found the complete collection of stolen merchandise, they began to trace the trail blazed by the girls through the mall that afternoon. Other stores that had been allegedly hit were the Little Red Hen, the Kay-Bee Toy & Hobby Shop, the Hallmark Store, Claire's Boutique, the J.C. Penney store and Made in Idaho.

Around the valley

Forum offers CSI candidates

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Federation of Teachers has scheduled a forum for the 19 CSI board candidates.

The forum will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the cafeteria of the Taylor Administration Building. The public is invited.

Answers to a set of prepared questions mailed to the candidates will be passed out to the audience before the planned question-and-answer session.

KSL-TV may remain on cable

TWIN FALLS — KSL-TV from Salt Lake City probably will remain on local cable, but viewers won't find out until Thursday.

At 6 that night on cable channel 10, Chris Talkington, general manager of King Video Cable Co., will announce whether the CBS affiliate seen on cable channel 23 will be carried any longer.

"We are actually still doing some negotiating," Talkington said. But he added: "It looks like in some form or fashion we will be keeping KSL."

The dilemma began last month after KSL announced plans to drop its coverage in the Magic Valley because the \$8,000-a-year microwave transfer charges outweighed the return, KSL General Manager Bill Murdock said last month.

Since then, Talkington has been searching for a feasible method of paying the microwave fee and keeping the station on the cable system. One possibility would have each cable subscriber pay an additional 10 cents per month.

Teen accidentally shoots self

ROGERSON — A Rogerson teen-ager accidentally shot himself Sunday while playing with a .25-caliber Beretta semiautomatic pistol, sheriff's officials said.

Kary Mayborn, 14, was treated at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital for a gunshot wound to his left hand, according to reports filed with the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office. The bullet struck Mayborn in the

left palm, and he underwent surgery to have the slug removed, reports said.

The shooting occurred around 4:49 p.m. at the boy's home in Rogerson, reports said. Mayborn found the gun under a bed in his parent's room and took it outside.

He fired it once, and the gun then accidentally discharged when he tried to eject the casing, reports said. Neither of his parents was home at the time.

Sheriff's investigators determined that the shooting was accidental.

500 gallons of sugar spills

HAZELTON — A Utah truck driver was injured and about 500 gallons of liquid sugar spilled onto U.S. Interstate 84 in a tractor-trailer crash Monday morning, Idaho State Police said.

Alexandro Sosa, 28, of Salt Lake City, was listed in stable condition Monday evening at Minidoka Memorial Hospital, officials there said.

The accident occurred around 4:24 a.m. on I-84 near the Hazelton exit, police said.

Sosa, driving a tractor-trailer westbound, went into the median, hit a culvert, went across both eastbound lanes and then through a fence, police said. The trailer and its 500 gallons of liquid sugar spilled into the borrow pit, but the truck cab did not stop until reaching Frontage Road.

Police said Sosa was cited for inattentive driving and log book violations.

Police arrest man on charge of hit-and-run

TWIN FALLS — Police Sunday arrested a Twin Falls man accused of backing a pickup into a disabled vehicle, injuring two people, and then driving away when asked for help.

Robert Bateman, 63, was charged in Twin Falls Magistrate Court Monday with aggravated driving under the influence and leaving the scene of an injury accident, according to court records. Bail was set at \$10,000.

Idaho State Police arrested Bateman Sunday in connection with a hit-and-run accident that occurred around 4 p.m. on U.S. Highway 50, four miles north of Hollister.

Evert Cooper, 69, of Oakley, and a passenger, Gladys Dupont, 51, also of Oakley, had pulled a 1971 Datsun to the side of the road with vehicle problems, police said. A pickup pulled in front of them, then backed into the car, knocking it 20 feet away.

Dupont was inside the car, and Cooper, who was standing outside, was struck by the car when it was hit, police said. Cooper sustained a broken leg and broken arm, and Dupont received cuts on her lips and an arm.

The driver of the pickup then got out and walked up to the car, according to court records. Dupont asked him for help, but he got back into his pickup and drove off, heading north.

Little more than a half hour later, state police arrested Bateman on a DUI charge on Blue Lakes Boulevard South, about six miles south of Twin Falls. There was damage to his pickup's rear bumper and tailgate, and there was blue paint on the bumper, according to court records.

Cooper was listed in fair condition Monday at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, officials there said. Dupont was treated for injuries and released from the same hospital.

Cassia schools will hold Christmas programs

BURLEY — Several schools in Cassia County will hold music concerts and Christmas programs in the coming two weeks. The public is invited to attend.

Concerts at Mountain View School will be spread over two evenings. The fourth and fifth grade chorus will perform at 7 p.m. Dec. 14. The following night will be the sixth grade band, chorus and orchestra concert at 7 p.m. Both events are sponsored by the Mountain View PTA and staff.

Raft River High School will present its free Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Edris Sears auditorium. The band and singing choir will be featured.

The Declo Swing Choir will present its concert at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 19 in the gymnasium. The Declo Elementary Christmas program will be at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 20, also in the gym.

Southwest School in Burley will hold its Christmas program at 7 p.m. Dec. 21 in the Burley High School auditorium. Also on Dec. 21 will be the Albion Community Christmas play at 7:30 p.m. in the Albion community center and the Almo Christmas program at 7:30 p.m., Almo church.

party Dec. 22 at 10 a.m. in Howells Opera House in Oakley.

The Malta elementary school will present its Christmas program Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Edris Sears auditorium. A repeat performance is planned Dec. 22 at 9:30 a.m. The Burley high school and junior high school band and choir concert and Declo High School concert were Monday.

Man arrested on stabbing charge

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls man was arrested Sunday on a charge of stabbing a Mexican national in a bar fight, police said.

Fernando Hernandez Sr., 54, was charged in Twin Falls Magistrate Court Monday with aggravated battery, according to court records. Bail was set at \$10,000.

The stabbing victim, Felipe San Sores Perez, 40, of Mexico City, was listed in fair condition Monday at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. He had been stabbed once in the lower right stomach, sheriff's officials said.

The stabbing occurred around 12:15 a.m. Sunday at the Las Escandinas Bar on Addison Avenue West.

Man charged with resisting

TWIN FALLS — A man arrested in connection with the alleged battering of a Twin Falls woman was charged Monday on a different count after the woman asked authorities to drop other charges.

Reggie Paul Suchy, 36, was charged in Twin Falls Magistrate Court Monday with resisting arrest, according to court records. He was released without bond.

Suchy was arrested around 1:12 a.m. Sunday at 414 Seventh Ave. E. when police responded to a report of domestic abuse. According to police records, Suchy lived at the residence with 29-year-old Suzanne Thomas.

Police met Thomas in front of the residence, where she told them that Suchy had beaten her, according to police reports. She told police that Suchy had punched her and kicked

her in the stomach and lower back, and that he had dragged her into the bathroom and slammed her head against the bathtub and sink.

Her face and clothes were almost completely covered with blood, according to police reports.

Suchy, inside the house, allegedly struggled and kicked at officers when arrested, according to police reports. He was taken to the police station and booked on charges of aggravated battery and resisting arrest.

Twin Falls County Deputy Prosecutor J. Scott James said Monday that the aggravated battery charge was dropped at the request of Thomas, who was treated at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

County sheriff's report.

Todd Donnelly, 28, also riding the vehicle, was reported in good condition on Monday at the hospital.

Both were thrown from the ATV after trying to climb a hill several times.

Woman dies after being thrown from ATV

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — An Idaho Falls woman has died after she was thrown from an all-terrain vehicle south of town.

Rebecca Jo Pifer, 28, died in Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center Saturday night after falling from a four-wheeled vehicle near Taylor Mountain, according to a Bonneville

County sheriff's report.

Todd Donnelly, 28, also riding the vehicle, was reported in good condition on Monday at the hospital.

Both were thrown from the ATV after trying to climb a hill several times.

Careers

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A typical response to the question, "What is agriculture?" stated: "When most people think of agriculture, they think of farming; cutting wheat, harvesting hay and digging potatoes. But that's not true, it also includes weeding beets."

Sixty-two percent of the students indicated agriculture is production only. But percentages among students enrolled in vocational agriculture classes were quite different. Only 38 percent of them said agriculture is production only.

The survey also revealed what students think about agriculture as a career and what factors influence their opinions.

Sixty percent responded negatively to pursuing a career in agriculture. Twenty-two percent responded positively. Eleven percent essentially said an agriculture career would be OK for someone else, but not for them.

However, almost two-thirds of the students in vo-ag classes expressed a positive opinion about a career in agriculture. Of the students not in a vocational agriculture class, 84 percent had a negative opinion of the idea.

The study found many of the same factors that made some students want an agriculture career made others reject one.

The desire to live and work on a farm was the influencing factor most often cited by students who want agricultural careers. But that factor was also the second-most-frequently cited influence of students with negative feelings.

Financial rewards were cited equally as often as a reason for wanting an agricultural career as for not wanting one.

The factors influencing negative opinions most were pay expected, followed by living on a farm, stigma attached, the experiences of friends and relatives, hard work, and the future for agriculture, and the life-style.

Factors influencing the positive responses were topped by living on a farm, stimulation expected, agricultural class, financial rewards, the life-style, and the experiences of friends and relatives.

The three instructors concluded

that students have restricted perceptions of agriculture that for the most part are not based on facts.

"Informed decisions about education or a career in agriculture cannot and will not be made by students having such an inadequate knowledge base," they wrote.

Since the survey, Orthel has changed his recruiting techniques. He is promoting the leadership aspects of the class and the extracurricular activities with FFA. He also had his students put together a slide show of 160 Twin Falls agriculture-related businesses and how they fit into the vocational agriculture program to show junior high students.

The instructors have presented their survey results at two national vocational education meetings, and their methods are being copied.

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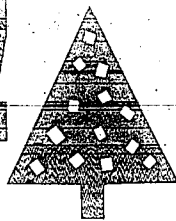
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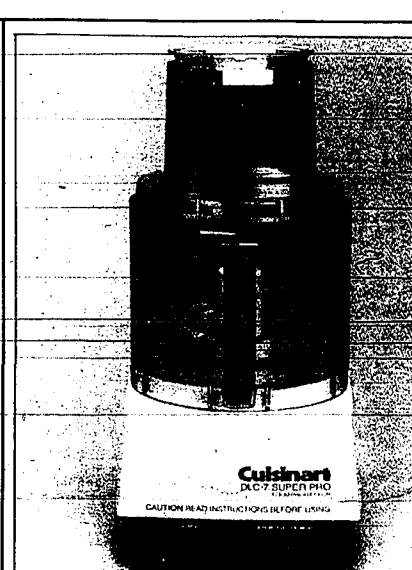
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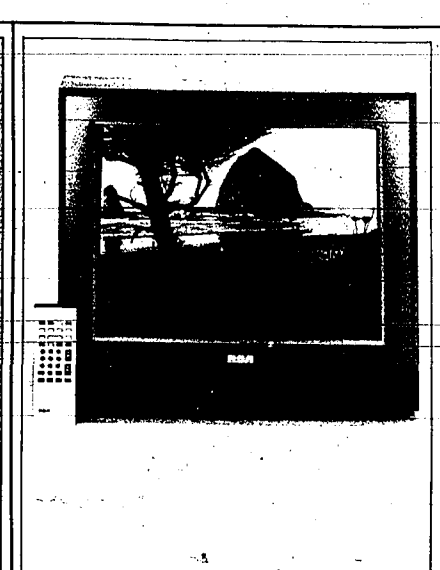
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Idaho

Authorities continue searching for clues to bodies, marijuana

BONNERS FERRY (AP) — Investigators performed autopsies Monday on two bodies, hoping to gather more clues into a ranch-house fire that led them to an arsenal of weapons and the most sophisticated marijuana-growing operation ever found in Idaho.

Spokane, Wash., pathologist Dr. George Lindholm performed the autopsies on the two bodies found in the ashes of a house on a 40-acre ranch, six miles southeast of this Panhandle town. Results were not immediately available.

Boundary County Sheriff Joe Allen said investigators were treating the deaths as homicides. The cause of the fire that destroyed the house Friday night was still being investigated, he said.

Allen said it was hoped the autopsies would reveal the sex and identities of the victims, as well as whether the two died before or during the fire.

Authorities had not been able to locate the owners of the ranch, David Ashley, 50, and his wife, Helen, 47, whom Allen described as fundamentalists and survivalists. He said at least two other males lived at the ranch and that they also were missing.

Wayne Longo, regional manager of the Idaho Bureau of Narcotics, said Monday that investigators were seeking the whereabouts of several other people known to have frequented the Ashley's property.

No arrests have been made. Meanwhile, law enforcement off-



AP Laserphoto

Wayne Longo, state Bureau of Narcotics, shows weapons found with 2 bodies in a burned cabin near Bonners Ferry

cers continued their investigation into the sophisticated marijuana operation, which Longo called the biggest ever found in Idaho.

"We had one other bust where we found more plants, but when you add the sophistication of the operation, the amount of weapons found, and the effort someone went to conceal it, this is the biggest," he said.

Marijuana plants seized in a barn adjacent to the burned house were being processed as evidence and sent to a crime laboratory, he said.

State investigators probing the drug-manufacturing operation were working closely with Boundary County sheriff's officers seeking clues into the possible homicides and arson, he said.

The bodies were found in what apparently was the kitchen, which Allen said should have offered easy escape from the fire.

Investigators completed their work at the ranch Monday and released it to a daughter of the Ashleys, Longo said.

Longo said the marijuana operation was found inside what appeared to be an old, dilapidated barn. A building within the building contained the marijuana plant.

Allen said 1,000 marijuana plants were inside, and the pot apparently was being shipped out of the region. Longo estimated the owners harvested 700 high-quality plants a month, with a value of more than \$1.75 million.

"We found plants in every single stage of growth, from seedlings to harvested ones, drying out and ready to sell," he said.

Allen said 28 weapons, including assault rifles, machine guns and pistols, were found along with a sizable stockpile of ammunition. The weapons were found in the house.

Risch, Burkett spending sets legislative record

BOISE (AP) — Former Republican Senate President Pro Tem James Risch spent over \$64,000 in the final two weeks of his losing re-election campaign, but the financial outburst still left him far short of the total expenditures by victorious Democrat Mike Burkett.

Risch's campaign finance report for the two weeks before the Nov. 8 election, received by the Secretary of State's office on Monday, showed his total expenditures at nearly \$112,000, making the race for the Ada County state Senate seat the most expensive legislative race in Idaho history.

Burkett, a Boise attorney like Risch, spent \$136,000 to wrest the seat from the 14-year legislative veteran in the biggest Democratic upset of the 1988 campaign.

Burkett was heavily financed by the Idaho Education Association and Micron Technology Corp., while Risch received major financial support from the state's business interests, including Pullatch Corp, which contributed \$4,750 to his ill-fated campaign.

A number of the corporate interests contributing to Risch's campaign benefitted from the state Investment Tax Credit, which Risch fought vigorously to retain over demands from Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus that it be repealed and the

money funneled to education.

Education interest, which pressed for repeal of the tax credit, accounted for well over a quarter of all the money contributed to the Democratic political newcomer.

The combined expenditures in the race of nearly \$250,000 for a job that pays about \$9,000 over its two-year term broke the previous record of \$168,000 set in 1986 by Risch when he defeated Democrat Larry La Rocco by 6,500 votes.

Burkett beat Risch in last month's election by nearly 10,000 votes to lead the Democratic push that cut the GOP Senate majority, by three seats to 23-19.

The campaign report, covering the period from Oct. 25 through election day, showed Risch paying out more than \$20,000 in postage and about \$8,000 for mailing services in the final days of the campaign. He financed two massive voter mailings just days before the election.

Risch raised just over \$21,000 of his nearly \$112,000 war chest during the final reporting period when Burkett appeared to be gaining momentum and raising nearly \$44,000 in the same period.

By contrast, Burkett spent less than \$49,000 in the last two weeks of the campaign as Risch poured it on with his \$64,000 outlay.

Fort Hall to get \$6 million health clinic

FORT HALL (AP) — A new \$6 million health clinic, nearly seven times larger than the existing facility, should open on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation by September 1990, the director of the Indian Health Service says.

William Joe Moran said the new clinic, financed by the U.S. Public Health Service in 1985, will be over 28,000 square feet, housing special diabetic and mental health facilities, a community health nursing center

and laboratory and x-ray departments.

The current facility, which has less than 4,300 square feet of space, was built in 1963 to meet the needs of some 6,000 patient visits per year. This year, patient visits are running at about 33,000.

Moran said architectural and engineering designs for the clinic are about 60 percent complete, and bids for the project should be let next spring.

3 school districts face funding crunch

LEWISTON (AP) — For the tiny school districts of Nezperce, Culeuse and Elk River, a proposal from state Superintendent of Public Instruction Jerry Evans could mean the difference between existence and elimination.

Evans outlined a legislative package at the recent Idaho Board of Education meeting in Coeur d'Alene that included a proposal to cut state funding for high schools with fewer than 60 students and junior-senior high schools with fewer than 80 students.

"It's possible we could survive for a year if this becomes law, but I'm not sure why we'd want to. The quality would suffer," said Ray Ireland, principal of Elk River School.

The proposed legislation would require school districts to apply for and justify to state board members a designation as "remote and necessary" to receive state funds. Failing that, the school district would have three years to make plans to fold or

consolidate with another district.

"If they convince the board they are remote and necessary, they'll get state funds, no questions asked," Evans said. "If they don't convince the board, they'll have three years to figure out what they're going to do."

The Elk River School District already is designated as remote and necessary, Ireland said. It currently has seven students in its high school.

"That remote and necessary designation has never been questioned in the past, and I don't know any real reason it would be," he said. "We haven't gotten any closer to anyone."

Deary High School, the next closest school, is 27 miles away.

Officials at Nezperce and Culeuse never have had to justify themselves as remote and necessary.

With just 10 miles and a major highway between us and Lapwai District, it would be rather difficult to justify us as a remote high school," Culeuse Superintendent Larry Manly said. Currently, 67 students at-

tended grades 9 through 12 at Culeuse.

"Our enrollment fluctuates," Manly said. "It's been as low as 55, but it's never been above the 80 mark."

Nezperce Principal Dennis Coulter said his district's junior-senior high school has 62 students.

"Fortunately, we should have enough ninth graders coming in next year, we'll be over that mark," he said. "This year, as it stands now, we'd lose money."

Both Coulter and Manly questioned whether Evans' proposal could be enforced, considering the yearly changes in enrollment.

"Whoever dreamed this one up is going to have a tough time enforcing it," Coulter said.

All three officials defended their need to exist.

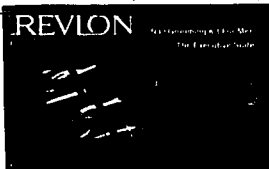
"We serve our purpose here," Coulter said. "We feel our students are getting it, if not the same, then a better education than they would in a larger district."



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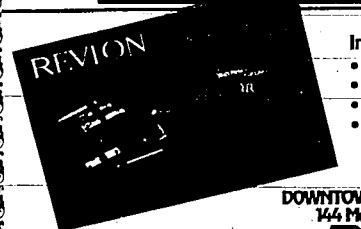


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Gem courts handling record appeals volume

BOISE (AP) — Appeals filed in Idaho courts this year are on a pace to shatter the mark set in 1987 by as much as 20 percent, but officials say trial courts are making "remarkable" progress in reducing case backlogs.

The Administrative Office of the Courts said 472 appeals were lodged last year, but attorneys have been lining up in even greater numbers in 1988.

One of the reasons cited for the increase is Gov. Cecil Andrus' appointment of Justice Byron Johnson to the Idaho Supreme Court. That has fueled speculation that the high court might become more liberal in its appellate decisions.

Lawyers may well perceive that the court will be more receptive to their appeals because of its makeup," said Boise attorney Howard Manweiler.

Other factors contributing to the surge are population growth, rising criminal caseloads and the state's economic health.

"You could speculate that it's part of the resurgent economy as much as anything else," said Carl Bianchi, state court administrator.

National surveys have shown a correlation between the volume of cases filed and economic peaks and valleys. In 1981 and 1982, during the heart of the recession, case filings in

Idaho lagged. During a resurgent 1988, filings are back on a record-setting pace.

In the face of ever-increasing caseloads, Bianchi said, Idaho judges, lawyers and litigants are claiming "remarkable" success in a four-year-old team effort to prevent cases from gathering dust.

The Idaho Supreme Court adopted recommended time standards for processing cases in 1984, becoming the first state in the nation to do so. The guidelines call for resolving civil cases in district courts within 18 months, and civil disputes in lower courts in six months.

Under the standard, a felony criminal case should be history within half a year, and a misdemeanor case should work itself through magistrate court 90 days after a defendant's initial appearance.

During the past 2½ years, district courts have reduced the number of cases exceeding the guidelines by more than 43 percent, Bianchi's office reported. Magistrate courts have reduced their volume by 51 percent.

"I think what it demonstrates is a solid and very real commitment on the part of the judges to reduce delay in the courts," Bianchi said.

Judges statewide are doing their best to keep the conveyor belt of justice moving and the target deadlines

help, said 5th District Judge Dan Hurlbut Jr. of Twin Falls.

"The judges have just gone to work in moving cases along," he said. "We're really rolling up our sleeves and working harder. It's become a priority."

Helping to keep civil cases from lingering unnecessarily, Hurlbut said, is a two-year-old modification of procedural rules that requires settlement conferences within 180 days after filing.

"It forces us to pay attention to the case early," he said.

During the period from May 31, 1988, to Oct. 31 of this year, the number of cases exceeding the time standards in Idaho district courts fell by 85%. There were 11,677 old cases violating the guidelines in magistrate courts two years ago, but only about 6,300 of those remain on the docket today, statistics show.

Significant gains were reported in each of the state's seven judicial districts.

But the pressure to maintain the calendar-clearing is intensifying, with overall filings in lower courts on a pace to surpass 356,000 in 1988, a jump of more than 22,000 from last year.

District court filings are roughly on a par with last year, when 10,486 were reported.

Woman launches program to protect lakes

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A northern Idaho woman has launched a program to protect the state's lakes, hoping her efforts will fortify the relationship between the Idaho Conservation League and its Panhandle chapter.

Sue Hailey, the daughter of loggers and not enthusiastic about more wilderness, has announced the Clean Lakes Environmental Action Network. She wants CLEAN to provide a common ground for those who may not support the entire Conservation League agenda, but do feel strongly about water quality.

"There seems to be a common feeling that we need some kind of state (lake) management plan," she said. Democratic Sen. Mary Lou Reed of Coeur d'Alene has proposed regional councils to oversee water-quality efforts for Idaho's lakes.

The Kootenai Environmental Alliance is considering dropping its affiliation with the ICL. Ed Javorka, KEA president, said the problem is chiefly financial. "The 135-member group is chagrined that its dues money is forwarded to the league."

But ICL Director Mary Kelly said the league is making a special effort

to show its value to northern Idaho through a local coordinator and making lake quality a main point on their agenda for the upcoming legislative session.

Ms. Hailey, whose parents started the Squaw Creek Lumber Co., is hesitant to approve more wilderness to lock up forest lands. But she has studied the danger of lake pollution for two years.

CLEAN will allow people to say "You care about lake quality. I care about lake quality. How can we work together to be effective?" she said.



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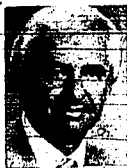
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Twin Falls takes on Centennial tonight

By LARRY HOVEY Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Bruins take to the road and a repeat portion of its schedule in the three-game week opening tonight in Meridian against the Centennial Patriots.

Coach John Astorquia and his Bruins will take a 1-3 record to Meridian where the Patriots are running at 4-0. Twin Falls returns to Region II Friday night for a return match against the Boise Braves and makes their lone home appearance of the week Saturday in entertaining the weekless Capital Eagles.

"Our key to beating Centennial is the same as it has been in virtually every game this year," says Astorquia. "We have to rebound with them, prevent the putback points and play good inside defense."

The immediate problem is 6-foot, 4-ounce 225-pound Don Hunter, who reportedly is being recruiting by a number of Division I NCAA football teams.

"He has good strong and is very quick for his size, Astorquia said. "I was very impressed with him against (taller) Mountain Home and I would have guessed he had 20 rebounds but the stats had him at 12."

"The guy they rely on for their other points is (6-3 speedster) Travis Gray. He's averaging right at 16 points per game."

Astorquia says "Centennial likes an up-tempo game and wants to run. That doesn't bother me because with the exception of Gray, I think we can run with them."

"Looking on toward Friday night, Astorquia says "we've beaten Boise once so we ought to be able to do it again, although I realize we're at

their place this time. But to beat them again we have to do the same things — we can't let Chris Billings roam around inside and get the ball uncontested and make those inside points like we can. And we can't let guard Geoff Goff run around at will because he is a good talent and capable of scoring a lot of points if he gets his head."

While Capital hasn't won a game in four outings this week, Astorquia says the Eagles can't be considered weaklings.

"They're about the same as us heightwise. So rebounding becomes a matter of concentration and desire," Astorquia says.

"They dropped a 38-35 decision to Centennial Saturday night so that indicates they are trying to control the ball, wear off time and keep scoring in the 30s and 40s or within of their offense," the coach continues.

Coach (Charles) Henry feels the team's major problem right now is experience at guards and that evidently means they have been pressable, Astorquia said. "We'll be trying that."

For his own team Astorquia says it remains a matter of maintaining concentration and intensity from start to finish, particularly on inside defense and rebounding.

"We simply haven't the height, size or strength to go against some of these teams we've played. But even then we've had good moments and bad moments," the coach said.

The other critical matter is hitting free throws, which the Bruins didn't do very well in dropping an overtime decision to Borah Saturday night.

"That was very disappointing because I consider this a good shooting team," the coach says.



Tark Nevada-Las Vegas coach loses in Supreme Court

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — A U.S. Supreme Court ruling against Nevada-Las Vegas basketball coach Jerry Turkianian joined this entertainment capital, where Runnin' Rebels basketball shares top billing with the nation's entertainment elite.

"We didn't expect this, although losing was always a possible outcome," Nevada-Las Vegas athletic director Brad Rothmel said Monday, after being informed of the decision.

The high court ruled Monday that the NCAA had the right to order the school to suspend Turkianian for two years when the Runnin' Rebels were placed on two years probation in 1977 for a series of recruiting violations.

Turkianian challenged the suspension in state district court and the Nevada Supreme Court, winning in both courts.

The NCAA then appealed the suspension issue to the U.S. Supreme Court, with that case being heard Oct. 5.

Turkianian, the nation's winningest college coach on the basis of percentage, was shaken when informed of the decision.

"Naturally I'm disappointed," he said in a telephone interview from his home. "I thought we did what we could. All I know is what they (the university) have told me."

Asked to amplify on the comment, Turkianian said, "I don't want to get into that right now."

Turkianian, Rothmel and Nevada-Las Vegas president Robert Maxson met for 45 minutes Monday and discussed the situation. Maxson issued a brief statement saying the school had not seen a copy of the high court's order.

It is obvious that the principle that the NCAA is seeking has been upheld, Maxson said. However, after 12 years, I would expect the NCAA not to pursue any action against Jerry Turkianian.

Coach Turkianian has surely been through enough during this period of time and I have every reason to believe the NCAA will honor our appeal that they not pursue this matter."

Turkianian declined comment after the meeting. The loss of Turkianian would be a major blow to the university's basketball program.

Turkianian had a record of 715-134, an 82.5 percentage, going into this season, his 28th. This season's team is 2-2.

"I'm tickled to death," NCAA attorney Jack Kitchen said. "I think it will make the NCAA less subject to lawsuits for one thing."

"I can't say at this point what will happen to Mr. Turkianian. That's a matter the Committee on Infractions will have to take a look at."

CSI men, women meet W. Montana tonight, get ready for Eagle Classic

By LARRY HOVEY Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If they call the men's tournament this weekend the Eagle Classic, then certainly the women's tourney being held in competition in the Eagle Classic — that gives local fans 16 hours of basketball to look forward to Friday and Saturday in the CSI gymnasium.

But before the men and women get to that point, they must keep a date with the Bulldogs of Western Montana tonight in Dillon. It doesn't stretch the imagination at all to see the CSI men's 9-0 record in jeopardy along with the five-game win streak of the women.

These games begin at 5:15 p.m. today for the women with the men's battle slated for 7:30 p.m.

"If our fans remember last year, we beat Western Montana here by 11 points and it

was a war," says Coach Fred Trenkle. "And they've got all those people back, especially the inside people."

The Bulldogs go 6-10, 6-9, 6-7, 6-6 with Ray Sullivan at guard, averaging 21 points per game.

Julius is an excellent guard. He handles the ball well, he directs the team well, he shoots well from the perimeter and he can take it to the hole," Trenkle said.

Western Montana was nipped by College of Idaho by a point in its season opener and since then has thumped Northwest Nazarene among other NIAA foes and Ricks in Rexburg.

"Someone told me that (Coach David) Campbell and CSI beat them in Dillon seven years ago and no junior college has beaten them there since," Trenkle said. "They've beaten Ricks by 12 in Rexburg and North Idaho over the years."

"Their big kids are basically block players and they play well inside. For instance, they hit 33 of 38 free throws at Ricks and beat Ricks although the Vikings hit 16 three-pointers."

It isn't any easier for Coach Ben Stroud and his CSI women.

"They have Patty Weed, a 6-foot, 1-inch leaper who is averaging 25 points a game and I understand simply ate Ricks' alive. Then they have a 5-9 guard who is averaging about 30 30 points ago. We think that Ricks is one of the toughest teams in our conference and at one time in the second half Western had Ricks down by 35 points," Stroud said.

It won't take long for CSI fans to get an idea about the Western Montana women. They'll be in Twin Falls Friday and Saturday for the Eagle Classic.

Western will take on Northwest Nazarene at 3 p.m. Friday with CSI going against Treas-

ure Valley at 6 p.m. It will be loser-sloers at 3 p.m. Saturday followed by winners-winners at 6 p.m.

CSI has face NNC and Treasure Valley once each this year, losing the season opener to the Crusaders in Nampa but handling TVCC rather handily in Ontario last week.

The men's tournament will open with Walla Walla taking on Treasure Valley's me at 7 p.m. with CSI going against Southern Alberta Institute of Technology at 9 p.m.

"SAIT was the Canadian national champion two years ago. They have three-year jump players. I know they have size and we feel they can be competitive. Other than that we know very little about them," says Trenkle.

Two years ago when we played them up there they lost their intensity in the second half and we won the game by a larger margin that talent alone had indicated."

Washington team in the two-day scrimmages at LaGrand in October.

"Walla Walla and Big Bend (Wash., another team that shows up on the CSI schedule later) gave us the toughest battles in those scrimmages," Trenkle said.

"Walla Walla beat Ricks on a neutral floor a week ago 100-44. They have good size and a good bench and Coach Art Williams does a great job with them. They are the kind of team that takes time off the clock, they bang you defensively and on the boards and offensively they'll turn it (plays) over and over. They play what I consider to be erosion games. You're out there working your heart out but you don't feel like you're getting anywhere. In that scrimmage you measure improvement of the lead by the five and six-minute intervals. As I recall, we beat them by 19 points over a 30-minute scrimmage," Trenkle said.

Marino, Dolphins best Browns, 38-31

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Dan Marino passed for 404 yards, including a 46-yard bomb to Fred Banks in the final minute that set up the winning touchdown, as Miami ended a five-game losing streak by beating Cleveland 38-31 Monday night.

Don Strock, a backup at Miami for 15 years until he was released last August, threw touchdown passes of three and two yards to Reggie Langhorne in the final 6 minutes, the latter tying the game 31-31 with 59 seconds left.

Marino, who threw for four touchdowns, moved Miami 65 yards in four plays for the winning touchdown. Banks, a former Cleveland player, beat Hanford Dixon along the sideline for the big gain to the 1-yard line, and Lorenzo Hampton scored on the next play with 37 seconds left.

Strock replaced Bernie Kosar, who suffered a sprained left knee in the fourth quarter, when linebacker John Oforji hit him as the quarterback released a pass. Kosar is listed as questionable for Sunday's home game against Houston.

The Browns, 9-6, still can clinch

an AFC wild-card playoff berth by beating the Oilers.

The Dolphins 6-9, ended their losing streak since 1967. Marino completed 30 of 50 passes, set an NFL record with his fourth 4,000-yard season, and broke a team record for career touchdowns passes. He threw scoring passes of 11 and nine yards to Mark Clayton, two yards to Jim Jensen and two yards to Hampton.

After Kosar was hurt, Strock concluded an 80-yard drive with 3-yard touchdowns passes to Langhorne that cut Miami's lead to 31-24.

Cleveland got the ball back with 3:29 left when Felix Wright returned Marino's third interception 26 yards to the Miami 38-yard line. Strock set up the tying touchdown by hitting Brian Brennan for a 25-yard punt on fourth and 5.

Strock tried to rally Cleveland again in the final seconds. The game ended as his desperation bomb fell incomplete.

Cleveland's other scores came on Kosar's 2-yard scramble; running back Earnest Byner's first touchdown reception of the season, a 39-yard run from Kosar; and Matt Bahr's 33-yard field goal.

Aggie coach Jackie Sherrill quits

The Associated Press

DALLAS — On Dec. 1, Jackie Sherrill was disheartened when he spoke by telephone to an Associated Press reporter the day before Texas A&M took the field against Alabama.

"I've won the hearts of the Aggies' world and now some of them want me out," Sherrill said from the A&M lockerroom. "The A&M students love me. I gave them the 12th man kickoff team and got them to the Cotton Bowl three times."

"It's not like I just showed up and been here six months. But it looks like they want me out. I love this school too much to stand in their way if they want me out."

On Monday night, "they" did. Sherrill resigned as athletic director and head coach, the official statement said, but it's plain he was forced out because of George Smith's "hush" money allegations.

Olympian sentenced to 7 years in jail

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — David Jenkins, an Olympic silver medalist who turned to steroid smuggling to make a living, was sentenced Monday to seven years in prison and told that he allowed greed to ruin his life.

"I can honestly say this is one of the worst tragedies I've ever seen in my 6 years on the bench," U.S. District Judge J. Lawrence Irving said.

Irving also fined Jenkins \$75,000 and gave him five years probation for his role in an international steroid smuggling ring.

"You had it all," Irving told Jenkins, a former British track star who listened solemnly. "You got brains ... You're bilingual." In addition, "you have great health and a fantastic God-given athletic ability. Then enter greed and the whole thing seems to go down the toilet bowl."

Jenkins, 35, a member of Britain's silver-medal winning 400-meter relay team at the 1972 Munich Olympics, was taken to jail immediately after

Irving pronounced sentence. Prior to sentencing, Jenkins said he was sorry. "I apologize to the court and the government for my actions," he said. "It was misguided, foolish, and as such I take responsibility for my actions."

He had faced up to 16 years in prison and a \$1 million fine after pleading guilty Nov. 6, 1987, to four counts stemming from operation of the ring that prosecutors said at one time dominated the U.S. black market for the muscle-enhancing drug.



JACKIE SHERRILL Out as Aggie grid coach

to the horse farm of Dan Issel, a former Kentucky and professional basketball player.

The NCAA also questioned Casey's ethical conduct in complying with NCAA rules before and during its probe.

The university also said Monday that the NCAA had extended the deadline for the university's response to the allegations from Monday until Jan. 30.

The university on Monday did not release four allegations because attorneys filed a motion under the Kentucky rules of civil procedure for the court to amend its findings. A

hearing is set for Friday morning in Fayette Circuit Court.

School attorneys are seeking not to disclose names in an allegation that said a prospective student-athlete and his friend were provided free lodging on a visit to the campus and that the student-athlete attended the school's basketball camp at no cost.

"The other allegations is that a member of the basketball staff allowed a representative of the university's athletic interests to have improper in-person contact with a student-athlete while attending a high school game."

Kentucky assistant mentioned in 7 NCAA allegations

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Kentucky assistant coach Dwane Casey is mentioned in seven NCAA allegations of wrongdoing against the nation's winningest basketball program, according to a text of 13 charges released Monday.

The university released the text of all but four of the 17 allegations handed down by the NCAA in October.

The 17 allegations had been released in the NCAA's letter of Supplemental Official Inquiry

dated Oct. 13, but the university at that time did not release names because of possible litigation.

An earlier allegation was received by the university July 25, and it said that Casey sent \$1,000 to Claud Mills, father of student-athlete Chris Mills.

Monday's allegations that mention Casey included offering money to prospective student-athlete Sean Higgins, now at Michigan, improper contact with Columbus, Ohio, prep star Lawrence Funderburke, and transporting student-athlete Matt Bullard of Des Moines, Iowa,

The morning line

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John Cunniff is a business analyst for The Associated Press.

Late selling kills rally as Dow loses 3.91

NEW YORK — A late round of selling pushed stock prices lower Monday, wiping out a mild rally early in the week's average...

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, up nearly 15 points at its midday peak, closed with a 3.91 loss at 2,139.58.

Declining issues outnumbered advances by about 6 to 5 in nationwide trading of New York Stock Exchange-listed stocks...

Volume on the floor of the Big Board came to 124.16 million shares, down from 137.77 million in the previous session.

Analysts said stocks drew some early benefit from a rise in the dollar against leading foreign currencies.

But that upturn seemed to be overridden by caution about prospects for Federal Reserve policy and the pending monthly report due out Wednesday on the nation's international trade balance.

Analysts said it would be no surprise if Fed policymakers, meeting Tuesday and Wednesday, decided to tighten credit conditions a bit further, especially if the news on trade...

WASHINGTON — The nation's commercial banks enjoyed record profits in the July-September quarter, but a top regulator sounded a cautionary note Monday about an increase in bad loans and rising bank involvement in leveraged corporate buyouts.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. said the 13,239 federally insured commercial banks earned \$5.9 billion in the third quarter, topping the previous record of \$5.8 billion in the same quarter last year.

"I think we can say without much question that this year will be an all-time high for banking profits," FDIC Chairman L. William Seidman told reporters.

The current record of \$18.1 billion was set in 1985. Last year, banks earned only \$16.6 billion, the least...

Advance estimates call for the October trade data to be about the same as September's, when imports exceeded exports by \$9 billion...

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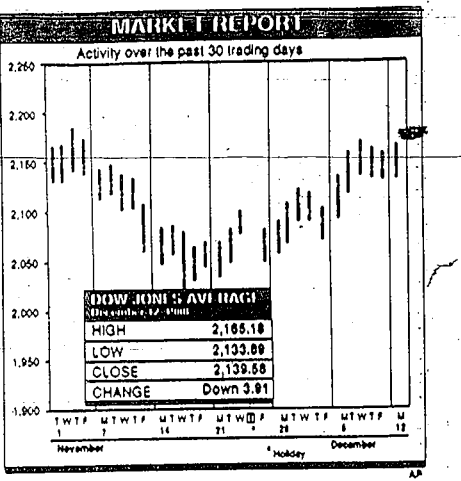
Pennwalt jumped 14 1/2 to 98. A New York partnership said it would offer \$100 million for the Pennwalt shares it doesn't already own.

Among the blue chips, General Electric was up 1/4 at 46; International Business Machines gained 1/4 to 129 1/2; Exxon was unchanged at 44 1/2.

American Telephone & Telegraph slipped 1/4 to 29 1/2, and Philip Morris was down 1/4 at 97 1/2.

Chemical Banking, which filed for an offering of 7 million common shares, fell 1 1/2 to 31 1/2.

As measured by Wilshire Associates' index of more than 5,000 actively traded stocks, the market lost...



\$4.91 billion, or 0.18 percent, in value. The NYSE's composite index of all listed common stocks dropped 25 to 155.34.

The NASDAQ composite index for the over-the-counter market slumped 1.00 to 374.30. At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index closed at 256.67, down 3.91.

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WASHINGTON — The nation's commercial banks enjoyed record profits in the July-September quarter, but a top regulator sounded a cautionary note Monday about an increase in bad loans and rising bank involvement in leveraged corporate buyouts.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. said the 13,239 federally insured commercial banks earned \$5.9 billion in the third quarter, topping the previous record of \$5.8 billion in the same quarter last year.

"I think we can say without much question that this year will be an all-time high for banking profits," FDIC Chairman L. William Seidman told reporters.

The current record of \$18.1 billion was set in 1985. Last year, banks earned only \$16.6 billion, the least...

profitable year since the Depression, as they added heavily to reserves for losses on Third World debt.

Banks earned \$16.4 billion for the first nine months of 1986, and several one-time factors will help boost profits for the full year above \$23 billion, the FDIC said.

When results are calculated for the entire year, a \$2.3 billion loss by First Republic Bank of Dallas in the first half will be removed.

In effect, the red ink is being transferred to the government's books in one of the largest rescues ever of a failed bank.

Also, bank earnings will rise by \$2.5 billion in the fourth quarter because of Brazil resumed payments on its huge foreign debt.

The statistics are good, but they're not quite as good as they might appear on the surface," Seidman said.

Bad loans, on which borrowers have stopped making payments, jumped 4.3 percent from the second quarter to \$76.5 billion in the third. Much of the increase came in the Southwest, where the economy has been depressed by troubles in the oil industry.

However, bad real estate loans in the New England states, New Jersey and Florida also rose.

"We try to spot things early and the early evidence is that we need to keep a careful eye on that," Seidman said. "But those are not, I repeat not, at alarming levels and not like the Southwest."

Real estate loans, the area that caused the greatest losses for Texas banks, are growing faster nationally than other types of lending. Real estate loans increased 13.5 percent from a year ago, compared with 5.2 percent growth for all assets.

Seidman also noted that a substantial, but undetermined, share of bank income is coming from the boom in corporate buyouts.

"Leveraged buyout transactions are becoming a big part of banking activity and that does increase the risk to some extent," he said. "But added: "At this point, I don't have the data that would indicate that institutions are going to fail because of leveraged buyouts."

The strong 1986 earnings are coming amid the worst year for bank failures since the Depression.

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WASHINGTON — Policymakers at the Federal Reserve, concerned about renewed signs of inflationary pressures, are poised to move that will curtail the central bank on a collision course with the incoming Bush administration, economists said.

Many analysts said the Fed has already begun to tighten credit conditions and they predicted its Federal Open Market Committee will vote for restrictive policies at strategy sessions Tuesday and Wednesday.

Analysts said they based this belief on the fact that recent economic statistics have pointed to an economy still barreling ahead.

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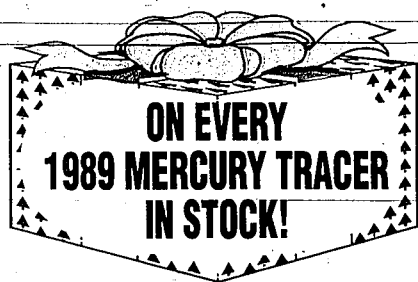
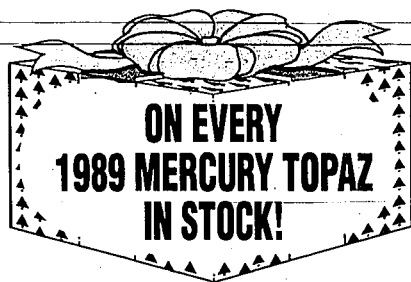
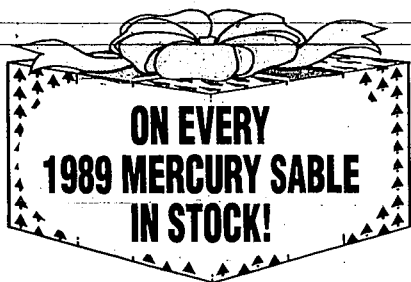
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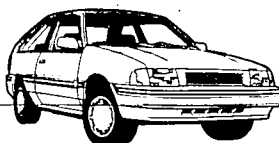
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Bell managed to stammer some feeble excuse about work piling up in the lab, but his mom would have none of it.

She made him feel so guilty that Bell reconsidered applying for the patent on his new invention, preferring someone else take the blame for the havoc he had unleashed.

It also caused Bell to ignore his mother for the rest of his life, insisting to everyone that he was raised by gorillas.

More than 100 years later, we are still bedeviled by the telephone. I am bedeviled by it more than anyone.

Therefore, I have compiled the following rules of telephone etiquette.

RULE NO. 1: LITTLE KIDS SHOULD BE SEEN AND NOT HEARD.

The minute a little kid answers the phone, the receiver should be snatched from his or her little hands



What's up

Ruth Willis, of Starkville, Miss., decided to hang her Christmas tree from the ceiling after seeing a tree upside down on a carousel. Presents help complete the picture.

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Kevin Cowherd

'RULE NO. 3: ...Caller: Did I wake you? You: No, I had to get up anyway for answer the phone.' Then some hard-looking guys over to that person's house to throw him down the stairs.'

by an adult. I am even drawing up a bill mandating that a 5,000-volt electrical charge be sent through the receiver if used by anyone under the age of 15, although I'm sure certain namby-pamby members of Congress will balk at such an innovative technique.

The alternative, however, is hellish conversations such as this:

Little kid: "Hu-wo?"

You: "Hi, Bobby, it's Uncle Kevin. Is your daddy home?"

Little kid: "Uncle Kevin's not here."

You: "Ha, ha. No, this is Uncle Kevin. Let me speak to your dad."

Little kid: "I can count to 10. Want to hear? One, two, three..."

You: "Get your dad or Uncle Kevin will feed you to the alligators."

Little kid: "...four, five, six..."

You: "Bobby, do you like toys? If you get your daddy, Uncle Kevin will..."

Little kid: "Bye-bye! (Click)."

And they wonder why Uncle Kevin drinks.

RULE NO. 2: IT HELPS WHEN YOU SPEAK INTO THE MOUTHPIECE.

I don't want to get bogged down with a lot of technical mumbo-jumbo here, but the mouthpiece is that part of the telephone closest to your lips.

Still too heavy? OK, when Mr. Sound is channeled directly into Mr. Mouthpiece, it is more clearly detected by Mr. Ear.

This makes for a more pleasant conversation between you, Mr. or Ms. Inconsiderate, and me, Mr. Person With the Short Fuse.

I try to explain this to my mother when she calls to tell me I never call.

The reason I never call is that I can barely hear her. It sounds as though I'm talking to someone in the Falkland Islands.

No, I take that back. It sounds like I'm talking to the space shuttle Discovery as it makes its way through an asteroid belt.

When I tell her this, she always says: "We must have a bad connection."

Meanwhile, the mouthpiece is either tucked under her chin, or it's up around her eyes. This partly explains why, under place of birth, I

now write: Unknown wolf's den, Apalachian foothills.

RULE NO. 3: DON'T WAKE ME.

You know how when you call

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Creative decorating

Getting into the Christmas spirit, Pat Dover, of Lewiston attaches lights to a 5-foot tall Indian statue that she bought at a garage sale.

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Leno keeps life simple: only 240 shows a year

By HANK GALLO
New York Daily News

Jay Leno likes to keep his life as simple as possible. "I like to write jokes, tell them and go home," Johnny Carson's permanent guest host says over the phone from his Los Angeles home.

The man who owns 18 motorcycles and "seven or eight cars" (who loses count of these things?) used to perform up to 300 shows a year. But now that this 15-year standup veteran appears on "The Tonight Show" every Monday and "all of Johnny's vacation time," his road schedule has been cut back to near semi-retirement status. "Now," Leno says, "I'm only doing about 240 shows a year."

Pretty hectic, right? Well, not so right. "It's not like being on a music tour," he informs, "where you have to worry about the musicians and the equipment and everything else. You really don't have to plan so much with comedy. You just go, 'Oh, this suit smells clean enough to wear,' and you go on stage."

In fact, Leno insists, "The road is pretty relaxing. When I'm doing 'The Tonight Show' I have to write new jokes every day and go on TV not knowing if they're funny or not. On the road, you can pick your best material."

"Besides," he says, "that's the job — and it's a high-paying job. To sit and whine about it being tough really has no relevance. I don't think about what I like and what I don't like about it. I just do the job. And if you really don't like what you do, you should get another job."

There's no chance he's about to do that. While there have been offers for his own show ("I like guest-hosting — I'd rather pinch hit than have 'The Jay Leno Show'") and for big-screen projects ("I don't have this great fascination with movies"), Leno's happy with his lot in life.

But just in case all that changes sometime in the future, Leno has already picked his fall-back career. "I'd be a mechanic, a car guy," he says. "I'm still going to go to mechanic school one of these days."

In fact, he continues, "I'm taking a welding course next semester. I'm a great advocate of vocational training — of having a trade."

Ah, there's nothing like the smell of the grease pits and the roar of an overhead-cam engine.



in profile

Jay Leno likes to keep his life simple. In fact, he's cut back his working schedule from 300 shows a year to about 240. But in case show business suddenly falls apart, Leno has a backup career — mechanic.

Coach potato Bimbo likes PBS, junk food

By MICHAEL QUINTANILLA
Dallas Morning News

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas — Bimbo is just your average couch potato who loves PBS programs and junk food. He's also a 150-pound, white-faced chimpanzee who has lived for 17 years in a Grand Prairie pawn shop.

And he has quite a loyal following. "After school, kids come in here with bananas for Bimbo all the time. Sometimes they stay and watch TV with him," says Bill Strong, 60, who bought 6-month-old Bimbo in 1969.

Now Bimbo isn't Grand Prairie's first chimp. A doctor friend already owned one — and let it sit at the dinner table when the Strong's came to visit. One meal together and Bill and Edna Earle were hooked. One call to a New York importer and they were the proud parents of a primate.

"My wife would dress him in baby clothes and shoes," Strong recalls. "And my mother and dad would drive Bimbo around Grand Prairie in a '62 Chevrolet. People would see this hairy arm holding a balloon sticking out the window. To this day, old-timers come in here and recall seeing my mother and daddy taking Bimbo to town."

Bimbo's first home was in the bedroom

of Strong's daughter, Jeannine, who had just left home for college. By age 2, he outgrew the room and needed a more controlled environment.

But there was no way his owners were about to part with him. "He's like a member of the family," Strong says.

So Bimbo was moved into a 15-foot by 15-foot iron cage at the pawn shop; a 6-foot fence further separates him from visitors. Only Strong and his father, Carl, are allowed inside the cage, where Bimbo frolics with the pair.

Acquiring a wild animal — much less keeping one around the house — is much tougher these days than it was in 1969. Today, Bimbo is believed to be the only chimp, outside of zoos, allowed to reside within the Grand Prairie city limits.

"The Grand Prairie City Council passed a special ordinance about five years ago making Bimbo legal in the city," Strong says. "We got 840 signatures — all Bimbo's friends — on a petition. It's no surprise why people come in here in droves to see him."

Bimbo also has been visited by folks who don't like seeing the chimp caged. But Bobby French, an animal cruelty investigator

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Surf's up dudes: Rocky hits the waves

By ERIC BAILEY
Los Angeles Times

SAN DIEGO — It is a cool, overcast Sunday at Windansea Beach in the La Jolla area of San Diego. A few brave souls huddle around a thatched hut watching the locals ply the waves in a surfing contest. The gulls poke about. From the look of things, it's a typical fall day at the beach.

Not quite. Bobbing out on the swells amid the wet suit-clad surfers is a most unlikely sight. Perched atop a Boogie Board is a 25-pound, four-legged ball of fur. This is no surfer; it's a dog!

"Yes, Rocky has hit the waves. Outfitted in a tiny, specially made wet suit, the tan and brown pup stuns out to sea as his owner, Robin Marien, pushes the hard-foam board through the breakers. Suddenly, as a big wave rises up before them, Marien wheels the dog toward shore and gives the board a shove.

Rocky is off. Tail wagging, the pint-size surf nut goes rocketing down the face of the wave, front legs splayed out for support. On shore, the crowd at the surf contest, lifeless until now, roars in approval.

The wave breaks, but this hot dog isn't finished. He rides the churning white water offshore, jumps off, then grabs the board with his teeth and awkwardly pulls it up onto the

beach. Rocky bounds about gleefully, barking.

Arf! Woof, bark, yip! (Dog lingo for "Righteous! Gnarly wave, dude!")

Gnarly, indeed.

From Malibu, north of Los Angeles, to the tip of Baja California in Mexico, Rocky has surfed them all. This sheltie mix is quickly making a name for himself not only on the beaches of San Diego, but in households around the country.

The 8-year-old surf pooch has appeared on several network newscasts as well as television shows such as "Incredible Sunday" and "The Late Show." (He was shuttled to the latter by a chauffeur-driven limousine.) People magazine recently did him up.

Marien, a husky, sandy-haired carpenter and Rocky's biggest booster, sees a potential growth industry in the dog. He is planning a series of greeting cards featuring Rocky. And more.

"We're looking for a televised national ad campaign," said Marien, 29, of San Diego. "Maybe something for Coke or some dog food or whatever. Sure, he could do movies; he could do anything. He's very versatile, intelligent. And he knows hand signals."

"Heck, it's happened to Mike the Dog and to Spuds. And Spuds doesn't even do anything. He's just a face."

Like many an aspiring Hollywood star,

Rocky had a humble beginning. Marien found the pooch when he was a mere pup wandering around the parking lot of the local Department of Motor Vehicles office.

As his owner tells it, Rocky got his start in surfing almost by accident.

During expeditions to the beach, the dog

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Photo courtesy of Los Angeles Times

Rocky catches a wave at Windansea Beach in San Diego

No hard feelings for Elton John following his libel suit

LONDON (AP) — The only hard feelings following pop star Elton John's libel suit against a London newspaper came from a judge who castigated both sides for milking the case for publicity.

"Sorry Elton," said the headline over a front-page story in the Sun's late edition Monday announcing a \$1.84 million out-of-court settlement, and the paper quoted John as saying: "This is the best Christmas present I could wish for ... and I don't bear the Sun any malice."

But High Court Judge Michael Davies, who had been scheduled to begin hearing John's action later Monday, voiced his "disapproval and distaste" at the way the settlement was announced in the Sun before it could be approved by the court.

"One would think that Elton John and the newspaper had formed a mutual admiration society," he said. "The parties were determined to milk the situation in order to obtain the maximum publicity to both sides."

John told reporters: "I don't think it is any of the judge's business."

The Sun said it apologized for the allegations it published in February 1987 which quoted a young man's account of John's private life, and acknowledged that they were false.

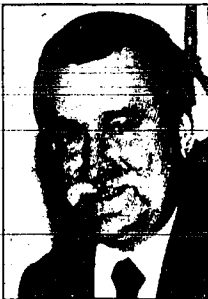
Tom Hanks wins best actor ward
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tom Hanks and Christian Lahti won best acting and "Little Dorrit," a Victorian film life in a 19th-century debtors prison, was named best picture by



ELTON JOHN
No hard feelings



CYBILL SHEPHERD
Tired mom



LECH WALESA
Will be Santa Claus

the Los Angeles Film Critics Association.

Hanks was named best actor for his performances as a child transformed into a 30-year-old man in "Big" and as a struggling stand-up comic in "Punchline."

Miss Lahti received best actress honors Saturday night for "Running On Empty," the story of two 1960s radicals who try to maintain a family while on the run from the FBI.

Alec Guinness was named best supporting actor for his role as the pretentious father in "Little Dorrit," a two-part feature based on the Charles Dickens' novel about an impoverished English family.

Genevieve Bujold was voted best supporting actress for "The Moderns"

and "Dead Ringers." David Cronenberg was named best director for "Dead Ringers."

Sting prefers love songs to songs of abuse

GENEVA (AP) — British pop star Sting said Monday that he would rather sing love songs than songs about human rights abuses, but that the state of the world leaves him no choice.

"I'd much rather be singing songs about romantic love than human rights' abuses, but as long as the world is as it is, I have no choice," Sting told a news conference.

Sting, British singer Peter Gabriel

and Senegalese singer Youssou N'Dour were in Geneva to give U.N. officials some 500,000 signatures supporting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that were gathered during their six-week "Human Rights Now" concert tour for Amnesty International.

The declaration was adopted by the United Nations 40 years ago, but it still needs to be implemented, Gabriel said.

"Clearly, very few (governments) practice what they have agreed to in this document," he said.

Walesa may disguise self as Santa Claus

PARIS (AP) — The next time Lech

Walesa comes to France, he plans to disguise himself as Santa Claus and drop in on Brigitte Bardot, the Polish Solidarity leader said Monday.

Asked during a news conference about reports that France's famed film star had tried to arrange a meeting, Walesa said: "This beautiful woman is the love of my youth — but please don't tell my wife."

"Now that I am an old man, I would have loved to have met this great lady, but fate did not wish it to be so — this time," Walesa said. "Next time, when I again come to France, I will disguise myself as Santa Claus so that no one will recognize me, and I will go see her with a present."

Walesa was scheduled to leave Paris late Monday following a weekend visit, his first trip abroad in seven years.

ACLU honors Rosa Parks

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Rosa Parks, whose refusal to move to the back of the bus 33 years ago marked the beginning of the modern civil rights movement, said minorities still face obstacles to "first-class citizenship."

"The powers that be seem to have the means still to downgrade those who are already down, and they continue to do it," said Parks, 75, who was honored Sunday by the American Civil Liberties Union.

Parks received the Earl Warren Civil Liberties Award from the Northern California branch of the

ACLU for her refusal to obey a Montgomery, Ala., bus driver's order to give up her seat on a bus to a white man.

Her subsequent arrest set off a year-long boycott of Montgomery's bus system led by Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Parks, who now lives in Detroit, said at a news conference that blacks still lack equal opportunities for jobs and are still subject to continuous prejudice, particularly the portrayal of them as "lacking motivation."

Cybill Shepherd is tired mom

NEW YORK (AP) — Actress Cybill Shepherd may be the "world's most tired mom," but that has not stopped her from contemplating having another child.

"Motherhood is more than a hand-fall," she said in an interview in the January issue of Redbook magazine. You think raising one kid is tough? Try three!

Although the 38-year-old star of the TV program "Moonlighting" has servants, housekeepers and live-in nannies, Miss Shepherd says watching after her two twin babies — Zack and Molly — and her 9-year-old daughter, Clementine, keeps her hopping.

Still, Miss Shepherd says, she and her 40-year-old chiropractor husband, Bruce Oppenheimer, would like to have another child.

"I love the continuance," she said.

Bimbo

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with the Dallas Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, says he has checked out the pawn shop and has no quarrel with Bimbo's housing or health.

"He's got a good owner. I wish some dogs had it as good," French says.

Strong says he would never return Bimbo to the wild or give him to a

Surf

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used to run along the edge of the water, barking and causing a commotion when Marien, a body-surfing aficionado, headed into the waves. Finally, about five years ago, Rocky got fed up of watching Marien surf. "A friend of mine was heading out on his long board, so Rocky just jumped on and went along for the ride," Marien recalls. "A couple days later, I was dragging my 'Boogie Board' out into the water by its leash and Rocky jumped on that. I decided to tow him out."

The pooch rode his first wave all the way to shore. "We were stoked," Marien recalls.

Marien, who is married and has a new baby, is accompanied by Rocky just about everywhere, including to the beach and jobs at construction sites. In the summer, he and the dog surf just about every day after work

zoo "because he's just as content as can be watching PBS programs" on the TV just outside the fence. "His favorite shows are animal programs, especially 'Circus of the Stars.' He used to love watching 'Daktari,'"

And like a true couch potato, Bimbo watches the set with a lap full of munchies: bananas, apples, oranges, plums and lettuce are among his favorite foods. "If he gets something

sticky on himself, he has a fit," Strong says.

And whenever Bimbo wants to wash the goodies down, he stomps his feet and points to the cold drink machine."

Bimbo's wish is Strong's command. He's smart, sometimes cunning. Whenever I don't give him my full attention, he starts stomping in the cage, making all kinds of noise because he's jealous," Strong says.

These days Bimbo rarely leaves his cage.

"He's too strong — as strong as six grown men and he can move 1,500 pounds of dead weight with no problem. If he gets loose, you can't tell what will happen," Strong says.

Besides there's too many animal laws. I'd also be scared he'd get in the hands of a researcher. I don't like what they do to animals."

and on the weekends, though they ease up a bit when winter hits.

"It's now to a point where Rocky will go out in eight-foot waves by himself," Marien said. "He goes out in 10 feet on a long board with my friend. He also jett-bugs with water skis. He can sail-board, too. And he rides on a motorcycle."

Together, Marien and Rocky have traveled up and down the coast in search of the perfect wave. Rocky's favorite surf spot, paws down, is Cabo San Lucas at the tip of Baja California. He loves the steamy temperature of the water and air, Marien said.

Marien said that he and Rocky have given several-of-the-moment exhibitions at surf surf contests, all ways to the adoration of the fans.

Rocky's most memorable reception, however, came at the OP Pro

Classic in Huntington Beach, near Los Angeles, a few years ago, Marien said. Marien sneaked the dog out into the waves on the far side of the Huntington Beach pier as the pros surfed the other. The crowd, which numbered close to 100,000, went wild over Rocky, Marien recalled.

This day at Windansea, Marien looked down at his dog: "Rocky! Surf?"

Rocky jumped to his feet and barked excitedly.

As Marien headed down the steps to the beach, Rocky grabbed the body board in his teeth and clumsily dragged it to the edge of the water.

With the waves lapping at his knees, Marien put dog atop the board and began kicking out into the breakers. Rocky struck a defiant pose as they plowed through the

waves, like a some canine version of Washington crossing the Delaware.

"They it was back to shore, a four-legged Big Kahuna. People on the beach gawked."

"That's unreal," muttered one surfer as he walked from the water shaking his head. "I can't believe it."

Telephone

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someone and they sound groggy and disoriented, they always insist that, 'No, you didn't wake them up? Well, I'm not like that. You'll know you didn't dial a seminar when you wake me.

In fact, here's a snappy comeback to use if it happens to you:

Caller: "Did I wake you?"
You: "No, I had to get up anyway to answer the phone."

Then send some hard-looking guys over to that person's house to throw

Police give tickets to noisy engineers

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP) — Police are cracking down on railroad engineers who can't keep it down at night.

Officers have begun ticketing engineers who blast their horns as they travel through downtown in violation of a city noise ordinance.

Officials of the Chicago & North Western and the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City railroads, whose engineers were ticketed last week, said horns must be sounded at crossings, despite the hour, to warn pedestrians and motorists.

City officials want railroads to use discretion between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. if no pedestrians or vehicles are nearby.

After negotiations broke down last week, police were ordered to ticket engineers who were deemed to have sounded horns unnecessarily. "Maybe we can do a little more negotiations now," Streets Commissioner Wayne Murdock said.

him down the stairs.
RULE NO. 4: GET TO THE POINT OR I'M HANGING UP.

The other day, I received an unsolicited call from a local pizza merchant. The conversation went like this:

Pizza guy: "How are you today?"
Me: "I was doing fine until this pizza guy got in my eyes."

Pizza guy: "Good, good. Sir, do you like pizza?"

Me: "Gee, I don't know. Let me check my high school yearbook."

Likes: football, 67 Mustangs and the Rolling Stones. Dislikes: rainy days, geometry and phony people. Nothing about pizza, though."

It took the pizza guy another two minutes to say they were opening a new store near my house.

I told him this was quite a surprise, as I was opening a McDonald's on that very corner. I thought I heard the phone drop.

RULE NO. 5: NO CONVERSATION SHOULD LAST MORE THAN THREE MINUTES.

If you can't say it in three minutes, write a letter. That's what Mom does now.

She wants to know how come I never write.

Kevin Cowherd writes for the Baltimore Evening Sun

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Camera turns housewife into 'seductress'

By SANDRA D. DAVIS
Knight-Ridder Service

DETROIT — Ann Georgevich, a 41-year-old Ohio homemaker, presses a feathery black box against her bare shoulders. Perched on a black velvet bench, she arches her back, pushes out her chest and teasingly pouts for the camera.

"That's it," says photographer Carol Goren of Captured Glamour boudoir studio in Michigan. "You're hot stuff."

Georgevich, a mother of two adults, flings her head back and swishes her hair from side to side. After the camera clicks, she licks the fiery red lipstick on her lips and flashes a wanton smile.

"This camera-friendly seductress is no model, and her poses won't make for centerfolds on any steamy commercial circuit. This is all for George Georgevich — her sweet-heart and husband of 21 years.

Photographers say boudoir photographs are the hottest, trendiest girls to enhance a romance or just say, "I love you."

Boudoir (French for "dressing room") photography does not generally mean nude pictures, though

sometimes a costume is no more than pantyhose and a bra.

With a soft-focus lens, exotic lighting and backgrounds with the glitter of Vegas, good girls become naughty, a plain face turns gorgeous and imperfections disappear.

"Sexy pictures of scantily clad women are not new; during World War II, they went overseas with soldiers. But about five years ago, West Coast photographers began adding fantasy glamour pictures to the professional portrait business — making it the industry's hottest, fastest-growing specialty.

"No matter what they look like when they come in, we've never had a girl who didn't look absolutely gorgeous in those pictures," says Jean Goren, Captured Glamour owner and Carol Goren's mother.

"Men are very visual creatures," says Carol Goren. "They fantasize about the women they see in the magazines, then suddenly they get these kinds of pictures for a gift and they realize they've got their own centerfold right at home."

Clients say it's their once-in-a-lifetime chance to fulfill a fantasy of being the sexiest, most alluring crea-

ture in the universe.

"It's like 'Queen for a Day,'" says Elaine Sikorski, 37, of Harper Woods, Mich. "We all fantasize about getting all made up like Hollywood stars."

Sikorski, a financial planner and mother of two, says her boudoir photos are an anniversary gift to celebrate a year of marriage to her husband, Paul. "Their anniversary is Oct. 25."

Detroit singer Sheila LaTulipe says, "I wanted a sexy look, but nothing distasteful, and it's beautiful. It's very glamorous, and I look very glamorous," she says.

Denise Temple, of Birmingham, Mich., is proud of her wall-sized portrait, on display at the Captured Glamour studio.

Temple poses wearing a black French bustier and a naughty smile. "Penthouse," she says, "hasn't got a thing on me."

At Captured Glamour, women fly in from all over the country, mostly because the studio's prices beat those offered on the West Coast and in major cities, where a customer can pay between \$90 and \$10,000 to pose.

For a \$195 sitting fee, customers select from more than 150 costumes, are treated to chilled champagne and hear the camera click 30 to 60 times.

At Captured Glamour, the studio features boudoir pictures lining the walls and mounted in photo albums.

The nearby makeup station is where the plain become vampish and ordinary are transformed into striking.

A wardrobe rack, and what Jean Goren calls a "Pandora's box" of goodies, is loaded with plenty of feathers, satin and lace to drape across bosoms and bottoms.

Many women who shed their mini-skirts, business suits or denim jeans to pose as a motorcycle momma, sensuous schoolmarm or sexy snow bunny are schoolteachers, lawyers, secretaries, homemakers, doctors, nurses and psychologists. Captured Glamour does not accept male clients, though many other studios do.

A majority of its female clients range in age from the mid-20s to mid-40s. Most are married. About 90 percent just want to look pretty for the men in their lives, Goren says.



Rose's day

Carolene Kennedy Schlossberg leaves St. Thomas More Church in New York holding her daughter Rose Kennedy Schlossberg shortly after the child's baptism.

Convicted murderer is now college lecturer

By DAN MORAN
Los Angeles Times

This is not to say life on the outside has been easy.

"I do understand why people get out and don't make it: It's tough for me, and I have had all these people helping," said Spain, 39, who spent 21 years at Soledad, San Quentin and Vacaville prisons. The transition from that "nothing" back there, to this, it's going to take some time. It's going to take some time to learn to walk alone.

Over objections from state parole officials, U.S. District Judge Thelton Henderson ordered Spain's release March 10, ruling that he served enough time for the 1966 murder. Two years earlier, the judge had overturned Spain's conviction in connection with the murders of two prison guards in the San Quentin uprising and ordered a new trial.

The state attorney general's appeal of the ruling in the San Quentin case is pending before the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeal. With his legal problems far from over, Spain knows that how he spends his time of freedom may determine whether he will have to return to prison.

Watched, helped and guided by close friends he met during the tumult of the prison rights movement of the 1960s and 1970s and the San Quentin trial, he has lectured to groups as far away as Oberlin College in Ohio.

He traveled to Washington for an interview on national television, and New Orleans where he met his father for the first time. He went to Mississippi for the funeral of his mother, a white woman who felt forced by the Southern racism of 1965 to send her 6-year-old son by a black man to live with a black family in Los Angeles.

Spain is progressing in his job at a San Francisco company that makes glass showcases, and until this week was co-teaching a class at Stanford with Kathy Kornblith, a private investigator who has worked on his case since 1971.

Entitled "Society Behind Bars," the class dealt with issues of crime and punishment, focusing on prisons. Speakers included crime victims rights activists whose children have been murdered, the warden at Folsom prison, a prison guard, a probation officer, and a former San Quentin death row inmate. Students toured San Quentin.

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Author gains audience with vampires

By SARAH BOOTH CONROY
The Washington Post

"I've never seen a ghost, but I have had two or three extraordinary — dreams," says Anne Rice.

"I had a prophetic dream of my daughter dying of something wrong with her blood. A horrible, horrible dream."



Photo courtesy of Washington Post

Anna Rice's books are acclaimed by critics

Not long after, when Michelle Rice was 4, Rice learned that the child was indeed ill, with a curious, adult form of leukemia. Michelle lived two years, a long time for a small girl whose white blood cells were eating up the red. She died just before her sixth birthday, in 1972.

"It was the most clear example of a prophetic dream I've ever heard of," Rice says, and shudders.

That was when Rice began writing "Interview With the Vampire." Claudia, an eternal child with a history of passion, is one of the vampires.

The book was acclaimed by critics, some of whom called it the most voluptuous and seductive erotic horror story of our times. And it infected a whole cult of followers. The book pierced and possessed those who by choice or rejection stand apart from society — heretics, moon worshippers, gays and lovers of the night, the supernatural, the erotic and the exotic — and all those who like to travel in imaginary universes, where nothing is as it seems.

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Feature

Tips for successful shopping

Los Angeles Daily News

Although the holidays are supposed to be the season to be jolly, some people will inevitably make the mistake of going about their shopping the wrong way.

To avoid the pitfalls of scurrying around town at the last minute to buy presents that will most likely have a high price tag attached, you might take some tips from the experts on how to conduct your annual shopping spree.

Personal shoppers Sharon Sacks of Just Call Sharon and Sally Hendrickson of Chaparral Shopping, both in Los Angeles, make it their business to help people avoid the holiday shopping rush and those staggering bills that follow. They offer this advice:

—Make a list. It's easier to shop when you have a list. You avoid buy-

ing additional items you don't need.

—Establish a budget. Decide on how much you want to spend and don't stray from that amount.

—Familiarize yourself with what stores have to offer. This will cut down on the amount of time you spend shopping. It's not a bad idea to do some of your checking on the phone.

—Scout around for the best price: Always compare prices before you make a purchase. There's nothing worse than buying a gift—and then seeing a it few days later for \$5 less at another store.

—Know a person's favorite color, hobby or lifestyle: People appreciate a personalized gift more than they do an expensive one. To add a nice personal touch, you might have the gift monogrammed.

—Focus on the type of gift: There are basically four types of gifts: per-

sonal, romantic, family and business. You should determine which category applies to the person in order to make the appropriate gift selection.

—Give creative gifts. Think of little novelties that people always admire but never get around to buying. Start a college fund or get savings bonds for that special child on your list. A silver-plated picture frame with a warm, personal greeting in the frame is a creative gift.

—Don't spend a lot of money: Gift giving doesn't have to be expensive. If you use your imagination, the gifts can be fun and appreciated. Use creative wrapping to make an ordinary gift a little more special. Many shops sell colorful bags, baskets, ribbons and wrapping.

—Take advantage of holiday sales: Postpone buying gifts for people you won't see until after the holidays, when most stores have sales.

Trendy gifts highlight crop of toys

By JAMES LILEKS
Knight-Ridder Service

Let's agree on one thing. The word "hot" has no place in discussing popular Christmas gifts. Oh, I know, "hot" is the adjective of choice for the '80s; hot means good. But if I understand hotness, it connotes a certain damp sensuality — at least that's how I use it — and somehow that does not fit with the commemoration of the birth of the Savior. Correct me if I'm missing something, but I thought "hot" was what religion was supposed to save us from. So nice to the concept of Holiday Hot.

But rahl rahl! to unchecked consumerism! Each season brings new items that stand as the ho — sorry, the trendy gift of the year. And of course, without our guidance, you would be adrift, an untethered buoy bobbing on the wild seas of the department stores later this week, when sales are the strongest of the year. And so we offer this guide to what's, ah, very warm, mayhap incendiary, this year.

Here are some standouts from this year's crop of toys, as judged by local department stores and national chains.

—Fisher-Price Check-Out Counter. Not having any little nippers around the house, I was unaware of the popularity of plastic food with the make-believe set. Apparently, faux victuals are the biggest thing to hit the toy in-

dustry since that nameless hord crawled out of the cabbage patch. With the new Check-Out Counter, your kids can pretend to buy the food. It even has a fake optical scanner that beeps when an item is passed over its surface. Real money, I regret, is needed to buy it — \$29.99 worth.

—Real Ghostbusters Fright Figures. On the face of it, the enduring popularity of the Ghostbusters figure is remarkable. Four years after the movie was released, its characters are still beloved.

Each year brings new additions to the lineup — and usually around Christmas! What a staggering coincidence! This year, it's the Haunted Humans (\$6.99) which, when manip-

ulated, turn into monsters. Or there are the Ghostbusters themselves, including the receptionist — who, as far as I can tell, never got another movie role, yet lives on in extruded plastic. When these figures are jostled, their faces assume the horrific expressions of the average American contemplating "President Quayle."

—Etch-a-Sketch Animator 2000. There is a school of thought that blames the average yuppie's disposable worldview on the Etch-a-Sketch. Think about it: Every one of those people you read about who quit their fabulous jobs to start life anew as a maple-syrup vendor is, in effect, turning the Etch-a-Sketch upside down and shaking it.

Old-fashioned Christmas theme set for White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the last Christmas of the Reagan era, the White House is decked out with decorations that include replicas of 17th century and 18th century fire screens, a model train with a press car and a gingerbread house with a toy figure of the family dog, Rex, poking his head out a window.

First lady Nancy Reagan showed off the decorations to members of the news media Monday in a tour in which she was joined by Rich Little, the comedian who mimics her husband, dressed up as Santa Claus. "I must say I didn't want to do this, but there was a clause in my contract that says I had to," Little

said in his Reagan voice. The president and Mrs. Reagan actually will spend Christmas in Los Angeles, where they will live in a leased house after he leaves office Jan. 20. "It gives us a little chance to get a few boxes unpacked," the first lady said.

White House chef Hans Raffert has made the gingerbread house each year, but the dog is a new addition for the final Reagan Christmas. He said the house is all edible except for the frosting on the chimney.

The theme of the decorations is an old-fashioned Christmas, Mrs. Reagan said.

The replicas of the fire screens popular around the year 1700 to shield people from the heat of fireplaces are painted to represent skaters in a park and placed among the eight glistening blue spruce trees in the East Room.

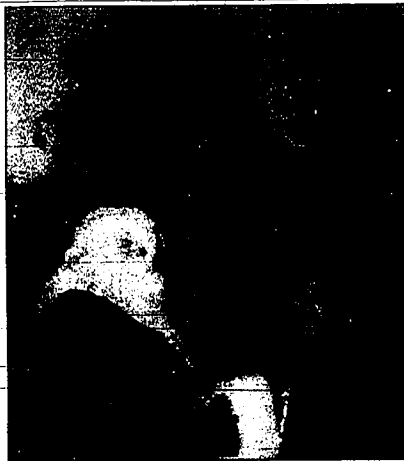
Mrs. Reagan said her personal favorite is a large, traditionally decorated tree in the Blue Room.

"Every year, I think this is the prettiest," she said. "It's not as wide as it was last year, and I think it's a bit prettier really."

Beneath the tree was a model train, which wasn't working Monday because a track had to be repaired.

When Mrs. Reagan leaned down to point to the press car, which has satellite dishes on top and a bear yelling out a window, she knocked it off the track.

"Nothing personal," she assured reporters as she put it back.



Nancy Reagan and comedian Rich Little show decorations

Tips make good gift for service

By LIZ BALMAEDA
Knight-Ridder Service

The butcher peered into the narrow gift box and stared at its contents, baffled. There was this round metal thing with a hook at its end. "Mmmmm," said the butcher.

"I didn't know what the heck it was. There was no identifying mark on it, nothing. So I went to a department store, and they told me it was a ring to hang belts on. 'Oh, I thought, that's what it is.'"

So, thanks to another satisfied customer filled with holiday cheer, Ted Smath, 68, veteran butcher, is one belt ring richer.

For the most part, though, his loyal customers say thanks at holiday time with a bottle of spirits or cash.

And, like many others who toil year-round to provide good service, this butcher gets no cash.

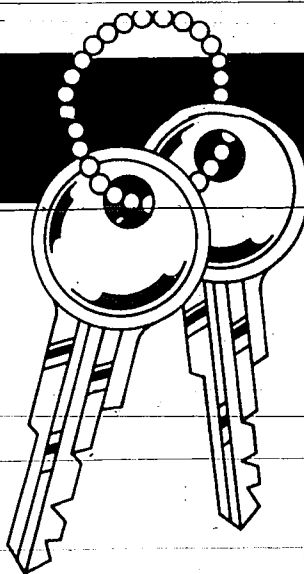
Not everyone rewards his or her butcher for a year's worth of lean cuts, prime picadillo or expert boning — not everyone has "a butcher." But just about everyone has SOMEONE who provides some appreciated service — the indispensables, we'll call these individuals.

They are the doorman, the gardener, the housekeeper, the bank teller, the mechanic, the hairdresser, the trash collector, the mail carrier, the building maintenance worker, the newspaper carrier.

And this is the traditional time for rewarding indispensables with something that says, simply, "thanks for your help." There are no real guidelines for this custom. Christmas and Hanukkah tips can be as elaborate or as plain as each giver's interpretation of holiday cheer.

Tipping experts say a good holiday gift is about 20 percent of a service worker's weekly or monthly service fee. For example, if you pay your gardener \$100 a month, you could give him or her a \$20 tip.

But remember, the magic word is "recommended." No tip is mandatory. And if you feel awkward handing over a cold bill, you could enclose it gracefully in a thoughtful note, as Miss Manners recommends.



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A check for a Christmas present is humbug to couple

DEAR ABBY: With Christmas just around the corner, I'll bet many of your other readers are struggling with this issue.

For years, my in-laws sent us checks for Christmas instead of "tangible" gifts, and now my parents are starting to do the same. I thought of sending each of them a check, too, but my husband refuses to go along with it, saying it is too cold and impersonal. I heartily agree. But why should I run-around-shopping-for-personal gifts for each of them, then go through the trouble of gift wrapping and mailing them on time (we all live in different states) only to receive a check or two in return? None of them are incapacitated or very old, and they have as much time as we have.

Neither my husband nor I are difficult to buy for; we have always enthusiastically thanked them for gifts in the past. So, I thought I'd send them a list of practical gift ideas (in-



Abigail VanBuren
Dear Abby

cles of books, sizes and colors of desirable items of clothing) that they could shop from.

If, upon receiving the lists, they still choose to send money, can I tell them—in the future they should contribute the money to a charity in our name? I'd rather do that than get more checks. It really bugs me to get money from close relatives because they don't know what we need or want and don't bother asking.

—THE OREGON INITIATIVE

DEAR OREGON: Accept the checks graciously, and be grateful that you were remembered at all. (Lots of people aren't.) Don't complain, and don't send any lists.

DEAR ABBY: I have the perfect solution for "Brentwood Mom," who is experiencing the "empty nest syndrome."

When my last child started to school full time, I too felt the empty nest syndrome. Finding a job in our small community wasn't for me. I wanted to be home when my children were home. So I volunteered to work in their classrooms, helping their teachers correct papers, prepare art projects and do many things she was too busy to do. My hours and holidays were the same as my children's, and the teachers were grateful for my help.

Best of all, my children started to excel when I took an interest in their school work, and they really liked having me around.

An unexpected bonus came along. A position for an instructional aide opened up. I took the test, passed with flying colors, and now I am employed by the school!

Abby, there is no better way to be close to your children. And there is nothing like spending time in a classroom to make you appreciate and respect a schoolteacher. Whenever I hear people gripe about how teachers are underworked and overpaid, I make this suggestion: After you've spent two weeks as a teacher's aide and seen for yourself what her daily routine includes, come back to me and I'll listen to your gripes.

Moms, volunteer in a classroom! It's the best thing you can do for your children.

—HAPPY MOUNTAIN MOM,
AUBERRY, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: Can you stand one more letter about smoking, and how difficult it is to quit? They say that "cold turkey" is the hardest way, but I did it, and there was nothing to it.

On March 20, I had my first date with a very young 75-year-old woman. (I was 15 months older.) We met

for lunch, and from the tone of her voice when she asked if we could be seated in the no-smoking area, I knew how the lady felt about smokers. Well, I quit cold-turkey at that very moment!

Was it worth it? You bet it was. We were married on Nov. 19, and we're still honeymooning. Sign us ...

—HAPPY IN HOUSTON

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Service news

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TWIN FALLS — Air Force Reserve Airman Anson B. Call IV, son of Anson B. and Wynlee S. Call of Twin Falls, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

EDEN — Sergeant Karl Utt, son of Edith Utt of Eden, has been promoted to sergeant in the Air Force and is serving in England.

BUHL — Navy Airman Recruit Jerry D. McBride, son of Tip and Ella M. McBride of Buhl, recently made a five-day port visit in Mombasa, Kenya. McBride is currently deployed to the Western Pacific aboard the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, homeported in Alameda, Calif.

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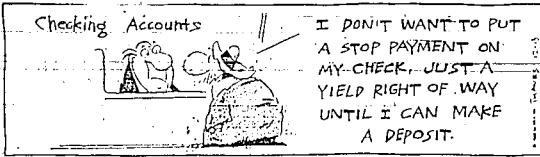
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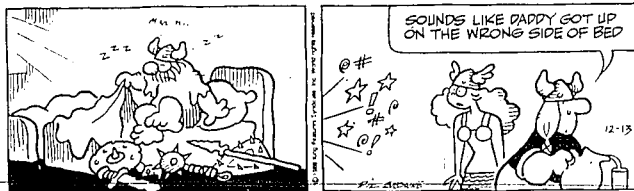
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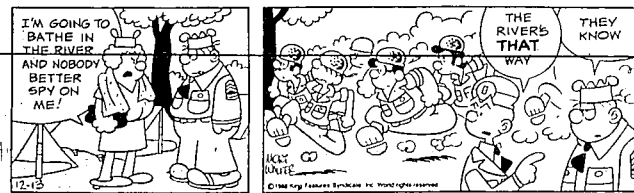
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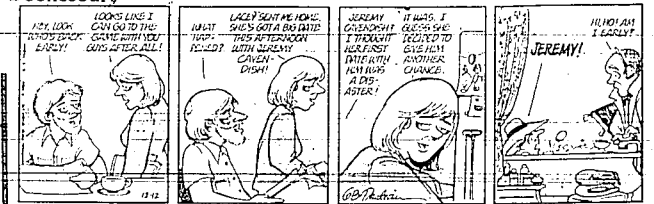
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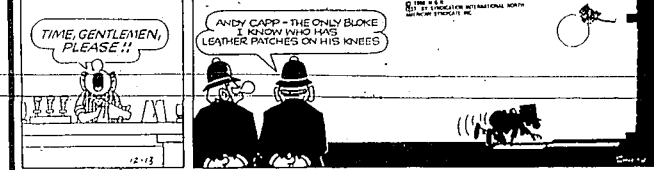
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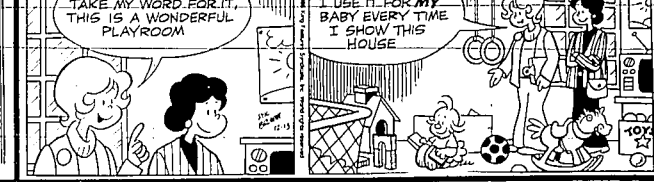
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To warm the feet

It is a matter of historical record that the renowned Prime Minister Gladstone of Great Britain habitually took to bed a hot water bottle filled with tea - which he didn't drink until he'd warmed his feet.

Cows have seven stomachs, but re- indeed only have six. How come?

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western stories who never set foot in cow country?

A. You mean Clarence E. Mulford, the author of the old Hopalong Cassidy novels? If so, change that "never." He just didn't go West before he'd written 28 Westerns. He made his living early as a marriage license clerk in Brooklyn.

Q. What makes an artesian well?

A. Clay. Water trapped under it shoots up when it's pierced.

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In George Washington's day, Americans didn't swim in the ocean. Not even in Abe Lincoln's day. Lakes and rivers, yes. The ocean, certainly not. Wasn't until Grover Cleveland's day that somebody sold the notion that it was healthy to bathe in saltwater.

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Daily Horoscope

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Loyalty and the expectation of loyalty in return highlight the day. Relationships are on an unstable emotional pattern. Dragging out dirty linen from the past is not recommended or encouraged.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): You take a fancy to someone but withdraw for the time being. It is the stuff, however, that dreams are made of. Intuition plays a part.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): This day may move in directions away from what is planned. Double-check on organization and efficiency which may need revitalization.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21): Put forth greater dependability for a better position. Smoother work procedures are needed for the future gains you expect to make.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21): Security is important but can be a nightmare if it centers on jealousy and suspicion. Stop worrying over matters ruled in gossip.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21): Your generosity can win over someone who is upset. You connect with a social companion. Don't worry over your position or your career.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22): Analyze your desires, and find out where you want to go with intimacy. You may feel alone in a crowd today. Contact a close friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Work matters run smoothly, but you find it difficult to understand someone who is tricky. Leave your disappointment outside your home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): You have many hidden assets from which you can draw strength. Face delays calmly-and-approach-important relationships lovingly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Someone who upset the apple cart last week may be at it again. Stay clear, and let the positive forces of fate handle this one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20): Call on a partner's vision to clear up a financial question. Seclusion can also help to sort things out. Organize and prioritize clearly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19): Don't drop everything and run even though the excitement is tempting. Keep to schedules that are already crowded, and finish the basics.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to March 20): Your career proceeds on course. Look to the future through a personal contact that may have deep meaning for you. Daydreams are vivid.

If your Child Is Born Today: He or she will be communicative with an attraction to unusual friends and activities. This child's idealism can bring forth original philosophies. An education in the humanities will help to organize this inventive and emotionally impressionable intellect.

2nd relief plane crashes, 7 Soviets die

MOSCOW (AP) — Congested skies and damaged facilities contributed to the fatal crashes of two relief planes to Armenia, but night flights to the disaster scene will continue, a senior aviation official said Monday.

Since Wednesday's devastating earthquake, more than 200 Soviet relief flights and 38 foreign flights have descended on airports at Leninakan and Yerevan. They still are streaming to Armenia, with more to come.

Early Monday, all seven Soviet crew members aboard a Yugoslav military transport were killed when their Soviet-built An-12 plane crashed and burned 7 miles from Yerevan's Zvartnats airport.

An Il-76 carrying Soviet soldiers to help rescue quake victims crashed near Leninakan's airport before dawn Sunday, killing all 78 people on board, said Boris Panyukov, deputy director of civil aviation.

Snow, rain and fog have forced air traffic controllers to divert planes to airports in the neighboring republic of Georgia and Azerbaijan.

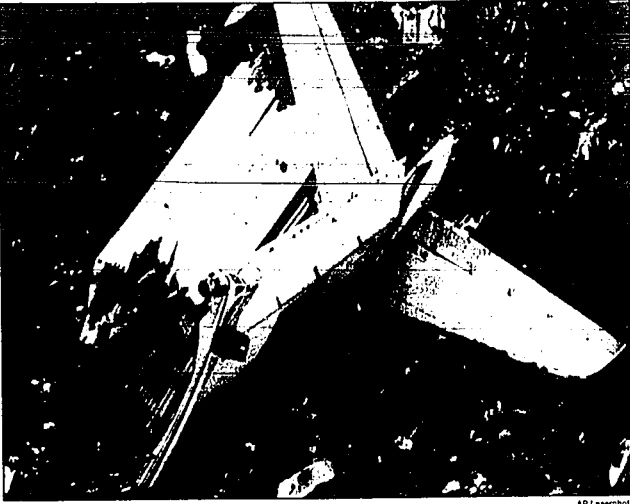
Panyukov said that weather conditions were normal when the two planes made their approach. He said both disappeared from the radar just before they crashed. He provided no details on the reasons for either crash.

"We were obliged to interrupt flights (after the Yugoslav crash) for two hours—but we do not see any reason to interrupt night flights," he said.

"The situation is difficult taking into account that the density of flights has increased dramatically," he said.

The quake, which leveled buildings, also affected airport ground facilities.

"There was certain destruction in terms of the airports in Leninakan



This Soviet military plane carrying relief supplies crashed Sunday, killing all 78 on board

and Yerevan. Electricity and energy supplies were cut and there were difficulties with the airfields," he said. But he added that "the airfields in Yerevan and Leninakan now meet all standards for international air traffic."

Colin Wheeler, an engineer with the airline Air Europe, said an Aeroflot aircraft clipped a parked Boeing 707 on Sunday. He said the accident occurred when the Soviet aircraft taxied behind the Air Europe plane, which was bringing

medical supplies to the stricken republic. The Air Europe flight later was able to return to London.

The situation at the Yerevan airport was "unavoidably chaotic," Wheeler said.

Soviet newspapers contained graphic descriptions of the air congestion at the mountainous Leninakan airport.

"Airlanes were coming into Leninakan literally one after another," the daily newspaper Izvestia said Monday.

Referring to the two crashes, Izvestia said: "How were these losses possible? Because in the air above Yerevan there was such confusion, just like on the ground."

The military newspaper Red Star made similar remarks Sunday before the crashes.

"The sky above Yerevan is overloaded," it said. "There are always several planes in the air waiting to land. In these conditions precision is needed and strict coordination of operations."

Human rights group says Iran has executed 300

LONDON (AP) — Iran has put more than 300 people to death in the biggest wave of secret political executions since the early 1980s, Amnesty International said Tuesday.

The worldwide human rights organization, based in London, said evidence of executions occurring since July is indisputable and the true death toll could be in the thousands.

Amnesty International said opposition activists have been killed secretly throughout Iran, including Evin and Gohardasht in Tehran and others in Tabriz, Mashhad and Shiraz.

Iranian authorities initially denied reports of mass hangings and shootings, but Amnesty said the reports were confirmed in recent days by Iranian authorities, including President Sayed Ali Khamenei.

Among those executed were people either kept in prison after serving their sentences or re-arrested after release, Amnesty International said. It added that many of those executed had been tortured.

Most victims were leftists, the majority members of the People's Mujahedeen Organization of Iran, the statement said. It said some were from Rahe Kargar, the People's Fedayeen Organization, the communist Tudeh Party or Kurdish groups.

Both men and women were executed ranging from students to doctors and clergymen suspected of supporting Ayatollah Montazeri, designated successor to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, Iran's revolutionary patriarch, Amnesty said.

It cited many sources of evidence, including relatives of executed prisoners and recent statements by authorities. The organization said it had information, all of it cross-checked, on more than 300 executions since July but believed the real number could be in the thousands.

"Nobody really knows how many people have been put to death, just as nobody knows when the killing will stop or who will be next to die," it said.

"Our fears are heightened because thousands of political prisoners are still held in Iran and because many of these executed recently had been imprisoned without trial or were serving long prison sentences imposed after unfair trials."

Amnesty International said a Tehran woman who gave evidence had searched secretly for her husband's body in Jaleh Khavaran cemetery in August.

"Groups of bodies ... had been buried in unmarked shallow graves in the section of the cemetery reserved for executed leftist political prisoners," Amnesty quoted her as saying.

Her husband, a Communist imprisoned under the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, was arrested again in 1985. Amnesty said he was tortured over several months and convicted at a summary trial during which he was barely conscious.

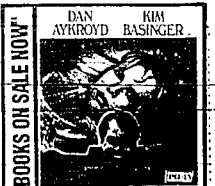
Khomeini's revolution overthrew the shah in February 1979.

The statement said the man's wife arrived at Evin prison in early August to visit him and was told he had been moved.

Officials at the cemetery confirmed he had been executed but would not say where he was buried. The woman had to stop digging because of patrols by guards but relatives later found the grave, Amnesty said.

"Once I knew where he was I could leave," it quoted the woman as saying.

ing. She now, is outside Iran but prefers to remain anonymous—for fear of reprisals against her family, the statement said.



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At The Movies

'Erased' city searches for hope, meaning

EDITOR'S NOTE — Here is a report from one of the few Western correspondents to visit the Spitak, the city Soviet officials said last week was "erased from the face of the Earth."

By CAROL J. WILLIAMS
The Associated Press

SPITAK, U.S.S.R. (AP) — Campfires fueled by broken furniture and window frames illuminate the grief-stricken, soot-stained faces of Armenians digging through the debris of the earthquake that reduced this city to a pile of concrete and corpses.

The odor of cremated bodies and those decomposing under the debris mingle in the dust-clouded air, an acrid reminder of the disaster estimated to have killed 90 percent of Spitak's population of more than 25,000 people.

There is no electricity or water or communication with the outside world and there's little hope of finding more survivors among the tumbled, building blocks of pre-fabricated nine-story apartments.

Soviet TV commentators said last week that Spitak, ringed by the Caucasus foothills, was practically erased from the face of the Earth by Wednesday's earthquake. Half of the housing has been leveled and what's left standing is unfit for habitation.

In the central sports field where parents used to cheer their children's soccer teams, the only sound is the wail of mourners who have come to

identify the dead.

Armenians still bearing the shock of the disaster on their faces carefully lift the blankets covering each body, passing on to the next or shrieking in horrible recognition of a loved one.

In another corner of the city, orderly stacks of gray-painted coffins await the continuing stream of bodies pulled from the ruined housing.

Battered trucks and buses have been shuttling coffins, stretchers, food and water to this and other stricken areas, clogging the rutted mountain roads throughout much of the tiny Armenian republic of 3.3 million.

"What is God doing to us? Does he want the entire Armenian nation to perish?" asked Lev Akopian, who drove a carload of traditional flat bread and fuel into Spitak over the weekend. The Armenian now lives in neighboring Georgia and said he had no relatives in the earthquake area, but he wanted to "show solidarity with the Armenian people."

Thousands of Armenian volunteers, Soviet army recruits, doctors and nurses, as well as a global collection of search and rescue workers have been coming the debris for signs of life.

Aeroflot helicopters hover, carrying British rescuers armed with new fiber-optic equipment capable of detecting life from hundreds of feet away, even under mounds of concrete.

Orange-clad German Red Cross volunteers follow their search dogs, tending exhausted Soviets where they should dig first. They work around the clock, aided by the campfires after dark.

The volunteers had a moment of joy Sunday when a 33-year-old man was found alive after more than four days under a collapsed, three-story building.

Hundreds of onlookers stood on the rubble as rescuer Peter Schaefer of Hamburg slowly extracted the survivor. He said his name was Ruben as he was carried away on a stretcher, with jubilant Armenians feeding him water and pressing a cigarette into his trembling hand.

Reflecting the chaos in Spitak, there was no ambulance to take him to a makeshift hospital outside the city center. After a few frantic minutes, the rescuers commandeered the van used to transport the German search dogs.

The scene kindled little hope in despairing relatives like Gughis Ananyan, a 50-year-old woman who stood a tearful vigil by her son's wrecked apartment. She came from a mountain village in hopes her son, Tateus, and his pregnant wife had somehow survived.

"It was to be my first grandchild," she said. "But I think there is no chance for them to be found alive."

Others searchers reported miraculous tales of survival amid the more common discoveries of entombed families.

"We still have hope, although not much," said Artur Tavassayan, a volunteer directing the cranes lifting concrete slabs and corrugated metal roofing.

He said he had helped dig out 12 survivors in the past three days.

Silence, then calm followed head-on London train crash

LONDON (AP) — Silence and a purposeful calm followed the shriek of metal grinding into metal as one London-bound commuter train rumbled into another.

"At first it was absolutely silent—no voices, nothing," said Martin McCormack, who saw the crash near busy Clapham Junction on Monday from a passing bus and jumped out to help.

"There was no panic. None whatsoever, no screaming," said Bob Mintram, 37, of Bournemouth, who received 20 stitches at the scene for a head wound. He said the woman beside him was killed.

"We were out in 30 seconds. We climbed out through the roof. There

were no seats left. It was a rubbish heap," Mintram said.

"I know it sounds a bit strange, but we just lay there and we had a laugh and a bit of a joke with each other," said Ronald Arlette, 52, of Farnborough, who said it took 15 minutes for firefighters to reach him. "It just seemed the best thing to do to keep our spirits up."

While some survivors pitched in to help those seriously injured or trapped in the grotesque debris, others simply set off to catch another train to London.

Police constable Clyde O'Her said he encountered hundreds of passengers, some bloodied, walking up the bank from the wreckage. "A lot of

people just walked away, some of them asking, 'How can we get to Clapham Junction?'"

It was the height of morning rush hour when a London-bound commuter train slammed into the rear of another passenger train that was stopped about 400 yards south of the junction. A train of eight empty freight cars then hit the wreckage. Dozens were killed and more than 100 injured.

Many of the injured were trapped in the twisted metal, and some had to have their limbs amputated to be extracted from the wreckage. Rescuers used metal cutters to clear away the debris.

"Bodies were ripped apart and the trains were tangled together," said firefighter Chris Fitzgerald. "We had to use our heaviest cutting gear and it was like nibbling away at the wreckage just a little at a time."

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Lebanese kidnapers say they will kill American as Israeli spy



Lt. Col. WILLIAM HIGGINS
U.S. hostage in Lebanon

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Kidnapers holding Lt. Col. William R. Higgins said Monday they have decided to "execute" the U.S. Marine as a spy for Israel.

"We have issued the irrevocable sentence to execute this American spy," said a typewritten Arabic statement signed by the Organization of the Oppressed on Earth and delivered to the independent Beirut newspaper An-Nahar.

A photograph of a picture purporting to show Higgins, the most recent kidnap-victim of nine Americans held hostage in Lebanon, was plastered at the bottom of the 15-line statement. Hostage holders in Lebanon usually insert a picture with a statement to prove its authenticity.

In its statement, the group said

the decision to kill Higgins was a retaliation for Israeli attacks against "our people in occupied Palestine — the West Bank and Gaza Strip — and predominantly Shiite south Lebanon."

It also said Higgins would die in "revenge for the blood of the martyrs of the latest Israeli raid" on a Palestinian guerrilla base nine miles south of Beirut. Nine guerrillas were killed Friday in the Israeli attack. An Israeli officer also died.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Charles E. Redman said he had no details of the threat beyond press reports.

"These hostages are all innocent victims," Redman said. "They should all be released immediately. Col. Higgins was there on a mission of peace as a member of an international

peacekeeping operation. He, like the others, is an innocent victim."

Nancy Beck, a department spokeswoman, said later: "The notion that kidnapers have the right to try their victims is grotesque. ... The so-called trial and outcome represent a cynical attempt to exploit the holding of hostages, particularly during the Christmas season."

Her statement added: "The charge that Col. Higgins is a spy is nonsense."

Higgins, 43, of Danville, Ky., was head of a 76-man observer group attached to the U.N. peacekeeping force in south Lebanon when he was kidnapped near Tyre on Feb. 17. He is a decorated Vietnam veteran.

The Organization of the Oppressed on Earth, believed made up of Shiites

loyal to Iran, previously charged that Higgins used his U.N. uniform as a cover for espionage. United Nations and U.S. officials denied the charge.

"The new picture resembled a photograph released by the kidnapers April 21. That photo showed the holding — Higgins — stoop-shouldered with his eyes cast down. He had gray stubble on his cheeks and was wearing a dark field jacket."

The statement accompanying the earlier picture said the group had put Higgins on trial before "a tribunal of the oppressed" on spying charges.

In Monday's statement, the group said: "It has been proven by clearcut evidence that (Higgins) and his American team of observers are guilty of providing the Zionist enemy with accurate and detailed military and security information about our resistance fighters, their positions, movements, supply routes and the quantity and quality of their weaponry."

"The spy has been turned over to those responsible for executing this just and revolutionary verdict," the statement said. No specific execution date was mentioned.

There have been three other communications from the group since Higgins' abduction — two statements listing demands for his release and a videotape in which Higgins repeated the demands.

The demands focused on the release of Palestinian and Lebanese prisoners held by Israel and its proxy militia, the South Lebanon Army. Israel rejected the demands.

Arafat hopes U.N. speech today will open U.S. doors



YASSER ARAFAT
Wants U.S. relations

GENEVA (AP) — A spokesman for Yasser Arafat expressed hope the PLO chairman's speech today to the U.N. General Assembly will open the way to contacts with the U.S. government and Middle East peace talks.

Israel's delegation issued a statement Monday criticizing the U.N. invitation for Arafat to address the General Assembly debate on the "Question of Palestine" and accusing him of being responsible for terrorism.

The General Assembly moved to Geneva for the debate after the United States refused the Palestine Liberation Organization chief a visa to address it in New York.

Swiss authorities have assigned about 2,000 troops to the Geneva airport and the U.N. European headquarters. Armored vehicles were parked around the airport Monday

and soldiers stood guard in sandbagged posts outside the Palace of Nations.

Accompanying the debate is persistent violence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, where more than 320 Palestinians have been killed in a year-old uprising against Israeli occupation.

Arafat, expected in Geneva early Tuesday, has urged the 1.5 million Palestinians of the West Bank, and Gaza to continue the rebellion. He is scheduled to open the debate Tuesday afternoon and is the only speaker for whom no time limit is listed.

Bussam Abu Sharif, Arafat's chief spokesman, told an Israeli newspaper he expects Arafat to clarify the declaration of independence of the Palestine National Council, which acts as the PLO legislature, issued Nov. 15 in Algiers.

He will say the PLO "aim is establishing a Palestinian state alongside Israel with international security guarantees for both sides," Sharif was quoted as saying in an interview published Monday by Yediot Achronot.

Sharif said the PLO seeks a Palestinian state based on Israel's borders before it captured the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Arab east Jerusalem in the 1967 war, according to the Yediot Achronot report.

"I hope that immediately following the speech, contacts will begin with the Americans and a serious political process will be launched," he was quoted as saying. "I am ready to travel to Washington immediately to prove that we want peace."

Washington has refused to talk to the PLO until it states clearly that it recognizes Israel's right to exist and renounces terrorism.

Mexicans blame fatal blaze on officials, fireworks

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Residents and vendors in a marketplace where 62 people died in an inferno criticized officials Monday for not halting sales of illegal fireworks, which were blamed for the blaze.

But Attorney General Ignacio Morales Lechuga said fireworks, which are illegal in Mexico City, are too traditional to ban effectively.

"This (fire) does not mean there is going to be an attack on Mexican culture. These things (fireworks) are part of Mexican culture," he said.

The cause of the accident still is being investigated. But officials and residents blame fireworks which traditionally are used from Dec. 12, the

Day of the Virgin of Guadalupe, until New Year's Day.

"This is the country's most important religious holiday and since fireworks are traditionally used to honor the virgin, this was an accident waiting to happen," Mayor Manuel Camacho Solis told reporters after touring the scene.

Socorro Montante, 19, said her parents died inside one of five buildings set ablaze after fireworks exploded in a chain reaction.

This area was full of fireworks and the government allowed them to sell here," she said.

Local district attorney Alfonso Nieto on Monday set the official toll at

62 dead and 83 injured.

The Mercado, or marketplace, near the heart of Mexico City is one of the metropolis' busiest areas.

Thousands of street vendors sell everything from radish to fruit. In December, their merchandise includes skyrocket and other fireworks. Officials ignore the sales and some vendors said those who sold fireworks paid off local policeman.

Shoppers were clogging the market when the explosions started ripping through stalls. Screaming people rushed away. But dozens died in nearby buildings, trapped by street-level flames after the buildings caught fire.

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