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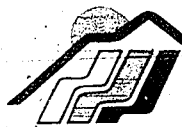
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Bush pledge to curb acid rain pleases Canada

The Associated Press

OTTAWA — President Bush, declaring a determination to see that the U.S.-Canadian friendship "becomes even stronger," promised on Friday that there would be speedy American action on curbing border-crossing acid rain pollution.

Bush, on his first foreign trip as president, said no specific timetable was set in talks with Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney on when acid rain-causing emissions from U.S. plants would be curbed.

But, he said he was committed to "move as fast as possible" on the new initiatives he outlined Thursday in his speech to Congress. "I have an obligation to move forward with specifics," Bush said in an outdoor news conference with Mulroney after a "working lunch" at the prime minister's residence.

Later, aboard Air Force One en route to Maine, Bush said that he felt that Mulroney, in their talks, "was reasonably well-satisfied" with the U.S. statements about acid rain.

"I mean, they probably are a little ahead

of us in terms of where they wish we were right now in terms of bilateral negotiations. Generally speaking, there was no tension over that. ... It was very good in that sense," Bush added.

In Ottawa, Mulroney praised Bush's initiative on fighting acid rain — including a promise to spend \$2.5 billion toward solving the problem, vowing to propose legislation setting new limits on smokestack emissions, and negotiating an agreement with Canada on specific acid rain levels.

"This is real progress," Mulroney said. "And while I suppose I, like a lot of people,

would like it done tomorrow in this area, I know it's not going to happen. But this represents some very measurable progress."

Both the prime minister and the new president proclaimed relations between the two nations good and getting better.

Bush said he selected Canada for his first presidential trip outside U.S. borders to "symbolize the importance that we place on the relationship with Canada. We're each other's largest trading partners. We are friends. We share a long peaceful border and we have many common interests."

Standing with snow on the ground and U.S. and Canadian flags snapping in the breeze, Bush asserted: "We will keep in touch. And each of us is pledged to see that this strong relationship becomes even stronger."

Bush said he and Mulroney discussed various topics including trade and East-West relations.

He said he valued Mulroney's advice on dealings with Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

Mulroney called the meeting "very encouraging."

Bush budget has unpleasant farm surprises

By AMY GAMERMAN
States News Service

WASHINGTON — Although President Bush didn't mention it in his first address to Congress Thursday, there are some unpleasant surprises for farmers in his proposed 1990 budget.

The budget would slash farm support payments by more than \$3 billion this year, with more drastic cuts in years to come. Bush takes an even tougher line on dismantling the farm subsidy program than former President Ronald Reagan, a fact which caught some farmers' organizations by surprise.

"We're very disappointed," said Bob Denman, spokesman for the National Farmers Union in Washington. "We take campaign promises to farmers at face value and would have hoped we'd see a kinder and gentler budget than the one in front of us."

Claiming that the farm payment program has "ballooned" in the last decade, Bush urged Congress and the agriculture secretary to develop alternatives to farm subsidies. Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter is a strong advocate of dismantling the subsidy program.

The budget proposes two alternatives: setting lower target prices on agricultural products, and decoupling income support payments — a policy that would limit support payments for a bad harvest.

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Baker seeks way past stock barrier

The Associated Press

OTTAWA — Secretary of State James A. Baker III said Friday he was seeking a waiver from the Bush administration to permit him to participate in decisions on Third World debt even while holding stock in a major American lender to developing nations.

But Baker stressed that he would accept any of several options that might be chosen by administration lawyers and ethics specialists, including possibly selling his stock in Chemical New York Corp., a bank holding company.

He denied reports that C. Boyden Gray, the White House counsel, had pressed him to sell his holdings.

"The discussions now revolve around waiver," Baker said at a news conference during President Bush's five-hour visit to the Canadian capital.

Bush himself said, "All I know, there's nobody more ethical than Jim Baker. Complied with the spirit and letter of good ethics practice. ... I just haven't had a chance to look into it. We'll have high standards, we know. There will be no conflicts of interest."

Tournament time



Times-News photo/ANDY ARENE

Erin Syverson, left, a Kendrick basketball player, and Jasmin Hudson, team manager, pick out valentine cards at Magic Valley Mall

Malls, restaurants vie with basketball court as action sites

By DENISE TURNER
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — There's more to a high school state basketball tournament than jump shots and free throws.

Filer senior Greg Butcher and freshman Wayne Ihler were in Twin Falls Friday to cheer for their school during the A-3 and A-4 basketball tournament.

They planned to go home shortly after the game was over — unless they meet some girls.

Malad High School seniors Troy Williams and Tony Gibbs made the trip to support their school too — and to meet some girls.

Malad freshman Stacey Jones is in town as a member of her school's drill team. In her spare time, she plans to

check out the malls for clothes — and to meet some guys.

Upwards of 350 high schoolers, coaches and cheerleaders from 16 schools across the state hit Twin Falls Wednesday evening and Thursday for the three-day tournament. The games are played in the high school gymnasium. But there's action at places other than the school.

Malad students rode into town in a bus decorated with signs: "This bus carries Malad's jewels — the Lady Dragons." The group enjoyed the bus ride, sang songs and plans to have dinner at McDonald's.

"We don't have a McDonald's in Malad," senior Scott Horsley said. "We just have the Malad Drive-in." He said he

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Justice Department tries again today to block North's trial

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — A panel of appellate court judges, for the second time in two days, rebuffed efforts by the Department of Justice today to delay the trial of former White House aide Oliver L. North.

However, department lawyers will try to get an unusual weekend order from Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist to postpone the trial.

Attorney General Dick Thornburgh said government attorneys would file legal papers today asking Rehnquist to grant a stay in North's trial, which is scheduled to resume on Monday, and the Supreme Court can review the department's arguments that tighter restrictions need to be imposed to prevent state secrets from being revealed in the courtroom.

Thornburgh complained in a statement that U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell "unilaterally" has chosen not to follow the provisions of the 1950 Classified Information Procedures Act governing the

handling of sensitive evidence at a trial.

"Instead," said Thornburgh, "he has adopted procedures of his own which do not provide the needed assurances of protection to sensitive matters."

Gesell has established broad categories for what may and may not be revealed in court, but, out of concern for North's right to a fair trial, has shied away from allowing government security experts to screen every piece of evidence North wants to introduce.

Thornburgh issued his statement after Department of Justice officials renewed their efforts in the U.S. Court of Appeals to stop resumption of the trial, contending in new papers that North's attorneys may reveal national security secrets in their opening statements Monday to the jury.

Department of Justice officials have not suggested what items they are referring to, but North has indicated that he wants to argue facts of his covert operations behind Iran-Contra, in which he participated with presidential authorization.

Consumer advocate says rate accord 'postage stamp relief'

The Associated Press

BOISE — A consumer advocate contends the proposed out-of-court settlement designed to end three years of conflict between Idaho Power Co. and state utility regulators would provide only "postage stamp rate relief" for Idaho customers.

But the director of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Utilities Division said without the settlement, a recent decision by the Idaho Supreme Court in the case will stand and the precedent could cost PUC much of its future regulatory authority.

"I think all rates paid in the state of Idaho are better served by having matters of substance determined

here at the Public Utilities Commission ... rather than at the Supreme Court," Stephanie Miller said Friday.

The PUC was hearing testimony on whether it should ratify a settlement reached last month by five of the six parties involved in Idaho Power's last general rate case.

The agreement is a proposal to settle the company's state Supreme Court appeal of the commission's 1986 decision denying most of Idaho Power's record \$6 million rate increase request.

The high court ruled on Dec. 2 that Idaho Power could increase its rates by \$2.5 million a year. The money was needed, the court said, to cover declining "off-system" sales of electricity to other utilities and to pro-

vide a return on equity for the company's investment in the Valmy II coal-fired generating plant in northern Nevada.

The commission had denied any equity return on the Valmy II investment, which it ruled in 1986 was a poor management decision by Idaho Power, and "came up with different figures on the company's off-system sales decline."

The PUC has asked the Supreme Court to reconsider its ruling, arguing that it amounts to an infringement on commission authority to determine the facts in utility rate cases. Ms. Miller said Friday that the commission could seriously restrict the commission's ability to regulate rates.

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Collision sinks Cuban vessel

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Three Cuban crewmen were missing Friday and 13 others injured after their darkened, drifting cruise vessel was sliced in two by a cargo liner off the coast of Cuba, shipping and Coast Guard officials said.

None of the 1,500 vacationing passengers and 620 crew members aboard the Miami-based Celebration were injured in the pre-dawn collision, which caused only minor damage to the liner's port bow, said Carnival Cruise Line spokeswoman Joy Cadney.

The 734-foot Celebration rescued 42 of the 45 crew members aboard

the Cuban cement hauler Capitan San Luis, including one whose foot was severed in the accident.

In an interview with the captain of the cruise ship, the second officer aboard the Cuban freighter said that the Cuban vessel had been experiencing electrical problems. Carnival spokesman Tim Gallagher said.

The electrical problem left the Cuban vessel without navigational lights or steering.

A Cuban navy frigate and tug picked up the 42 rescued crew members Friday, the Coast Guard said. Cuba's Prensa Latina news agency later reported that the injured passengers were being treated at the Comandante Pedro Sotillo Hospital in Moa, Cuba.

"Basically, we've relinquished our search and rescue responsibilities to Cuba," said Coast Guard spokesman Daniel White.

The three missing men were apparently in a cabin at the stern of the 230-foot freighter, which sank near the Celebration sliced it in two, said Luis Diaz, another Coast Guard spokesman. The bow section floated for hours before sinking at about 10 a.m.

The three missing crewmen included the ship's captain, Manuel Velasco Morales, 34, along with Antonio Campos de los Reyes, 41, and Ivan Freyre Diaz, 40, all of Havana, Prensa Latina reported.

Towns dig out of heavy snow in California

The Associated Press

Much of the nation warmed up Friday after a week of record cold and California mountain towns dug out of a snowstorm that held up even the mailman.

Brownsville, Texas, recorded temperatures above 60 degrees for the first time in six days, the second longest below-60 stretch since records began there in 1878.

Temperatures rose to the 40s and 50s across much of the central and southern Plains, southwest Louisiana, northern Florida, the southern Rockies, southern California and the central Pacific coast.

Temperatures were in the 20s and 30s in a band across the northern United States, from the Pacific Northwest to much of the northern Atlantic coast.

Freezing rain fell over portions of western Oregon, making driving treacherous Friday morning. Foggy conditions covered much of California.

The warmer weather allowed Interstate 5 in California to open after a two-day shutdown that blocked hundreds of cars and trucks on each side of the 4,100-foot Tejon Pass through the Tehachapi and San Gabriel mountains.

The steep mountain highway was made impassable by ice and snow.

"Snow, snow and more snow," said Mildred Church, 66, who called it the biggest storm in 27 years at the mountain hamlet of Frazier Park. "It's a five foot deep."

The town and other communities atop the mountains next to Tejon Pass were snowed in Wednesday and Thursday. Even the mail couldn't go through until Friday. The mail truck from Bakersfield was stuck at the bottom of the mountain.

Budget

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There are heavy funding cuts proposed for the Commodity Credit Corp., the federal agency that sponsors price supports and other agricultural programs. Bush's proposal would give the CCC \$11 billion in 1990, down from \$14 billion in 1989. Over the next four years, funding for the program would be slashed by nearly 50 percent to \$8 billion.

Agricultural credit and insurance programs would be halved in the next year, and reduced by nearly three-quarters in 1993. The budget proposes cutting the 1989 budget of \$4.5 billion to \$2.4 billion in 1990. In 1993, funding for the programs would be further reduced to \$1.4 billion.

Neither Republican Sen. James McClure or Sen. Steven Symms could be reached for comment. A spokesman for Symms said the senator was firmly opposed to decoupling farm supports from production, but would consider lowering the target prices for crops.

In his speech before Congress, Bush gave more prominence to an-

other issue: the cleanup of the nation's aging nuclear facilities. His budget proposes a \$1.1 billion increase in funding for "the first steps needed to address a problem that will take decades to solve."

Although that amount represents a substantial increase over the 1989 budget for cleaning and upgrading DOE facilities, it is roughly similar to the budget submitted by former President Ronald Reagan last month. A broad brush-stroke document, the budget does not outline funding for specific DOE sites.

Bush has also vowed his support for programs to deal with the waste and contamination created by generations of environmental neglect at DOE facilities. His budget proposes \$401 million for cleaning up long-standing contamination, a 150 percent increase over the 1989 budget.

The Bush budget would also increase spending for safety and environmental protection programs at DOE facilities, as well as programs for the safe management of the radioactive waste.

Today's weather

Clouds, patches of fog to stick around

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding. Highs near 30. Light winds. Tonight and Sunday, fair except for patchy night and morning fog. Lows near 10. Highs near 30.

Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley. Today partly cloudy. Highs 30 to 35. Tonight and Sunday, fair except for patchy night and morning fog. Lows near 5 above zero. Highs 30 to 35.

Northern Utah and Nevada. Utah — Mostly cloudy through Sunday with scattered snow showers at times. Lows mostly in the single digits and teens above zero. Highs from the mid 20s to lower 30s.

Nevada — Variable clouds with widely scattered snow showers today. Partly cloudy Sunday with snow showers decreasing in the north. Widely scattered snow showers central portion. Lows zero to 15 east and 10 to 20 west. Highs both days 30 to 40.

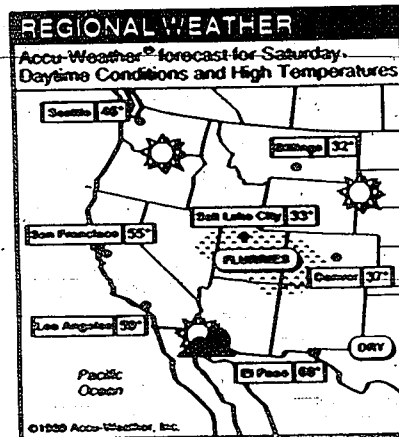
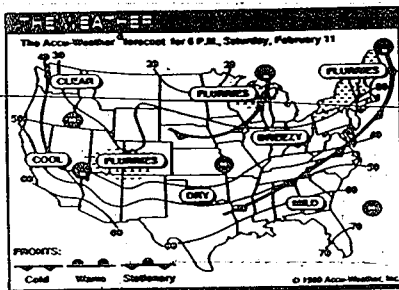
Summary: The National Weather Service says an upper level low pressure system just off the northern California coast continued to push bands of moisture northward into southern and central Idaho.

At the same time a weak disturbance in British Columbia is bringing cloudy skies to the northern part of the state. The low off the coast will continue to weaken as a northerly flow once again develops over the state the next few days. Colder air will again move south from Alaska and Canada the first of the week, but temperatures will not be as cold as the previous Arctic outbreak.

Skies across Idaho Friday afternoon were for the most part cloudy. The clouds were beginning to thin and break up over the southeast part of the state during the afternoon. A few stations in southern and central Idaho reported light snow showers Friday morning but only trace amounts were recorded. Twin Falls, however, reported enough snow to cover the ground and light snow was continuing to fall early in the afternoon. Temperatures across the state were fairly uniform. Readings ranged from the mid 20s to low or 30s.

The warmest temperature in the state, Friday was 43 degrees at Stanley. Salmon reported the coldest at 30 degrees below zero.

The extended outlook for Southern Idaho called Monday through Wednesday. Widely scattered snow showers west and scattered snow showers east. Highs upper teens and 20s. Lows 10 below zero to 20 below zero. Everywhere in the north Friday the highest temperature was 80 degrees at Miami, Fla., and Douglas, Ariz. The lowest was minus 18 degrees at Lark, Wyo.



Idaho road report

HOUSE (AP) — Road conditions Friday evening, reported by the Idaho Transportation Department:

U.S. 93 — Riggs-Winchester, icy spots, dry; Winchester-Moscow, icy spots; Warner-Now Meadows, icy spots; Marsing-Drigden, line, dry.

Interstate 84 — Caldwell-Idaho Ferry, dry; Bill-Burley, wet, dry; Burley-Idaho City, icy spots, wet.

Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend-Bonanza, icy spots, wet; Donnelly-New Meadows, icy spots.

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

Idaho 21 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, icy spots; Fairfield-Carey, dry; Carey-Aron, icy spots; Carey-Aron-Idaho, icy spots; Ashton-Mountain Home, icy spots, broken snow floor.

U.S. 26 — INEL-Broken, dry; Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, broken snow floor, icy spots.

Idaho 51 — Broken snow floor, dry.

U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Aron, wet, snowing; Aron-Salmon, broken snow floor, dry; Lost Trail Pass, snow floor, broken snow floor, icy spots.

Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Retchum, moving, wet; Galena-Summit, broken snow floor.

Interstate 86 — Raft River-American Falls, icy spots, dry; American Falls-Pocatello, wet, snowing.

Interstate 15 — Utah line-Pocatello, icy spots, dry; Pocatello-Idaho Falls, dry; Idaho Falls-Dubois, icy spots; Dubois-Paoli, icy spots.

U.S. 30 — McCallum-Soda Springs, icy spots; Soda Springs-Montpelier, icy spots, snow floor; Montpelier-Wyoming line, snow floor, broken snow floor.

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and his friends are taking advantage of the fast-food restaurants' 99-cent Big Mac birthday celebration. "You can get a Big Mac for 49-cents with a coupon," he said, "but we don't have any coupons."

Eleventh-grader Valerie Koyle Dayley of Declo is president of her school's pep club. She came over for the day and was looking forward to going out to dinner after the game. "We will probably stop at Skipper's if we win," she said. "Otherwise, I guess we will just go back and eat at Declo."

Tenth-grader Shannon Kersey, a forward for New Plymouth, near Boise, arrived in town a few days ago. So far, the highlights of her trip have been a visit to the downtown mall and to The Sizzler, she said.

New Plymouth junior Stephanie Revkau, the team statistician, brought along a VCR so everyone could watch movies in the motel. "This is a big thing for us, and we plan what we are going to do for a long time before we come," she said. "But I'll probably just end up getting the flu, because several of the girls have already come down with it."

Eleventh-grader Erin McCabe of Elmer is planning on getting the flu, though. In fact, she spends most of her school trips so bundled up that a germ would have a tough time getting in. McCabe is dressed up as a mascot for her job as Elmer's team mascot. "It's fun to be a mascot," she says, through her whiskers. "You get no little fights with other mascots."

Some of the students arrived at the tournament for the first time Friday. These teen-agers are particularly excited about spending the night in a motel. Jones — the Malad freshman — has already settled in with five of her girlfriends.

Even my parents think this is a neat experience for the kids," she said, "but they did make me promise to call home, and I will — collect."

Correction

The Twin Falls Music-Club breakfast program commemorating American Music month will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Community Christian Church, instead of Tuesday as erroneously reported in Friday's Times-News.

The Times-News regrets the error.

Rates

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utilities in the future.

But in the meantime, an agreement scaling the increase back to \$25 million was announced Jan. 24 by the PUC staff, Idaho Power, FMC Corp., the U.S. Department of Energy and the Industrial Customers of Idaho Power.

The agreement would increase Idaho Power's rates 5.11 percent and make permanent a 3-percent drought surcharge approved by the PUC last June that was scheduled to end May 31. Together, they would raise an average residential customer's monthly electric bill about \$1.80.

In return, the company would withdraw its Supreme Court appeal and would receive no additional general rate increases before 1992.

Idaho Attorney General Jim Jones also has given his reluctant approval, but a sixth party in the rate case and the court action — the Idaho Neighbors Network — opposes the settlement.

"We believe we are better off pursuing our right of judicial review rather than accepting the proposed settlement agreement which provides little benefit to residential customers and could be harmful to lower income people," said Gary Sandusky, executive director of the Idaho Neighbors Network.

Sandusky said a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of would pay only 32 cents a month less

under the settlement than under the Supreme Court ruling.

This is not meaningful rate relief for the residential customers of Idaho Power in our judgment," he said. "Thirty-two cents will buy a postage stamp and not much more."

Also troubling is a provision in the settlement that apparently would allow Idaho Power to seek rate hikes prior to 1992 to cover cost increases caused by inflation or higher interest rates, Sandusky said.

But Ms. Miller contends, with a softer market for off-system electricity sales and two years of drought, there have been significant changes in Idaho Power's need for increased rates since the 1986 PUC decision.

"The company now probably could justify an increase of \$16 million to \$18 million, so the actual cost of settling the case out of court is about \$7 million to \$9 million," she said.

"The risks avoided are the possibility of a crippling state Supreme Court decision, inflation-driven general rate increases between 1989 and 1991, and miring the commission's and Idaho Power Co.'s resources in the mistakes of the 1970s and early 1980s rather than properly refocusing them on the future," Ms. Miller said.

There was no immediate indication when the commission would decide whether to ratify the settlement. The rate increase it allows took effect Feb. 1, subject to refund if the agreement falls through.

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Committee kills insurance bill

BOISE (AP) — Legislation allowing policyholders to sue their insurance companies for unfair settlement practices, labeled pernicious by the industry, has been effectively killed by a Senate Committee.

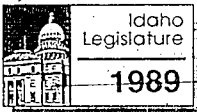
"There's a problem here," Sen. Karl Brooks, D-Boise, acknowledged. "But the solution is not in increasing civil litigation."

By voice vote on Friday, the Judiciary Committee refused to clear the bill of Republican Floor Leader Roger Fairchild of Fruitland for a vote by the full Senate. Moments earlier, the committee divided but defeated another proposal to put the bill before the full Senate for modification in an attempt to eliminate some of the provisions the industry found most objectionable.

Fairchild, claiming state law already bars insurance companies from unfair settlement practices, agreed during a 90-minute hearing on the bill to support elimination of one provision that allowed claimants free selection of medical facilities and doctors, strongly objected to by health insurers.

Brooks said rather than increase the possibility of litigation, the Legislature should beef up regulatory control over the industry by the Insurance Department, which committee members acknowledged was overburdened.

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Idaho

Gem court overturns accident award

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Supreme Court has divided 3-2 on the issue of whether to uphold the \$118,000 damage award granted a woman after a 1985 Blaine County traffic accident near Shoshone.

The majority overturned District Judge James May's decision to award Anne T. Howes an extra \$14,000 damages for personal disfigurement and his decision that she should not be held partially responsible for the accident.

Justice Robert Bakes wrote the

majority opinion, supported by Chief Justice Allan Shepard and Justice Byron Johnson. Justices Robert Huntley and Stephen Bastline wrote separate dissents.

Anne Howes was injured when the car in which she was riding collided with a slow-moving truck and flat-bed trailer carrying farm machinery. She sued the operator of the car, Wilma Galdie Hall, and the owner and operator of the farm machinery, Dennis Fultz and Jack Johnson.

A jury awarded \$118,000 damages,

including \$1,000 for personal disfigurement, and found Ms. Howes 5 percent responsible.

Judge May increased the disfigurement award to \$15,000 and concluded the jury should not have found the woman responsible to any degree.

The Supreme Court held that since the judge found there was no "passion or prejudice" behind the jury's award, the judge should have offered a new trial as an alternative to increasing the damage award.

Petition to boot judge off to Andrus

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A petition seeking the removal of 1st District Magistrate Virginia Balser has been sent to Gov. Cecil Andrus and Attorney General Jim Jones.

Charles Foulk, the Coeur d'Alene restaurant owner who organized the petition drive, said Friday that he and others who want Balser ousted gathered 3,000 signatures in 16 days.

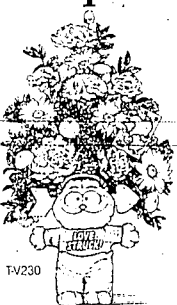
Last December, Foulk sent an unsuccessful petition seeking the Balser ouster to the Kootenai County Commission. He said the latest petition was sent to Andrus and Jones on Wednesday.

It accuses Balser of "erratic behavior, insensitivity and, more important, that she has illustrated that her years on the bench is not a substitute for her lack of knowledge with Idaho laws."

There was no immediate word from either the governor's office or the attorney general on any further action.

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Committee rejects lottery sales tax

BOISE (AP) — Idahoans won't have to pay an extra nickel for every dollar they spend on lottery tickets.

The House Revenue and Taxation Committee on Friday rejected a proposal from Rep. Myron Jones, R-Malden, to impose the sales tax on lottery tickets.

He also added sales tax to every ticket, whether on horse, mule and dog racing, although he said the committee was wanted to delete that portion of the measure.

Jones held out the lure of an extra \$1.2 million per year in state tax revenue from that source. But the committee voted unanimously to hold the bill in committee, usually a killing motion.

Rep. Gary Robbins, R-Dietrich, told committee members that when Jones campaigned against the lottery in the last general election, he called it a "tax on the poor." "Is this a tax on

a tax?" asked Robbins. "We tax all other sales," said Jones.

In response to a question, committee members said they expected Idaho's lottery, approved by voters in the last general election, to start operations late this summer.

"I think we should leave it alone for now, to get it started," said Rep. Don Loveland, R-Boise.

"We really will know very little about how the lottery will operate until we give it a chance to settle in," he said.

Sen. Mike Blackbird, D-Kellogg, who sponsored last year's lottery legislation, was questioned about a provision in state law making lottery proceeds exempt from state and local taxes.

The state gets 35 percent of the gross revenue, Blackbird said, with half the profit going to the Perma-



nent Building Fund and half to a school building fund.

Blackbird said that in effect, that's the state tax on the lottery. He said no other state taxes lottery tickets.

Rep. Celia Gould, R-Buhl, said one of the objections to the lottery was that it would produce unpredictable revenue, and that source of revenue should not be used to fund ongoing programs.

Placing a tax on lottery ticket sales would send money into the state general fund, where it might be used to fund ongoing operations, she said.

Hansen

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the board would be willing to put out that kind of money, and that is the problem," he said.

Wright isn't so sure. "I don't think the problem is money at all," he said. "On two occasions, Mr. Sower told us he was planning to be here for our graduation anyway and would be willing to speak with no money involved."

But Espil said the district feels obligated to pay the expenses of those people asked to speak at the school's graduation.

"I know the kids have said he might do it for free, but that's not the point," Espil said. "The kids don't understand that."

Wright says he just wants to make this year's graduation the best ever. "Our class fell in love with Mr. Sower as a teacher and as a personal friend," he said. "Mr. Sower became a respected role model and was one you could take your problems to. He was our inspiration. He fired up school spirit more than anyone ever had. By having him speak at our graduation, our senior year would be topped off."

"I think some of the kids would be upset if Mr. Sower wasn't asked to speak, but I don't think all of them would," Espil said. "Signing a letter (petition) like this probably has a lot to do with peer pressure."

At least for now, the question of who will speak at the May 20 graduation ceremony remains on hold. "We will probably discuss it at our Feb. 21 board meeting," said Espil.

"We are going to try and get the whole class to go to that meeting to show our support for Mr. Sower," Wright said.

Obituaries

Thurza Jane Campbell

SHOSHONE — Thurza Jane Campbell, 90, of Shoshone, died Thursday, Feb. 9, 1989, at the Good Samaritan Nursing Center in Idaho Falls.

She was born July 9, 1908, in Broomfield, S.D., and attended schools in Camas Prairie and in Gooding. She was married to Alexander Russell in Logan, Utah, in 1916 and they were later divorced. She then married Ed McVey in 1936 in Emmett, and they were divorced. She married Lloyd Campbell in Gooding on May 3, 1943, and they lived in Gooding, Hazelton, Pocatello and moved to Shoshone in 1964 where they operated a salvage yard for many years.

She was a member of the Shoshone Assembly of God Church.

Surviving are a son, James McVey of Pocatello; four daughters, Beale Hollibaugh of Missoula, Mont., Lillie Simmons of Twin Falls, Leona Hammer of Phoenix, Ariz., and Ruth Fallgren of Blackfoot; 17 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; and 18 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Lloyd in 1982 and a sister.

The funeral will be 10 a.m. Monday at the Shoshone Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Jim Dye and the Rev. Wesley Johnson officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Monday in the Emmett Cemetery. Friends may call at the Roper Funeral Chapel Sunday evening and at the church prior to the service.

Bernadette Henscheid

RUPERT — Bernadette Henscheid, infant daughter of Paul and Debbie Henscheid, of Rupert, died Friday, Feb. 10, 1989, at Mindoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

A funeral service is pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary.

Agnes C. Dickson

TWIN FALLS — Agnes C. Dickson, 72, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb.

10, 1989, in Yuma, Ariz.

A funeral service is pending and will be announced by White Mortuary.

Barbara Welch

CASTLEFORD — Barbara Welch, 65, of Castleford, died Friday, Feb. 10, 1989, at Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital of an extended illness.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Lee H. Hendrickson

JEROME — Lee H. Hendrickson, 81, of Jerome, died Friday, Feb. 10, 1989, at his home of a sudden illness.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Frances Daken

HEYBURN — Frances Daken, 96, of Heyburn, died Friday, Feb. 10, 1989, in Mountain Home.

Services are pending and will be announced by McCullochs Mortuary in Burley.

Deborah J. Andrew

RUPERT — Deborah Jane Andrew, 38, of Rupert, died Thursday, Feb. 9, 1989, at the Cassia Memorial Hospital in Burley.

She was born Sept. 19, 1950, in Burley, the daughter of Charles L. and Pearl Bowers Barnes and attended Burley schools. She married Hubert Wayne Andrew in 1966 in Burley where she had resided until moving to Rupert in 1988. She was an employee of the J.R. Simplot Company.

She was a precinct chairman for the Democratic Party.

Surviving are her husband; one daughter, Stephanie Andrew of Boise; one son, Cody Wayne Andrew of Rupert; her parents of Burley; a sister, Robin David of Burley; her paternal grandmother, Blanche Barnes of Burley; and two grandsons. She was preceded in death by

her grandfather, Charles Barnes, and her daughter, Heather Lee Andrew.

The funeral be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Joseph Payne Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Dennis Myers, officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call at Payne Mortuary Sunday from 6-8 p.m. and prior to the funeral on Monday. The family suggests that memorials be given to the Mountain States Tumor Institute, 151 E. Bannock, Boise.

Harold Taylor Stoddard

SHOSHONE — Harold Taylor Stoddard, 79, of Orofino, died Monday, Feb. 6, 1989, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane, Wash.

He was born Nov. 17, 1909, in Preston, the son of John Williams and Geneva Stoddard. He moved to Silver Creek and then to Shoshone where he grew up. He was educated at Silver Creek, Shoshone, Idaho State College Southern Branch in Pocatello and the University of Idaho in Moscow. He graduated with a degree in electrical engineering. He married Grace Christine Severson in Colfax, Wash., in 1936. Stoddard owned and operated an appliance store and electrical contracting business in Orofino for over 40 years.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star in Orofino and a life member of the Elks Lodge in Lewiston and Orofino. He was active in many civic affairs all his life.

Surviving are his wife of Orofino; two daughters, Sylvia Broadhead of Wichita Falls, Texas, and Cheryl Gibson of Centralia, Wash.; two sons, William H. (Bill) Stoddard of Orofino and Richard Burt (Dick) Stoddard of Olympia, Wash.; 10 grandchildren; and two sisters, Elaine Stoddard of Orofino and Daisy Shank of Shoshone. He was preceded in death by one granddaughter.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Pine Hill Funeral Chapel in Orofino. Burial will follow at Lewis and Clark Memorial Cemetery in Lewiston. The family suggests memorials may be made to a charity of donors choice.

Cremation will follow at White Crematory. Friends may call from 1 to 1:30 p.m. today at the mortuary. The family suggests memorials may be made to the Kimberly Library.

TWIN FALLS — The funeral for Sadie E. Stevenson, 80, of Twin Falls, who died Wednesday, will be at 11 a.m. Monday at White Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today and Sunday at the mortuary.

JEROME — The funeral for John Kemp Sr., 64, of Jerome, who died Tuesday, will be at 1 p.m. today at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel. Burial will follow in the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may call at the chapel today from 9 to noon.

KIMBERLY — The funeral for Joseph H. Joe Urie, 77, who died Tuesday, will be at 11 a.m. today at the Kimberly LDS Social Center. Friends may call at the church one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park.

HAZELTON — The funeral for Joy H. Southworth, 66, of Hazelton, who died Tuesday, will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the Hazelton LDS Chapel. Burial will follow in the Hazelton Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 4 p.m. Sunday at White Mortuary and at the church one hour prior to the service Monday.

KIMBERLY — The funeral for Edna R. Say, 84, of Kimberly, who died Thursday, will be at 1:30 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel.

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Newcomb bill addresses water rights

The Times-News

BOISE — Under emergency legislation introduced Friday by Rep. Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, farmers in critical groundwater areas would be granted the same grandfathered water rights extended to other Idaho farmers.

Without it, the state could face lawsuits from farmers in critical groundwater areas, and the Snake River adjudication would take much longer to complete, he said.

BLM focuses on 'agricultural trespass'

SALMON (AP) — The Bureau of Land Management has found about 165 cases of "agricultural trespass" in central Idaho, and state BLM director Delmar Vail said the agency wants to clear the books.

Agricultural trespass occurs when landowners fence in public land and use it for profit. It usually is a result of inaccurate surveys or fencing done before an area is surveyed. In many cases, landowners are unaware of the violation, Vail said.

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The Department of Energy does not appropriate its own funds.

The Senate Health and Welfare Committee, which Anderson chairs, agreed to print the memorial on a voice vote, with Rex Furness, R-Rigby, opposed.

INEL and the Energy Department have spent enough money on explaining projects during frequent visits to the statehouse this winter, without changing opponents' minds, he said.

"Let them spend that money on

farmers who have changed from flood irrigation to sprinkler can cultivate more land with the same amount of water. But because Idaho law ties water rights to land, the change amounts to an illegal use of the water even though the same amount of water is being used more efficiently.

The Legislature has already legalized the expanded water use in areas other than critical groundwater areas. A critical groundwater area is an

area where the aquifer is seriously depleted.

Newcomb's bill, printed by the Senate Resources and Environment Committee, would extend grandfather rights to those areas. Farmers who took additional water through more wells or pumping would not be included.

Newcomb has asked that the bill take effect as soon as approved. Adjudication begins Feb. 23 in Cassia County, which has two critical groundwater areas.

He said the BLM wants to clear up cases with 56 landowners in the Lemhi Resource Area and some others in Challis. The agency will arrange short-term leases with identified trespassers and then clear them up through sale, exchange or lease of the property.

But rancher Dave McFarland said his experience with government leases makes signing an agreement with the BLM an unattractive option.

"If the only option is a lease then I

know we're in trouble if we do it," said McFarland. "Once we get on a permit we have no better chance for a sale."

"Vail, however, said short-term leases may be the only option.

"If you're one of the 165, we're going to be knocking on your door," said Vail.

The BLM also will seek settlements from landowners based on a share of the crop production or an annual per-acre rental charge.

cleanup." The memorial stresses that the INEL sits above the Snake River aquifer, the sole source of domestic and irrigation water for thousands of Magic Valley residents.

More than 4.3 million cubic feet of contaminated radioactive waste is

buried or stored above ground at the site. These wastes pose a potential threat to Idaho citizens and should be removed," the memorial says.

The memorial will return, at Anderson's request, to the committee for more debate before being sent to the full Senate for a vote.

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Births:

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Brown of Twin Falls.

CASSIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

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Larry Bergener, Walter Caldwell, Virgil Stiles and Brent Stimpson, all of Burley; Clifford Anderson of Paul; and Larene Woolstenhulme of Declo.

Relieved:

Lloyd Gunderson, Dillene Oldham and baby and June Fricter, all of Burley; Kristina Baker of Heyburn; Stephen Haldwin and Glen Fox, both of Rupert; and Cody Day of Paul.

Births:

A baby to Mr. and Mrs. Woolstenhulme of Declo.

State OKs \$1.2 million for 1988 blazes

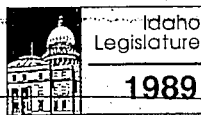
BOISE (AP) — Legislative budget writers on Friday coughed up \$1.2 million in cash from the state's huge revenue surplus to pay the bills from last summer's devastating range and forest fires.

It was one of the panel's few unanimous votes on emergency spending requests.

This request is one we all agree is best," Senate Finance Committee Chairman Atwell Parry, R-Melba, said.

"As I read the papers last summer and watched Idaho burn, so to speak, I feared this bill would be much, much higher," Parry said. "We were quite lucky."

Drought-fueled fires blackened over 440,000 acres of Idaho backcountry in 1988, and the federal gov-



ernment spent some \$44 million fighting those on its lands. State lands were spared, by comparison.

Beyond paying that bill, however, conservatives on the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee continued to stand their ground against supplemental 1989 budget requests they viewed as unjustified assaults on the state's huge one-time revenue surplus.

That bloc rejected seven adminis-

tration spending proposals earlier in the week, claiming there were no emergencies that could not wait until a 1990 budget is drafted this month.

The agencies once again are entering the legislative process, doing what they want and then playing the supplemental game, hoping when we come back to town our heads were just as soft as when we left," said Rep. Mack Neuharth, R-Paul.

But the strength of the conservative bloc eroded just enough to allow Democrats and moderate Republicans to form coalitions that approved a handful of Friday's requests. Among them were minor amounts to beef up inspections of placer and dredge mining operations around the state as well as checks on state land's timber stumpage — both producing

revenue for the state.

Critics of both requests maintained the requests totaling about \$20,000 were so minor in a program budget of more than \$1 million, exasperating Democratic Sen. Ron Beilepspacher of Grangeville.

"My frustration level is getting up here," he told his colleagues. "Did you do such a sloppy job in putting the budget together last year that you left \$20,000 slack in there? I don't think so."

The committee still has the bulk of the supplemental claims on the surplus of over \$50 million to deal with, and some Democrats have suggested that Republicans are trying to conserve as much of that one-time money as possible to balance the 1990 budget.

Committee votes to introduce liquor cabinet bill

BOISE (AP) — The discussion wasn't altogether serious Friday as the House State Affairs Committee voted to introduce a proposal to allow hotels and motels to place liquor cabinets in patron rooms.

Lobbyist Dave Hand said about half the states allow "hospitality cabinets," which are locked. A motel room patron can use a key to unlock the cabinet and pay for what he or she consumes.

Similar legislation was defeated last year, but Hand said the new proposal places the tightest restrictions in the country on in-room liquor sales.

It's a local-option measure, with local governing bodies allowed to decide whether they would allow the liquor cabinets.

At the request of Rep. Patricia McDermott, D-Pocatello, the bill will be amended before printing to remove a stipulation that employees age 21 or

older would stock the cabinets and that maids couldn't restock the cabinets while cleaning rooms.

She said other state laws allow 19-year-olds to sell liquor.

Much of the discussion centered on a section of the proposal trying to limit the use of "hospitality cabinets" during the hours when liquor cannot be sold.

Idaho's GOPs applaud Bush's Thursday address to Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican members of Idaho's congressional delegation heaped praise on President George Bush's address to Congress on Thursday night.

"He's saying, 'Come on, let's roll up the sleeves and go to work, let's get the job done,'" Sen. James McClure said. "It was also a speech in which he had a lot of specifics for specific programs in a lot of different areas that will challenge Congress."

Sen. Steve Symms lauded Bush for calling for cuts in budgetary fat.

He has the right answer: Cut out the 80 obsolete and unnecessary federal programs that the (administration) identified," Symms said. "If Congress tries to play politics with the president's program, then it will just be Congress' fault if we end up with a deficit sequester in October."

Rep. Larry Craig said Congress will have a difficult time picking apart Bush's budget, other than wanting more money.

I think what I hear is that he didn't set himself up to be held hostage

by one or two pivotal programs that became the problem for Ronald Reagan on defense," the Midvale Republican said.

But Democratic Rep. Richard Stallings, while agreeing with most of the new president's statements, said he perhaps had covered too much ground.

"We have a problem in this country when people get their expectations too high," he said.

"In all, I think there were some 30 programs he proposed. I'm nervous about where they're going to find the dollars."

Still, Stallings welcomed a proposed \$1.1 billion spending increase to clean up Department of Energy nuclear weapons sites and modernize production facilities.

Aide Cary Jones said the request was "long overdue and confirms the growing public concern about protecting the health and safety of the American people."

Gov. Cecil Andrus was waiting for more details on the budget plan, said spokesman Marc Johnson.

Group wants fund to go to centers

BOISE (AP) — A statewide child advocacy organization says there's too much money going into a fund that instead could be used to help pay for Idaho child abuse resource centers.

Over the next 15 months, \$146,000 will pile up in a special fund to pay for ignition interlock devices to keep drunken drivers from operating their cars.

The money comes from a \$15 charge on drunken driving convictions. Until recently, the electronic devices weren't available so the money hasn't been spent.

KIDPAC, the child advocacy orga-

nization, told a news conference Friday the money should be used to help pay for child abuse resource centers. It would take another \$350,000 in state funds to pay for the centers, said JoJo Chase, Lewiston, chairman of KIDPAC.

The proposal was included in the governor's budget presentation and a bill has been introduced in the Senate.

Sen. Gail Bray, D-Boise, said the interlock fund has outgrown the need it was intended to fill.

"We could take it from this fund and put it where we know there is a need," she said.

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DUI defendant says his blood sample was taken illegally

BOISE (AP) — The vehicular manslaughter case that fueled the creation of Idaho's first Mothers Against Drunk Driving chapter is back in the courtroom, with the defendant contending his blood was sampled illegally.

As 40 MADD supporters looked on Thursday, the Idaho Supreme Court heard the attorney for James Ralph Woolery argue the police officer requesting the blood sample lacked probable cause for his actions.

Caldwell attorney Renne Hoff told the high court that Woolery's constitutional right against unreasonable search and seizure was violated the night of the Jan. 31, 1987, crash that killed Carol Price, 29, of Meridian.

Price's husband, Kelley, also was severely injured when their station wagon was hit by Woolery, who ran a stop sign at a Canyon County intersection.

Tribal judge issues warrant for Hatcher

FORT HALL (AP) — Fort Hall Chief Tribal Judge Charles Lohah issued an arrest warrant for Eddie Hatcher, a Tuscarora Indian wanted for kidnapping in North Carolina, after he failed to appear in tribal court Friday.

Jack Ross, Hatcher's Pocatello attorney, said he feared Hatcher had left the Fort Hall Indian Reservation where he had sought the protection of the Shoshone-Bannock tribes.

Hatcher, 31, is wanted on 14 counts of kidnapping stemming from a February 1988 armed takeover of a Robeson County, N.C., newspaper building.

"I talked to Eddie last night by phone. He's panicky," Ross said.

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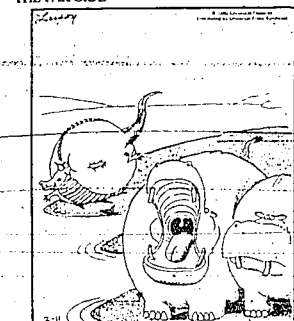
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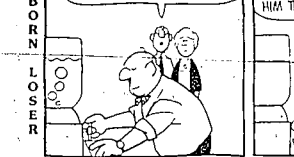
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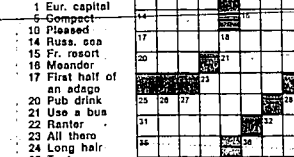
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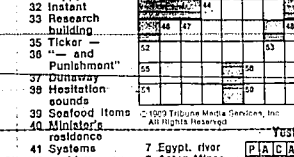
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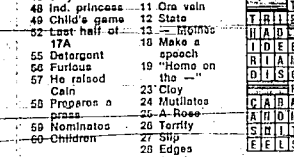
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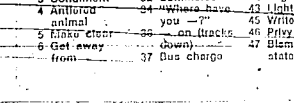
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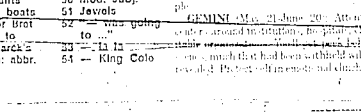
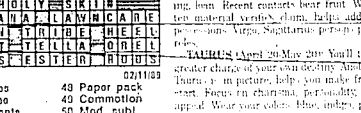
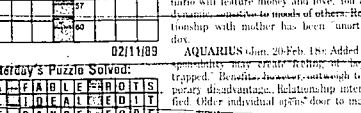
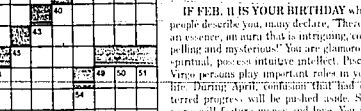
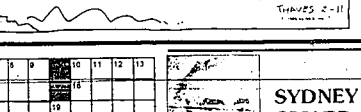
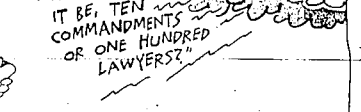
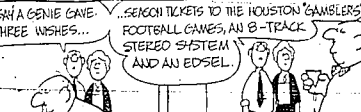
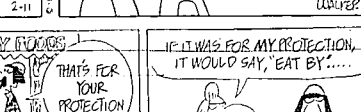
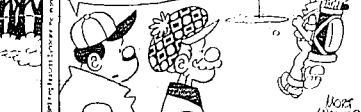
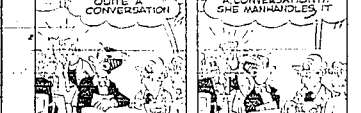
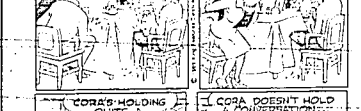
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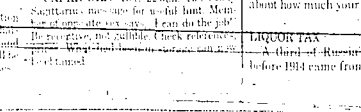
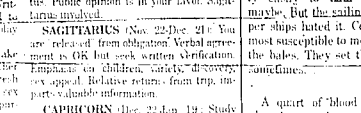
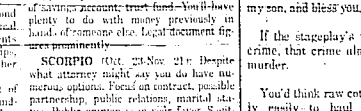
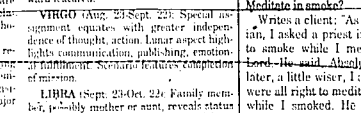
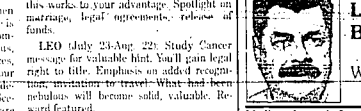
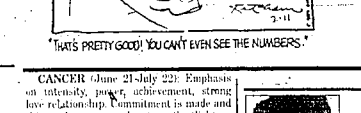
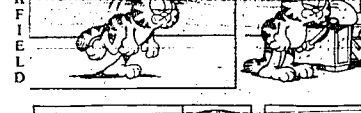
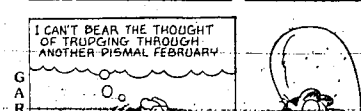
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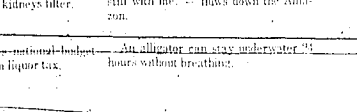
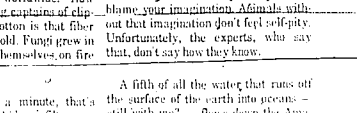
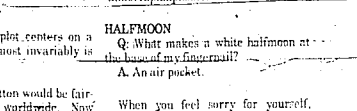
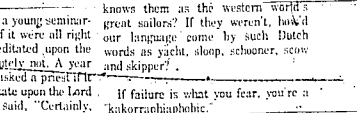
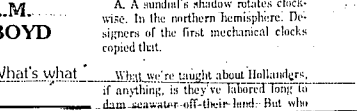
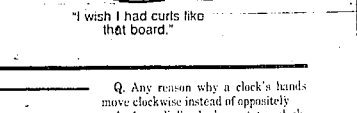
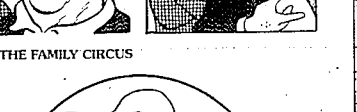
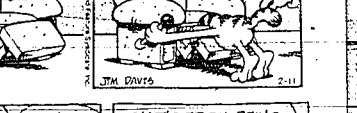
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ASTROLOGICAL FORECASTS

IF FEB. 11 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, then people describe you, many declare, "There is an essence, an aura that is intriguing, compelling and mysterious." You are glamorous, spiritual, possess intuitive insight. Pious, Venus personifies important roles in your life. During April, confident that had deferred progress will be pushed aside. Seculars will feature money and love. You are destined to be a model of ethics. Relationship with mother has been "unbroken."

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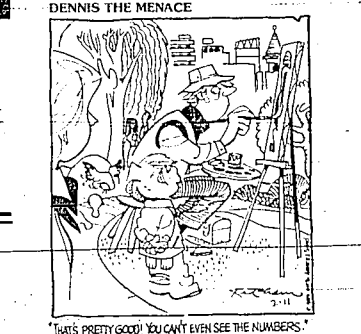
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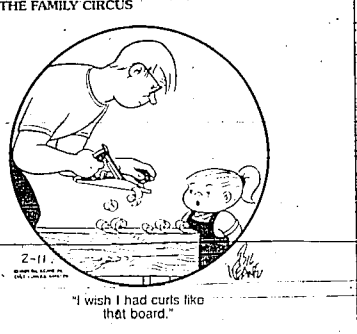
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"THAT'S PRETTY GOOD! YOU CAN'T EVEN SEE THE NUMBERS."

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Q. Any reason why a clock's hands move clockwise instead of oppositely?

A. A sundial's shadow rotates clockwise. In the northern hemisphere. Designers of the first mechanical clocks copied that.

Q. What were taught about Hollanders, if anything, is they're learned to be dam-son-sider off-their-lind. But who knows them as the western world's great sailors? If they weren't, how'd our language come by such Dutch words as yacht, sloop, schooner, scow and skipper?

A. If failure is what you fear, you're a "kakorra-phobiac."

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Briefly

Tower vote to occur after Feb. 20

WASHINGTON (AP) — Leaders of the Senate Armed Services Committee said Friday final action on Defense Secretary-designate John Tower's nomination is likely when Congress returns from its week-long recess. Administration officials, meanwhile, said they saw nothing to block confirmation.

The panel's chairman, Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., and ranking Republican, Sen. John Warner of Virginia, said a decision on the nomination could come after Congress returns the week of Feb. 20.

Committee action, however, would depend on the results of an ongoing FBI investigation into allegations against Tower involving financial matters and questions of excessive drinking.

Ex-lawmaker Wayne Hays, 77, dies

BELMONT, Ohio (AP) — Wayne L. Hays, a 14-term congressman whose affair with House clerk Elizabeth Ray in 1976 touched off a pay-roll scandal in the nation's capital and destroyed his political career, died Friday. He was 77.

Jean Walker, a family friend, said Hays died at 1:30 p.m. at Wheeling Hospital in Wheeling, W.Va., across the Ohio River from his eastern Ohio town.

Hays began his political career in 1939, when he was elected to municipal office in his native Belmont County in rural eastern Ohio.

Unions to block security elimination

WASHINGTON (AP) — Union officials representing federal, defense and nuclear workers vowed Friday to try to block a proposed presidential order that would eliminate protections accorded their members during security investigations for the past 29 years.

They promised to go to court or Congress if necessary to stop the plan now under consideration by the Bush administration.

Among other provisions in the 21-page draft order, applicants for positions in the federal government and defense plants could be denied a security clearance — and even a job — without explanation or right of appeal.

A copy of the draft now being circulated to 30 federal agencies for comment was obtained by The Associated Press.

"I think it's really an outrageous action," said Bob Tobias, president of the National Treasury Employees Union.

Police ask Congress to ban assault rifles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Declaring that the nation's streets are becoming a "combat zone," police urged Congress on Friday to ban assault rifles like the one used to kill five children last month in a California playground.

The police of America are pleading with you — my guys are pleading with you, Los Angeles police Chief Daryl F. Gates told a Senate Judiciary subcommittee as it opened hearings on assault rifles.

The session was designed to spotlight a bill introduced by Sen. Howard M. Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, that would ban the sale of AK-47s, Uzis and other military-style, semi-automatic rifles as well as sinister-looking, round-drummed shotguns that fire 12 blasts in three seconds.

In the Jan. 17 incident, a gunman opened fire with an AK-47 on 400 children in the playground outside Cleveland Elementary School in Stockton, Calif. Five children died and 29 were injured as well as one teacher.

Hush fell on the hearing as Lori Mackey, a teacher at Stockton school, told how she and her pupils huddled on their classroom floor as shots crackled across the schoolyard and the shadow of the gunman, Patrick Edward Purdy, crossed back and forth across their window.

We hoped that he would not notice that we were there and that he would maybe think that we were at recess too," she said.

Since then, she said nightmares and fear of strangers have plagued her pupils and she has become distrustful and winces at unexpected sounds.

The AK-47 is a semiautomatic rifle that has been the staple of Communist infantrymen from Vietnam to Afghanistan.

Gun groups are fighting the bill on grounds that it would outlaw not only so-called assault rifles but traditional wooden-stocked hunting rifles as well.

In fact, there is no functional difference between the two, testified Edward Conroy, acting deputy associate director for law enforcement of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

The outspoken Gates, however, who claims authorship of the SWAT team concept, brushed aside the suggestion that legislation banning as-

sault weapons would also prevent hunters from keeping their semiautomatic rifles.

"It seems to me that we're smart enough to do it," Gates said. He said lawmen can tell the difference. "I can tell you because I've had two police officers killed with assault weapons."

Gang members love these weapons because in their drive-by shootings they don't have to be marksmen, they don't have to be sportsmen, all they have to do is spray, the chief said. He added that he is getting "pretty fed up with handing out flags to widows and little kids."

February is National Meat Month



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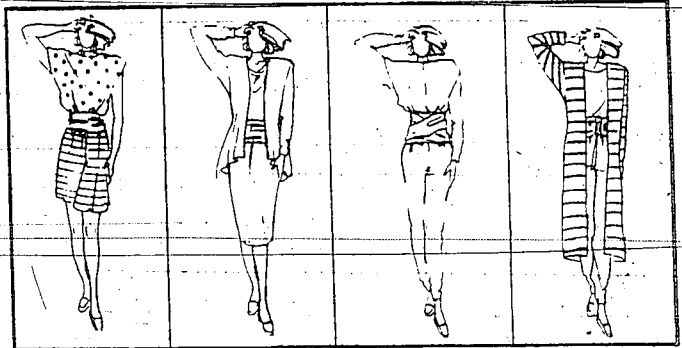
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World

Kohl seeks decision delay

The Washington Post

BONN, West Germany — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, in a major statement likely to disappoint the United States and Britain, Friday called on the Western alliance to postpone until 1991 or 1992 a decision on whether to modernize European-based, short-range nuclear missiles.

After sending conflicting signals for more than a year on what Bonn's allies view as a vital security issue, Kohl told the Financial Times of London in an interview that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's "short-range" Lance missiles remain "efficient and intact until 1995... The final decision over the production of a successor will be in 1991-1992."

Kohl's statements were the chancellor's clearest to date on modernizing short-range nuclear forces.

UN plane begins food airlift to feed Kabul

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A chartered jet brought 30 tons of wheat and dried milk to Kabul's neediest residents Friday, beginning a U.N. airlift after a two-day delay.

In New Delhi, Afghan Ambassador Abdul Samad Azhar said he expects the Soviet Union to continue arming his government after the Red Army withdrawal is completed Wednesday.

Azhar told a news conference: "We will not rely only on their material support, on their food supplies, in the future but also on their military supplies and their moral support."

Soviet military transport planes have been flying food to Kabul, which is packed with two million people and surrounded by guerrillas.

He accused the United States and Pakistan of trying to prevent peace by continuing to aid the Muslim guerrillas who began fighting after a communist coup 11 years ago.

The U.N. airlift was to have begun Wednesday, but was delayed by a change of airlines.

An Ethiopian Airlines Boeing 707, emblazoned with "UN" on one side, arrived with 238 bags of supplies for distribution to 30,000 people considered the most vulnerable in one of Kabul's bitterest winters of recent years.

Guerrilla blockades and attacks on supply convoys created severe food and fuel shortages as the Red Army packed up and left after a nine-year campaign against the insurgents that cost 15,000 Soviet lives.

Soviet soldiers entered Afghanistan in December 1979 and an estimated 115,000 were in the country when the withdrawal began May 15 under a U.N.-mediated agreement. Feb. 15, next Wednesday, is the deadline for all to be gone.

Pakistan's official news agency said the U.N. flight left Quito, a city 65 miles from the Afghan border, and another would be made today.

Foes, Polish government discuss reform proposals

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — The government Friday began work on political reforms with two of its biggest and bitterest foes — men it considered too extreme to take part when the broad-ranging talks were proposed six months ago.

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, meanwhile, was on the road promoting agreement with the government to skeptical followers in southern Poland.

Several small labor disputes broke out, led by members of the government-supported trade union alliance and opposed by the unsanctified but increasingly tolerated Solidarity movement.

Adam Michnik and Jacek Kuron, opposition philosophers and essayists who have been active in anti-government organizing since 1968, were prominent among the 36 people at the Council of Ministers Palace to discuss political reforms.

Michnik and Kuron were founding members of the Committee for Defense of Workers in 1976. Michnik's collected essays, "Letters from Prison," have provided much of the philosophical underpinning for the opposition movement.

"I am totally surprised that the talks did occur," Kuron said later. "They open great possibilities."

Kuron said he spoke about the problems of minority groups in Poland, such as Ukrainians, Lithuanians and Byelorussians, while Michnik said he concentrated on changes occurring in other communist nations and their meaning for Poland.

Solidarity spokesman Janusz Onyszkiewicz said the union seeks "a country that belongs to the whole nation and is not dominated by one party."

At the meeting, he said, Solidarity proposed the following steps:

- Legalizing Solidarity;
- Removing political controls on the courts;
- Adopting a law to enable various groups to form, including independent student organizations and groups representing national minorities; and
- Making municipal governments democratically elected.

The government said the first step should be constructing a new parliament with representatives from the opposition, said Politburo member Janusz Reykowski.

Opening set for Moscow Jewish center

MOSCOW (AP) — Nobel Peace laureate Elie Wiesel and dozens of other world Jewish leaders are coming to Moscow to help open the first cultural center for Soviet Jews in more than 50 years.

While one of the leaders hailed Sunday's opening of the center as a sign of the improving fortunes of the country's 1.8 million Jews, President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, he said it's too soon to declare an end to the problems of Jews in the Soviet Union.

"Glasnost has taken hold here. The question will be, can it continue?" said Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles.

Hier, World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman, and Wiesel — a survivor of the Holocaust and 1986 Nobel Peace Prize winner — are to speak at Sunday's opening of the Solomon Mikhoels Cultural Center. About 70 Jewish leaders from Israel, Britain, France, Australia, Canada, the United States and other countries plan to attend.

Mikhoels, a Jewish actor for whom the center was named, was among the thousands of Jews who fell victim in Stalin's terror. He was killed in 1948 in what was officially termed a traffic accident but what many Jews believe was an assassination ordered by Stalin.

The center is located in the Moscow Jewish Musical Theater on Taganka Square in the southeastern section of the capital.

His director, Mikhail Gluz, told the official news agency Tass on Friday that Yiddish and Hebrew classes are planned, itself a major change. The teaching of Hebrew was once punished as a crime, and several Jewish activists were jailed for religious instruction.

Workers skim up most of leaking oil

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Workers have skimmed up most of the oil spilled into Antarctic waters from a sunken Argentine ship, and they have patched its hull to prevent more leaking, an official said Friday.

The three-nation cleanup mission will keep working to retrieve more than 800 tons of fuel from tanks on the Bahia Paraiso, they said.

Emergency crews from the United States, Chile, and Argentina rushed to the area near Palmer Station, a research base of the National Science Foundation, after the research and supply ship of the Argentine navy ran aground Jan. 25 about 500 miles from the tip of South America.

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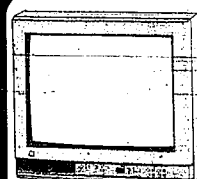
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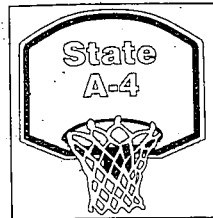
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Cambridge routs Oakley, 70-35

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Defending state champion Cambridge limited Oakley to eight first-half points enroute to a 70-35 semifinal victory in the Idaho State Class A-4 Girls Basketball Tournament Friday night.



The victory sends Cambridge in search of its second straight title against Troy at 6:45 p.m. today at the Twin Falls High School gymnasium. Oakley will meet Mackay at 3:15 today for third place.

Troy earned its way into the finals by trimming Mackay 48-21 in the other evening semifinal. Earlier, Rimrock eliminated Dietrich 56-39 and will advance to the consolation finals against Kendrick, a record-setting, hot-shooting 87-43 winner over Clark Fork.

In Friday night's finale, six minutes went by before Kerriann Craner came off the bench to get Oakley's first field goal. Worse yet, it was another nine minutes, 23 seconds later when Jennifer Hardy's turnaround gave Oakley its second two-pointer. By halftime, Oakley had hit only two of 21 field goal attempts and added four of nine from the foul line.

Cambridge's Kim Kreppen almost offset all that by herself when she hit the last seven points of the half.

Troy 48, Mackay 21
Troy, making its first appearance in a state tournament since 1979, rolled into the championship game with a rout of Mackay.

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Cambridge guard Glenda Porter hits the floor hard after rebounding the ball during her team's win over Oakley

CSI men swamp Ricks to improve to 25-1

By LARRY HOVEY
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Playing with two new starters, nationally fifth-ranked College of Southern Idaho barely missed a beat Friday night in swarming past the Ricks Vikings 107-71 and another step toward mathematically clinching the Region 18 tournament title.

The Golden Eagles, running their record to 25-1 and 12-1 in the region, can clinch that tonight

when the North Idaho Cardinals come to call at 7:30 p.m. North Idaho, currently in fourth place in the regional race, pinned the only loss of the season on CSI in an earlier meeting in Coeur d'Alene.

With sophomores Sergio Gomes slowed with an injury and Cliff Martin shelved for the total weekend for disciplinary reasons, it wasn't the usual CSI starting five.

Coch Fred Trenkle went with freshman guard Anthony Williams for a two small-guard front

and inserted freshman Kyle Wilson of Buhl in the other spot.

"It took us a little while to sort things out but I thought our people adjusted well," said Trenkle. "Ricks did a good job of keeping things mixed up with four different defenses. And offensively they are a very hard team to defend because they always have some good shooters and they work very hard to open those guys up for 15 to 20-foot jumpers."

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CSI women keep 2nd with win over Vikings

By LARRY HOVEY
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Audra Urie exploded in two rushes of ball-handling and baskets Friday night and Kim Epperson and Hettie Dejong split 31 points.

That was enough to help the College of Southern Idaho women strengthen their hold on second place in the Region 18 title chase

and set up a first-place showdown with the North Idaho Cardinals at 5:15 p.m. today.

The Eagles, who entered the game as the loop's top offensive and defensive team, saw Urie take the game over with enthusiasm late in the half and then reel off four straight field goals in the second half before Coach Ben Stroud put on hold for the rest of the night.

"The way Audra played in a couple

sprints had me sitting on the bench saying to myself 'she's possessed,' she's possessed," Stroud said with a laugh. "She put on a great show. She was outstanding."

But Stroud didn't find a lot anywhere to complain about or criticize Friday night as the Eagles avenged one of their two losses on the year.

"It's nice to see some of the other girls starting to play well," he said. "It makes us a lot deeper."

He referred to the play of freshman Angie Olsen, Marcia Yastrop and Becky Brower.

"I thought this might have been Epperson's best game of the year. She handled the ball well and shot extremely well and didn't force any thing," Hettie just maintained her consistency," he said. "I can't think of anyone who had a bad night."

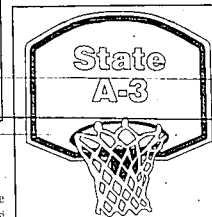
CSI had boomed out to an 8-0

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Prairie on verge of 2nd title

By STEVE CRUMP
and LARRY HOVEY
Times-News writers

TWIN FALLS — Same place, different cost.
Prairie High School of Cottonwood, which won the Idaho Class A-3 girls' basketball championship last year with a team of seniors, is one step away from doing it again with five juniors.



Prairie took a tenuous first-quarter lead and then dictated the pace of the West Jefferson 47-43 in one semifinal of the state A-3 tournament.

The Pirates, who have won five of the 12 state girls' A-3 championship trophies ever awarded in Idaho, will take on the winner of Friday night's other semifinal, which pitted Lapwai and Challis. That game was still in progress at press time.

"I can tell you with a straight face that we'll be the underdog," said Prairie coach Chris Wren. "We've put an entirely different team than we had a year ago. We lost eight seniors, and there are just three girls on this team that went to state last year."

In Friday's earlier action, Declo beat District 4 rival Filer for the fifth straight time this season, 73-57, to advance in the tournament semifinal final today against Malad, which routed New Plymouth 67-37 in the other lesser-cut game.

Prairie, now 21-6, will meet the Lapwai-Challis win for the state championship at 8:30 tonight in the Twin Falls High School gym. West Jefferson, 23-3, will face the Lapwai-Challis loser for the tournaments

Buhl girls overcome Jerome; on to state

By JEFF HOSKISSON
Times-News writer

BUHL — "On to state."

With one minute remaining in the game the chant went up from the Buhl faithful as the realization of the moment set in.

For the second time this season, both in the District 4 Class A-2 tournament, the Buhl Indians were handling the Jerome Tigers. On this occasion the 61-41 victory meant a little more.

That being that the Indians were on their way to next week's A-2 state girls basketball tournament in Twin Falls.

"It's a big win for us," said Buhl coach Joe Shepard, whose ballclub extended the school's streak of girls' district championships to eight.

The Indians were led by Jamie Korte, who scored a game-high 15 points in guiding her team to the victory. Korte did not do it alone, though, as Shannon Cato contributed 12 and Tara Cantrell added 10 points on an 8-4 run.

Jerome hit some big ones for us tonight and the others came through for us also," said Shepard.

The game got off to a slow start in the first quarter as both teams had a hard time scoring any points. With the Tigers up 4-2, the Indians scored 6 unanswered points taking an 8-4 lead. During that period the Indian defense played extremely tough as the stopped Jerome from scoring for almost 5 minutes. The Tigers finally scored with 48 seconds remaining making the score 8-6 at the end of one.

The second quarter saw both teams trade basket as play opened. Janyce Anderson, who scored 6 of her 11 points, keyed the offense for the

Tigers as they closed the gap to one point 15-14 with 3 and a half minutes remaining. With the game looking as the Tigers were beginning to take control Buhl nailed a three pointer to put the Indians back up by 4.

Jerome was able to tie the game twice, once at 18-18 and again at 20-20, late in the quarter before the Indians could gain their 2 point half-time lead 22-21.

The second half opened with Liz Gilbert hitting two quick jumpers giving the Tigers the lead for the first time since the opening period. But

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Filer wins in OT to gain Canyon Conference tie

By BRAD BRELAND
Times-News writer

HAZLETON — The Canyon Conference title now rests on the flip of a coin.

The Filer Wildcats outlasted the Valley Vikings 80-77 in double-overtime here Friday night, moving the Wildcats atop the Canyon standings with a two-way tie Declo.

Because of conflict with the girls' state basketball tournament, the meeting to decide whether Declo or Filer will get the top seed in next week's District 4 Class A-3 tournament — originally scheduled for 10 a.m. this morning — was rescheduled for 6 o'clock pending Conference officials approval.

The odds seemed to be stacked against the Wildcats all evening.

With Mike Brady on crutches, lost for the season, and Darryl Larrison sitting out the contest because of an injury suffered in practice, the odds seemed to be even greater.

Facing an eight-point deficit with 90 seconds left in the game, Filer came back to tie the game going on an 8-4 run.

The game seemed to be Filer's to win the contest, David Black got fouled with 2 seconds left in the first overtime sinking two free throws and sending the game into a second extra period.

With 1:38 in the second overtime, Steve McCandless silenced the crowd sinking his seventh three-point shot of the night providing the final margin

"It was a game our kids wanted bad," said Filer Coach LaRell Patterson. "The kids just didn't quit."

Both teams had a chance to win the game, but both teams missed some crimples and both squads missed shots from the charity stripe.

We missed some easy chances. We made some mistakes," said Valley Coach Bill Mitchell, reflecting on his team's loss of its lead in the final minutes of regulation.

Midway through the second quarter, Valley seemed to have the game in hand leading 29-22, but McCandless hit a three-pointer in that period to narrow the gap to two points.

But the Wildcats had trouble maintaining

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The morning line

Good morning. It's Saturday, Feb. 11.
Friday's scores

Basketball

College

Cornell 97, N. Montana 92
Full of Idaho 91, George Fox 72
Louisiana State 104, San Diego 89
SN Salinas 70, W. Baptist 76
San Francisco 67, Gonzaga 64
Santa Clara 58, Portland 57
St. Mary's, Cal. 77, Pepperdine 49

Prep boys

Boca 53, Buhl 50
Cambridge 63, Hansen 41
Idaho Falls 71, Pocatello 41 (OT)
Meridian 61, Centennial 55
Mountain Home 72, Jerome 67
Shoshone 85, Hagerman 59
Twin Falls 59, Capital 57
Wendell 72, Gooding 45
Boonville at Minner, late

Prep girls

State Class A-4 tournament:
Lapwai 60, Challis 41
Bremore 40, Declo 40
Declo 73, Filer 57
Malad 62, New Plymouth 37
State Class A-4 tournament:
Cambridge 70, Oakley 35
Troy 48, Mackay 21
Himnack 50, Dietrich 39
Kendrick 87, Clark Fork 43
District 4 Class A-2 tournament:
Buhl 51, Jerome 41

Sportslate

Today

MAJOR COLLEGE BASKETBALL
North Dakota College at the College of Southern Idaho, CSI gym, 7:30 p.m.
Boise State at Montana State, Brink Rowden Fieldhouse, Bozeman, Mont., 7:30 p.m.
Idaho at Nevada, Las Vegas, 8:30 p.m.
WOMEN COLLEGE BASKETBALL
North Dakota College at the College of Southern Idaho, CSI gym, 5:15 p.m.
BOYS PREP BASKETBALL
Jerome at Buhl, 4 p.m.
GIRLS PREP BASKETBALL
State Class A-3 tournament, Twin Falls High School:
Declo vs. Malad, 10:15 a.m.
West Jefferson vs. Challis, 11:55 a.m.
Lapwai vs. Pocatello, 1:30 p.m.
State Class A-4 tournament, Twin Falls High School:
Himnack vs. Kendrick, 1:35 p.m.
Mackay vs. Oakley, 3:15 p.m.
Troy vs. Cambridge championship, 6:45 p.m.

Sports on TV

11:30 a.m. — Channel 13, College basketball, Maryland at Duke.
1 p.m. — Channel 6, FIBA Bowling Florida Open.
1 p.m. — Channel 7, 3B, College basketball, Kansas at Missouri.
7:30 p.m. — Channel 12, GOLF, PGA Seniors Championship, third round.
8 p.m. — Channel 11, 12, College basketball, Gonzaga at Pittsburgh.



Ski report

Sun Valley — Sun Valley reported temperatures in the 20s on Friday with light winds and overcast skies. There is 49 inches of packed snow at the top of Bald Mountain, with 30 inches at the base. Hours today: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pomerelle — Pomerelle reported cloudy skies and temperatures in the high 20s on Friday, with 117 inches of snow at the top of the mountain and 85 inches at the lodge. The access road has been plowed and sanded, but snow tires or chains are required. Bus service will run from Jerome and Twin Falls today and Sunday, leaving Lincoln Plaza in Jerome at 7:10 a.m., Kinart in Twin Falls at 7:30, the Burley Inn at 8:30, B&B Market in Rupert at 8:45 and the Declo service station at 9. Hours today: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Soldier Mountain — Soldier reported cloudy skies and temperatures in the 20s on Friday, with 75 inches of packed snow at the top of the mountain and 65 inches at the base. The access road has been plowed and sanded, but snow tires or chains are advised. Bus service will run from Twin Falls and Jerome today, leaving Blue Lakes Mall in Twin Falls at 7:30 a.m., Lincoln Plaza in Jerome at 8:20 and Framer donor High in Gooding at 8:30. Hours today: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Magic Mountain — Open today, no report.

Conditions below at other major western ski areas:
Bogus Basin — 27 base, 45 mid course, no report.
Bridgeway — 26 base, 41 p.m. base, no report.
Buckhorn — 26 base, 110 top, no report.

Pacific Peaks — 27 base, 44 p.m. base, no report.
Pilot Knob — 12 base, 28 p.m. base, no report.
Lost Lake Park — 26 base, no report.

Snow depth on various areas is reported as follows:
Bogus Basin — 44 inches
Bridgeway — 41 inches
Buckhorn — 41 inches
Bull Run — 41 inches
Cottonwood Canyon — 41 inches
Dietrich — 41 inches
Filer — 41 inches
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Business

Several banks push prime rates to 11%

The Associated Press

NEW YORK—Several of the nation's biggest banks Friday increased their prime lending rates to 11 percent from 10.5 percent, reflecting the continuing rise of interest rates on financial markets.

It was the first increase this year in the prime rate, which banks use as a benchmark for setting interest on a variety of consumer and corporate loans, and put the rate at its highest since it was 10.75 percent in late 1984.

The last increase, from 10 percent to 10.5 percent, was Nov. 28.

Chicago-based Continental Bank and Republic National Bank of New York were the first to boost their prime rates and soon were followed by Citibank, the nation's largest bank, and Chemical Bank.

Rates have been rising due partly to the Federal Reserve's tightening of credit in an attempt to curb inflation. The prime rate reflects a bank's costs of borrowing money, including interest it pays on sav-

ings accounts and certificates of deposit, and generally reflects more subtle increases in other interest rates.

The rate is watched closely because bankers use it as a basis for calculating interest on corporate loans and for determining many types of fixed and adjustable-rate consumer loans, such as home equity loans.

Republic said it increased its prime because of its rising cost of money. At Continental Bank, the former Continental Illinois National Bank, officials said they wanted to bring the bank's rates in line with those on money markets.

Chemical Banking Corp., which owns Chemical Bank, is the nation's sixth-largest bank holding company.

Continental is owned by Continental Illinois Corp., the nation's 14th-largest holding company, while Republic's parent, Republic New York Corp., ranked 27th in terms of total assets held June 30, 1988.

Wholesale prices shoot up 1%

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Wholesale prices in January shot up at their fastest pace in nearly three years, the government said Friday in a report that analysts warned could signal spiraling inflation in 1989.

January's unexpected 1 percent rise in the Producer Price Index for finished goods was the biggest monthly increase since an identical surge in October 1985 and was equivalent to a 12.7 percent annual rate of inflation, the Labor Department said.

The increase was paced by the

steepest increase in food prices in a year, the largest rise in energy prices in two years and sharply higher costs in a variety of other categories as well.

The report—released by the Commerce Department—also showed that the price index for services rose 0.5 percent in January, the largest increase since October 1985.

The first inflation report since the change in administration brought good news for President Bush, who just a day earlier unveiled budget and deficit-reduction plans pinned on optimistic assumptions for falling inflation and a strong overall economic performance.

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Bush, asked about the latest inflation figures while on a visit to Ottawa, said that "I would not make any assumptions based on a monthly release of the Producer Price Index. He said the figures tend to 'jump' around somewhat."

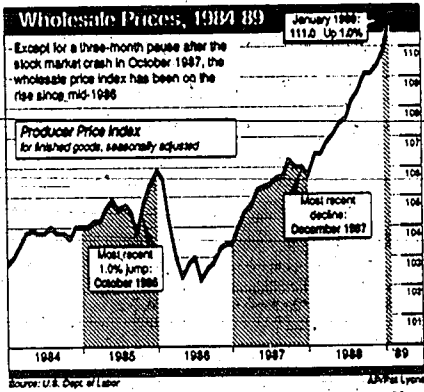
The president said that he is "not overly concerned about inflation at this point," although he added that "I don't like the figures."

Private economists, skeptical about the rosy scenario presented by Bush in his speech to Congress on Thursday, have been predicting slower growth this year and warned that the latest report from the Labor Department could lead the Fed to boost interest rates to restrain the economy and keep inflation in check.

The report signals that the economy has launched into another significant ratcheting upward of inflation," said economist Allen Sinai of the Boston Consulting Group.

We all should wait for another inflation report or two to draw too pessimistic a conclusion, but my fear is that it will ultimately take a major slowdown or recession to get inflation back down to acceptable rates," Sinai said.

The Producer-Price Index for finished goods has risen 4 percent during 1988, the steepest climb in seven years and nearly double the 2.1 percent increase posted in 1987. Many



Wholesale Prices, 1914-89
Except for a three-month pause after the stock market crash in October 1987, the wholesale price index has been on the rise since mid-1986.

private economists expect further increases this year, although not at the double-digit levels that plagued the nation in 1979 and 1980.

The index for finished goods, items one stop short of the retail level, stood at 111.0 in January, meaning a hypothetical selection of goods that cost \$100 in 1982 would have cost \$111 last month, up \$1 from the previous month.

Economist David Wyss of Data Resources Inc., of Lexington, Mass., said the dramatic size of January's increase was a "one-month aberration" caused largely by rising energy and food prices, but that the overall trend nevertheless has been one of accelerating inflation.

"I think it's going to be higher again this year and it could be a lot higher if we have another drought," Wyss said. "Early signs don't look good. We haven't had much precipita-

tion east of the Rockies."

Energy prices were up 4.9 percent last month, in part reflecting recent acceleration in crude oil prices. January's increase, the biggest since a 7.2 percent rise in January 1987, was paced by an 11.6 percent rise in home heating oil and also included a 4.1 percent jump in wholesale gasoline prices and a 4.8 percent rise in natural gas.

With the after-effects of last summer's drought still in evidence, food prices one stop short of grocery store shelves were up 1.1 percent last month, the steepest increase since a 1.5 percent rise in January 1988.

Wholesale energy prices were up 20.1 percent, pork rose 11.4 percent, and prices for bakery products increased 1.3 percent.

But even excluding energy and food costs, wholesale prices were up a moderate 0.4 percent last month, including sharp increases in children's apparel, prescription and over-the-counter medicines, books, household electronic equipment, furniture, automobiles, toys and games, and costume jewelry.

Prices also were up at the earlier stages of the production chain, with intermediate goods costs up 0.9 percent, the steepest increase in nearly eight years, while crude goods shot up 3.9 percent, the biggest rise since August 1980.

Questar net income goes down slightly

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Questar Corp. had a net income of more than \$25.8 million, or \$1.28 per share, in 1988, down slightly from more than \$25.9 million in 1987 net earnings, or \$1.33 per share.

Questar spokesman R. Curtis Burnett said the 1988 results for the integrated energy company included a \$19.9 million, or \$1.03 per share, after taxes write-down on oil and gas properties due to a severe drop in prices during the third quarter.

The company's 1987 results were reduced by a \$9 million, or 48 cents per share, after taxes write-down of oil and gas holdings due to falling energy prices, and a \$19.9 million, or 1.03 cents per share, after taxes, charge from a restructuring of Questar's brick-making operations.

Excluding write-downs and charges, Questar in 1988 earned nearly \$45.8 million, or \$2.31 per share, compared with \$45.8 million, or \$2.40 per share for the prior year period.

Burnett said the lower per-share earnings reflected a "percent increase in average common stock shares outstanding in 1988."

For the fourth quarter, Questar's 1987 net income was \$14.16 million, or 72 cents per share. In the fourth quarter of 1987, earnings reached little more than \$6 million, or 24 cents per share, and included the brick restructuring charge.

Excluding that charge, fourth-quarter 1987 net income was nearly \$16 million, 83 cents per share.

Questar's natural gas operations, conducted by Mountain Fuel Supply Co., earned nearly \$20.5 million in 1988 compared with nearly \$17.6 million a year before. Meanwhile, the utility's total deliveries increased 12 percent last year.

Cold weather and a 2 percent hike in customers to a record 476,500 have accounted for 77 million, 83 cents per share, in residential-commercial deliveries. Industrial deliveries grew 23 percent in 1988.

Mountain Fuel recorded net income of more than \$7 million during 1988's fourth quarter, up from more than \$5.9 million for the same period in 1987.

Questar Pipeline Co., which conducts interstate natural gas transmission, had a net income of \$1.1 million, or 10 cents per share, in 1988, down slightly from \$1.2 million, or 11 cents per share, in 1987.

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North South
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