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Fire causes contamination fears

By CRAIG LINCOLN
Times-News writer

FILER — State authorities still aren't sure if toxic chemicals in a commercial storage yard that burned and exploded "like an atomic bomb" Friday night will contaminate nearby wells.

"We would require immediate containment," Burkett said. That means all water in the area would have to be pumped into a lined pond, a truck or tank.

A storage yard owned by Acme Manufacturing Co. Inc. of Filer caught fire about 7:30 p.m. Friday, exploded shortly after that and forced firefighters, sheriff's deputies, Filer police and the U.S. Border Patrol into a frenzy of activity.

Although the main body of the fire was knocked down within an hour, firefighters sprayed hot barrels for several hours and Burkett and other environmental specialists sampled the area to determine if wells could be contaminated. Area residents who may have contaminated wells have been notified and shouldn't drink from their wells, said Robert Gauthier, Twin Falls County deputy sheriff.

"We may require some soil cleanup until contaminated soil is gone," Burkett said.

Most area residents are safe because they draw water from Filer's system.

Burkett still was waiting for test results Saturday. Until the state decides how dangerous the potential contamination is, he's recommend-



Corp. Cliff Johnson of the Filer Police Department helps with the investigation of Friday's fire at the Acme storage yard. Residents stay away from their wells. Gauthier returned to the site Saturday afternoon to measure the area, part of a continuing investigation that hasn't yet determined the cause of the fire, he said. Written reports may be completed today, he said. Acme owner James Herrett Sr. said the company had been cleaning up the site. "We were under way with the clean-up project," Herrett said. • See FIRE on Page A2

Inflation worries going up

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Prices are on the upswing even as signs of an economic slowdown emerge, suggesting Americans may have to pay now for earlier robust growth in the economy and wait until later for inflation relief.

Concern about inflation heightened last week after the Labor Department reported that wholesale prices surged 1 percent in February for the second straight month, representing a 12.6 percent annual rate of inflation so far this year.

Consumer prices, meanwhile, rose 0.6 percent in January, a pace that would translate into a 7.2 percent annual inflation rate at the retail level if sustained all year. Financial markets will be anxiously awaiting February's readout on consumer prices, due to be released Tuesday.

A booming economy can generate inflation if tight labor markets and strong demand for goods and services create shortages that drive up wages and prices, which then chase one another upward.

The Federal Reserve Board for a year has been nudging interest rates higher in order to cool the red-hot economy and restrain inflation, but the latest reports show that prices were accelerating nonetheless.

The troubling news came just as economists were starting to take some cheer from indications that economic growth may be moderating to a more sustainable level. Retail sales, factory operating rates and housing starts all were down last week. • See ECONOMY on Page A2

Polish farmers hold 1st Rural Solidarity congress in 8 years

The Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — Farmers were urged to save their faltering nation Saturday as they gathered for the first congress in eight years of their banned union, Rural Solidarity.

"The national economy is destroyed. People in towns and villages live on the edge of poverty. But this is our country. We have to save it for ourselves and our children," union chairman Jozef Slisz told 450 farmers from every region of the country.

Slisz said the congress must ensure au-

thorities keep a promise to legalize Rural Solidarity and that the union must prepare for national elections of the union in December.

The meeting took place before the end of talks between authorities and the opposition that have yielded agreement in principle to legalize Solidarity, Rural Solidarity and the Independent Students' Association.

All three were banned after martial law was introduced December 1981. Parliament will consider draft legislation Tuesday to legalize them again.

"During those eight years, which we spent

in prison or in hiding, we did not forget the ideals of Solidarity. Some of our colleagues paid with their lives," Slisz reminded members and some 50 invited foreign press and advisers.

"We can meet again after eight years thanks to Mr. Walesa, thanks to his persistence and determination. He is the symbol of Solidarity for cities and villages," he said of Lech Walesa, leader of the allied workers' union, Solidarity.

The hall erupted into chants of "Solidarnosc! Solidarnosc!" when Walesa appeared.

"My role has been to lead you to this point so that you can meet and decide about your own activities," he told cheering farmers.

Later Saturday, Solidarity's national executive commission met to assess the state of talks with authorities.

"I am satisfied. The meeting was full of arguments, but it helped clarify things," Walesa told reporters afterward.

The meeting came as the talks near their final phase and a day after the union declared a crisis over the authorities' decision to submit an electoral reform bill to Parliament without consulting the opposition.

Solidarity has said the bill did not reflect agreements reached for which would be the communist bloc's first democratic elections.

The government late Friday said it only wanted Parliament to discuss the bill, not pre-judge any agreement.

Wladyslaw Frasymiak, the powerful Solidarity leader from Silesia, said Saturday he did not think the conflict would derail final agreement on political and economic reforms.

"I cannot see such a possibility in which this accord would not take place," he said.

Report on FAA: Warnings of terrorism 'inadequate'

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Disclosures of detailed warnings in Europe before the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Scotland have prompted calls for new investigations and appeals for more government openness about terrorist threats.

A congressional subcommittee analysis of Federal Aviation Administration security warnings, due for release today, will show that many FAA warnings are "woefully inadequate," according to a committee staff member.

Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner dispatched top aides to Europe this weekend to examine the growing controversy over the warnings and to determine the safety of U.S. airlines from terrorist attack.

And, some of the relatives of the 270 people killed in the Dec. 21 disaster planned a White House protest April 3, the 103rd day after the bombing.

Bert Ammerman, the brother of one of those killed, pleaded: "I'd like the opportunity to make my own decision on whether I die on a plane or not."

The latest actions follow revelations and discussions in London and

Washington about very specific warnings that airlines and government officials were sharing in Europe and the United States in the weeks before the bombing over Lockerbie, Scotland.

None of the information got to passengers.

Pan Am, after it did warn passengers of a bomb threat against a New York-Paris flight last week, said it has a long-standing policy of advising travelers and giving them the option of taking other flights when there is a specific threat against an individual flight.

The Lockerbie disaster was not preceded by any reported threat that named a specific plane.

But disclosures over the past several weeks indicate that authorities had several other warnings, including what airline and flights might be endangered, in what month the bombing could occur, what type of explosive and triggering device might be used and even how the bomb might be concealed in a radio-cassette.

Investigators concluded that a radio-cassette containing plastic explosives set to go off at a certain altitude blew up Pan Am Flight 103.

Discovery lands without a hitch

The Associated Press

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — The space shuttle Discovery plunged out of space to a desert landing at dawn Saturday, ending an almost flawless mission that included completion of NASA's satellite communication system.

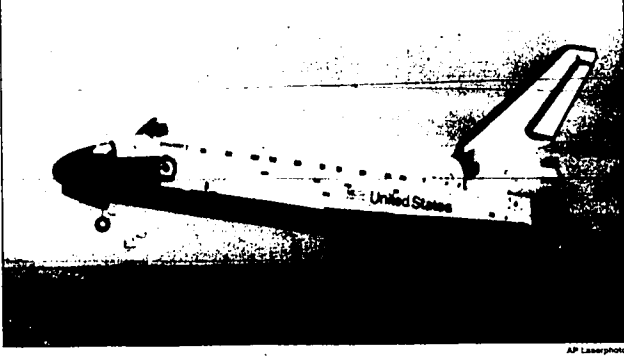
Well done, Discovery. That's one to be proud of, capsule communicator Frank Culbertson said.

The shuttle, bearing a five-man crew, four crippled rats, 32 fertilized chicken eggs and other experiments, landed on schedule at 6:36 a.m. on a paved runway on Rogers Dry Lake, watched by a near-record 460,000 spectators.

"NASA and the country's happy this morning. It's a beautiful day in California," Rear Adm. Richard H. Truly, agency's associate administrator, said after Discovery landed.

"It's marvelous people can come out on such a pretty morning and watch it," Truly added. "I think the country realizes we're back."

The landing looked perfect, as promised from orbit when shuttle commander Michael L. Coats, a veteran Navy aircraft carrier pilot, radioed "3 wire" to mission control. He referred to the best arresting cable for a plane to snag when land-



Space shuttle Discovery touches down at Edwards Air Force Base in California Saturday.

ing on the deck of a carrier.

NASA television of the shuttle after its 1.9-million-mile trip showed numerous white marks on the black thermal tiles that protect the shuttle's underside from the heat of re-entry. But Truly described the damage as "a few minor chips."

About seven hours after Discovery landed, the astronauts and their

wives arrived in Houston, where they were greeted by their children and a crowd of about 500 people.

The five-day mission's main objective, deployment of NASA's third Tracking and Data Relay Satellite, was accomplished Monday, the day Discovery was launched from Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, Fla. Results of a variety

of experiments carried out by the crew awaited scientific analysis.

The four rats with intentionally injured leg bones were killed about four hours after landing, as were four others in a control group kept on the ground, NASA spokeswoman Terri Sindlar said. The dead rodents were sent to Orthopedic Hospital in Los Angeles for analysis.

New Jersey man shoots down 3 youths, officer, then is killed

WEST ORANGE, N.J. (AP) — A gunman who neighbors said was harassed regularly by teen-agers shot three young children at an apartment building Saturday and then wounded a police officer before being killed in a gun battle, authorities said.

The children, who ranged in age from 5 to 8, were all in critical condition at the trauma center at University Hospital in Newark, a hospital spokesman said.

"We don't have a motive yet," Police Chief Edward Palardy told reporters at the scene. "It looks like some sort of disaster in there. A man appears to have gone berserk and started shooting."

The gunman, identified as George Proctor, in his 40s, died at 4:10 p.m. of gunshot wounds, said Margaret Francois, assistant director of nursing at East Orange General Hospital.

"The person that was involved, for whatever reason, became very antagonistic when he returned home this afternoon," said West Orange Mayor Sam Spina, who visited the scene.

One neighbor, a 15-year resident who said he went fishing regularly

with the gunman, said Proctor had been physically and verbally harassed recently by teen-aged boys in an increasingly drug-infested neighborhood.

"His mind probably just snapped," said the neighbor, who added he would not give his name for fear of an attack on his family by neighborhood youths. "He's a nice guy. ... It's a shame this had to happen to him."

One witness, Robert Gress, who lives across an intersection from the apartment building in this New York suburb, said he was playing solitaire in his home shortly before 3 p.m. when he heard gunfire that "sounded like firecrackers."

Gress said when he looked outside, he saw a young boy by a parked car across the street screaming, "The guy's a maniac."

Gress said he then saw a police car pull up to the corner and the gunman started shooting at the cruiser.

He went to telephone police and when he returned to the window, the gunman was lying on the ground and the police officer also lay wounded on the ground.

The police officer, who works for the Orange Police Department, was not seriously injured, Spina said. He

was admitted in stable condition at Orange Hospital, said spokeswoman Gail Proctor.

The officer was on a routine patrol of the neighborhood, which lies on the border of West Orange and the city of Orange, when he heard the gunshots and went to the scene, Spina said.

Palardy said the identities of the officer and the wounded children were not immediately available.

Proctor first started shooting at a woman in a first-floor apartment, and police believe the woman misfired, allowing the woman time to run into the bathroom.

The gunman then shot a child in the apartment and went outside, where he shot two more children, Spina said. The police officer hit the gunman with four rounds, officials said.

Residents of the neighborhood said crime there has worsened recently, with older people forced to live in fear of drug-related violence.

"The young teen-agers are jumping people all the time," said Deirda Biggers, a 25-year-old resident who has lived in the area for eight months. "Houses are getting robbed and cars are getting stolen."

Economy

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... How did prices rise?

"It reflects mainly strong growth in the economy in the past couple of years and full employment and high operating rates," said Robert Ortnier, outgoing Commerce undersecretary for economic affairs.

He cautioned that given the lag time between an economic slowdown and the resulting downward pressure on prices, "the worst of both worlds is not impossible."

"The risk is that we will get both slower economic growth and continued inflation and that certainly is what we hope to avoid," Ortnier said.

The concern was echoed by Michael Evans, head of a Washing-

ton consulting firm. "To find out that inflation is almost out of control here, just as we see evidence the economy is slowing, is the worst possible scenario," he said. "We could have a rough couple months ahead. The old nemesis stagflation could come back to haunt us."

The term "stagflation" was coined in the 1970s, when America experienced the unprecedented combination of slower economic growth and rising prices.

Initial forecasts for this year were that inflation would increase somewhat from the 4.4 percent pace of the last two years, but many estimates are being revised upward based on the surprising price increases in January and February.

Meanwhile, growth in the economy is expected to slow this year as the record peacetime expansion extends through its seventh year. Indeed, some critics of the Federal Reserve say the central bank's tight grip on the money supply could dampen the economy so much that the country topples into a recession.

"The Fed must be patient because it takes a long time for changes in monetary policy to have an impact on prices," said Richard W. Rahn, chief economist of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. "The immediate focus must be on the signs of economic contraction that indicate that Fed policies have become too severe."

Some analysts, however, believe a recession may be the only way to reduce inflation once it starts spiraling.

Fire

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The fire that happened was incidental to that."

John Schoales, who lives on a corner near the fire, said he saw two people working at the site when he drove home from work at about 5 p.m. He said the two men were cutting metal with what he thought was a propane torch.

He then saw some black smoke about 45 minutes before he heard a big explosion.

"At one time, it almost looked like a small atomic bomb going off," he said.

The fire exploded 200 feet into the air and mushroomed, said Filer Police Chief Bud Compher. Several, smaller barrels then exploded for about 15 minutes.

Gauthier confirmed that according to his information two people were working in the yard before the fire.

Schoales is more worried about future contamination than being able to draw water this week from his well.

"We were one of seven people affected by that situation, because we have wells," he said. "The EPA might take a sample now, but what about a year down the road, a couple years down the road, or four, five years down the road?"

Burkert said they discovered three chemicals at the storage yard: the solvent methyl ethyl ketone, a non-hazardous chemical called Phthalate Ester and Chevron Thinner 225-E, which contains the toxic chemical toluene. Also in the area, Burkert said, were barrels of "quench oil," used to cool metal in Acme's farm-machinery manufacturing plant.

"The chemicals were in empty barrels with some residue, Burkert said. Most dangerous was the methyl ethyl ketone, a flammable liquid resembling acetone and used as a solvent, he said.

Firefighters contained the fire about an hour after responding at 7:30 p.m., Compher said. They left the scene shortly after 1 a.m.

Earl LeMaster, a volunteer firefighter who collapsed at the scene, has been discharged from the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

"Most of the time was spent cooling fire-fighting drums," Compher said. Fifty-five gallon drums with liquid were "just a snapping and tingling — you could hear it bubbling away."

Burkert arrived on the scene about 9:30 p.m., part of a multi-agency response that included the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, a representative from Gov. Cecil Andrus's office; Pat O'Rourke of the South Central District Health Department and a representative of the state Bureau of Hazardous Materials. A Boise emergency communications center notified the agencies shortly after the fire started.

With the help of a conference telephone call, sheriff's deputies and Sheriff Jim Munn at the scene kept in contact with the state and federal experts and got hold of the chemical manufacturers.

"The sheriff and fire department did a really good job," said William Freutel, EPA on-scene coordinator. "It took a little while to get organized, but they did a good job of getting information and getting the scene prepared."

They also contacted an emergency center sponsored by the Chemical Manufacturers Association to get information on precautions.

One person they didn't contact is upset.

Bill Chigbrow of the American Red Cross said he was ready and able to arrange for food and shelter for evacuees — part of the Red Cross charter. Although Friday night's episode probably wouldn't have required his help because all evacuees returned to their houses in a couple of hours.

"Somewhere along the line the community got out of the habit of knowing we're here," Chigbrow said. "The bottom line is we must respond to these disasters, because that's our charter."

Filer police, U.S. Border Patrol and sheriff's deputies evacuated almost everybody from all areas with one-half mile of the fire. Shortly af-

ter midnight, they allowed residents to return to their homes, said Filer Police Chief Don Barkley, but he had no estimate of how many people were evacuated.


Some stayed, even though police warned them to leave.

"I thought, 'you're crazy,'" said grizzled 72-year-old Ephraim Dutt, Schoales' next-door neighbor. "I wasn't worried about myself — I know that smoke wasn't going to kill nobody."

A next-door neighbor, he rents pasture from Acme.

"I'm up in that area, I know what's there," he said. "I guess they're going to check the wells. I'm going to go fishing."

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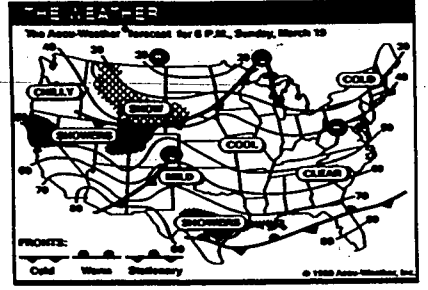
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Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding:
Today, scattered rain and snow showers with west winds to 20 mph. Highs in the 40s. Lows 25 to 30. Monday, partly sunny. Highs near 50.

Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley:
Today and tonight, snow showers will give 1 to 2 more inches of snow. Highs near 40. Lows 25 to 30. Monday, partly sunny. Highs 40 to 45.

Northern Utah and Nevada:
Utah — Snow advisory northern mountains today. Rain today becoming mixed with snow tonight and decreasing. Locally heavy snow in the mountains today. Partly cloudy Monday with a few lingering showers. Cooler today through Monday. Lows tonight 20s and low 30s. Highs today in the 40s and low 50s and Monday in the 40s.

Nevada — Scattered showers today with the snow level 5500 to 6000 feet. Chance of snow showers tonight, mainly north and east. Widely scattered snow showers east in the morning otherwise partly cloudy on Monday. Highs today from near 50 to the lower 60s. Highs Monday mid-40s to upper 50s. Lows tonight mid-20s to mid-30s.

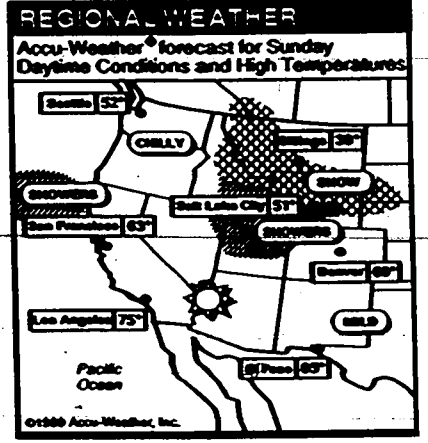


Summary: Cloudy skies were over the Gem State Saturday afternoon with either rain or snow falling. Precipitation amounts were mostly light. Temperatures generally were in the 40s to the low 50s. Winds were mostly light except gusty winds were noted in the Magic Valley. Early morning temperatures were mainly in the 30s and 40s. Dixie was the coldest spot with 16 degrees.

The warmest temperature in the state Saturday was 60 degrees at Weiser. Stanley reported the coldest at 13 degrees.

The extended forecast for Tuesday through Thursday calls for increasing clouds Tuesday. A chance of rain showers valleys and snow showers higher mountains west late Tuesday and entire area Wednesday. Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers Thursday. Highs mid-40s to the upper 50s. Lows mid-20s to the mid-30s.

Elsewhere in the nation Saturday, the highest temperature were 94 degrees at Buckeye, Ariz. The lowest was —16 degrees at Langdon, N.D., and Warroad, Minn.



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Museum employees work to restore B-29 Enola Gay

SILVER HILL, Md. (AP) — The Enola Gay, the steel-gray bomber that effectively ended World War II, today sits in a warehouse without wings or engines, belying its fame as the B-29 that carried the first atomic weapon.

Restoration experts are taking the plane apart bolt by bolt in a nine-year project to turn the grimy aircraft into a shiny relic for the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum.

When the plane is displayed in 1994, the exhibit likely will renew debate about America's use of the atomic bomb.

It was early in the morning on Aug. 6, 1945, when the first atomic bomb was released over Hiroshima,

Japan, killing and injuring 160,000 people. A second bomb was later dropped over Nagasaki.

"Any time you even bring up the name Enola Gay it rekindles debate," said Theodore Van Kirk, a navigator on the historic mission. "I guess the discussion is always going to be around. It's been 40 some years and there still isn't any conclusion."

Van Kirk, now 68, saw the plane in 1985 when rehabilitation work began at the Smithsonian's Paul E. Garber Preservation, Restoration and Storage Facility in Silver Hill, just outside Washington. He retired three years ago from DuPont and lives in Navato, Calif.

The Enola Gay's 98-foot-long body sits severed in half at the warehouse.

The two pieces sit side by side with various other historical planes and spacecraft.

"We have some (visitors) who tell us that this plane saved their life or their uncle's life because it ended the war," shop foreman Richard Horigan said recently.

It took nearly three years for Horigan and Dave Peterson to restore the front section. Earlier this year, technicians began work on the rear section and wings of the plane, which Cmdr. Paul W. Tibbets named after his mother.

Each part is dipped, sprayed or painted with preservatives and waxes, Horigan said.

Using photographs, old technical manuals and history books as their guides, the restoration experts plan to remove all markings and decals that were not on the plane the day after the mission. The names and dates of scores of unknown people will be buffed from the plane's aluminum exterior.



Richard Horigan is helping to restore the plane

AP Laserphoto

Military plane carrying explosives crashes

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A cargo plane carrying explosives crashed after takeoff from Carswell Air Force Base early today, igniting numerous fires, authorities said. An investigator said there were fatalities.

The area is being cordoned off until daylight. It's my understanding this plane was loaded with explosives," said Robert Parkey, an investigator for the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office.

The plane was en route to Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma when the crash occurred about 1:30 a.m. MST, Webb said.

The DC-9 crashed about five miles north of the base, said FAA duty officer Allene Thompson.

He confirmed the fatalities but did not know how many, adding that undetonated explosives were preventing authorities from entering the area.

Senior Airman Mark Webb confirmed two casualties, but would not

It crashed in a field, not near a residential area," Ms. Thompson said.

The civilian plane had been contracted by the Air Force.

11-year-old confesses to killing baby brother

WILTON MANORS, Fla. (AP) — An 11-year-old girl who confessed killing her 2-year-old half-brother and trying to kill her 15-month-old half-sister apparently resented caring for them, police said.

"Apparently the mother had to work a lot of double shifts and of the 11-year-old was in charge of feeding the baby, clothing them, taking care of them as an adult would and she's only 11 years old," said police Sgt. Rick Wierzbicki.

"We worked with a lot of investigators on this case, and no one can remember a person that young committing such a crime," he added.

The girl, whose name was not disclosed because of her age, was being held at the Broward Juvenile Detention Center on one count of first-degree murder and one of attempted first-degree murder, police said.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement figures show three children younger than 10 were arrested in 1986 for murder. In 1987, one child that age was arrested.

The children's mother, Sally Butterfield, discovered Andrew Caesar dead and Tiffany Caesar unconscious in their beds Tuesday morning.

Police said there were no signs of abuse, and tests were done to see if the children had been poisoned.

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Blind prisoner escapes from his eye exam

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A blind prison inmate escaped from an appointment for a glass eye when he and an armed accomplice disarmed prison guards and fled from a medical office, authorities said.

Larry Donnell Hill, an inmate at Stillwater State Prison outside Minneapolis, was escorted by two guards to the appointment for a replacement glass eye on Friday.

He was met at the office by a friend who had a handgun. The two men disarmed the guards, tied one of them up and fled, police said.

Hill, 49, was serving a 27-year sentence for murdering his girlfriend in 1982.

Police have identified his accomplice as a former Stillwater inmate, Capt. Carl Johnson said. "I'm sure it was all prearranged," he said.

Eye technician Wolfgang Kuss was able to escape by sneaking past the inmate.

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School board hearing should be closed

Because of the seriousness of the claim, we think citizens should withhold judgment until the hearing is over about the guilt or innocence of O'Leary Junior High School teacher Gordon Bybee.

The 19-year teaching veteran has been suspended, pending a hearing Tuesday evening at Twin Falls City Hall, on an allegation that he has inappropriately touched a seventh-grade girl.

Bybee denies the claim and has asked for the hearing. Unless he requests otherwise, the hearing will be open to the public, as state law provides for in the firing of teachers.

Now this may strike some as strange, coming from a newspaper which treasures and defends openness in government, but we think Bybee should request that this hearing be closed.

To do so, we think, would help ensure the very due process for all which Bybee's defenders want for him.

The purpose of the discharge hearing is to determine, as far as is possible, the truth of the allegation and to determine whether Bybee should continue to be employed as a Twin Falls public school teacher.

Given the nature of the allegation, we think an open hearing could well deter potential young witnesses who may have something to say, but who will not come forward in a potentially public setting.

Anyone who has been around seventh graders knows that standing out from the crowd is not something that many are very comfortable with doing. Testifying at a hearing like this would be, for many, a difficult experience at best. Some might not testify at all.

But there are times when speaking out is necessary, indeed essential. Yes, it requires courage. Tough choices sometimes do.

Bybee is entitled to a proper hearing of the allegation. He has the right to answer it.

And we, as citizens, have an obligation to presume him innocent unless competent testimony and a preponderance of the evidence compel a conclusion to the contrary.

A closed hearing, in which young people can come forward and tell the truth, is the best forum to ensure due process for both Bybee and the students.

Because of the potential impact of publicity, we state here that, even if the hearing is open, The Times-News will not report the names of the young people who testify.

Even if the hearing is open, we want potential young witnesses to know that we will not publish their names.

This is in keeping with our long-standing policy not to identify the victims of sexual assaults, either adults or children.

And in this instance, it is essential that as fair a hearing as possible be established.

We think the Superintendent of Schools, Carl Snow, has taken the right course of action in removing Bybee from the classroom, placing him on a paid leave of absence, conducting an internal investigation, and now proceeding to present the allegation to the Board.

It is unfortunate, in our view, that the issue is apparently seen by some as a confrontation between the administration and the teacher's union, the Twin Falls Education Association, of which Bybee is a member.

The steps taken by Snow seem to us essentially reasonable; indeed, it would be irresponsible of him to have done less.

Snow says that, based on the report to be presented to the board, his recommendation is that the board discharge Bybee.

We will not judge, at this point, whether that is the right course of action. But if competent evidence is presented which confirms the allegation, the likelihood is that the board would have little choice.

In a matter like this, due process is not only the protection of the individual against whom an allegation is raised.

Yes, Bybee is entitled to due process.

But so are the students, past and present, who have been in his class.

So is the community which has a right, in our view, to be able send young people to school without fear of what will happen to them there.

And so is the state, which has a right to ensure that its teaching staff meet both high professional and moral standards.

Eastern Airlines, stubborn unions are committing economic suicide

Gregg Easterbrook

Frank Lorenzo, that snarling, vicious capitalist — know what he eats for breakfast?

1. Raw meat torn from a carcass. 2. Unions. 3. Children. 4. Fresh fruit and herbal tea.

The correct answer is 4. Lorenzo wears that lean and hungry look because he is unusually lean and in all probability hungry, owing to a strict personal regime of diet and distance running — something I learned while spending time with him as long as two years ago.

Watching him eat, I had to suppress an urge to say: Frank, have a milkshake. All manner of pop psychology theories spun into my head about compulsion to devour in business what one fails to consume at the table.

I mention this because I sort of like Lorenzo.

Don't get me wrong — I'm really glad I don't work for him. But he's taking a worse rap than he deserves during the Eastern Airlines strike — in part because the press and the public paid more attention to his robber-baron image than his real accomplishments. Consider:

...It's true that none of the major airlines Lorenzo has acquired, including Eastern, have done well financially. But they were falling when he bought them.

Why did Lorenzo buy four failing airlines? Simple — he could afford them. He was determined to become a major player in the U.S. airline industry.

Some more pop psychology: Lorenzo was born in a modest home in Queens, N.Y., a first-generation son of Spanish immigrants. The house lay under the approach path to LaGuardia

Airport. From childhood on, Lorenzo was fascinated by flying. By sheer effort, he became the chief executive officer and, in effect, owner of the free world's largest air transport corporation. He could never have accomplished that by trying to buy healthy airlines.

For all the "greed" rhetoric surrounding Lorenzo, he is not filthy rich; his estimated net worth is \$40 million. Not shabby, but far below the Carl C. Icahn class.

Eastern unions are pumping out bluster about Lorenzo "bleeding Eastern for fast profits."

Bleeding to where? Eastern's parent company loses money too. Lorenzo has been successful as a takeover specialist; he has never been conspicuously successful at making money.

Texas Air lost money through the 1980s for two reasons. First, it is based on companies in deep financial trouble when Lorenzo acquired them.

Second, Lorenzo held down Texas Air fares, almost single-handedly preventing deregulation from creating monopoly-priced air travel. Texas Air has been the industry's low-price leader. Any air traveler who pays for his own tickets ought to pray that Texas Air does not fold.

Charles E. Bryan, head of the machinists union that struck Eastern, has in recent months repeatedly said that Lorenzo is the problem and that no settlement is possible unless Lorenzo goes.

Bryan said exactly the same of Eastern's previous chairman, Frank Borman.

Eastern's machinists local is biased toward confrontation over cooperation. In the fog about money — demanding \$50 million in raises from an airline that just lost \$40 million — workers are so pumped up by Bryan about how horribly they are treated that many have lost sight of how attractive airline industry jobs are. Most Eastern ground workers may never again get jobs as desirable as the ones they now hold — especially slots that pay about \$35,000 a year for ramp workers, who are only slightly above unskilled labor.

Yet for all his experience with labor — Lorenzo felt he understood the inner dynamics of unions because he helped put himself through college as a Teamster — the Texas Air boss seemed not to understand just how determined Bryan was to keep his members in labor's old "us vs. them" mode.

In mid-1987, Lorenzo told me, "I expect that two years from now there will be labor peace at Eastern. The marketplace is at Eastern's door. Union leadership pretends that isn't happening but the union members understand and are more realistic. They don't want to sacrifice their jobs for ideology. They will pressure their leadership for peace."

While it is true that airline unions enjoyed many sweetheart deals under the old regulated system — deals that had to be reined in because they guaranteed higher fares — Lorenzo seems to have become obsessed with labor as an enemy.

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Letters/ Birkenstock proponents comment

Company offers clarifications

We were more than a little surprised to be cited in Kristin Tucker's Feb. 20 article about poor shoes. We're well used to clever comments about the look of Birkenstock footwear, but people never argue with the terrific way it feels!

We would like to correct several misconceptions about Birkenstock footwear that were mentioned.

First, Birkenstock footbeds have neutral, not negative, heels. The contoured heel cups on the footbeds may appear to be recessed, but in Birkenstock sandals your heels rest exactly where they would if you were standing barefoot on sand.

Second, one of the main functions of Birkenstock footwear is to encourage all the natural movements of the feet, including the gripping motions of the toes.

This grip was mentioned by Ms. Tucker in a negative way, when in fact it is very health-promoting to exercise the muscles of the feet.

It's true that many flat sandals offer little or no

support for the feet. The whole idea of the Birkenstock sandal is the unique combination of support for the rear and midfoot and freedom of movement for the toes.

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The fact that people rave and swear by Birkenstock footwear speaks for itself. Can all those happy feet possibly be wrong?

MARGOT FRASER
President
Birkenstock Footprint Sandals, Inc.
Novato, Calif.

Heel height could be crucial

I would like to correct any misconception concerning shoe heel height I may have given Ms. Tucker for her article in The Times-News on Feb. 20.

Shoes and shoe heel height can affect knee, hip, low back and other skeletal conditions.

I have found that low or neutral heel shoes,

such as manufactured by Birkenstock Company, can benefit some, but not all, of these conditions.

CHARLES L. PORTER, D.D.
Chiropractor
Twin Falls

Birkenstocks aren't negative heel

This correspondence is in regards to your Feb. 20 article entitled "Poor Shoes Can Be a Pain for Feet, Legs, Back."

To do justice to Birkenstock footwear and their local distributor, The Leatherman, I should point out that I was misquoted in that Birkenstocks are synonymous with negative heel shoes.

This is false, and your readers should be informed that all of the attributes of negative heel shoes do not apply to Birkenstock footwear.

To the contrary, Birkenstocks are functionally beneficial for many individuals suffering from lower back pain and foot/ankle deformities.

Thank you for allowing me to clarify this point.
Dr. DAVID A. BLACKMER
Foot Surgeon/Podiatrist
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Letters/ Readers comment on variety of issues

Taxpayers built MVRMC

In response to Sam G. Adler:

I have lived in Twin Falls 53 years, and I am of the firm opinion that MVRMC is a county hospital, not a private one.

When we came to Twin Falls in 1936, people who needed hospital care had to go to a dreadful place called the County Poor Farm. Through the years the taxpayers of this county built and maintained the hospital.

If it does not belong to them now, they better find out who did what with it.

However I am happy that you like Twin Falls and have the benefits of the facility that we the taxpayers built.

I do not think people are just making snide remarks. They are stating their opinions, the same as you did. And it is not about just the

hospital. It is about the bureaucracy of the county commissioners and the board members.

After the taxpayers built the latest addition on the hospital, we listened to years of them crying they were losing money; they did not have enough patients.

Now they want to spend a few million on another addition they don't have patients for. Lo and behold, they find a few million dollars stashed away in their private name, but they can't use it because it is county funds.

We elect county commissioners to handle the taxpayers' money, and it is time for them to do their job — not just raise taxes and float bonds. They just wait to the state legislators and tried to collect more taxes than the law allows.

Now they want us to pay more taxes or

put a bond to run the new jail we just built. Why don't they take part of the few million dollars of taxpayers' money they stashed away and use it to run the jail?

If hospital board members are going to have full control of the hospital and its money, they should be elected by the people so they are accountable to someone.

It seems to me that both city and county officials think the people are a bunch of dumbkulls to be led around by the nose.

Citizens, residents, people of Twin Falls, election time will come again. Let's try to get someone in there who will listen to us, keep track of our money interests and keep the money in the hands of the elected officials who are accountable to the people and make sure said officials act accordingly.

ELAINE BRIGGS
Twin Falls

Rules will protect Wood River

The fishing regulation changes for the Wood River are not only sensible but courageous.

When you've got sportsmen like Bob Burks (see letter of March 13) complaining that the proposed slot limit won't give us leeway to kill enough rainbows to — and I quote — "stink up a skillet," you can understand what the Fish and Game is up against.

The department has enough trouble trying to maintain the biology of the river from developers and irrigators without also dealing with a consumptive attitude that was the norm here 20 years ago but, alas, still seems to be the case in some circles today.

Mr. Burks should remember we're closer to the year 2001 than we are 1973. Today you can't kill six trout from an urban river that

runs through three towns and expect the resource to persevere.

I suggest that if you want to eat a lot of fish, save your gas money and support your local market instead of driving to the Wood River with the goal of filling the freezer.

One more thing. If everyone would show up at the P and Z meetings up here when some monied developer wants to rip-rap the Big Wood, then maybe we could kill more trout. Until then, the slot limit is the best.

JEFF COUPE
Halley

Welcome to California

Give the Wood River Area to California.

It is in my opinion that we stop all fishing, hunting, trapping and grazing in the Wood River Valley and stop all this bickering.

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Easterbrook

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 "When Congress deregulated the industry," he said, "all they really did was deregulate the revenue (ticket price) side. Congress said, 'Look fellas, the expense side, that's labor, that's politics, that's brutal. You all go out and worry about that.' We (managers) were left with the dirty work. Certain airlines didn't have the stomach for this. Management wanted to keep their cozy little relationships."
 For his part, the machinists union president, William W. Wimpfing, has long claimed that airline deregulation was a conspiracy to undermine unions. Destroying Lorenzo probably means more to him than the thousands of jobs lost if Eastern vanishes. But then

Wimpfing, and the rest of the union hierarchy, will not be out on the street.
 Eastern pilots, who are honoring the picket lines, take a much lesser risk than machinists: There is an industry-wide shortage of experienced commercial flight crews.
 Texas Air management miscalculated, however, in thinking that most Eastern pilots would cross the picket line. "There's a real difference between (the Air Line Pilots Association) national and the Eastern chapter," Lorenzo told me. "ALPA is obsessed with safeguarding the \$150,000-a-year, 12-day-per-month lifestyle of its most senior members, and will tell any fairy tale it can to protect this group."

The Eastern pilots want to see a growing company and know that companies must be competitive in order to expand.
 It's fair to say that Lorenzo is not the kind of person who ought to be running a business like an airline where personal interactions — both with customers and workers — are so important. Whatever his other merits, Lorenzo does not ooze warmth.
 Yet it's also fair to say that Eastern's unions are cutting off their noses to spite their faces — millions of Americans would trade their jobs

for the ones Eastern machinists speak of with such contempt. Workers are also virtually saying "go to hell" to a traveling public that has shown a fond memory.
 Thus Lorenzo and Eastern unions are writing a suicide pact. No matter how the strike is resolved — whether the unions break, or they win and Lorenzo sells them Eastern, or another buyer steps in — what remains will be an airline with a bad reputation rendered even worse.
 The only logical solution may be to dissolve Eastern and sell off the

pieces — ending the life of an airline but breaking the cycle of mutual destruction that both labor and management now seem bent on sustaining.

Gregg Easterbrook is a contributing editor to Newsweek and the Atlantic.


Letters

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 about fly fishing or bait fishing, grazing or killing coyotes. Let's do what the Fish and Game, U.S. Forest Service and all the California millionaires really want us to do.
 Let's put up a sign at Timmerman Hill that reads "Welcome to California."
GEORGE SPIVENS
 Jerome

It's not too late to save Wood River fishing

So who's in charge — I mean really in charge? I've had so many calls on the letters I've written in the past week — people who say why don't you tell it like it really is. The people should know how it really is if they read the papers and watch television — people who have been proud to ask their friends and relatives from other areas to come and enjoy the hunting and fishing in Idaho.
 When you see your youngsters, now grown, who come back year after year now with their families, unless we let you know, better make other plans — looks like Wood River may be closed to all bait fishing and Silver Creek definitely will be — I just can't believe this is happening.
 When all the recent publicity on the Fish and Game has only been bad news, people wonder how come

When the assistant attorney general advised the director that it would be illegal to solicit and pay expenses of environmentalists to come and expound on what they in their infinite wisdom believed should happen, even though it was counter to mining, livestock and timber people — for the Fish and Game to use approximately \$80,000, which was tax money collected from those people who pay the bill — is it any wonder the attorney general and a large group of legislators wanted some answers? Nowhere was I aware of any reference made as to whether the Fish and Game commissioners ever knew of this before it happened.
 This last proposal to wipe out all bait fishing on Silver Creek and Wood River has just about put the icing on the cake of public opinion.
 You've all got to know, though, that this is not a proposal of the Region Four office in Jerome — those people even say it's got to be for the Sun Valley area. In other words, is it the Fisheries Bureau in the Department, or is it the director? Does the Fish and Game commission go along with this? They are the ones who make the final decision.
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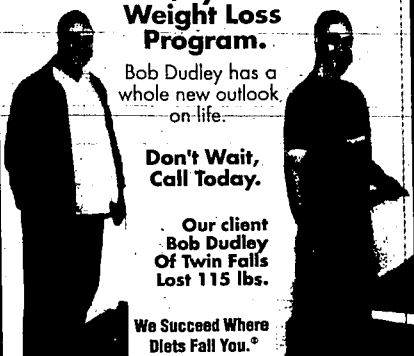
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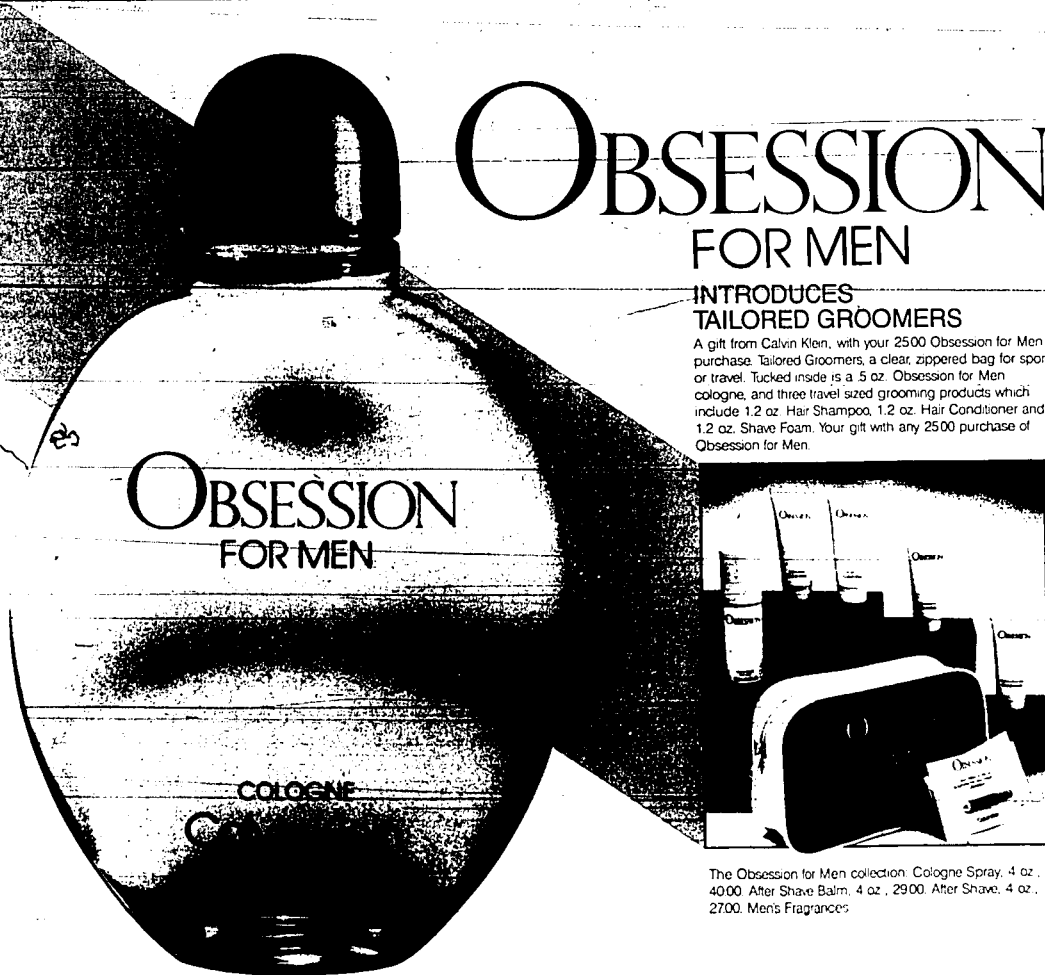
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Slaying raises nationwide concerns about furlough programs

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — The case of an Indiana inmate charged with murdering his former wife during a brief prison furlough reflects concern in many states for striking the right balance between rehabilitation and public safety.

Gov. Evan Bayh suspended the furlough program that released Alan L. Matheny hours before Lisa M. Bianco, 29, was beaten to death March 4 outside her northern Indiana home.

Bayh says the program may never be restored and directed seven prison officials to face disciplinary hearings.

Most state prisons allow limited inmate furloughs, brief periods of freedom ranging from a few hours to a week when prisoners can look for a job, visit a relative, get a medical exam or attend a funeral. Thousands of other prisoners work day jobs and return to prison at night.

"These people are going to get out eventually," says Pennsylvania prisons spokeswoman Iris Crumbly. "We're preparing them, easing them out, getting them re-acclimated to living in the community."

A furlough can be a payoff, too, for an inmate who doesn't make trouble. "It's a re-

ward for good behavior and adherence to discipline," says Francis Archibald, a spokesman for South Carolina's prison department.

A few states, such as Illinois and Nevada, don't allow furloughs or work release.

Other states, including Oregon and Georgia, have turned to extended furloughs and early release to relieve prison overcrowding.

The system appears to work smoothly, most of the time.

Florida runs an extensive furlough program, granting 5,638 work-release permits

and 14 compassionate furloughs last September alone.

Only one inmate failed to return. Missouri reports 99.9 percent of inmates furloughed in 1988 obeyed the rules and committed no new crimes.

Indiana has become only the latest in a growing number of states, however, that are tightening the rules on furloughs, or eliminating some programs entirely. Even the very few failures may shatter public confidence, threaten political careers and end lives.

Willie Horton, the furloughed Mas-

sachusetts inmate who terrorized a Maryland couple and became a political battering ram in George Bush's presidential campaign against Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, is merely the best-known of those failures. There are others:

In the Indiana case, Matheny, 38, had been sentenced to eight years for beating Ms. Bianco in 1987, two years after their divorce, and she had become a counselor and advocate for battered women. Prison officials knew of Matheny's continued hostility toward her, but failed to warn Ms. Bianco, as promised, of his release.

Little League to begin in Harlem again

NEW YORK (AP) — It has been a two-decade off-season for Little League baseball in Harlem, where the crack of the bat has given way to crack cocaine and gun shots.

But that is to change April 8, with an Opening Day parade to a city park for four games.

"We're not out trying to grow big-league ballplayers. We're trying to grow big-league citizens," says W. Dwight Raiford, who along with his wife, Iris, is the guiding light behind the renaissance of Harlem Little League.

Raiford's organization already has its charter from the Williamsport, Pa.-based Little League Baseball Inc., which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year with 7,000 leagues worldwide and 25 million youths.

The community on the north end of Manhattan is so starved for recreation for its children that Harlem Hospital, which treats growing numbers of youths for stab and gunshot wounds, is lending financial and medical support.

"You can walk out of the hospital at night and hear the 'pop pop pop' of guns," said Dr. Barbara Barlow, the hospital's chief of pediatric surgery.

"A lot of the street-selling of crack is done by youngsters and they're armed. Kids shoot at each other if they get angry or in a fight. With so many violent episodes, it's like war in the streets," she said.

In Harlem, one of every 100 children is hospitalized with a serious injury each year, 10 times the national average, the doctor said.

And 12 percent of the major injuries to children last year were gunshot wounds, compared with the two children treated for gunshot wounds at the hospital in the 1960s, she said.

Frustrated, hospital officials began recreation programs. They considered starting a Little League program themselves but the Raifords did it first.

Jack Laughlin, administrator of Little League's New York District 24, said a Harlem Little League started in 1938 but disbanded by about 1970. The reasons are unclear.

Mrs. Raiford said she began planning the new league last fall after striking a deal with her 8-year-old son, Joshua. She would start a league if Joshua practiced piano with minimal complaints.

She prepared an \$8,000 budget so as many as 120 boys and girls could play, and recruited sponsors to pay for the teams and equipment for at least one year.

Half the kids cannot afford a \$25 fee and others lack gloves, Raiford said, but "thanks to our sponsors and a strong financial aid program, any kid who can't afford the registration fee still plays baseball."

Formation of the Harlem League, one of seven leagues in Manhattan, has brought dozens of letters to the Raifords and nearly 100 phone calls.

Harlem has its image," Mrs. Raiford said. "When you think of New York City, you think of it as very cold and people uncaring. But we have seen the best side of New York City. You read letters and tears come to your eyes."

One 77-year-old woman on Social Security wrote a letter praising the effort, especially with so much drugs and crime out there, and promising to send a check, Raiford said.

"I told her to send us her prayers," he said. "I think she did because other people have come through."

Among the most interested have been the children, including 11-year-old George Sator. He said he's excited about wearing uniforms "because you'll be playing and knowing you're playing for fun and you're appreciated."

Ashmaten Spencer, 41, said the ball fields will be a nice alternative to the streets, where "some people are a little crazy."

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Poll: Americans want assault guns banned

By The Los Angeles Times

Americans overwhelmingly want semiautomatic assault rifles outlawed, but are unsure how to go about it and are not confident that a ban on such firearms would work.

A Los Angeles Times Poll shows that Americans, by a margin of 4 to 1, want AK-47s, Uzis and other assault rifles made illegal. Strong feelings against such weapons cut across political, gender, ethnic, educational and geographical lines, said LA Lewis, director of the Los Angeles Times Poll.

But respondents to the nationwide survey were divided on whether such firearms should be confiscated or bought by the government or whether current owners of such weapons should be exempt from a ban.

The poll showed that 24 percent of respondents favored confiscation, 30 percent favored a buyout plan and 32 percent said that current owners should be allowed to keep their assault rifles, but that no more should be sold.

Moreover, a little more than half of the respondents to the survey said that they agree with the argument of those who oppose gun controls that only law-abiding citizens would comply with an assault rifle ban, which would leave the firearms in the hands of criminals.

Both proponents and opponents of assault rifle control found something to be encouraged about in the poll. Pointing out that other polls also have found widespread support for an assault rifle ban, Gregg Risch, communications director of Handgun Control Inc., said, "The poll confirms the kind of feedback we've been getting from the grass-roots for quite a while now."

As to The Times Poll respondents' lack of confidence that assault rifle legislation would work, Risch said: "We are not so naive as to say that legislation will prevent every criminal from obtaining ... weapons ever again. (But) legislation limiting the availability of these assault weapons will have a very real effect on the streets of America."

Pam Pryor, spokesman for the

National Rifle Association, said the poll respondents' skepticism is well-grounded.

Pryor dismissed the poll's findings that most Americans strongly favor gun control as "a lot of emotional noise. I think your poll results are very understandable within the emotional arena we're dealing with right now," she said.

Pryor contended that survey questions using the words "assault rifle," "AK-47" and "Uzi" rather than simply using the term "semiautomatic ri-

fle," unfairly biased the poll.

In the wake of the Jan. 17 Stockton, Calif., schoolyard tragedy in which five children were killed with an AK-47, The Times Poll indicated the American public's fear of assault weapons is so deep that it easily overcomes consideration of the constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

Respondents agreed by a 2-to-1 margin that "the interests of public safety outweigh this constitutional protection."

Bush fights perceptions of slow leadership start

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two months into his presidency, George Bush is struggling with perceptions that he hit the ground walking and chose a style of governance constrained by worry about policy stumbles.

Bush has gone out of his way, in recent speeches and exchanges with reporters, to drive home the message that the only treadmill he's on is the exercising machine he uses in the White House residence.

He chafed at suggestions by critics that his go-slow strategy on East-West relations gives Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev the upper hand in world public opinion, saying "I am not going to be pushed into speedy action because Mr. Gorbachev gives a compelling speech at the United Nations."

He undertook an almost painstaking explanation of why he ordered time-consuming reviews of both foreign and defense strategy, saying "we've got to map a strategy." But administration officials acknowledge that Bush's pre-inaugural decision to conduct such reassessments contributed to an image problem once he settled into office.

Bush said Thursday that he moved quickly to defuse such "ticking time bombs" as America's endangered savings and loan industry. But he also said getting the nation ready for the 1990s and beyond is "what my (long-term) agenda is all about."

Speaking in this same context earlier in the week, he told insurance executives, "I want to be a president who is remembered for preparing our country for the next century."

The administration has been beset

in recent weeks with a spate of news reports, often quoting both Democratic and Republican political experts, saying Bush has adopted a too-cautious leadership style. Because of this, the notion went, he missed the opportunity history has afforded new presidents get to establish an agenda in their first 100 days in the White House.

Bush confronted such talk head-on during a question-and-answer session with reporters on March 14 in which he denied the administration was "adrift." The president also argued that he had moved as quickly as Ronald Reagan, in 1981, to choose people for top-level jobs.

What followed was an unmistakable White House campaign to blunt any continuing talk of an aimless presidency. "I'm particularly amused by the notion that the Bush administration must do all kinds of things in our first hundred days," Vice President Dan Quayle told the National Press Club. "We're succeeding an administration of our own party at a time when the country is in good shape. ... The notion of the '100 days' came in with Franklin Roosevelt, who took over a country in the depths of a depression," he said.

James David Barber, a presidential scholar at Duke University, disagreed. "When Bush talks about vision, he asked, 'Does that mean anything? When he says something, hang loose until he does it. Drug war? Where is it? Education president? When?"

S. California smog plan ups political battle

CARSON, Calif. (AP) — A plan to clean up the worst air in the country by restricting everything from industry smokestacks to household aerosols has set the stage for a political battle royal in Southern California.

The plan, approved Friday by two regional authorities, is intended to bring air quality in the four-county Los Angeles basin up to federal clean air standards by 2007.

The debate over the plan is being followed by smoggy cities across the country, as well as Congress, which is preparing to renew the Clean Air Act.

By 1994, Southern California officials plan to have phased in 120 rules in a detailed attack against pollutants arising from nearly every type of combustion — from patio barbecues to coal-fired power plants.

Eventually, the plan will require Southern Californians to drive cars powered by methanol, compressed gas or electricity; mow the lawns with electric lawnmowers and use reformulated paints, solvents and aerosols.

The magnitude of the planning effort is without parallel anywhere in the country for a region of this size," said Mark Pisano, executive director of the Southern California Association of Governments.

The air quality plan was adopted by the association on a 16-1 vote, and by the South Coast Air Quality Management District board of directors by a 10-2 vote.

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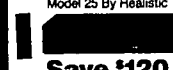


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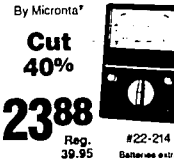


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Thousands march against Spanish Basque separatist violence

BILBAO, Spain (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of people marched through this northern city in the Spanish Basque region Saturday, demanding an end to Basque separatist violence, news reports said.

Spanish National Radio said the crowd stretched out more than 1 1/2 miles along the

march route through the center of Bilbao.

The independent SER network estimated the throng of marchers at "nearly 300,000." Police declined to give crowd estimates.

Representatives of the six major political parties representing 83 percent of the Basque electorate headed the demonstra-

tion, carrying a banner reading "Peace Now and Forever," calling on the Basque separatist group ETA to lay down its arms.

On Friday Jose Antonio Ardanza, head of the autonomous Basque regional government, called on the Basque separatist group to extend indefinitely a cease-fire the sepa-

ratists first declared Jan. 8 and renewed 15 days later to extend through March 26, Easter Sunday.

ETA, an acronym for Homeland and Liberty in the Basque language, has killed more than 600 people in its 20-year violent campaign to secure independence for the three-

province Spanish Basque country known as Euskadi.

"We have come here today also to make clear our clear desire for reconciliation," Ardanza said. "We don't want a divided, conflictive society. We don't want victors or vanquished."

Rushdie's hometown is march site

BOMBAY, India (AP) — Thousands of Moslems paraded through Salman Rushdie's hometown Saturday demanding a judicial inquiry into the police killings of 13 people during a protest against Rushdie's novel "The Satanic Verses."

In France, authorities in Lyon banned a demonstration planned Saturday afternoon to protest the novel, saying the march threatened public order.

Iran's state-run media on Saturday said Moslem leaders' condemnation of Rushdie last week was a victory for Iran, even though the group stopped short of supporting Iran's call for Rushdie's death as punishment for the book, which many Moslems find blasphemous.

In the 10-mile-long Bombay march, young Moslems waving black banners and shouting "down with Bombay police" tried to surge ahead, but older men held them back while helmeted policemen stood along the road, watching silently.

All shops had closed along the procession's route and traffic had thinned. Thousands of armed policemen in riot gear followed the procession.

During a demonstration Feb. 24, police opened fire to stop defiant Moslems from marching to the British consulate, killing 13 people. The crowd was demanding a ban in Britain on Rushdie's book.

Nineteen people in India and Pakistan have died in violence related to the novel.

Bombay-born Rushdie is a British citizen who maintains that his book is neither against Islam nor its holy book, the Koran. Iranian clerics last month offered a \$5.2 million reward for Rushdie's murder and he has been in hiding since.

Iran's official Tehran radio said Saturday hailed the "decisive stance" taken by leaders at the meeting of the 45-nation Organization of Islamic Conference. At the meeting, which ended Thursday in Saudi Arabia, the members voted to declare Rushdie an apostate.

The conference did not confirm Khomeini's death sentence as Iran hoped, but Iranian news commentaries played down that fact and said declaring Rushdie an apostate was tantamount to confirming Khomeini's death sentence.

The Islamic Republic News Agency, also monitored in Nicosia, said that the conference decision made headlines in all the Iranian papers, each calling the organization's declaration a victory for Iran and Islam.

Iran severed ties with Britain earlier this month over what it saw as London's role for protecting Rushdie and leading the European reaction against Iran.

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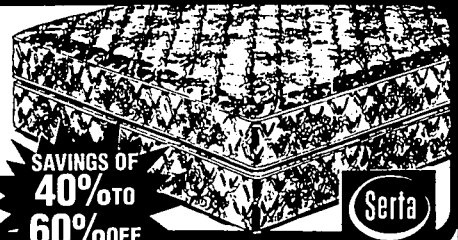
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Israelis fire into crowd of Gaza protesters; 3 killed, 20 injured

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli troops opened fire on hundreds of Palestinian protesters in Gaza City on Saturday, killing three Arabs. At least 20 people were reported wounded in clashes in the Gaza Strip.

Also Saturday, a breakaway faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization said two of its fighters sneaked into Israel from Jordan and started a gunfight Friday that left one Israeli soldier dead and another wounded.

Jordan said it arrested the infiltrators.

Arab reports said Gaza protests began after Israeli riot police plastered posters on walls in a neighborhood calling on residents to keep the peace.

"What's the benefit of a demolished house, a killed son?" an Arab reporter quoted the placards as saying. The army said it knew nothing about the posters.

Enraged Arabs gathered at a

nearby mosque, calling for a "fight against the army," the reporter said on condition of anonymity.

Protesters took to the streets, pelting soldiers with rocks, blocking roads and burning tires, he said. Demonstrations quickly spread to other Gaza City areas and refugee camps, said Arab accounts.

Merchants shut down stores and transportation came to a halt, and one witness said "there are burning tires and barricades everywhere."

An army spokeswoman said hundreds of Palestinian rioters in the Gaza neighborhood attacked a patrol with stones, concrete blocks and metal bars.

"The soldiers felt that their lives were in danger and fired tear gas, rubber and plastic bullets," she said on condition of anonymity.

The attack continued until reinforcements arrived, helping the soldiers escape, she said.

"As a result, three people were

killed and 10 others wounded," the spokeswoman said.

The army later clamped a curfew on the neighborhood, but residents defied it to hold a funeral procession, Arab reports said. The procession was dispersed with tear gas, the reports said.

Arab doctors identified the victims as Fawzi Mohammed Bahid, 20, and Abdel Nasser Sherif, 19, who were both shot in the chest, and Majdi Kourani, 19, who was shot in the neck.

An Arab witness said Sherif hurled stones at soldiers 150 feet away, refusing to stop when friends begged him. He said a soldier threatened Sherif by pointing his gun, "but he continued to throw stones."

"Then one soldier fired," the witness said.

At least another 10 Arabs were wounded elsewhere on the seaside Gaza Strip, said doctors at two Gaza City hospitals.

Protests continued into the night. Saturday's deaths bring to 399 the number of Arabs killed since in the 15-month uprising against Israeli rule in the Gaza Strip and West Bank — areas Israel captured in 1967 from Egypt and Jordan. Seventeen Israelis also have died.

The official Jordan news agency Petra said authorities arrested the two infiltrators Saturday inside Jordan.

In Damascus, Syria, Fatah-Uprising claimed the two men were members of its breakaway Palestinian group. The group, which earlier said the two men returned safely, later confirmed his fighters were caught and warned Jordan not to harm them.

The two guerrillas ambushed an Israeli patrol in southern Hezveva area, 70 miles south of Jerusalem. Israeli radio said just before the 10

p.m. clash, soldiers heard a man shout "Stop!" from behind a bush in English. The guerrillas fired assault rifles, then fled.

It was the fourth Palestinian guerrilla raid against Israel in a week. Two other raids were in southern Lebanon and the third across the border with Egypt. Five guerrillas were killed in Lebanon, and two who infiltrated from Egypt were captured.

Exiled Tibetans find home in India

DHARMSALA, India (AP) — For Tibetans, this is a place of crushed hopes and cherished dreams, a sanctuary far from the Chinese who now rule their homeland and close to their spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, himself an exile for 30 years.

High in the Himalayan foothills of north India, with big brown monkeys scampering across slate roofs and shaggy little tourists yapping in muddy streets, Dharmasala is a way station for Tibetan activists who fled from the Chinese, a storeroom of Tibetan culture, a shrine for Buddhist pilgrims and a center for plotting political strategies.

Sonam Tobgyal, a 47-year-old man with hard eyes and a network of scars across his thumbs and knuckles, left Tibet six weeks ago because he thought the Chinese were on the verge of arresting him for pro-independence activities.

It was not fear of prison that made him leave, he said, but fear of torture that might cause him to betray others who were not yet under suspicion for organizing demonstrations or slipping information to foreign travelers.

"I was getting known by the Chinese. One of my friends was arrested," he said, seated in the sunshine on a rooftop terrace. "I had to escape."

Tobgyal said he knew about torture from the 11 years he had already spent in Chinese prisons in Tibet. Speaking through an interpreter, he said the scars on his hands were the result of beatings with wooden clubs and iron bars and being suspended by his thumbs from the ceiling for 15 minutes to an hour at a time.

He said he was released from prison in 1979 and started peddling clothing from village to village, a job that enabled him to spread news of upcoming anti-Chinese demonstrations.

Dekey is a rosy-cheeked, angelic-faced 2-year-old who hugs strangers exuberantly and demands to be cuddled.

She was brought to Dharmasala from Lhoka, a town in southern Tibet, a year ago by a mother who returned home to the rest of her family and may never see Dekey again.

Dekey is one of 1,449 children between the ages of 5 months and 18 years who live in the stone bungalows at the Tibetan Children's Village on a ridge above Dharmasala. Some are orphans. Others have parents, either in India who for reasons of health or poverty are unable to care for their children, or in Tibet who smuggled them out so that they might be brought up in the Tibetan culture they say is being stifled by China.

The children's village, like so many things in Dharmasala from the Tibet Memory Restaurant to the Dalai Lama's Namgyal Monastery, is dedicated to preserving Tibetan identity and — above all — the struggle for a Tibetan nation.

The Tibetans say they were never part of China, which invaded the Himalayan feudal theocracy in 1950 and annexed it a year later.

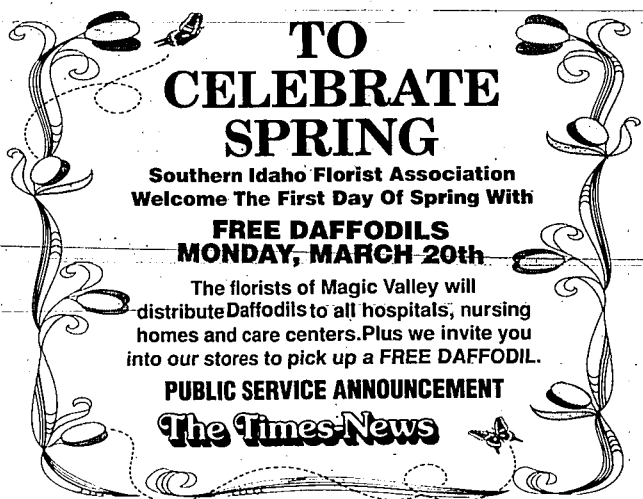
China maintains Tibet has been an integral part of its territory for centuries.

Three decades ago a Tibetan uprising failed. The Dalai Lama, fear-

ing he would be killed or captured and his people left leaderless, slipped out of the Tibetan capital of Lhasa on March 17, 1959, and fled across the Himalayas to India, where 100,000 Tibetans now live.

He formed a government-in-exile in Dharmasala, home to about 7,000 of his fellow refugees.

In June, he offered China control over Tibet's foreign policy and the right to keep troops on Tibetan soil in exchange for allowing Tibet to become "a self-governing democratic political entity ... in association with China."



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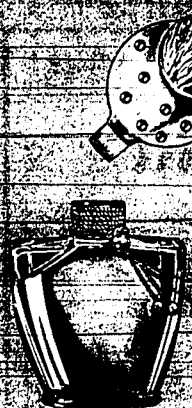


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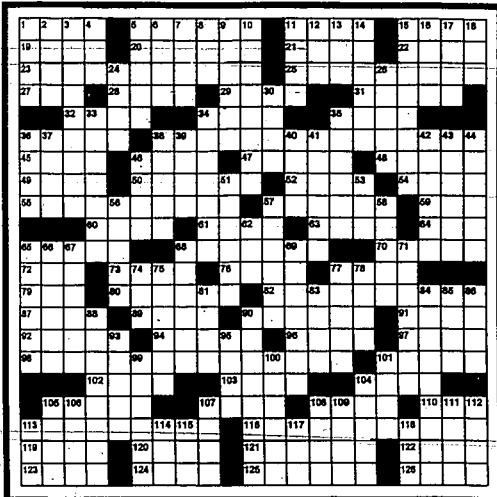
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Graduates sport silly hats, bear

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Some graduates wore silly hats and carried balloons to Ohio State University's 307th commencement, and one student brought his teddy bear. Reginald Fennell and his fuzzy companion sat in the front row at St. John Arena Friday, flanked by 1,269 other graduates.

"Today I feel like a little kid," said Fennell, an associate professor of health education at Miami University of Ohio as well as a doctoral candidate. Fennell said he never tells anybody his age.

"He said he carries the bear with him when he teaches."

"My philosophy is to show people how to have a good time without

abusing alcohol or drugs," he said. "I'm going to be a kid all my life."

Fennell credited his former professors with teaching him the importance of combining education with levity.

"Learning has to be fun," he said. "It gets boring by the time you get to college."

He left the bear on the seat, however, when he went to the podium to receive his diploma.

Otter sighting causes prolonged police chase

JACKSONVILLE BEACH, Fla. (AP) — When police got a call that an otter had been sighted on First

Street, they were surprised to find just how weaselly the critter could be.

Officer Tom Pomeroy and two other officers quickly cornered the furry, bucktoothed animal near City Hall Thursday night and began trying to herd it toward the police garage.

But the 3-foot-long, 25-pound otter had a mind of its own.

"He saw the fountain (at City Hall) and was in it in no time," Pomeroy said. That's when the Police Department called David Brimm, a wildlife officer with the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission. Brimm and Pomeroy took off their shoes and splashed around in the fountain until they caught the otter.

Borrowed painting goes for a song

MARIETTA, Ga. (AP) — The Cobb County Arts Department accidentally sold a borrowed watercolor worth up to \$22,000 for \$155 to a man who says he won't return it.

William Hill bought the 20-inch-by-24-inch watercolor of a carousel horse by Cobb County artist Patricia Swain and maintains he bought the painting "fair and square," according to the artist's attorney, James W. Friedewald.

Friedewald said the painting, with a base value of \$450 to \$2,000, is worth up to \$22,000 because it was to be used for limited edition printing.

The painting had a "not for sale" sign on it while on display at the county's Steeple House Arts Center, Friedewald said. But it's unknown whether the sign was still attached when Shelley Parker, the arts department's operations manager, sold it. She does not usually work at Steeple House.

"The situation on that is the attorneys have gotten involved," Ms. Parker said Wednesday. "I can't comment."

County Attorney Douglas R. Haynie said he believes the artist's attorney can get the painting back through legal action. He said the county would help the artist.

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Roger Moore leaves musical

LONDON (AP) — Actor Roger Moore, who is pulling out of Andrew Lloyd Webber's new musical "Aspects of Love," will be replaced by his understudy for the part.

Kevin Colson, an Australian who recently starred in the musical "Chess," will take over Moore's role and the show will open as planned April 12 at the Prince of Wales theater, said a spokesman for the production.

Colson had been scheduled to take over the Moore part — the dashing George Dillingham — in October. The part of Dillingham is the third-largest in the musical after those of two young romantic leads.

But Moore, 61, who's probably most famous for his James Bond role in the movies, said earlier this week he was having "terrible nightmares" about it and felt he lacked musical expertise.



GEORGE W. BUSH
Baseball entrepreneur

President's son, group to buy Texas Rangers

DALLAS (AP) — George W. Bush, the president's son, and the group he is leading will buy the Texas Rangers baseball team.

It's very important that the team stays in Texas and Bush has agreed to keep it here in the Metroplex," said team owner Eddie Chiles, who agreed Friday to sell his 58 percent interest in the major-league team Friday.

Baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberoth helped assemble the Bush

group last month in Dallas. The group includes Edward "Rusty" Rose of Dallas, Richard Rainwater of Fort Worth and Bill DeWitte Jr. of Cincinnati.

Chiles, who declined to give the purchase price, said he chose the Bush group because he wanted local ownership and "because they were the first to come up with an offer that I thought was good."

'Love Boat' star Kopell injured in hit-and-run

BANNING, Calif. (AP) — Actor Bernie Kopell, who played wise and winsome "Doc" Bricker on ABC's "The Love Boat," suffered minor injuries in a hit-and-run freeway crash. Kopell, 55, and his wife were heading east on Interstate 10, about 25 miles west of Palm Springs, when their car tangled with another vehicle, California Highway Patrol Officer J. Welch said.

Kopell's car struck the center divider and flipped. The other car kept going, she said.

The actor was taken to Desert Hospital in Palm Springs where he was treated and released.

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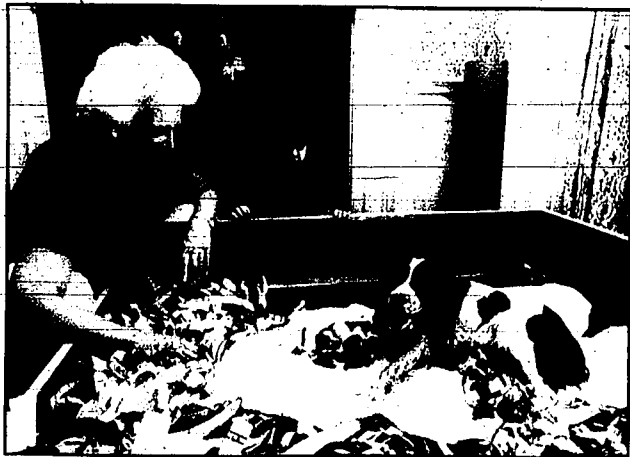
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Barbara Bush and granddaughter Marshall Lloyd Bush visit with Millie and 6 puppies

1st dog gives birth to puppies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millie, the first dog, gave birth to four puppies at the White House and first lady Barbara Bush was keeping her eye on the new mother in case more were on the way, a spokeswoman for Mrs. Bush said.

Spokeswoman Anna Perez said the springer spaniel produced her first puppies at 9:15 p.m. Friday and again 15 minutes later. The other two were born between 11 and 11:30 p.m. Ms. Perez did not know any of the pups' gender.

She said Mrs. Bush was staying close to Millie at the White House beauty parlor in case the dog gave birth again during the night.

Millie's pregnancy had already caused an upheaval in sleeping arrangements at the highest level of the nation's government.

Earlier Friday, President Bush revealed that although the puppies were born in a whelping box in the beauty parlor, the dog had been spending her nights in the first family's bedroom.

Bush said he'd been spending the nights by himself.

"The dog refuses to go to the doghouse is the problem," Bush told reporters traveling with him on Air Force One.

He said the dog adamantly refused to use a beautiful pen made for her

to have this blessed event in," and insisted on remaining in the White House master bedroom.

On Friday, Bush had a bed moved into the beauty parlor for the first lady, Ms. Perez said. He then went to bed by himself in another room, she said. Ms. Perez said she did not yet know what Mrs. Bush planned to do with the puppies.

Author chefs congregate for cook and book show

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Calling himself "The Love Chef," Francis Anthony set up shop on a restaurant balcony and proceeded to tell and show people how to prepare romantic fare.

Anthony, from New York City, was one of more than 60 author-chefs who converged on Philadelphia this weekend to show off their special dishes and the books they've written about them.

"You have to have a lot of love when you cook," Anthony told his dining audience Thursday, stressing the added touches, such as cloth napkins and flowers, which he said are just as important as the food.

It's all part of The Book and The Cook, an annual promotion sponsored by the city and the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau. The city is alone in its approach, but backers say others are planning their own versions.

The promotion is a chance to spotlight the city's restaurant scene, which has grown considerably in the past 10 years.

The show began in 1985 with 22 author-chefs and restaurants participating.

A visiting chef collaborates with a restaurant to come up with a dish not normally found on the menu.

"They were skeptical, both the authors and the restaurants," said Judy Faye of the city representatives of

the. Not to mention the patrons.

But the tradition was started and now, each March, diners can go to their favorite restaurant for something out of the ordinary for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

It has been a success each year since the first one. Ms. Faye said.

"We do have to turn down authors and also restaurants," she said.

The prices for the special meals range from \$5 to over \$100. Literature listing locations and chefs rates the menus with dollar signs. One \$ means the cost will range from \$5 to \$15, two calls for a range of \$15 to \$25, etc. on up to five dollar signs, which is more than \$100 per person.

Anthony, who in addition to writing has appeared on television in New York City and on radio around the country, appeared at Babe's Steakhouse in northeast Philadelphia. His approach to cooking was the element matched him to Babe's, which bills itself as the place to "Come back to romance."

Patrons found not only a book and a cook, but music as well. In between adding ingredients, he sang "Isn't it romantic?" In the background, the George Mesterhazy Trio played romantic music.

Diner Carolyn Evans, who quickly wrote down recipes during the show, said later she planned to cook the Veal Madeline and Banana D'Amore that he demonstrated.

Maryland to name state crustacean

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — Maryland has a state fish, a state bird, a state dog—a state butterfly! It even has a state fossil shell.

But what is arguably Maryland's most popular member of the animal kingdom—at least among diners—is nowhere to be found in the list of official state symbols.

The House Constitutional and Administrative Law Committee voted Saturday to correct that oversight, approving a bill by Democratic Delegate Dana Dembrow designating the Maryland blue crab as the official state crustacean.

Now, only the approval of the House, the Senate and Gov. William Donald Schaefer are needed to allow the crab to take its rightful place alongside the rockfish, the Baltimore Oriole, the Chesapeake Bay retriever, the Baltimore checkerpot butterfly and the ephora quadricostata on the list of state symbols.

Incidentally, the ephora quadricostata inhabited the Chesapeake Bay and other East Coast tidal waters 5 million or more years ago and lives on as the state fossil.

spirit, student teams from three universities invented machines designed to sharpen a wooden pencil in less than five minutes, with at least 25 steps.

Purdue University engineering students won with a contraption called "Watch-N-Ponder," in part because, unlike the entries from the University of Detroit and the University of Wisconsin at Madison, no one had to nudge and prod their machine to the finish line.

The Watch-N-Ponder was set in motion by placing a test paper in the hand of a doll dressed like a student, which activated a panic sign. Thirty-some-odd steps later, a newly sharpened pencil fell through a series of guides into the arms of the doll, who then exclaimed with a cartoon-style caption, "Whow, Thanks!"

A \$100 second-place prize went to the University of Wisconsin team for "Bucky Badger's Hydro-Electro-Mechanical All-Purpose Pencil Sharpener." The badger is the Wisconsin school symbol.

The Ruble Goldberg Machine Contest originated at Purdue in 1949 as a competition between two engineering fraternities. It died out in the mid-1950s but was revived six years ago and opened to all Purdue students.

This year was the first "national" competition, which drew the entries

from Detroit and Wisconsin. Some other schools held local contests but didn't send teams here, organizers said.

Postcard will honor Okefenokee Swamp

WAYCROSS, Ga. (AP) — A U.S. Postal Service official invoked Pogo's most famous words at the introduction of a postcard honoring the cartoon character's home, the Okefenokee Swamp.

"We have met the enemy, and he is us," said Regional Postmaster General William A. Campbell Jr. on Friday, using the fictional possum's comic comment to describe the environmental threat to the swamp and other wetlands.

At the ceremony at the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, Campbell was joined by Selby Kelly, widow of cartoonist Walt Kelly, who picked the Okefenokee Swamp at random from a library book in the 1940s when Pogo was created. Kelly died in 1973.

The 16-cent postcard depicts a scene from deep inside the 450,000-acre Okefenokee refuge, with a great blue heron poised for flight in the foreground.

... It will go on sale nationwide Monday, but a special first-day Okefenokee, Ga., postmark was available Friday to guests at the dedication.

Rube Goldberg contest tests college inventors

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — A 36-step pencil sharpener devised by the home team won the Rube Goldberg Machine Contest on Saturday by making a simple task hard.

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World

Guerrillas disrupt transportation in El Salvador on eve of elections

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Soldiers began distributing ballots Saturday on the eve of national elections, but guerrillas disrupted electrical power and transportation in an attempt to discredit the balloting.

"The leftist guerrillas, however, assured Salvadorans on Saturday that they will not attack people who vote. A leftist political alliance on Saturday accused the military of aiding what it called a slander campaign against it. The military denied the charge.

Ruben Zamora, coordinator of the Democratic Convergence, said about 100 posters condemning convergence members as "communist executioners" were plastered Friday night along one of the capital's main avenues.

"Several dozen posters remained Saturday. The posters could not have been put up without the army's complicity. If the armed forces want to be a political party, they should register as one," Zamora said.

A military spokesman, Col. Galileo Torres, said "no armed forces unit put them up" and said the military was "keeping strictly to the sidelines in the political process."

A broadcast by the rebels clandestine Radio Venceremos said guerrilla military actions might be intense Sunday but that voters will not be attacked.

Broadcasters resumed of paid announcements by leftist organizations the government considers guerrilla front groups, but the media headed an order from Attorney General Roberto Garcia not to air any call to boycott the election.

There were no new reports of rebel attacks overnight, but the guerrillas maintained a ban on public transportation and sabotaged electrical power, affecting the water supply in some places.

Voters who defy a rebel boycott will have a chance to replace an incumbent government with a different philosophy for the first time in their history.

They will be looking for someone who can bring an end to nine years of civil war that has left 70,000 dead and who can right a crippled economy that has an unemployment and underemployment rate of 60 percent. The three leading candidates offer options from right-wing Arena's free market economics and tough stance against the guerrillas to the left-wing



AP Wirephoto

Most of San Salvador has been without water all week

alliance, which is linked to the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front.

Another political choice is to observe the guerrilla boycott. The rebels say they want to discredit the election to show no solution to the nation's political crisis is possible without their participation.

Authorities did not plan to distribute ballots to 24 of nation's 260 municipalities. The 24 municipalities are under rebel control.

President Jose Napoleon Duarte's Christian Democrats are trying to retain power with attorney Fidel Chavez Mena, 49. He has had to fight off accusations of corruption and incompetence against his party, which has been unable to end the war or improve the economy.

His major challenger is businessman Alfredo Cristiani of the Republican Nationalist Alliance, or Arena. The party was created in 1981 by Roberto d'Aubuisson, a man accused of organizing death squads, links he denies.

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North Korea accuses U.S. of staging simulated nuclear attacks on peninsula

PANMUNJOM, Korea (AP) — Communist North Korea Saturday demanded the United States and South Korea halt joint military exercises and accused the U.S. Air Force of staging simulated nuclear attacks with B-52 bombers on the Korean peninsula.

U.S. officials denied North Korea charges as propaganda. U.S. forces in South Korea are believed to have nuclear weapons, but Washington has declined to confirm or deny such reports.

Students in the South Korean capital Seoul and the southern city of Kwangju battled police with firebombs and rocks Saturday to demand an end to the "Team Spirit" exercises and an immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops based in South Korea. Riot police fired tear gas to drive back about 800 protesters at Chonnam University in Kwangju and about 400 students at Dongguk University in the South Korean capital. Protesters in Seoul burned an U.S. flag, shouting "Yankee go home!" and "Drive out U.S. forces!"

Also Saturday, millions of Seoul commuters were stranded for a third day as many subway workers remained on strike.

North Korean delegates to the Military Armistice Commission said the U.S. Air Force was using nine B-52 bombers from bases in Guam to stage practice nuclear attacks in South Korean areas that resemble potential targets in the communist North.

The Armistice Commission, which meets at the border site of Panmunjom, polices the truce that ended the Korean war in 1953.

About 200,000 U.S. and South Korean troops are taking part in the 14th annual exercises, which began Tuesday and end next week. "Team Spirit" practices bringing in U.S. reinforcements in the event of a North Korean attack.

About 42,000 American soldiers are normally stationed in South Korea under a mutual defense pact. North Korean officials said the exercises were a threat to peace on the divided peninsula and barrier to peace talks.

U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Larry Vogt, said the military exercises were purely defensive and vital to Seoul's security.

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At least 8 die when boat sinks off Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — A crowded boat sank off Sulawesi island, drowning at least eight people, newspaper reported Saturday.

Rescuers saved nine people and were searching for 23 others, the daily Suara Pembinaan reported.

It said the vessel, which had a capacity of 21 passengers, was packed with 40 people when it sank Friday evening three miles off the coast and about 350 miles east of Jakarta.

Suara Pembinaan did not name the boat or give its size.

The accident occurred when rough waves reeled the boat as its owner stopped the motor to collect fares, the newspaper said.

All the passengers were from the village of Pajukakang, about 80 miles south of the provincial capital of Ujung Pandang, it said.

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Board reinstates fat stock sale at Lincoln County Fair

By JANE BUCKWAY
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - The Lincoln County Fair will have a fat stock sale this year.

The Fair Board voted last week to continue the stock sale tradition and appointed a "community" committee, to oversee operation of the sale event.

The action came as the result of the board's February discussion of difficulties with the stock sale and a proposal that the sale be dropped from fair activities.

The stock sale is a place for 4-H and Future Farmers of America members to sell their beef, lamb and swine projects at the end of the summer. The 1988 sale attracted only three beef, about 20 lambs and a few hogs.

Some Fair Board and community members were concerned at the way the sale has been operated and felt sale in a regular livestock auction would be more representative of the livestock production process.

More than two dozen people showed up at

the board meeting last week and most said they want the sale at the fair.

Ken Haught, who was re-elected chairman of the Lincoln County Fair Board, appointed a five-member Fat Stock Sale committee from among the volunteers attending the meeting.

Heading the committee is Fred Brossy as chairman. He will be assisted by R. Berry Wood, Holly Cook, County Commissioner Clarence Tews and County Agent Stacy Camp.

The county board of commissioners also

sent the fair board a letter supporting the stock sale.

Brossy says his committee will work for an "even bigger and better sale." He expressed concern that county residents and exhibitors should understand the stock sale committee is in charge of the sale alone. All other county fair issues remain under the direction of the Fair Board.

Young 4-H and FFA exhibitors continue to be regulated by 4-H, FFA and Lincoln County Fair rules when preparing their animals for fitting and showing exhibition at

the fair. These rules will be enforced by the Fair Board and 4-H programs as in the past.

Haught told the group he felt there has been "positive outcome" from the sometimes heated discussion at the meeting. Community residents came forward to help work out some of the problems and assist the Fair Board in making the stock sale possible, and he said he feels that is important for the operation.

Beef projects to be sold at the sale were to be weighed Saturday. Swine will be weighed

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Separation of fire, police roles has its pros, cons

By KIRK MITCHELL
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The fire call brought a dilemma.

Cal Edwards, a city firefighter doubling on police duty, could either take the time to drop off his prisoner at the police station before heading to the fire, or he could set him free.

Within seconds the handcuffs were off the bar brawler's wrists. Edwards gave him a hurried explanation and told him to go to the station on his own.

"I wasn't going to take him to the fire with me," Edwards said.

That situation two years ago, the result of having firefighters do police work and vice versa, is not likely to occur again in Twin Falls. Four years after the city consolidated its police and fire departments, City Manager Tom Courtney announced last week the end of the public safety officer.

The Public Safety Department will still exist, and officers will be cross-trained, but only to perform backup roles. No longer will some switch-hitting officers be expected to master both trades.

Edwards said the change elates about 90 percent of police officers and firefighters and police work are plenty dangerous already, Edwards said. Asking firefighters to arrest

gun-toting drunks or police officers to enter burning homes was a policy headed for disaster, he said.

Some firefighters who feel comfortable at their own hazardous work think police officers are "nuts," and some police feel the same way about firefighters, Edwards said.

"Your skills are not fine-tuned enough to keep out of trouble," he said.

In the four years since consolidation, smoke inhalation has killed about five members of the department, Edwards said. All have been police officers.

Although none was injured seriously, slightly different circumstances could have had tragic outcomes, he said.

"It could kill," said Phil Clough, fire division commander in a burning structure, he said. "The only one who knows what is going on is a firefighter."

Training can give someone an idea

of what should be done, but "you can't learn confidence," Clough said.

Using an oxygen mask in a smoke-filled room is like scuba diving; it takes time to get used to, Edwards said. An officer who makes a wrong move inside a burning building and gets trapped becomes a liability to firefighters who have to rescue him, he said.

Councilman Jim Vickers, a former fire battalion chief, said in a small city such as Twin Falls a new firefighter needs about five years to sample all the hazards likely to happen in the area. Only then will his peers regard him as a professional, he said.

Police officers working part-time might never encounter all those situations, he said.

Another drawback was that police officers and firefighters had difficulty keeping up with their training because the two divisions were on different shift schedules, Edwards said.

Mayor Doug Vollmer said using cross-trained officers also exposed the city to potentially costly lawsuits.

A gun-packing firefighter who enters a home where family members are fighting may panic and hurt someone needlessly, Vollmer said. A firefighter once told him he'd faint if anyone ever pulled a gun on him, Vollmer said.

The system is not without its defenders: Tim Qualls, the former police chief who has headed the Public Safety Department through its whole four-year existence, and Courtney, whose order did away with the public safety officer title, both say problems were few.

To prevent mishaps, public safety officers were assigned relatively few dangerous calls, Courtney said.

Although inadequate training and uneven over multiple tasks were factors in the public safety officer's demise, the biggest factor involved \$50,000 a year in overtime the city was required by law to pay firefighters, Courtney said.

Instead of paying overtime, which boosted some paychecks by 5 percent, the city is hiring two additional firemen for about \$50,000 and reducing work schedules, Courtney said.

By so doing, the city will get more

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Cal Edwards, a Twin Falls firefighter and part-time policeman, says it has been hard for officers to master both trades

Public safety director's duties will broaden

By KIRK MITCHELL
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Along with role changes for patrol officers and firefighters in the Public Safety Department will come changes for their new boss.

The new Public Safety Department director, to be interviewed and chosen this week, will have a somewhat different job description from what outgoing Director Tim Qualls had, according to City Manager Tom Courtney.

Qualls retires March 31 after 10 years in command, first as police chief and then as public safety director. He'll stay on as a consultant with the detective division.

The new director, who will be called the

director of public services, begins work April 1.

The new director will have broader duties than Qualls. He not only will supervise the fire and police divisions, he will gauge how they meet public needs and analyze changes in criminal activity for long-range staff and equipment planning.

"The position will retain administrative responsibility for police and fire services," Courtney said.

Courtney said to maintain service levels as taxes fail to keep pace with inflation, the city is looking for innovative leaders who can handle more duties.

"Everybody has to wear more hats," he said.

For instance, City Engineer Gary Young, along with supervising city construction projects,

oversees the Public Works Department.

The changes will also mean that division commanders within the Public Safety Department will have more responsibility, Courtney said.

Fire Division Commander Phil Clough said his having more say about day-to-day operations can only be an improvement.

"There was some problems in the way it was done," he said. "We won't waste time getting permission when the lesser guy should be making the decisions anyway."

He said he did not encounter policy-making problems involving Qualls during emergencies, but some "decision-making glitches" did arise over day-to-day operations.

"The guy working on the line would know better what to do," Clough said.

Blaine County updates its comprehensive plan

By BARBARA NEIWEIT
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - The task of updating Blaine County's comprehensive plan is underway, an effort expected to last more than a year.

A citizen's advisory board of community leaders met Thursday to begin the involved process of bringing the planning document up to the 1990s.

The comprehensive plan was developed 15 years ago when required by the Idaho Local

Planning Act of 1975, and calls for periodic revisions.

Planning and Zoning Commissioner Leonard Harlig, who is leading the 40-member board, said the plan may require deletions and additions due to differences which did not exist 15 years ago, or for differences which may exist 15 years from now.

The group will meet monthly to tackle the massive plan, reviewing the introduction and purpose sections and researching the inventory sections

dealing with such things as the county's natural resources, land use, population, transportation and utility systems, economy, social, historic and aesthetic values and governmental coordination.

Harlig said the board was selected to represent divergent opinions and broad-based concerns of all valley residents. Members are involved in all areas of the county, and "have a feel for the pulse of the county," he said.

Dick Fosbury, noting the members present were weighted heavily to

northern county interests, said the advisory board needs more representation from the south county.

Harlig said aside from Nick Purdy he could not get any commitments from residents in Carey, Picabo or the ranching community.

Purdy, a landowner in the Silver Creek area and instrumental in developing the county's first comprehensive plan, told the advisory group the original plan had never been fully adapted or

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Pecking is wrecking Idaho Power poles

By N. S. NOKKENTVED
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - On a routine trip to check maintenance needs on the transmission line that runs south out of Rogerson, an Idaho Power Co. engineer found 50 active woodpecker nests.

"All those woodpeckers out there in all that sagebrush just love those power poles," said Bob Hallock, operation and maintenance manager with Idaho Power.

Woodpeckers wreak havoc on utility poles all over the nation. Last year Idaho Power had to replace a \$10,000 transmission line structure riddled with woodpecker holes. Things could, however, be worse: The Alabama Power Co. spent more than \$1 million last year replacing over-pecked poles.

Idaho Power's Line repair people keep a wary eye out for signs of woodpecker damage and try to

work damaged poles into the utility's regular maintenance schedule.

The utility has tried bird repellents, but the chemicals have since been banned. It has tried high-frequency sounds, inaudible to humans, but the birds soon get accustomed to the noise, Hallock said.

Though many things have been tried, nothing seems to prevent the birds from pecking their favorite poles to pieces. Even poles armored with wire mesh don't deter the persistent peckers.

"Once they find a pole they like they'll keep coming back to it," Hallock said.

Not long ago, South Central Power in rural Ohio had to replace one pole three times, at a cost of \$35,000. Now helicopter crews check the pole every month, according to National Wildlife Magazine.

Some utilities have tied artificial owls and snakes atop poles to spook woodpeckers, but the birds aren't fooled for long. National Wildlife says Idaho Power's repairs usually consist of filling the holes with dowels and cement or epoxy. The aim is to keep the poles standing as long as possible. When the damage begins to threaten the poles' structural integrity, however, they are replaced, Hallock said.

Hallock did not have a dollar estimate of woodpecker damage, primarily because most repairs are done along with regular maintenance. Only occasionally does the utility have to take special woodpecker action.

The trouble with trying to discourage the feathered little pole-wreckers is that they are endangered. "You can't go out and shoot 'em," Hallock said. Idaho Power cooperates with state and federal wildlife officials in dealing with the bothersome birds, including avoiding nest areas during the nesting season.

Tracie's doing well with 2nd transplant

Editor's note: Due to an editor's error a story in Saturday's paper on liver transplant patient Tracie O'Gorman of Twin Falls was a duplicate of one published earlier in the week. The correct story follows. The Times-News regrets the error.

By JENNIFER KAUTH
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Tracie O'Gorman is back on the road to recovery and everything "looks good" for the 19-year-old liver transplant patient.

O'Gorman's condition was upgraded to fair Friday at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, and she was moved to a regular hospital room for the second time in a week.

O'Gorman received her first liver transplant March 9. But her body rejected the liver, and it was back to the surgery room for the Twin Falls woman Sunday morning, only three days after the first all-day surgical ordeal.



TRACIE O'GORMAN
She's doing much better

O'Gorman's body will accept the second new liver.

"It looks good," said Monica Foster, hospital spokeswoman. "There are no other complications, at least that are evident now."

O'Gorman, who continued her studies at the College of Southern Idaho and remained a part-time employee of Sears Roebuck & Co. throughout her illness, had been waiting since September for a

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Buhl Middle School suffers from harsh winter weather

By MIKEL BENTON
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Buhl Middle School is showing signs of the severe weather the state has suffered the past season.

The school has had to erect fencing to protect students from falling mortar chunks which have begun to loosen from the building's facade. Last week, a student narrowly missed being hit, and Superintendent Eugene Pyles has a concrete sample in his office measuring 1.5 by 4 by 8 inches.

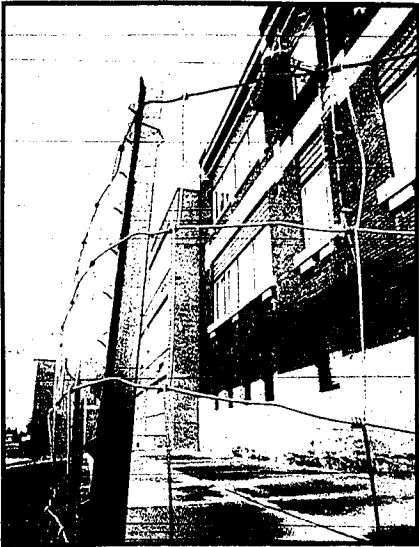
Weathering such as rain, snow, freezing and thawing has caused the deterioration of the mortar, officials believe.

The loose mortar is not an indication of the structural soundness of the building, architect Pete Anderson said. The building will continue to support the loading that it was designed for, he said.

The crumbling shouldn't be ignored, however, said Anderson, who has studied the building. Although the mortar appears to be crumbling only around the ornamental masonry, Anderson cautioned that continued crumbling could structurally affect a building of the middle school's age.

During that time, the external masonry was often part of the structural system, he said. The Buhl Middle School is basically a reinforced masonry building.

Meyers and Anderson, a Pocatello firm, told the School Board last month the building is structurally sound but not enough to withstand an earthquake. The original part of the building was built in 1920 with two



A fence has been installed around part of the Buhl Middle School to protect students from falling mortar chunks additions made in 1953.

The firm's report to the board recommended raising the building and constructing something better suited to the district's current needs. The board could decide to simply apply new mortar around the

building's masonry, however. "The mortar is deteriorating," Anderson said. "The mortar is very soft on the building. That's something the district has to look at."

transplant waiting list also bears the name of a 14-year-old Kimberly girl, Amber Thacker. Thacker has been on the list since the end of November.

The young women's stories became public when they became beneficiaries of the Magic Valley Children's Medical Fund, which donates money to children to help pay expenses not covered by insurance.

time, which will mean quicker and better service, Vickers said.

Not all public safety officers think the position should be ended. Bill Hanchey said the program has had more positive impact than negative.

"I hate to see it go because from my standpoint it had a lot of positive benefits to the community," he said. Hanchey was a firefighter before cross-training in the consolidated department; he later switched to mainly police work.

While patrolling, police officers used their cross training to spot fires in infancy, allowing firefighters to put them out at an early stage, Hanchey said.

"We made it work," he said. "It worked for four years." Officers from both divisions will use what they learned to continue to serve the public, Hanchey said.

Clough said the experience drew the two divisions closer together, and Qualls said few citizens have expressed discontent with the department.

"We received very few complaints from the public about the way the department has been run," he said.

Smith, 89, of Twin Falls, died Friday, March 17, 1989, in Twin Falls after an extended illness.

Funeral services are under the direction of The Buhl Funeral Chapel and will be announced at a later time.

Rupert Cemetery. The family suggests memorials may be made to the DeMar Memorial Gardens, 317 Seventh St., Rupert 83450 or a charity of your choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuaries in Rupert.

Buhl — The funeral for Amanda Howard Baxter, 91, of Buhl, who died Thursday, will be held at 3 p.m. Monday at the United Methodist Church in Buhl with the Rev. Gerry Hill officiating. Friends may call at the Farmer Funeral Chapel today from 10 a.m. to noon. Burial will follow at the West End Cemetery. Suggested memorials may be made to the Methodist Church.

Rupert — Rosars for Maureen Stefan, 67, of Rupert, who died Thursday, will be held at 3 p.m. Monday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 502 F St., Rupert. The funeral will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday with the Rev. Robb Keller officiating. Friends may call at the church on Monday one hour prior to the Rosary and on Tuesday one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in the Restlawn Memorial Gardens.

Blaine Bird, Tina Green, Lloyd Gunderson and Vicki Kennedy, all of Burley, and Edna Johnson of Rupert.

Tracie

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suitable liver donor. Her wait ended when the beeper that had become her constant companion woke her in the early hours of Nov. 9.

The Omaha hospital's liver

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work hours for its money, he said.

From a fire insurance standpoint, the city will get a better rating by having two new firefighters than by having a smaller force that works longer hours, Courtney said.

The two extra men will enable the fire division to man each of its three stations with three firefighters at a

PUC OKs phone rate increase

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved a \$140,228 increase in the annual revenue of the Midvale Telephone Co.

Monthly residential rates will increase immediately from \$8.50 to \$14.80 and business rates from \$14 to \$22.50. But the bulk of the revenue increase, \$122,684, will come from the state's Universal Service Fund.

Midvale had requested an increase of \$246,265, effective Nov. 1, but later reduced it to \$156,312. PUC staff had recommended a \$137,336 increase.

Obituaries

Kenneth D. Wishart
TWIN FALLS — Kenneth D. Wishart, 78, of Twin Falls, died Friday, March 17, 1989, at West Magic Care Center following a long illness.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Lloyd L. Smith
TWIN FALLS — Lloyd Louis

Services
RUPERT — A memorial service for Arevella Lee McAlister Robbins, 90, of Yuma, Ariz., and formerly of Rupert, who died Sunday, March 12, will be at 4 p.m. Monday at the Aequana L.D.S. Ward Chapel with Leo Robbins officiating. The family suggests memorials may be made to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Hospital, P.O. Box 49, Twin Falls, 83409 or Idaho Home Health and Hospice, 201 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls 83401. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuaries in Rupert.

WENDELL — The funeral for James Wendell Phelps, infant son of Stanley Bradford Phelps of Saffier, Fla., and formerly of Wendell, Fla., and Carmel-Jean Phelps of Saffier, Fla., who died Sunday, March 12, will be

at 11 a.m. Monday at the Manning Funeral Chapel, 501 N. 12th Ave., Pocatello with the Rev. Coke McClure of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Friends may call at the chapel today from 7:30 a.m. and on Monday one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in the Restlawn Memorial Gardens.

Funeral services are under the direction of The Buhl Funeral Chapel and will be announced at a later time.

Kimberly schools to be rid of all asbestos

By LYNDIA BOODY
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY — By the end of 1990 asbestos will be a thing of the past in the Kimberly school district. The School Board has awarded a \$79,520 asbestos removal bid to Valley Research Corp. of Hagerman.

Superintendent Richard Bauscher told the board Thursday there is no immediate danger from asbestos to either students or faculty.

The first phase of the four-phase project is set to begin during spring break. Asbestos will be removed from the boiler room and heat pipes in the junior high school. The second phase will begin at the end of the school year, when asbestos in the dome in the high school building will be removed. The dome will be refinished with an asbestos-free material, Bauscher said.

The old boiler in the gym and the pipes in crawl spaces under the elementary school will make up the

third and fourth phases. The project is expected to be completed in on Aug. 1, 1990.

In other matters, the board will have a series of six meetings to discuss the up-coming bond issue. The school district will ask voters to approve a \$2.2 million dollar bond on May 23 to build a new middle school for grades six, seven and eight. The meetings — at 7 p.m. in the junior high auditorium — will be by trustee zone and begin April 10.

The board also approved the addition of new classes and teachers for the next school year. School asked for board approval of a little more than three full-time positions. "We prioritized positions we feel will be beneficial," said Bauscher. Additions will include a new section for fifth- and first-grade children and teachers will be added to teach those grades.

An extra period of Spanish and Spanish II will be offered next year as well.

Additional time will be added to the elementary physical education and one of the fourth grade teachers. State funding will pay for most of the cost of these new positions.

The elementary school will receive a \$1,580 grant for its Chapter 1 program. Special Services Director, Ella Hilverda submitted the grant to offset costs for additional supplies, and equipment.

Debate team members Stephanie Schuman and Jason Stokes presented the board with a sample of their debate skills. The debate program was initiated by Gerylyn Espil last year.

Mrs. Espil started the program from scratch last year, we appreciate her efforts," Bauscher said.

Schuman explained the debate process which takes place in teams of two people on the same side. Each year debate teams are given one topic on which to debate. Both teams try to win stock issues.

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completed. "We got all done, had public hearings and went to the county commissioners and they said, 'What the hell is this?'" Purdy said.

While the comprehensive plan itself was not adopted, the commissioners authorized a

Fair

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April 22 at the Shoshone Sale Yard and sheep May 22 at the county fairgrounds in Shoshone.

In other business, County Commissioner Jerry Nance asked Hought how much business the Fair Board conducts without a quorum of members present in meetings.

Hought told Nance it is often difficult to get a full quorum of the seven member board together for the monthly meetings, held the second Tuesday of each month. In February only three members and the board secretary attended.

But, Hought explained, the fair board by-laws allow for "executive decision" and he sometimes exercises that option in order to meet appropriate time schedules and keep fair plans moving.

The board did not vote on the stock sale issue at the February meeting but just discussed it, he said. Six of the seven board members attended Tuesday's meeting.

Hought has been retained as fair manager, Pat Hamilton of Shoshone is assistant fair manager and in charge of the parade. Robert Jauregui of Dietrich will handle the 4-H building. Jay Ward of Richfield is in charge of the livestock exhibits, Miriam Depey of Dietrich will oversee the home arts exhibits, Peggy Robinson, newly appointed board member, will take charge of the commercial building and Joyce Koppert of North Shoshone is the liaison to the rodeo committee. Mike Swanston of the Richfield Riding Club was named chairman of the rodeo board.

The board discussed entertainment options for the 1989 fair since a carnival may not be available.

The board discussed events that can be carried over into the Centennial Fair Celebration for 1990, such as horse harnessing contests, a horse pulling contest, croquet tournament or children's rodeo. The community is being asked for additional ideas.

The fair board is also taking suggestions for this year's fair and book cover theme. Ideas and cover art can be submitted to Fair Board Secretary Alana Rasmussen at the county extension office.

Summary Plan

Purdy said the summary has many gaps and does not address all the things the big document does.

Bruce Collier, one of four attorneys on the advisory committee, said the adoption of the Summary Plan was sufficient to comply with the 1975 planning act.

The advisory board's role is to review the plan and present recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission, which will then have public hearings. The planning commission's recommendations will be forwarded to the county commissioners who will hold another public hearing to consider its adoption.

The advisory board is scheduled to meet again on April 27 at a yet-to-be-determined location.

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Blaine Bird, Tina Green, Lloyd Gunderson and Vicki Kennedy, all of Burley, and Edna Johnson of Rupert.

Births
A baby to Mr. and Mrs. George Warrell of Albion.

Process exists to help consumers resolve car complaints

By MARTA CLEAVELAND
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Idahoans don't like their cars. And they don't seem to be crazy about the people who make them, sell them or fix them. Idahoans have more complaints about their business dealings involving cars than any other product or service, according to the Better Business Bureau of Treasure Valley's 1988 statistics. Because of an agreement with the Greater Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, the Treasure Valley bureau covers

Twin Falls. Automobile manufacturers were the most unpopular businesses in 1988, with 351 complaints filed against them, up 44 percent from 1987. Franchised auto dealers caused the third most complaints, used-auto dealers were fourth, auto repair shops were sixth and auto body, paint and glass were 16th. Complaints against franchised dealers increased 92 percent in 1988, while used auto dealer complaints dropped 22 percent, and auto repair complaints slid 26 percent. "Cars are a chronic problem," said

Ken Thornberg, executive director for the Boise-based BBB. But the main reason they top the complaint charts is that everybody owns one, he said. Cars have become a huge investment, so people tend to expect more and pay closer attention to unsatisfying performance. Many of the new-car complaints came from Twin Falls, Thornberg said. Most of them were resolved to the owners' satisfaction, thanks to a special negotiation agreement the national Better Business Bureau has with most of the major car manufacturers.

The bureau has a special toll-free "auto line" a new-car owner can call when he has problems the manufacturer isn't responding to and the bureau will intervene as a mediator.

"Some people who have been trying for years to get Detroit to do something, turn it over to us and have-a-check-in-their-hands-in-30-days," Thornberg said. In the tougher cases, an arbitrator is used. The manufacturer is bound to accept the decision, but the consumer is not. Most of the cases are referred to the bureau by the local car dealer, Thornberg said. "The dealers like the program too. 'If you were a dealer and there were problems that weren't your fault, would you want customers hounding you to death?' he asked. The participating manufacturers are General Motors, American Motors Corp. cars built before 1988, Jeep, Renault, Nissan, Volkswagen,

Audi, Honda, Acura and Saab. Neither Ford nor Chrysler takes part in the program. The rest of the top 20 business complaints were in these categories: 2) general mail order; 5) miscellaneous direct-selling companies; 7) appliance stores; 8) heating and air conditioning; 9) home furnishings; 10) home remodeling contractors; 11) home construction; 12) television repair; 13) vacation certificates; 14) apparel and accessory shops; 15) garden/nursery products; 17) books/records/tapes clubs; 18) carpet and upholstery cleaning; 19) department stores; 20) real estate sales/rentals.

Tax panel opponents wonder where sting might be felt next

BOISE (AP) — An Idaho Tax Commission directive to revamp the property tax formula for cable television companies has splintered its relations with some counties and has opponents wondering what industries will feel the financial sting next. Tax Commission Chairman Larry Looney says cable television is a special case. The state needed to ensure the industry was being taxed fairly relative to other businesses in light of its rapid growth in recent years, he said.

But cable managers and county officials want that other types of businesses could suffer the quantum leaps in property taxes that have hit the pay-for-television companies.

"The commission really created a monster here," Gooding County Commissioner Bob Muffley said. In the past, the counties taxed the companies' assets. But the commission last year directed them also to consider such "intangibles" as market value and income potential. Ted Argyle, chief civil prosecutor for Ada County, said that under the income potential heading, a McDonald's franchise with a national

advertising campaign behind it would have a greater chance at income than a local fast-food restaurant, so McDonald's grills and tables could be assessed at a higher price than the small outlet's equipment.

The commission's order could be applied to other fields, he said. "If we apply it to one, we've got to apply it to the others under the Idaho Constitution," Argyle said.

Earlier this month, the commission ordered 22 of the state's 44 counties, including counties throughout the Magic Valley, to adjust the cable assessments it says were undervalued by as much as 97 percent. Four counties appeared last week before the state board over the same issue.

Ada County was the first to challenge the commission. It appealed the directive Monday in the District Court and was granted a stay. Gooding County also sent a letter last week to the state, requesting a stay, Muffley said.

The state had ordered Gooding County to increase its 1988 assessment of King Videocable's

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Environmentalists want to name wilderness area for Edward Abbey

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Edward Abbey, the author and wilderness advocate who became a hero to Utah conservationists, may be memorialized in the lands he fought to protect until his death last week.

Environmentalists have persuaded Rep. Wayne Owens, D-Utah, to amend a wilderness bill he introduced last week to designate a

portion of Utah's wild lands as the Edward Abbey Wilderness.

Ken Sleight, a Moab conservationist, said he spoke with Abbey about a week ago and the author was "very enthused about getting on with the drive to see that we did have wilderness. He wanted to be here, I'm sure. He wanted to see this bill introduced."

Owens held a press conference

with conservationists Friday to mark the introduction of the bill, which would set aside 5.1 million acres of Bureau of Land Management land as wilderness.

Owens said he didn't know Abbey was ill. "Had we known this, I'd have hustled up and done this a week ago," he said.

Abbey, 62, died Tuesday of internal bleeding at his home.

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equipment there by 3,400 percent.

United Cable Television, Idaho's largest cable operation with about 43,000 subscribers in the Boise area, has watched its valuation mushroom from \$9.3 million to \$34.5 million and its property taxes rise by \$70,000.

United Cable on Monday asked for a declaratory judgment on the commission's ruling.

"Ada County didn't feel comfortable with the commission's directive," United Cable manager Wayne Watson said. "If they don't feel comfortable in defending it in a court of law, it shouldn't go through."

"We feel we're being singled out," he said.

Muffley said he and other county officials believe the order violates the 1 Percent Initiative's percent cap on annual property tax increases.

They also objected to retroactively changing the 1989 assessment, instead of looking ahead to the 1999 valuation.

The Tax Commission's latest move came about because of rapid changes in the cable industry, Looney said. State legislation passed several

years ago called for central assessment of companies, including those that cross-county lines such as cable TV.

"We began to look at what cable television companies were selling for on the market," he said. "With the deregulation of the industry, we became aware they were a real market item and were selling for lots of money."

"The companies then asked the Legislature to repeal the central assessment law and they did it," he said.

If commission's staff appraisals differed substantially from the county valuations, those counties were asked to comply with the commission directive by March 1. If they ranged between 90 percent to 110 percent of the staff estimates, they were left alone, as in the case of Bear Lake County last week, Looney said.

"We're just trying to go by current laws," he said. "If the Legislature wants to change the laws, we'll go by that. It all depends on what happens across the street" at the Statehouse.

Sen. Don Mackin, D-Moscow, is pushing a legislative resolution urging a reduction in tax

assessments on the intangibles by 45 percent retroactive from 1988 to 1991. It also would encourage negotiation rather than litigation against the state or counties.

Reps. Jerry Deckard, R-Eagle, and Stan Hawkins, R-Ucon, have joined Mackin in the effort.

Cable company managers say they fear what will happen if they lose in court, and the county officials question the methodology for all the players," Watson said. "We feel that if they can do it to us, they can do it to newspapers, radio, Wendy's, McDonald's, insurance companies or Realtors."

About 18 cents out of a property tax dollar goes to the counties, with the rest allocated to the cities and schools, Argyle said. Those entities are obliged to spend that money, but if they have to repay it to a cable company, it could have dramatic effects.

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 Wednesday: "Italian menu": pepperoni pizza, fresh vegetable sticks, pineapple and milk.
 Thursday: "Mexican menu": Chili con carne, nacho-cheese sauce, Mexican corn, fresh apple and milk.
 Friday: "Scandinavian menu": Fish wedge, scalloped potatoes, cabbage slaw, cookie and milk.

BLISS
 Monday: Fish nuggets, tater tots, rice pudding and milk.
 Tuesday: Bann scones, rolls, granola munchies and milk.
 Wednesday: No school - parent-teacher conference.
 Thursday: Lasagna, green salad, vanilla pudding and milk.
 Friday: No school lunch.

BUHL
 Monday: Breakfast: Cherry bun, fruit or juice and hot chocolate or cereal, fruit or juice and milk.
 Lunch: "Fried" chicken; mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables and hot roll.
 Tuesday: Breakfast: Cook's choice, fruit or juice and hot chocolate or cereal, fruit or juice and milk.
 Lunch: Soft flour burrito, hot sauce or sour cream, french fries and fruit (all grades).
 Wednesday: One-half day - no meals served.
 Thursday: No school.
 Friday: No school.

Thursday: Chicken fry, whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll with butter, appleauce cake and milk.
 Friday: Fish sandwich, macaroni and cheese, vegetable sticks, cherry turnover and chocolate milk.

HAGERMAN
 Monday: Chicken in pits bread, lettuce, tomato, orange wedges, peanut butter bar and milk.
 Tuesday: Chicken-fried beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, peaches, whole wheat roll and milk.
 Wednesday: Junior and senior high only: Chalupa, green salad, pears, fruit turnover and milk.
 Thursday: Chicken nuggets, choice of vegetable, banana, cracked wheat roll and milk.
 Friday: Ham and cheese on bun, tater tots, carrot sticks, cherry crisp and chocolate milk.

HANSEN
 Monday: Corn dogs, au gratin potatoes, spinach, one-half orange, milk, soup and sandwiches.
 Tuesday: Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes with gravy, buttered beets, hot rolls with butter, applesauce, milk and a la carte bar.
 Wednesday: Hamburgers, cheese slices, pickles, french fries, pudding, milk and nacho bar.
 Thursday: Easter dinner - baked ham, candied sweet potatoes, hot rolls with butter, buttered peas, Waldorf salad, milk and a la carte bar.
 Friday: Baked macaroni and cheese, winter mix, date-nut bread with butter, peas, milk and bar.

Friday: Hot dogs; tater tots with catsup, fruit, chocolate chip cookie and chocolate milk.

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 Tuesday: Hot dogs and sunshine cake.
 Wednesday: Chili and crackers, carrot sticks, applesauce, cinnamon roll and milk.
 Thursday: French dip sandwich and main cookie.
 Friday: Early dismissal at 1 p.m. - hamburger line only.

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 Breakfast served daily.
 Monday: Hamburgers and buns, french fries and sauce, pickles and catsup, peas and carrots, peanuts and raisins and milk.
 Tuesday: Hot dogs, tater logs with sauce, mustard, catsup, plums, cookies, milk and salad bar.
 Wednesday: Tacos, hot sauce, corn, lettuce and cheese, kolachis and milk.
 Thursday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls and butter, strawberry shortcake and milk.
 Friday: Spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, french rolls with butter, peaches, milk and salad bar.

Monday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes - with gravy, fresh strawberries, whole wheat roll and milk.
 Tuesday: Corn dogs, ketchup, mustard, french fries, Jell-O fruit salad, peanut butter bar and milk.
 Wednesday: Lasagna, health salad with dressing, garlic bread, fruit ice and chocolate milk.
 Thursday: Chicken filled sandwich, Jojo potatoes, fresh fruit, birthday cake and milk.
 Friday: Cook's choice.

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 Monday: Chef's salad, club crackers, pickle spears, fresh strawberries, whole wheat roll and milk.
 Tuesday: Beef tacos, lettuce, cheese, nachos, Jell-O fruit salad, peanut butter bar and milk.
 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, fried rice, vegetable sticks, bread and butter, fruit ice and chocolate milk.
 Thursday: French dip sandwich, Jojo potatoes, fresh fruit, birthday cake and milk.
 Friday: Cook's choice.

VALLEY
 Monday: Crisp burrito, carrot and raisin salad, tater sticks, chilled pears and milk.
 Tuesday: Hot dog on bun, baked macaroni and cheese, green beans, pineapple cake and milk.
 Wednesday: Chef's salad, meat and cheese, soft bread sticks, nut cup, apple and milk.
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 Friday: Open menu, birthday cake and chocolate milk.

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 Wednesday: Breakfast: Cook's choice. Lunch: Chuck wagon sandwich, potato salad, vegetable, chocolate cake and milk.
 Thursday: Breakfast: French toast. Lunch: Sixth-grade menu - nachos, green salad, fruit cocktail, maple bars and milk.
 Friday: Breakfast: Cereal. Lunch: Chicken burgers, french fries, green salad, dessert and chocolate milk.

DIETRICH
 Monday: Hamburger on a bun with cheese, lettuce with special dressing, french fries, fruit and milk.
 Tuesday: Grilled-cheese sandwiches, cream of celery soup, celery with peanut butter, carrot sticks, mixed fruit, cookie and milk.
 Wednesday: Deep-fried chicken, mashed potatoes with butter, broasting beads, bread and butter, cherry cobbler and chocolate milk.
 Thursday: Toasted tuna fish and cheese sandwiches, tater rounds, pickles, green salad, fruit and milk.

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 Tuesday: Hamburger on bun, baked beans, fruit, cookie and milk.
 Wednesday: Ham sandwich, french fries, carry stick, fruit and milk.

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 Tuesday: Pizza dogs, seasoned green beans, apricot halves and milk.
 Wednesday: Cream of tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pickled beets, green grapes and milk.
 Thursday: Meat balls with catsup, hash browns, seasoned mixed vegetables, egg custard, bread and butter and milk.
 Friday: Vegetable beef stew, deviled eggs, applesauce, sugar cookie, whole wheat rolls with butter and jam and milk.

DOMANUEL LUTHERAN
 Monday: Fish nuggets, tater tots, special sauce, sweet and sour sauce, carrot sticks, orange half, banana cookie and milk.
 Tuesday: Scalloped potatoes with ham and cheese, whole wheat rolls, butter and honey, peaches, chocolate cake and milk.
 Wednesday: Chicken noodle soup, honey corn bread, peanut butter and celery, cherries and milk.
 Thursday: Hamburger nachos, green salad, thousand island dressing, mixed fruit, cookie and milk.
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JEROME ELEMENTARY
 Monday: Enchiladas, buttered corn, refried beans, nachos with cheese sauce, cherry turnover and milk.
 Tuesday: Hamburger deluxe, lettuce, tomato, cheese, pickles, french fries, catsup, fruit, grapebread with whipped topping and milk.
 Wednesday: Chili and crackers, carrot sticks, apple-sauce, cinnamon roll and milk.
 Thursday: Italian spaghetti, garden salad, garlic bread sticks, fruit, sugar cookie and milk.

MINDOKA
 Monday: Burritos, buttered green beans, peaches, cookie and milk.
 Tuesday: Chili and crackers, vegetable sticks, fruit cup, sweet roll and milk.

RICHFIELD
 Monday: Tomato soup, nacho and cheese, crackers, fruit and milk.
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Regional crime lab at college closing after 16 years of service

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The North Idaho College Regional Crime Laboratory will close Sept. 30 after serving law enforcement agencies in the 10 Panhandle counties for 16 years.

The NIC board on Thursday unanimously approved Dean of Administration Rolly Jurgens' recommendation to close the lab.

"I can't recommend that we continue the crime lab," Jurgens said. "It does not provide many of our students a benefit."

In fact, he said, the lab had become a financial drain on other programs at the two-year college.

The crime lab lost \$9,000 last year, Jurgens said. Based on declining revenue and the need to increase building security and purchase new equipment, he estimated the loss would increase to \$30,000 if the college continued to provide the service.

NIC will try to find jobs on campus for two crime lab employees, Jurgens said. Three part-time positions also will be eliminated.

The lab was equipped to provide a full range of forensic services, including fingerprint comparisons, polygraphs, bullet comparisons, firearms identification, document authentication and hair and fiber analysis.

NIC will continue to provide evidence analysis for Kootenai, Bonner, Boshone, Benewah, Idaho, Nez Perce and Lewis counties until their contracts expire Sept. 30. Each county paid the college a flat fee for unlimited service.

Other law enforcement agencies also relied on the NIC crime lab, including the Coeur d'Alene Police Department, which exchanged snow removal, fire protection and security patrol for its lab work, Police Capt. Don Iby said.

After September, northern Idaho agencies will have to send their documents and evidence to one of the

state's Bureau of Forensic Service labs in Boise or Pocatello, where full services are provided at no charge.

The state's forensic lab in Coeur d'Alene offers limited service, primarily drug testing and blood-alcohol content analysis, Iby said.

The loss of NIC's crime lab will create a hardship for North Idaho agencies "to some degree," he said.

There are certain cases where we would like to have a rapid turnaround,"

Charles Duke, chief of the state Forensic Service Bureau, said the state's crime labs already have a backlog of work and the additional demands for service from northern Idaho after September will result in increased work loads and longer waits.

"We're going to try to serve the needs of north Idaho the best we can," Duke said.

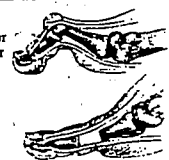
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Senate backs log export restrictions

BOISE (AP) — With just a single negative vote, the Senate has approved legislation slipping a dramatic restriction on the sale of state-owned timber to processors outside Idaho.

"I don't know that it's the best piece of legislation," Sen. Herb Carlson, R-Engle, said. "But it is addressing some grave concerns of the timber industry in Idaho."

The bill was sent to the House Friday on a 40-1 vote. Only Sen. George Vance, R-Parma, a strong opponent of government interference in business, opposed the bill.

Backed by Gov. Cecil Andrus, who

first proposed the restrictions a year ago, the bill would limit sale of 95 percent of the timber harvested from state-owned land to buyers who process nearly all their timber inside the state. The other 5 percent could be sold to any buyer.

It exempts pulp logs and gives the state Land Board authority to release some of that 95 percent for sale to out-of-state interests, including foreign buyers, if special circumstances exist.

The state harvests about 200 million board feet of timber each year, between 11 percent and 12 percent of the total cut in the state.

Pressure for the restriction has been mounting since the state repealed its total export ban five years ago under pressure of court rulings that such bans violated the constitution's interstate commerce clause. Similar debates are under way in Oregon and Washington.

Since the total ban was lifted, the amount of state timber being exported beyond Idaho's borders has averaged 4 percent a year, but it has escalated from substantially less than that to over 10 percent in 1987.

Even supporters of the bill acknowledged that they may be on shaky constitutional grounds.

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Radiation experts to compare information in Hanford study

SPOKANE (AP) — Representatives from other radiation dose reconstruction projects said they will share their expertise Saturday with a panel studying Hanford nuclear reservation releases.

The studies, by such agencies as the Federal Centers For Disease Control and the University of Utah, will be useful in directing the work of the Hanford Environmental Dose Reconstruction Project, John Till, Technical Steering Committee chairman, said Friday.

Records released by the Energy Department in 1986 indicated massive releases of radioactive isotopes contaminated a large area of Eastern Washington, northeastern Oregon and north-central Idaho. The largest known intentional release occurred in 1949.

The Hanford study, funded by the

Department of Energy, is attempting to measure the amount of radiation released from the manufacture of nuclear weapons material.

The study will estimate doses received by people living near the federal reservation, especially in the 1940s and 1950s when most of the intentional and accidental releases occurred, Till said.

The 18-member committee of scientists and other experts was formed in May 1988.

A parallel study by the Centers for Disease Control is trying to find out the health effects, such as cancer, of releases from more than 40 years of Hanford operations.

Till said the Hanford committee has had some communication problems, leading to the perception that the panel was not in control of the studies. But those problems have

been resolved and the panel is well on the way to compiling preliminary estimates of the amounts of radioactive materials that found their way to people living near Hanford, he said.

"It has taken us some time to get organized," Till told reporters. "But this is the first time something like this has been done. ... Ten months is not a long time to get ahead of the curve."

The committee oversees studies by Battelle Northwest Laboratory, an Energy Department contractor. The dose reconstruction study, which is expected to take at least five years, is concentrating on the amount of radiation released between 1944-1947, mainly in Washington state.

Till said the panel hopes to have some preliminary estimates on doses to the public by the end of this year.

Spokane airport issues hepatitis alert

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The Spokane County Health District on Friday issued a hepatitis A alert for airline passengers who ate foods prepared for some flights out of Spokane International Airport early this month.

The advisory was issued after health officials confirmed a case of hepatitis A in an employee who prepares food for in-flight consumption at the airport's Flight Kitchen, operated by Concession Air.

The kitchen prepares meals only for airlines, so food consumed on airport premises is not affected, said Lee Mellish, health district administrator.

The employee prepared foods for flights on March 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9, Mellish said. Of concern are raw fruit that has been peeled, fruit salads, fruit bowls, lettuce salads, cold sandwiches and some unpackaged, uncooked foods.

Not affected are prepackaged foods such as peanuts, commercially prepared snacks, ice, soft drinks and mixed drinks, Mellish said.

He said the following airlines and flight numbers are the only flights in question, and only on the above-mentioned dates:

- Alaska Airlines flight 204, first-class only.
- Continental Airlines flight 281.
- Northwest Airlines flights 446 and 310.
- United Airlines flights 482, 518, 1189 and 391.

Delta Airlines flights 1504, 1674 and 1502.

The risk of anyone on those flights actually contracting hepatitis A from this source is very low, Mellish stressed.

Nevertheless, the health district advised passengers on the March 4 and 5 flights to get gamma globulin shots by the end of Saturday. The shots are effective only if received within two weeks of exposure.

The health district scheduled a special clinic Saturday morning for passengers on the March 4 and 5 flights.

Those who flew on March 7, 8 or 9 on the flights in question should contact their physician or visit the county health clinic by Wednesday, Mellish said.

Hepatitis A is a disease characterized by flu-like symptoms beginning with high fever, nausea and stomach cramps and ending in jaundice.

"We have counts that about 1,900 meals were prepared for all the flights in question on those five days," Mellish said. "Whether all were consumed or not is not known."

Utah warmly receives Soviets

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Sporting a shamrock on his lapel, Vladimir Orekhovsky chuckles when he tells of singing an Irish lullaby during the annual St. Patrick's Day parade down Main Street.

With 10 other members of a Soviet inspection team in Utah under provisions of a 1987 nuclear arms reduction treaty, Orekhovsky was invited to the parade's reviewing stand in one of many appearances sponsored by Utahns eager to foster international goodwill.

"I sang 'Danny Boy,'" he said in an interview at the apartment complex that is home to the 26-member contingent maintaining a round-the-clock vigil at Hercules Aerospace's missile manufacturing plant.

Orekhovsky is public relations officer for the team, whose members serve six-week tours before rotating back to the Soviet Union.

But until he leaves for home on Monday, his movements, like those of all the Soviets in Utah for the next 13 years, are under the strict supervision of the U.S. On-Site Inspection Agency.

It's a control many Utah peace activists want relaxed.

Since the original team arrived last July, the Soviets have been warmly received in classrooms and at sporting and cultural events. They've even planted trees at the city's International Peace Gardens.

Team commander Nikolay Shabalyn, speaking through an

interpreter, recalled the "special satisfaction" of seeing Ballet West perform "Anna Karenina," and a local exhibit of paintings by Soviet children.

But Shabalyn emphasized the Soviets' principal duty is to ensure that no Pershing II missile motors banned under the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty leave Hercules. The company stopped producing the motors in 1986 and none are stockpiled.

"One should not get the wrong impression that the Soviet inspectors came here as tourists," said Orekhovsky. "The most important reason that we arrive here is the verification of the treaty."

Eight-man squads serve 24-hour shifts at a checkpoint by an entrance to the Hercules complex in western Salt Lake Valley, inspecting outgoing vehicles and patrolling a one-way road surrounding the former Pershing building. They work one day, then have two days off.

Under terms of the treaty, the visitors may not travel outside a 31-mile radius of Hercules or anywhere without an American escort. The same conditions apply to U.S. inspectors at a similar plant in the Soviet city of Votkinsk.

"The work of monitoring is not very complicated, but it is very responsible," Shabalyn said.

In a spirit of superpower camaraderie, the inspectors have

been tireless in accepting invitations to public forums.

The Soviets say they don't chafe under the rigid rules governing their excursions. The same can't be said for some of their hosts.

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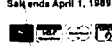


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Hofmann witness gets probation Jet's vibrations force emergency landing

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Wade Lillywhite, a former Deseret Book employee and key witness in the forger case against confessed bomber Mark Hofmann, has been sentenced to 10 years probation for mail fraud.

Lillywhite, 32, pleaded guilty to two counts of mail fraud and sentenced Friday by U.S. District Judge Bruce Jenkins to suspended prison terms on condition of the probation and restitution of more than \$225,000.

Lillywhite was an employee of the Fine and Rare Book Department of Deseret Book when he was charged late last year with preparing false purchase orders stating that items had been sold to the company when in fact they had not.

Lillywhite issued checks from Deseret Book's accounts to pay personal debts, bought items with the company's money and kept them for himself and sold items belonging to Deseret Book and kept the proceeds.

Under terms of his probation, Lillywhite agreed to pay more than

\$200,000 in restitution to Deseret Book and \$27,000 to the American States Insurance Co.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Lambert pointed out the restitution was necessary to emphasize "the consequences in the lives of many innocent people that Mr. Lillywhite's actions have impacted."

Lambert said that as a result of Lillywhite's actions, Deseret Book had to close down the Fine and Rare Books section. "As a result of that, consider the employees who have lost their jobs," Lambert said.

Defense attorney Sam Alba told Jenkins that "Lillywhite's crimes stemmed from his living beyond his income."

"He kept digging himself deeper and deeper into a hole," Alba said, noting that the fraud was born of Lillywhite's "extravaganzas of trying to live way beyond his means."

Lillywhite added that he was "far too concerned with material things and trying to present myself as successful to others."

He said it was his intention to pay

restitution and provide a normal life for his family, which includes three young children.

"I want to repair the situation not only financially, but to repair friendships, to rebuild trust ... I realize I can't go back," Lillywhite said.

Jenkins said his decision to grant probation to Lillywhite was "a close case for the court."

"I think that your pattern of activity over a period of time would well justify incarceration. By putting you on probation, I am in no way minimizing the seriousness of your offenses," the judge said.

"(But) I think that you ought to have to opportunity to take care of your kids," Jenkins added.

Lillywhite was an important prosecution witness against Hofmann, who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the 1985 bombing deaths of two people. Hofmann said the bombings were to divert attention from his dealings in bogus historical documents, some of which he sold to Deseret Book.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A Continental Airlines jetliner over the Sierra Nevada shuddered for several minutes with severe vibrations Friday, forcing an emergency landing that revealed part of the tail section was scorched.

The crew of the Boeing 737 with 69 people aboard made a normal landing at San Francisco International Airport about 1 p.m. and taxied to a gate on its own, officials said. There were no injuries reported.

After the plane landed, a scorched area about 10 feet in diameter was discovered on the tail. There also appeared to be damage to the stabilizer, the horizontal portion of the tail that helps control the plane's attitude.

Dave Messing, a Continental spokesman in Houston said it was believed that the problem was in the plane's auxiliary power unit, or APU.

"There was an APU malfunction, possibly resulting in an overheating condition," he said.

An aviation source who had a chance to inspect the plane said a fire had damaged the stabilizer on the tail section near the APU, but he said the power unit itself was not charred. "If (the stabilizer) is burned on the outside, the paint is burned off. But they don't know how it occurred," said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity. He said the only possible source of ignition in the charred area appeared to be one of the plane's strobe lights.

R.E. "Grit" Greffenius, a business traveler from Walnut Creek, Calif., said after he got off the plane, he noticed a large part of the tail section appeared to be burned.

During the flight, the vibrations were severe and lasted several min-

utes, Greffenius said. They were followed by several minutes of silence, he said.

"Then the pilot came on and said, 'Obviously, we're having a vibration problem and we're going back to Oakland,'" said Greffenius.

There was "obvious damage to the tail," Greffenius said. "The paint in a fairly large area of the tail section appears to be scorched."

Ron Wilson, a spokesman for San Francisco International Airport, said he heard the pilot during the landing and was unaware the incident was as serious as Greffenius described. Wilson said he watched the aircraft land and hadn't noticed any serious problems. "The pilot reported vibrations. He made a normal landing," he said. The Sierra Nevada is about 200 miles east of the San Francisco Bay area. The plane had been bound for Denver.

Army wants to conduct experiments

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Army has asked the state for permission to conduct experiments at western Utah's Dugway Proving Ground to determine the best way to dispose of obsolete weapons and propellants, a Dugway official says.

Keith Dumbauld, Dugway's deputy director, confirmed the Army proposes destroying bombs, rockets and other out-of-date weapons by either open-pit burning or detonation at a site 30 miles west of the town of Dugway, about 100 miles west of Salt Lake City.

Authorities confirm that some of those de-militarized weapons may be contaminated with toxic materials.

The Army plans to use sophisticated monitoring to determine whether the burns and blasts pose a threat to the public health or environment through contamination of the soil or air.

However, Dumbauld said the Army won't test under conditions that will pose any threat to the people of Dugway or others outside the installation's boundaries.

The experiments would be similar

to the destruction of a Pershing II missile's solid-fuel motor at Doolee Army Depot in November 1987. That test-burning was to determine the most effectively method of destroying America's stock of intermediate-range nuclear weapons, which are banned under a treaty with the Soviet Union.

The Army has proposed as many as 175 test burns over a two-year period beginning next month.

The public has until April 17 to provide Dugway officials with comments regarding the proposal.

Judge orders delay in timber sales

SEATTLE (AP) — A federal judge said Friday he would issue a temporary order to delay 135 timber sales planned by the U.S. Forest Service because of the battle over protecting old-growth trees and a rare owl, an attorney said.

The order affects about 1 billion board feet of timber or about one-fifth of the Forest Service's total annual timber sales in the Northwest, said John Lowe, deputy regional forester for the U.S. Forest Service in Portland, Ore.

Todd True, an attorney with the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, said U.S. District Judge William Dwyer told him by phone that the order would be in effect until Thursday when environmental groups will again seek an injunction to stop sales of old-growth.

The issue pits environmentalists

trying to preserve sections of virgin forest and the spotted owl, which nests only in dense old-growth forest, against loggers who say their jobs are at stake.

Earlier this week, Dwyer denied a request by nine environmental groups for an injunction to stop Forest Service sales of old-growth timber.

But True said the judge "invited us to address particular sales and that's what we are doing here. Our concerns are the same as they have always been with the preservation of the ecosystem and the owl."

"We have filed this case to protect the old-growth forest and the spotted owl, one of the inhabitants of that forest, which faces an imminent risk of extinction," True said.

"The basis of seeking an injunction against these sales is to protect

18,000 acres of owl habitat in the next 60 days," said True.

True said 53 sales in the next 60 days are not covered by the order. He said those sales covered small parcels of forests but he did not know the acreage affected.

The assistant manager of the Washington Contract Loggers Association said he was not surprised by the action.

Bill Pickell said it's "just another ploy by the preservationist to put a stop to the industry."

Pickell said he believes the industry will prevail because the spotted owl is not in danger of extinction.

"I think we've got all the facts. They've got the emotion," said Pickell. True said the Forest Service has hundreds of thousands of acres of Forest Service land that is not owl habitat.

Bored kids firebomb school

KALISPELL (AP) — Four third-graders and a first-grader have admitted setting off a homemade fire bomb at their elementary school Wednesday because they were tired of school, police say.

Police and firemen lectured the youngsters and referred their cases to Youth Court. They were not identified.

The Kalispell Fire Department was called to the school shortly after lunch Wednesday because of a smoky smell in the gymnasium. They found a small device they described as an amateur bomb.

Police said the device consisted of a small plastic cylinder stuffed with glue, wood chips, matches and string. It was placed in a doorway and lit, but only a small portion of it burned.

Officers said the youngsters admitted they made and lit the incendiary device, explaining they were tired of school and wanted to burn the building down. The idea, they said, originated from a class project of one boy's older brother, who is making rockets.

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Police say aluminum price has made cans valuable

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Increasing prices for aluminum have made empty beverage cans collected by the poor a valuable commodity — valuable enough to steal, police say.

Sgt. Don Bell, Salt Lake burglary detective, said that recently a man who spent three months collecting aluminum cans to turn them into cash was hit by thieves.

Such thefts are becoming increasingly common of late in the Salt Lake Valley as the price of aluminum has risen.

Aluminum hovered around 90 cents a pound on the New York Stock Exchange at week's end.

"We have this problem with aluminum, but it happens whenever the price of metal fluctuates," said Bell. "Copper goes high and people go up on lines and actually cut down the lines. It's a temporary problem that remains as long as the price is high."

Scavengers over the years have ripped off metals from Mountain Bell, O.C. Tanner, Hercules, Utah Power & Light and other companies, and have cleaned out houses under construction.

"Aluminum is a plentiful metal used in everything from pop cans to sail boat masts. Recycled aluminum is sold for more than a quarter of the 16 billion pounds of aluminum produced each year in the United States."

The current price of aluminum is four times higher than the price three years ago.

"Anything that's going to bring in that kind of money is going to be an attractive problem," said West Valley Police Sgt. Lynn Hanson.

Hanson last fall investigated an aluminum theft at a truck stop in which thieves ripped off several rolls of wire.

"But we haven't had that much of it going on that I know about in the last three or four months," he said.

The larger companies have security guards who are aware of the attractive metal price. "For a while," Hanson said, "the difficulty of taking that in and getting money for it was almost non-existent."

People could take scrap to dealers and get cash — no questions asked. Now, dealers must get identification from those selling metals and sellers fill out forms saying it is scrap.

"People that deal in the scrap or other metals, they're in a little tighter business. It's not like a TV in a pawn shop" where a 30-day waiting period must pass before the merchandise can be sold, said Bell.

"But in scrap, you can't ask those people to do that because what may be selling at 70 cents a pound may be selling at 35 cents in 30 days," he said.

Unprotected areas have the greatest problem, and Bell said regularly watching belongings and notifying the authorities when thefts occur are the best things to do.

"I think you just have to be aware of it. If it's cost prohibitive for you to install alarms, you just have to be aware of it. Check on your property," said Bell.

"We had a guy that went out and spent months and months collecting aluminum cans . . . and sorted them in a shed. And in one swift night, some other person took all this bagged aluminum cans," he added.

5,000 counselors gather to discuss continuing problem of teen suicide

BOSTON (AP) — As 5,000 high school guidance counselors and mental health workers convene in Boston this week, many are talking about a problem that isn't going away: teen suicide.

"I saw five suicidal kids in a two-week period," said Rhonda Chambers, a Baton Rouge, La., guidance counselor. "Sometimes I just tell them I love them."

Suicide is the second leading cause of death in Americans ages 11 to 24, said David Capuzzi, a specialist in suicide prevention at Portland State University in Oregon. A young person attempts suicide every 90 seconds, and one in 60 succeeds, he said.

Capuzzi's lecture, which attracted more than 80 people, was one of six on teen suicide in a four-day conference of the American Association for Counseling and Development.

Susan Virenius, a middle school counselor from St. Louis, Mich., told of the eighth-grader who recently shot himself in the shoulder while babysitting another child. She considered it a suicide warning, but said getting troubled adolescents help isn't always easy.

"Counseling in my area is \$75 an hour," Virenius said. "So the rich

have accessibility and the poor go without. The only way they can get help is to get in trouble with the law."

Capuzzi said he has helped school districts in 23 states set up suicide prevention programs, including one at a Montana school where 17 young

sters committed suicide in 11 months.

"They're doing better, but many are not even started," Capuzzi said. He urges school districts to train all the adults to recognize signs of trouble.

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Court fight over farm threatens friendships

PRESTON (AP) — It is a parable for these litigious times. Neighbor sues neighbor, and both lose.

The five-year fight between the Baxters and the Corbridges has split this town, threatened the city of Preston with a \$1 million legal claim and limited the way both families can use their property.

"We've ended up with all kinds of harassment from city officials and so forth," said Tracy Baxter, the Preston father who initiated legal action against his neighbors.

"It finally got so bad in July of last year that we ended up moving to Burnston, Wyo. We put our place up for sale and we're having difficulty selling."

The Corbridges, meanwhile, have been forced to dismantle their livestock feeding operation and pay heavy legal fees.

The city now forced to crack down

on what the Idaho Supreme Court has ruled an illegal use of land, has cited the Baxters for their livestock operation.

And Baxter has responded with a \$1 million tort claim against the city alleging he has been denied his civil rights.

"A lot of neighbors are too quick to go to court instead of trying to work things out," says Ron Kerl, a Pocatello attorney who now represents the city of Preston in the Baxter-Corbridge affair. "It's the barking dog thing — instead of asking the neighbor to quiet down his dog, you take em to court."

Colleen Corbridge, whose father-in-law Verlan owns the disputed land, agrees and says all Idaho ranchers may suffer because of the precedent set in their case.

"It's affecting the whole town, and

the sad thing is if they want the state of Idaho to survive, it depends a lot on the farmers," she said.

The battle began in 1984 when the Corbridges constructed a portable manger on their property at a point just 122 feet from the front of the Baxter house.

"They couldn't have put it anywhere else on the property and been any closer to our house," said Baxter. "I asked them to move it back and basically they told me they could do anything they wanted to."

Colleen Corbridge said Baxter spoke with her and her husband Thayne, rather than going to Verlan for help.

"Mr. Baxter never took the opportunity to go to Verlan," she said. "He came over and talked to Thayne and I and demanded it be moved. We did not have control over the land. He was talking to the wrong people."

Meanwhile, the zoning code applied to the area where both the Corbridges and Baxters lived was changed. The families had grandfather rights to continue their current agricultural operations, but could not increase them.

Baxter contended that by setting up a winter feedlot, the Corbridges were enlarging their use. The city of Preston disengaged and Baxter went to court. District Judge Wallace Transtrum sided with Baxter and the Idaho Supreme Court upheld that ruling last month.

The Corbridges have subsequently complied with the ruling, said Colleen. Dismantling the manger and keeping their herds to a prescribed number.

But now the city, citing the precedent set in the Corbridge case, is taking legal action against Baxter.

Tainted drink to be analyzed

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) — Casper Police sent a tainted bottle of "Squeeze It" fruit drink to the Wyoming State Lab for analysis on Friday, as grocery stores in Cheyenne and Casper removed the product from their shelves.

Casper Police Investigator Dave Anderson said the analysis should be completed by Sunday.

A 2-year-old Casper boy was rushed to Wyoming Medical Center Thursday night after sipping the fruit drink, which the boy's mother said smelled like nail polished remover. He was treated and released.

He did not suffer any side effects, Anderson said.

Police still have no proof of tampering, the officer said. The bottle is being analyzed as a precaution. Federal agencies are watching the Casper Police investigation progress before getting involved in the work.

Investigator Major Cook of the Food and Drug Administration in Denver said the FDA usually allows the local police to investigate and then steps in if necessary.

He said the FDA was in touch with the Casper Police and the FBI.

"It's strictly unconfirmed at this point" that the bottle was tampered with, Cook said.

An FBI agent in Casper said they have not joined the investigation but are keeping an eye on the situation. He said it still is not known if the tainted fruit drink had been deliberately tampered with or if there could have been a problem with the product itself.

Casper grocery stores removed the Betty Crocker product from their shelves after they were notified by the police about the problem.

The drink was removed from Buttrely in Cheyenne.

Loggers find hazards working in cold and windy conditions

STANLEY (AP) — Two hours before daybreak, John Cranney pecks through the flaps of his wall tent to check the thermometer. It is 15 degrees below zero, and the snow is more than three feet deep on Dry Creek near Stanley.

Quickly he dresses and stakes the fire, then begins his morning hour of scripture study before waking his saw partners, Darryl Knauff and Greg Johnson.

He and his partners eat a breakfast of granola and make sandwiches for lunch. They will put the sandwiches down the backs of their shirts to keep them from freezing while they are sawing timber in the subzero weather.

"I put a couple of hot peppers in em and it makes you think you're warm," says Cranney, who works hard to build up body heat. "It makes your brain smoke."

Two miles from his camp, clad in wool pants, two wool shirts and medium-weight wool gloves, and wearing

paces with caulks, Cranney climbs a steep skid trail to begin work.

Stanley's no place to be this time of year, but it's all we've got," said Cranney, 34, who has logged professionally for 12 years.

Besides increasing the cost of operation, snow increases the hazards of an already dangerous job because it leaves no avenue for escape if something goes awry.

Cranney is one of a few surviving fallers in the Salmon River valley. He began 12 years ago, when there were about 25 fallers. The rest have dropped out because of a lack of work, injuries, or death.

Cranney said he tries to eat right, doesn't smoke or drink, and gets enough rest. His job provides plenty of exercise. He tries to keep his mind clear so he can be alert to all possible dangers. He is constantly "reading" the woods.

"The closest I ever came to ridin' home in a box is by workin' too close to other men," said Cranney, who has

never sustained a serious injury from falling timber. He has been more seriously injured working on the log landing near heavy equipment than while sawing.

Other conditions that increase falling hazards include wind, steep ground, rolling rocks and logs, trees growing down in holes and men that don't know what they're doing.

Loggers work strips within earshot of each other and carry a special whistle.

"You don't blow that whistle unless it's an emergency. It's something that's sacred," he said.

A deep love for the mountains drew Cranney to his dangerous occupation.

"For me not to be in the mountains — I just feel hollow inside," he said.

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Officials plan civil defense exercise

POCATELLO (AP) — In an earthquake like the one centered at Mount Borah in 1983 hit four miles west of Soda Springs, it would isolate several towns in that area and close roads as far away as Swan Valley.

Idaho's geology and disaster experts say that's only the beginning of the problems that would follow such a quake. A regional civil defense exercise scheduled for May 18 will show how those in charge might react.

Estimates of the damage and how long repairs would take were main topics at a recent meeting in Pocatello for officials from seven eastern Idaho counties. The group included county commissioners, sheriffs, and representatives of hospitals, school districts and industry.

The quake's site and magnitude were selected by the Idaho Geological Survey based on several factors. "It's not such a hypothetical exer-

cise we're going through. The probability is very high that we will see a magnitude 6 or greater earthquake somewhere in the Intermountain Seismic Belt in our lifetime," said Paul Link of the Idaho State University geology department.

The Mount Borah quake, in which two children were killed in Challis, registered 7.3 on the Richter scale.

The exercise indicates a similar quake in southeastern Idaho would trigger landslides from Bear Lake to Driggs.

Tom Ore, also of ISU's geology department, explained that an earthquake involves both horizontal and vertical movement of the earth's surface.

The relatively small horizontal force would cause major problems for most buildings because they aren't designed to withstand any horizontal movement, he said. With that quick geology lesson, the

officials heard a litany of damage recited by those who have studied what a 7.3 earthquake would do in southeastern Idaho. The length of the list suggests there will be plenty to do during the May 18 exercise, named EQUIDEX-89.

Among the problems would be collapse of the Interstate 15 bridge at Inkom, landslide blockage of U.S. Highway 26 in two places along Palisades Reservoir, and sufficient damage to the control tower at Pocatello's airport to force the Idaho Falls Airport to become the air traffic hub for rescuers.

A major natural gas pipeline would break in three places, and numerous small leaks would occur where natural gas lines enter homes and businesses. Loss of electrical power would trip breakers at American Falls Dam, blacking out nearly everything from Pocatello to Montpelier. Some small dams near Soda

Springs would collapse, causing localized flooding.

Damage to Idaho Power Co.'s Blackfoot substation would black out that city for a time, said company safety specialist Bill Hess.

About 18 schools would be damaged beyond repair, and five others would sustain heavy damage in Bear Lake, Franklin, Caribou and Bannock counties. Five buildings at ISU would be heavily damaged.

One of the few bits of good news was that Snake River dams at American Falls and Palisades would not sustain any structural damage.

State Bureau of Disaster Services official said many injuries are likely at schools because they tend to have large windows, which break inward. Falling brick veneers and masonry chimneys would create further hazards. In the Mount Borah quake, spilled laboratory chemicals in Challis High School ate through the floor.

Bundy directions lead officials to bones

CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK, Utah (AP) — Following directions given by Ted Bundy shortly before his execution, searchers have found bones and a tattered remnant of a blouse in an area where the serial killer said he buried a 17-year-old girl he killed in 1974.



TED BUNDY
Gave searchers directions

Wayne County Sheriff Kerry Ekker said bones were recovered Friday from three separate sites just outside the boundaries of this park 200 miles south of Salt Lake City.

Bundy told investigators he killed Nancy Wilcox, who vanished from her suburban Salt Lake neighborhood on Oct. 2, 1974, and buried her body between Turrey and Fruita just outside the park boundaries.

At one site, searchers found widely scattered bones and what appeared to be a piece of a tan blouse with lace, Ekker said Saturday.

"We have our suspicions that the bones from the two locations are not human, but there will have to be a positive identification on all three," Ekker said. "In one location we did find some teeth, so we're sure it's an animal."

The bones were to be turned over to the state medical examiner's office in Salt Lake City and results were expected by late next week, he said.

If any are found to be human, the sites will be carefully excavated to preserve evidence. However, Ekker said a positive identifica-

tion would be possible only if a skull and teeth are found so they can be compared with Wilcox's dental records.

"I'm always hopeful. I've got my fingers crossed," he said. The bones were in the general area described by Bundy to detectives who interviewed him at Florida State Prison in the days before his Jan. 24 execution in the electric chair.

"If the bones are not human, Ekker said only one more search would be conducted."

Earlier, Chief Deputy Leon Brinkerhoff said 28 members of the Wayne and Sevier County search and rescue squads combed the area for any mound which might be a grave.

Minnesota university to open Japan branch

ST. PAUL (AP) — The Minnesota State University System will open the second branch campus of an American university in Japan to serve both Japanese and American students, the system's chancellor said Tuesday.

"This program has tremendous potential to build new relationships between the people of Minnesota and the people of Japan to establish, first of all, friendships and secondly, greater understanding, and third, trade relationships between our two great nations," Chancellor Robert Carothers said.

The Minnesota State University System was chosen over the University of Maryland and the University of Idaho to establish a campus in the northern city of Yuwa Machi, Carothers said. The community is a suburb of Akita, home to one of Japan's large national universities.

Southern Illinois University already operates a similar campus in Japan, and a number of other states are negotiating to establish branches there, Carothers said.

"International trade is really based on friendship and knowing other people," Gov. Rudy Perpich said

in a telephone link from Washington, D.C., where he has been attending the National Governors Association winter meeting.

"I can't think of anything else that's been this major as this event today in long-term international trade between Minnesota and Japan," he said.

Carothers and a member of the state university board will go to Akita in late March to sign a letter of intent to operate the campus. It is expected that Yuwa's mayor and the governor of Akita Prefecture will come to Minnesota in May for a formal signing of an operating contract.

The plan calls for the university system to run the campus that will be built and operated largely at Japanese expense. Tuition would cover other costs, and American students, who would mostly come from Minnesota, would pay Minnesota tuition rates. The cost for Minnesota students will be about \$2,500 a year, while Japanese students will pay the equivalent of about \$10,000 a year, about \$1,000 more than the average tuition cost in Japan, Carothers said.

"Our commitment from the beginning has been that there would be no

Minnesota state dollars involved in the operation of the program," the chancellor said.

Perpich also announced Tuesday that he plans to ask the Legislature for a \$20,000 appropriation to provide scholarships for Minnesota students studying at the Yuwa campus.

"We're going to now start to talk to corporations about scholarship programs," Carothers said. "We're hoping what the governor introduces will be seen as a kind of matching grant, a challenge grant."

The Minnesota State University System was invited to submit a proposal to establish its own branch campus as a result of a 18-year faculty exchange program between St. Cloud State University and Akita University, Carothers said.

A 16-member Japanese delegation visited Minnesota and toured state universities at St. Cloud, Bemidji, Mankato and Marshall early this year.

The state university system's plan calls for the system to open in April 1990 a three-year institution that would have about 300 Japanese students at each level. About 60 Americans — probably sophomores — also would attend the institution for one-

year sessions, primarily to study the Japanese language and culture.

The school eventually would have 1,000 students and about 45 faculty members, Carothers said.

Under the plan, the Japanese would spend a year in intensive English language training, take two more years of general education and business classes and be awarded an associate of arts degree. If they chose, the Japanese then would come to Minnesota and enroll in any of the seven schools in the state university system.

The movement toward American universities establishing branches in Japan was a goal of a committee composed of U.S. congressmen and members of Japan's Diet, the national Parliament.

The committee, called the U.S.-Japan Committee for Trade Expansion, is aimed at easing the U.S. trade deficit with Japan.

The group concluded that familiarizing future business leaders of the two countries with the culture and business practices of both countries eventually could foster increased American exports to Japan.

Officials prepare for execution

WALLA WALLA, Wash. (AP) — Prison officials preparing for the first execution in Washington state in nearly 26 years admit they're inexperienced, but are ready to carry out the death sentence of triple murderer Charles R. Campbell.

The Supreme Court of Washington will hear arguments next Thursday on Campbell's motion for a stay of his execution, scheduled shortly after midnight the morning of March 30 at the Washington State Penitentiary.

Should the stay be denied, and Campbell's luck run out in a round of federal court appeals that is sure to follow, the state will be prepared to carry out the Snohomish County Superior Court death warrant, said Rich Bauer, administrative assistant to Superintendent James Blodgett.

Campbell, 34, was convicted of three counts of aggravated first-degree murder in 1982 in the throat-slashing deaths of two women and a girl in rural Snohomish County.

The official method of execution in Washington is hanging. A condemned prisoner may choose death by lethal injection of drugs. It is that choice that Campbell contends is cruel and unusual punishment, the basis for a portion of his appeal.

A bill that would ban hanging and make lethal injection the sole method of execution recently was approved by the Senate and has been sent to the House.

Hanging is still the method of execution in Montana and Delaware, and neither has done so since the 1940s, making it hard to find someone to carry out the death warrant, Bauer said.

It is difficult to find a qualified executioner, because it's been so long since someone has been hanged, Bauer said. Washington state corrections officials had to go outside the United States to hire someone with hanging experience, Bauer said. That person's identity and nationality are being kept secret.

State and prison officials are saying little about their preparations, hoping to avoid the carnival atmosphere that accompanied the recent execution in Florida of another Washington state resident, Ted Bundy.

"We're trying to keep this as low-key as possible. We don't want a circus like Bundy's execution," said Dick Milne, spokesman for Gov. Booth Gardner, whose office would

decide whether to grant any possible last-minute request for commutation of the death sentence.

Groups opposed to capital punishment are gearing up for demonstrations against Campbell's execution, should a stay be denied.

Even some relatives of murder victims oppose capital punishment, she said, believing resources spent executing "a symbolic few could better be spent on rehabilitation and other programs."

Death penalty opponents are planning demonstrations at Walla Walla, Seattle, and possibly Olympia, she

said. There is also a feeling among her group — a coalition of religious, human rights and civil liberties organizations — that the court system has been unwilling to fully hear legal issues raised by Campbell, Mathis said.

"The courts have been unwilling to hear the issues in this case," she said. "We're feeling some real outrage these haven't been fully heard."

Campbell, who has had two previous execution dates postponed, has appealed his conviction and sentence through both state and federal courts.

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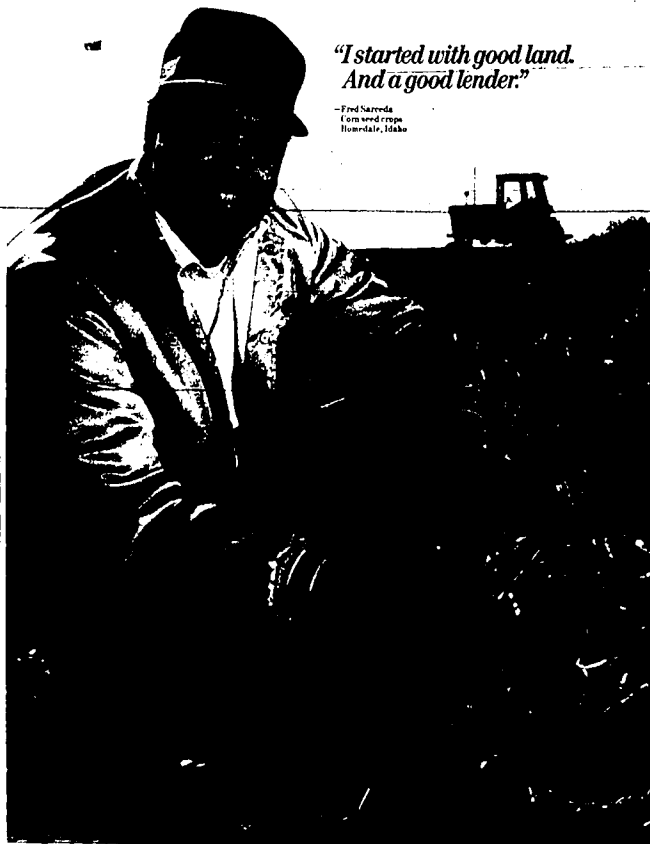
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2 group homes in Moscow may lose Medicaid funding

MOSCOW (AP) — The two Stepping Stones Inc. group homes for the mentally handicapped in Moscow are out of compliance with new federal regulations and could lose Medicaid funding, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare says.

But the company is working to expand its staff and increase activities in the homes to comply with the new laws before an April 16 deadline, said Mike Cherasia, executive director of Stepping Stones.

The new regulations are making it more difficult for the operators (of group homes), Cherasia said. "But long term, it will mean a better standard of care for the residents."

State Health and Welfare officials surveyed the two group homes March 2 and found that the number and quality of activities for residents

did not meet new federal requirements, which were adopted last October, said Loyal Perry of Boise, supervisor of facility licensing and certification.

Stepping Stones has been given 45 days — until April 16 — to upgrade the programs.

The requirement is for continuous programming throughout the day, Perry said. "There just isn't enough (at the Moscow homes)."

If Stepping Stones fails to meet the standards by the deadline, he said, Health and Welfare likely will recommend that the company's Medicaid funding be eliminated.

Stepping Stones charges each of its 16 group home residents from \$102 to \$120 per day, all of which is covered by Medicaid. Adding addi-

tional programs will drive up the cost, and Cherasia said Stepping Stones would have to apply for additional federal reimbursement to cover it.

He said interpreting exactly what the new law requires has been difficult. But to ensure compliance, the company has hired one new staff member for the homes and likely will hire more.

"It used to be you could have a formal program every three hours," Cherasia said. "That doesn't make it anymore. It needs to be a more intense experience."

The homes are training facilities as well as residences, and programs range from leaning how to do household chores to pre-vocational training, he said.

Victim's parents say convicted man not guilty of murder

NAMPA (AP) — The parents of slain Nampa police drug informant Denise Williams say they do not believe Maxwell Hoffman is guilty of murder in their daughter's slaying.

They also do not think the 32-year-old Nampa man, who was convicted of first-degree murder Thursday in Owyhee County, should be sentenced to death.

And although Bill and Lois Fisher say they believe Ronald Wages of Caldwell, who has pleaded guilty to Ms. Williams' murder, is at least partly responsible for their daughter's death, they do not think he should be executed, either.

Hoffman is scheduled to be sentenced May 12 by 3rd District Judge Gerald Weston in Murphy.

"I just don't think he (Hoffman) is guilty," Mrs. Fisher said after Hoffman's murder trial. She said she believes someone else helped Wages kill Ms. Williams, but that Hoffman also probably was involved.

"I'm very, very confused," Mrs. Fisher said. "We have information that I can't disclose ... I don't think it's over ... I know there is more."

Her husband said he could not support death sentences against either Hoffman or Wages while others who share responsibility for his daughter's slaying are still running free.

The Fishers contend the Nampa Police Department was negligent by failing to provide adequate protection for their 28-year-old daughter, and that it should share in the responsibility for Ms. Williams' death.

She disappeared Sept. 18, 1987 and her body was found last Aug. 2 in a remote Owyhee County ravine.

A third man allegedly ordered Hoffman and Wages to kill Ms. Williams in revenge for information she gave police that led to drug arrests at his home. But Richard Williams was stabbed to death during a riot at the Idaho State Penitentiary last September. A fellow inmate is charged with his slaying.

Meanwhile, the Fishers said they have taken their case to attorneys both in Idaho and outside the state, but have been unable to convince anyone to represent them in a civil action against Nampa police.

"Nobody will take it," Fisher said.

Funding for nursing home not in danger, officials say

BOISE (AP) — The Capital Care Center, Idaho's second-largest nursing home, will not lose Medicare and Medicaid funds, the state has decided.

In January, the Idaho Bureau of Facility Standards gave the home 60 days to improve conditions or lose the funds.

Loyal Perry, a supervisor for the bureau, said at the time that the nursing home fell short in nursing standards, social services, and in providing group and individual activities.

But after another inspection, completed this week, Perry said the home had improved conditions significantly, and he would not recommend a cutoff of funds.

He gave the word Thursday to Capital Care Administrator Merlin Davey.

"We found some good improvement," Perry said. "They've hired a lot of new staff and the patients

looked good. There are very very few complaints from patients and families. In fact, we got compliments."

This was the second time in six months that Capital Care had been in a similar situation. In August and September, inspectors found that the home fell short of standards in several areas, including infection control, nutritional monitoring and measures to prevent bedsores.

But in November, another inspection found improvement and funds were not cut off.

In January, following yet another inspection, Perry said the bureau could cut off Medicare and Medicaid funding for all patients, or for new patients only.

Only a few of the patients at the home receive Medicare, but 80 percent receive Medicaid, Davey said. A Medicare cutoff would have automatically triggered loss of Medicaid as well.

MCI officials accuse GTE of stifling competition

MOSCOW (AP) — GTE Northwest has thrown up an electronic barrier in its northern Idaho service area, barring competing long-distance telephone companies from offering their services to GTE customers, MCI Telecommunications Co. officials contend.

But GTE maintains it has a legal right to obstruct MCI from accessing telephone lines in northern Idaho under a law passed by the 1988 Legislature.

The Everett, Wash.-based company says it plans to remain the sole provider of long-distance calls within its service region, which stretches from Genesee north to Canada.

The battle over access to the 269,000 Panhandle long-distance customers is in the hands of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. Don Eberle, director of external affairs at MCI's Denver office, said the question it has set before the PUC is the same one that led to the breakup of the Bell telephone system.

The reason AT&T was broken up in 1984 was because the old Bell company was blocking MCI's access to customers and that's against the anti-trust laws, Eberle said. This is the very same issue. GTE is using a

local bottleneck to choke off competition."

GTE has programmed its electronic switching machines to route all long-distance calls within northern Idaho to its system, including those dialed by customers using a special prefix designed to access MCI long-distance service.

GTE spokesman Tom Borgford said the company believes it has the legal authority to prevent long-distance competition from MCI within its Panhandle service area.

"As long as we continue to be a regulated company, we offer what we choose to offer there, and at this point we don't choose to offer access to MCI," he said. "It's not just them; we're not offering access to that particular market to any of the inter-exchange carriers like Sprint or AT&T."

But without that access, Eberle said, MCI is left out in the cold.

"We rely on and have to use that local exchange company to deliver our product to our customers," he said. The Telecommunications Act of 1988 essentially allowed phone companies to remove everything but basic local telephone service from state rate regulation.

Forests list losses on timber sales

BOISE (AP) — Despite a robust wood-products economy, nine out of 10 national forests in Idaho posted losses on timber sale programs for fiscal 1988, according to U.S. Forest Service figures.

An accounting of the U.S. Forest Service's timber program released Friday also showed that logging on Idaho federal lands supports more than 8,200 jobs, injects \$230 million into local communities and returns \$10.3 million to counties for school funding and road maintenance.

The Panhandle National Forest continues to lead the pack with \$4 million in revenue, while the Targhee and Clearwater national forests are bleeding the most red ink, losing \$2.2 million and \$1.6 million respectively.

The 1988 revenue figures differ little from 1987, when only two of Idaho's national forests posted net profits after sending 25 percent of their revenues to counties for school funding and road maintenance.

Payments to counties, however, have grown steadily in recent years, reflecting higher timber harvests and a strong wood-pro-

ducts economy. Boise County Clerk Arlene Kolar said Boise County will receive about \$308,000 in revenues, 55 percent of the county's road budget.

"Without the federal forest receipts, a road department in Boise County would be virtually non-existent, with only the barest of crisis-control maintenance able to be done," Kolar said.

"It cannot be stressed enough how important these dollars are to local units of government."

Environmentalists have attacked the Forest Service's timber-sale program, calling for a halt to deficit logging. They fear forest watersheds and wildlife habitat are being harmed in exchange for timber of dubious value.

Wally Shiverdecker, a spokesman for the Forest Service's Region 4 in Ogden, Utah, said the forests make no apologies for losing money on timber programs.

"We're trying to provide a healthy mix of goods and services on every national forest," Shiverdecker said. "We're doing what we can to contribute to rural economies."

Publishing business began in Utah barn

LAYTON, Utah (AP) — When Gibbs Smith moved his humble publishing business to his father-in-law's old barn in Utah, callers could hear cows lowing in the background as he talked on the telephone.

There were squawking chickens to contend with, too. But novices in publishing can't be particular, or absolutely certain when their next meal will find them.

"It was probably pure idiocy. It was the '60s and we felt we were in there with all the other guys trying to do things a different way," says Catherine Smith, Gibbs' wife, recalling the couple's 1969 plunge into publishing from a sculptor's studio in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Three lean years later, the only two employees of Peregrine Smith Books left their office-home-warehouse and moved east, not to the sky-scraping strongholds of publishing in Manhattan, but to the pastoral solitude of their northern Utah roots.

Her father, a banker, gave them a house rent-free. They lived on \$200 a month, scraping by on many a Sunday dinner at his parents' or hers. The only recreation they could afford was hiking and camping.

Born in California, Gibbs Smith had been largely raised in Utah, but like Catherine, in the mountainous

and populous north. Now the couple tramped as newcomers among the colorful cliffs and spires of the southern Utah desert canyons, their awe matched only by the sandstone gullies.

"I could see that what we had in southern Utah was just as beautiful in its way as the California coast and just as unusual. I came with those eyes, where I didn't have those eyes in college," Smith said.

He had earned a master's degree in history at the University of Utah and, as a graduate student in Santa Barbara, turned his thesis into "Joe Hill," a book on the American labor hero and songwriter.

Entranced by each detail of the publication of his work by Grosset & Dunlap, and with \$15,000 for the screen rights, Smith started his own company, publishing four books on California history and culture the first year. The \$2,500 the couple earned insured a second year. But four years passed before they hired anyone else.

"I loved writing and I loved the publishing process," Smith said. "And I loved the idea that you could actually produce something as an author or publisher that could affect large numbers of people and live on for decades or centuries."

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Electronic warfare testing range in Utah desert still in review

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Air Force officials say parts of an 85-page internal report on the proposed electronic warfare testing range in Utah's western desert are no longer valid and that plans for the range are still in a state of change and review.

The document, drafted nearly a year ago, contains more details on the range than were provided at public hearings months after it was circulated among Air Force officials.

The report mentions the possibility of increased night flights out of Hill Air Force Base.

However, Hill spokesman Maj. Portin Mc-

Cracken, reacting to the document slipping into reporters hands, noted that plans for the range have been revised several times since the report was first circulated internally.

"We have a lot of planning and draft documents" in proposal processes, added Lt. Col. Tom Bartol, a Norton Air Force Base, Calif., civil-engineer-responsible-for-producing-an environmental impact statement on the electronic range.

The study mentions, among other things, that the Air Force is concerned with Hill's ability to stage the night flights for range purposes. Hill has the Air Force's single bus-

test runway and already must deal with opposition from neighboring communities to more noisy flights.

The Air Force document suggested improving airstrips at Wendover and Dugway Proving Ground's Michael Army Air Field, at the north and east edges of the proposed range, as a solution.

"Conservation of flying hours, as well as security considerations and congestion at Hill AFB, render these options attractive," the report said.

"The combination of high population density, the proximity of a large body of water

(the Great Salt Lake), and the presence of only a single airstrip make Hill AFB a marginal staging alternative for extremely high value, irreplaceable test aircraft prototypes," the study concludes.

Lt. Col. Bob Greenlee, of the Operational Test and Evaluation Center at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., said other possible staging areas might be mentioned in the draft environmental impact statement to be publicly released in late June.

But improvements to other fields could run into resistance and will take time. Until the mid-1990s, the draft said, most flights

aiming for the range would take off and land at Hill. Bartol said Hill would remain a staging area for some electronic range flights, even if other airstrips take part of the load.

Because of the prohibitive cost of moving existing test equipment and personnel from Hill, the Air Force said, the range's mission control center would remain at the base.

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Devries, McGowan roll highest games

By The Times-News
TWIN FALLS — Jim Devries and Cathy McGowan earned the high game and High Farmer earned the best-series honors in city league bowling for the week of March 5.

Devries — and — McGowan — each posted a 267 in a full 49 pins better than runner-up Melaine Malsen, who registered a 219 in the Pioneer League at the Magic Bowl.

Farm's 674 series came in the Magic Church League at the Magic Bowl.

McGowan's 267 was a full 49 pins better than runner-up Melaine Malsen, who registered a 219 in the Pioneer League at the Magic Bowl.

Farm's 674 topped runner-up Lee Poe by 19 pins for high-series honors. Poe bowled his 655 in the Valley League at the Magic Bowl.

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Weber outlasts Ferraro for PBA Championship

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Pete Weber became the third man to win bowling's triple crown when he beat Dave Ferraro 221-216 Saturday for the title in the \$280,000 Professional Bowlers' Association National Championship.

Weber, of Florissant, Mo., won the 1987 Tournament of Champions and the 1988 U.S. Open, the other two legs.

With his first prize of \$54,000, the second-largest on the PBA tour, Weber moved within \$955 of joining Mark Roth, Marshall Holman and Earl Anthony as the only bowlers to win \$1 million in their careers.

"You can't imagine what it feels like to win," Weber said. "I love the long format tournaments. The best players always come to the top. (Ferraro) deserved to win just as much as me."

After Ferraro missed a spare in the second frame, Weber took a 12-pin lead and extended it 30 in the fourth frame. Ferraro rolled strikes in frames five through eight to pull ahead by four.

In the final frame, Ferraro had a chance to win with two strikes plus six pins. He carried the first strike, but not the second. Ferraro of Kingston, N.Y., made \$27,500 for finishing second.

Ferraro earned his finals berth by beating Venezuela's Amleto Moncelli 203-200 in the semifinal. Moncelli finished third for \$16,000.

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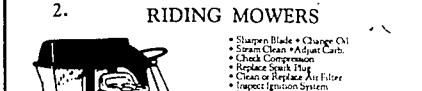
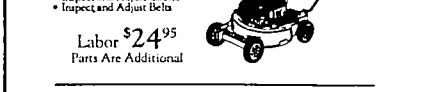
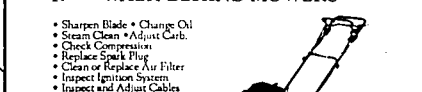
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Toronto, Mets brawl to disturb tranquil exhibition atmosphere

By The Associated Press

It was not the usual placid exhibition game. Instead, Saturday's Toronto-New York Mets game at Duncedin, Fla., was punctuated by three bench-clearing incidents, resulting in ejections of Darryl Strawberry of the Mets and Kelly Gruber and Jeff Musselman of the Blue Jays.

The Blue Jays won the game 7-5 on Rob Ducey's three-run homer with two out in the bottom of the ninth off Mets relief ace Randy Myers.

The chain of bench-clearing events began in the fourth inning when Mets starter Ron Darling hit Jesse Barfield in the back with a pitch. Barfield, who had hit a solo homer in the second, began walking toward Darling before being restrained.

Players from both benches and bullpen emptied onto the infield, but no punches were thrown.

In the sixth, Musselman hit Strawberry in the back with a pitch. Strawberry rushed the mound, but Musselman evaded him.

Catcher Pat Borders caught Strawberry from behind and put a bear hug on him. Third baseman Gruber arrived about the same time and

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tackled Strawberry. After Musselman was ejected and both benches had emptied, Strawberry reached third on two Blue Jays' errors. He then began exchanging words with Gruber.

Strawberry then made an attempt to get at Gruber, but was restrained by third base coach Sam Perlozzo. Both benches emptied again and the umpires ejected the two players.

Braves 10, Orioles 3

Jody Davis singled home two runs to cap a five-run sixth inning as Atlanta beat Baltimore 10-3.

The Braves got two other hits and four walks off Mark Smith in the big inning.

All of winning pitcher Tom Glavin's three victories this spring have come against the Orioles.

Red Sox (8) 4, Astros 3

Sam Horn's home run in the seventh off Dan Schatzeder broke a 3-3

tie and gave Boston a 4-3 victory over Houston.

Carlos Quiptana singled in Boston's first run and Randy Kutchler doubled in the other two runs.

Kevin Bass drove in two Houston runs with a single and a sacrifice fly.

Rangers 8, Red Sox 4 (as)

Buddy Bell and Julio Franco had three hits apiece as Texas extended its longest pre-season winning streak since 1981 to six games with an 8-4 victory over another Boston team.

The Rangers battered starter John Dopper for six runs and nine hits in four innings.

Rookie Dean Palmer and Gino Petralli each drove in two runs for Texas.

Jim Rice had three hits for Boston, including a two-run homer, his fourth. Mike Greenwell singled in the other two Boston runs.

Dodgers 2, Expos 1

Mickey Hatcher's RBI single in the 11th inning gave Los Angeles a 2-1 victory over Montreal.

Los Angeles starter Ramon Martinez gave up two hits in five scoreless innings.

The Dodgers' other run came when Mariano Duncan led off the game with a single and Chris Gwynn doubled him home.

New York 7, Chicago 0

Andy Hawkins, Lee Guetterman and Hipolito Pena combined for a five-hitter as New York blanked Chicago 7-0.

Bob Ceren hit a two-run homer

and Kevin Mass doubled in two runs for the Yankees.

Hawkins was first Yankee's starter to go six innings this spring. He gave up four hits and a walk while striking out four.

Phillies 7, Tigers 6

Shortstop Luis Salazar's error in the top of the 10th inning allowed rookie Eric Bullock to score the winning run as Philadelphia beat Detroit 7-6.

Dickie Thon had two hits, including a three-run homer for the Phillies.

Reds 5, Royals 3

Scotti Madison, Lenny Harris and Luis Quinones each drove in a run in the 11th inning as Cincinnati topped Kansas City 5-3. The three-hour, 27 minute game was the Royals' fourth extra-inning game of the week.

Cardinals 4, Twins 3

Tom Jones' sacrifice fly in the top of the ninth inning scored Tony Pena, with the tie-breaking run as St. Louis beat Minnesota 4-3.

Brewers 5, Indians 3

Glenn Braggs had three hits and drove in a run as Milwaukee beat Cleveland. LaVel Freeman homered for the Brewers.

Cubs 18, A's 6

Rookie Phil Stephenson had three hits and four runs batted in to lead a 17-hit Chicago attack as the Cubs outlasted Oakland 18-6.



Toronto's Jesse Barfield is restrained after being hit by a pitch

Twin Falls now 2-1 after Meridian wins

The Times-News

Prep baseball

MERIDIAN — Defending state Class A high school baseball champion Twin Falls got its 1989 season off to a successful start with a 2-1 record at the Meridian Invitational Baseball Kickoff.

The Bruins dropped a 9-7 decision to Meridian on Saturday after beating Borah 7-1 earlier in the day. Twin Falls opened its season on Friday by routing Boise, 15-4.

Twin Falls led the Warriors 7-6 headed into the bottom of the seventh inning Saturday, but Meridian pushed across three runs on a walk, a hit batsman, an intentional walk, another hit batsman, a sacrifice and a two-run single by Kirk Klukkedal.

The Bruins had taken the lead in the top of the inning when Shayn Wallace got aboard on an error with one out, advanced on a fielder's choice and scored on Boomer Walker's sacrifice fly.

Meridian had taken a 6-5 lead with six runs in the third inning, but the Bruins came back to tie the game in the sixth when Walker walked, advanced on a sacrifice bunt by Matt Rasmussen, moved to third on a sacrifice fly by Jody Bryant and scored on a double by Shane Quesnell.

Twin Falls hammered 10 hits, including two each by Walker, Quesnell and Wallace.

Earlier Saturday, junior right-hander Chris Smith scattered five hits and struck out three in whipping the

Lions, the team Twin Falls beat in the state championship game last spring.

Smith was aided by three Twin Falls double plays and four Borah errors.

On Friday, the Bruins struck for six runs in the second, three in the fourth and five in the seventh to crush Boise.

Twin Falls hammered 14 hits, two each by Walker, Bryant and Wallace. Lyle-Hudelson hit a grand-slam homer in the seventh.

Twin Falls' scheduled game at Capital Friday was canceled.

The Bruins will participate in the Mini-Cassia Easter Tournament, which starts Thursday in Rupert and Burley. Twin Falls will open up against Burley on the Bobcats' diamond Thursday at 1 p.m.

Meridian 8, Twin Falls 7
Twin Falls 2:30 7-10 3
Meridian 0:00 5-9 7
Armstrong, Thomas 23, Culp 15 and Quesnell, Stang, Hampton 14, DeLanor 11 and Barber 10 — Duke 10:10 — Culp 10:11

Twin Falls 7, Borah 1
Twin Falls 10:00 7-1 1
Borah 0:00 1-1 1 4
Smith and Hunter-Johnson and Anderson, W. — Smith 10:11 — Johnson 10:11

Friday's game
Twin Falls 15, Boise 4
Twin Falls 0:00 3:15-15 14 3
Boise 0:00 10:0-7 4
Bryant, 14rd 13 and Quesnell, Armstrong, Gordon 12 and Zerk, W. — Hernandez 11:10 — Armstrong 11:10 — Twin Falls Hudelson 10:11

Stanford women swimmers take title

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Richard Quick, who led Texas to five consecutive NCAA women's swimming and diving titles, led Stanford to the championship Saturday in his first year as coach.

The 1988 U.S. Olympic coach won his sixth consecutive title when Stanford, leading by 25 points going into Saturday's finals, outscored Texas 610.5 to 547 for its second-ever NCAA title.

Florida, the favorite coming into the NAAs, was third with 536, followed by Tennessee with 258.5 and California, 234.

The Cardinal won no individual ti-

ties Saturday night in the Indiana University Natatorium, but placed nine swimmers in the championship heats to Florida's five. They recorded two second-place finishes, a third and two fourths.

The Texas 400 freestyle relay team of Julie Cooper, Courtney Madsen, Jeannine Doolan and Leigh Ann Fetter set an American, U.S. open and NCAA record of 3:15.48.

The Longhorns broke the record of 3:16.89 set by Florida at this meet last year.

Cooper swam the opening 100 in 49.64 seconds and Madsen swam a 48.3 behind her.

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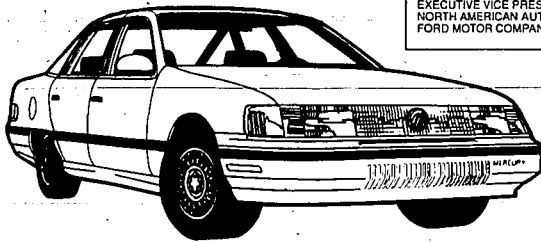
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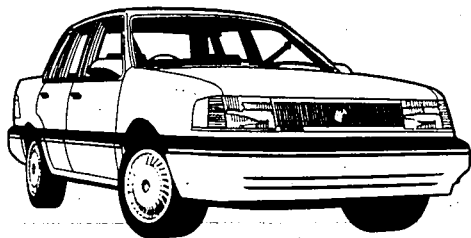
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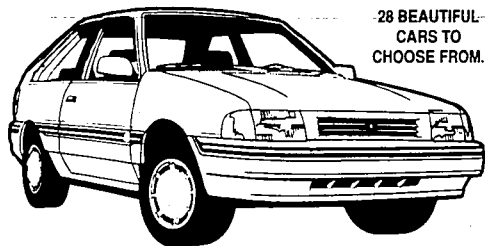
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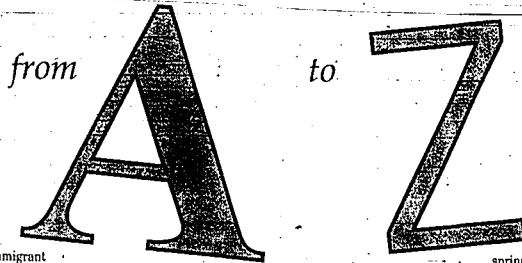
The top four contestants in each event will compete in the pre-rodeo entertainment championship finals at 7:30 p.m. on March 24th and 25th at the C.S.I. expo center.

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The Magic Valley



By LORAYNE ORTON SMITH
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If you've ever wondered what there is to see or do in Magic Valley, this "A to Z" list is designed for you.

A few of the places no longer exist, but are part of the history of Twin Falls. They should revive memories for longtime residents who undoubtedly will think of many more which might have been included. Newcomers may be surprised at the variety of scenic attractions.

With Idaho's Centennial approaching, all Idahoans are urged to know more about their state. We hope this helps.

Albion — One of the most historic towns in Magic Valley, Albion is nestled in the foothills southeast of Burley. It was a stage-coach stop in pioneer days and until 1919 was county seat of Cassia County, which once encompassed all of what is now Twin Falls County. The old courthouse, now Arnold's Mart, was the scene of the famous trial of Diamondfield Jack Davis, charged with killing two sheepherders. Scaffolding was erected for his hanging several times but legal maneuvers by James H. Wiley, later Idaho governor, always brought reprieves carried by galloping horsemen. The campus of the former Albion Normal School is listed on the Historic Register of Historic Places.

Balanced Rock — A 40-foot-high mushroom shaped rock located 16 miles southwest from Buhl. The route to this unusual geological formation goes through Castleford and a canyon of basalt formation which gave Castleford its name. A park along nearby Salmon Falls Creek provides picnic facilities.

College of Southern Idaho — The 240-acre campus on the north side of Twin Falls serves 8,000 students in academic, vocational and continuing education programs. Thousands of trees and flowers beautify the campus which has a two-mile Fitness Trail. In addition to sports and cultural centers, CSI has one of the finest anthropological collections in the state at the Herrett Museum, on the northeast edge of the campus.

Dierkes Lake — Located along the Snake River Canyon near Shoshone Falls, the lake was once a peach orchard which, over a decade, became inundated with seepage water after irrigation started on the Twin Falls tract. It is named for John Dierkes, a Ger-

man immigrant who came here in 1907. By 1927 the last crop of peaches was picked from row-boats. The lake, a popular swimming hole, is now part of a large park operated by the city of Twin Falls.

Easley's Plunge — located about 15 miles north of Ketchum on Highway 75, the springs provide naturally warmed water for public swimming pool and picnic area operated by the Baptist Church which has church camp nearby. Hot

springs commercial pools also are available in Ketchum and Hagerman Valley.

Fish Hatcheries — Commercial hatcheries throughout the Snake River Canyon from Twin Falls through Hagerman Valley provide an estimated 75 percent of the commercially produced trout in the U.S., while state and national fish hatcheries in Hagerman Valley produce some 5 million trout annually for stocking streams and lakes. There

are many parks and campgrounds near the hatcheries along Highway 30.

Golf courses — Five courses are available within a 15-mile area of Twin Falls: Blue Lakes and Canyon Springs in the Snake River canyon, Twin Falls Municipal, Buhl Country Club and Jerome. Golfing is also available at Gooding, Rupert, Burley, with four courses in the Ketchum-Sun Valley area.

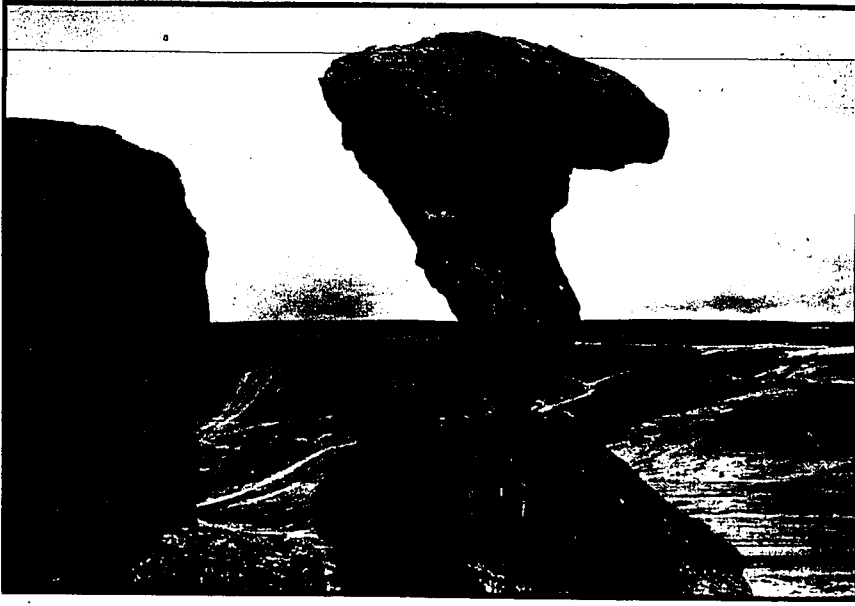
Hailley — Blaine County seat and site of early day mining activity, Hailley also is the birthplace of Ezra Pound, a controversial 20th century poet. Hailley had the first electric light system in Idaho in 1889. The county historical museum is easily found on Main Street and a few blocks away are remains of the old Hiawatha Hotel, victim of arson in the late 1970's. Built in 1883 to 86, partially with contributions from industrialist Thomas Mellon of Pittsburgh, it was considered the best hotel between Denver and the Pacific Coast.

Ice Caves — The Shoshone Ice Caves, 17 miles north of Shoshone, near Highway 75, are considered one of the natural wonders of the world. Legend tells of an Indian maiden and her lover who spent the winter there. Developed as part of a WPA project in the 1930s a second entrance nearly destroyed most of the ice. But nature's own refrigeration process was reestablished in 1954 by Russell Robinson. Guided tours are available April 1 to Oct. 1.

Other area caves include Crystal Ice Cave in the Great Rift Natural Landmark north of American Falls Dam and Mammoth Cave, seven miles north of Shoshone.

Jarbridge, Nev. — A picturesque old mining town in a narrow valley in northern Nevada, Jarbridge draws crowds each year for its July 4 celebration. It also is the site of the last known stagecoach robbery in the west. Take Highway 93 south from Twin Falls to Rogerson, cross Salmon Dam and follow a dirt road through rolling open range land little changed since pioneer days.

Ketchum-Sun Valley — Site of the first major ski resort in the U.S. and the world's first chair lift, Sun Valley resort offers year-round activity including summer ice shows. In addition to its world-famous ski slopes, both Sun Valley village and Ketchum have many picturesque shops and eateries. Fishing, camping, hiking and picnic facilities abound in the nearby Sawtooth National Forest.



Balanced Rock is a 40-foot-high structure near Salmon Falls Creek southwest of Buhl

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Buzz Langdon Tourist Information Center opens in April

By LORAYNE ORTON SMITH
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Buzz Langdon Tourist Information Center at the Perrine Memorial Bridge north of Twin Falls is scheduled to open in late April, with public ceremonies scheduled for May.

J. Kent Just, executive vice president of the Greater Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, says a ceremony will be held May 17 when a bronze plaque and bust of the late Buzz Langdon will be placed in the

building. The former chamber executive was instrumental in establishing the information center before his death last year.

The building has been constructed with donated labor. Individuals and service groups who have helped in the project will be honored along with Langdon at the official opening.

A public opening is scheduled for May 20. But even before these ceremonies, volunteers will serve four-hour shifts at the center to an-

swer tourists' questions and to encourage them to remain in the area to visit scenic attractions.

Rosemary Evans, director of the retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP) at the Office on Aging at the College of Southern Idaho, said 114 persons have pledged to donate time at the information center. But more volunteers are always welcome. Interested persons should call Evans at 734-7583.

Tourist center volunteers must attend one of the Idaho seminars

which are being held throughout the state. This seminar, first developed by the state's hotel/motel industry, shows techniques for greeting tourists and offering suggestions for scenic places they should visit.

As the Centennial approaches, all types of businesses dealing with tourists are also urged to send employees for the training. Cost is \$10 per person. For information contact Nancy Paine, 734-0373.

Additional seminars are scheduled for Wednesday in the CSI

Desert building, Room 113; on Thursday in the KMYT Community Room; March 30 and April 3, both at the Office on Aging annex on the CSI campus on Washington Street North, and on April 6, at the Weston Plaza, former Holiday Inn. These sessions run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Evening sessions, meeting from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., are scheduled for March 28 and 30 in Buhl, April 3 and 4 in Arco, and April 10 and 11 at Con Pulos Chevrolet, Jerome.

Ruth Anderson, a seminar leader

and co-owner of Anderson Campgrounds on Interstate 84, says 5,000 visitors are expected in Idaho during the state's Centennial in 1990 and "these are to prepare us to be ready for them."

She says the Idaho seminar is based on a similar program given prior to the Expo in Vancouver, British Columbia. That training succeeded so well that everyone attending the Expo was impressed with the graciousness and knowledge shown by employees and volunteers there, Anderson says.

Society presents old-time style show

The charm of fashionable clothing of days gone-by was brought to life this week at a unique style show produced by the Twin Falls County Historical Society for a Twentieth Century Club luncheon.

Narrated and organized by Helen Thorne, the style show featured many of the clothes on exhibit at the county historical museum, located west of town on Highway 30 near Curry. Thorne urges residents to take time to visit the museum "so your children will know how your parents lived in the new raw country" of Twin Falls more than 80 years ago.

Among the most interesting items in the show were an 1840-era wedding dress from the museum, with a huge bustle and two rows of pleated ruffles at the hemline, modeled by Julie Ward, and a satin dress with several layers of tulle, modeled by Virginia Butler, once owned by the late Mrs. Walt Prebe.

Carma Smith modeled a Red Cross uniform her mother wore during World War I while working in an infirmary in Tulsa, Okla. Another gown of special interest was the formal worn by the late Emily Claiborn of Kimberly to the Idaho governor's ball in 1963. Thorne says the blue



Lorayne O. Smith
Spotlight

satin and black lace gown is a replica of one worn in 1860 to the grand ball of the Academy of Music in New York City honoring the Prince of Wales.

Ralph Michael McFarlane, son of Mary McFarlane, Twin Falls, and the late Ralph McFarlane, is starring in "South Pacific" at Drury Lane Theatre in Chicago. A veteran of musical productions, he plays the role of Emile Debecque, the loveliest Frenchman.

McFarlane has played leading roles throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and South America in opera, operetta and concert performances. He also has sung on cruise ships and appeared in shows and cabaret in leading hotels.

Currently the former Twin Falls man is producing, directing and performing in his own touring shows "Romberg Remembered" and "On Stage Off Stage" under the auspices of Community Concert Association of New York City.

College of Southern Idaho agriculture students brought home honors from the annual competition of the Post Secondary Ag students of Idaho in Rexburg.

First place awards went to Wanda Ingalls, Murtagh, in career planning; Deann Brown, Gooding, in beef production and Stephanie Mays, Gooding, in agrusiness.

Jim Wilson, CSI advisor, was named outstanding advisor in the state. He also serves as state association president.

Lance C. Chugg, son of Boyd Chugg, Rupert, and Gerry Chugg, Twin Falls, was on the fall semester honor's list at Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, Calif.

Stacey Torigiani, Twin Falls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Burks, Twin Falls, was second in junior duo interpretation at a college speech tournament in Spokane, sponsored by the Western Speech Association. She attends Pacific University, Forest Grove, Ore.

Trace Ann Ross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don L. Bryan, Twin Falls, recently appeared in a performance of the Greek tragedy, "Antigone" at Interlochen Arts Academy, Interlochen, Mich. She is a senior at the

academy, reported to be the nation's first educational, private boarding high school to offer intensive training in the arts — music, dance, theater, visual arts, creative writing and design and production. Some 400 students from throughout the world attend, according to a school news release.

R. Ted Murray, son of Tom and Marilyn Murray, Twin Falls, has been named a Collegiate Scholastic All-American. A student at Utah State University, Logan, he was nominated for the national award by Dr. Ted Coleman, USU dean.

Steve J. Miller, Twin Falls, was awarded Academic Distinction for the fall semester at Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash.

Magic Valley residents who will participate in the International Winter Special Olympic Games April 1 to 8 in Squaw Valley near Lake Tahoe, include Mary James, Filer; David Woodall, and Stewart Cathcart, both Burley. Judy Perry, Twin Falls, is a Nordic coach.

Super Students at Wendell Elementary School are announced by Gary D. Thomasson, principal. They include Derek Maxwell, Allyson

Precocious poet draws recruiters

It is impossible to know, really, where our daughter Jennifer's talent for writing poetry springs from. Some claim it derives from our family's bookish ways. Others insist it's one of those mysterious genetic flukes, like a gift for music, mathematics or even athletics. Suffice to say, Jennifer's talent revealed itself at age 4. Without warning, she was composing couplets and cantos of rare beauty and eloquence.

At first it was her mother and I responding to her efforts with characteristic parental pride and enthusiasm. Then it was our friends responding with a trace of surprise and unabashed admiration.

It wasn't long before Jennifer's teachers, too, were remarking on her precocious capability. Each year at the parent-teacher conference, there we were, listening to Miss Marshall, or Mrs. Taf, Mr. McWilliams, Miss Wallingford, or Mr. Tidwell tell us that while Jennifer's school performance in gen-

Thomas J. Cottle

eral was average, her poetry was amazing.

To be perfectly truthful, by eighth grade Jennifer had established an academic pattern that would barely change during high school. History and language courses were completed without distinction. Bs and Cs. Mathematics and sciences at best were flirtations with disaster. We prayed for Cs but maintained our good spirits when the Ds arrived. It wasn't all that difficult, knowing what the English marks would be. On three occasions, teachers wrote us that an A-plus would have been an undervaluation of Jennifer's work.

In sum, we collected reasonable report cards for a nice kid with a God-given talent about which she always remained humble. Jennifer knew she hadn't achieved it; she merely had been a faithful customer. • See POET on Page D2

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Anniversary

The Pruetts

SHOSHONE — Dwayne and Azell Pruetts observed their 40th wedding anniversary. The couple were married on March 13, 1949, at the Methodist Church in Gooding. They have lived in Shoshone for the last 34 years. He works for the Union Pacific Railroad as district truck driver. She worked for Groese Drug before retiring. The couple has two children, Phyllis Moore of Salt Lake City, Utah and Debra Kline of Glendale, Calif., and three grandchildren.

Weddings

Koontz-Lucas

KIMBERLY — Libby Koontz and Lane Lucas were married Dec. 24 at the home of the bride's grandmother, Anna Holesensky in Twin Falls. The bride is the daughter of John and Louise Koontz of Kimberly, and parents of the bridegroom are Larry Lucas of Jerome and Lynda Barrett of Boise. A reception was held at the Turf Club on Feb. 4. Koontz graduated from Kimberly High School in 1985. She attended Cooley College in Missoula and the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Maurices. Lucas graduated from Jerome High School in 1982. He is employed in the construction business with his father. The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.



Lane and Libby Lucas

Watts-Eschbach

WENDELL — Susan Watts and Barry Eschbach were married Nov. 26 at the First Christian Church in Twin Falls. Officiating was the Rev. John Parrish. Janet Vermilyea was the pianist and Sam Vermilyea was the soloist. The bride is the daughter of Darrel and Virginia Watts of Wendell, and parents of the bridegroom are Leonard and Doris Eschbach of St. Louis, Mo. Diane Davis, sister of the bride, was the bride's matron of honor and Mary Eschbach of St. Louis, Mo. and Bambi Jones of Filer served as the bridesmaids. Alexia Davis, niece of the bride, was the flower girl. Terry Eschbach, brother of the bridegroom, was best man and Dave Besselson of Jacksonville, Fla., and Rob Missavage of St. Louis, Mo. served as groomsmen. Todd Davis and Dan Chaddock were ushers and Jason Eschbach was the ringbearer. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Weinberg and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Beck, all of Wendell. A reception was held at the Holiday Inn. On Dec. 30 the bridegroom's parents held a buffet dinner and dance reception in St. Louis, Mo. Serving were Dolra Buse, Betty Watts and Tiffany Schimbke. Tammy Catmull attended the guest book and



Susan and Barry Eschbach

Audrey, Abby and Adriane Catmull were gift attendants. The bride is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Henningsen Cold Storage. The bridegroom is a graduate of the University of Missouri. He is employed at Pillsbury/Green Giant in Buhl. The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.

Markham-Bell

TWIN FALLS — Kimberly Sue Markham and Justin Dean Bell were married Feb. 18 at the First Presbyterian Church in Boise. Officiating was the Rev. James Moore. Betty Mann was the organist and Dawn Woodward was the soloist. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hafer and Mr. Dennis Markham, all of Twin Falls, and parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bell of Woodinville, Wash. Kerri Bulcher, was the bride's maid of honor and Debra Jones and Jennifer Bell served as the bridesmaids. The flower girl was Lindsay Guiles, cousin of the bride. Darin Smith, cousin of the groom, was best man and Ricardo Yanci and Brandon Markham served as groomsmen. Chase Guiles was ringbearer. Special guests included Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. White of Twin Falls, grandparents of the bride and Mrs. Lorraine Bull of Royal City, Wash., grandmother of the bridegroom. A reception was held at the Boshop house at the Old Penitentiary in Boise. Jan Hafer attended the guest book and gift attendants were Traver, Daletha and Chloe White. The newlyweds reside in Boise.



Kimberly and Justin Bell

The bride is a graduate of Jerome High School and attends Boise State University. She is employed at Mercy Medical Center. The bridegroom is a graduate of Richfield High School and also attends Boise State University. He is employed at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center. The newlyweds reside in Boise.

Service news

TWIN FALLS — Master Sgt. Larry R. Brubaker, former Twin Falls resident, was named the Air Force Logistics Command's First Sergeant of the Year at Hill Air Force Base, Brubaker, the 295th Combat Logistics Support Squadron first sergeant, was selected from a screened group of four first sergeant applicants commandwide. He was presented the award at a banquet at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio and will now advance to the Air Force 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year competition. A 1984 graduate of Twin Falls High School, he is married to the former Sylvia Mathis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Mathis, Twin Falls.

BUHL — Airman 1st Class Marie L. Shipley, a 1986 graduate of Buhl High School, is stationed at Mawsawa, Japan following completion of electrical and computer courses at Clark Air Force base in the Philippines. **TWIN FALLS** — Army National Guard Pvt. Timothy R. Muse, son of Jack Muse and Sharon R. Lancaster, both Twin Falls, has completed basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas. He is a 1985 graduate of Burley High School.

TWIN FALLS — Pvt. Tai Claess Lori A. Egan, daughter of Elizabeth A. Farnes and Benjamin E. Egan, both Twin Falls, has completed basic training at Ft. Jackson, S.C. She is a 1979 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

BURLEY — Army Pvt. Isidro Rodriguez, son of Rafael Rodriguez, Burley, has arrived for duty at West Germany with the 16th Infantry Regiment. He is a fighting vehicle infantryman. **TWIN FALLS** — Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth W. Buchholz, son of Herbert and Charlotte M. Buchholz, Twin Falls, has arrived for duty at Cannon Air Force Base, N.M. He is a vehicle maintenance superintendent with the 27th Transportation Squadron.

WENDELL — Slade W. Ruffing, son of Frank and Donna Ruffing, Wendell, has been promoted to the rank of airman first class. He is an aerospace ground equipment mechanic with the 58th Equipment Maintenance Squadron at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. His wife, Jennifer, is the daughter of Drue Phillips, Wendell. He is a 1987 graduate of Wendell High School. **TWIN FALLS** — Pvt. Chad C. Dobbe, son of Loree K. Anderson and Bert Dobbs Jr., both Twin Falls, has received the Army Achievement medal in West Germany where he is a single channel radio operator with the 84th Ordnance Battalion. He is a 1987 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

JEROME — Army Spec. Russell D. Teffer Jr., son of Russell D. and Mary E. Teffer, Jerome, has arrived for duty in South Korea. He is a graduate of Jerome High School, he is an aircraft powertrain repairer with the 2nd Infantry Division.

KIMBERLY — Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice William B. Weh, son of Arthur M. and Candice B. Weh, Kimberly, graduated from Coast Guard Recruit Training at Cape May, N.J. A 1987 graduate of Kimberly High School, he joined the Coast Guard in October 1988.

KEETCHUM — Marine Pfc. Daniel M. Hendricks, son of C. Daniel Hendricks, Keetchum, has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. He joined the Marine Corps in October 1988.

HAZELTON — Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Lance W. Hendrix, son of Grant Hendrix and Jan Musser, both of Hazelton, was promoted to his present rank upon graduation from Aviation Machinist's Mate course. A 1982 graduate of Twin Falls High School, he joined the Coast Guard in May 1985.

TWIN FALLS — Navy Airman Recruit Gregory W. Eslinger, son of Patti S. Eslinger, Twin Falls, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, San Diego. A 1987 graduate of Twin Falls High School, he joined the Navy in August 1988.

REBELLEVUE — Navy Hospitalman Recruit Jeff L. Carpenter, son of Ron L. and Linda J. Carpenter, Bellevue, was graduated from the Navy Hospital Corps School at San Diego. A 1988 graduate of Wood River High School, Hailey, he joined the Navy in July 1988.

TWIN FALLS — Marine Cpl. Russell E. Wright, son of Lanaia A. Robertson, Twin Falls, has been awarded a meritorious medal while serving with the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif. He joined the Marine Corps in January 1986.

TWIN FALLS — Marine 2nd Lt. James C. Stewart, son of Dale R. and Pat A. Stewart, Twin Falls, was graduated from basic school at the Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Va. A 1984 graduate of Twin Falls High School and a 1988 graduate of the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., with a B.S. degree, he joined the Marine Corps in May 1988.

HANSEN — Navy Seaman Recruit Crystal J. Pilant, daughter of Ron and Cynthia Pilant, Hansen, has completed recruit training at Orlando, Fla. A 1987 graduate of Salmon High School, she joined the Navy in April 1988.

GOODING — Marine Lance Cpl. Kurtis A. Silva, son of Manuel L. and Wanda E. Silva, Gooding, reported for duty with 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Camp Pendleton, Calif. A 1980 graduate of Gooding High School, he joined the Marine Corps in May 1986.

REBELLEVUE — Navy Hospitalman Recruit Jeff L. Carpenter, son of Ron L. and Linda J. Carpenter, Bellevue, was graduated from the Navy Hospital Corps School at San Diego. A 1988 graduate of Wood River High School, Hailey, he joined the Navy in July 1988.

County fair adds events for challenged entrants

TWIN FALLS — Talented individuals, young and old alike, who are considered physically and/or mentally challenged, will have the opportunity to compete for awards at the Twin Falls County Fair.

An entirely new section has been added to the home arts department for adults who meet these special qualifications.

Fair officials discovered a need for a special "challenged adult" section during the 1988 Fair. Such a section has been offered in prior years in the youth department.

Meeting with representatives from local support groups, as well as with department superintendents, brought positive enthusiasm for this project.

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Live ducks, rabbits aren't good as gifts

WASHINGTON — The only Easter bunny in your house should be the one hiding Easter eggs, according to the Humane Society of the United States. Live rabbits — or chicks or ducklings — should not be given as Easter gifts.

"These animals simply do not make good pets," Phyllis Wright, HSCS vice president for companion animals said.

Wright noted that although rabbits can be kept as house pets, they pose their own problems. "Too often, people get a cute little bunny with never a thought about how to take care of it. Rabbits need a special diet and require very specific care. They aren't just cats or dogs with long ears. They can be litter box trained, for example, but because they are relentless chewers they can't be left loose and unattended."

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Engagements

Murri-Secret

HAZELTON — Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hagen of Hazelton announce the engagement of their daughter, Judy Anne Murri to Michael Glenn Secret, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Secret of Lexington, Ky.

Murri is a graduate of Valley High School and the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed as an outside sales representative for Robertson Supply Company in Twin Falls.

Secret is a graduate of McDermitt High School in McDermitt, Nev. He is self-employed at Cady Auto, a livestock trucking firm in Hagerman.

The wedding is planned for June 24 in Hagerman.



Judy Murri and Michael Secret

Hipwell-Jayo

GRAND VIEW — George and Willa Hipwell of Grand View, announce the engagement of their daughter, Launa Hipwell to Randall Jayo, the son of Fred and Dee Jayo also of Grand View.

Hipwell is a graduate of Rimrock High School and attended Oregon State University. She is employed by Sage Gymnastics in Twin Falls.

Jayo is a graduate of Rimrock High School and graduated from the College of Southern Idaho. He is employed by the U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service in Shoshone.

The wedding is planned for June 24 at the residence of George Hipwell in Grand View.



Randall Jayo and Launa Hipwell

Baird-Miller

TWIN FALLS — Donna and Andrew J. Baird of Twin Falls, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nikki Baird to Charles J. Miller, the son of Charles Julian and Kathryn Miller of Pallatine, Ill.

Baird is a 1973 graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed at First Interstate Bank in Tempe, Ariz.

Miller is a 1974 graduate of Pallatine High School and is a 1983 graduate of Mesa, Ariz. Community College with an associate's degree in applied science. He works for the city of Tempe, Ariz.

The wedding is planned for Aug. 6.



Nikki Baird

Metcalf-Solosabal

EDEN — Ronald and Nellie Metcalf of Eden, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jolinda Sue Metcalf to John Richmond Solosabal, Jr., the son of Rich and Allene Solosabal of Glens Ferry.

Metcalf attended Valley High School and the College of Southern Idaho. She is a graduate of Lewis and Clark State College in Lewiston. She is currently employed by the Glens Ferry School District.

Solosabal is a graduate of Glens Ferry High School. He attended Ricks College in Rexburg and Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. He is employed by Rockin S Ranch in Glens Ferry.

The wedding is planned for June 1 at the LDS Church in Hazelton.



John Solosabal and Jolinda Metcalf

Legarreta-Gage

GOODING — Cruz and Susan Legarreta of Gooding, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cruzanna Legarreta to Robble Gage, the son of Phyllis A. Gage of Boise.

Legarreta is a 1987 graduate of Gooding High School and is scheduled to graduate in May from Mr. Juan's College of Hair Design.

Gage is a 1985 graduate of Gooding High School. He works for Beery Construction.

The wedding is planned for June 3 at the United Methodist Church in Gooding.



Cruzanna Legarreta and Robble Gage

Wedding

Osborne-Reed

GOODING — Carol Marie Osborne and Earl William Reed were married Dec. 31 at St. John's Cathedral in Boise.

Officiating was the Rev. Donald Riffe. Mary Alice Jacobson was the violinist. Beth Weller and Lee Ann Kelly, cousins of the bride, were guitarists and singers.

The bride is the daughter of F. Edward and Jeanne P. Osborne of Boise, and parents of the bridegroom are Robert W. and Carol A. Reed of Gooding.

Jennifer Osborne, sister of the bride, was the bride's matron of honor, and Kathleen Gianotti, Mary Smith, Lisa Keithly, Mary Kristin Deck and Ann Granger served as the bridesmaids.

Robert Reed and Pete Reed, brothers of the bridegroom, were best men. Groomsmen included Jano Weiderman, James Crow, James Ansonb, Stephen Osborne and Edward Osborne.

Special guests included aunts of the bride, Margaret Nikola of Richland, Wash. and George Friehl of Radnor, Pa., and uncle of the bridegroom, Dick Neilson of Sausalito, Calif.

A reception was held at the Hillcrest Country Club in Boise.

The bride is a graduate of Capital High School in Boise. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Santa Clara in Santa Clara, Calif. and her master's degree from the College of Idaho in Caldwell. She is employed at The Walker Center.

The bridegroom is as graduate of Gooding High School and the University of Idaho. He is employed at Reed Grain and Bean Company.

The newlyweds reside in Jerome.



Carol and Earl Reed

Stepparents seek joint child for unity

By The Hartford Courant

Think of life in a stepfamily, and perhaps "demanding," "difficult" or "chaotic" may seem more apt words than "romantic."

But despite all the work involved in establishing new relationships with stepchildren and spouse, often a very romantic, very powerful idea exists: a put-

A baby of "ours," as the couple would say.

For many couples heading stepfamilies — particularly those in which one person hasn't been a parent before — the idea of having a baby of "their own" is irresistible, says Anne C. Bernstein, author of "Yours, Mine and Ours" (Scribner, \$21.95).

Such a baby is considered a "unifier" for stepfamilies, says Bernstein, a professor of psychology at the Wright Institute in Berkeley, Calif. She is the mother of such a child; she married a man who had three sons from two marriages, but she had been childless. For her book, Bernstein interviewed 150 people in 55 remarried families. All of the families had a baby from the new union and were still together after at least four years.

Having a baby "is always a disruption, but it's a creative disruption," Bernstein says. "It's just as true for stepfamilies, but with added complications."

Many complications can be circumvented or eased by good timing, Bernstein says. It's important to make circumstances as advantageous as one can, she says, but points out that "not everything that's optimal is possible, and we all do the best we can given the circumstances we're faced with."

Parents planning the birth of a

"mutual child," as Bernstein calls them, ideally would have been married for at least five years, so stepparent and stepchildren would have worked out their relationships. The stepparent would have been accepted by the child, and the stepparents' authority would have been established. The child and parent would be close enough that the stepchild would not be fearful of being displaced in the stepparent's affections by a baby.

It is easier by far if "the transition everyone has to deal with were not piled one on top of another. If a divorce happens and a remarriage and a baby happen within a span of a year and a half, two years, you don't have time to process the last event before you're dealt another big change," she says.

Also, it's best if there's a complete "emotional divorce" as well as a legal divorce, or if a parent has died, a sufficient time to mourn, Bernstein says. "If an emotional divorce has not occurred, the children of the marriage can be caught up in conflict between their own parents, and that can make it much harder for them to accept the child of the remarriage."

Children will feel more connected to one another if they share the same household, Bernstein notes. "Often that means that they have a mother in common, and mothers typically 'do most of the hands-on nurturing.' Children who live with their mothers most of the time and whose fathers are the ones having additional children say that they think it would be much harder if their mom did" because that would make her less available for them.

Children who have the hardest time adjusting to the birth of a mutual child are 6- to 9-year-olds who were the youngest, or only children, she says. Those who have the easiest time are 10- to 13-year-olds.

Disability benefit applicants need to prepare in advance

The Hartford Courant

TWIN FALLS — Applications for disability benefits often take longer to process than do applications for other types of Social Security claims; therefore, you are urged to gather the necessary information before you apply.

Determining disability under the law requires both medical and employment evidence, and the determination may become complicated. The findings must show that the applicant has a severe physical or mental impairment that is expected to prevent him or her from working for at least a year, or is expected to result in death.

Generally, there is a five-month waiting period before benefits may be paid; however, you should apply as soon as you become disabled to make certain that the claim is processed in time for benefits to begin with the sixth full month of disability.

The following information should be available when you apply for disability benefits:

- Your Social Security number
- Date last worked

—Date sickness began or injury occurred

—Nature of illness or injury

—Dates and places of treatment, including names, addresses and telephone numbers of doctors, hospitals, institutions or clinics

—Military service serial number and VA claim number if medical care was received in a military service or VA hospital

—The kinds of jobs held the most in the 15 years before disability began

—Social Security numbers and dates of birth of spouse and minor children

However, do not delay applying for benefits even if all the information is not immediately available. The Twin Falls Social Security office is located at 202 2nd Avenue North. The telephone number is 733-6050.

Poll reveals love discontent

The Baltimore Evening Sun

For information, Americans turn to Dan Rather, Phil Donahue, Oprah Winfrey, Ted Koppel — perhaps even to George Will, Larry King, Arsenio Hall or Willard Scott.

But devoted gleaners in the field of this nation's psyche, such as Bob Greene, USA Today and The National Enquirer, know where to turn for immense amounts of unconnected fact and emotion: to the "average" American through polls, simple interviews and letters.

In the April issue of Glamour, Gail Sheehy, the author of "Passages" and a skilled miner of polls and interviews, analyzes the results of a national survey to determine the level of happiness of men and women.

A lot of people are not happy. The survey found that 34 percent of those between 18 and 24 years of age, 32 percent of those between 25 and 39, 39 percent of those between 40 and 54, and 52 percent of those 55 and older said they were "very satisfied with life overall."

Sheehy finds that women believe they are catching up with men on the job, in life and in their love lives. About 46 percent of the women said they were very satisfied with the sexual side of their relationship, compared with 35 percent of the men.

Men said they feel "squeezed" by the gains that women have made, but they're not sure they want the old style of woman back. Less than 50 percent of the singles surveyed told Glamour that they considered marriage important to fulfillment.

More than 90 percent of both male and female respondents said that the most important thing in marriage is companionship. But only 62 percent said they have found such a friendship in their current relationship.

About 62 percent of the adults said that a good salary is very important. Only 20 percent said that their jobs provided such a salary. Nearly 70 percent said that respectful treatment by superiors is the most important element in a job. Only a third said that they "feel good" about the respect they receive at work.

When women named what they worried about when they went to bed with a man, nearly 73 percent cited AIDS and other sexual diseases. Forty-nine percent of the men said they worried whether their partner would have an orgasm. When asked how they would change their sex lives, 51 percent of the men said they would have sex more often. Only 26 percent of the women said they wanted sex more often.



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Parents key to drug-free children, says couple

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A 3-year-old boy gazes at a new video. From his seat on the living-room couch, the episode looks and sounds like a lot like Saturday-morning cartoons — flashy super heroes popping with super powers. But the stories and messages of "The Drug Avengers" bear little resemblance to those of the Muppet Babies or Scooby Doo. Three youngsters and an alien sidestick travel through time from 100 years hence to help 20th-century Earthlings wise up to drug abuse. The heroes in it are kids. The villains: pills, booze, cigarettes, dope, addiction.

"One catchy rap tune that the Avengers sing grabs the boy's attention: 'A girl named Maggie had a little baggie, full of something white, something didn't look right; she said, 'Cmon check it out,' but I cut out instead, 'cause I listened to the voice inside of my head, it said Uh-Oh!' Later, the child begs his dad to play the uh-oh song" again. And again. The father asks the boy if he knows what the song is about. The boy shakes his head no.

"When Larry Lancit and Cecily Truett say the fight to save America's children from drug abuse needs more super heroes, they aren't talking about animated ones like those in the Avengers video they produced. They mean parents.

"We wanted to create something that would be used by kids and their parents together," say the husband-and-wife team whose concern for their own 5-year-old daughter and a grant from the U.S. Department of Education motivated them to create "The Drug Avengers" last year. Since then, the video, aimed at children from preschool to sixth grade, has been distributed to 18,000 school districts and now is available, for home use.

"It's hard for parents to get a handle on talking to their kids about

Resources for parents

Among programs and organizations providing information and training on raising children to be drug-free:

— National Parent Resource Institute for Drug Education (PRIDE). Information, pamphlets and training programs. 1-800-241-7946.

— National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth (NFP). Provides schedules of parent programs and helps to start new ones. NFP's Reach America program trains youth prevention leadership, equipping youngsters

to be positive influences among peers. Red Ribbon Campaign, nationwide each October, mobilizes communities to reduce demand for drugs. (417) 836-3709.

— The American Council for Drug Education. Series of pamphlets, including "Talking to Children About Drug Abuse" and "A Girl for Life: Helping Your Children Stay Drug & Alcohol Free" video (\$29.95 includes postage and handling). (301) 294-0600.

— "The Drug Avengers" home video with a comprehensive parent's guide, \$34.95. 1-800-358-5858.

drugs," says Lancit, whose New York company, Lancit Media Productions, makes of such PBS programs as "Reading Rainbow" and "Romona," co-produced this video with RNC Research Corp.

"The idea was to use entertainment as ... a real focal point in the home for talking about drugs," says Lancit. "We wanted to produce something that when a five-minute episode is over the child and parent could have a meaningful discussion."

A Lou Harris poll on the American family recently disclosed that nine out of 10 parents are concerned about their children coming into contact with illicit drugs and alcohol. Yet, meaningful family discussion in the home about drug and alcohol abuse is not the norm, according to concerned experts. Most parents instead rely on schools to inform their kids about substance abuse.

Government, too, has typically bolstered police- and school-based programs, seldom seeing parents as a critical part of the solution. Even "The Drug Avengers" was created for school use and had to be revised for parents. An op-ed piece in The New York Times 10 years ago expressed

the attitude that has remained prevalent through much of the '80s when it contended that drug-abuse prevention was too important an issue "to be left in the hands of parents."

But that thinking is changing. Last March, the prevention committee of the White House Conference for a Drug-Free America threatened that, "With the tremendous threat of the drug epidemic, it is vital that the first line of defense be the family and parents." Increasingly, experts advocate that parents take steps as early as the preschool years to develop the personal skills and values in their children needed to keep them drug free. Some even warn that if American parents don't learn to handle "drug talks" with their children better than they've traditionally handled "sex talks," the war on drugs may well be lost.

"An informed parent is the best bulwark against drug use by young people," says Doug Hall, spokesman for the National Parent Resource Institute for Drug Education (PRIDE). Headquartered in Atlanta, PRIDE emerged as a maverick organization 12 years ago when it began proposing that parents "put themselves be-

tween drugs and their children." That was a time when parents intervening in drug problems brought to mind images of parents rifling through drawers and angry confrontations.

PRIDE's program stresses a gradual and developmental approach "that inculcates in the child, over many years, with the family's values and standards, and provides techniques to avoid the problems 'outside the home,'" says Hall. The theory is if parents forward children of the choices they'll probably be asked to make, and explain the family standards, kids are more likely to make the right decisions. PRIDE's surveys of children's attitudes indicate these discussions should take place no later than fourth grade.

But there's an obstacle: "In many cases, today, the parent is less informed about drug use than children are," says Hall. "It's like the mama and papa telling the kid about the birds and the bees, and the child looks up and says that sounds a little like making love."

Children today are drinking and taking drugs earlier than ever. One hundred thousand elementary school children "get drunk at least once a week," according to the American Council for Drug Education. As early as the fourth grade, one of three children reports pressure from classmates to try wine coolers. One in 14 children begin using marijuana before age 14. The average age of first use today has dropped to under 12. Almost a fifth of all children between 9 and 12 years have been approached to try illegal drugs, says The Media Advertising Partnership for a Drug-Free America.

Some experts blame parents' paralysis in protecting young children from drug abuse on fear of misparenting. Does a tough stance work or drive the child to abuse? Is a little knowledge about drugs a dangerous thing? Lee Dogoloff, executive director of the American Council for Drug Education, says parents learn most

of what they know about parenting from what their own parents did to them. And that shortchanges today's parents on proper and effective approaches to prevent drug abuse.

"This is unfamiliar territory for them," says Dogoloff, a former presidential adviser on drug policy. "People tend to make it more difficult than it needs to be. We need to think about it in terms reinforcing the message over and over again. Children need to know you are serious about it."

He likens the process to teaching kids to turn off the lights when they leave a room. "You hear that over and over again as a child," says Dogoloff. "What you don't hear over and over is don't use alcohol and drugs."

As for starting early, Dogoloff says that's critical, too. "Parents need to get to kids at a time when they still have the credibility. For a young child, parents are still omnipotent and they really do believe them."

When Ken Barun talks to parents about substance abuse, he starts with the subtle messages communicated through actions rather than words. The first step for parents, he says, is to "take stock of your own position and addictions."

"Becoming a parent is like joining the army — if you don't like the sound of reveille and don't like crew cuts, then don't enlist," says Barun, co-author of "How to Keep the Children You Love Off Drugs" (The Atlantic Monthly Press, \$12.95). "Parents have got to be responsible for their children's behavior. And parents need to tow the line themselves."

For Barun, two decades ago a heroin addict himself who beat his addiction

and eventually coordinated Nancy Reagan's Just Say No program, towing the line means no drugs, no tobacco and, ideally, no alcohol.

"The examples that parents set for their kids are the things their kids are going to do," says Barun, now director of the Ronald McDonald Children's Charities. Parents who drink beer and ask their kids to "go get Daddy another," amaze him, he says. Same for adults who encourage children to light their cigarettes, parents who walk in the house and blurt out "I need a drink," parents who keep medicine cabinets crisscrossed with prescription and over-the-counter drugs. "We're giving them a message saying it's okay," says Barun. "We don't realize the impact these things have on them."

Behavioral scientists call parents' recreational use of tobacco or alcohol "another risk factor" in determining why one child is more likely to abuse drugs than another. Numerous studies confirm that children are more prone to addictive behavior if their parents behave that way. One Georgetown University study found that elementary school children actually perceive themselves as potential users of the substances their parents use.

"We've tried so many ways to stop these drug problems but we've all kind of so-pedaled around this issue of parental responsibility," says Barun. "As parents, we can't think it is going to be solved somehow else. We're going to lose a whole bunch of kids to drugs in the next few years, but we can do a heck of a job for the younger ones in elementary school. The war on drugs will be fought and won by the warriors and soldiers down in the trenches — the parents and kids."

Useful strategies exist for looking after kids

By The Washington Post

While prevention programs designed to get parents involved in keeping their children off drugs and alcohol sometimes emphasize different tactics, most experts concur on the following:

— Remember you are your child's most influential role model.

— Set the expectations, then follow through. "Be clear that you want no drug or alcohol use," says Lee Dogoloff of the American Council for Drug Education. "Tell the child what you will do if they don't meet that expectation. And then do it every time they don't."

— Reinforce the message. "Children are not going to learn this the first time, and they need to know you are serious about it," says Dogoloff.

— Take advantage of teachable moments. Dogoloff says parents who see an alcohol ad on TV might ask the child why the people in the ad all look healthy and athletic and are never shown hungover or vomiting.

— Know what is going on in your child's life — at home, at school and with friends. "Monitor your child's friendships," says author Ken Barun. "The No. 1 cause of drug abuse is peer pressure. These kids need supervision." Also know the attitudes

your child may be picking up from others — including baby sitters, camp counselors, adult family friends and relatives.

— Know the parents of your child's friends. "Parents must communicate with other parents," says PRIDE's Doug Hall. "They need to let each other know what their standards are in their family."

— Promote alternatives, says Barun. "Whether it is the inner city or affluent suburbia, there are worthwhile things going on — community activities, YMCAs, athletics, school activities. Not TV. Boredom is one reason kids get into drugs."

— Be supportive of community antidrug-abuse programs. "That shows your children your interest in the whole larger picture," says NFP's Anne Meyer. "And you have these messages coming from a lot of different directions — the schools, the police, the media — all in support of drug-free families."

— Know what you are talking about when you talk about drugs. Nothing will turn your child off faster than if they find your information is out-dated and incorrect.

— Be able to recognize the signs of drug and alcohol abuse. Act if you suspect your child of involvement.

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Drought helps boost commodity prices in Idaho

By PAUL BEEBE
The Idaho Statesman

It's 10 a.m. and farmer Michael Wissel has been at his computer nearly two hours.

The screen blinks as Wissel, who favors white dress shirts and ties over boots and overalls, touches the keyboard.

He's called up the latest crop prices, beamed by satellite from commodity exchanges in Chicago and New York to a receiver on the roof of an office shared by his brother and partner, Matthew Wissel.

Lately, prices fetched by Idaho crops have "been good, as one keystroke demonstrates," Wissel's computer charts the upward climb that wheat prices have taken lately. The line, representing last year, looks like Mt. Everest.

Prices are "the best in years," he says with a relish that comes from years of watching them shrivel.

They are at a level where we can make a profit. That's certainly the case for everything we are growing," he said.

Michael, 32, and Matthew, 30, raise wheat, sugar beets and beans on 2,000 acres of flat land between Mountain Home and the Snake River.

Thanks largely to the drought that crippled large sections of the Midwest last year, a bushel of wheat was worth \$3.97 on the open market, a price unmatched since the mid-1970s.

The story is the same for beans, sugar beets and potatoes. Experts say the value of a bushel of beans jumped more than 80 percent between 1987 and the end of last year. Meanwhile, higher sugar prices at the grocery store may mean an extra \$70 an acre for the Wissels' sugar beets.

And open-market potato prices are close to \$8 a hundredweight, the best non-contract price since 1980.

To be sure, the drought did not spare Idaho. Production of field crops was down 10 percent last year, U.S. Department of Agriculture officials say. But a preliminary estimate shows crop values rose more than 11 percent, to \$1.4 billion.

The good numbers have created a variety of responses in Idaho. Analysts have no hard numbers, but they speculate the total farm income made a respectable gain in 1988. Higher prices are fueling some opti-

mism, but have not erased concerns about the future.

"Prices for the main commodities grown in Idaho are at profitable levels for most growers," said Joe Guenther, an economist and extension marketing specialist at the University of Idaho.

But, he adds, it is wrong for outsiders to think farmers suddenly are awash in spare cash.

"Because prices were unprofitable in recent years, farmers are playing catchup for the years in which they lost money," he said.

What Guenther sees is farmers paying down their operating loans

'Prices for the main commodities grown in Idaho are at profitable levels for most growers.'
— Joe Guenther, economist

and land debts as far as they can. There is not enough money yet to eliminate them, he said.

More money is being spent on farm machinery. The Wissel brothers bought a new tractor and combine during the past year. Dealers say sales are up for both new and used equipment.

"They are coming in and paying cash," said Dan Campbell, owner of Campbell Tractor & Implement Co. in Nampa. His sales rose 30 percent last year, and he figures on another 20 percent rise in 1989.

Farmers are telling Campbell that the drought is not behind them yet. The market for good, used machinery is evidence of their caution. The demand for his used equipment is the highest in five years. Used sales exceeded new equipment sales.

"We are seeing farmers who haven't done any buying in the past six years," Campbell said. "We're also seeing an increase in repair parts and service work through the shop. So not only are they buying, they are repairing."

Banks and other lenders suddenly are feeling better about loaning money to farmers. Treasure Valley Bank, which lends heavily to farmers and ranchers, ran into trouble a few years ago when borrowers defaulted on their loans.



Eugene Griffith, 65, says the town Fellows is being phased out by an oil company

California town fades away

By CHARLES HILLINGER
Los Angeles Times

FELLOWS, Calif. — This town is gradually fading away.

Every time a family moves out, the oil company that owns all the land here buys the vacated home and has it demolished, clearing the way for drilling into the deposit of oil beneath Fellows.

The Santa Fe Energy Co. is a benign landlord, by most accounts. The company has never forced anyone out of town. It owns one-year leases on all the houses, and no one who has wanted to renew one has ever been refused.

But there are plenty of people in this unincorporated Kern County community of 350 to lament the passing of Fellows.

"You can kiss Fellows goodbye. Its death is imminent," said Eugene Griffith, 65, a lifelong resident who owns a small trucking company with his son.

"Fellows is being phased out. Nearly half the houses are gone — bulldozed, flattened and hauled away; 80 homes have been wiped out in the last five years. Only 110 are left."

Some residents are pressing Santa Fe Energy to change its policy. Friends of Fellows, a group of homeowners and former homeowners, initiated a letter-writing campaign earlier this year urging the company to sell the land on which

their homes sit to the residents.

"We can see the handwriting on the wall. We don't want the town to die; it's too nice a place," said Richard Bellini, 45, captain of the Kern County fire station in Fellows and chairman of Friends of Fellows.

"The oil company never told us they want to remove all the houses. But the houses are disappearing; the town is slowly vanishing in front of our eyes," he said.

Ed Hall, 47, public relations director for Santa Fe Energy, a subsidiary of Santa Fe & Southern Pacific Holding Co., said that the company has no intention of changing its policy.

"We're not trying to run people out of town. We have never forced anyone to move, nor do we have any intention of making anyone move now or in the future, but we are in the oil business and not the real estate business," Hall said.

"When a house goes up for sale, we buy it and remove it. The town is on top of a rich oil deposit. Oil is all around Fellows. Drilling pads are within the town limits. The houses are in the way. That's the nuts and bolts of it."

If homeowners want to continue to live in Fellows, that is perfectly OK with us. If they want to sell, we will buy them out and tear down the house. But we have no intention of selling the land to them."

The company, which owns all the land and

mineral rights in town, has first right of refusal whenever a house goes on sale. Concerns raised by Friends of Fellows, however, have led to a modification of the lease arrangements with residents.

Leases always have been for one year, with residents paying \$200 to \$400 for 12 months rent of the land under their houses. Beginning next month, however, residents who are disabled or over 62 will be given free five-year leases. All others will have three-year leases on the land.

Because the company owns the land and the town is unincorporated, Santa Fe Energy issues community rules that are posted on the bulletin board in the post office. Some samples:

Riding dirt bikes in town is prohibited. Drinking alcoholic beverages on public streets is prohibited. Littering or disposal of trash or junk is prohibited. No one shall commit unlawful acts within the community. We have observed that residents are not removing trash cans from the curbside."

To Griffith, the community rules "smack of Big Brother. People are disturbed. We're living under a dictatorship. We can't make any additions to our homes. We can't do anything to the exterior of our house, even paint it, without first getting permission from the company. The company's favorite color is beige."

Plant corn, grains early in spring

By MARLENE FRITZ
Special to the Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Time is the Idaho producer's most precious commodity in the spring — and it's the reason corn and cereal grains often don't get planted as early as they should in the Magic Valley.

Research by scientists at the USDA Agricultural Research Service at Kimberly indicates that yields of spring wheat are about three-quarters of a ton greater per acre when wheat is planted on March 31 rather than April 17.

Dr. James Wright, a soil scientist, said the 1980 research found that yields in the earlier-planted grain were about 3.5 tons per acre, or 117 bushels, compared with 2.75 tons, or 92 bushels, in the later-planted wheat.

Wright found no significant dif-

ferences between spring wheat planted on April 17 and that planted on May 1. There were no differences among any of the planting dates in water use, which was uniformly about 20 inches for the season.

He said 1980 was a cooler-than-average year, one in which water use was 14 percent below the 20-year average. In 1986, 1987 and 1988, mean water use was 3 percent above average.

Wright said most area farmers have their wheat planted by April 10 and that March 31 is "probably a little on the early side" for them.

Robert Vodraska, agricultural teacher for the University of Idaho Cooperative Extension Service in Twin Falls County, said there may be particular advantages this year in planting wheat early to give the

crop a jump on Russian wheat aphids when the aphids are less active.

"I think they do try to get their grain in as early as possible, but there are a lot of decisions out there that they don't have control over. Sometimes you get a rainy stretch that delays things."

Vodraska said corn producers "significantly better" yields the earlier it is planted. "It may get frosted off, but as long as the growing point is below the soil, it's not going to get damaged," he said.

Vodraska said most Magic Valley corn is planted in early May. By mid-May, yield potential drops precipitously. He recommends that farmers plant their corn between mid- and late April.

"Sometimes getting it started and growing early in the spring can re-

ally make a difference between getting a corn crop or not," Vodraska said.

Wright said 1980 research at the Kimberly center found that the highest yields of corn silage were obtained when the crop was planted on May 1, compared with May 14 and May 30. In addition, water-use efficiency was better in corn planted earlier in the season. However, Wright noted that results were more variable in corn than in wheat.

"I would say May 1 is a little earlier than a lot of them plant, but if I were recommending a date, that's what I would recommend," said Wright.

Marlene Fritz is assistant agricultural editor at the University of Idaho's Agriculture Information Center.

Farmers keep eye on water supply

POCATELLO (AP) — With the drought effectively washed up in Eastern Idaho, farmers may raise agricultural acreage this spring to reap the riches of higher commodity prices, farm experts say.

It is too early to estimate exactly how much acreage will be planted, but it appears wheat, potato and alfalfa production will increase with the increased demand for those crops.

Bingham County Agricultural Extension Agent Brian Finnigan said farm acreage is likely to rise for several reasons: agricultural exports and crop prices are up, while drought conditions persist in other areas of the county.

"All those factors, because we are an irrigated state, would stimulate additional acreage, especially coming off these high prices," he said.

Finnigan said alfalfa, wheat and potato acreage are likely to grow as farmers take advantage of their prices, and not production will expand because Quaker Oats Co. has contracted for 8,000 acres in the region, up from 800 acres a year earlier.

There also may be a slight increase in barley production with the prospects of Anheuser-Busch Inc. building a malting-plant in the area, he said.

Other farm analysts were more guarded in their projections.

"It's really hard to tell what's going to happen in 1989. We're in such a national and international market," said Don Gerhardt, a statistician for the Idaho Agriculture Statistical Service.

He said the U.S. Department of Agriculture hopes to get a better idea

of planting intentions from a survey of 1,200 Idaho farmers this week. The survey, which covers spring wheat, barley, corn, sugar beets, oats and hay acreage, is scheduled for release March 31.

A survey of 1,400 farmers last December found a 7 percent increase in the amount of winter wheat acreage planted. The acreage rose 60,000 to 880,000.

Sharon Stephens, Bannock County's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service director, said in addition to high prices, wheat acreage will increase as a result of changes in the 1985 Farm Bill.

In an effort to reduce farm stock files, farmers taking part in the federal set-aside program last year were required to withdraw 27.5 percent of their acreage from production.

This year the set-aside has been reduced to 10 percent, meaning nationwide production could increase by as much as 17.5 percent.

Ample winter precipitation should also boost grain output. The moisture we've got in this county makes it more promising for dryland farmers, Ms. Stephens said.

Joe Guenther, a University of Idaho Extension agriculture economist who estimated potato acreage will increase up to 6 percent this year, had a word of warning for farmers who plan to boost tuber production.

"Many growers are smart enough to realize this year's prices will mean high prices next year. But some growers will go into planting season with a high price psychology and it only takes a few growers increasing their acreage to create an oversupply situation," he said.

Conservation tillage changes planting

By MARLENE FRITZ
Special to the Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Conservation tillage, just a faint notion from the Midwest five years ago, is changing the way many Magic Valley farmers plant.

"We're seeing conservation tillage in wheat, dry beans and corn — and a little bit in sugar beets," said Rich Yankey, district conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service in Twin Falls.

"Over the last four or five years, we've expanded from it being an unknown term to most farmers being familiar with the concept," said Yankey. "We now have people using it throughout the county."

Some farmers — particularly those who have contracted altogether 6,000 acres in the Rock Creek project of the Rural Clean Water Program — have adopted a full line of conservation tillage practices. Yankey said many others are evaluating practices piecemeal.

The "No. 1" change is dropping fall or spring plowing, or both, from farming systems, Yankey said. Instead, farmers may use a disking operation in the fall, possibly in conjunction with some ripping, and disking and roller-harrowing in the spring.

A roller-harrow, equipped with heavy rollers alternating with rows of spring teeth, crushes clods and smooths soil for planting.

Yankey said farmers who use a conventional plowing practice often have to follow it with two to four operations to smooth the roughened fields into planting condition.

"The main reason that most people plow is that's the way they were taught to farm," he said. "From their standpoint, they know what kind of results they can get."

"When you ask them why they plow, they talk about the need to invert the soil and bury the residue so they can get a good seedbed. But with the types of planters available today that are so much better than what was available 20 to 40 years ago, they can do a good job of seeding into fields that have crop residues on

the surface.

"It just takes good equipment. Sometimes it takes a little modification, like adding a blade to the front of your drill, but generally farmers can utilize their existing equipment to practice conservation."

"The advantage is, in the short term, that the farmer is reducing his operational costs. In the long term, he's saving a lot of soil, because erosion after conservation tillage is greatly reduced compared with conventional tillage."

Marlene Fritz is assistant agricultural editor at the University of Idaho's Agriculture Information Center.

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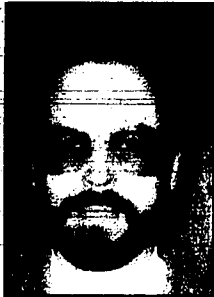
Tradewinds



MYRON HUETTIG
Association president

Myron Huettig of Hazelton was recently elected president of the Idaho Sugarbeet Grower Association. George Grant of Paul was elected vice president and Tom Garrard of Burley was elected secretary/treasurer. Huettig has been a director on the ISGA since 1974 and has been past president of the Northside Growers Association.

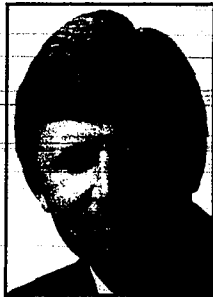
Brad Coleman of Twin Falls and Buhl, has joined the sales staff of Randy Hansen Chevrolet-Geo. He previously worked at Chris Jordan Motors for three years.



JAMES ECHTERMEYER
Elected bank president

Elected president and chief executive officer of the Idaho State Bank headquartered in Glenn Ferry. He is from Steamboat Springs, Colo., and has been in banking for 30 years. James E. Kevan was elected vice chairman of the board.

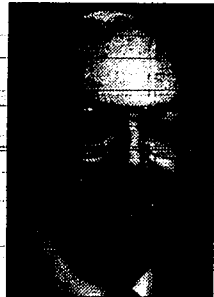
The Fifth District Bar Association recently elected new officers: John Hohnhorst of Hephworth, Nungester and Lezama, Twin Falls, was elected president, Laird Stone of Stephan, Kvanvig, Greenwood & Stone, Twin Falls, was elected vice president, and James Meservy of Fuller & Meservy, Jerome, was elected secre-



DR. SPENCER WILLIAMS
Elected for membership

tary/treasurer. Dr. Spencer Williams of Twin Falls has been elected for membership in the American Chiropractic Association. He is a graduate of Western States Chiropractic College in Portland, Ore.

Fred Nelson, formerly of Sinclair & Co., is now the manager and a broker for A.G. Edward & Sons. His son, Craig Nelson, has joined the firm as a broker. He was previously a broker with Shearson Lehmann Hutton in Boise. Although new to the Magic Valley, A.G. Edward & Sons has been doing investments since 1887.



FRED NELSON
Manager, broker

Emmett Harrison, owner of Theisen Motors in Twin Falls, has been awarded the "1988 Quality Care President's Award" from Ford Motor Co. He is one of the few dealers who has received the award twice. Theisen was named No. 1 in its group for customer satisfaction.

Obenchain Insurance has been awarded the "Most Valuable Producer Award" from Fireman's Fund Insurance. It is the only firm in the area recognized by Fireman's for exceptional business relations, sales performance and profit record.



CRAIG NELSON
Joins firm

has received the "Certificate of Excellence" from Super 8 Motels, Inc. The motel, managed by Theresa Yundt, was inspected for quality, service and standards. It is one of 41 properties out of 630 that received the award.

Phillip R. Joella, former Twin Falls resident and son of Ray and Geri Joella, has been named treasurer of the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. of Idaho and its affiliates. He joined the company in 1974. He was named personnel director in 1981. He is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho and Idaho State University.

Will 'pure beef' idea spread?

WASHINGTON (AP) — A temporary truce has been declared in America's trade war with Europe, but there is a gnawing worry for the U.S. beef industry that all is not quiet on the home front.

The question is whether American consumers will alter their tastes as a result of the highly publicized dispute over the European Community's ban on imports of hormone-treated beef.

Several consumer groups suggest that Europe's demand for beef free of growth hormones could give a greater sense of urgency to a similar movement in this country.

"There has been a kind of slow-moving trend to meat that is free of any kind of chemical residues. But it had kind of died down as a major national issue. I think all this does is sort of add some momentum," says Rodney E. Leonard, executive director of the Community Nutrition Institute.

A similar view is held by Ellen Haas, executive director of Public Health and Food Policy.

"I think it coincides with growing concern among consumers in the way that our food is produced," she says. "The beef industry and the U.S. government maintain there are no health or safety risks for humans from the hormones used on beef to make them gain weight quickly at a lower cost to producers."

The Food and Drug Administration has approved the use of growth hormones in cattle. The government tests and inspects meat and poultry for a variety of drugs, including certain hormones. FDA also establishes standards requiring producers to stop administering drugs to animals for a specified period before slaughter.

However, industry officials are keeping a close watch on the reaction of American consumers. So far, they see no signs that the European ban has planted seeds of anxiety among red meat eaters in the United States.

"I really think that by and large the focus has been on the trade aspects of it. There have been panels certifying to the safety of the hormones in question. So I don't see that broad-based concern across the country," says Mike Capps, a spokesman for the U.S. Meat Institute.

Nevertheless, the industry was relieved when the trade dispute moved out of the headlines. Two weeks ago, U.S. and European negotiators agreed to a 75-day cooling off period to study the issue of hormone use and conduct more talks to find a permanent solution to the ban.

"We are concerned that this EC directive and the hormone issue is somewhat of a complex trade issue that when you talk about it in simplistic terms it could be a problem and consumers could be concerned," says Tom Cook of the National Cattlemen's Association. "We're very conscious of that possibility."

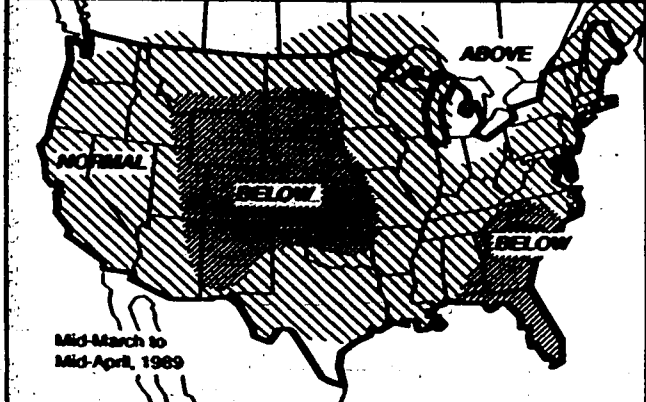
The United States contends the Europeans have offered no scientific evidence casting doubt on the safety of growth hormones and have implemented the beef ban as a political tactic to protect their own livestock industry and appease vocal environmental movements in their countries.

"We have the healthiest beef in the world," says U.S. Trade Representative Carla Hills. "We cannot let countries impose bans that have an exclusionary effect without a medical or scientific basis."

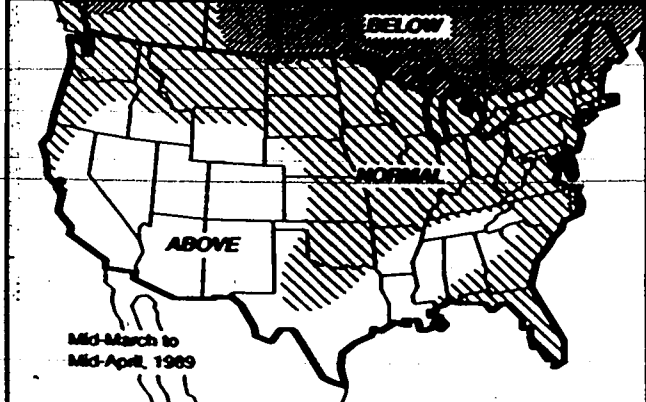
The European Community represents a \$100 million market for U.S. beef, mostly cuts such as heart, tongue and kidneys which are not favored by American consumers. But far more is at stake in the dispute.

Mrs. Hills, in a recent interview, expressed concern that the European beef ban could encourage a new round of global protectionism. Nations could erect new barriers to their markets.

30-Day Precipitation Outlook



30-Day Temperature Outlook



Source: National Weather Service, NOAA

Agriculture attaches need lingual fluency

WASHINGTON (AP) — In most cases, says a federal review, the people hired by the Agriculture Department to be the eyes and ears of American farmers in foreign countries can't talk turkey unless the conversation is in English.

The General Accounting Office, the investigative agency of Congress, found the language gap in the Foreign Agricultural Service, which has maintained an overseas network of agricultural attaches for more than 30 years to help promote U.S. farm commodities.

During the 1988 fiscal year, which ended last Sept. 30, the service — primarily at U.S. embassies — operated 65 posts and 14 agricultural trade offices overseas with 103 attaches responsible for representing U.S. farm interests in more than 100 countries.

The agency also employs about 160 foreign nationals to help attaches in those offices. Last year's budget for those foreign operations was \$24.8 million.

Rep. E. Kika de la Garza, D-Texas, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, asked for a review of the attaché system. The GAO report was submitted to him last month.

Historically, the report said, the attachés of the USDA agency has focused on requirements that the attaches make too many reports that take time away from market development functions. Recent changes have helped ease that situation, but further improvements should be made.

One of the most glaring deficiencies in the Foreign Agricultural Service involves language skills, the GAO said, which are necessary "to effectively communicate" in host countries.

The service has not formally set minimum proficiency levels for the principal language of the country to which the attaché is assigned, the report said. "The service believes that a speaking-reading proficiency level of 3 (based on a 0 to 5 scale) is sufficient to perform the general business activities of attaches but

that a higher proficiency level is required to conduct sensitive or technical negotiations."

Among 93 attaches assigned as of September 1987 to countries with non-English languages, only 24 — 26 percent — had at least the level 3 proficiency, the report said.

By comparison, a list of 1,021 State Department employees assigned to Foreign Service jobs showed that 676, or 66 percent, showed at least a level 3 language proficiency.

The FAS told investigators that some of the attaches (which included trade officers and higher-ranked agricultural counselors for purposes of the review) had not yet completed five years of foreign service, the minimum time allowed for achieving language proficiency.

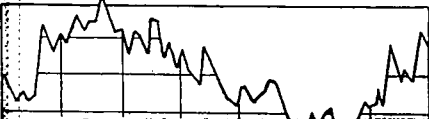
Others had been commissioned as attaches in languages different from that required in posts at the time of the review, and sometimes under different standards prior to current requirements.

Also, the agency said, "foreign service nationals," or FSNs, can readily provide translations needed to gather and read information in a foreign language in the overseas posts.

The GAO report concluded that attaches "generally appear to possess acceptable levels of education and experience" when they are accepted as overseas candidates but that "the majority of attaches seem to fall short in their ability to communicate effectively in the principal foreign language practiced in their host countries."

Thomas O. Kay, administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service, said in a letter responding to the GAO report that the agency "fully concurs" that language efficiency should be improved.

"And we are already doing more," he said. "We have designated five languages — Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Arabic and Russian as hard languages — and we are now providing a year's language training."



Business Beat

Pesticide registration meeting set
BOISE — A meeting on pesticide registration will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Student Union of Boise State University. Representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency and pesticide manufacturers will describe the problems and establish mechanisms for registering pesticides for use on small-acreage crops.

SBA will provide free counseling
TWIN FALLS — A representative of the Small Business Administration's Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) program will be in Twin Falls Thursday to provide free business counseling. Information on the SBA lending program will also be furnished. Appointments should be made in advance by calling the Region IV Development Association at 734-6586.

Pillsbury employee gains nomination
WASHINGTON — Richard Crowder of Pillsbury Co., Minneapolis, Minn., has been nominated as USDA undersecretary for international affairs and commodity programs.

Winter storm to raise poultry prices

CHICAGO — Consumers may pay at least five cents a pound more for poultry over the next two months because a winter storm earlier this week left millions of birds dead and hundreds of chicken barns destroyed in Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

Wholesale prices for chickens went up five cents a pound Wednesday and should be reflected in supermarket prices in two to four weeks.

The price increases will be felt nationwide, said Bill Roenigk, economist for the National Broiler Council in Washington. There is generally always an overreaction to weather in the market. The question is where do we go from here.

The storm last Sunday and Monday dumped ice and then wet, heavy snow on a broad area of the nation's midsection from Oklahoma to central Illinois. The weight of the ice and snow collapsed the roofs of more than 600 of the country's 40,000 broiler houses and left between 5 million and 6 million birds dead.

Broilers are the whole and cut up chickens consumers buy at supermarket counters and as fast food in

carryout restaurants. Several of the collapsed barns also housed hens that lay breeding eggs used to raise broilers.

"What we're facing is not only a disruption in the actual number of birds going to market," Roenigk said, "but because breeder hens have been lost, we're also going to be losing some hatching eggs, and they have been in tight supply even before this."

The storm is expected to bring the average retail price of chickens up to about 85 cents a pound.

"We're talking about tens of millions of dollars, whether that is \$30 million or twice that number remains to be seen," Roenigk said.

Arkansas, the nation's No. 1 poultry producing state, bore the brunt of the storm with losses that may exceed \$35 million in buildings and birds, said Susan Whitacre, spokeswoman for Gov. Bill Clinton. At least 280 poultry barns collapsed. The state is now seeking federal aid. In Oklahoma, state officials are seeking disaster declarations in at least 16 counties. "It's pretty devastating," said Robert Moorman, a Sul-

phur Springs, Ark., farmer who grows chickens for Tyson Foods Inc., a major poultry packager. "It looks like a disaster. There are chickens just everywhere. We're trying to catch them and put them in other houses."

Mrs. Hills, in a recent interview, expressed concern that the European beef ban could encourage a new round of global protectionism. Nations could erect new barriers to their markets.

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Injection to replace castration of bulls

CLAY CENTER, Neb. (AP) — Researchers are studying a method that would sterilize bulls, sheep and swine without castration. Bruce Schanbacher, an endocrinologist at the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center here, said the hormone-protein vaccination could make animals sterile without castration, a surgical procedure that can lead to shock, hemorrhaging and death. Schanbacher, who has been a research physiologist here for 15 years, said an experiment he started in 1980 had reached the field-trial stage and could leave bulls unaltered sexually until they are ready to go to the feedlot. That keeps in place the edge that young bulls have over steers in growth rate and in producing a leaner, more heavily muscled carcass. Then a vaccination can be used, later in the growth cycle than castration is usually done, to gain the docility and fattening potential that goes with sterility. It works 100 percent of the time, with my particular vaccine, in sheep and swine," Schanbacher said. It's a little less effective on cattle.

Soviets purchase another 515,000 tons of wheat

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Soviet Union has bought another 515,000 metric tons of U.S. wheat at subsidized prices, the Agriculture Department said Monday. Melvin E. Sims, general sales manager for the department's Foreign Agricultural Service, said the wheat was part of an authorization on Jan. 25 of more than 2 million tons under the Export Enhancement Program, or EEP. Sims said the wheat is for shipment for April. Only 10,200 tons are left under the current authorization. With the latest sale, the Soviet Union has bought about 4 million tons of wheat for delivery in the sixth year of a long-term supply agreement, which was extended last fall to run through Dec. 31, 1999. A metric ton is equal to 2,206 pounds and is equal to 36.7 bushels of wheat. The 515,000 tons are equal to about 18.9 million bushels worth around \$78 million at recent U.S. farm prices of \$4.13 per bushel. The EEP arrangement allows private exporters to sell wheat and other designated commodities to specified countries at reduced prices in order to meet foreign competition. The exporters then collect free government surpluses of grain or other products as bonuses, or subsidies. Sales for delivery in the sixth year of the agreement also included about 10.2 million tons of corn, along with 450,000 tons of soybeans, 1.4 million tons of soybean meal, and 607,400 tons of grain sorghums. Sims said the 515,000 tons of wheat were sold by Ferruzzi USA Inc., 100,000 tons; Cargill Inc., 100,000; Louis Dreyfus Corp., 40,000; Alfred C. Toepfer International Inc., 50,000; Bunge Corp., 50,000; Grampex Inc., 50,000; Mitsubishi International, 25,000; and Continental Grain Co., 25,000. The companies will get subsidies of \$22.70 per ton, or about 62 cents per bushel, under the EEP arrangement.

Idaho Barley moves against abandonment

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Barley Commission has joined a growing list of groups opposed to Union Pacific Railroad's proposed abandonment of its Teton Valley branch line. Railroad officials say the line no longer generates enough rail traffic to justify keeping it open. Union Pacific's proposed railroad abandonment between Ashton and Tetonville would have a serious effect on barley farmers in Teton County, said Harvey Bickett, commission chairman. "Teton County produces over 3 million bushels of barley every year and loss of rail service would mean that barley growers would have to accept lower market prices because of the increased cost to deliver their grain to a facility with rail service." The Barley Commission has filed a formal protest with the Interstate Commerce Commission. Others filing protests include Gov. Cecil Andrus and the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. "If the rail line is abandoned, truck transportation will command higher rates because of the increased demand," Bickett said. "Any way you look at it, barley farmers will suffer economically from this proposed abandonment."

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Business

Micron earnings stay high

BOISE (AP) — Stable prices and continued strong demand for computer memory chips kept Micron Technology Inc.'s second-quarter income and sales well ahead of last year, the company said Wednesday.

Boise-based Micron earned \$29.2 million during its second quarter which ended March 2. That was almost 73 percent higher than the same period of 1988 when the company earned \$16.9 million.

Earnings per share rose from 60 cents last year to 77 cents.

Meanwhile, sales jumped from \$58.3 million in the second quarter of last year to \$113.8 million this year. Second-quarter 1989 sales set a record but were nearly equal to the previous high of \$113.4 million reached in the last quarter of 1988.

Revenues have not gone up appreciably because Micron is running at maximum capacity, while prices have remained stable during the past six months, spokesman Kipp Bedard said.

Although net income rose dramatically over last year, it dropped from the opening quarter of this year, when earnings reached \$32.2 million.

Bedard said the decline was caused by costs associated with getting Micron's new 120,000-square-foot wafer fabrication facility ready to begin production.

The company has depreciated some of the building and equipment and has hired 300 employees since the first quarter, he said. Another 500 workers should be hired by the end of August, bringing the workforce to around 3,000, Bedard said.

"The results of operations reflect a broadening market acceptance of our memory products... during the second quarter," Micron Chairman Joe Parkinson said in a prepared statement.

UP&L users now pay less

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Utah Power & Light Co. customers in eastern Idaho are finally paying less for their electricity following the merger of the utility with PacifiCorp early this year.

The Public Utilities Commission announced this week that the rate reduction took effect March 10, 60 days after the merger was finalized.

Residential customers will see about a 1.1 percent net reduction and irrigators less than 1 percent because the Bonneville Power Administration credit of up to three cents per kilowatt hour will decrease.

Some of UP&L's costs in serving residential and small irrigation customers are borne by BPA as a means of sharing with the region's investor-owned utility customers some of the economic advantages available to the publicly owned hydropower system.

The rate reduction was proposed in UP&L's application to merge with PacifiCorp. It results in a \$1.8 million decrease in the company's annual revenue.

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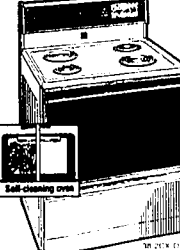
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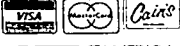
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