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Reagan may be called as North trial witness

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WASHINGTON — Former President Reagan is "subject to call" as a possible witness for the defense in the Oliver North coverup trial beginning today, but President Bush will not be required to testify, a federal judge ruled Monday.

U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell scrapped defense subpoenas calling for Bush's testimony, as well as access to White House documents and Reagan's personal diary.

Gesell left intact North's subpoena for Reagan's testimony. Reagan must remain available, but the judge said no restrictions would be imposed on the ex-president's travel or activities without another hearing and a new court order.

Gesell also left open a possibility that North's lawyers could renew their request for excerpts from Reagan's diary.

Up to now, Gesell said, defense lawyers have been able to make only "a very broad" claim for information from the diary of every shape and description bearing on President Reagan's knowledge of North's ac-

tivities, aid to the (Nicaraguan) Contras and Iran.

Gesell said he would reconsider the issue only if defense lawyers can show that the diaries contain evidence that Reagan had advance knowledge of, ordered or condoned the specific Iran-Contra activities for which North was indicted.

Reagan's diary entries would have to be connected to charges that North made false statements, removed and destroyed government documents, obstructed congressional and presidential investigations, and participated in a fraudulent tax scheme, Gesell ob-

served in a three-page order.

Some parts of the ex-president's diary were turned over to independent counsel Lawrence E. Walsh.

"President Reagan has throughout this matter cooperated with independent counsel and been responsive to requests for documents," Gesell declared. "He remains willing to assist."

Earlier this month, North won dismissals of conspiracy and theft charges arising from a claim that he played a key role in the diversion to the Contras of millions of dollars in profits from sales of U.S. weapons to Iran.

North remains accused of various coverup charges, conspiring to defraud the Internal Revenue Service by funneling private pro-Contra donations through a tax-exempt foundation, illegally accepting a \$13,800 security system for his home in suburban Washington, and converting to his personal use \$4,300 worth of traveler's checks intended for the Contras.

On Tuesday, prosecutors and defense lawyers will start selecting a jury to hear the case in Gesell's courtroom. The trial will not be televised. Cameras and recording equipment are prohibited in federal courts.

Record Alaska cold eases; starts moving southward

The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Temperatures fell as low as 64 degrees below zero again Monday but Alaska's record cold eased in some areas as a mass of frigid air from above the Arctic Circle headed toward the Lower 48 states.

Movement of the huge cold air mass that has covered Alaska for about two weeks generated high wind that produced extremely low wind chill factors in southern and south-central Alaska.

And because of the wind, the Coast Guard on Monday closed the continent's northernmost ice-free port, Valdez Harbor, to oil tanker traffic and said it may remain closed for two days.

The Alaska Division of Emergency Services reported continuing problems in rural Alaska with such things as congealing fuel oil and shortages of fuel and food. Some villages reported power outages and freezing water and sewer pipes.

But the division said it knew of no immediate life-threatening situations.

The Alaska National Guard has been on 24-hour alert to help deal with the cold. Lt. Lt. Mike Haller said Eskimo scouts were helping chop wood near Erim, where there was a critical fuel shortage, and the Guard had loaned fuel to the village of Tunukliak in western Alaska.

Haller said four Alaska Air National Guard C-130 aircraft have been on round-the-clock alert to deliver food or fuel to remote areas if needed. Small planes have been grounded by the cold and thick ice fog.

"The story now is not going to be



Waiting for a bus in Anchorage is a chilling experience

just the cold, but the cold and the wind," said Bob Hopkins, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Anchorage.

The coldest temperatures in the state were recorded in interior communities and near the Canadian border. At Tanana, the coldest spot in Alaska early Monday, it was 64 degrees below zero.

The school in the town at the confluence of the Yukon and Tanana rivers was closed for the day. "Sixty-four? It was 76 below here

one morning," said Tanana Cab Service owner Arvin Kangas. "It's not too bad."

During the weekend, 17 all-time low temperature records across the state fell, the weather service said.

Some of the cold air had pushed 575 miles to the southeast and nipped Juneau. The temperature there was reported at one degree below zero. The cold air was expected to reach the Lower 48 by later in the week, Hopkins said.

City let workers borrow funds interest-free for 5-year period

By KEN ARMSTRONG
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Between 1980 and 1985, the city finance department maintained an apparently illegal practice whereby employees could use checks or IOUs to borrow public money without interest, The Times-News has learned.

Former city employee Elizabeth Walden said nearly all of the department's employees at that time borrowed money, leaving IOUs or post-dated checks in one of two available cash drawers. Employees had to cover the check or replace the cash before the money was to be deposited, usually at the end of the month, Walden said.

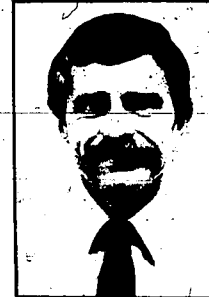
"It sounds kind of illegal to me," said Idaho Attorney General Jim Jones.

That opinion was seconded by Twin Falls County Prosecutor K. Ellen Baxter, who said she could not think of any provision in the Idaho Code that would make such a practice legal.

Public Safety Director Tim Qualls said police, who investigated the practice last week before being offered off the case, interviewed two other finance department employees who corroborated Walden's account. Those employees told police that two consecutive finance directors, Bruce Williams and Bryce King, authorized the practice and took advantage of it themselves.

Williams was finance director from August 1980 to December 1981, and he was succeeded by King, who left the job in September 1985. City Manager Tom Courtney said. Williams could not be located for comment, but King, reached in Mesa, Ariz., denied knowing of the practice or leaving IOUs himself.

The Times-News contacted three



TOM COURTNEY
Not an authorized policy

current finance department employees, but all declined comment.

Although Jones said he could not reach a firm conclusion on the practice's legality without being fully briefed on the facts, he referred to Article 7, Section 10 of the Idaho Constitution. That provision makes it a felony for any public officer to derive a profit from public funds, or to use public funds for any purpose not authorized by law.

As with most Idaho felonies, the provision's statute of limitations is three years, Jones said. That means no legal action could be taken if, as asserted by city officials, the practice ended in August 1985.

If detected sooner, it would have been up to the county prosecutor to decide whether to file charges, Jones said. Baxter, however, had not been apprised of the practice until contacted by The Times-News last week.

"I never heard of that," she said. "I am appalled."

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So are other public officials, past and present, including Tom Condie, who audited the city's books during the period in question and has since become a city councilman.

"We never found any discrepancies, and I was never made aware that there was such a program of IOUs implemented," Condie said. "I personally can't imagine that anyone would approve of such a program with city funds."

"I would hate to see anyone have the opportunity to borrow city funds for any reason for any length of time, and that's speaking as an auditor."

City officials said they began hearing of the former practice last week, but they have not been able to confirm its existence.

"If there was such a policy, it certainly would not have been authorized by the city manager or the City Council," Courtney said. "It's certainly not something that is allowed or tolerated today."

City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich questioned whether such a practice would indeed be illegal.

"It depends on what was being done," he said. "What we're hearing is that checks were written and then retrieved. In my opinion that's not illegal, although it's certainly improper."

Walden said she told Courtney about the practice when she resigned in August 1985, but Courtney denies that. Walden resigned after IOUs with her name on them were found in a city petty-cash account.

Courtney said he had never even heard of the practice until it was uncovered during the investigation of Bonna Fahey, a finance department

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Anti-molester laws await vote in Senate

The Associated Press

BOISE — The first four pieces of a legislative package to crack down on child molesters has been sent to the full Senate for a vote.

With little debate on Monday, the Senate Judiciary Committee endorsed the bills allowing hearsay evidence in grand jury proceedings, use of preliminary hearing transcripts at criminal trials, abuse victims to recover monetary damages through civil suits and adult support for abused children during court testimony.

The chair is impressed by the lack of people who signed up to testify on this package of bills, committee Chairman Denton Darrington, R-Declo, said.

Recommended by various task forces reviewing the mounting problem of child abuse last year, the bills are intended to strengthen the criminal justice system in dealing with accused molesters while easing the trauma their victims face in court proceedings.

Permitting hearsay testimony in



grand jury proceedings, just as it is currently allowed in preliminary hearings, was a key part of the legislation endorsed on Monday. Ada County Prosecutor Greg Bower said it would allow prosecutors to win indictments without subjecting abuse victims to often-harsh cross-examination by defense attorneys and still protect the rights of the accused.

"It is one of the most potent and humane tools in our arsenal of weapons against child sex abuse," Bower told the committee.

Use of preliminary-hearing transcripts and evidence, supporters said, would eliminate the value of intimidating victims or other witnesses from testifying at a criminal trial. Currently, transcripts of their testimony in preliminary hearings is not allowed if they are unable to appear at the formal criminal trial.

Panel offers broad health care plan

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A commission including three former presidents on Monday proposed a national health care system that would ensure access to basic medical services for all Americans with financing by all but the poorest.

The system is designed to extend health care to the estimated 37 million Americans who are uninsured, to curtail soaring health costs and to improve the quality of medical care nationwide, said the National Leadership Commission on Health Care.

The proposed "strategy of providing access by asking every American to take responsibility for his or her own care and to assume a very small

share of the cost of those who cannot assume that responsibility is eminently fair," the commission said in its report.

Without change in the nation's health care system, costs are expected to grow from the current \$550 billion a year to \$1.6 trillion by the year 2000, said Paul G. Rogers, a former Democratic congressman from Florida who co-chaired the commission with former Iowa Gov. Robert D. Ray, a Republican.

The commission — supported by 38 corporations, unions and foundations — spent two-and-a-half years preparing the report. Three former presidents — Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter — served as honorary co-chairmen.

Congress may close campaign fund law loophole

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Members of Congress sensitive over their pending pay raise are moving toward closing a loophole in federal law that allows almost half of them to convert \$61 million in old campaign accounts for their own use.

The money is what is left over after campaign bills have been paid and is in the accounts of 191 House members and 71 senators who were in Congress when the law was passed in 1980.

"I didn't go out and spend all the money because that's not the way I operate my own home,"

'Grandfathers' listed — A2

said Rep. Larry J. Hopkins, R-Ky. "I spend what I think is appropriate to win."

Hopkins, who cruised to re-election on a 3-to-1 margin last year, had \$604,824 left over in his campaign account, according to records at the Federal Election Commission.

That puts him in 10th place among members of the House.

On the average, House members exempted from the law hold about \$224,000 in their cam-

paign accounts, while senators, whose campaigns usually are considerably more costly, have an average of \$341,000, according to FEC records.

Many of the accounts have grown with successive campaigns.

The top spot in the House belongs to Rep. Stephen Solarz, D-N.Y., with more than \$1.1 million. But Solarz is a co-sponsor of a bill that would abolish the so-called "grandfather clause," which lets him keep the money for himself if he wants.

In the Senate, the list is topped by Sens. Bill Bradley, D-N.J., with nearly \$2.1 million and Phil Gramm, R-Texas, with \$1.9 million.

Skywest planes collide at Salt Lake

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Two SkyWest commuter airliners with 35 people aboard collided on the ground Monday at Salt Lake International Airport, but no one was injured, airport and Federal Aviation Administration officials said.

The two Metroliners, both bound for Wyoming, had been lined up single file on a taxiway awaiting clearance for takeoff when the aircraft in back overran and hit the plane in front about 3:15 p.m. MST, said FAA public affairs specialist Mitch Barker in Seattle.

"It looked like a pretty serious crash," said Louis Miller, director of

the Salt Lake Airport Authority. The engine of one plane hit the tail of another, and the impact fused the planes together, he said.

Neither Miller, nor SkyWest spokesman Steven Hart had immediate damage estimates. But the airline said the planes were valued at \$3 million each.

After being checked by paramedics, the passengers from both aircraft were accommodated on other flights within 40 minutes of the accident, Hart said.

The plane that was hit, Flight 5883, was headed for Jackson, Wyo., with five passengers and two crew members aboard. The second plane

was Flight 5687, bound for Rock Springs, Wyo., with six passengers and two crew members.

Airport spokeswoman Barbara Gann said the accident did not affect other arriving and departing flights because it occurred on a taxiway away from the main runway. The collision was reported by a pilot in a third plane also waiting for takeoff clearance.

The FAA, which is investigating the accident along with the National Transportation Safety Board, gave permission for the two damaged planes to be cleared from the taxiway about two hours after the incident, officials said.

Here is a list of big campaign war chests

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here is a list of House and Senate members having at least \$500,000 in their campaign accounts and who have an exemption from federal law allowing them to keep the money for their own use if they choose.

The figures are drawn from data at the Federal Election Commission and are based on reports filed since the November election.

HOUSE

Stephen Solarz, D-N.Y., \$1,160,734
Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., \$1,008,512
Ronnie Flippo, D-Ala., \$811,278
Matthew Rinaldo, R-N.J., \$787,227
James Wilson, R-Tenn., \$714,440
Robert Matsui, D-Calif., \$681,878
Bill Archer, R-Texas, \$637,810
Carlos Moorhead, R-Calif., \$619,379
Sam Gibbons, D-Fla., \$616,950
Larry Hopkins, R-Ky., \$604,824
Dante Fascell, D-Fla., \$602,882
Thomas Foley, D-Wash., \$602,726
William Broomfield, R-Mich., \$582,189

Deag Bernard Jr., D-Ga., \$377,727
Tom Bevill, D-Ala., \$315,439
Norman Lent, R-N.Y., \$210,014

SENATE

Bill Bradley, D-N.J., \$2,088,651
Edward Riegle Jr., D-Mich., \$809,892
Donald Kennedy, D-Mass., \$754,555
Robert Packwood, R-Ore., \$738,665
Spark Matsunaga, D-Hawaii, \$646,712
John Danforth, R-Mo., \$645,794
Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., \$634,364
Howell Heflin, D-Ala., \$571,994
Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., \$424,552

Potential conflicts lead to halt of police probe into irregularities

By KEN ARMSTRONG
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — City Manager Tom Courtney last week put the brakes on an investigation of early-1980s finance department irregularities, citing potential conflicts of interest.

At one point, Courtney also advised finance department employees not to talk to reporters.

On Friday, Twin Falls detectives were investigating allegations that city workers had borrowed public money when Courtney ordered police off the case.

"I felt there were some potential conflicts," Courtney said. "If we were going to do an investigation, I thought the City Council should decide whether we would handle it internally or go to an outside agency."

One conflict concerned the fact that Detective Don Walden had been assigned to the case. Walden's wife, Elizabeth, quit her finance department job three years ago when city officials discovered she had borrowed money from public coffers.

Walden and other city employees have since told investigators that

borrowing public money with IOUs or postdated checks was common practice, authorized by two former finance directors.

Courtney also said an internal investigation might spur cries of cover-up if evidence of wrongdoing was discovered.

So on Friday, Courtney and Qualls met with the City Council, the two officials said. Both say they recommended that the investigation simply be dropped instead of shipping it to an outside agency. The City Council concurred, Courtney said.

The consensus opinion was that there was nowhere to go with the investigation, Courtney said. "Even if (illegals) did exist, what can be done about it today? The statute of limitations has run, and the people who were directors of finance are gone — out of state."

The question I really have is, 'Are those things allowed now?' They're not."

Qualls said he discussed the potential conflict of interest with Walden, but Walden said he would not be compromised if the case ever went to court, because his wife had done nothing wrong.

"I told Tom that (Walden) wouldn't be embarrassed by it, and that I and Commander (Garry) Corder would oversee it," Qualls said. "As a police officer, I could have been embarrassed by taking him off the case."

Qualls said — another — detective, Jack Freeman, had been assigned to the investigation along with Walden.

On Thursday, Courtney called a meeting of finance department employees and told them to expect media questions. Courtney advised employees not to answer while the investigation was continuing.

"I think they need to be aware of what is occurring — they have that right," Courtney said. "Even without an investigation, they are not under any obligation to comment."

Courtney said he did not impose a gag order, however, and no punishment was threatened if employees chose to speak to reporters.

The Times-News contacted three finance department employees this weekend, but all declined comment.

"I think it's old news," Sharon Bryan said. "I felt bad about it, and I really don't want to talk about it."

Jewel Chandler and Sherry Jeff also declined comment.

Today's weather

If you thought last week was cold ...

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding:

Partly cloudy today with light winds. Highs 35 to 45, Lows 16 to 20. Wednesday, slight chance of snow. Highs in the 30s.

Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley:

Today and Wednesday, mostly cloudy with light winds. Highs in the mid 30s, Lows 10 to 15.

Northern Utah and Nevada:

Utah — Variable clouds today. Warmer with southerly winds 10-25 mph in the afternoon. Mostly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Southerly winds to 25 mph. Scattered rain or snow Wednesday. Low today night 25-35. Highs 30-45.

Nevada — Warmer with increasing clouds today. Southwest winds to 30 mph in the afternoon. Mostly cloudy and locally windy tonight with a chance of rain or snow north. Windy and cooler Wednesday with a few snow showers. Highs today mid 40s to lower 50s and lower 50s to lower 60s west. Highs Wednesday mid 30s to lower 40s east and in the 40s west. Lows tonight mid 20s to lower 30s.

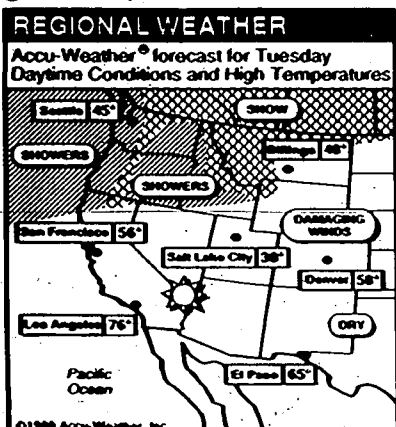
Summary:

The National Weather Service says the high pressure that has held a tight grip on the state is weakening in response to a strong, cold air mass moving south from Alaska. Though temperatures will moderate in the valleys over the next few days as the inversions break down, an Arctic air mass will cause major changes in temperatures by this weekend.

There were some low clouds and freezing drizzle in the Upper Snake River Valley around Idaho Falls Monday, otherwise skies across the Gem State were partly cloudy with continuing smoke and haze in the Treasure Valley and across the southeast.

Strong gusty winds prevailed across the Panhandle, otherwise winds were generally light across the state.

Mid-afternoon highs were mostly in the 30s over the southwest and upper teens and 20s over the east and the central mountains, with 40s to 50s in the lower elevations across the Panhandle. The warmest report



The warmest temperature in the state Monday was 52 degrees at Lewiston and Grangeville, Fairfield reported the coldest at 9 degrees below zero.

The extended outlook for Southern Idaho

Elsewhere in the nation Monday, the highest temperature was 83 degrees at Lakeland and West Palm Beach, Fla. The lowest was 24 degrees below zero at Jackson, Wyo.

Idaho road report

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

U.S. 96 — Higgins-Whitebird Hill, dry, strong winds; Grangeville-Lewiston, dry-icy spots; Lewiston-Moscow, dry; Water-New Meadows, dry, icy spots, freezing rain; Marsing-Oregon line, dry, fog, falling rains.

Interstate 84 — Caldwell area, dry, icy spots; Boise area-Utah line, dry, icy spots.

Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend-Dan-

nolly, dry, wet, icy spots; Donnelly-New Meadows, icy.

Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, dry, icy spots; Idaho City-Sunley, icy spots, broken snow floor.

U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, icy spots; Fairfield-Arco, icy spots, fog; Arco-Idaho Falls, icy spots, raining; Ashton-Montana line, broken snow floor.

Idaho 72 — Shoshone-Ketchum, icy spots; broken snow floor, raining.

Idaho 51 — Nevada line-Twin Falls, dry; Twin Falls-Carey, dry, icy spots; Carey-Arco, icy spots; Arco-Salmon, dry; Lost Trail Pass, broken snow floor, snow floor.

Idaho 72 — Shoshone-Ketchum, icy spots; Galena Summit, broken snow floor.

Interstate 86 — dry.

Interstate 15 — Utah line-Pocatello, dry; Pocatello-Idaho Falls, icy, freezing rain; Idaho Falls-Dubois, icy spots, icy rain, fog; Monida Pass, icy spots, patches of fog.

U.S. 30 — McCammon-Mantle, wet; Montpelier-Wyoming line, dry, icy spots.

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employee who pleaded guilty last week to petty theft. Fabey was fired early this month after more than \$7,000 was discovered missing from a water hookup deposit fund.

But Shane Bengoechea, city attorney from February 1985 until December 1987, remembers events differently. He said he spoke with Courtney after Walden's IOUs were found.

"When I talked to Tom I remember he said that was done, but I don't know on what scale. He said certain people could put IOUs in there. I said, 'You can put IOUs in there. That seemed like a very bad practice to me. I assumed that it was taken care of after that.'"

Bengoechea, who now works in Boise, called it "a dumb way of doing business."

When that happened, I expressed shock that there weren't tighter controls within the system," he said.

Courtney countered, "If Shane was aware of it, that's fine. But I can assure you that I was never aware of the IOUs. I would be derelict in my duties if I did and let that continue."

Qualls, who investigated the matter in August 1986, said he also then

knew of only Walden's IOUs. Walden did not tell him about the other employees, he said.

Courtney previously has said Walden had been fired for alleged embezzlement. The Times-News published a story on Jan. 20 describing the incident, although Walden's name was not then used.

On Friday, Courtney retracted his statement, saying she had instead resigned and that no charges were filed because of insufficient grounds. Walden had called Courtney the night before, she said.

Walden told the Times-News that she resigned because of criticism she received after her IOUs were found. After another employee reported the IOUs to Courtney, Walden was questioned by both Courtney and King, she said.

No other employees came forward to say they had also left IOUs in the public coffers, Courtney said. Neither did King.

"The thing that bothered me is that Liz didn't say, 'Hey, I'm not the only one,'" Qualls said. "By the same token, I wonder why her supervisor (King) didn't come forward."

"I feel that Liz has been more or less put through the mill,"

Walden said she paid for the IOUs and then quit. Afterward, King apologized to her, she said.

Recollections differ about whether there was any other missing money, but the restitution Walden paid brought the books into balance, Courtney said.

"If Liz Walden had all feelings about it, that was why," King said.

"She obviously wasn't trying to be dishonest."

King, who said Walden was one of his best employees, denied having ever authorized the use of IOUs or postdated checks. Under such a policy, an employee could theoretically borrow public money at the start of a month, deposit it in a private account where it could accumulate interest, then put it back before the city's scheduled deposit.

King did say, however, that the city would occasionally allow other transactions.

"I guess you could call it a courtesy transaction where we let employees cash checks with us," he said. "And I guess you could say there were situations where employees took advantage of the city because they would know that checks wouldn't be cashed for a while."

But whatever may have happened then, Courtney said he is convinced that no such practice has existed since current Finance Director Rick Thompson took over in September 1985. The public safety department has dropped its investigation of the former practice because the statute of limitations has run out and corrective measures have already been taken, Courtney said.

"If there's any impression I can leave on the whole issue, it's that we really do care about our public impression," Courtney said. "We do care about public monies. We're the trustees of that money, and we act accordingly. To the extent we've had problems, I think we've taken corrective action."

Marines lower flag in Kabul

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Marine guards lowered the flag for the last time Monday and the U.S. Embassy staff prepares to depart before the Red Army leaves Kabul's fate to Afghan soldiers and Muslim guerrillas who wait in the hills.

"As we say goodbye, we say, 'God bless the United States,' said Charge d'Affaires Jon D. Glassman, the ranking American diplomat in Kabul, at the solemn ceremony.

"Today we leave at a moment that is both happy and sad, pleased that the people of Afghanistan are going to be relieved of their suffering, but we know their struggle is not over."

"The people of the United States are with them," Glassman said, raising the folded flag above his head in a salute. "We will be back when the conflict is over."

Correction

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Extension Forge School was incorrectly reported to be scheduled for Thursday. It is actually scheduled for Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Aspen Building, College of Southern Idaho.

Discussion will include the alfalfa quality watch, curing hay, weed control, hay quality and more. For more information call 734-9500. The Times-News regrets the error.

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Andrus way down on state salary list

79 U of I employees are paid more

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Cecil Andrus may be Idaho's chief executive, but when it comes to salary, he ranks far down the state scale.

Andrus, at \$65,000 per year, ranks only 194th among those on the state payroll, with 79 administrators and officials at University of Idaho ranking above the governor.

In fact, the Moscow school appears to be the place to be for high state salaries.

Of Idaho's top 18 salaries 12 are paid at the university and 14 of the top 25.

A joint report released by state agencies on Monday shows the highest-paid of Idaho's nearly 19,000 full and part-time employees are two physicians who work for the Department of Health and Welfare.

Dr. Lawrence Banta and Dr. John McCormick both receive \$91,436 for their services as physician-clinical directors.

Next come John Keiser, president of Boise State, \$83,179 plus fringes, and Richard Gibb, president of University of Idaho, \$81,120 plus fringe benefits.

University of Idaho College of Law Dean Sheldon Vincent ranks fourth at \$79,165.

Dr. Ralph Heckard, medical director for the Department of Health and Welfare, receives

\$78,998, followed by Jeanne Shreeve, University of Idaho associate vice president, \$78,291.

There are 44 members of Idaho's judicial system who are paid more than the governor, topped by the \$64,237 received by Chief Justice Allan Shepard of the Idaho Supreme Court.

As of Jan. 1, the report showed Idaho had 19,006 positions but 18,811 employees. The total included 243 elected officials, 4,208 full-time and 4,734 temporary or part-time nonclassified workers, 9,142 regular, classified employees and 484 part-timers.

The \$55,000 received by the governor tops the list for elected state officials.

Attorney General Jim Jones receives \$48,000, although his chief deputy John J. McMahon, receives \$10,531 more than his boss.

Secretary of State Pete Conarsue, Treasurer Lydia Justice Edwards, Auditor Joe Williams and Schools Superintendent Jerry Evans all receive \$45,000 per year and Lt. Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter receives \$15,000 per year. On the other end, Senate President Pro-Tem Michael Crapo, R-Idaho Falls, and House Speaker Tom Boyd, R-Genesee, receive no more than the other 124 state legislators, \$6,500 per year plus expenses.

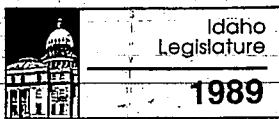
GOP appointees breeze through confirmation

BOISE (AP) — Two Republican appointees of Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus have breezed through their confirmation hearings, a year after they were at the center of a partisan firestorm over their political credentials.

"I think they will handle their responsibilities very well," Senate State Affairs Chairman Mark Ricks, R-Rexburg, said Monday after the hearings for Industrial Commissioner Larry Jackson of Boise and Racing Commissioner Marvin Aslett of Twin Falls.

The committee was expected to recommend confirmation by the full Senate on Wednesday.

A year ago, Jackson and Aslett, along with fellow Republicans Betty Lee Donnelly of Boise and Nolan Young of Idaho Falls, were rejected for various state appointments by the Senate's GOP majority because they had publicly supported the governor during his 1986 campaign as "Republicans for Andrus." All were sent to the full Senate with committee recommendations that they be rejected.



Then Senate President Pro Tem James Risch, R-Boise, called the quartet traitors to the Republican Party and should not be allowed to claim appointments that traditionally belong to Republicans.

The battle created a rift within the Republican Party that some party insiders believe was partially responsible for Risch's defeat last fall.

But after that experience, the new Republican leadership in the Senate guided those nominees to the State Affairs Committee, composed of leaders from both parties so they would not run into the same problems again.

Jackson, former GOP candidate for governor and four-term House member, was ousted from the Tax Commission last year but landed the more lucrative Industrial Commission job last fall. Aslett, a contractor from Twin Falls, withdrew his name for the Transportation Board because of the attack last year and was then named to the Racing Commission.

Mrs. Donnelly's appointment to the State Building Authority will come before the committee later. Her nomination to the state Judicial Council was rejected a year ago. Young died last year after his nomination to the Personnel Commission was rejected.

"In these days of heightened scrutiny, it's easy to say, 'I'd rather not be involved' in public service, Jackson told the committee. "For some of us, it is impossible not to be involved."

He also said he will forego any partisan political activity while he serves as a full-time member of the commission.

State AFL-CIO chief to lead committee

BOISE (AP) — Idaho AFL-CIO President Jim Kerns has been named chairman of the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities.

Gov. Cecil Andrus said Monday Kerns will succeed Bob Zimmerman, who had headed the committee since 1985.

Kerns will oversee the activities and functions of the 34-member panel created four decades ago. It includes members from business, industry, the professions and government as well as people with disabilities.

Leaking tank car goes back to Canada

BONNERS FERRY (AP) — A leaking railroad tank car that released sulfur dioxide fumes in downtown Bonners Ferry has been towed back to Canada. Boundary County authorities said.

"It's out of our county and into Canada," Chief Deputy Lonnie Ekstrom said. "The danger is gone."

About 600 residents were evacuated from their homes and businesses when the Union Pacific car ruptured Saturday morning, sending nitrogen and sulfur dioxide gas into the air.

The tank car originated in Trail, British Columbia, and was bound

for Trentwood, Wash., near Spokane, Union Pacific officials said. The sulfur dioxide was the property of Cominco American.

Sulfur dioxide is a heavy, colorless gas used as a bleach, disinfectant, refrigerant or preservative. Prolonged exposure to the gas, which has a rotten-egg smell, can cause nausea, vomiting or even death.

"It's a very nasty irritant," said Eric Maus, a specialist with the state Communications and Poison Control Center in Boise.

It is held within an internal and external tank, with nitrogen under

pressure separating the two, Maus said. The rupture leaked the nitrogen and minute amounts of the sulfur dioxide. Because sulfur dioxide is heavier than air, some remained in the car.

The hole was patched and the tanker deemed safe enough to transport back to Cominco, Maus said.

Ekstrom said about 16 people went to Boundary County Community Hospital. All were treated and released, except for one who was admitted for observation and then released later Saturday, a nursing supervisor said.

Legislative log

By The Associated Press

Confirmed By Senate
Clarise Maxwell, Boise, to the Human Rights Commission for a term ending July 1, 1989.

Joe Miller, Boise, to the Public Utilities Commission for a term ending Jan. 8, 1995.

Oshaldo Remya, Nampa, to the Human Rights Commission for a term ending July 1, 1989.

Don Hartley, Lewiston, to the Health and Welfare Board for a term ending Jan. 1, 1993.

Sent To Governor
SB1053 (Resources and Environment) — Authorizes Department of Fish and Game to spend another \$708,300 on emergency winter wildlife feeding programs.

Introduced In Senate
SJM1001 (Health and Welfare) —

Asks Congress to repeal the federal law requiring preclearing of nursing home patients.

SB1109 (Health and Welfare) — Gives the director of the Department of Health and Welfare, with board concurrence, the power to hire and fire physician employees of the department.

SB1110 (Health and Welfare) — Requires the Board of Health and Welfare to adopt regulations implementing the Clean Indoor Air Act.

SB1111 (Resources and Environment) — Creates a state and Bank to facilitate maximum value of state land holdings.

SB1112 (Resources and Environment) — Requires registration of all snowmobiles at time of purchase and classifies all-terrain vehicles using groomed snow trails as snowmobiles subject to registration.

SB1113 (Resources and Environment) — Creates state regulatory scheme for the management of lakes.

SB1114 (Resources and Environment) — Imposes penalty of triple damages on those mining on state-owned lands without a lease.

SB1115 (Resources and Environment) — Creates regional Fish and Game Department advisory councils.

SB1116 (Resources and Environment) — Allows the Fish and Game Commission to enter into agreements with other state agencies to police motorized vehicle use on their lands.

SB1117 (Resources and Environment) — Creates a Park Land Trust in the Parks and Recreation Department to facilitate expansion of the state parks system.

SB1118 (State Affairs) — Clarifies state law governing operation of the Idaho Housing Agency.

SB1119 (Education) — Makes it clearly illegal to consume alcoholic beverages on public school property during any function.

Introduced In House
HCR8 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Provides that Canon Print-

ers, Caldwell, shall print the session laws.

HB119 (State Affairs) — Contractor licensing law.

HB120 (State Affairs) — Provides that no more than three elections shall be held in any calendar year.

HB121 (State Affairs) — Provides conditions for licensing a state-granted concession or to market state-commissioned commemorative.

HB122 (Revenue and Taxation) — Expands definition of qualified investment for investment tax credit.

HB123 (Revenue and Taxation) — Allows a detached district for which no increase in the dollar amount of property taxes is certified in any one year, in the following year district may certify, in addition to any increase otherwise allowed, up to two-thirds of the increase originally foregone.

HB124 (Revenue and Taxation) — Allows city to add tax override for up to two years after public hearing and with approval of at least 65 percent of voters.

Mother pleads innocent to abandoning 7-year-old

BOISE (AP) — The mother of an abused 7-year-old boy discovered on the interstate near Boise has pleaded innocent to felony child abandonment.

Debra Tuinman, 28, pleaded innocent before 4th District Judge Gerald Schroeder on Monday. Mrs. Tuinman and her husband, 29-year-old Edward Donald Tuinman, are charged with dropping off Eddy Tuinman on Jan. 4 at the Black's Creek rest stop on Interstate 84.

The mentally retarded and mute boy wore only a T-shirt. Medical evaluation showed he had been burned by cigarettes and had suffered broken bones.

Fourth District Judge Alan

Schwartzman had continued the arrangements of the Tuinmans from last week, after an Ada County grand jury indicted them.

Mrs. Tuinman was scheduled for trial on March 21. Edward Tuinman is slated to be arraigned on Wednesday.

The couple were arrested in Utah on their way from Washington state to Arizona. A 5-year-old Salt Lake City boy living next door to the Tuinman family recognized Eddy Tuinman as a news-cast and his mother alerted police about his parents.

Ex-priest Wassmuth will lead coalition

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Former Roman Catholic priest Bill Wassmuth will serve as executive director of the Northwest Coalition Against Malignant Harassment, said Tony Stewart, coalition president.

Wassmuth, former pastor of the St. Pius X Catholic Church in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and former president of the Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations, will assume the full-time position March 1, Stewart said.

Wassmuth, who gained national attention when his Coeur d'Alene home was bombed by white supremacists, now resides in Seattle.

As executive director, Wassmuth will oversee one college youth conference this year in each of the five states served by the coalition, Stewart said.

The coalition also has agreed to support the Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations' peaceful opposition to a planned national skinhead conference scheduled for April 21-23 at the Aryan Nations compound near Hayden Lake, Idaho, Stewart said.

The Northwest coalition, founded in April 1987 serves Wyoming, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. Its next meeting will be held May 5 in Montana.

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Bush reign most resembles pleasant mid-afternoon

WASHINGTON — "A wonderfully harmonious week," said George Bush of his first week in office.

There was a ruckus or two over the finer points of abortion philosophy and how to pay for the savings-and-loan mess, but as the new president said, these were "ripples on the surface of an otherwise calm pond."

Indeed, there's been nothing like it in the lifetimes of most Americans.

For the first time since the late 1920s, possibly, we get up each morning worrying about no monstrous threat to our national psyche, to manliness, cleanliness, Godliness or any of the other "nesses" that have been menaced at various times by communism, fascism, McCarthyism, secular humanism,

Henry Allen

limousine liberalism or any of the other ists.

Time magazine says new AIDS infections among homosexuals are declining. In fact, a new study claimed that homosexuals are declining, or at least there are fewer of them than they've claimed for so many years.

The hot summer and a warm winter may have people nervous about greenhouse effect, but another report released during the wonderfully harmonious week looked at U.S. weather data from 1895 to 1987 and said there'd been no change whatsoever.

Not that there was nothing to worry about. There were the trade and budget deficits.

There were places going insane, truly insane, with gunfire and crack. And so on.

But there was something different. The difference was that nothing seemed to be threatening what the announcer of the Super Bowl on radio used to call "the American way."

Most of us feared no "Enemy Within." Thanks to the Reagan-Gorbachev duet, we didn't worry much about an enemy without, either. Until the Sandinistas got Managua running again, they're unlikely to scare.

There may have been rioting the week before in Miami, but it didn't put police departments and city desks on alert all over America, the way it did in the '60s.

There are no Harvard professors trying to figure out how to talk the president into tak-

ing psychedelic drugs. No Norman Mailers are urging us to look to psychopaths for our salvation. No fashion designers tyrannizing our women. No avant-garde of food-throwing actors and paint-throwing artists telling us we're wrong about everything.

There are no trends worth talking about at all, in fact — no sense that everything is changed, changed utterly, as Yeats said. His line about things falling apart and the center not holding has become a wry catch-phrase for people who are a little embarrassed to recall the apocalypticism of the '60s and '70s.

This is not the dawning of the Age of Aquarius. It's not even morning again in America. Instead, it feels like a rather pleasant mid-afternoon, a slightly flat or vacant quality to it, the way the world used to seem

when you left school early for a doctor's appointment.

It feels a little like 1963 without air-raid drills or Joe McCarthy — back in that great pop-cultural caesura that ended with the advent of rock 'n' roll.

This can't last, of course. The American people can stand only so much peace and prosperity. The grapes of wrath yield too fine a wine — anger is one of the seven deadly sins, after all — for all of us to stay on the wagon for very long.

We should take note of this strange little era, therefore. In a day or two, it could be the good old days.

Henry Allen is a writer for The Washington Post's Style section.



Let's balance growth, conservation

WASHINGTON — One year ago Sunday the opening shot was fired in what became this decade's most celebrated battle over historic preservation. Northern Virginia's biggest developer, the Hazel-Peterson Cos., announced its plan to build an enormous shopping mall next to Manassas National Battlefield Park.

For most people, it was hard not to enjoy the drama that followed. A motley band of environmentalists and Civil War buffs forged themselves into a potent national coalition and, in just 10 months, persuaded Congress to block the mall and by the disputed "William Cent" tract.

Now that the White House has conquered the Forces of Darkness, it's time for all sides to admit the truth: The Manassas episode was a perversion of sensible preservation policy.

The nation was spared the gross inappropriateness of stores on ground where Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee had his headquarters during the Battle of Second Manassas.

But the cost was a bitter confrontation between federal and local officials that was resolved only by spending taxpayer dollars in a crisis.

"Manassas is an example of failed public policy," said Paul C. Pritchard, president of the National Parks and Conservation Association.

There's got to be a better way. In fact, NPCA and other groups most involved in the Manassas dispute are now promoting proposals that offer far more promising ways of balancing the local need for growth and prosperity with the national imperative of protecting historic shrines.

With the right approach, co-operation could replace confrontation, and decisions could be made thoughtfully. Any strategy should incorporate at least these elements:

John F. Harris

• A recognition that land bordering national parks and landmarks deserves special legal status.

• A planning process for park borders. Some kinds of development are acceptable next to a park; others aren't.

• A dramatic improvement in political leadership at the federal level. Inertia, even hostility, was the hallmark of Reagan-era attitudes toward national parks. One lesson of Manassas is that solving problems in a crisis is a lot more expensive than implementing compromises in advance.

Proposals for protecting parks from encroaching development were around long before Manassas. It couldn't be so. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has devised a moderate plan for park protection that even Western conservatives could endorse.

The first element of the trust's proposed "National Heritage Conservation Act" calls for the park service to conduct a thorough study of the boundary needs of parks and historic landmarks.

To work with local governments, the trust proposes a carrot-and-stick approach. The carrot is federal money that would go to localities to help devise acceptable formal development plans.

At Manassas the National Park Service did strike an agreement (not legally binding) with Prince William County officials before the 1986 William Cent rezoning. The park service and Prince William thought they had approved a low-density office park. The rezoning was so broad, however, that Hazel-Peterson was later able to switch its plans to a giant mall.

Many of the bigger threats to national parks come not from private developers, but from other federal agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management. Both the trust and NPCA have legislative proposals that would mandate better co-ordination within the federal bureaucracy.

Even with better planning, conflicts are inevitable. Here's where it helps to have a stick. The trust proposes giving the secretary of the interior authority to place injunctions on development.

None of these reforms, however, is good for much without federal leadership to implement them. This decade has been a period of neglect for national parks.

NPCA proposes separating the National Park Service from Interior, which has the ungainly mandate of both protecting and exploiting America's natural resources, and establishing it as an independent agency — a good start.

Congress and the new administration could also appropriate some of the estimated \$2 billion in authorized park expansions that have never been funded. Yet given the federal budget crisis, it's unrealistic to expect big infusions of new money.

That's why legislation to find other ways of protecting boundaries is imperative. Rep. Bruce Vento, D-Minn., has vowed that his Interior subcommittee on national parks will be taking up such proposals soon, although he acknowledges that preservation and park protection "are fighting words to some people."

For now, then, Manassas will stand as a symbol of exactly the wrong way to care for the lands this nation cherishes most.

John F. Harris is a Washington Post reporter.

Letters/ Snow, weapons, TV, abortion prompt readers to comment

Snow sports must co-exist

This winter has brought a great deal of much-needed snow to the surrounding mountains and along with it, a record number of people using the various recreation areas. I have been in the Magic Mountain area many times in the past few months and as an avid cross-country (nordic) skier, am concerned about the growing rift between nordic skiers and snowmobilers.

In the Magic area you will find both an excellent snowmobile area (Diamondfield Jack) and a well-balanced nordic trail system. Since the two areas border on each other and in a few places slightly overlap, there is bound to be the occasional person who accidentally strays into the wrong area.

Actually this only has to be true for snowmobilers since nordic skiers are allowed in the Diamondfield Jack area. The reason for the "double standard" here is that by its nature, a snowmobile will ruin a nordic trail and make it very difficult to ski on. This in itself is a relatively minor thing since the accidental strayer does not happen that often.

Unfortunately there are a small number of people who feel that when they are on their snow machines, the hills are theirs for the taking. They get on the nordic trails not only destroying them but creating a serious safety problem for any cross-country skier who should happen along. (The ONLY nordic trail

where snowmobilers are allowed is the lower part of the old Rogerson Road and then, by people with a cabin in the area.)

On the other side of the coin are the equally small number of people who feel that when they are on their skinny skis, they have the right-of-way wherever they choose to go. When this should happen to be in the snowmobile areas, they do not yield to the riders whose trails they are using (at least not in a friendly manner) and this causes still more safety problems and hot tempers. Understandably so.

On the brighter side I am glad to see that these problems are being created by only a very small number of rude and inconsiderate individuals. The vast majority of snowmobilers and nordic skiers are courteous and responsible people who enjoy both the outdoors and each other. It is my hope that within our separate sports, we will be able to get along and help each other in solving these problems. I would also hope that individuals would contact the Forest Service and local nordic or snowmobile associations to learn more about their sports. They can show you where to go and how to best use these areas.

BLAINE BILLMAN
President - High Desert Nordic Assoc.
Twin Falls

Get active against weaponry

To anyone who has not gotten the message yet:

You cannot use nuclear weapons. They are useless. Nobody "wins." They are an expensive and harmful deterrent. There will be no "day after," no presidential address assuring us that we will be strong again; that we can be proud America did not "surrender."

Many of us many more than will admit are tired of having the threat of nuclear war shoved down our throats.

We have shown other nations (and they us) that we have the skill and technology to create the bomb. We aren't questioning the skill. We do question their good judgment. It's time to put the technology to use on projects that improve lives. We need to build a strong military without them, and to give courage to others to do the same.

We as a nation, and especially here in Idaho, must take the responsibility of cleaning up the mess that the nuclear industry has created in our lives. Clean up of nuclear waste would bring billions of dollars and thousands of jobs to Idaho. Scientists, engineers and technicians at the INEL could work on hazardous and radioactive waste management and nuclear safety and produce other technologies that could be used around the world.

We teach our children to say no to drugs.

We need to give them hope for the future to help them accomplish this.

All eyes are on Idaho.

Ordinary people can make a difference. Our governor deserves to hear from us in support of his efforts.

Please write your state representatives asking them to support joint legislation for a moratorium against the production of nuclear weapons material at the INEL.

GINA HANKINS
Twin Falls

Car ads intrude on TV

It boggles the mind how the car dealers are trying to distract, disrupt or even interfere with other programs on channel eleven. When they keep up the screaming even on Sunday, no rest given, it would seem that is unreasonable.

Either we turn it off, change channels or get a TV with remote control or maybe sit close enough to turn it off or down when the screaming clown goes through his act.

GEORGE M. WATSON
Paul

Abortion only tip of problem

We heard about the protest march against abortion clinics being organized in Idaho. The people who have spent time and energy

organizing, making signs, and marching, we applaud for their wanting to do something.

However we don't think it will be much help to the teenager or young adult, who has had no moral, or sex education, whose parents are too busy and/or wrapped up in their own lives to listen or care, who have nothing constructive to do, and no where to go except parking lots, and abandoned buildings, where drugs and alcohol flow freely.

Whose publicity is judged by her peers on the number of guys she's slept with, or number of abortions she's had, whose boyfriend won't take responsibility, who knows nothing about God, or Hell, and is bombarded continually with Rambo types, murder, or death on TV and in movies, the threat of nuclear war, and the "New Wave" lies about Judgment, no hell, no heaven, no hope. Satan is so bold now. He is showing himself openly, and we have been conditioned to accept him, along with his signs, promiscuity, fear, hate, riots, child abuse, incest, lies, homelessness, hunger, and murder as being "normal."

We appeal to the Christian community, open your hearts, and doors, and to hand together, and prove to the Lost that God is Love, hope, and help for those in need, instead of condemnation, anger, and force.

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Carcinogenic meat additives deserve closer monitoring

The United States is alone among other meat-exporting countries in accusing the European Economic Community of unfair trade practices in its Jan. 1 ban of hormone-treated U.S. meat, and in threatening retaliatory sanctions.

The accusations ignore serious questions about the carcinogenic and other risks of hormone-contaminated meat that are of major concern to European consumers.

In 1979, after three decades of misleading assurances of safety and use as a growth-promoting animal-feed additive, the United States banned the hormone DES. The meat industry then promptly switched to other carcinogenic additives, particularly estradiol, progesterone and testosterone, which are implanted in the ears of more than 90 percent of commercially raised feedlot cattle.

Unlike the synthetic DES, whose residues can be monitored and whose use was conditional on a seven-day pre-slaughter withdrawal period, residues of natural hormones are not detectable — they cannot be practically differentiated from the same hormones produced by the body. Since 1983 the Food and Drug Administration has allowed virtually unregulated use of those additives right up to the time of slaughter, subject only to the theoretical and unenforceable requirement that residue levels in meat must be less than 1 percent of the daily hormonal production of young children.

A dramatic warning of the dangers of growth-promoting additives was triggered by an epidemic of premature sexual development and ovarian cysts involving about 3,000 Puerto Rican infants and children from 1979 to 1981. The epidemic also was associated with increased rates of uterine and ovarian cancers in adults.

More than a decade ago, Roy Hertz, then the director of endocrinology of the National Cancer Institute, warned of the carcinogenic

Samuel S. Epstein

risks of estrogenic feed additives.

Virtually the entire U.S. population consumes, without any warning or information, unknown amounts of hormonal residues in meat products over their lifetimes. Left unanswered is whether such chronic and uncontrolled estrogen dosages are involved in increasing cancer rates, particularly the alarming 50 percent increase in the incidence of breast cancer since 1950.

As evidenced in a series of Government Accounting Office investigations and congressional hearings, USDA inspection and FDA registration and residue-tolerance programs are in near-total disarray. The majority of feed additives are used in the absence of evidence of efficacy.

Regardless of any possible trade basis for the EEC embargo, it should prompt a high-level investigation and drastic reform of federal regulation and meat-industry practices. The U.S. position also raises problems of dual standards, since the United States banned imports of Australian beef in 1987 on the grounds of excess residues of the carcinogenic pesticide heptachlor.

All hormonal feed additives should be banned, as should be all other animal additives in the absence of conclusive evidence on their efficacy and safety. Any additive use should be subject to requirements for explicit labeling of residue levels in all meat products.

Until then, apart from possible initiatives at a state level, consumers should boycott chemicalized meat products in favor of organic ones.

Samuel S. Epstein, M.D., a professor of occupational and environmental medicine at the University of Illinois Medical Center at Chicago, is author of "The Politics of Cancer."

Bush to address savings crisis in speech

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Nation

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush hopes to spell out plans for dealing with the savings and loan crisis in his Feb. 9 address to Congress but might not be ready with details by then, his spokesman said Monday.

"He'll address it in his speech. I'm not willing to say how specific his speech will be," said press secretary Marlin Fitzwater.

Fitzwater also said Bush would continue to seek advice from members of Congress despite complaints by Chief of Staff John Sununu that lawmakers had leaked discussions of a fee on deposits.

"Consultations are a very important part of the process," Fitzwater said. "President Bush has been reaching out to Congress in many forms. We would expect that to continue."

Sununu suggested on ABC-TV's "This Week with David Brinkley" on Sunday that certain members of Congress may have violated the administration's trust in leaking word that the deposit fee was being considered.

That enabled critics of the plan to seize the initiative and "put the worst foot forward" late last week, Sununu said.

Fitzwater said that Bush was "very concerned about leaks" but didn't have any particular problems in this instance.

In fact, Sununu himself discussed the proposed fee as an option at a White House briefing last Wednesday.

"It just happened. It was one of the options and so the governor discussed it because you asked him. I don't blame anybody. It just happens,"

Fitzwater said.

Disclosure that the fee was under consideration caused a firestorm of protest, both on Capitol Hill and in the banking and savings and loan industry.

The plan would call for a fee of about \$2.50 for each \$1,000 in deposits in a federally insured institution. The proceeds would go toward the \$100 billion that federal regulators say will be needed to deal with the nation's insolvent savings and loans.

Fitzwater said such a fee — which some critics say would violate Bush's no-new-taxes pledge — remains an option under consideration by the administration.

However, he added that other options were also being "worked on and developed" and that no specific plan had yet come to the White House for Bush's review.

Drug tests bar recruits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Defense Department blocked more than 11,600 people from joining the armed forces last year because they tested positive for drug or alcohol abuse.

The testing program, mandated by Congress over Pentagon objections, began last June 1. Even though it tagged more than 11,600 recruit applicants during the first seven months, some defense officials say privately that the program isn't worth its cost.

The Pentagon statistics, obtained late last week, show that only about 3.5 percent of those tested from June 1 to Dec. 31 were found to have abused marijuana, cocaine or alcohol. The armed forces rejected 11,279 people for testing positive for marijuana or cocaine use and another 265 for alcohol abuse.

The Defense Department spent \$3.1 million to develop the program and to conduct the tests from June through September, and expects to spend another \$4.8 million in fiscal 1990, which opened Oct. 1.

The statistics show that during the seven-month period, the Pentagon tested 322,256 people for marijuana and cocaine use and 331,040 for alcohol abuse during the same period.

Pay raises for non-working federal judges draw fire

WASHINGTON (AP) — Observers in Congress, universities and public interest groups questioned the fairness and wisdom Monday of giving big pay raises to dozens of senior federal judges who, like former Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, do no legal work.

All 506 senior federal judges — even those who no longer wield a gavel — will see their salaries rise by about 50 percent unless Congress disapproves raises due for top federal officials Feb. 8.

Burger's salary, for example, will increase by \$60,000 to \$175,000 a year.

"We need to look into this much further," said Rep. Carlos Moorhead, who last year sidetracked an effort to lower the eligibility age for senior status.

"It doesn't seem fair," said the California Republican, who sits on the House courts subcommittee and is a member of a national commission studying the future of the federal judiciary.

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Opinion

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WASHINGTON — "A wonderfully harmonious week," said George Bush of his first week in office.

There was a ruckus or two over the finer points of abortion philosophy and how to pay for the savings-and-loan mess, but as the new president said, these were "ripples on the surface of an otherwise calm pond."

Indeed, there has been nothing like it in the lifetimes of most Americans.

For the first time since the late 1920s, possibly, we get up each morning worrying about no monstrous threat to our national psyche, to manliness, cleanliness, Godliness or any of the other "nesses" that have been menaced at various times by communism, fascism, McCarthyism, secular humanism,

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limousine liberalism or any of the other isms.

Time magazine says new AIDS infections among homosexuals are declining. In fact, a new study claimed that homosexuals are declining, or at least there are fewer of them than they've claimed for so many years.

The hot summer and a warm winter may have people nervous about greenhouse effect, but another report released during the wonderfully harmonious week looked at U.S. weather data from 1895 to 1987 and said: there'd been no change whatsoever.

Not that there was nothing to worry about. There were the trade and budget deficits.

There were places going insane, truly insane, with gunfire and crack. And so on. But there was something different. The difference was that nothing seemed to be threatening what the announcer of the Super-man show on radio used to call "the American way."

Most of us feared no "Enemy Within." Thanks to the Reagan-Gorbachev duet, we didn't worry much about an enemy without, either. Until the Sandinistas get Managua running again, they're unlikely to scare.

There may have been rioting the week before in Miami, but it didn't put police departments and city desks on alert all over America, the way it did in the '60s.

There are no Harvard professors trying to figure out how to talk the president into tak-

ing psychedelic drugs. No Norman Mailers are urging us to look to psychopaths for our salvation. No fashion designers tyrannizing our women. No avant-garde of food-throwing actors and paint-throwing artists telling us we're wrong about everything.

There are no trends worth talking about at all, in fact — no sense that everything is changed, changed utterly, as Yeats said. His line about things falling apart and the center not holding has become a very catch-phrase for people who are a little embarrassed to recall the apocalypticism of the '60s and '70s.

This is not the dawning of the Age of Aquarius. It's not even morning again in America. Instead, it feels like a rather pleasant mid-afternoon, a slightly flat or vacant quality to it, the way the world used to seem

when you left school early for a doctor's appointment.

It feels a little like 1983 without air-raid drills or Joe McCarthy — back in that great pop-cultural caesura that ended with the advent of rock 'n' roll.

This can't last, of course. The American people can stand only so much peace and prosperity. The grapes of wrath yield too fine a wine — anger is one of the seven deadly sins, after all — for all of us to stay on the wagon for very long.

We should take note of this strange little era, therefore. In a day or two, it could be the good old days.

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Let's balance growth, conservation

WASHINGTON — One year ago Sunday the opening shot was fired in what became this decade's most celebrated battle over historic preservation. Northern Virginia's biggest developer, the Hazel-Peterson Cos., announced its plan to build an enormous shopping mall next to Manassas National Battlefield Park.

For most people, it was hard not to enjoy the drama that followed. A motley band of environmentalists and Civil War buffs forged themselves into a potent national coalition and, in just 10 months, persuaded Congress to block the mall and buy the disputed "William Center" tract.

Now that the White Hats have conquered the Forces of Darkness, it's time for all sides to admit the truth: The Manassas episode was a perversion of sensible preservation policy.

The nation was spared the gross inappropriateness of stores on ground where Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee had his headquarters during the Battle of Second Manassas.

But the cost was a bitter confrontation between federal and local officials that was resolved only by spending taxpayer dollars in a crisis.

"Manassas is an example of failed public policy," said Paul C. Pritchard, president of the National Parks and Conservation Association.

There's got to be a better way. In fact, NPCA and other groups most involved in the Manassas dispute are now promoting proposals that offer far more promising ways of balancing the local need for growth and prosperity with the national imperative of protecting historic shrines.

With the right approach, co-operation could replace confrontation, and decisions could be made thoughtfully. Any strategy should incorporate at least these elements:

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- A recognition that land bordering national parks and landmarks deserves special legal status.

- A planning process for park borders. Some kinds of development are acceptable next to a park; others aren't.

- A dramatic improvement in political leadership at the federal level. Inertia, even hostility, was the hallmark of Reagan-era attitudes toward national parks. One lesson of Manassas is that solving problems in a crisis is a lot more expensive than implementing compromises in advance.

Proposals for protecting parks from encroaching development were around long before Manassas. It needn't be so. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has devised a moderate plan for park protection that even Western conservatives could endorse.

The first element of the trust's proposed "National Heritage Conservation Act" calls for the park service to conduct a thorough study of the boundary needs of parks and historic landmarks. To work with local governments, the trust proposes a carrot-and-stick approach. The carrot is federal money that would go to localities to help devise acceptable formal development plans.

At Manassas the National Park Service did strike an agreement (not legally binding) with Prince William County officials before the 1986 William Center rezoning. The park service and Prince William thought they had approved a low-density office park. The rezoning was so broad, however, that Hazel-Peterson was later able to switch its plans to a giant mall.

Many of the bigger threats to national parks come not from private developers, but from other federal agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management. Both the trust and NPCA have legislative proposals that would mandate better co-ordination within the federal bureaucracy.

Even with better planning, conflicts are inevitable. Here's where it helps to have a stick. The trust proposes giving the secretary of the interior authority to place injunctions on development.

None of these reforms, however, is good for much without federal leadership to implement them. This decade has been a period of neglect for national parks.

NPCA proposes separating the National Park Service from Interior, which has the ungainly mandate of both protecting and exploiting America's natural resources, and establishing it as an independent agency — a good start.

Congress and the new administration could also appropriate some of the estimated \$2 billion in authorized park expansions that have never been funded. Yet given the federal budget crisis, it's unrealistic to expect big infusions of new money.

That's why legislation to find other ways of protecting boundaries is imperative. Rep. Bruce Vento, D-Minn., has vowed that his Interior subcommittee on national parks will be taking up such proposals soon, although he acknowledges that preservation and park protection "are fighting words to some people."

For now, then, Manassas will stand as a symbol of exactly the wrong way to care for the lands this nation cherishes most.

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Carcinogenic meat additives deserve closer monitoring

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The United States is alone among other meat-exporting countries in accusing the European Economic Community of unfair trade practices in its Jan. 1 ban of hormone-treated U.S. meat, and in threatening retaliatory sanctions.

The accusations ignore serious questions about the carcinogenic and other risks of hormone-contaminated meat that are of major concern to European consumers.

In 1979, after three decades of misleading assurances of safety and use as a growth-promoting animal-feed additive, the United States banned the hormone DES. The meat industry then promptly switched to other carcinogenic additives, particularly estradiol, progesterone and testosterone, which are implanted in the ears of more than 90 percent of commercially raised feedlot cattle.

Unlike the synthetic DES, whose residues can be monitored and whose use was conditional on a seven-day pre-slaughter withdrawal period, residues of natural hormones are not detectable — they cannot be practically differentiated from the same hormones produced by the body. Since 1983 the Food and Drug Administration has allowed virtually unregulated use of these additives right up to the time of slaughter, subject only to the theoretical and unenforceable requirement that residue levels in meat must be less than 1 percent of the daily hormonal production of young children.

A dramatic warning of the dangers of growth-promoting additives was triggered by an epidemic of premature sexual development and ovarian cysts involving about 3,000 Puerto Rican infants and children from 1979 to 1981. The epidemic also was associated with increased rates of uterine and ovarian cancers in adults.

More than a decade ago, Roy Hertz, then the director of endocrinology of the National Cancer Institute, warned of the carcinogenic

risks of estrogenic feed additives.

Virtually the entire U.S. population consumes, without any warning or information, unknown amounts of hormonal residues in meat products over their lifetimes. Left unanswered is whether such chronic and uncontrolled estrogen dosages are involved in increasing cancer rates, particularly the alarming 90 percent increase in the incidence of breast cancer since 1965.

As evidenced in a series of Government Accounting Office investigations and congressional hearings, USDA inspection and FDA registration and residue-tolerance programs are in near-total disarray. The majority of feed additives are used in the absence of evidence of efficacy.

Regardless of any possible trade basis for the EEC embargo, it should prompt a high-level investigation and drastic reform of federal regulation and meat-industry practices. The U.S. position also raises problems of dual standards, since the United States banned imports of Australian beef in 1987 on the grounds of excess residues of the carcinogenic pesticide heptachlor.

All hormonal feed additives should be banned, as feed should be all other animal additives in the absence of conclusive evidence on their efficacy and safety. Any additive use should be subject to requirements for explicit labeling of residue levels in all meat products.

Until then, apart from possible initiatives at a state level, consumers should boycott chemicalized meat products in favor of organic ones.

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Letters/Snow, weapons, TV, abortion prompt readers to comment

Snow sports must co-exist

This winter has brought a great deal of much-needed snow to the surrounding mountains and along with it, a record number of people using the various recreation areas. I have been in the Magic Mountain area many times in the past few months and as an avid cross-country (nordic) skier, am concerned about the growing rift between nordic skiers and snowmobilers.

In the Magic area you will find both an excellent snowmobile area (Diamondfield Jack) and a well-balanced nordic trail system. Since the two areas border on each other and in a few places slightly overlap, there is bound to be the occasional person who accidentally strays into the wrong area.

Actually this only holds true for snowmobilers since nordic skiers are allowed in the Diamondfield Jack area. The reason for the "double standard" here is that by its nature, a snowmobile will ruin a nordic trail and make it very difficult to ski on. This in itself is a relatively minor thing since the accidental strayer does not happen that often.

Unfortunately there are a small number of people who feel that when they are on their snow machines, the hills are theirs for the taking. They get on the nordic trails not only destroying them but creating a serious safety problem for any cross-country skier who should happen along. (The ONLY nordic trail

where snowmobilers are allowed is the lower part of the old Rogerson Road and then, only by people with a cabin in the area.)

On the other side of the coin are an equally small number of people who feel that when they are on their skinnies, they have the right-of-way wherever they choose to go. When this should happen to be in the snowmobile areas, they do not yield to the riders whose trails they are using (at least not in a friendly manner) and this causes still more safety problems and hot tempers. Understandably so.

On the brighter side I am glad to see that these problems are being created by only a very small number of border and inconsiderate individuals. The vast majority of snowmobilers and nordic skiers are courteous and responsible people who enjoy both the outdoors and each other. It is my hope that within our separate sports, we will be able to get along and help each other in solving these problems. I would also hope that individuals would contact the Forest Service and local nordic or snowmobile associations to learn more about their sports. They can show you where to go and how to best use these areas.

BLAINE BILLMAN
President, High Desert Nordic Assoc.
Twin Falls

Get active against weaponry

To anyone who has not gotten the message yet:

You cannot use nuclear weapons. They are useless. Nobody "wins." They are an expensive and harmful deterrent. There will be no "day after," no presidential address assuring us that we will be strong again; that we can be proud America did not "surrender."

Many of us (many more than will admit) are tired of having the threat of nuclear war shoved down our throats.

We have shown nations (and they us) that we have the skill and technology to create the bomb. We aren't questioning the skill; we do question their good judgment. It's time to put the technology to use on projects that improve lives. We need to build a strong military without them, and to give courage to others to do the same.

We, as a nation, and especially here in Idaho, must take the responsibility of cleaning up the mess that the nuclear industry has created in our lives. Clean up of nuclear waste would bring billions of dollars and thousands of jobs to Idaho. Scientists, engineers and technicians at the INEL could work on hazardous and radioactive waste management and nuclear safety and produce other technologies that could be used around the world.

We teach our children to say no to drugs.

We need to give them hope for the future to help them accomplish this.

All eyes are on Idaho.

Ordinary people can make a difference. Our governor deserves to hear from us in support of his efforts.

Please write your state representatives asking them to support joint legislation for a moratorium against the production of nuclear weapons material at the INEL.

GINA HANKINS
Twin Falls

Car ads intrude on TV

It boggles the mind how the car dealers are trying to distract, disrupt or even interfere with other programs on channel eleven.

When they keep up the screaming even on Sunday, no rest given, it would seem that is unreasonable.

Either we turn it off, change channels or get a TV with remote control or maybe sit close enough to turn it off or down when the screaming clown goes through his act.

GEORGE M. WATSON
Paul

Abortion only tip of problem

We heard about the protest march against abortion clinics being organized in Idaho. The people who have spent time and energy

organizing, making signs, and marching, we applaud for their wanting to do something.

However we don't think it will be much help to the teenager or young adult, who has had no moral, or sex education, whose parents are too busy and/or wrapped up in their own lives to listen or care, who have nothing constructive to do, and no where to go except parking lots, and abandoned buildings, where drugs and alcohol flow freely.

Whose popularity is judged by her peers on the number of guys she's slept with, or number of abortions she's had, whose boy friend won't take responsibility, who knows nothing about God, or Hell, and is bombard- ed continually with Rambo types, murder, or death on TV and in movies, the threat of nuclear war, and the "New Wave" lies about no Judgment, no hell, no heaven, no hope. Satan is so bold now. He is showing himself openly, and we have been conditioned to accept him, along with his signs, promiscuity, fear, hate, riots, child abuse, incest, lies, homelessness, hunger, and murder as being "normal."

We appeal to the Christian community, open your hearts, and doors, and to hand together, and prove to the Lost that God is Love, hope, and help for those in need, instead of condemnation, anger, and force.

BEVERLY FRAZIER
Burley

Bush to address savings crisis in speech

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush hopes to spell out plans for dealing with the savings and loan crisis in his Feb. 9 address to Congress but might not be ready with details by then, his spokesman said Monday.

"He'll address it in his speech. I'm not willing to say how specific his speech will be," said press secretary Martin Fitzwater.

Fitzwater also said Bush would continue to seek advice from members of Congress despite complaints by Chief of Staff John Sununu that lawmakers had leaked discussions of a fee on deposits.

"Consultations are a very important part of the process," Fitzwater said. "President Bush has been reaching out to Congress in many forms. We would expect that to continue."

Sununu suggested on ABC-TV's "This Week with David Brinkley" on Sunday that certain members of Congress may have violated the administration's trust in leaking word that the deposit fee was being considered.

That enabled critics of the plan to seize the initiative and "put the worst foot forward" late last week, Sununu said.

Fitzwater said that Bush was "very concerned about leaks" but didn't have any particular problems in this instance. In fact, Sununu himself discussed the proposed fee as an option at a White House briefing last Wednesday.

"It just happened. It was one of the options and — the governor discussed it because you asked him. I don't blame anybody. It just happens,"

Fitzwater said.

Disclosure that the fee was under consideration caused a firestorm of protest, both on Capitol Hill and in the banking and savings and loan industry.

The plan would call for a fee of about \$2.50 for each \$1,000 on deposits in a federally insured institution. The proceeds would go toward the \$100 billion that federal regulators say will be needed to deal with the nation's insolvent savings and loans.

Fitzwater said such a fee — which some critics say would violate Bush's no-new-taxes pledge — remains an option under consideration by the administration.

However, he added that other options were also being "worked on and developed" and that no specific plan had yet come to the White House for Bush's review.

Pay raises for non-working federal judges draw fire

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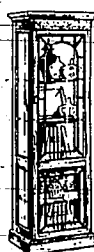
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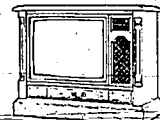
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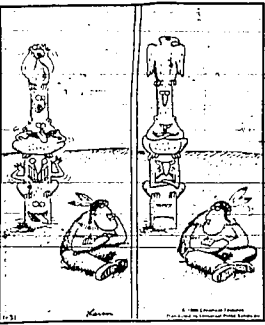
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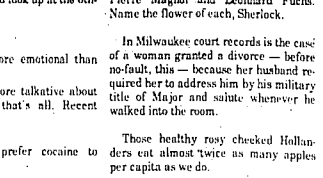
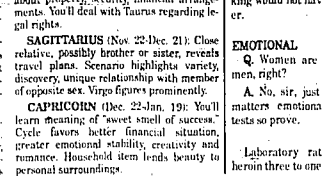
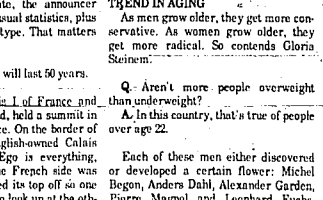
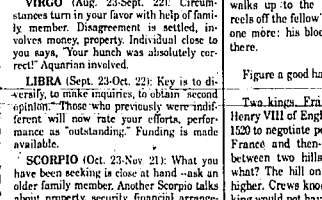
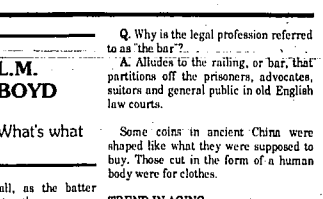
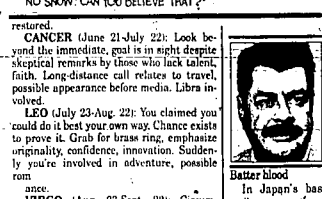
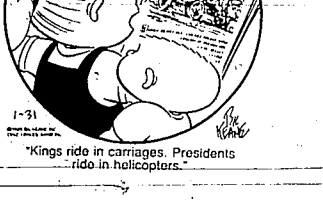
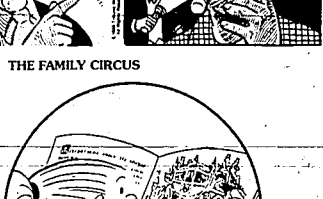
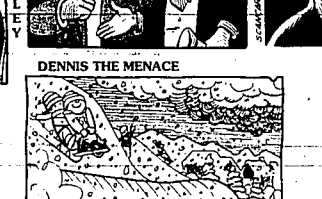
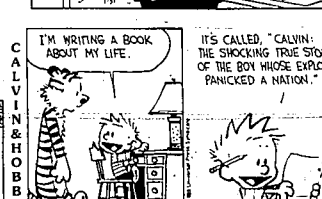
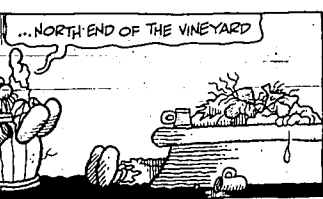
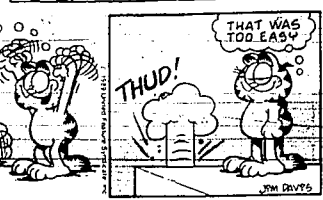
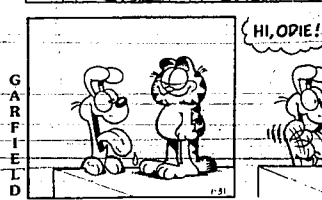
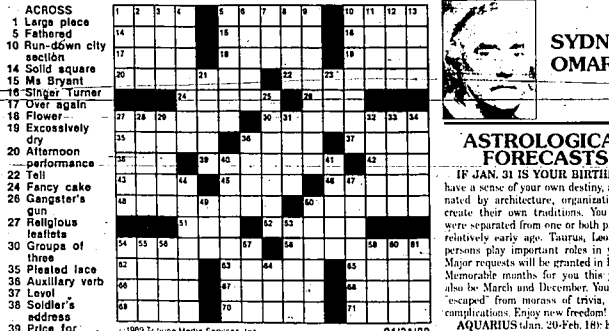
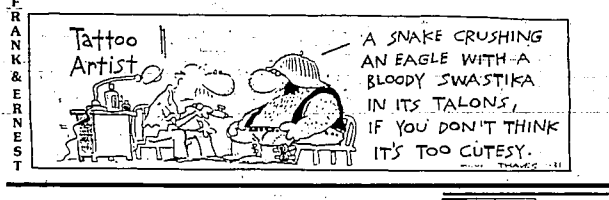
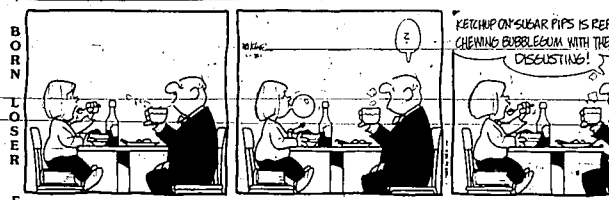
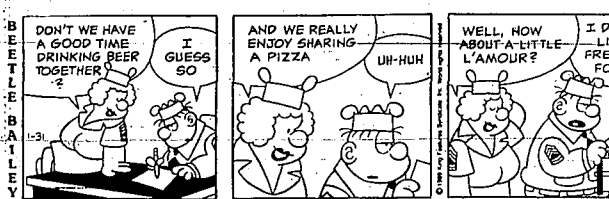
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Tiny ultra-right party's success worries German politicians

BERLIN (AP) — Conservative politicians said Monday they may have lost touch with like-minded voters following surprising legislative election victories by a tiny ultra-right party led by a former Nazi SS soldier.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl said his ruling Christian Democrats would

have to "take care of conservative voters" who defected.

The conservative Republican Party captured 11 of the legislature's 138 seats in Sunday's balloting. It also will have two seats in the federal parliament in Bonn after next year's national elections, giving the ultra-right its first representation in par-

liament since 1933.

Police said more than 10,000 people demonstrated in downtown West Berlin late Monday to protest the Republicans' showing. There were isolated "rock-throwing" incidents and vandalism, but no violence or arrests, they said.

The Republicans, guided by for-

mer Nazi SS soldier Franz Schoenhuber, campaigned on a platform of ridding West Berlin of foreign workers as Turks and giving preferential treatment to Germans seeking jobs.

Foreigners make up more than 10 percent of the city's population of 2.1 million.

West Germany also has been the destination of many asylum-seekers from the Third World, and the Republicans called for sharp limits on their numbers.

Sunday's balloting marked the first time the Republican Party, formed in 1983, won elective seats at the state level.

The left-leaning Frankfurter Rundschau newspaper called the victories "frightening." West German Jewish leader Heinz Galinski said they were a "heavy defeat for democracy."

Thousands of people chanted "Kick out the Nazis! Foreigners stay!" in a march in West Berlin late Sunday.

Last NATO base to get cruise missiles first to be deactivated

MOLESWORTH, England (AP) — The last NATO base to receive U.S. cruise missiles was the first to be deactivated Monday under the terms of the superpower arms-control treaty.

In a short ceremony at the Molesworth base, 70 miles north of London, members of the U.S. Air Force 303rd Tactical Mission Group were advised: "Mission complete."

Reporters and photographers, including several from the Soviet news media, were then permitted to tour the four empty bunkers that until last year housed 16 operational and two spare cruise missiles.

"To me, this is a milestone in the implementation of the INF treaty," said Maj. Gen. Marcus Anderson, commander of the 3rd Air Force, referring to the arms control agreement signed by former President Reagan and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

The treaty, signed in December 1987, calls for the elimination by 1991 of 2,700 Soviet and U.S. land-based intermediate-range nuclear missiles — those with ranges of 300 to 3,000 miles.

"This was the first operational cruise missile unit to be inactivated," Anderson said. "The treaty is being implemented in the timetable that was presented."

Anderson said the removal of the cruise missiles represented to him "the fact that we can successfully

negotiate treaties for arms reduction."

Molesworth was one of two bases in Britain designated in 1980 to receive a total of 160 U.S. cruise missiles, although only 16 of its planned 64 operational missiles had arrived before the treaty was signed.

The other base, Greenham Common, 50 miles west of London, houses 96 missiles, which are scheduled to begin leaving "towards the end of this year," said British Defense Ministry spokesman Martin Helm.

The base will be deactivated at an unspecified time before 1991, Helm said.

The missiles and their launchers left Molesworth between September and November last year for Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Ariz., to be destroyed under the watch of Soviet inspectors.

The campaign for Nuclear Disarmament welcomed the removal of cruise missiles from Molesworth, said spokeswoman Sheena Philips. "But we remain concerned about NATO's plans to bring in new generations" of nuclear weapons.

Spray-painted in big red letters on a highway overpass near the base is the slogan "What about the nuclear warheads?"

The missile warheads, which are not covered by the treaty, remain on site, although U.S. officials have said they will be returned to the United States eventually.

Rabin agrees to modify plan to gain support

JERUSALEM (AP) — Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, looking for Palestinian support for a peace plan, said Monday he was willing to work for elections in the occupied lands even if Arabs did not immediately halt the uprising.

An influential Moslem fundamentalist leader in the occupied Gaza Strip said he supported the proposal.

In Gaza, meanwhile, soldiers shot and wounded 15 Palestinians in stone-throwing clashes, including a 16-year-old girl and a 15-year-old boy who were in critical condition, Arab doctors said.

A 12-year-old boy was taken to a hospital in Israel with a gunshot wound to the head, the doctors said. The army said it was checking the reports.

Rabin, speaking on army radio, said he was willing to drop his earlier condition that Palestinians halt the violence of the 13-month uprising, for several months before Israel would talk about holding elections.



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Warsaw Pact claims it, NATO are about equal

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet bloc acknowledged Monday its forces in Europe have more tanks than NATO, but claimed the West has advantages in attack aircraft and personnel that make the strength of the two sides about equal.

Western experts did not agree. "It is clear that the idea of a rough parity of forces in Europe does not correspond to the factual situation," said H. Sloan, a NATO spokesman.

Gen. John Galvin, the alliance's American military commander, declared: "I definitely do not agree that a rough parity of conventional forces already exists in Europe."

Pravda, the Communist Party newspaper, published the most detailed Soviet breakdown ever of comparative conventional forces, but it did not appear to alter differences over how to interpret the figures. Those inferences have stymied negotiations on reducing "super-forces" for 15 years.

New negotiations on conventional forces are to begin March 7 in Vienna. Those talks were given a boost Dec. 7 when President Mikhail S. Gorbachev said the Kremlin would

reduce the Red Army by half a million soldiers by 1991.

His government also says it will get rid of 10,000 tanks, 8,500 artillery systems and 800 combat planes.

Romania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, East Germany and Poland have announced cuts in their own military forces.

Pravda's report said the 16-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization has 2.1 million ground troops in Europe facing 1.8 million from the Warsaw Pact countries, and 685,000 sailors in nearby seas compared to only 338,000 for the East bloc. NATO contends the Soviets have a 2:1 edge in ground troops.

The Pravda report acknowledged a 2:1 Warsaw Pact advantage in tanks, far below more than 3:1 claimed by NATO. Its tables also showed a heavy advantage for the East in armored personnel carriers and combat infantry vehicles.

Warsaw Pact defense ministers said in a statement the figures added up to "rough parity" in conventional forces. It said the Western alliance has issued "tendentious data based on a selective approach."

Jackson works on telecast

MOSCOW (AP) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson said Monday he met with an adviser to President Mikhail S. Gorbachev and other Soviet officials in an attempt to organize a superpower telephone to aid victims of Armenia's earthquake.

Jackson arrived in the Soviet Union on Sunday to promote his plan for the fund-raising broadcast and also to gauge political and economic reforms made under Gorbachev, Soviet leader since March 1985.

It was the first trip to the Soviet Union for Jackson, who met with Gorbachev at the Geneva summit in 1985.

The two men had been scheduled to meet again during Gorbachev's December visit to New York, but the Soviet leader cut short his trip and returned to Moscow because of the

Armenian earthquake.

The paradox is that this crisis gave us the opportunity to serve, to help melt the icy walls of the Cold War," Jackson said.

He told reporters he hoped the Armenia benefit telethon would raise money to help buy prefabricated housing for some of the 500,000 people left homeless by the Dec. 7 quake that killed 25,000 people.

Jackson declined to reveal details of his plans for the telethon, but his spokesman, Eric Easter, said organizers had been in touch with entertainers Cher, Bill Cosby, B.B. King, Eddie Murphy and others.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Americans favor stringent new anti-terrorist measures to bolster international airline security, but by a wide margin they say poor airplane maintenance is a greater threat than terrorism, a poll has found.

A majority in the Media General-Associated Press survey said current airline security is inadequate. Nearly three-quarters favored mandatory hand-searches of all checked bags, and half backed a ban on carry-on bags.

Still, terrorism was not seen as the chief danger to air travelers. Nearly two-thirds of the respondents said inadequate airplane maintenance was a greater threat than terrorism, while just 24 percent saw terrorism as the greater hazard. Twelve percent had no opinion.

The national survey of 1,162 adults found majority backing for U.S. military strikes against countries that support terrorists, but only if the support were proved and innocent civilians were not killed.

Opinion was sharply divided on whether military retaliation would deter terrorists. But majorities said the United States can take steps to reduce terrorism.

The survey, which had a three-point margin of error, was conducted by telephone Jan. 4-12, the month after a terrorist bomb downed Pan Am flight 103 over Scotland, killing all 259 aboard and 11 on the ground.

In response to the attack, the Federal Aviation Administration ordered U.S. airlines to X-ray all checked baggage on flights from Europe and the Mideast. The poll found support for other steps, some considerably tougher:

- Ninety-six percent said foreign airlines should be required to X-ray checked baggage.

- Seventy-three percent supported requiring airlines to hand-search all checked baggage on international flights, even if passengers had to check in three hours before takeoff. That is the practice on Israel's El Al airline, the leader in anti-terrorist measures.

- Half supported banning carry-on luggage on international flights. Such a ban has been used by British Airways on flights into Belfast, Northern Ireland, during periods of political tension.

- Fifty-seven percent said airlines should be required to announce all terrorist threats they receive, but respondents were split evenly on whether the government should announce all threats it receives against airlines.

That issue arose when it was revealed that U.S. officials were warned before the Pan Am attack that a bombing was imminent, but did not reveal the threat. Officials said they get warnings virtually daily, cannot verify them and could cripple the airline industry by announcing them.

The poll asked if the government should announce terrorist threats even if it gets them on a daily basis and cannot tell if they are legitimate. Forty-five percent said yes, 45 percent said no and the rest were not sure.

On military retaliation, 55 percent said the United States should strike against other nations if it has proof they supported terrorists.

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PUC to examine reduction in telephone rates

By N.S. NOKKENTVED
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Most Magic Valley telephone customers may soon see a reduction in their phone bills.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Burley Inn, 800 N. Overland, Burley, to hear public comment on a proposed \$8.5 million rate reduction for U.S. West Communications customers formerly with Mountain Bell.

The proposed reduction comes in response to alleged overearnings by Mountain Bell. A

utilities commission staff preliminary investigation last summer estimated the overearnings may be as high as \$18 million per year, commission spokesman Gary Richardson said.

Overearning means the company's actual rate of return on its investment is higher than the rate allowed by the commission.

U.S. West Communications contend the overearnings were considerably less than \$18 million. U.S. West spokesman Rick Hays said.

"We believe the \$8.5 million is a fair number," Hays said. "It's a good compromise."

The telephone company agreed to the re-

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ductions in exchange for the utilities commission dismissing its investigation into overearnings. The compromise also means a speedier settlement of the issue, Hays said.

The compromise would give customers a rate reduction much sooner than if the commission and the company locked horns in a

full-blown rate proceeding, Hays said. Magic Valley customers could see a rate reduction as soon as March, if all goes well.

The reduction consists of several parts:
• Deferring a rate increase scheduled to go into effect Jan. 1, 1989, would result in about \$4.1 million reduction. That increase would have raised monthly residential rates between \$.77 and .67 cents and commercial rates between \$.41 and \$.18.

• A \$2.7-million reduction would come from the elimination of all touch-tone charges including a \$6.50 installation charge and 50-cent residential and \$1.91 commercial monthly charges.

• A \$300,000 reduction would result from a \$5 reduction in residential connection charges.

• A \$1.3 million reduction would result from a 50-cent reduction in monthly flat residential charges and a 25-cent reduction in monthly measured service charge.

• Under a three-year revenue sharing plan, the company would compute its revenue per telephone line, and if there is a revenue surplus customers would get a credit. If there is a loss, customers would pay a surcharge, but only if that loss was not caused by non-regulated services.

It's not quite home but jail cook hopes to please

By KIRK MITCHELL
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — County prisoners who have been scattered across the state soon will come home to Erika Mumm's legendary cinnamon rolls.

"I am leaving here Tuesday morning," an anonymous jail inmate once wrote on a scrap of paper he left on his food tray. "I will miss your cinnamon rolls — you know I love them."

Twin Falls County's new jail will not only provide enough space for all the county's inmates, but it also includes \$80,000 in new kitchen equipment Mumm will use to work her culinary magic.

About the only difference between the new jail kitchen and a modern school kitchen will be that the knife cabinet will be locked, Mumm said.

Sheriff Jim Munn said Hays served excellent meals in the old jail with an inefficient hodgepodge of kitchen equipment.

"All they have is three old stoves in the old jail," Mumm said.

"It can only get better" when Mumm is able to use the new kitchen, the sheriff said.

Although jail meals are not extravagant, they are nutritious and tasty, he said. In a day, inmates will get a minimum of 2,500 calories, he said.

"The old days of bread and water are gone," he said.

Food plays an important role in keeping inmates satisfied, County Commissioner Jim Fraley said.

"Good food and a TV will keep prisoners pretty happy," he said. "It's the best baby sitters you could have."

Happy is what the majority of inmates have been since Mumm started cooking 11 years ago, Munn said.

Over the years, she has collected more than 100 complimentary letters from grateful inmates.

"Thanksgiving comes just once a year — a day a cook must dread. To have to cook for 30 cons makes you wish you'd stayed in bed," one poetic inmate wrote to her.

Such inspirational cuisine costs the county about \$70,000 a year, including food and salaries for preparing it, the sheriff said. The 8,166-square-foot kitchen, not counting equipment, accounted for about \$80,000 of the jail's \$3.4 million total cost, said jail architect Joe Conrad.

Mumm is excited about her new work area. Among the kitchen's luxuries are a walk-in refrigerator, a walk-in freezer, a toaster that takes bread as fast as you can feed it in, a meat slicer, a deep fat-fryer, a coffee maker and a cafeteria-sized dish washer.

"Everything is automatic," Mumm said.

"I guess every restaurant would like to have all this," Fraley said.

What pleases Mumm more than anything about the new kitchen are a convection steamer oven that cooks a 20-pound turkey in 30 minutes and a 30-gallon soup cooker that can also be used to prepare spaghetti and chili, she said.

Because of the new facilities, Mumm will be able to prepare some of her specialties that inmates have not yet tasted — such as lasagna and fresh-baked bread.

The first meal is scheduled to be served in the new jail on Feb. 15, Mumm said, and it will bring an instant increase in Mumm's clientele.

The county has about 30 of its prisoners in jails around the state because of a shortage of space at the

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Times-News photo MIKE SALSBURY

Erika Mumm looks forward to cooking specialties such as lasagna and bread in the fully equipped county jail kitchen

Fruitland mayor offers Glenns Ferry some advice

By THERESA CONSTANTINEAU
Times-News correspondent

GLENN'S FERRY — City officials here, business leaders and residents can boost the local economy by determining the strengths and weakness of the town, Fruitland Mayor Joe Wozniak told an audience Friday evening.

"Glenns Ferry can increase local business by studying the infrastructure of the town," Wozniak said at

the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet. "Decide your strong points and improve the weaknesses of the community."

Wozniak spoke for about 45 minutes on the efforts Fruitland made to attract business to the town and boost the local economy.

The community should compile a list of what Glenns Ferry already provides so it can discover what is needed, he said.

Such items as a proper power sys-

tem, the capacity of the waste-treatment system, telephone capabilities and basic city services are among factors to consider, Wozniak said.

Fruitland took these steps and also formed small committees that campaigned to bring businesses to the town, Wozniak said.

The effort resulted in attracting such businesses as Southwest Cannery, the production plant for Coca-Cola, the PBX Trucking Co. and the Fruitland West Cherry Processing

Co. The city improved its lagoon system, put in two new wells to increase the water supply, improved Highway 95 and published a brochure on Fruitland.

The city also worked to present a positive attitude and worked with city, state and local representatives.

Wozniak also said the city had difficulty obtaining loans within the state so it went to banks outside Idaho for financing.

Both sides optimistic about Bayhorse park

The Associated Press

CHALLIS — Although Umont Mining Vice President Dooley Wheeler and Idaho Parks and Recreation Department Director Yvonne Ferrell have a \$300,000 difference on the price, they're united in their optimism for developing the ghost town of Bayhorse into Idaho's Centennial Park.

"I'm optimistic that we'll get together on it," Wheeler said recently from his home in Utah. Wheeler is the general manager for Umont, a mining company based in Burlington, Vt.

The company owns the turn-of-the-century silver mining townsite, along with several inactive mining claims in the Bayhorse Mining District southwest of Challis.

A recent private appraisal of the property valued the 56-acre site at \$55,500 — \$34,500 short of Umont's price.

Although Wheeler says the mining firm is open to negotiations, the size of the discrepancy in the two figures has cast a shadow of doubt over the project's chances of success.

Ferrell said the Parks and Recreation Department remains committed to seeing Bayhorse preserved and developed as central Idaho's lone centennial park.

"The board's position is this is just the first step in a series of negotiations with the owners of Umont Mining," she said.

"I'm really optimistic. As long as we're talking to one another we can continue to explore ways to

come closer."

Wheeler said Umont isn't anxious to sell the townsite, but is sensitive to the importance of preserving it as a monument to mining's role in Idaho's birth.

"But we're not going to hurt ourselves and the mining in that area in the process," he said. "We have to be careful what we do to others who own property there, too."

He said the discrepancy between Umont's price and the appraisal value is due to the difference in value the property has to Umont for future mining development in the area versus its current status as a tumbledown ghost town surrounded by arid grazing land.

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If you have kids in school, check for head lice

By JENNIFER KAUTH
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — While the Filer School District nips a potential head lice problem in the bud, a health district official says now is the time when all parents should be checking their children for lice.

Kim Kvale, school nurse supervisor for the South Central District Health Department, said lice traditionally head indoors, mid-winter, and schools have traditionally been a prime arena for lice outbreaks.

Principal Beverly Lorange of Filer Elementary School said head lice have been found on 11 of the school's almost 400 pupils. All parents in the district have been mailed a letter alerting them to watch for signs of the itchy-inspiring critters.

"We do not have any epidemics," Kvale stressed. "It's just an annual nuisance."

Though Lorange conceded the 11 cases were enough to start a problem if not taken care of, she said controls are in place to prevent further spread of the head lice.

For instance, the kids store their coats and outdoor clothing in plastic bags or hang them on the backs of their chairs. And the kids are discouraged from trading hats or scarves when they go out for recess.

Kvale said children with lice are not allowed to return to school until they provide a note from the family physician or the packaging from one of the various medicated shampoo treat-

ments available.

Schools, especially elementary schools, are prone to lice outbreaks because hats and coats are piled on racks and shelves.

Lice do not jump and cannot fly, but they can walk.

"They walk from the red coat to the blue coat to the yellow coat," Kvale said.

She encouraged the use of plastic bags.

And she also encouraged parents to begin nightly grooming of each child's hair.

She said parents need to look for juvenile lice, known as nits. Nits are whitish in color, and the ones to worry about are those clinging to hair a quarter of an inch or less from the scalp. If the nits are further out from the scalp, it means the nit has been there for a while and won't mature.

"The female louse attaches her offspring to the hair shaft with a sticky substance. In a few days, she can produce as many as 80 nits."

Kvale described an adult louse as a brownish waxy creature about the size of a pin. If your child does have lice, Kvale said, it's time to call the family physician who can prescribe special medicated shampoo. Or over-the-counter shampoos can be purchased.

Kvale said all pillows and linens in the house must be washed, and furniture and carpeting have to be sprayed with a lice killer.

Pets, however, are not susceptible to the same lice that inhabit human scalps.

Gooding hospital finances looking stronger

By MIKEL BENTON
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — The financial condition of Gooding County Memorial Hospital improved last year, Administrator Mike Piper said.

Piper said financial records show the hospital ended the year with a deficit of about \$15,000, a marked improvement from the previous year's operating losses of \$130,000.

In addition, the hospital received nearly \$150,000 in tax monies from the county, half of what the hospital received the previous year.

Piper attributes the change in the hospital's financial health to a variety of factors.

"Probably the most important is the reduction of expenses we've been able to accomplish the last year," Piper said. A number of contracts, including the physical therapy and the emergency room physicians contracts, were renegotiated at a better rate for the hospital.

The hospital also began submitting radiology fees to Medicare, which it hadn't done in the past. "We've probably picked up maybe \$15,000, if not more," Piper said.

Patient accounts are also being managed more efficiently, Piper said. A recent report showed the bills were paid within an average of 67

days after they were mailed out, a turnaround Piper described as "fairly decent."

Three months after the hospital was turned over to a taxing district in October 1987, Lutheran Hospital and Homes Society Management Co. assumed its administration. Previously, HCA Walker Center provided maintenance, housekeeping and laundry services. HCA was also in charge of the business office.

HCA still provides services, such as dietary and laundry, but at a more favorable rate to the hospital. The operating contract with HCA and ourselves was changed substan-

tially," Piper said. Hospital Board Chairwoman Joyce Scanlon is enthusiastic about the chances of the hospital's becoming self-sufficient. "It's what we're going to do until June and how we're doing this year that matters," she told the board at its first meeting of the year.

The board is predicting an even better year for the hospital and is considering a number of plans to ensure success. Toward the beginning of March, the hospital will be able to offer CAT scanning services.

The equipment is owned by Shared Medical Services and will travel among Gooding, Jerome, Hailey and

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Great snow helps Sun Valley merchants

KETCHUM (AP) — Good snow at Sun Valley means good business in the Wood River Valley.

That age-old relationship continues to be true as abundant snowpack at Bald Mountain is attracting skiers in droves.

"All kinds of studies are showing that people follow the snow," said Wendy Jaquet, manager of the Ketchum-Sun Valley Chamber of Commerce. Bookings were slower at the beginning of the year because people were leery of the snow conditions, she said.

"But when they heard we had good snow, the phones really started ringing."

The East doesn't have good snow this year. We're picking up their calls, and we're getting a lot of people in from California," she said.

After sneaking by with slim snowpack the previous two winters, skier counts at Bald Mountain this year are up 30 percent compared with 1987-88, Jaquet said. Sales tax revenue in Ketchum and Sun Valley are up 16 percent.

Sun Valley has its sights set on recording 450,000 skier visits this year, which would be a 42 percent jump over last season. The area's all-time record is 475,000 visits in the winter of 1961-62.

"It's pretty evident that when you have a lot of snow, it affects the economy in a positive way," said Chuck Webb, assistant general manager of Sun Valley Ski Co.

The bookings are strong, and skier counts are good. It looks like we'll come through the winter with an exceptional year.

Early plentiful snow, a strong marketing effort and three new, extremely fast four-person chairlifts are contributing to the interest in Sun Valley this year, officials said.

And the good winter is coming on the heels of one of the most lucrative summer seasons in the Wood River

Valley's history.

Campers and tourists who got smoked out of Yellowstone National Park by forest fires took a side trip to the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Sun Valley last summer. Forest visits set a record, some 25 percent above the previous mark.

But despite the good summer season, Darren Rhinehart, manager of The Hot Box, said merchants make more money from winter visitors.

"The Christmas and winter tourist is definitely a different animal," Rhinehart said. "Skiers come expecting to spend a lot of money, and they have a lot of money to spend."

Briefly

Burned boy now in stable condition

BURLY — A 10-year-old Malta boy was still listed in stable condition Monday evening following an accident last week.

Jason Hurd was taken to University of Utah Medical Center with burns over about 20 percent of his body. He was taken to the hospital's burn unit after a car accident Friday on U.S. Interstate 84's Sweetzer Summit, about 48 miles south of Burley.

The boy's mother, Judith, 53, has been discharged from Cassia Memorial.

"She lost control of the car in the middle of a curve, police said, throwing her son, who was not wearing a seat belt, from the vehicle and rolling the car."

The boy was burned by the car's muffler when it rolled on top of him.

Officers arrest man on drug charge

PAUL — Minidoka County sheriff's deputies and reserve deputies arrested a Paul woman early Saturday morning on a drug charge.

Sharon Day Kempton, 40, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance. She posted \$10,000 bond and was released.

Authorities allege they found 1.5 ounces of cocaine, valued at \$3,000-\$4,000, an amount of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and at least \$1,000 in cash when they entered Kempton's residence with a search warrant.

The arrest came after a two-month investigation that began with information from a paid informant, Minidoka Sheriff Ray Jarvis said. About eight reserve deputies, under the direction of Sgt. Tim Hatcher, played a vital role in the case, Jarvis said.

"We cannot spend that much time sitting on surveillance and whatnot," Jarvis said, referring to the department's full-time staff.

Search-and-rescue units get \$2200 reward

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — More than \$2,200 has been given to three eastern Idaho search-and-rescue units for their efforts in rescuing five snowmobilers lost near the Bonnaville-Bingham county line earlier this month.

Five Bannock County residents spent three nights on Sheep Mountain during a blizzard before the weather cleared. None were injured.



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Officials test nuclear waste storage container

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Engineers and technicians have done their worst to a battered container for hauling nuclear waste. In the next two weeks, they'll find out if the designers did their best.

The 9½-ton container, called TRUPACT-2, was suspended over a pool of flaming jet fuel Monday in the final in a series of tests.

Jim Tollison, manager of waste transportation programs for the U.S. Department of Energy, said the container will be cooled down, then will be taken apart layer by layer and checked for leaks over the next 2 to 2½ weeks.

Results will be sent to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which could decide as early as the end of April whether to certify the container to carry radioactive waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad, Tollison said.

"You're not going to have a problem with this package going through your community, even if you do have an accident," Tollison said.

Although he expressed confidence in the design, he cautioned that until it can be taken apart, engineers cannot say for certain that the design worked as planned, keeping anything from leaking.

The waste — such things as tools or gloves contaminated by plutonium at defense plants around the country — must be isolated from the environment for tens of thousands of years, and WIPP is designed to do that. The DOE repository lies in caverns excavated in salt beds 2,150 feet below the surface of the southeastern New Mexico desert.

The test used in Monday's test already had been dropped three times at different angles from 30 feet onto an unyielding concrete pad. It also

had been dropped six times onto a blunt steel rod, which in two of the tests punctured the outer skin into a layer of insulating foam.

The burn test subjected the cask to temperatures of around 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit.

Tollison said tests are more severe than what might happen in a real accident.

"This can't happen in nature," he said. "But if this works, we've reached the outer limits of what we could ever experience in an accident."

"It's cut and dried. If you pass the test, you get certified," he said. Wind remained calm for the burn test, conducted at a Sandia National Laboratories' site in the Manzano Mountains east of Albuquerque.

The container was engulfed in flames for most of the 34-minute burn as flames shot 250 feet into the air and a rolling plume of smoke

rose four times that high, mushrooming out and putting the surrounding hills in shadow.

Tollison said temperatures in the seal area of the container reached around 130 degrees Fahrenheit while the fuel burned. However, because of what is called thermal lag, temperatures continued to rise inside the cask for several hours afterward before dropping.

The design is a vessel within a vessel. Waste would be put into 55-gallon drums, with 14 drums packaged in a sealed stainless steel cask. That cask would be put into another, slightly larger one which also would be sealed and then surrounded by an outer skin of insulating foam and an outer skin.

The container used in this month's tests is the third TRUPACT-2 unit to undergo the series. Officials said the design had been slightly modified.

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Rupert, as required. The hospital will pay you on a per use basis.

"We don't have much investment, and that's what makes it so nice," Piper said.

The mobile unit will also save the hospital some money. Currently, patients needing CAT scans must be taken-by-ambulance-to-Twin Falls. Having the equipment come to the hospital will prove less of an expense.

Jail

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fourth-floor jail in the courthouse, the sheriff said. The new jail will have room for 141 inmates, which means Mumm will try to cook for as many as 111 more inmates than she has been accustomed to.

"She'll have help from some jail inmates, and if it still proves to be too much work, the county will enlist the aid of state prisoners trained to cook," Mumm said.

Mumm said she has no illusions that every inmate will enjoy her cooking.

"I've raised five kids and I didn't please them all the time," she said.

Along with the notes of praise, she has saved the few uncomplimentary letters sent to her over the years.

"For the time I've been here I've lost 22 pounds, but that's OK," said an anonymous inmate. "I was far too fat anyway."



FACE THE MUSIC

To demonstrate the effect that noise can have upon hearing, one researcher brought six chinchillas to a discolleague. "These little creatures have a hearing sensitivity that is close to that of humans. All of the animals were placed within two yards of loudspeakers that produced music in excess of 110 decibels. After two hours of this type of exposure, each of the chinchillas experienced ear damage. In human terms, the price paid for listening to loud music was demonstrated by another study. Severely disc jockeys in a discotheque were examined for ear damage. All were under the age of thirty-five, and more than twenty of them had significant hearing loss. At their age, less than one percent should have had that kind of damage."

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Ghost

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Wheeler said the townsfolk often the best location for a base of operation for future mineral development in the narrow, steep canyon. He said Umont is reluctant to thwart future development of the area — by itself or others — through shortsighted generosity.

"I think something can be worked out," he said. "But there are things more important to us than price to consider."

Wheeler said what may be the nation's richest fluorapatite deposit lies adjacent to the townsfolk and is

owned by Inspiration Mining Co. Numerous other deposits of lead, zinc, copper, silver and traces of gold are scattered up and down the rugged canyon.

He said Umont has plans to invest up to \$1 million over the next decade in exploration of its Ramhorn Mine, thought to contain significant deposits of copper, zinc and lead.

"Barthorse has no value to us as a ghost town," Wheeler said. "I'd hate to see it disappear, but it's very expensive to maintain. If we were to use it as a base of operations, either for our mine or to do custom milling

for others, we'd have to tear it down and start over."

Ideally, Wheeler said he'd like to see the past co-exist with the future at Barthorse, for a well-rounded interpretation of mining's role in the state.

"This is a good opportunity if we can work it out," he said, "where the state will get what they want and there'll be state-of-the-art mining right next door. Then visitors could go from an historic ghost mining town to modern-day mining all in one trip."

Obituaries



Melvin F. Opplinger

TWIN FALLS — Melvin F. Opplinger, 70, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 29, 1989, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

He was born May 6, 1918, in Immanuel, Kan., the son of Fred and Lena Wolting Opplinger. He moved to Twin Falls at the age of 4 and lived in Twin Falls since then. He married Bernice Schulte Aug. 24, 1940, in Twin Falls. Opplinger farmed until 1962 and then worked for KMYT in advertising sales for 12 years. He then worked in real estate for about 10 years.

He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Layman's League. He was past chairman of the Idaho Boy Scout Commission, past member of Idaho Farm Bureau and of the Kiwanis Club.

Surviving are his wife of Twin Falls; two sons, Melvin Eugene Opplinger of Springfield, Ore., and Gary L. Opplinger of West Minister,

Colo.; one daughter, Rhonda L. Pavonis of Las Vegas, Nev.; six grandchildren; and three sisters, Rosella Walton of Chatterland, Ohio; Dorlene Probasco of Ashton and Frances Morgan of Blandford, Bay Fla. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Immanuel Lutheran Church with the Rev. Lawrence Vedder officiating. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary. The family suggests memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

James H. Anderson

FILER — James Howard Anderson, 71, of Boise and formerly of Filer, died Friday Jan. 27, 1989, of natural causes at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Anderson was born Sept. 18, 1917, in Indian Valley. He grew up in Boise and graduated from Boise High School. He then graduated from Boise Junior College and attended the University of Idaho for one year. He married Evelyn Davis June 24, 1942, in Filer. He served in the Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1946 and he went to work at the Bureau of Reclamation in 1946 and worked there for 30 years. He had lived in Burley and Montrose, Colo. After retiring from the bureau he moved to Filer and lived there until moving to Boise in 1986.

He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Surviving are three sons, David Anderson of Bonners Ferry, Mark Anderson of Basking Ridge, N.J., and Jim Anderson of North Lawrence, Ohio; two sisters, Laura Moody and Bernice Maxwell, both of Boise, and three grandchildren. He

was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn, a brother, Amos, and two sisters, Erma DeMeyer and Lola Weaver.

Memorials can be made to the Filer Public Library or to the Filer United Methodist Church.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. today at the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Home in Boise with the Rev. D. Scott Allen of United First Methodist Church of Boise officiating. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. at the Filer Cemetery with the Rev. Lloyd Greathouse of the United Methodist Church in Filer officiating.

Frances Schlueter

BUIH — Frances Schlueter, 74, of Buih, died Monday, Jan. 30, 1989, at her daughter's home of a sudden illness.

Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel.

Christine Pavlovich

GOODING — Christine Pavlovich, 80, of Gooding, died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1989, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. She was born May 15, 1909, in Parsons, Kan., the daughter of Irvin and Lucy Mac Garrett. She moved to Idaho in 1977 and worked at the Buhl Senior Citizens Center for several years. She married Harold Riley in Elko, Nev., March 5, 1984, and they resided in Gooding. He died in 1985. She married Tony Pavlovich in 1988 and they were later divorced.

She was a member of the Gooding Senior Citizens Center.

Surviving are two sisters. A graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Elmhurst Cemetery in Gooding. Friends may call at Demary's Gooding Chapel today from 1-5 p.m.

Jasper Beem, 83, of Buih, who died Friday, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Farmer Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Joe Palat officiating. Cremation was under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel.

BUIH — A memorial service for

Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

and Mrs. Kenneth Wilson of Gooding; Mrs. Harold Garrison and Julian Smith, both of Twin Falls.

Released

Maria Aguilar and Lisa Mortenson, both of Jerome; Ricky Chavez, Joshua Malberg, Mrs. Richard Merkle and daughter Estia Fay Merkle, Ellen Newman and Fred Resch, all of Twin Falls; Mrs. Max Krone of Heyburn; Arvid Hanslow of Burley; Mrs. Dallas Dargatz and daughter

of Jackpot, Nev.; Dale Metzger of Kimberly, and Justin Stroud of Bliss.

Births

A son to Shelle Phoenix of Twin Falls.

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Newell Fisher, Christine Higley and Bradley German, all of Burley; and John Catill of Malta.

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ISU low-pay employees complain to panel

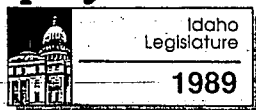
BOISE (AP) — A disgruntled Idaho State University staff member says bottom-level ISU employees such as custodians and secretaries are tired of being passed over for salary increases.

Janyce Paulsen, ISU communications-theater office coordinator, said she believes ISU has money for increasing salaries of low-pay workers, but the priority is faculty, "and they're putting every penny there."

Ms. Paulsen said five years sometimes passes before employees receive their first raise. She testified before a joint committee reviewing state salaries. Although she was listed as representing the Idaho Public Employees Association, she said she spoke as an ISU staff member.

The 12-member committee in employee compensation subcommittee includes representatives Patty McDermott, D-Pocatello; Brown Ruffin, R-American Falls; and L. Ed Brown, R-Pocatello, who is co-chairman.

"It seems to verify input I have received from



other classified employees at ISU," said Brown. "I would encourage the university to review its personnel policy and lines of communication."

While the complaints concern ISU President Richard Bowen, they come as no surprise. Bowen said in a telephone interview Monday he has worked to solve salary equity problems since he took over in 1985.

"I stress that every president (of an Idaho university) has been talking strongly about the need for addressing classified salaries" in fiscal 1990, he said. "We hope to see every deserving classified employee receive a pay raise."

He can't be sure who will receive increases,

however, until the Legislature approves funding. Lawmakers traditionally allocate a lump sum to the state Board of Education for ISU, Boise State University, University of Idaho and Lewis-Clark State College. The board then divides the amount among the schools, earmarking money for specific areas — such as salary increases.

Bowen said in three of the past four years ISU has offered more money for increases than the state Board recommended. Ms. Paulsen, however, says the increases bypass low-wage classified employees for mid-level and top-level workers.

She contends that classified employees work hard to make sure ISU receives grants and, for example, remains attractive to the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory.

"Classified employees do not receive any of the money from these programs," she said in a prepared statement. "It is used for faculty enhancement, buildings, redecorating, deans' offices, equipment, and who knows what else."

Child support guidelines help

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Supreme Court is trying to take the guesswork out of one of judges' toughest problems: How much to award in divorce actions for child support.

The court on Monday released an order adopting new guidelines. They stem from the recommendations of a study committee, with revisions by the court.

The guidelines go into effect April 1 and from that date, judges will use forms to help determine how much each parent should pay toward child support.

The new guidelines acknowledge that there are diverse needs and resources in individual cases. But the guideline should produce "a more equitable and more uniform approach

in setting parental obligations, the court said.

The guidelines are just that, guidelines, the court said, and will be used as an aid in evaluating individual cases.

"Both parents share legal responsibility for supporting their child," the guidelines say. "That legal responsibility should be divided in proportion to their economic resources, whether they be separated, divorced, remarried or never married."

In any proceeding, the guidelines say, child support should receive priority over the needs of parents or creditors in allocating family resources.

And support shall be determined without regard to the gender of the custodial parent, the guidelines said.

Feds charge 4 for setting North Fork fire

BOISE (AP) — The U.S. Attorney's office in Boise has filed a notice of violation against four men following a Forest Service investigation into Idaho's North Fork fire that raged east into Yellowstone National Park and ultimately blackened 120,000 acres of forest.

The notice of violation of federal regulations was filed Monday against Roy Momerak, Herbert V. Butler, Nathan Wright and Leland J. Owens, U.S. Attorney for Idaho Maurice Ellsworth said. No addresses were mentioned, Ellsworth said.

The men were charged with know-

ingly throwing or placing a lighted substance — a lighter cigarette — in dry grass or timber on July 22, 1988, as well as not disposing of garbage at the site, Ellsworth said.

The charges stemmed from a Forest Service investigation of the North Fork fire, he said. Chuck Sorenson, administrator for the Targhee National Forest in Idaho, said last summer that the fire had been started by woodcutters with a lighter cigarette.

The fire began in a lighted cigarette, about one-quarter mile west of the park. It moved eastward and threatened the Old Faithful area,

Canyon Village and the town of West Yellowstone before being contained in late September.

A dozen wildfires in Yellowstone last summer charred about 1 million acres and choked the area with smoke until November.

Park policy calls for allowing lightning-caused fires to burn naturally, not man-caused fires such as the North Fork. Last summer, Interior Secretary Donald Hodel said that an exception had been made in the early stages, it met the "prescribed burn" criteria laid out in the

park's fire plan.

The next step is for the four to appear in U.S. Magistrate Court. No date had been set Monday evening, Ellsworth said.

The men are not charged with setting the fire, Ellsworth said.

"They're charged with throwing cigarettes and not disposing of garbage," he said. "The evidence we present will flesh out the facts."

The maximum penalty for the violations is \$500 and or six months in jail, he said.

Continental jury still out UI presidency finalist visits Moscow

DENVER (AP) — A federal jury deliberated a third day Monday without reaching a verdict in a lawsuit accusing Continental Airlines of negligence in the Nov. 15, 1987, crash of Flight 1713 in Denver.

The lawsuit was filed by survivor Karen Johnson, of Boise, Idaho, one of 54 people who survived the crash, which killed 28 others. The case went to the jury on Friday after closing arguments in Denver U.S. District Judge Sherman Finesilver's court.

The panel deliberated for several hours Saturday, took the day off Sunday and returned Monday morning. The jurors quit for the day about 5 p.m. without reaching a verdict.

The decision in this case will serve as a model for more than 25 other lawsuits by survivors and relatives of those who died in the crash. Rather than argue the negligence question in each of those cases, attorneys will use testimony in the Johnson case and simply debate the issue of damages.

Nearly 60 witnesses testified over three weeks in the lawsuit brought by Karen Johnson and her husband, Bob Cook. Johnson suffered some permanent nerve damage and lost an eye in the accident. Cook is suing for loss of consortium.

Their attorneys asked the jury for damages in the millions of dollars for physical and emotional pain they say Johnson suffered, and for projected lost income for the rest of her life.

Continental's lawyers say the air-

line should pay no more than \$400,000 in compensatory damages and no punitive damages.

John Breit, attorney for Johnson, said Continental relaxed its pilot-training requirements and short-changed its de-icing procedures to pay for market expansion and advertising.

Continental has admitted partial responsibility for the crash, but says it also believes the Federal Aviation Administration is to blame. The airline said air traffic controllers caused a delay in Flight 1713's take-off during a snowstorm on the day of the crash.

Bob Harris, Continental's attorney, said mistakes made by the crew of Flight 1713 violated airline policy and did not constitute neglect by the airline.

MOSCOW (AP) — The first of four finalists for the presidency of the University of Idaho has come to the Moscow campus for a series of meetings prior to the Board of Education's selection in mid-February.

David P. Anderson, 54, dean of the College of Veterinary Science at the University of Georgia, was in the midst of a two-day visit to the campus on Monday, meeting with community, student and administration leaders including retiring President Richard Gibb.

The other three finalists will also make similar visits in the next two weeks. Elisabeth Zinser, 48, vice chancellor of academic affairs at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, will be in Moscow Feb. 7 and 8.

Robert Furgason, 53, vice chancellor of academic affairs at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and a former UI administrator, will be on campus Feb. 13.

Ryan Amacher, 43, dean of the College of Commerce and Industry at Clemson, will make his tour Feb. 14 and 15.

On Feb. 15, Idaho Board of Education members Roberta Fields of New Meadows and Colleen Mahoney of Lewiston will be in Moscow to gather comments from the public on the candidates, and the board will meet the following two days in Boise for final closed-door interviews with each candidate before announcing Gibb's successor.

Gibb, 60, will retire from the presidency to return to teaching on June 30.

Phoenix wants Mother Teresa to reschedule

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona's light funding for shelters and mental health care has forced the homeless here to live in conditions which rival those of India for squalor, officials of the Roman Catholic Phoenix Diocese said Monday.

That, plus the persistence of Bishop Thomas J. O'Brien, helped move Phoenix up to first on a list of cities asking Mother Teresa to visit, they said.

"The work is to be done among those with chronic mental health problems, AIDS victims, and the homeless in general," said the Rev. Dale Fushak, the diocesan vicar for worship. "It (the visit) was mostly due to persistence on the part of Bishop O'Brien and his concern for the poor."

The recipient of the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize, Mother Teresa was to fly from Tijuana, Mexico, to San Francisco on Tuesday and then to Phoenix early Wednesday, he said.

During a two-day visit, the 78-year-old "living saint" will preside over the opening of the 16th U.S. foundation of her Missionaries of Charity, attend several religious meetings, and speak at a public meeting scheduled Thursday night in Veterans Memorial Coliseum, Fushak told a press conference.

"That's the schedule, but Mother Teresa is very spontaneous in what she does. She may see a poor person and just wander off," he said.

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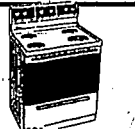
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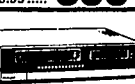
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Canadian forces quit maneuver after Alaska cargo plane crash

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — Canada pulled out of joint cold-weather military exercises Monday, the morning after eight soldiers were killed in the crash of a C-130 transport plane trying to land in icy fog at 50 degrees below zero.

The four-engine Hercules was carrying eight crewmen and 10 paratroopers from Edmonton, Alberta, to participate in Brim Frost '89 when it crashed Sunday night at the end of the runway at Fort Wainwright, said U.S. Army Maj. Sherrell Mock.

Three men were in serious condition, one was listed as stable and six others were being held for observation at the base's Bartlett Army Community Hospital, Mock said Monday.

"We don't know if the cold weather had anything to do with it," Mock said. "Teams are out there right now, going through the wreckage."

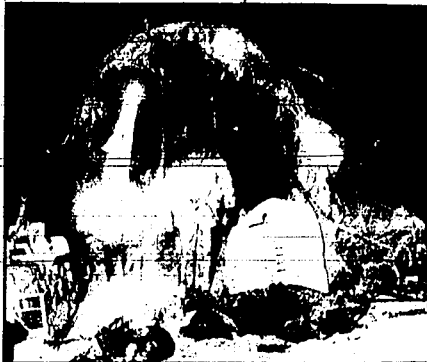
The investigation is still in its early stages. They're wondering if it was the weather or something mechanical.

A 450-man Canadian paratroop force was to support the U.S. Army's 1st Brigade, 8th Infantry Division (Light), in a major land battle that was the centerpiece of the Brim Frost ground exercises near Fairbanks.

But after the crash, Canadian officials canceled their forces' participation and recalled their remaining aircraft and soldiers, Mock said.

"They canceled because of the equipment they lost (in the crash)," Mock said. "The aircraft was bringing in equipment ranging from snow machines to cold weather gear."

Military planners call Brim Frost, the premier cold weather training exercise in the free world. But temperatures plunging to more than 60



Rescue workers sort through tail section of crashed C-130

below zero during the past two weeks have been too much of a test. The bitter cold has caused metal fatigue and rubber fatigue in trucks and aircraft, stalling equipment and generally slowing maneuvers, Mock said.

"But we've been able to land aircraft," he said. "Another Canadian C-130 had landed an hour earlier," he said. "The third aircraft in the flight was diverted to the Fairbanks airport because the runway was blocked."

The plane's last contact with the control tower was at 6:47 p.m. There were no distress calls from the crew before the crash, Mock said. There was no explosion or fire after the plane broke in two and skidded to a halt about a quarter-mile down the runway, he said.

They were able to get into the air-

craft as soon as the emergency vehicles began arriving," Mock said. "With that type of crash, with the fuselage burst, you have a problem with cold weather. But to my knowledge, none of the injuries was due to the cold."

Six victims were dead on arrival at the Army hospital and two others died later, he said.

About 26,000 servicemen, 120 aircraft and 1,000 vehicles from the U.S. Army, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard, Civil Air Patrol, reserve units and Canadian Forces were participating in the arctic training exercise. The \$15-million exercise began Jan. 20 and is to continue through Feb. 1.

Lockheed C-130s, which have a wingspan of more than 130 feet, are military workhorses used to transport soldiers and equipment.

Generosity helps build Idaho school

DAYTON (AP) — The West Side School District is relying on the hard work and generosity of local residents to build a badly needed elementary school.

The new eastern Idaho school is the result of an unorthodox district-wide fund-raising effort that had folks pledging...time...money and whatever else they could to get the project off the ground.

Melvin Beutler, district superintendent, is even offering dinner to prospective donors who would like a grand tour.

"I can't wine 'em, but I'll be glad to dine 'em," he said. "We are going to have to rely on donations from everywhere to get the last little bit of money we need to finish our dream."

The dream began in 1978 when the Weston grade school closed for building-code violations. This meant about 150 elementary students had to be "temporarily" placed at West Side High School.

Another 150 are attending the Clifton Elementary School.

Residents of Clifton, Weston, Dayton and Oxford wanted to keep their district together, but a bond to fund a new school was rejected.

"The farmers would have been footing the bill with property tax," Beutler said. "You can't expect people to pay more taxes when they are already about to lose the farm, so we came up with an alternate plan."

The district ran a \$300,000 bond — half the money needed to fund the new school. It also promised not to raise taxes if it passed, as well as vowing not to use the funds until another \$300,000 was raised to match it, Beutler said.

With a little more and a bit more there, the total matching money finally hit about \$200,000. In a stroke of good fortune, E.L. "Bud" Ellwell of Preston donated 1,000 shares of American Stores Inc. stock in memory of his wife. That stock is now worth about \$90,000.

The extra funds could not have come at a better time because the State Board of Education last Tuesday dropped accreditation for the Dayton and Clifton elementary schools due to crowding.

There is still about \$40,000 to go, but residents are hoping for one more miracle.

"This has been a lot of darn hard work," Beutler said. "It is a novel way to build a school, but it will all be worth it if it has brought the district together and unified it."

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Driving together doesn't add to a marriage

When the subject is how to keep a marriage intact, I always say: "Don't drive with the other person. It's that simple. Everything else takes care of itself."

I didn't get this from Ann Landers, either. It's my own philosophy based on the careful observation that the moment a husband and wife get in the car, one of them feels compelled to tell the other how to drive.

This in turn leads to harsh words and even, in extreme cases, to the retaining of attorneys and short stays by one spouse or the other in a Holiday Inn.

This occurred to me again when I jumped in the car to go to the mall, and she promptly announced she was going with me.

I said: "Can't you take a taxi?"

But she said, no, it was too expensive.

And I said: "Here's 20 bucks, tell

Perspectives

Kevin Cowherd

"We had a dandy one over the use of turn signals. I will not get into it here, but it could have been the premise for a 'Murder, She Wrote' episode, where the husband strangles the wife over some quirky habit of hers that drives him up the wall, but which she never even thought he noticed."

the cab driver to take you for a nice long ride," but she wouldn't do it. So I let her in the car, although not without considerable reservation.

To me, it was sort of like agreeing to drive with five sticks of dynamite in the front seat.

You know it's going to go off, you just don't know when.

I say this because my wife and I have some of our best fights in the car.

We had a dandy one over the use of turn signals. I will not get into it here, but it could have been the premise for a "Murder, She Wrote" episode, where the husband strangles the wife over some quirky habit of hers that drives him up the wall, but which she never even thought he noticed.

So sure enough, we were not on the highway five minutes when she said: "You're driving too fast."

I let it slide by the first time. It was early in the morning and I had no great desire to mix it up just yet. You know how it is. You wake up nice and peaceful, the last thing you need is the "Thrilla in Manila" in a Subaru, with fellow motorists staring at you and silently thinking: Those are the nuts they should keep off the roads.

But then about two minutes later, she said it again: "You're driving too fast."

Off in the distance, you could almost hear the bell for Round 1.

I said: "Do me a favor, OK? Don't tell me how to drive."

And she said: "You were doing 65 when we passed that truck."

And I said: "Who are you, the state police? I don't see a badge on that dress."

This is how it went, back and forth, back and forth. She got in a couple of nice jabs about how they were holding the Daytona 500 in Florida this year, and offered to point out where Florida was on a map.

But I threw a nice uppercut about how I've seen bulldozers going in reverse that drive faster than she does.

I didn't throw my knock-out punch, though.

I could have said: "You know why I drive so fast? So we get where



Closer look

A pygmy lorikeet hangs on Southeast Asia, were re-tight to his keeper at the recently acquired by the zoo Philadelphia Zoo. Two of the animals, native to the from the Skansen Aquarium in Sweden.

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Wife goes on strike against husband

The Associated Press

EUGENE, Ore. — A secretary demanding higher wages has gone on strike against her boss after she failed to convince him she was worth more money for the work she does, like filling in for him when he's out playing golf.

Larac Pluid is unlikely to lose her job, however, because her boss is her husband, Arnold.

"I waited until after he had his coffee and was in a good mood," Pluid said. "I told him I wanted a raise or I was going to go on strike. After he told me I couldn't have one, I went home and quickly made my picket sign."

She returned to the office and hit the sidewalk, orange sign in hand.

"Unfair-pay-no-work-today," it said on one side of the sign. "This is P.O.O.P.," it also said, an acronym Pluid claims stands for "person overlooked on promotion."

Pluid said she's serious about improving her salary of \$800 a month as secretary for her husband's

one-man — and one-woman — insurance agency. She said she handles customers' accident reports, does the daily receipts, photographs clients' property, often works weekends and generally fills in when her husband is out.

Pluid said she's been told that people with similar qualifications and responsibilities earn \$2,000 to \$3,000 a month at other insurance offices. On Thursday, she asked for a \$500 per month raise.

She said she tried to convince her husband of 12 years that it would be to their advantage to pay her more money and officially put her on the agency payroll, rather than giving her what now amounts to an "allowance."

"It's just a matter of principle," Pluid said. "The agency has been growing but my paycheck hasn't been growing."

Her husband, however, said he offered her a \$125 per month raise but she insisted on \$500.

"I told her no," he said in a phone interview from the Springfield Country Club. "We're going to have to get a third-party negotiator."

Police arrest 4 participants in Purdue University 'Nude Olympics'

The Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Campus police arrested four people who ran nude around a Purdue University quadrangle in the annual "Nude Olympics."

Two spectators in the crowd of 1,000 at Cary Quadrangle also were arrested on suspicion of public intoxication and resisting law enforcement, police said.

The names of the four strikers, who were released after being arrested early Sunday on suspicion of public indecency, were not released, but Sgt. George Bitles said if any were students they would face disciplinary action from the university.

Purdue President Steven C. Bearing banned the race in 1985, citing health hazards.

Law protects VDT users from harmful exposure

The Associated Press

HAUPPAUGE, N.Y. — A law requiring rest breaks and special training for many workers using video display terminals went into effect today in a Long Island county despite a legal challenge.

Suffolk County health officials, who will enforce the law, estimated that it applies to 8,500 VDT users in 150 to 200 businesses.

The measure is believed to be the first VDT-regulating law enacted by a local government.

A state Supreme Court judge is expected to rule within the next two weeks on a challenge to the measure brought by four businesses.

The judge has already granted the four businesses a preliminary injunction blocking a section of the law that would have required employers to pay 80 percent of the cost of eye examinations and glasses for VDT operators.

Suffolk County's 18-member legislature approved the law in June over the objections of County Executive Patrick Halpin, who said it would hurt businesses and was of questionable value to VDT operators.

The measure applies to operators who spend more than 24 hours a week in front of a screen in a private workplace with 20 or more terminals.

Beginning today, those workers must be given a 15-minute break or alternate work assignment every three hours.

The employers also must notify VDT operators of health hazards, including eye strain and nervous disorders, which may result from prolonged use of VDTs, and must schedule training in recognizing symptoms and taking protective steps.

The law does not include fines for violations, but health officials can file civil charges to force compliance.

Maids of honor

They turn in \$65,000 but get no thanks

The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Two hotel maids who returned \$65,000 in cash they found in a shoe box on New Year's Eve got not so much as a thank-you.

But Cathy Dean and Paula Vaughan say they had no second thoughts about giving up the money they found Saturday while cleaning a suite at the Residence Inn.

"It makes you feel good, like the glow you get after you give birth to a baby," said Ms. Vaughan.

"I was stunned," said Ms. Dean. "I about passed out. I held onto it real

tight as we took it back to the front desk."

A woman who had checked out earlier in the day returned Saturday evening to claim the money, said hotel general manager Linda Canina. She refused to identify the woman.

Police had said hotel officials did not question the guest about why she carried so much money.

Police had no plans to investigate either, said Detective Sgt. Harold Moore.

"It's the lady's money as far as we know," Moore said Monday. "She could have said a house and been taking the money to a bank."

Conscience-stricken borrower returns \$100 to library fund

The Associated Press

FARMINGTON, Utah — The letter relieved the penitent sonder's guilty conscience. It also urged the recipient to be honest.

"The enclosed \$100 is to be used to purchase film strips for the Davis County Library," said the letter, typed without erasure on plain white paper.

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NEW FILM STRIPS," it continued.

"The person opening this letter had better not take it, for their own use!!!!!!!" the note said.

"You will never know the sacrifice and struggle that has gone into supplying you with this \$100 today," explained the letter, which wrapped two new \$50 bills.

"Please... IT MUST BE USED TO BUY NEW FILM STRIPS FOR THE Davis County Library!!!!!!!"

"Thank You. I am trusting you will put the money to the use I have specified!!!!!!!"

The letter was unsigned.

University seeks fast food professor

The Associated Press

PULLMAN, Wash. — Somewhere out there is a renowned scholar who knows a Big Mac from a Whopper.

That, at least, is what Washington State University is counting on. The school announced Thursday it is establishing a distinguished professorship of fast food service.

The post in the school's Hotel and Restaurant Management program was made possible by a \$250,000 en-

dowment from Taco Bell Corp. and a matching grant from the state.

HRA director Terry Umbreit said the university is looking for someone who can help build Washington State into the nation's leading fast food educational institution.

While that may give rise to jokes about classes like French Fries 101 or Special Sauce for the Non-Major, it's serious stuff to William R. Bensyl, Taco Bell vice president for human resources.



Cold tubbing

With temperatures plunging to 50 below, residents enjoy a frosty splash in an outdoor in Fairbanks, Alaska, a group of local door hot tub.

AP Laserphoto

Barbie turns 30; still cornerstone of Mattel

By DENISE GELLENE
Los Angeles Times

Barbie, the ageless teen-ager, is 30.

She has changed a good deal since she first appeared in a snug zebra stripes swimsuit in 1959. Now a woman of the 1980s, she drives a sleek red Ferrari and lives in a posh brick townhouse. She has traded her high school letter sweater and megaphone for a business suit and tiny credit cards.

It seems that Barbie has grown up along with the "baby boomers" of the 1950s. A prom queen no more, Barbie is now a classic Type A superachiever: an astronaut-turned-surgeon and a former Olympic gold medalist who still finds time for her boyfriend, Ken.

But age has not slowed her down. Last year was Barbie's best ever. Mattel, based in Hawthorne, Calif., sold a whopping 20 million Barbies and her teen-age friends at about \$10 apiece. There were Jewel Secret Barbies, Perfume Pretty Barbies, Super Hair Barbies; not to mention companions such as California Dream Midge and Island Fun Miko.

With her staggering collection of clothes, accessories, friends, Bar-

Yes, Barbie and Ken are real people

By DENISE GELLENE
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — The Barbie doll may lead an enchanted life, but the "real" Barbie says she wants no part of it.

Barbara Handler Segal asserts that she is nothing like the 11 1/2-inch teen-ager that was named for her 30 years ago and doesn't want to be. Oh sure, Barbie Handler liked the beach and had lots of friends, but so did, and do, many Los Angeles teen-agers.

"If the doll is like me, it is totally coincidental," says Segal, now 47 and a divorced mother of two, who says she has been trying to shake her Barbie doll image practically since the day her mother created the toy in 1959.

Three years later, her brother Ken's name was added to Mattel's roster, and Ken — now a New York real estate investor — also says he's nothing like his namesake. "Ken doll is Malibu," he says. "He goes to the beach and surfs. He is all these perfect American things." But when Ken was at Hamilton High School in Los Angeles, he "played the piano and went to movies with subtitles." Looking back, he says, "I was a nerd — a real nerd. All the girls thought I was a jerk."

The Handler children have long avoided the spotlight, but last week both agreed to speak briefly by telephone about growing up as well, Barbie and Ken.

"I'm tired of being Barbie doll," says Segal, who was a 16-year-old sophomore at Hamilton High School when her mother, a founder of toy company giant Mattel Inc. created Barbie. As a teen-ager, says Barbara Segal, she didn't want to have "the best clothes or drive the best cars" that are showcased on the Barbie doll.

Segal is grateful to her namesake for bankrolling a leisurely lifestyle that includes a lot of golf and tennis. But she is tired of being type-cast as the "real" Barbie doll. People inevitably hail her as the first Barbie. "I used to walk away," says Barbie. Now she says she just swallows hard, and smiles.

The Barbie doll never took up residence at Segal's home, either in her own generation or her daughter's. Segal was too old for dolls by the time it hit the market, and her daughter, Cheryl, liked outdoors games and never played much with dolls. "It sounds silly, I know," says Barbie. "But I am really not very well acquainted with Barbie doll at all."

Ken, now 44, balding, and married with three chil-

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tion's most enduring toys. In 1988, Barbie was the second best-selling toy in America, behind the Nintendo video game system, according to Toy

between ages four and 10 own a Barbie, according to statistics from Mattel. And some little girls own a dozen or more.

3 1/2 times. Mattel figures that it sells an average of 51,000 dolls — Barbie, Ken and their friends — every day. She has fun clubs, collectors, even

sells for as much as \$1,500 today.

Not everyone, however, is enamored. "Barbie is a bimbo," declares Susan Reverby, a Wellesley College professor who won't buy her daughter the doll. Adds Bowling Green State University professor Marilyn F. Motz: "Her whole emphasis is on possessions, appearance, popularity and having fun."

Her fame has grown, but those who know Barbie best say she hasn't lost her values. The most important thing to Barbie are her clothes, says Kitty Black-Perkins, who creates 100 new outfits a year for the doll. "She is a leader — but especially a fashion leader."

Barbie's endurance is one of the great mysteries of the toy industry. Mattel can't explain it fully, although the company says that little girls seem to like her long hair, her gigantic wardrobe and her tiny size.

"We talk about the Barbie mystique," says Gary Ruddell, who publishes Doll Reader, a magazine for doll collectors.

Barbie's longevity amazes even her creator. "I never expected that she would last this long," says Ruth Handler, who founded Mattel with

Barbie

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Ken after their own children. "So many of today's women were Barbie players. It kind of overwhelmed me." When other toy companies offer competition, Barbie seems to send them to doll oblivion. Over the years, Tressy, Darci, Dusty and Tammy have disappeared. Mattel's arch-rival, Hasbro Inc., was forced to give up on Jen, a flamboyant teen-age rock star. Now Hasbro, the nation's biggest toy company, is trying again with Maxie, a blonde teenager with her own boyfriend. But Maxie sales came to \$20 million last year, according to industry sources. Mattel's Barbie, however, spent for Barbie, her friends and possessions.

"We are very fortunate to have her," says John W. Amerman, Mattel chairman and chief executive. "We have toys that are very well known. But when all is said and done, Barbie is the cornerstone of our business."

Mattel pampers its star. It is giving her a black-tie-only birthday party next month in New York's Lincoln Center. Called a pink jubilee, the event will feature a lavish display showing how Barbie has changed through the years.

Even when Barbie isn't having a birthday, she gets VIP treatment. Mattel sponsors a Barbie Fan Club, which has 650,000 young members who receive Barbie magazine. The glossy publication is packed with details about Barbie clothes and dates.

Five fashion designers work exclusively on Barbie's wardrobe to make sure she always looks her best. The designers travel to fashion shows in New York, Paris, London and Frankfurt to check out the latest fashion trends. If the designers can't find the cloth they want, they order special fabrics just for Barbie, such as the glittery nylon used for Holiday Barbie's red gown.

Barbie's first outfits included tailored suits and pill box hats made popular in the early 1960s by then-First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy. By the decade's end, Barbie wore miniskirts and fishnet stockings. She started the 1970s in boots and hot pants, later exchanging her mod look for glitzy disco outfits. And in the 1980s, of course, Barbie stocked up on designer clothes and exercise

outfits. Last year, her designers noticed that the breezy California look was popular, so they gave Barbie bright new beach clothes, roller skates and a pink surf-board shop. "We take an idea, glamorize it and it becomes Barbie," says Black-Perkins.

Barbie's designers work hard to create a glamorous image. "She would never be a waitress," says Black-Perkins. Cheerleading and baby-sitting are off limits. "Older teen-agers don't do those things."

Mattel's designers also have given Barbie a good life. Besides her townhouse, she has a carefully appointed \$300-Dream-House that has a toilet with "real flush action." She has a pet horse and several furry pet cats. She vacations at her very own tropical "island hideaway," where she relaxes in a hammock, and plays with her pet toucan. She has a lot of friends — Midge, Whitney, Theresa and Christie, to name only a few.

What Barbie seems to lack is personality, and that is no accident. Mattel has intentionally said little about Barbie's character because the company wants little girls to decide what Barbie is like.

Not even Mattel's top executives can agree on who Barbie is. The toy company recently abandoned a five-month nationwide search for a "real Barbie" after painstakingly auditioning 84 girls. "We saw lots of lovely girls, talented girls, but we just couldn't agree on a human personification for Barbie," says Candace Irving, Barbie's official spokeswoman. "Everyone sees her a different way."

For years, Mattel resisted making a Barbie cartoon show so it wouldn't be forced to create an identity for the doll. But just over a year ago, Mattel featured Barbie in a two-part cartoon special with her musical group, the Rockers. The cartoon didn't reveal much about Barbie because she didn't do much besides sing and play musical instruments.

Susan Dickey, a graduate student at Texas Tech University who has written an article on Barbie for a professional journal, says that Barbie lacks a sense of social commitment. "Barbie didn't have a black friend until 1983, and by then, the civil rights movement had cooled a bit."

Commission investigation. Ruth Handler pleaded no contest in 1978 to a securities law violation, although she has maintained her innocence.

The Barbie doll, meanwhile, continues to propel Mattel's toy business. Ruth and Elliot Handler will be honored next month by the Toy Manufacturers Association for the contributions to the toy industry, especially their creation of Barbie and Ken.

Elliott, 72, is retired. Ruth, also 72, owns a breast prosthesis business. Reflecting on the origins of the Barbie doll, she says her daughter provided the inspiration. She said she noticed how her daughter enjoyed playing with paper dolls. Ruth Handler thought that little girls would like even better a fashion doll with a big wardrobe and hair they could comb. "If it hadn't been for Barbie," says Ruth, "I would have never come up with the idea for the doll."



Famous name

Michael Jackson's older sister LaToya appears magazine.

Escapee leaves body cast behind

FREMONT, Ohio (AP) — A burglary suspect injured by police during a chase failed to show up in court after apparently cutting off his plaster body cast and leaving town on crutches, police said.

The cast incased the man from ankles to mid-trunk, Sandusky County Jail Administrator Robert Pollard said Thursday.

"It was a full-body cast because he had a pin in his femur," the bone extending from hip to knee, said Pollard. "It was designed to immobilize him."

The suspect, Robert Chavez, 19, was last seen Saturday at his mobile home, where he was recuperating from a broken hip and other injuries

incurred when police shot him in the left leg and left buttocks during a chase Nov. 21, said Sheriff David Gangwer.

Chavez was indicted on five counts of aggravated burglary and one count of felonious assault, court records showed. Detectives went looking for him after he failed to show up for a court hearing Tuesday, Gangwer said.

Doctors told authorities in December Chavez would have to wear the cast until March, said Gangwer.

But a resident of Chavez's mobile home park told authorities he found a discarded body cast in a trash bin about two weeks ago, the sheriff said.

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we're going in a hurry and I don't have to listen to you."

Believe me, that would have ended the fight right there. The referee would have stepped in and I would have been dancing around the ring with my championship belt.

But I didn't say that, mainly because she would have killed me shortly thereafter. I might look crazy, but I'm really not.

So I simply said: "Do I ever tell you how to drive?"

And she said: "All the time."

Which, come to think of it, is true. But the way I look at it, the woman needs all the help she can get.

For instance, the last time she used her turn signal, the North Koreans were climbing aboard the U.S.S. Pueblo.

And she does drive too slow. There is no question about this. I remember one time last July when I made the mistake of letting her drive to the beach.

For 45 minutes we poked along the highway at about the same speed a

cocker spaniel achieves felching a bone.

Fidally I said: "Hey, let's try to get there before Labor Day. The life guards go on vacation."

And she said: "Do me a favor, OK? Don't tell me how to drive."

I said: "Would it kill you to do 60? Believe me, we wouldn't have to deploy any parachutes to slow down."

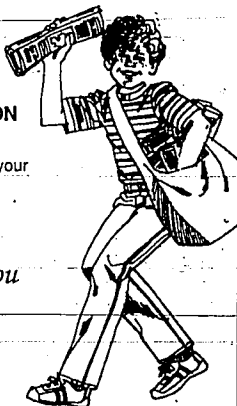
And she said: "We better have this car looked at. There's a terrible noise in here," meaning me.

This is how it went, back and forth, back and forth, all the way to the beach. Oh, it was a dandy brawl. It made Leonard-Hagler look like brunch with Barbara Bush.

I got in a pretty decent shot about how shopping carts roll down the frozen food aisle at a better clip than she drives.

But you pay the price for a line like that.

We got to the beach OK. But I had a hell of a walk back.



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Ken

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dren, restores turn-of-the-century homes in Manhattan. He is finishing up a book on his family with a working title, "The Ken Doll Talks."

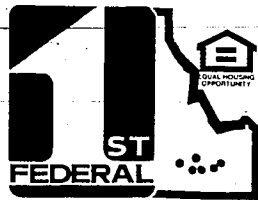
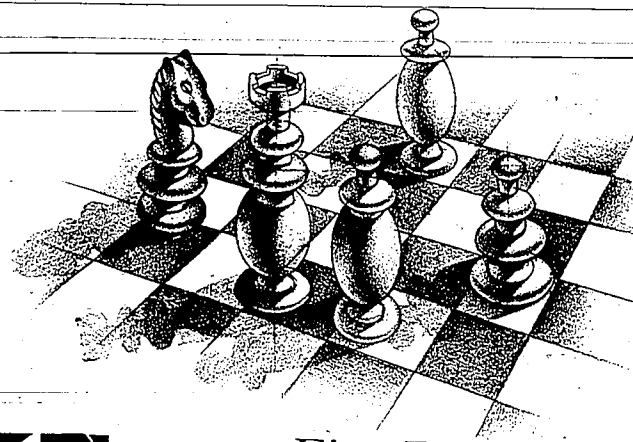
His two daughters never played with Barbie or Ken, he says, and preferred stuffed animals. "If they had asked for them, I would have bought the dolls for them," says Handler. Handler also has strong opinions about the doll. "I think of her as a bimbo," he says. "Like she hangs out at the beach and doesn't have a brain in her head."

Though the doll has helped make him a "millionaire" several times over, Handler says: "It bothers me. I really don't like her."

Barbie and Ken's parents, Ruth and Elliot Handler, founded Mattel Inc. as an importer of inexpensive toys from Japan. They left Mattel in 1975 after a Securities and Exchange

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A dog's life

Lady awaits her master, Jim Peterson of Portland, Ore., from ripping out the stitches who explained the bucket in her injured front leg.

City may put 'safe sex' kits in hotel rooms

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — City officials hoping to stem the spread of AIDS are considering a proposal that would require junkies to put safe sex kits beside the good book in each hotel room.

"Certainly if hotels can have a Gideon Bible in every room, they can include a safe sex kit," said nurse practitioner Leland Traiman, a clinical AIDS researcher who proposed the idea.

"There could be a sign with each kit saying, 'The Bible may save your soul, but this will give you life,'" said Traiman, who served on the city's AIDS health commission last year.

The proposal was on Wednesday's agenda for the City Council's Committee on Public Safety and Health and is also scheduled for a hearing before the city's Community Health Advisory Committee next month.

City Councilwoman Ann Chandler, who chairs the council committee, said she is not sure safe-sex kits should be required by law. But she

added, "Given the crisis caused by AIDS, we must do all we can to educate the community. It's an issue that needs to be discussed."

Each kit would contain condoms and information about how AIDS is transmitted.

David Morris, chairman of the Community Health Advisory Committee, said he knows very little about the proposal — but that it "didn't seem like a half-bad idea."

'Certainly if hotels can have a Gideon Bible in every room, they can include a safe sex kit.'

— Leland Traiman, AIDS researcher

'I think it could be difficult to ask a housekeeper of deep religious convictions to handle these types of items.'

— Steve Rodri, hotel manager

people from Europe. It's not conducive to our clientele here," Flood said.

She also worried that a faulty condom could leave the hotel vulnerable to a lawsuit.

Steve Rodri, general manager of the Berkeley Marina Marriott Hotel, said his Mormon-run franchise places the Book of Mormon in each room and doesn't even allow Playboy Magazine in the gift shop. He said the hotel is not about to place condoms in the rooms.

"The Marriott organization has always stood for high morals and professional ethics," Rodri said. "I think

it could be difficult to ask a housekeeper of deep religious convictions to handle these types of items."

Traiman said the idea was born last year when the city's Health Commission tried to persuade hotel and sauna owners to post AIDS warnings and to provide safe sex information. The managers of one sauna refused.

"They told us they wouldn't cooperate until there are safe sex kits in all hotel and motel rooms in Berkeley," he said. "Voilà! We said, 'We all thought it was such a good idea that we decided to pursue it.'"

Man kisses snake good night; ends up in emergency room

GREEN RIVER, Wyo. (AP) — Green River police were led on a search for an elusive "snow snake" by a man who didn't want to admit he was bit on the lip by a snake he was kissing good night.

The hunt began early Tuesday after Eric Johnson was bitten and rushed to a hospital in nearby Rock Springs for treatment. The only problem was doctors needed to know exactly what type of snake bit the 19-year-old.

Johnson and a friend, Shawn MacDonald, 19, initially told police that Johnson had been walking through town when he saw a snake on the snow. Johnson said that when he picked up the snake to look at it, it bit him.

Making the hunt for the snake intriguing for officers were the slithering shapes Johnson and MacDonald had made in the snow to add substance to their story, according to police.

However, the hunt was called off shortly after doctors told Johnson they needed to know what type of snake he was bit by so they could use the correct antivenom to treat him.

The doctors told this young man he was going to die if they didn't find out what type of snake it was, said Officer Don Holthaus on Wednesday. Johnson then confessed that the snake, a Pygmy rattler, belonged to MacDonald and that he had made up the story of finding one in the snow.

"I guess what had happened, they were playing around with the snake and he (Johnson) said he was going to kiss it good night, and it kissed him first," said Holthaus. "They were worried the snake was going to be destroyed, so they drew tracks in the snow."

Johnson, who was listed in critical condition for a while, is recovering, said the officer, and the snake has been returned to MacDonald.

Amelia Earhart still lives — in her sister

By ARLENE LEVINSON
The Associated Press

MEDFORD, Mass. — More than half a century has passed since Amelia Earhart vanished over the Pacific attempting to become the first woman to fly around the world. Muriel Morrissey, now 89 and a retired schoolteacher, still reveres and promotes the memory of her big sister.

"The pain of her sister's loss has faded little from the day she learned of the disaster, July 2, 1937."

"Of course it's hard to lose a sister," she said. "And it's renewed every time when they have some of these crazy stories that are bandied about once in a while."

She was referring to occasional speculation that Earhart wasn't lost at sea, but was captured by the Japanese or executed as a spy.

"I guess it's because people just won't accept the natural solution: that she was low on fuel and crashed into the ocean and that's it. It was a tragedy of the sea," she said.

The sisters, born 2½ years apart, were nurtured by parents who anticipated feminism. Their mother, who climbed Pike's Peak in Colorado as a girl, designed trousers for them so they could play unhindered by the long skirts then worn by most young ladies. Their father, a railroad lawyer whose alcoholism complicated the family's uneven fortunes, encouraged their tomboy zeal.

Muriel came to this old Boston suburb in 1925 to teach. She married manufacturing executive, H. Albert Morrissey, who died in 1978, and had two children.

"Most of the time I was not as ambitious and as adventurous," said Mrs. Morrissey, tall and slender like her sister. "Amelia had her planes and I had my children. That was the difference."

The world's lasting fascination

with her flying sister, Mrs. Morrissey believes, is largely due to Earhart's straightforward personality. "There was no commercialism. Amelia was herself," she said.

Mrs. Morrissey's home is a kind of shrine to Amelia. Beside the bed is a tiny pink airplane on a key ring. A golden toy plane hangs in a doorway. Trophies, plaques and parchment testimonials to her sister fill shelves.

Hanging on the walls are paintings and drawings of Amelia flashing her wide smile, an airplane somewhere in the background.

The Earhart sisters settled in the Boston area when Muriel was at Harvard University earning a master's degree in education. Amelia took up social work at a settlement house, teaching English to immigrants, but quit to write and lecture about her aviation feats, becoming an early emblem for women.

In 1923, Earhart became the first woman to fly the Atlantic, taking the 20-hour, 40-minute flight to Britain as a passenger with two male fliers. Afterward she set more than a dozen speed and distance records including flying the Atlantic solo in 1932, becoming the first woman to do so.

In 1931 she married publisher and explorer George Putnam. "She was very careful to choose a man who would see that she could fly," Mrs. Morrissey said.

Earhart intended that 27,000-mile flight around the equator to be her last long-distance jaunt. When she and her navigator ran low on fuel about 100 miles before reaching a speck of land called Howland Island, they had clocked 22,000 miles.

Last January, at Mrs. Morrissey's request, the Federal Aviation Administration retired the registration number of the twin-engine plane Earhart flew on her last flight, 10202.

"I realize that if knowing about Amelia will help one young woman accomplish her goal, I am glad I did it," Mrs. Morrissey said.

Boa constrictor survives laser surgery, but media circus disrupts the clinic

IRVINE, Calif. (AP) — Laser surgery on an 8-foot boa constrictor's throat cancer turned a small university clinic into a media zoo.

The 12-minute operation Thursday drew cameras and reporters from four television stations, an independent network and assorted newspapers to the Beckman Laser Institute at the University of California, Irvine.

The patient was Sid Vicious, a snake named after the late rock 'n' roll star and owned by Mission Viejo John Scholl.

The press presence was so great that a pool arrangement more common to courtrooms and battleships had to be set up for television.

Just before the surgery, Dr. Scott Weldy, a veterinarian, held up the sleepy-looking boa and said: "He's

beginning to look a little stupid now." The photo opportunity set lights flashing and cameras whirring.

The specialists took Sid into the operating room and stretched him out on the table. A TV reporter's crew failed to capture the scene on videotape.

"Why aren't we getting this?" yelled the reporter, demanding that the entry scene be repeated. Sid was taken off the operating table, hauled back out, then made another entrance.

Camera flashes continued as a red laser beam shot into Sid's mouth.

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Valley Life

Having no father around is far better than a lousy father

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to "Alone in Minnesota," who wanted to hear from people who never knew their fathers. I am one.

My mother and father had planned to marry in June of 1959. My mother became pregnant in October of 1958 and when she told her fiancé the news, that's the last time she saw him!

When I hear my friends tell horror stories of what it was like to live with "lousy" fathers who were in and out of their lives (many of them were abused children), I think everyone involved for not having subjected me to a father who obviously was not ready for the responsibilities of fatherhood.

I am proud that my mother decided to keep me — which was not an easy choice to make in 1959. I was very much loved by her and have missed nothing in my father's absence.



Abigail VanBuren
Dear Abby

Perhaps I would have felt different if I had had some contact with him, but I agree — no father is better than a lousy one.

If I should ever have the opportunity to meet him, I would do so. I am very much interested in his ancestors and particularly in his medical history. However, I cannot say to what extent I would want him in my ongoing life. It would depend on the type of person he is today.

I hope "Alone" obtains peer support for herself. She is not the first woman who has had to make that kind of a decision. Nor is her child the first to grow up without a father.

Somehow, they survive.
— ONE OF MANY IN L.A.

DEAR ABBY: "Alone in Minnesota" wrote to say she was pregnant and unmarried. She tried to tell the man responsible; but he lived in another state and refused to see her, so she decided not to tell him, saying, "Maybe no father would be better than a lousy one." You said, "Every man has the right to know that he has fathered a child."

"Alone" asked for opinions of those who never knew who their fathers were.

My opinion is based on the life of James Michener, the author. As a babe, he was left on the doorstep of a Pennsylvania widow who had several children of her own.

At one point she had to place all her children in an orphanage until she was financially able to care for them. Michener not only didn't know

who his father was, he didn't know who his mother was either. But apparently he knew love, which was more important.

Enough on Michener. "Alone" is a wise young woman. No father is indeed better than a lousy one.

— JOYCE IN FLINT, MICH.

DEAR ABBY: I fathered a child 42 years ago by a young girl I cared for. Soon after "Mary" became pregnant (unknown to me), I went into the armed services. Mary fell in love with another man and did not want me to know about the pregnancy, preferring to let her new husband think it was his child. He learned a year later that it was not his, as it looked exactly like me, so he divorced her. I found out about all this only after Mary had given up my son for adoption. I lost track of the boy and my mother. Abby, I would have married her in a minute and raised my son.

I wholeheartedly agree with you cause you don't know what to say when you say, "It's a man's right to know that he has fathered a child." Get Abby's booklet, "How to Write Letters for All Occasions." Send a check or money order for \$2.89.

— HOW NICE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN Letter booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054 (postage is included, letters of sympathy, etc. be-)

Murtaugh announces its top honor students

MURTAUGH — The following students earned honors in the second and ninth week grading period at Murtaugh Joint School District No. 418.

Top — 4.0, High — 3.5 — 3.99 and Honors — 3.0 — 3.49.

• Sixth Grade

Top: Bryan Wright.
High: Wes Cummins, Robert Johnson, Dustin Moyes, Natalie Palmer and Jared Ravig.

Honors: Debbie Buckley, Michelle Gaxiola and D.J. Stanger.

• Seventh Grade

High: Erin Andersen, Adelinda Biberos, Bryan Brown, Brian Fox, Leslie Rambo, Tony Vahaboltz and Chris Wright.

Honors: Misti Adams and Mike Jacques.

• Eighth Grade

High: Carmen Alcala, Mike Bland, Karen Kaster, Paul Moyes, Amy Nebeker, Amber Rovig and Brian Ward.

Honors: Brady Adams, Cisco Biberos, Christy Cummins, Wendy Ward and Jeannie Wardell.

College of Southern Idaho to offer new classes soon

The following classes will begin soon through the College of Southern Idaho:

• CSI's Mini-Cassia Enrichment program is offering the Fundamentals of Professional Writing course that teaches skills used in fiction and non-fiction writing from 7 to 9 p.m. The class began Monday, but will continue for five weeks at the Mini-Cassia Center, 1458 Overland Ave. The registration fee is \$20.

• The Mini-Cassia Enrichment program will also sponsor a Successful Money Management course that begins from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the Mini-Cassia Center. This course teaches the basics of money management and will be held for three weeks. The cost is \$10. Call to register for both at 678-1400 or stop by the Mini-Cassia Center.

• Beginning Bridge meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays for eight sessions starting this week in the Taylor Building cafeteria. Advanced Beginning Bridge meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays for eight sessions beginning Feb. 6, in the cafeteria. The fee for either class is \$25.

Gooding History Book committee extends deadline

GOODING — The Gooding County History Book committee has decided to extend the deadline for submission of stories until the end of the month.

Besides personal histories, the committee is seeking information and stories on the various country schools that were in the area before consolidation.

Committee members to contact for information or brochures are: Gooding — Dawn and Albert Butler, 934-5322; Pauline Jackson, 934-5314; Letti Daniels, 934-5774; Mary Ybarra, 934-5066; Shirley Hill, 934-5359; Gene Heller, 934-4885; Hagerman area — M.J. Freeman, 827-4753; Pat Poulter, 837-6580; Karma Mushlitz, 837-6636; Alice Holmes, 837-4753; Helen Fields, 837-4421; Wendell area — Emma Coleman, 536-2191; Wes Tronson, 536-2043; Berdell Lewicki, 536-6501; Cindy Moore, 536-2352; and Bliss area — Helen and Sterling Bray, 352-4202; Helen Butler, 352-4202.

If you're not sure how to write or compile your story, volunteers will be willing to assist you.

• A taxidermy class meets from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning this week. The class will continue to meet until March 9, in room 103 of the Shields Building. The \$30 fee does not include specimen or materials. The class will be limited to 12 students.

• CSI's woodworking class has been rescheduled to meet Wednesday evenings, Feb. 8, to April 19.

For more information on these classes call 734-0269, or register in the Taylor Building Records Office.

Valley happenings

Garden Club meets Wednesday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Mandarin House restaurant. A representative from the Homestead will speak on flower arranging.

Ethics course begins Thursday at CSI

TWIN FALLS — "Ethics in America," a three-credit course offered by the College of Southern Idaho will begin at 8 p.m. Thursday on KATV Channel 4 or through KISU from Mini-Cassia residents.

The course will examine contemporary ethical conflicts and provide a grounding in the language, concepts and traditions of ethics. The television portion uses experts from government, the press, medicine, law, business and the military to demonstrate moral concerns that arise in personal and professional life.

Brenda Larsen will instruct the course that will be aired Thursday evenings. Pre-register by calling 733-9554, ext. 108.

ISU to offer grantwriting workshop

TWIN FALLS — An Idaho State University grantwriting workshop will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday at the ISU Resident Center in Twin Falls. Cost is \$30.

Instructor Dr. Robert Wegner will present this workshop to provide practical proposal writing basics for community-based projects. He will cover needs assessments, budget development, presentation styles and documentation. There will be an emphasis on analyzing review committees, current funding trends and finding vital resource information. Register at 734-4478.

Ladies of Elks meeting set for Feb. 7

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Ladies of Elks will hold their monthly meeting Feb. 7 with the board meeting at 7 p.m. and the general meeting at 8 p.m. Kevlin and Irene Bradshaw will present a program on window fashions.

Computer genealogy meets Feb. 8

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Computer Genealogy User Group will meet at 7:15 p.m. beginning Feb. 8 at the Family History Center, 401 North Maurice Street. The meeting will be held subsequently every second Wednesday of the month at the Family History Library. Contact Nina Bagley, 733-6776.

Benefit dinner scheduled for Feb. 9

BUHL — A benefit chili dinner will be held Feb. 9 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Lucerne Grange in Buhl. Chili, salads, homemade pie and cornmeal muffins will be served. Donations will be divided between the Barry Hienke Fund, Quick Response, Search and Rescue and MSTI.

The Times-News welcomes notices of community events. Send to "Valley Happenings," The Times-News, Box 548, Twin Falls, Id. 83303.

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