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Jesse Ray Jaggers gets into a Twin Falls County patrol car before being driven to the state prison Monday afternoon

Jaggers receives 25-year term

By CRAIG LINCOLN Times-News writer TWIN FALLS — Eighteen-year-old murderer Jesse Jaggers may, some day, be safely freed from prison...

Excerpts from Judge Meehl's decision 'Every judge dreads having a killer that he or she sentenced make parole and then kill again.'

Confession — B1 'Westergren's neighbor, Greg Edson, also expressed disappointment. I feel that Judge Meehl was derelict in his duty to serve and protect our society.'

Taxpayers may get half tab to save S&Ls

The Associated Press WASHINGTON — President Bush on Monday called on taxpayers to pay for about half the \$90 billion solution to the savings and loan crisis...

Reaction — C3 'In all the time since creation of the deposit insurance, savers have not lost one dollar of insured deposits and I am determined that they never will,' Bush added.

Trees talk with waves, physicist concludes

The Associated Press GRANT'S PASS, Ore. — Physicist Ed Wagner says he has found evidence that trees talk to each other in a language he calls 'W-waves.'

County starts beefing up dairy zoning laws

By KIRK MITCHELL Times-News writer TWIN FALLS — A predicted influx of thousands of dairy cows in the next year may be good economic news, but it has Twin Falls County officials scrambling to beef up zoning laws.

Andrus tags Clark County disaster area

By The Associated Press Gov. Cecil Andrus declared eastern Idaho's Clark County a weather disaster area Monday as ranchers fought to rescue thousands of cattle and sheep buried in seemingly bottomless snow drifts.

Wright gives up, calls vote on pay

Los Angeles Times WASHINGTON — Responding to a public outcry, House members effectively killed a 50 percent pay increase for themselves and other top federal officials Monday by forcing Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas, to bring it to a recorded vote only.

Freeze persists — A2 Hot sellers — B1

storm died down and the ranchers were able to haul hay to the range, the herds had scattered before the winds, some buried in drifts. On Saturday, the wind chill was minus 47 to minus 100 degrees, with winds in the 50-60 mph range.

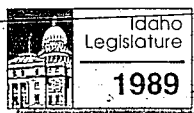
Legislature wants authority to change agency rules

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Legislature is trying once again to win authority to reject or change agency rules and regulations without review by the governor.

The Legislature tried to change state law three years ago to accomplish the same thing, but then Gov. John Evans vetoed the legislation.

The House State Affairs Committee on Monday voted overwhelmingly to send to the House floor for a vote a proposed constitutional amendment giving the Legislature authority to reject or change state agency rules by resolution — not subject to veto by the governor.

The Legislature was using the process frequently recently, but an attorney general's opinion advised it probably was unconstitutional.



It would take two-thirds of the members of both House and Senate to put the proposal before voters in the general election of 1990. The measure is considered likely to go through the House, but its future is uncertain in the Senate, where sponsoring Republicans do not have two-thirds of the vote.

A sponsor, Rep. Stan Hawkins, R-Ucon, advised committee members it wasn't "earth-shaking" legislation because it attempts to formalize what the Legislature already

is doing in some areas. But he said it was not an attempt by the Legislature to diminish powers of the executive branch.

Rules and regulations do become law without legislative approval," said Rep. Boyd Hill, R-Meridian. Through inaction, he said, "We've handed the options to the executive branch of our government to make laws whether we agree or disagree."

Under normal procedures, the proposed constitutional amendment will come up for a final vote in the House before the end of the week.

The State Affairs Committee also voted to print and introduce two bills giving different ways to get out from under a problem with state election laws.

Budget writers begins tapping into revenue surplus

BOISE (AP) — Legislative budget writers on Monday finally began tapping the state's huge one-time revenue surplus, siphoning \$340,000 from the windfall for further work on a computerized state employee information system.

It was the first of 97 remaining supplemental budget requests the panel must sift through before crafting a budget blueprint for the 1990 spending year that begins July 1.

"We've had so many supplementals, so many requests here, that I really don't know how to proceed without knowing what our bank account is," Rep. James Lucas, R-Moscow, admitted.

Although the one-time surplus from Idaho's economic boom of 1988 is estimated at more than \$50 million, the members of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee seemed slow to begin spending it.

While approving the \$340,000 allotment to the state auditor's office, the committee delayed for a week a decision on whether another \$930,000 should be diverted

to the auditor to continue work on a federally mandated computerized accounting system.

Chief Deputy Auditor Hal Turner and his staff briefed the committee on the status of the multimillion-dollar Statewide Accounting and Financial Information Reporting System, but panel members said they wanted more information on the exact impact of changing accounting methods as well as on how many other states are complying with the mandate.

House Appropriations Chairman Kathleen Gurnsey, R-Boise, said she understood the proposed change would cost the state about \$8 million in the Medicaid program alone.

The state already has sunk about \$1.6 million into the computerized employee information system and will spend another \$1 million before it is completed. But Turner said it would be much more efficient and provide the kind of information state lawmakers, the federal government and others want on state workers.

Hydrologist: Tritium levels under INEL decreased

BOISE — Tritium levels in the groundwater below the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory have decreased, and it is impossible for measurable tritium to reach the Magic Valley, a federal hydrologist says.

for the alliance. She credited several factors — including shutting down an injection well in 1985 — with cutting the tritium traces.

That's welcome news to Snake River Alliance executive director Liz Paul, but she's still worried about on-site contamination, and the potential for future discharges into the groundwater.

"From the evidence we have now there is no off-site chemical or radioactive contamination in the groundwater, and that's fantastic," she said.

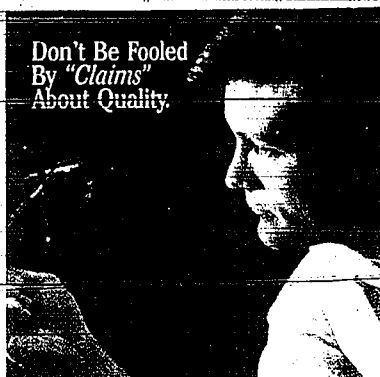
At an annual meeting of the Snake River Alliance Saturday, speakers focused on groundwater, and a host of other INEL environmental concerns.

Larry Mann, a hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey's Idaho Falls office, said no site-related contamination has been found in the Snake River Aquifer outside site borders.

Mann said lack of understanding about how groundwater moves has been partly responsible for many people's concerns.

During tests in 1985, the USGS found traces of tritium, a radioactive isotope of hydrogen, beyond the INEL's southern border. Those traces were just 5 percent of the maximum allowed by clean water standards, and are no longer detectable, Mann said.

Ms. Paul called this "a huge vic-



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Legislative log

By The Associated Press

Killed By House
 HB124 (Resources and Conservation) — Allows Fish and Game Department to add nonrefundable \$3 processing fee on all successful big game permit applications.

Confirms By Senate
 James Bruce, Boise, as chairman of the state Lottery Commission for a term expiring Jan. 1, 1993.

Introduced In House
 HB134 (State Affairs) — Proposed constitutional amendment to provide that prosecuting attorneys shall be elected from each judicial district rather than from each county.

HB164 (Commerce, Industry and Tourism) — Increases Idaho Travel Council from 7 to 9 members.

HB165 (State Affairs) — Allows direct deposit of salaries and wages of state employees; provides that if employee wishes to have a warrant issued for salary, he or she shall make

written request.
 HB166 (Transportation and Defense) — Provides for the denial of driving privileges for juveniles convicted of offenses involving alcohol or controlled substances.

Introduced in Senate
 SCR103 (Resources and Environment) — Approves minimum stream flow in Box Canyon Creek.

SCR104 (Resources and Environment) — Approves minimum stream flow in the Warm River.

SCR105 (Resources and Environment) — Approves minimum stream flow in the Warm River.

SCR106 (Resources and Environment) — Approves minimum stream flow for the Malad River.

SCR107 (Resources and Environment) — Approves minimum stream flow for Birch Creek.

SCR108 (Resources and Environment) — Approves minimum stream flow for Crystal Springs.

SCR109 (Resources and Environ-

ment) — Approves minimum stream flow for Crystal Springs.

SB1137 (Judiciary and Rules) — Revises the child protective act to provide for removal of offender from the victim's home.

SB1138 (Judiciary and Rules) — Requires community service work from convicted drunken drivers.

SB1139 (Judiciary and Rules) — Deletes advanced age as a reason for invoking guardianship.

SB1140 (Judiciary and Rules) — Further defines conditions that make a parent unable to discharge duties under the child protective act.

SB1141 (Judiciary and Rules) — Further defines a neglected child under the child protective act.

SB1142 (Judiciary and Rules) — Makes possession of tobacco by a minor an infraction instead of a misdemeanor.

SB1143 (Judiciary and Rules) — Sets up a procedure for property forfeiture in drug prosecutions.

PUC studying effect of 1987 order

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is studying the effect of its October 1987 order that the state's regulated telephone companies supply customers with the means to block pay-per-call phone numbers.

The services affected are usually reached by dialing numbers with prefixes such as 976, 908 or 430. By calling certain numbers, the customer could hear anything from nursery rhymes to dating services.

But Idaho parents became concerned when they discovered the phone numbers their children or friends dialed stacked up sizeable phone bills.

The PUC directed phone companies whose equipment allows it to provide the call restriction service free-of-charge to those requesting it. Now it wants to know how the block-

ing service is working.

Last month, questionnaires were sent to each of Idaho's regulated telephone companies on the number of customers asking for and receiving that service. They also asked about any complaints the companies are getting about the "dial-it" services and their charges.

The phone companies were told to provide a 60-day free enrollment for existing customers to block their lines. New customers must be given the option when ordering service. After the 60 days, customers may be billed the normal service charge for the blocking service, although there is no monthly cost for that offering.

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Opinion

Stallings explains position on proposed pay increase

In Sunday's edition of The Times-News, Ross T. Nielson of Burley challenged me to explain my position on a proposed 60 percent salary increase for members of Congress.

I have been very public in my opposition to this pay raise and active in my efforts to demand action in the House of Representatives to defeat the pay raise.

I'm sorry Mr. Nielson is unclear about what my feelings are about this pay raise. I oppose this pay raise and I am as frustrated as he is by the backhanded procedure by which it may take effect. If you doubt my sincerity, please take a look at what I've done on previous pay raise issues.

In his letter, Mr. Nielson referred to a letter written to House Speaker Jim Wright by 35 of my colleagues asking for a vote on the pay raise proposal.

Many members of Congress, who oppose

Richard Stallings

the pay raise, did not have an opportunity to sign the letter. Since then, many of us have signed an addendum to the letter. Additionally, I have written personally to Speaker Wright and other members of the House leadership asking that a vote be scheduled.

Many Idahoans wonder why a congressman can't just go over to the floor and call for a vote on the pay raise. Simply put, because of House procedures, you would be ruled out of order and a vote would not be called.

I agree with many of the points Mr. Ross made in his letter. In the past four years, one issue has dominated the formation of public policy - the absolute necessity to reduce the federal budget deficit and return fiscal responsibility to the federal government.

We obviously have not solved this problem and yet we have former President Reagan recommending and President Bush supporting - along with congressional leaders of both parties - a 60 percent pay raise proposal.

Even more outrageously, President Reagan's recommendation will go into effect automatically unless both the House and the Senate vote to disapprove it.

If the pay raise goes into effect, it is estimated that the implementation costs would be about \$397.6 million for the remainder of fiscal year 1989 - Feb. 8 through Sept. 30, 1989.

Idahoans have every right to be outraged by the way this issue is being handled by Congress. This experience underscores the need to reform the procedure whereby members of Congress receive pay raises. Toward that end, I have co-sponsored three simple,

but important reforms.

First, any congressional pay adjustments would be deferred until an election had intervened and the next Congress was seated, thus preventing members from voting for a pay raise which would go into effect during their current term of office.

Second, a recorded vote would be required in both the House and the Senate so that the public would know how each elected official stood on salary issues.

Third, any congressional pay question would have to be considered independently of other appropriations, ending the current practice of combining congressional salary increases with pay adjustments for other federal employees.

I appreciate this opportunity to make my opposition to the pay raise very clear and to assure Idahoans that I will do everything in

my power to prevent this pay raise from taking effect.

Rep. Richard Stallings is the Democratic Representative in Congress from Idaho's Second Congressional District.

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Legislation is needed to protect child abuse victims

The editorial of Feb. 1, 1989 gives the impression of having been written by a person unfamiliar with child abuse victims and trials. The editorial indicated that fundamental civil liberties would be stripped from defendants "just to provide less-than-competent prosecutors with inquisition tools," that prosecutors only want grand juries because "they aren't competent enough or the cases aren't strong enough to stand up in open-court, preliminary hearings," and that speedy trials are a way of preventing defense attorneys from using normal motions....

What this editorial lacked was common sense and education and was compassion for children. Sexual abuse cases don't have to stand up in court; these children do. In a child abuse trial, it is the child's testimony that is the case; the child's word against an adult.

I personally find prosecutors in the Magic Valley more outstanding than incompetent. But the purpose of this editorial isn't to defend prosecutors but to defend the rights of children by educating our media and the public as to what happens to a child going through our legal system as a victim and why legislation is needed.

A child that has been sexually abused, especially over a long period of time, will have little self-confidence, and feel embarrassed, humiliated, guilty and afraid. It is difficult for them to talk about the abuse and they will often only be able to disclose a little information at a time.

As an adult, try standing up in front of a group of people and describing in detail your last sexual encounter, or better yet, try to remember one that happened six months ago and detail it out to the color of clothing, which hand, which side of the bed, how long, what time, etc. Difficult isn't? Yet we expect these children to do this. Somewhere there has to be a humane balance between protecting the accused and protecting the innocent.

Trials should not be won by destroying a child on the witness stand, or by making the pressure and humiliation such that the child is unable to be a credible witness. One young child who tried to testify at a preliminary hearing had to face his "friend" dressed in orange prison clothes sitting in front of him and was basically unable to testify. He was later committed to the Children's Hospital Psychiatric Ward.

The reality of this "friend" being in jail sent an already unstable child over the edge. No chance for justice or a fair trial. The accused was given his constitutional right to be

Donna M. Stalley

defaced by his accuser, but what protection was the young victim given?

Over 85 percent of the reported child abuse is done by relatives or close friends. This makes disclosure and testifying more difficult for the child. It is a lot easier to "tell" when the accused is a big bad man in a rain coat than when it is your step-father or someone you love or care about.

We take children into our court system and expect them to compete on an adult level - to match wits with attorneys with years of schooling and experience. It doesn't take a very bright attorney to intimidate and confuse a scared child, but trials are won that way.

The children who are stable and old enough to go through our system and testify have to do so both in an open preliminary hearing and in an open court trial with a jury. Open court means just that - open to anyone who wants to walk in from the street and listen to the child describe the sexual abuse in detail.

Many children are traumatized in preliminary hearings where there is no jury to judge the defense attorney's behavior during the cross-examination. Children have been so traumatized and intimidated during these cross-examinations they have nightmares about the experience for the next six months waiting in fear for the trial. One young child spent the night at my home before having to testify at a trial. She could not sleep or eat....

I hold this crying and scared eight-year-old most of the night trying to comfort her. She told me she was most afraid of the man from the last trial who was so mean to her and asked her such awful questions. We do a lot of unnecessary scaring to children during preliminary hearings, and the six months (maximum, but generally the case) of waiting in between the preliminary and trial is hard for these children.

Also a child's memory dims with time, and because a child will want to forget the unpleasant, it makes it more difficult for them to remember all the details that is expected and give credible testimony.

Grand juries are used all over the United States and Idaho; they are provided for in our Constitution. They prevent children from having to be cross-examined in a preliminary hearing, offer a more relaxed courtroom, and provide privacy that is not provided for in an open (to the public and media) preliminary hearing.

Hearsay is allowed in grand juries, but hearsay is already allowed in preliminary hearings. If the accused is found accountable, by a panel of 12 peers, a trial by jury is held to determine innocence or guilt.

What makes a case "weak" is generally the child's age and/or stability, not necessarily the ability of the prosecutor or the strength of the disclosure. Some defense attorneys consider a one-time touching incident a "weak" case.

Our law, however, doesn't specify that a child's body must be violated two or more times for it to be against the law. A three-year-old disclosing sexual abuse is probably telling the truth, but there is no way a child that young can testify. This is one of the reasons the average age of child abuse victims has dropped. If they are too young or retarded to testify they are considered "safe" children to molest.

Extending the statute of limitations to five years beyond the 18th birthday is an excellent tool to discourage potential abusers, knowing that someday the child could testify against them. Also severely troubled children might become secure enough to testify as they become older. Some states have completely dropped statute of limitations in child abuse cases.



Letters/Variety of issues draw reader comment

Free enterprise necessary

Dear Attorney General Jim Jones: We the people of the great state of Idaho believe in free enterprise. People should be able to sell their product for what they think it is worth without government interference. Subsidized agencies such as utilities may need government supervision, but not free enterprise.

Oil companies have notoriously demanded large profits in the past. It seems when crude oil drops, you seldom see much of a change at the gas pumps because of said, large stockpiles of high oil on hand.

But should the price of crude take an increase per barrel the next day or so the price of gas goes up at the pumps immediately. Where is the large stock pile of cheaper oil?

We the people of the great state of Idaho are not ignorant to this bureaucracy of big business and political injustice given to free enterprise, and the people of Idaho would like a stop to this kind of law.

DENNIS FRODMANN
Buhl

Latham ads are overwhelming

I agree with Doris Hendrix's letter of Jan. 29. Latham Chrysler, Plymouth, Dodge needs to get rid of its loudmouth TV pitchman. Before Latham Motors was in Nampa these ads appeared. I called Latham in Twin Falls to tell them of my distaste and disgust with their level of advertising. This was a few years ago. I told the person I talked with how our remote control really got a work-out dur-

ing these ads. At that time we were being overwhelmed with Latham's Twin Falls advertising in Eastern Oregon. It is much worse now. I agree with Doris Hendrix that actions do speak louder than words. I will never patronize their companies.

Apparently the regulation which did not allow for advertisements to be louder than regular broadcasting no longer exists or is ignored. I urge complaints to the TV stations also.

Now we also have a younger version of pitchman doing the same type of ads for a Nampa furniture store. If this becomes the wave of the future, our TV will be off most of the time.

What really concerns me more than what this pitchman is doing with the maniacal type of screaming, bizarre gesturing, unblinking eyes, etc. (my interpretation), is the intelligence of the viewers who do make Latham Motors.

No, I'm thinking of the man who bought in spite of the ads which he purported to dislike. He really must have wanted a certain car or pick-up very, very much. If the headsets the most to viewers, I bring to think where this will lead even a year from now. Is this what really sells?

Someone once told me that he thought people found the ads amusing. Maybe one, but more than one, are you not to be kidding! This type of ad seems to be to succeed by abusive intimidation. Even in mind lullaby's harangue. Really folks do you want to buy that car or pick-up because you've been in-

timidated! Having been born in Idaho I never ever thought of Idahoans being the type to be intimidated into doing anything. Take Doris Hendrix's advice and show that Idahoans are still people who can make up their own minds without this kind of help.

VIVIAN DUNN
Vale, Oregon

Seat belt law unnecessary

Are we going to get behind E.L. Have on the seat belt issue? It would be great to hear the younger generation stand up and be heard. Oldies seem to be the ones who are trying. And it's their future.

Send a note to Mr. Hays in Twin Falls - or to your legislator. The mandatory seat belt law is absolutely unnecessary. Let's do our own choosing.

BETTY GALVIN
Wendell

Pay hike can't be justified

Thanks very much readers, for your positive comments on my letter, entitled, "Pay hike can't be justified." I certainly do appreciate all the large number of phone calls pertaining to the positive approach to that very important subject. Moreover, yes, for those that haven't contacted me, please do send the clipping to our legislators.

When the members of the House and Senate turn this debt-or-nation around, by proper management, then, and not before we'll talk about a pay raise.

The majority of the people in this nation have had it with the way things are going for the last decade, or two. And that's very easy to see by the amounts of phone calls, letters and telegrams flooding the offices of the politicians back in Confusion City, D.C. every day. Some, reporting over 400 letters a day. And you better believe, many of them are shivering in their boots, afraid their home folks will remember this nefarious maneuver of not voting on pay raise. I just hope everybody remember it; at the next election.

Here is some information that needs a bit of clearing up; Recently on a radio talk show, one of the listeners mentioned that it was the congress that were the perpetrators of how this pay raise for congress came about, which isn't at all true. They get blamed for many things, but not this time indeed.

The fault is with Ex-President Reagan. Several years ago he appointed a commission to adjust salaries for elected officials. The idea was of course, to be able to get the elected officials off the hook with the voters. It was only one of the sneaky tricks that was pulled on the voters, and there isn't enough space in this letter for all of them.

In this computer age, my contention is, that no rules, regulations, laws, amendments, should be made in this country without the majority vote of the people.

The process would be simple, and then, and only then would we have a government by the people and for the people.

Besides, we wouldn't need as many politicians as we have now. Just think of the taxes it would save. All rates in a matter of hours

could be tabulated by computer. EARL ETTER, SR.
Jerome

Too many specialists exist

I keep wondering what's happened to the ordinary working man. All you hear about anymore are specialists.

First, there's a seat belt specialist who will tell you that you face a fate worse than death if you don't buckle up. He forgets to mention the fact that we have driven hundreds of millions of miles before seat belts were even invented and didn't even know how dangerous it was until we were told.

The water specialist says if there's only enough water for fish and wildlife and none to water crops we have had trouble.

There's the potato specialist who tells us if we drop spuds and throw them around you will damage them.

And there's the specialist who says it's dangerous to try and catch night crawlers. Being a life-long bait fisherman, that one really tore me up so I sold my fishing gear and went to buy some kind of game or toy to play with without causing danger to myself or my family but the specialist at the product safety commission hasn't released any for my age group.

Oh, me a specialist is a person who knows everything about nothing and goes on learning more and more about less until he knows nothing about anything.

When it comes time for me to meet my Maker, I suppose my obituary will read: caused to die by...

BILL ROGERS
Hazelton

Retired justice rushed to hospital

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retired Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell was rushed to a Jacksonville, Fla., hospital Monday with a respiratory infection, a court spokeswoman said.

Kathy Arberg, the Supreme Court's assistant public information officer, said Powell, 81, was admitted to the Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville shortly after noon EST suffering from what was diagnosed as an "acute upper respiratory infection."

At the hospital, Powell was reported in stable condition. There was no immediate word as to what medical treatment he was receiving.

Powell is in Florida serving as a visiting judge on a three-judge panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Mrs. Arberg said Powell complained of dizziness after the panel's morning session.

Chief Judge Paul Roney of the 11th Circuit court said, "Justice Powell got a cold last weekend before he came to Jacksonville. He began feeling worse during this morning's session, and we insisted that he see a physician this afternoon."

He said he and another judge would hear oral arguments as a quorum of the court and they would be taped so Powell can listen to the argument and participate in the decision of the case.

JUSTICE POWELL
Respiratory infection

Bush sees cooperation in Latin America

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Monday there is a chance for "a new spirit of cooperation" between the Soviet Union and the United States in solving Central American problems.

Bush was asked at a news conference if he foresees a deal with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev to resolve the region's problems, which include a superpower dispute over leftist-ruled Sandinista.

"The Soviets help supply the Sandinista while the United States provides aid to the anti-Nicaraguan Contra rebels."

Bush said he wouldn't make a deal on Contra aid, but added, "I can see a possibility of cooperation in Central America."

The Soviets don't have "substantive interest in that part of the world, certainly none that rival ours. So I would like to think they would understand that," Bush said. "And there are so many areas where we could demonstrate a new spirit of cooperation and this would clearly be one of them."

"The United States has an 'unshakable' commitment to democracy, freedom and free elections in the five-nation region, he said.

Bush hasn't spelled out his Central American policies, particularly the Contra aid question and the fighting in neighboring El Salvador between the U.S.-backed government and leftist rebels.

Bush said he is reviewing the poli-

cy of his predecessor Ronald Reagan, which involved unwavering support for military aid to the Contras.

But officials have said no Contra aid will be sought in the near future and the administration is willing to support regional efforts toward a diplomatic solution to the Contra war.

Bush and Secretary of State James Baker haven't yet named a new assistant secretary of state for Latin America.

Baker has settled on Bernard Aronson, a Democrat who helped the Reagan administration win Contra aid, but the appointment hasn't been announced, said the sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The previous holder of the post, El-

liott Abrams, discussed Nicaraguan during several meetings with Soviet officials, but no substantive action ever came of the meetings.

The United States has continually objected to the Soviet supply of weaponry to Nicaragua's leftist government, saying the shipments continued through 1988, even after U.S. arms to the Contras were stopped.

Vice President Dan Quayle visited the region last week and met with presidents of the four Central American democracies — El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica and Guatemala.

The United States refuses to meet with Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega on the grounds that he should conduct talks first with the Contras.

North jury won't be sequestered

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge ruled Monday that the jury now being chosen to hear charges against Oliver North in the Iran-Contra affair will not be sequestered.

North's lawyers had asked that the jurors be locked up each night to prevent their exposure to news reports about the trial, which may last up to five months.

In his written order, U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell did not state a reason, saying only that "the

court does not presently intend to sequester the jury."

Meanwhile, the process for picking the pool of prospective jurors was going slowly. Of the first 12 potential jurors interviewed Monday by Gesell and lawyers on both sides, only three were accepted.

The number deemed qualified by Gesell stood at 28 women and 8 men — all black, except for one white woman. Gesell is aiming for 45 people.

The Health Department's objections boil down to these: Reder doesn't always examine patients before treating them; he doesn't make sure they are not former cocaine addicts; and he uses too much cocaine.

Reder says most of his patients have been examined many times before they come to him, and that he examines those who have not.

And he says he administers too small an amount of the drug to hook anyone.

Navajo leader's son admits to fraud

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The son of Navajo tribal leader Peter MacDonald Sr. told congressional investigators Monday that he sought pay, money from contractors and businessmen for his father using the code word "golfballs" for \$1,000 sums, "because I love my father."

Testifying under a grant of limited immunity, Phoenix lawyer Peter MacDonald Jr. admitted he plotted to mislead congressional investigators with phony documents. He said he, his father and one of the men who arranged the controversial sale of a 491,000-acre ranch to the Navajo nation devised a cover story for a \$25,000 payment to his father and the loan of a black BMW car.

Doctor won't stop using cocaine as medicine

NEW YORK (AP) — Cocaine may not have been in Marcus Welby's black bag, but it has been the drug of choice for decades at Dr. Milton Reder's practice — a balm for Marvin Mitchelson's headaches, Sonny Bono's sciatica, Whitney Ford's sore shoulder and David Brenner's bad back.

The state says cocaine is not good medicine, and told the physician to stop. He has refused.

"These days cocaine has a bad name. What can I do about that?" asked Reder, who said Monday he has been treating patients with small amounts of cocaine for 40 years. "I say it's the best local anesthetic."

Brenner, the comedian, accused the state Health Department and county medical society of "a witch hunt. ... They can't get Noriega, they

can't get the crack dealers a few blocks away, but they're going after an 89-year-old humanitarian."

Reder uses cocaine, legally purchased from pharmaceutical companies, to treat a variety of maladies.

A liquid solution, about 13 percent cocaine, is applied with metal swabs inserted through the nostrils against a nerve center at the base of the brain. Reder, his patients, and some doctors say the procedure relieves pain, although no one is sure why.

Reder's treatment was no secret. He has participated in medical studies and been the subject of newspaper

and magazine features, which invariably focus on his many celebrated patients.

The Health Department's objections boil down to these: Reder doesn't always examine patients before treating them; he doesn't make sure they are not former cocaine addicts; and he uses too much cocaine.

Reder says most of his patients have been examined many times before they come to him, and that he examines those who have not.

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Armenian quake victims arrive in U.S.

BOSTON (AP) — Victims of the recent Armenian earthquake, some severely injured that their limbs, skulls and bones are crushed, are beginning to arrive in the United States this week for medical treatment.

Their stories are varied and tragic, doctors who participated in the relief effort said Monday.

For example, 15-year-old Lena has come to the United States for opera-

tions that may restore her paralyzed left hand. Doctors say she was trapped under the rubble for three days with her mother. Unaware her mother had died, the teen-ager clutched her so tightly that her hand was frozen into a claw shape.

The (Soviet) doctors told us very sad stories," Nishan G. Goudsouzian, chief of pediatric anesthesiology at Massachusetts General Hospital said at a news conference.

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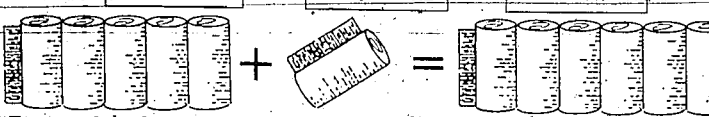
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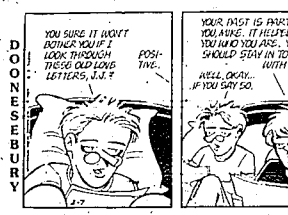
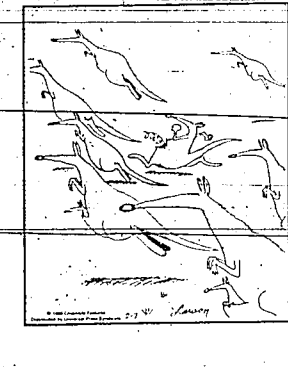
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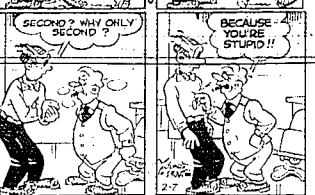
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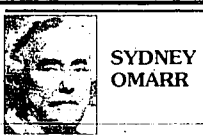
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ASTROLOGICAL FORECASTS

IF FEB. 7 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY you are spiritual, idealistic, have tendency to trust those who are not always trustworthy. Pisces, Virgo persons play important roles in your life. You'll gain more recognition this year. August represents time of achievement, romance, testing, challenging opportunity to hit financial jackpot. You'll travel in March, popularity will increase, you will add to wardrobe and become more aware of body image. Property purchase might play key role in May.

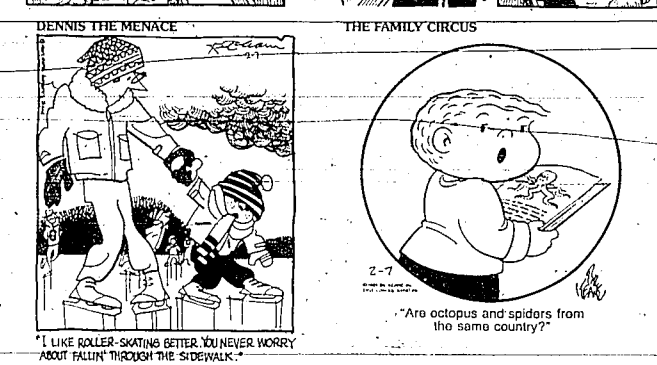
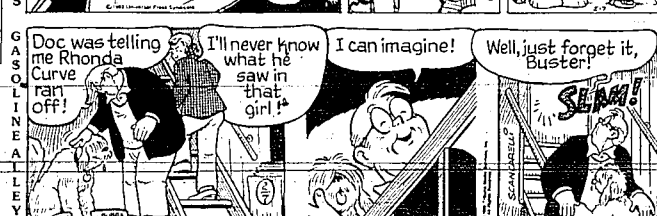
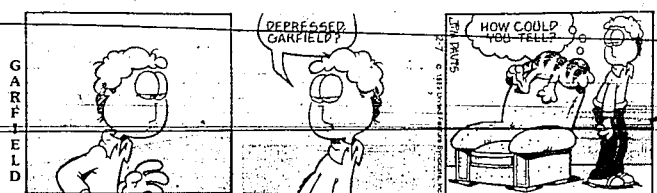
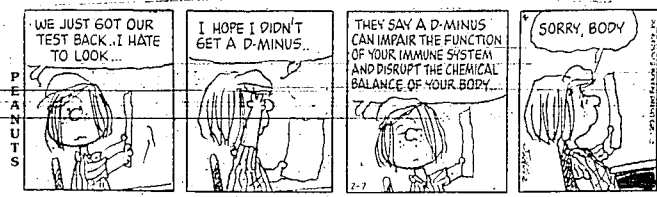
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Intuition on target; close family relative has something pertinent to report. You'll be sensitive to trends, cycles. Money is paid and you'll be more secure as result. Cancer native figures gainfully.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Lunar cycle coincides with judgment, intuition, personality. Make public appearance and wear your colors; sea green, mums; in matters of speculation, you'll have luck with number 3. Sagittarian plays role.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Less than 24 hours ago a dilemma existed. As you try to find pressure to relieve, you'll have reason to declare, "Free at last!" Last article is reread. Fate in Pisces person is reworked.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Your perfect man/will be dated out/standing. Perceptions are worth more than originally anticipated. Influential people are attracted; you could gain powerful allies. Aquarian plays role.

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Q. Do chimpanzees commit rape?
A. So it has been reported. By name other than Jane Goodall.

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A baseball expert says, To pitch a great game, you've got to hate, hate, hate the batter. You buy that?

Q. Wasn't the macadamia nut named in honor of the man who invented rice pudding?
A. No, sir, the nut was named for an Australian chemist called John Macadam. That Scot of rice-pudding fame was John McAvellan.

Q. What's the busiest body of water in the world?
A. Down drain.

World

Polish roundtable talks begin

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — The government's top delegate to historic talks with the opposition opened the first session Monday by offering to legalize Solidarity if the union agrees to economic and political reforms.

Fifty-seven delegates from the government, the opposition and the Roman Catholic Church gathered for the talks at the ornate Council of Ministers Palace, the building where the Warsaw Pact was created.

Terror Minister Gen. Czeslaw Kiszczak, seated opposite Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, called for the opposition to participate in Poland's government.

The delegates met for about three hours and issued a short communique that said talks by three "working groups" would resume Wednesday. One group will consider

economic and social policies, another political reforms and the third the issue of allowing more than one union to exist.

"We were brought together here by the sense of responsibility for the future of our motherland. We are all responsible for this Poland. In his

Kiszczak told the participants, the state-run news agency PAP reported.

"We must accept the philosophy of necessity alongside that of the gradual character of transformations," he said. "As it goes for tradition pluralism, there is no question if, but the point is how."

"We demand Solidarity. We have the right to it," Walesa said in his speech, PAP reported.

Walesa blamed Poland's economic and political crisis on a lack of freedoms, but said he sensed the government was ready for change, state-run TV reported.

"We know the country is in ruins. But it has not been ruined by moment, but by the system of carrying out power which has been depriving people of their rights and wasting the fruits of their labor," Walesa said.

The time of social and political monopoly is ending. We need a restructuring that will turn the one-party state into a state of the nation and the society," he said.

Known as the round table, the talks are the first between Solidarity and the government since the union was suppressed by the martial-law crackdown in December 1981.



Lech Walesa takes his seat during talks with Polish officials. AP Laserphoto

Iranians tell France some hostages will be released

KUWAIT (AP) — Iran assured Foreign Minister Roland Dumas of France that some Western hostages held in Lebanon will be freed soon, the official Kuwait News Agency reported Monday.

Dumas flew to Kuwait for a brief state visit after a two-day visit to Iran.

The Kuwait News Agency, quoting diplomats traveling with Dumas, said, "He obtained a promise from responsible officials (in Tehran) that a number of Western hostages held in Lebanon will be released within a short period."

The diplomats did not elaborate, the news agency said.

Most of the 15 Westerners missing in Iran are believed held by Shiite Muslim extremists loyal to Iran. The hostages are nine Americans, three Britons, one Belgian, one Irishman and one Italian.

Iran has influence over the fundamentalist militia Hezbollah, or Party of God, which is considered an umbrella for groups holding the hostages.

But Iranian officials repeatedly dissociate themselves from hostage-taking groups.

Shevardnadze's Pakistan visit fails to end war

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The last military convoys rolled north toward the border Monday, Soviet officials said, more than a week before the deadline for the Red Army to leave a frustrating war in which it lost more than 10,000 men.

Hundreds of Soviet soldiers guarded the airport, where military transports brought in food and fuel to ease shortages caused by a blockade of Kabul by Moslem guerrillas who surrounded it.

In Moscow, the Communist Party newspaper Pravda said "the last Soviet soldier left Kabul" on Sunday. Soviet officials in the Afghan capital, however, said about 1,000 Red Army troopers would remain at the airport until the end of next week.

Eduard A. Shevardnadze, the Soviet foreign minister, met with officials in neighboring Pakistan but did not find a way to end the 11-year-old civil war peacefully. He

said Monday the Soviets would continue supporting the Marxist government in Kabul but would not send troops back into the country.

Soviet envoy Yuli Vorontsov left Tehran after talks with Afghan guerrillas leaders in Iran, Afghanistan's neighbor on the west.

He said he hoped "all political forces" would join a coalition government after the Soviets are gone; Iran's official news agency reported, but the insurgents have consistently refused such proposals.

Moslem guerrillas began fighting after a communist coup in April 1978 and Soviet soldiers entered Afghanistan in December 1979, growing in numbers to an estimated 115,000 by the time the withdrawal began May 15 under a U.N.-mediated agreement. All are to be out of the country by Feb. 15.

Paraguayan leader denies links to drug trafficking

ASUNCIÓN, Paraguay (AP) — Gen. Andres Rodriguez, who seized power in a violent coup last week, denied links with the drug traffic and announced Monday that elections will be held May 1, with only communists excluded.

Four cronies of ousted President Alfredo Stroessner, who ruled Paraguay for nearly 35 years until the coup, were accused of using public funds and graft to obtain "luxurious mansions, expensive apartments abroad and sumptuous automobiles."

Reporters asked the general about casualties during eight hours of fighting Thursday night and early Friday that ousted Stroessner.

"Believe me, total casualties — dead plus wounded — do not exceed 50," Rodriguez replied. Earlier estimates by embassies and civilian witnesses put the number of dead alone at nearly 300, but no official figures have been released.

Rodriguez also said Congress has been dissolved and that the new president would take office immediately upon election. Some opposition leaders said they didn't have enough time to prepare for the election.

Stroessner was given asylum in neighboring Brazil and was staying in Iumbiará, a remote city 270 miles southeast of Brasilia. He is living in a house owned by the government power company, which operates a dam on the nearby Paranaíba River.

At the first presidential news conference Paraguayans could remember, Rodriguez said rumors of his involvement with the drug trade "were spread by people trying to defame me."

"I detest drugs," he told reporters let into his office in small groups. "I swear as a Catholic and as a family man; I swear on my children, I have no connections with drugs."

Paraguay has become a way station for cocaine produced in neighboring Bolivia. Foreign diplomats, academics and media reports have linked Rodriguez with traffickers, but no proof has been presented and no charges have been filed.

Asked whether he would cooperate with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, he said "Paraguay will cooperate with all foreign governments and agencies, including the United States, and the more help we get the better. We will fight together."

In Washington, State Department spokesman Gregory Hedeman said U.S. relations with Paraguay will depend on the actions of the government on creating democracy.

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Bush ethics adviser quits company job

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an abrupt reversal, President Bush's counsel and chief ethics adviser resigned as chairman of a multimillion-dollar communications company Monday to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest while working in the White House.

Spurred by publicity about his finances, C. Boyden Gray announced he was stepping down as chairman of the family-owned Summit Communications Group, Inc., and putting his personal assets — estimated at \$10 million — into a blind trust.

Earlier, Gray had said he would remain as

head of the firm but would refuse a salary, complying with rules announced by Bush last July during the presidential campaign. Gray changed his mind and decided to resign after consulting with the leaders of Bush's new ethics commission and seeing his financial background become front-page news.

"He has done nothing wrong," said White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater. "There's been no conflict of interest. He has not profited or benefited in any way from his government service but the issue has been raised now in the press and so he simply wanted to take care of it."

Gray is the latest Bush appointee to find himself in the spotlight after questions about his ethical or personal conduct.

Dr. Louis W. Sullivan, Bush's nominee as secretary of health and human services, sought a ruling on whether he could accept \$300,000 in sabbatical pay earned as head of the Marquette School of Medicine while taking a leave to serve in the Cabinet. Saying he wanted to avoid even the appearance of any conflict of interest, Sullivan said he would forfeit the sabbatical pay.

Although Gray worked in the Reagan administration, he was not bound by those rules.

Kitty Dukakis gets help

BOSTON (AP) — Kitty Dukakis, the wife of Gov. Michael Dukakis, has entered an alcohol treatment program according to a statement issued by the governor Monday that blamed the lullout after his failed presidential campaign.

Mrs. Dukakis, 62, has had a history of addictions and chemical dependency but was never known to be dependent on alcohol until the statement was released.

In July 1987, Mrs. Dukakis announced that she had recovered from a 28-year dependency on diet pills.

Dukakis said his wife entered the Edgell-Newport facility in Newport, R.I., Sunday evening and will stay there for about 30 days.

"Until shortly after election day on Nov. 8, Kitty had never had a problem with alcohol," Dukakis said.

"Unfortunately, a combination of physical exhaustion, the stress of the campaign effort, and the post-election lullout all combined to create a situation in which, on a limited number of occasions while at home, she has used alcohol in excessive quantities," the governor said.

Dukakis said Mrs. Dukakis entered the clinic voluntarily.

Author Tuchman dies at 77

GREENWICH, Conn. (AP) — Barbara Tuchman, a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author of sweeping, popular histories, died Monday of complications following a stroke, a spokeswoman said. She was 77.

Tuchman, a Greenwich resident and New York City native, died at 4 p.m. in Greenwich Hospital, said Eleanor Hannon, the hospital spokeswoman. She had been admitted to the hospital Saturday.

Tuchman's latest book, "The First Salute," a look at the American Revolution and the Dutch revolution that preceded it by 200 years, has been on The New York Times best-seller list for more than nine weeks.

She won the Pulitzer Prize for history for "The Guns of August" in 1962, and for "Sillwell and the American Experience in China" in 1971.

In 1978, she was awarded the Gold Medal for History of the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters. She has received 22 honorary doctorates.

She also wrote "The Proud Tower," a story of Europe before World War I, and "A Distant Mirror: The Calamitous 14th Century," which traces the tumult of the period by following the career of a feudal lord, Enguerrand de Coucy VII.

Military drug use declines. Pentagon says

WASHINGTON (AP) — The illicit use of drugs in the U.S. armed forces has declined even more than had been indicated last summer by preliminary results of a worldwide survey, the Pentagon said Monday.

Use of marijuana declined from 6.5 percent in 1985 to 2.9 percent last year, while use of other illicit drugs dropped from 5.8 percent in 1985 to 3.1 percent in 1988, the Defense Department said in a statement.

The overall figure for the use of any drug dropped from 9 percent in 1985 to 4.8 percent in 1988, the Pentagon said.

Cigarette smoking and heavy alcohol use also declined, and the survey found that almost 80 percent of military personnel took some action within the past year to improve their nutrition, the Pentagon added.

Last July, based on some preliminary results from the same survey, the Pentagon projected 1988's overall-illegal-drug-use rate at 5.5 percent. The additional drop to a rate of 4.8 percent is based on final tabulations of statistics from military outposts around the world, the Pentagon said.

The 1988 survey is the fourth conducted since 1980, when the Pentagon began attacking a drug problem within the ranks that had become almost out of control.

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Jaggers gave few clues to why he killed Westergren

By CRAIG LINCOLN
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In Las Vegas, Jesse Ray Jaggers admitted killing 20-year-old Virginia Westergren, stealing her car and other items but gave few clues as to why he did it.

Jaggers, who had done yard work for Westergren and her husband, former Times-News Publisher Al Westergren, told city police he went to the house to ask for work on May 14, 1988.

"I noticed her husband wasn't home, something clicked," the 18-year-old Jaggers said.

"Were you angry with her?" Commander Garry Corder asked.
"I was kind of angry at her. I was kind of pissed off, it was something that was hostile, it was like, I didn't have any money, I was going to be kicked out in a week, because I couldn't pay my rent at my motel," Jaggers said.

Corder and Detective Dennis Chambers interrogated Jaggers in Las Vegas and it didn't take long to obtain a confession. Fifth District Judge Daniel Meehl released transcripts of the documents Monday, the day he

sentenced Jaggers to between 25 years and life in prison.

On the third page of transcripts of Jaggers' two confessions, this exchange took place:
"Let me ask you this, how come we had two guys down here in jail that's identified you as the person they bought her (Westergren's) car from?" Corder asked.

"Probably because I did it," Jaggers answered.

"What?"
"Probably because I did it."

"Did what?"
"Murdered her."
"You did?"
"Yes sir."
"You want to tell me why?"
"I was drunk. . . . I was scared, I stole the car and left."

Corder and Chambers arrested Jaggers on the Las Vegas strip May 23. In September, Jaggers pleaded guilty to first-degree murder and robbery in a plea bargain. Prosecutors dropped eight other felony charges and agreed not to seek the death penalty.

Jaggers had just returned from New Mexico, where he had lived for a short time with his father.

But his father, Lam Jaggers, and his father's girlfriend kicked him out of their house. They said Jaggers had stolen from them.

Jaggers, after a stint on the streets in New Mexico as a homosexual male prostitute, returned to Twin Falls. He was working in the shipping and receiving department of Sears and working at odd jobs before Westergren's murder.

Cold weather puts heaters on most-wanted list



By MARTA CLEVELAND
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Record low temperatures Sunday and Monday have taken the romance out of the cold snap. Space heaters and car batteries have replaced microwave popcorn and video rentals as the hottest-selling items in town.

Harold Cameron of Jerome went to five stores Monday before he found a space heater. Ernst Home & Garden ran out of the electric variety Sunday morning.

"I haven't got a single one left in the store," said Manager Dennis Ridgway. "Usually we can find an alternative that will help them out."

He also has dealt heavily in baseboard heaters, kerosene heaters, insulation, heat tape, heat lumps, heat deflectors, gasoline, antifreeze and propane.

"I think pretty much every (retailer) is in the same boat I am," Ridgway said.

Indeed, Kregel's True Value Hardware also has gone through "many, many space heaters, heat lamps and heat tape," said Manager Jerry Fischer.

"Actually, anything that makes heat we've sold a lot of. We've been out of antifreeze for

a while, and coal has been real hot," he said.

He noticed the big crunch started Monday when the deeper cold really hit.

The Kimberly weather station recorded record lows of 8 degrees below zero on Sunday and 11 degrees below on Monday.

In 1985, the record low temperature for Feb. 5 was set at 5 below, and 1976 set the record low for Feb. 6 at 4 degrees below, said Bill Galkin of the National Weather Service in Kimberly.

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— Jerry Fischer, Kregel's True-Value store manager

Today's forecast calls for highs around the valley between 10 and 15 degrees and an overnight low of 10 below, he said. The record for today was 17 degrees below set in 1938.

Below-normal temperatures will continue until the weekend, with a gradual warming trend of a few degrees a day expected after today.

Normal temperatures this time of year are a high of 40 degrees and a low of 22 degrees.

With below-normal temperatures

Gordon Henry, left, and Harold Cameron search the shelves at Ernst Home and Nursery where electric heaters were

Court hearing set for Thursday on MVRMC budget amendment

By JENNIFER KAUTH
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A lack of formal procedural statutes and a call for a public hearing could throw a wrench into the wheel of amending the county hospital's budget, a wrench the county commissioners haven't decided what to do with yet.

Pursuant to Idaho state code, the county commissioners Monday filed with the 5th District Court, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's budget amendment request. The commissioners approved the amendment Friday.

The amendment asks permission to spend an additional \$12 million on the cancer treatment center project, a magnetic resonance imaging center, land purchases, regular equipment replacement and other costs.

A district court hearing has been set for 9 a.m. Thursday in courtroom No. 1.

County Commission Chairman Marvin Hempleman said last week that people wanting to comment on the amendment can do so in the district judge, although he was not sure of the format.

But District Court Judge Daniel Hurlbutt said Monday that the hearing will not be a public hearing on whether the budget amendment is a good idea.

"I am not to judge the wisdom of the factors involved in seeking the amendment," Hurlbutt said Monday. "It's not a situation where I would necessarily be seeking advice on public policy matters."

He said state laws allow him only to take testimony on legal aspects of the amendment.

When told Monday of Hurlbutt's comments and asked if that will change anything, Commissioner Norma Bloss declined comment "because of the new information on the hearing," Hempleman and Commissioner

Jim Fraley were out of town and she said she will have to discuss the matter with the other two present.

Kathy Sursely, county coordinator of the Idaho Citizens Network, last week requested a public hearing on the proposed budget amendment, which would draw more money from the hospital's cash reserves, not from the county's general fund or from taxes.

"Our position is that we want a public hearing where the public has a chance to have input," Sursely said.

"That's good," she said of Bloss' statement, that the commissioners will discuss Hurlbutt's comments.

Sursely noted that state laws require public hearings on regular budgets and that the amount of extra money the hospital wants to spend under the part of the budget most affected by the budget is almost equal to the original request.

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Child abuse bill generates debate

The Times-News

BOISE — Fighting child abuse may be the most popular issue of the 1989 Legislature, but a child abuse bill still generated some Senate debate Monday because of its link to the grand jury system.

The bill would expand the evidence grand juries can consider to include legally admissible hearsay, which sponsors said would be helpful in using them for sexual abuse prosecution.

Sponsor Rod Beck, R-Boise, said that the grand jury system can keep a child from being traumatized by a

defense attorney's cross-examination. "The use of the grand jury is increasing rapidly chiefly because of the protection it affords sensitive, vulnerable witnesses," he said.

Allowing legally admissible hearsay would merely bring grand jury proceedings up to date with the rules of the court, supporters said.

But Sen. Roger Fairchild, R-Fruitland, argued against expanding the powers of the grand jury. "Grand juries are on an exponential increase," he said. "Six years ago they were seldom used. Now there is a plethora of them. They are being

used way beyond their original intent."

"They've developed a reputation in the legal community for allowing a clever prosecutor to get an indictment anytime he wishes. Sometimes they are used because the prosecutor has a weak case, and sometimes because the prosecutor wants to 'grab headlines,' he said.

Grand juries should only be used in sensitive, ongoing investigations when evidence might be destroyed or witnesses put in danger, he said.

"Nothing is more sensitive, more ongoing than sexual abuse of chil-

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A Twin Falls firefighter douses the roof of a house which caught fire Monday morning

Fire damages house located at labor center

TWIN FALLS — Fire swept through a house at the labor center south of here Monday, causing an estimated \$11,000 worth of damage, authorities said.

The house, rented by Bill Crisp, was reported on fire at 9:43 a.m., said Jerry Hafer, battalion chief with the Twin Falls Department of Public Safety. The family was not home at the time, and no one was injured.

The nearest fire hydrant malfunctioned, forcing firefighters to draw their water from two pumper trucks, Hafer said. The multifunctional is privately owned and maintained, Hafer said.

Firefighters believe the blaze was started by a short in the electrical wiring. Hafer said the single-story, wood-frame house sustained extensive smoke damage, and the fire went through the house's roof in several spots.

Hafer said the Idaho Migration Council owns the labor center, a low-cost housing complex inhabited primarily by farm workers.

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Other senators said allowing testimony would mean that a doctor could testify about what a child described during a medical examination.

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Schuck's has also gone through a lot of engine benefits and antifreeze. "Our suppliers are even running out of engine oil," Miller said.

Obituaries

Ada L. Walker RUPERT - Ada L. Walker, 83, of Rupert, died Sunday, Feb. 5, 1989, at the St. Mary County Living Center in Rupert.

Bradley L. Foreman RUPERT - Bradley Leon Foreman, infant son of John and Edna Foreman, was stillborn Sunday, Feb. 5, 1989, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

John C. Rice PAUL - John C. Rice, 82, of Paul, died Sunday, Feb. 5, 1989, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

William R. Vreeland HAGERMAN - William R. Vreeland, 82, of Hagerman, died Friday, Feb. 3, 1989, at the Veterans Hospital in Boise.

Dan E. Barrus RUPERT - Dan Eugene Barrus, 32, of Rupert, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 1989, at Blinnock Regional Medical Center in Pocatello.

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Services TWIN FALLS - A private family memorial service for Carl Howard Peterson, 67, of Twin Falls, who died Saturday, will be at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel, 1700 Main St., under the direction of White Mortuary. The family suggests memorials may be made to the Twin Falls Christian Academy.

HAGERMAN - The funeral for Ruby Maxine Harmon Hubert, 73, who died Friday, will be at 10:30 a.m. today at the Hagerman Christian Center. Burial will be at 3 p.m. at the Cloverdale Memorial Park in Boise. Arrangements are under the direction of Donatarys Gossling Funeral Chapel.

RUPERT - The funeral for Gladys Alma Wilby, 93, of Rupert, who died Thursday, will be at 2 p.m. today at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Rupert. Burial will be in 450 Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call at the church one hour prior to the service. Arrangements by Hansen Mortuary.

WENDELL - Donald Brown, 70, of Wendell, died Monday, Feb. 6, 1989, at the Veterans Hospital in Boise.

Flora A. Farmer BURLEY - Flora A. Farmer, 99, of Burley, died Sunday, Feb. 5, 1989, at the Burley Care Center.

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Around the valley

Hearing scheduled on school funding

BOISE - The Senate and House education committees have scheduled a joint hearing on a proposal to make small high schools prove they are remote and necessary or forfeit state funds.

Consolidation proposal joins agenda

BOISE - The third school consolidation proposal joined others Monday on legislative agendas for official consideration.

Committee makes recommendation

BOISE - Idaho Racing Commissioner Marvin Aslett

owns 600 head of cattle, ranch horses and brood mares - but no race horses, he says. The Senate State Affairs Committee Monday agreed to recommend his reappointment to the commission, after hesitating last week.

Space available in ISU course

TWIN FALLS - Space is still available in an Idaho State University course in operations and production management being offered in Twin Falls beginning Wednesday.

Hospital

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"Trying to put that amount through without a hearing is irregular," she said. "That kind of snuck up on me."

In the amendment request, Kent Taylor, the hospital board's attorney, said the proposed 1989 budget, submitted in July, was based upon historical data.

"It did not reflect disbursements for capital projects of board-approved departmental budgets," the petition states. "The capital projects were for the most part in the developmental stage, and the departmental budgets were being analyzed and modified by the respective departments at the time that the proposed budget was submitted."

In the past, the county hospital has not listed capital expenditures in its budget. Hospital and county officials said the budget forms and the differences between hospital finances and regular county departments' finances are to blame for the incorrect budget procedure.

Back Hurlbut and Deputy Attorney General Dan Chadwick said there are no state codes regarding the procedures of amending county budgets, only that must approve the amendment under which set of circumstances.

"The law is silent as to procedure," Chadwick said. "I don't think that prohibits the commissioners from holding a public hearing, but there is nothing that mandates it."

Hurlbut said state laws allow him only to take testimony on legal as-

pects of the amendment.

"If someone simply wishes to say that whatever purpose the money might be put to use for is wrong, they would have to go to the county commissioners," Hurlbut said.

All I can say is I could not hear comments on that because I could not rest my decision on those comments," he said.

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Hearing it All by Jack Warberg

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Recent Medicare changes mean increased taxes for seniors

WASHINGTON - While President Reagan's signing of the Medicare Catastrophic Loss Protection Act last July will provide additional health coverage, it also will mean additional taxes for approximately 32 million Medicare enrollees.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Premium Rate Per \$1500 Tax Liability, Max. Amount Per Person. Rows for 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993.

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Hospitals MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Admitted Mr. Donald Waters and Phyllis Gatta, both of Twin Falls.

Official says Jerome should anticipate prosperous future

By DENISE TURNER
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Merchants here can anticipate a future that is positive and prosperous, Gordon Thompson, of the Idaho Department of Commerce, said Saturday.

"You are having tremendous success here . . . Thompson said, referring to the recent sale of the Tupperware plant.

Thompson, administrator of the department's Division of Economic

Development, was the guest speaker at the First Annual Merchants Appreciation Banquet at the Jerome Country Club.

Thompson said the department helped the negotiations with Spears Manufacturing Co. be successful by providing necessary information. The department prepared income statement projections, comparing the Jerome site with a Palmdale, Calif., site, which the company also was considering.

Comparisons are being made with other California firms, he said.

"We are talking to some of the businesses there about coming into Idaho," he said. . . . we show them they can have a better bottom-line figure if they operate in Idaho.

Idaho's involvement internationally is optimistic too, he said, mentioning Gov. Cecil Andrus' efforts in the Far East.

"As a result of the governor's trade mission in Asia, we have made 110 new business contacts and generated over \$1 million in new sales for Idaho firms," said Thompson, "and we have

assisted 34 firms to expand or locate in the state during 1988.

On a local scale, Jerome and Twin Falls counties have received 16 community development block grants from the state in the last five years - about \$2.7 million total, Thompson said.

Concerning tourism, Thompson said inquiries made to his department have increased by 74.5 percent during the past two years, which translates into some 159,000 contacts during that two-year period. More

than 49,600 people visited Idaho in 1988 and spent about \$20 million," Thompson said.

Thompson told Jerome's merchants that the "Idaho Works" motto is in full effect in the state. "We think the business community here is on the upswing, and we see a great enthusiastic attitude all around the state," he

said. During the banquet program, a certificate of appreciation was presented to Jerome Police Chief Greg Will by the banquet's sponsoring group, the merchants' association. He was recognized for the work he and his department have done in helping area merchants during the past year.

Supreme Court sustains finding in Gooding case

BOISE (AP) - The Idaho Supreme Court will not disturb a jury's ruling that a man was mentally competent shortly before his death to change his will in favor of a son.

The Supreme Court ruled unanimously Monday to sustain a 5th District Court jury finding that Jack Montgomery was of sound mind and not under undue influence when he changed his will. It was a Gooding

County case.

A son, John Clayton Montgomery, received valuable Texas oil property from his father shortly before the elder Montgomery's death in 1982. Selma Montgomery, the widow, and other family members challenged the gift on the grounds that the elder Montgomery was mentally incompetent to understand what he was doing.

A jury found Montgomery was competent and upheld the gift. The Supreme Court said the question of whether it would have

reached the same decision, based on the facts presented, does not mean the jury's fact-finding decisions should be disturbed.

Buhl teen in critical condition

TWIN FALLS - A Buhl teen-ager injured in a weekend accident was listed in critical condition Monday at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, hospital officials said.

Eric Harvey, 17, was transported to the hospital after his pickup collided with another pickup on County Road 1400 East near Buhl, Twin Falls County sheriff's records show. The accident occurred around 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

Harvey, driving a 1988 Nissan pickup, was southbound when a vehicle in front of him slowed down to make a right-hand turn onto County Road 3800 North, sheriff's records show. Harvey lost control of his pickup and skidded into the lane for oncoming traffic, where he was struck by a pickup driven by Manuel Silva, 29, of Buhl, sheriff's records show.

Silva's pickup was pulling a five-wheel trailer, sheriff's records show. Buhl pickups were totaled.

Leave water running in home

JEROME - Now is the time to leave some water running in your home.

Jerome Public Works Director Larry Sloan is recommending that area residents leave a pencil sized stream of water running in one faucet at all times, day and night, in order to prevent pipes from freezing. They are getting about 50 calls an hour in Boise now and frozen water lines can mean big bills to pay," he said, "plus the fact that those affected would be

without water for a time and plumbers are now so busy that it's pretty hard to find one.

A continuous flow would probably add \$4.85 a month to water bills, Sloan said.

There are many variables involved here, but when you have extreme cold temperatures with no insulating snow, the frost goes down into the ground and the sun pushes it even deeper," said Sloan, who added that those with lines in heavily traveled streets would have the worst problems.

Public hearing set in Jerome

JEROME - Liquor by the drink is the topic of a public hearing here tonight.

The City Council meets at 7 p.m., an hour earlier, to gather public opinion on allowing the sale of liquor by the drink on Sundays in the city. It currently is prohibited.

The council decided last month to look at the issue after several club

owners asked officials to lift the ban on the sales. The request has drawn opposition among some city residents.

The council also decided it would make the final decision and not put it to a public vote.

The hearing will begin at City Hall but may be moved if the crowds are large. The council's regular meeting will follow the hearing.

On the agenda

Here's a list of governmental meetings scheduled this week in the Magic Valley. This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerks office before attending.	city hall.
TODAY	THURSDAY
Fairfield City Council, 7:30 p.m., firehouse.	Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., city hall.
Hagerman City Council, 7 p.m., city hall.	Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., county courthouse.
Jerome City Council, 8 p.m., city hall.	FRIDAY
Shoshone City Council, 8 p.m., city hall.	Wendell City Council, 8 p.m., city hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., county courthouse.	FRIDAY
WEDNESDAY	Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., county courthouse.
Castleford City Council, 8 p.m., J & D Enterprises.	
Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m.,	

This week at CSI

TWIN FALLS - Here's the calendar of meetings and events that will take place this week at the College of Southern Idaho.	FRIDAY
Military testing will be from 7-10 p.m. in Shields 207.	Idaho Angus show continues all day in Expo Center.
Magic Valley Symphony rehearsal will be at 7:30 p.m. in Fine Arts 121.	TODAY
WEDNESDAY	Basketball versus Richs College with women playing at 5:15 p.m. and men at 7:30 p.m. in gym.
Idahoast workshop will be from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in Aspen 108.	Miss Idaho Drill Team competition will be at 7 p.m. in Fine Arts auditorium.
Stage Band rehearsal will be at 7:30 p.m. in Fine Arts 121.	SATURDAY
THURSDAY	Idaho Angus Show and Sale continues all day in Expo Center.
Energy Efficient Irrigation Workshop will be from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. in Aspen 108.	Suzuki Strings Workshop will be 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. in Fine Arts Center.
Idaho Angus Association show will be all day in Expo Center.	Military testing will be 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in Shields 207.
Twin Falls High School Winter Concert will be at 7:30 p.m. in Fine Arts Auditorium.	Basketball versus North Idaho College with women playing at 6:15 p.m. and men at 7:30 p.m. in gym.
Magic Valley Chorus rehearsal will be at 7:30 p.m. in Fine Arts	SUNDAY
	Magic Valley Chorus auditions will be from 2-5 p.m. in Fine Arts 119 and 121.


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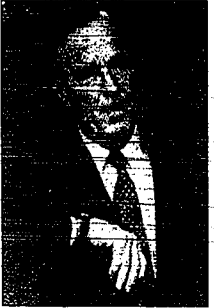
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Officials applaud Bush for moving on S&L crisis

WASHINGTON — President Bush's proposed rescue package for the savings and loan industry, while raising immediate questions on Monday concerning the huge burden being placed on taxpayers...

about the amount of the tax payers will be asked to shoulder. Bush's budget director, Richard Darman, estimated that the cost in direct taxpayer funds would amount to \$39.9 billion over the next 10 years.



PRESIDENT BUSH Unveils S&L bailout plan at Council of Savings Institutions...

cause Bush's plan would not eliminate the discrepancy between S&Ls and banks over the amount they pay in deposit insurance premiums.

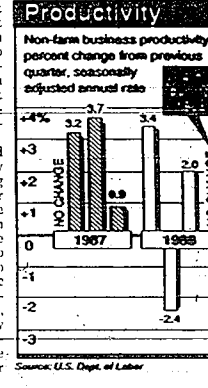
measures to strengthen the thrift industry, and depository institutions generally, should assure that the problems that occurred in the savings and loans will not happen again...

cessive practices" that have led to many S&Ls to failure. But Riegle said the taxpayer cost "was a substantial amount of money."

U.S. production up, but not enough

WASHINGTON — The productivity of American workers increased 1.4 percent last year, the government said Monday, matching the average gains of the six major U.S. regions...

of Labor Statistics reported. Manufacturers reported a 3.2 percent productivity gain for 1988, down from 3.4 percent in 1987.



Texas' S&L problems stem from real estate

DALLAS — To ease the size of the savings and loan problem in Texas, you need only look at the skyline of Boston.

cut — nearly \$1.3 billion worth — they literally can't give it all away.

Despite reports of widespread fraud that contributed billions of dollars to the S&L crisis, only a handful of S&L officials have been indicted.

There are other areas of concern. The Justice Department has assembled a huge task force in Dallas, which has been at work more than a year.

run counter to the economic forecast of nearly 3 percent annual growth that earlier President Reagan included in his final budget and that Bush has adopted for his amended spending plan.

Fed likely to hike interest rates to slow growth

WASHINGTON — Policy-makers at the Federal Reserve, meeting this week to map monetary strategy for the year, will likely set the central bank on a collision course with the new administration and call into question the underlying tenets of President Bush's budget, private economists said Monday.

Analysis: Interest rates and robust economic growth to boost government revenues and make it easier to trim the budget deficit without breaking Bush's new tax-cutting pledge.

best interest rates further to slow the economy would spell trouble for his budget plan, which he will unveil in a congressional address on Thursday.

said Michael Evans, head of a Washington forecasting firm. The administration has been trying to convince the Fed that its worries about inflation are overblown.

New York Stock Exchange table listing various stocks and their prices.

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Railroad fanatic drains swimming pool for layout

Los Angeles Times

SAN MARCOS, Calif. — Seventy-eight-year-old Roy Nimmo has taken the plunge into model railroading. He is the self-appointed superintendent of the SP&R — as in Swimming Pool & Roy — Railroad.

Daily, Nimmo walks out of the back door of his home here in northern San Diego County, and climbs down into his swimming pool-sans-water, where he immerses himself in a world of HO-scale locomotives, freight and passenger cars, country towns, farms and a ski resort.

At his control console, he eases two long trains out of their open lines and into opposing directions along his main line, timing it perfectly so they meet at a siding where they pass one another. He nudges a rheostat switch and the enclosed patio is filled with the sounds of clanging crossing bells, train whistles, released steam and the clackety-clack of trains on tracks.

Sure, there are bigger railroad layouts.

But not many are inside swimming pools.

Nimmo was smitten by model railroading in 1975, when he retired as a heavy equipment operator for a pipeline contractor. He initially set up his little train layout in a 14-foot-square shed in the backyard of his San Marcos home, where he and his wife, Phyllis have lived for the past 30 years.

Five months later, Nimmo began jealously eyeing the weather-protected swimming and exercise pool, which the couple had been using less and less. It is 12-by-28 feet, and measures three feet deep at one end, five feet deep at the other.

"We were having lunch one day and he said, 'You know, we're not using that pool a whole lot. We can drain it and I can put in a beautiful sunken garden for you — or we could put the trains in there,'" Phyllis Nimmo said with a smile.

"So I said, 'Go ahead, bring your trains in.' He had the pool drained the next morning," she said.

In fact, Phyllis Nimmo is hardly a railroad widow. She hand-painted each of the 640 tiny human figures that are stationed about the layout, helped shape the mountains and hillsides and even painted the backdrops to the layout — by leaning over the side of the swimming pool and painting upside down.

"When you get older you need an active interest," she says. "That's what's wrong with so many older people: They don't have a hobby. And I can think of a lot of worse things that I could be doing than this."

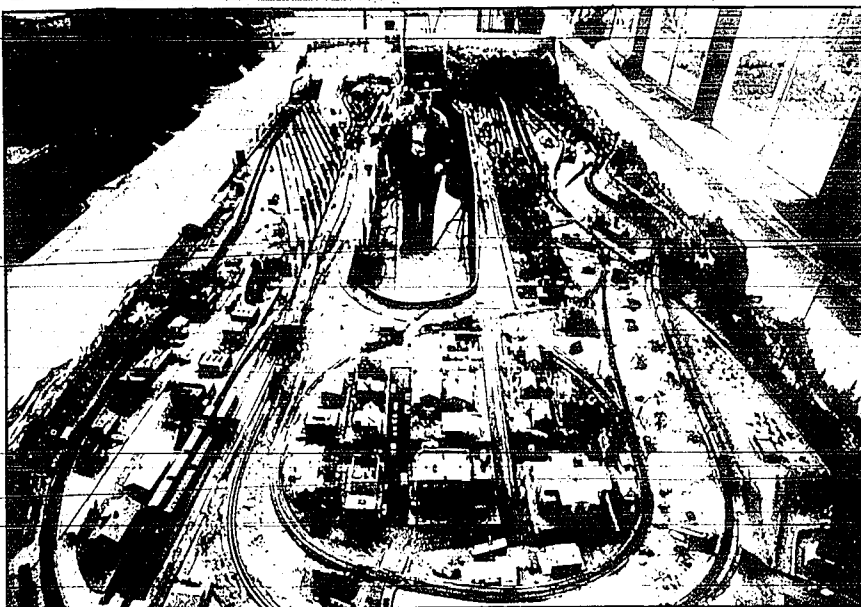
Nimmo has lost track of how much track he laid, or how many locomotives, passenger cars and freight cars he has purchased or reconstructed over the years after countless visits to hobby stores and swap meets.

There are maybe 120 passenger and freight cars. Probably 20 or 40 — maybe 50 — locomotives, representing the most contemporary Amtrak edition to the steam locomotives of the 1890s. More than a dozen complete trains are located on sidings around the layout.

Then, there's the attention to detail on the trainboard itself: the coal bunker rigged by Nimmo with a chute to actually dump little black stuff into the coal tenders; the helicopter and single-engine airplane — HO-scale, of course — with propellers that actually whirl on cue; the snow-removal locomotive with a blower fan that actually spins; and the movie theater complete with fiber-optic lighting for that special marquee twinkling effect.

"The 'African Queen' has been playing there for a long time," Phyllis Nimmo quips.

The Nimmos love showing off the SP&R Railroad to visitors. Their home is a tour stop for serious model railroaders who come to San Diego



Roy Nimmo, 78, uses his drained swimming pool for his model train layout. His wife, Phyllis helped by painting scenery.

for conventions; tour buses have pulled into his driveway with loads of senior citizens on a day's outing; and local school children are frequent visitors.

The greatest advantage of a swimming pool layout, he says, is that it offers great, unobstructed viewing of the entire layout from above. The drawback, of course, is that it makes future expansion plans difficult.

Newsweek names 'hot cities' in U.S.

NEW YORK (AP) — Mid-sized cities low in crime and smog but high in affordable housing and good jobs are becoming the new 'hot cities' among Americans, the latest edition of Newsweek says.

More Americans will migrate to these so-called "second tier" cities that offer the best of big-city living, said authorities quoted in the news magazine's Feb. 6 edition.

Newsweek listed 10 cities meeting that description: Providence, R.I.; Portland, Ore.; Sacramento, Calif.; St. Paul, Minn.; Albuquerque, N.M.; Birmingham, Ala.; Fort Worth, Texas; Charlotte, N.C.; Columbus, Ohio; and Orlando, Fla.

"Given the choice, most people don't want to live in the Los Angeles, Chicago and New Yorks," urbanologist Harvey Jacobs, of the University of Wisconsin, told the magazine.

The cities on the list were once considered "ugly duckings" but their relative lack of crime and other urban headaches combined with a growing cultural awareness, make them good places to live, the magazine said.

St. Paul, long overshadowed by its twin city, Minneapolis, is now considered the "better half" of the two cities, the story said. Fort Worth, also in the shadow of Dallas, has survived the oil bust better than Dallas.

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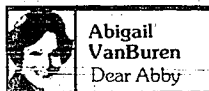


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Valley life

Questions of girl's past raises doubts about couple's future

DEAR ABBY: I have something on my mind that bothers me a lot. I am a young man (under 20 years old) and I am about to ask my girlfriend to marry me. She is slightly younger than I am, and we've been going together for a little over a year. When we first started to date, I asked her some questions about her past, and for some reason, I just don't believe that she told me the truth. Am I wrong not to believe someone I love? (I really do love her.) I want to believe her, but every time I think about it, I find it very hard to believe. What can or should I do? What if she was lying to me, and I find out later we are married that she lied about something else? Please help me. I'm about to make a big move in my life, and I want to know if I should or not. I need to hear from



you really soon.

— DOUBTING

DEAR DOUBTING: Do not marry this girl until you both have had premarital counseling. Perhaps your questions were inappropriate, unfair, or of no real consequence or were really none of your business. Maybe she lied to protect herself. And maybe she didn't lie. This will all come out in counseling, and I urge you to resolve this matter before you consider

marriage.
DEAR ABBY: Now that the holidays are over, I want to tell you how much I appreciated your cookbook. It certainly came to my rescue when I was short of cash and needed to give two co-workers gifts for Christmas. Well, to make a long story short, your cookbook came that very afternoon, so I made your delicious date cake for one, and a large kettle of Moriel Humphreys' Pamply Favorite Beef Soup for the other. Abby, they both said that mine was the best gift they ever received. My co-workers just raved about them. After all, who doesn't appreciate home-cooked foods, especially after working all day?
I've read your column every day since 1957 and want to thank you for

all the words of wisdom, comfort and advice you have given not only to other readers, but to me as well. Keep up the good work, Abby!
— JUSTINE E. GHOUX, COHOES, N.Y.
DEAR JUSTINE: Thank you for taking the time to write. Your letter made my day. Now, give yourself a treat and try my Gourmet Rice Pudding.
DEAR ABBY: Your answer to Mad in Montana made me Mad in New York. Made wife works in a factory where his best friend works. Mad and his wife are close friends with this guy and his wife. The guy became his wife's supervisor. As a boss he treats everybody harshly including his best friend's wife then comes

the weekend and he wants the four of them to party together like old times. Mad's wife doesn't expect any special treatment at work and she's all for partying with this guy and his wife. The husband says, no way. When asked for your opinion, you sided with the wife.
How could you, Abby? When a friend becomes your boss, he ceases to be your friend. No man can serve two masters. A friendship cannot survive where there is a business relationship. I learned long ago that you can't do business with a relative or close friend. To do so is the surest way to end a friendship. Surely, common sense should have taught you this.
— WALLACE A. KRAPP

DEAR MR. KRAPP: You could be right. You could also be wrong. If this sounds like a cop-out, it's not. There are no absolutes in business relationships or family ties. Furthermore, all generalities are dangerous including this one.
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Engagement



Todd Telford and Lori Miller

Miller-Telford

TWIN FALLS — Jack Q. Miller and Geri A. Miller both of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori Lee Miller to Todd T. Telford, son of Dr. Virgil Telford of Twin Falls and Virginia Telford of Ketchikan.

Miller is a 1980 graduate of Twin Falls High School and attended Boise State University where she studied marketing. She is employed at First Security Bank.

Telford is also a 1980 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is a 1984 graduate of Idaho State University. He is part owner of Magic Valley Business Systems.

The wedding is planned for June 24 at Trail Creek Lodge in Sun Valley.

Valley happenings

Twin Falls class of 1959 sets planning meeting.
TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High School class of 1959 will hold a reunion planning meeting at 7 p.m. today at the Holiday Inn Restaurant.

will show slides on their trip to China when the Jerome County Historical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Jerome County Senior Citizens Center. The public is invited.

cheon meeting at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Canyon Springs Inn. Kelly Murphy will give a slide lecture on "Indians of the Snake River Plain." For more information call 733-8415 or 423-5364.

Multiple Sclerosis Society will meet tonight

Chapter plans luncheon meeting Saturday

The Times-News welcomes news about community meetings. Send information to Times-News "Valley Happenings," Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Multiple Sclerosis Society meets at 7 p.m. today in Room 107 of the College of Southern Idaho State Building. Kip Hunter, a massage therapist, and Mary Lee Roberts, an aerobic instructor, will speak. Anyone interested in learning more about MS is welcome. Call George Merritt, 734-6519, for more information.

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution plans a lun-

Trail machine association will meet Wednesday

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TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Trail Machine Association meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Elks building, Carl Pender, area ranger for the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, will show slides on the SNRA and answer questions. Larry Roberts, recently re-elected president, urges all members to attend.

Women's group schedules meeting for Thursday

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TWIN FALLS — Credit Women International Credit Professionals will meet at 7:30 a.m. Thursday at the Wok N Grill, Melanie Malson from the Twin Falls Credit Bureau will speak on bankruptcy.

Slide show planned for historical society meeting
JEROME — Ronald Danna Boon

Detective finds own class ring

CLINTON, Utah (AP) — Detective Doug Coleman was sorting a pile of stolen goods when he found the ring from the Bonneville High School Class of 1974.
"I wonder what your classmate lost his high school class ring," Coleman recalls saying to a fellow investigator as he picked it up and let it fall from his fingertip into the palm of his hand.
Only then did he see the faint inscription bearing its own name.
"I haven't seen that ring for at least 10 years," the flabbergasted Coleman said Friday.
He said he had long ago stopped wearing the ring because it no longer fit on his finger.
"I can't say I've been looking for it, but I assumed it was in my wife's jewelry box all this time," said Coleman, a member of the Weber County Sheriff's Department.
The discovery came as Coleman was investigating a series of similar burglaries. He and Clinton police had arrested two teenagers for similar offenses, and they later confessed to the Weber County theft.
Coleman said one of the boys claimed the ring belonged to him until he showed the boy the engraving and his police identification.
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