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Andrus blames spud woes on unhappy worker

The Associated Press

BOISE — A disgruntled Environmental Protection Agency employee, probably is to blame for the most serious public relations debacle ever faced by Idaho's potato industry, Gov. Cecil Andrus says.

"There's been a shadow, I think, wrongly cast ... over probably the prime crop in Idaho," Andrus said Wednesday at a news conference.

"The Idaho potato has never had its quality questioned or impugned before," he said. "It's irritating, to say the least, that a leaked

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internal memorandum has cast a shadow over an industry that has been so pure."

The governor called the news conference to address the uproar over a preliminary EPA report leaked to The New York Times that indicated the insecticide aldicarb poses a health threat to infants and children.

The chemical, with the trade name Temik, is widely used on Idaho's \$457 million potato crop and about 40 percent of the nation's

potato crop. Idaho growers produced 10 billion pounds of potatoes last year, about one-quarter of the total U.S. harvest.

But Andrus and Dick Rush, director of the Idaho Department of Agriculture, cited U.S. Food and Drug Administration figures showing that none of the 247 potato samples tested over the past three years had aldicarb residue levels even approaching EPA limits.

The federal agency's standard is 1 part per million, but the FDA studies showed residue levels 100 times below that level, Rush said.

The governor said EPA officials have admitted the report cited in The New York

Times story on Tuesday was incomplete and based on a new computer-generated methodology focusing on worst-case scenarios.

"They are red-faced. They are apologizing," Andrus said.

John Moore, the EPA's acting deputy administrator, issued a statement Wednesday saying he saw "no basis for any undue concern, at this time, about eating bananas or potatoes."

He said the agency's concerns about health risks from aldicarb residue will be presented to the EPA Scientific Advisory Panel on May 9, and to other independent scientists for

comment on whether the risk-assessment methodology is appropriate.

If the staff's analysis is correct, however, it does not suggest any life-threatening health risks or even any widespread health problems, Moore said.

The EPA has no information showing anyone has ever become sick from eating potatoes of bananas treated with aldicarb, but he said the new research raises the "theoretical possibility" that some children could briefly experience flu-like symptoms.

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Oregon fugitive in jail

By KIRK MITCHELL
Times-News writer

KING HILL — Police have arrested a bullet-wounded Oregon fugitive considered armed and dangerous, a week after he walked out of a Boise hospital where Oregon police had left him unguarded and unencumbered by a valid arrest warrant.

Russ West, district attorney for Union County, Ore., said no warrant had been validated in Idaho against Randal Rath, 33, who was wanted in three Oregon counties, because none of the counties wanted to pay the bill for his week-long hospital stay.

"We're a small county," West said. "We don't have the budget to pay for his Idaho medical bills."

Rath is wanted in Linn County, Ore., for theft; in Umatilla County, Ore., for possession of a firearm by an ex-convict; and in Union County for first-degree burglary, possession of a firearm by an ex-convict and attempt by an ex-convict to use a dangerous weapon.

West said Rath was shot in the lower neck and stomach on March 3 after he allegedly pointed a semi-automatic .380 caliber pistol at police. Rath's pistol was loaded and cocked, according to police.

The next day, in critical condition, Rath was flown by helicopter 150 miles east from a hospital in LeGrand, Ore., to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, said St. Alphonsus spokesman Bob Hieronymus.

"He was not under arrest at the time," Hieronymus said.

Rath was not under guard, and the hospital was not told Rath was dangerous, Hieronymus said.

"If someone is considered dangerous we would insist that that person be guarded," Hieronymus said.

At one point, Rath told nurses that he wanted to leave, but his doctor overruled him he was not ready.

When a nurse called LeGrand police to tell them Rath wanted to leave, police told her

Christ, disciples reclined for meal, scholars think

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — To Renaissance artist Leonardo da Vinci — and to many Christians since then — Jesus Christ's Last Supper was a formal, seated gathering at a rectangular table.

But scholars at a Bible research center say diners in Christ's era more likely reclined on floor cushions for festive meals, as the Romans did in that day.

They also speculate that Judas, contrary to popular belief, may have had a place of honor at the last gathering of Christ and his apostles.

Religious art normally pictures the period of the artist, not the period of the Bible, said

Jim Fleming of the Biblical Resources Study Center. "With apologies to da Vinci, things probably looked different."

During the Last Supper, commemorated today by most of the world's Christians, Christ broke bread and blessed wine with his closest disciples hours before he was turned over by Judas to Roman soldiers and crucified.

Relying on Bible verses, ancient Jewish writings and Roman historical works, Fleming and his associates have concluded that the Last Supper probably was served at a low, U-shaped table that the Romans called a "triclinium."

"Straw mattresses generally were placed around the outside, and guests ate — and

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Lodge more than shelter for handicapped homeless

By JENNIFER KAUTH
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Simple but homey, the Cosmopolitan Lodge's new two-story house serves as a way station of sorts for the mentally disabled.

But the Lodge, as mental health officials call it, provides more than just shelter for the handicapped homeless who would otherwise sleep in the streets.

"Our goal is to give them self-esteem, and to eventually help them get a job and get them out on their own," said Jeanne Wilson, who manages the home on a part-time basis.

Federal, state and local housing officials gathered in Twin Falls Wednesday to officially present a \$65,395 check to the Community Organization for Rehabilitative Efforts Inc. (CORE), which oversees the Lodge.

The money paid for the program's new brick home — which Wilson says is "30,000 times nicer" than the program's old home — and will go for some remodeling and redecorating projects.

"We've never had a homey feeling before," she said.

She said the former location, a building rather than a house, had stained walls and smelly carpet.

In the new home, wood paneling provides a cozy background to a family-sized table with a lace tablecloth. The Lodge's five residents take turns cooking the dinner meal and always sit around the table to eat together.

Donated furniture and fixtures fill

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Jeanne Wilson proudly shows off Cosmopolitan Lodge, furnished with donated items from generous community members

House passes 'open enrollment' bill

The Associated Press

BOISE — Sponsors of "open enrollment" legislation say they hope it will improve the quality of education in Idaho by allowing parents more choice in the schools their children will attend.

The House voted 63-18 Wednesday for a bill allowing parents to send their children to schools in other districts, if they so choose. It now goes to the Senate.

"Competition is a valid reason in itself," said sponsor Rep. Herm Steger, R-Boise, a retired elementary school principal. It would force schools to improve when parents vote with their feet.

The measure allows parents to send their children to other districts, but the receiving district can decide against accepting them for reasons



the school and will cause the schools to provide more information to parents," he said.

Rep. Ken Robinson, D-Boise, noted that the measure could allow taxpayers in some districts to subsidize the students of another district, since local school funding would not travel with the students.

Education Committee Chairman Rep. Janet Hay, R-Nampa, said the measure should lead to increased support of public school programs, which in turn will increase educational excellence.

She called it a start, and if the program works, "we could come back and open parental choice even more."

Some legislators mentioned allowing parents to decide which school within a district they would like their children to attend. The bill approved Wednesday refers only to transfers between districts.

U.S. issues warning of Easter hijacking

The Associated Press

LONDON — The U.S. government warned American military personnel, diplomats and their families that terrorists might try to hijack a U.S. airliner in Europe on Easter weekend, the tabloid Daily Express reported Wednesday.

Thursday's issue of the tabloid, early editions of which were available Wednesday night, said the possible threat was detailed in a secret memorandum dated last Friday from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The paper said it was a copy of the memo.

In Washington, FAA officials declined comment on the report. But other officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed that the memo had been sent.

The officials said the FAA had not issued a general warning, but instead had sent out a "non-specific alert" dealing with three Lebanese suspects.

"A worldwide security operation was under way to foil a hijacking," the report said.

"American military personnel and diplomats and their families have been told of the threat, which centers on U.S. airlines. They were advised to alter routine plans to return home from Europe for Easter."



Da Vinci depicted Last Supper in formal setting using background from his era, not Christ's time

Lodge

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the living areas. And although decorations are scarce and the bedrooms mostly bare, Wilson says the residents are proud of their home.

Cooking and cleaning and other life skills are taught through hands-on experience. The residents, who could not be named due to confidentiality laws, even plan to plant a rose garden out back.

Groups in Pocatello, Idaho Falls and Moscow received similar Stewart B. McKinney funds. The grants were introduced two years ago to ensure the federal government would do its part to help solve the nation's homeless problem, said Robert Scalia, with the federal Housing and Urban Development Department's Region 10 office in Seattle.

Homelessness is really everyone's problem, he said, because 20 percent of all homeless are children, who suffer great trauma and will become a whole new problem generation dependent upon tax supported programs later.

"You either pay now or pay later," Scalia said. "I just don't know how else to put it."

"But it's more than that," he added. "This is a country of some compassion."

He said the Lodge is a good example of volunteers, the private sector and the federal and state governments "working together to whip homelessness."

Local citizens and mental health officials sit on the CORE board, which has laid low and avoided media limelight over its six-year existence because of confidentiality conflicts. Program officials allowed the media to visit the new home only with the promise that its address not be made public.

Part of the problem is the "not-in-my-backyard" syndrome that usually follows such programs.

Ken Deibert, administrator of Canyon View Hospital, and a CORE board member, said neighbors surrounding the new home were apprehensive at first, but that good communication has dispelled most prejudices.

Wilson said people accepted into the Lodge are not severe cases, and that a screening committee has turned lots of people away.

"If there are any questions of them being dangerous or any danger in their background, they're turned down," he said.

She said problems only arise when the mentally disabled don't take their medication, which controls the chemical imbalances that cause mental illness.

Not taking medication is a problem with mentally disabled who end up in the street or on their own, which often happens when a patient is released from Blackfoot's State Hospital South or when a death leaves a mentally disabled patient with no friends or family.

"They don't just want any problems," she added. "They just want to be left alone."

Lodge success stories include one

woman who is finishing a secretarial degree at Idaho State University. Others are working in the community and two residents even got married and are living on their own.

An extra set of dishes is always kept on hand at the Lodge to give those who want to move out a head start. The Lodge's goal is to get the people back out into the community.

Residents pay rent to the Lodge from the social security benefits they receive for their disability. They can stay at the home as long as they needed. No one is ever forced out, Wilson said.

She says the CORE board would like to acquire an apartment building in the future to make the transition back into the community even easier for the disabled.

Airline trustee Spud chooses panel for creditors

NEW YORK (AP) — The federal trustee supervising Eastern Airlines bankruptcy reorganization on Wednesday appointed a 15-member committee to represent unsecured creditors of the strike-torn airline.

The new creditors' committee includes representatives of the Machinists union and pilots union at Miami-based Eastern, as well as a representative of non-union employees, most of whom were laid off following the strike.

The Machinists struck the airline on March 4 after 17 months of wrangling with management over a contract. The pilots' support for the walkout virtually grounded Eastern and forced it to file for protection from its creditors on March 9 under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Act.

The Eastern pilots are owed more than \$500 million in back pay and other claims, said Ron Cole, a spokesman in Miami for the Air Line Pilots Association.

The creditors' committee has the right to review any reorganization plan proposed by Eastern and can propose its own plan to the bankruptcy judge.

In Houston, officials of Eastern's sister carrier Continental Airlines preparing for heavy Easter travel dismissed the effects of a flight attendant's strike. They said the walkout is not disturbing service despite union claims of delays and cancellations.

Continental officials say the strike was called at the behest of Eastern Machinists. Both Eastern and Continental are owned by Houston-based Texas Air Corp.

Supper

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sometimes slept — at the same place, Fleming said.

The 45-year-old U.S.-educated Bible scholar who has done research in Israel for 15 years noted the early Greek versions of the New Testament describe Last Supper participants as reclining.

"He" said — the Greek words "anekata" and "anepson," used in Matthew, Mark and Luke, were often translated as "sat" but actually mean "reclined."

Fleming agrees with other scholars that Christ's Last Supper may have been a Passover meal held by Jews then as now to commemorate the exodus from Egypt. Rabbis of the day urged followers to recline at this meal, in the style of the Romans who ruled the Holy Land in that era.

Today, Christian pilgrims visit the Cenacle, a building on Mount Zion in Jerusalem where tradition has it the Last Supper was held.

Fleming's group has built a "Pilgrims' Center" on the southern edge of Jerusalem where visitors can share a Passover feast while reclining around a stone triclinium.

The menu, which is as close as the center can get to a Passover meal in Christ's day, typically includes roast lamb, unleavened bread, wine, hard eggs, nuts, and fruits such as grapes and figs.

In artistic renderings of the Last Supper, Judas generally is seated at one end of the dining table, the guy without the halo," said Fleming.

But the Biblical Study Center can cite verses from the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John that indicate Judas was close to Christ, probably to his immediate left.

The most convincing is in the gospel of Mark, which alludes to the practice of sharing food from a common bowl.

When the apostle John, at Christ's right, asked who would betray him, Christ answered, "It is one of the 12, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me."

Christ likely would have shared the bowl with only one or two people, Fleming said.

"In the end, what we're really trying to do is give people a better understanding of the Bible, of the world of Christ," he said. "These are just clues that may help."

EPA declares pesticide carries no risks to life

By AMY GAMERMAN
States News Service

WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency Wednesday said that a pesticide used on potatoes does not pose "life-threatening health risks" according to an ongoing study.

According to a New York Times report Tuesday, an EPA preliminary study found that Aldicarb, an insecticide used on some potato and banana crops, posed real health risks to infants and children. The study recommended barring the pesticide, according to the Times report.

In a statement released Wednesday,

John Moore, EPA acting deputy administrator, said the agency had concerns about the "acute toxicity" of the pesticide, which it found can cause flu-like symptoms, including nausea, headaches and blurred vision in children.

But Moore said the pesticide had been found to cause cancer and other serious illnesses.

Moore said the new study, which attempts to incorporate findings on the amount of chemical residue in the field, was a residue survey done by manufacturers, is not conclusive and must be subject to review.

Study findings will be reviewed by the EPA Scientific Advisory Panel in May.

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Sen. James McClure, R-Idaho, said at a news conference later that looks like the one that resulted in the Times story should be "ferreted out and stopped" by new EPA Administrator William Reilly.

McClure blamed the aldicarb scare on the Natural Resources Defense Council. That group recently caused a national stir by publishing a 1977 report indicating Alar, a chemical used on apples, is a health threat.

"I think what we're seeing is a concerted campaign by the NRDC and their friends to cast doubt on pesticides generally," McClure said. "It's just too pat that these should be coming one after another."

In a news release, Sen. Steve Symms, R-Idaho, said he told Moore that the agency must make an immediate and strong statement to ease the fears of consumers.

"This is getting ridiculous. First Alar, now aldicarb; it looks like we're going right down the alphabet of farm chemicals," Symms said. "It has got to stop ... The confidence of the American people cannot stand this rollercoaster ride."

Meanwhile, potato industry executives said it was too early to tell whether the aldicarb scare could cause long-term damage.

Mal Anderson, director of the Idaho Potato Commission, said potato farmers would be willing to live with any change the EPA decides to make in regulations surrounding the use of pesticides.

Arrest

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they did not have a warrant against him, Hieronymus said.

On March 14, Rath, whom nurses characterized as strong-willed but cooperative, was released as any other hospital patient would be, he said.

West said he was told by hospital employees that Rath was in serious condition and could not leave under his own power. He said he was waiting until Rath was in better condition before picking him up.

However, Union County did not issue an Idaho arrest warrant against Rath until Tuesday.

LaGrande police then phoned the Elmore County sheriff's office in Mountain Home and told Sheriff Ray Layher that Rath's girlfriend, Vickie Almas, lived in King Hill. Layher said King Hill is eight miles east of Glenns Ferry.

Sheriff's deputies spotted a van in Almas' driveway with a license plate registered to Rath. Layher said.

From 10 p.m. Tuesday a surveillance team including Elmore County sheriff's deputies, Idaho State Police and Ada County sheriff's deputies

"The growers are progressive," he said. "But we need to know ahead of time so we can prepare."

Anderson said the commission planned to send out copies of the FDA report on potato testing since 1985 to supermarket chains concerned about aldicarb.

Dick Thomas of Dick Thomas Produce in Idaho Falls said he had two orders for potato shipments to Missouri and Ohio canceled Wednesday.

"With the aldicarb report following the thing about apples, people are scared to death," he said.

Bruce Mercer, president of the Denver, Colo.-based National Potato Promotion Board, said he was assured by EPA officials that the agency has no intention of banning aldicarb.

Timik is a systemic pesticide that kills insects on the plant leaves and stem, such as peach aphids, and potato worms below the surface of the ground.

"There is so little chance that anybody could become sick by eating a potato where aldicarb was used in the growing process that to cause a national scare is laughable," Mercer said. "There is an impact on the market already from the report, but we think it will be cleared very rapidly."

The New York Times reported that the drop of aldicarb absorbed through the skin can kill an adult. In children, exposure to the concentrations found in some potatoes could cause nervous disorders, nausea and other ailments.

Today's weather

This sounds ideal for an early spring day

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding:

Today variable clouds. Highs in the mid 60s. Lows tonight, 30 to 35. Winds light. Friday cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs mid 50s to the lower 60s.

Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley:

Today variable clouds. A slight chance of showers. A few patches of night and morning fog. Light winds. Highs 45 to 50. Lows tonight in the mid 20s. Friday cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs mid 40s to the lower 50s.

Northern Utah and Nevada:

Utah — Today mostly sunny and breezy. Highs in the low to mid 60s. Tonight increasing clouds and breezy. Lows in the low to mid 40s. Friday mostly cloudy and cooler with scattered showers. Highs in the low to mid 50s. Chance of measurable rain is 40 percent Friday.

Nevada — Increasing clouds tonight with a chance of showers fast by Friday morning. Mostly cloudy Friday with the chance of showers spreading east during the day. Lows tonight in the mid 20s to upper 30s. Highs today in the mid 50s to upper 60s and on Friday in the 40s to low 60s.

Summary:

Mid-afternoon skies over Idaho Wednesday were generally partly to mostly cloudy mainly at high levels with only a few locations reporting low-level clouds, the National Weather Service said.

Temperatures were in the upper 40s to upper 50s in the valleys and in the 30s in the mountains. No precipitation was reported at any locations. The pollen count in Twin Falls Wednesday was 164 particles per cubic meter of air.

The extended forecast for Southern Idaho — Widely scattered showers Saturday. Scattered showers Sunday. Decreasing showers Monday. Highs Saturday 50s and Sunday 40s to 50s. Lows Monday 40s to 50s. Lows Monday 20s to mid 30s.

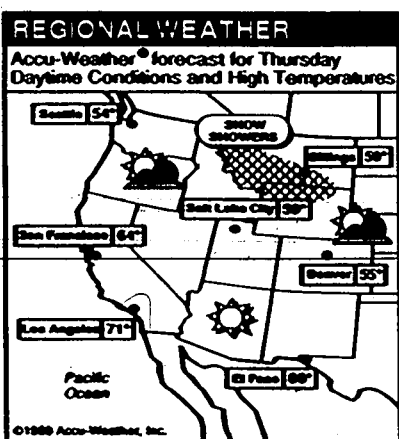
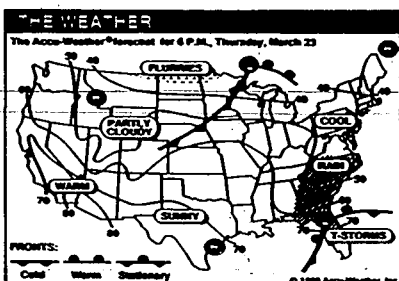
The warmest temperature in the state Wednesday was 62 degrees at Malta. Soda Springs reported the coldest at 14 degrees.

Elsewhere in the nation Wednesday, the highest temperature was 88 degrees at Yuma, Ariz. The lowest was 12 degrees below zero at Escanaba, Mich.

Idaho road report

HOISE (AP) — Road conditions Wednesday, reported by the Idaho Department of Transportation

US 96 — Riggs-Winchester, dry, Winchester-Lewiston, wet, dry,



Lewiston-Moscow, dry, Weiser-New Meadows, icy spots, wet, Marsing-Oregon line, wet, dry.
 Interstate 84 — Caldwell area, wet, dry. Boise area, wet, dry; Twin Falls-Burley, wet, fog; Burley-Idaho Falls, wet.
 Idaho 20 — Horseshoe Bend-Danville, icy spots, wet, fog; Donnelly-New Meadows, icy spots, wet.
 Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, wet, fog; rolling rocks; Idaho City-Lewiston, broken snow floor, icy spots; Grandpa Junction-Sandwich, broken snow floor, icy spots, fog.
 US 20 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, icy spots, wet; Fairfield-Ash-Oregon line, wet, dry.
 Idaho 31 — Wet.
 US 81 — Nevada line-Carey, wet, snowing; Carey-Salmon, wet; Lost Trail Pass, snow floor.
 Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, wet, snowing; Galena Summit, broken snow floor.
 Interstate 86 — Wet.
 Interstate 15 — Utah line-Dubois, wet; Monda Pass, snow floor, fog; US 31 — Wet.

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Boston	37	27	
Chicago	35	25	
Denver	49	31	
Dallas	47	32	
Dayton	37	27	
El Paso	51	31	
Houston	48	32	
Los Angeles	54	34	
Memphis	47	32	
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Hope alive for F&G flap compromise

BOISE (AP) — An angry Senate Finance chairman on Wednesday lashed out at the Fish and Game Commission and Director Jerry Conley for what he labeled false and distorted claims they lodged against House-passed legislation to compensate farmers for wild game damage.

At the same time, the Idaho Cattle Association, which has been at odds with the commission and supports the damage compensation bill, was taken to task by another Senate committee chairman for its own distortions on the issue.

Late Wednesday afternoon, three House members joined the battle, with Rep. Boyd Hill, R-Meridian, calling for the firing of Conley, or his resignation. But the debate ended when another House member warned the Legislature's farmers and ranchers not to get into an all-out war with hunters and fishermen.

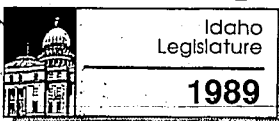
There were also indications that attempts to reach a compromise on the divisive issue may be attempted in the coming months.

Conley denied that the statement from the department was false or distorted and defended its distribution to sportsmen who finance the department and its programs through license and tag fees.

"We feel very strongly that sportsmen have a right to know what's being done with their funds," Conley responded.

Finance Chairman Atwell Parry, R-Melba, demanded an apology from the commission for its publicly distributed Legislative News Brief. He said it made false claims attacking the bill requiring compensation for crop and field damage caused by marauding big game.

He was joined by Sen. C.A. Smyser, R-Parma,



who said lawmakers should move quickly to prohibit any state agency from using public funds to actively incite its supporters to lobby against pending legislation. Both Hill in the House and Smyser in the Senate claimed Fish and Game used \$560 in public funds to prepare the publication.

"The Fish and Game position is to frighten and anger sportsmen," Parry told his colleagues in a statement from the floor of the Senate. "I think it's unforgivable."

The focus of the controversy is legislation requiring compensation of landowners suffering future financial loss from game feeding in their fields because of the harsh winter or the drought-plagued summer. Also pending in the Fish and Game budget is \$500,000 to pay damage claims for losses suffered this past winter and last summer. The two proposals are not linked in any way. The House bill would cover future losses while the budget provision will pay for past losses.

The House bill places no cap on the compensation payments, and Fish and Game officials say that could completely drain their fund for emergency winter game feeding. Parry said that claim was untrue because the department has no idea how much damage has been done.

Parry also accused the department ignoring the depredation problem for years and then criticizing the Legislature for trying to respond in the absence of any strong recommendation from its commission.

Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, chairman of the Resource and Environment Committee, acknowledged the controversy touched off by the legislation. But he also said Cattle Association Director Gary Glenn was falsely telling his supporters that the House bill had to pass if they were to be compensated for past losses.

Noh said flatly that the two were not related and endorsed the budget proposal as a responsible approach to helping the landowners.

At the same time, he raised questions about the value of the House bill, saying there were areas of serious depredation that it would not cover. He also indicated that the Fish and Game Commission wanted to meet with top lawmakers on the possibility of working out an acceptable solution to the problems during the summer and fall.

Hill was joined by Republicans Joan Wood of Rigby and Ray Infanger of Salmon in criticizing the Fish and Game Department.

"We need to replace this director and get a new one that can return credibility (to the department) that has been lost in the last few days," said Hill.

But Rep. Dean Haugensen, R-Coeur d'Alene, warned the Legislature's farmers and ranchers not to get into a pitched battle with sportsmen.

He said although perhaps 10 percent of Idaho's population is connected with agriculture, 70 to 80 percent of the people hold hunting or fishing licenses.

Lawmakers to develop college building program

BOISE (AP) — Republican legislative leaders worked to develop a much-debated college construction program Wednesday after their budget writers abruptly adjourned for the session without handling the issue considered the key to ending the 1989 session.

The concept is still under discussion. Senate President Pro Tem Michael Crapo of Idaho Falls said, "The fact that the committee adjourned has not killed it."

After spending nearly an hour putting together a \$14 million reserve account as a hedge against future spending problems, the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee permanently adjourned without considering the capital improvements package called a surplus eliminator.

House Speaker Tom Boyd of Genesee said he still was committed to a bricks-and-mortar plan, although both he and Crapo agreed with need for the reserve account.

There were indications a construction package, similar to the \$20 million plan narrowly defeated by the House two weeks ago, could be written by the individual Finance or Appropriations committees or by the leadership dominated House Ways and Means Committee.

The budget committee endorsed the huge reserve account on a 13-11 vote depleting all the unspent tax revenues already expected by economists and laying claim to the first \$6.5 million of any unanticipated surplus that might materialize in the next three months.

"We have basically balanced the budget for this year, but the problem will soon be before us to balance the budget next year," House Appropriations Chairman Kathleen Gurnsey, R-Boise, said. "I don't think we have any money left for a building fund."

Rep. Mack Neibaur, R-Paul — angered that the reserve account was run up so high that it undercut his capital improvement plans — then won approval to immediately shut down the joint panel's operations.

Boyd conceded that failure of the committee to draft the construction program had dimmed chances of wrapping up before Easter.

Panel kills mandatory sentence for child abuse

BOISE (AP) — The Senate Judiciary Committee has killed the House alternative to its tough mandatory minimum sentencing bill for child abuse, with members generally agreeing it was so flawed there was little chance of repairing it before final adjournment.

The committee's 6-5 vote came Wednesday after Democrats said they could gain no assurances from Chairman Denton Darrington, R-Declo, that the committee would have enough time to properly draft the kind of modifications needed to correct the problems.

At issue is the rejection by the House of a mandatory minimum one-year jail term for convicted child molesters in favor of what critics called a hastily drafted alternative they claimed actually slapped a one-year maximum on sentences for sex abuse crimes currently carrying prison terms up to life.

"I want justice for our children, and this bill does not protect our children," said Deb Krum, who has organized rallies at the Capitol to pressure lawmakers for the tough sentencing laws.

Some committee members, including Darrington, indicated they would have supported keeping the

House bill alive just in case some kind of repair measure could be agreed to in the final days of the 1989 session.

But most conceded the only real remedy to the bill's problems was simply replacing it with the original minimum-sentencing bill that cleared the Senate unanimously over a month ago.

"It would be fruitless for us to put mandatory minimums back in and shove it back to the House," Darrington admitted.

House supporters of the alternative, who have drawn the wrath of Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus and anti-child abuse forces, maintained the one-year minimum

sentence could actually turn into a maximum. They also contended its mandatory nature would preclude prosecutors from winning plea-bargained convictions in abuse cases where evidence is weak.

Sen. Gail Bray, D-Boise, who has taken a lead role in the battle for tougher child abuse laws, had steered supporters against the probability that the sentencing bill would be killed earlier this week at another Statehouse rally.

However, that intercept message is patently false when used in a situation in which the customer's number has been changed at a telephone company's behest or when the telephone company knows that the customer continues on its system with a new number.

The PUC has given US West until the end of March to answer a series of questions about how it decides what intercept messages to use and about its relationship with Service Link, an unregulated US West affiliate that provides intercept services.

PUC checks US West intercept message

BOISE (AP) — State utility regulators are looking into US West Communications' use of an intercept message that informs callers no information is available about disconnected numbers.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission said it has received several complaints and inquiries about the message in recent months. The message is appropriate when a phone customer discontinues service or has service terminated and has provided the company with no additional information, the PUC said.

PUC OKs intervenor funding for coalition

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved the Northwest Conservation Act Coalition's application for almost \$17,000 in intervenor funding.

The money is for the group's part in the PUC's investigation of electric utility conservation programs.

The commission said this week that the coalition helped in its decision on least-cost planning and the requirement that electric utilities submit resource management reports twice a year.

The PUC said the electric companies will pick up the tab for the intervenor bill, with Idaho Power paying the most at almost \$3,000.

Both Utah Power & Light Co. and Pacific Power & Light Co. objected to the funding.

RV Ambassadors get Andrus kudos

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho RV Ambassadors program has been a major success in its initial year and will be continued, Gov. Cecil Andrus says.

The program was started last fall under the sponsorship of the Idaho Campground Owners Association.

About 100 Idahoans who travel in recreational vehicles and spend their winters in the South volunteered to encourage people they meet to spend their summers in Idaho.

Andrus said the RV Ambassadors have been finding considerable interest in Idaho's summer recreational opportunities. They will have talked to at least 15,000 people this winter, with 99 percent of those contacted indicating an interest in spending time in Idaho.

City settles gas suit out of court

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The City of Coeur d'Alene reached an out-of-court settlement to pay \$25,000 to a former city employee who was fired for refusing to work at a repair shop because he feared his health was endangered by gases seeping from a nearby landfill.

The settlement ends seven months of controversy that began when Mike Crill, a fire hydrant repairman, refused to work at the city water department's repair shop located next to the Kootenai County landfill.

Crill was fired, but he filed a claim against the city in January claiming he was fired unfairly. Since his firing, the city has decided to abandon the repair shop.

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F&G solution is a simple one

Only minutes ago having attended the public hearing on the proposed regulation changes put forth by the Fish and Game Department for Silver Creek and the Big Wood River, I was not satisfied with my brief statement expressed there.

Gary B. Peak

As a lifelong resident of the Wood River Valley, I feel that the issues concerning the river are not who will be allowed to fish where, and with what, but will we allow our county P and Z to continue to allow building in the floodplain.

The result is ripraping of the river and subsequent destruction of the native fish habitat, which, in my opinion, is the direct cause of the reduction of quality game fishing on the Wood River.

Controversy seems to center on "bait fishing" as opposed to "fly-fishing." With reduction in take limits, I see no reason that both methods of fishing cannot be a reality on all sections of the river.

Reducing the number of fish in possession from six to two per day would increase not only the numbers of fish, but the size. With proper education on release techniques, the kill ratio on fish released after being caught, even with barbed hooks and bait, could be reduced well below the 25 percent mark.

The fishing industry in the Wood River Valley and the state of Idaho is one of our most precious commodities. Not only in the aesthetic sense, but in terms of dollars and cents.

The fishing on the Wood River and Silver Creek are one of the valley's most essential drawing cards for our tourist-based economy. To close our streams to bait fishing could prove to have a serious detrimental effect on our local summertime economy.

To set regulations excluding bait fishermen from our streams would be like setting a highway regulation stating that in order to drive between Hailey and Sun Valley, you must drive a Mercedes 450 SL.

If that seems absurd, so does putting an entire recreational resource into the sole hands of a specific segment of the population.

During the Fish and Game presentation at the high school, Russ Thurnow, the biologist who conducted the three-year study on the Big Wood River, stated that in a worst-case scenario, 60 percent of the fish re-

turned to the river (required under a slot limit regulation) would die. Remember, this is a worst-case scenario.

In order to increase the numbers of fish, we need to rebuild their habitat that was destroyed by removing the snags from the river in the early 1980s, and by ripraping.

To leave the worst-case scenario, Mr. Thurnow stated that, in reality, the actual number of fish expected to survive under catch-and-release imposed by a slot limit is closer to 25 percent. More than double the number than in his worst-case scenario in reality are expected to survive to restock our streams.

This leads me to believe our problems can be solved by reduction of the limit of fish taken per individual rather than excluding fishing on our streams to approximately 50 percent of the area's fishermen.

In conclusion, I feel that restricting the bait fishing on the Big Wood River or Silver Creek would have a detrimental effect on the young who are just beginning to appreciate the outdoors. Fly-fishing is not all that easy to learn, and if a child does not have some sort of immediate success, he may never become interested again.

I was very surprised to hear one gentleman at the public hearing state that he had been fishing the river for several months and had yet to see a kid fishing the river. But upon reflection, I can understand how that could be possible. There must be several areas on the river that are inaccessible to a Mercedes 450 SL.

Residents of Idaho: Any rumor to the effect that the newly proposed fishing regulations for the Big Wood River and Silver Creek have already been adopted is totally untrue. The Fish and Game Commissioners who decide the regulations will not meet until mid-April.

Any rumors or petitions opposing the proposed regulations should be sent to Norman H. Guth, Fish and Game Commissioner, P.O. Box D, Salmon, ID 83402.

Please look in your local convenience stores for petitions opposing the proposed closing of the Blaine County streams in question.

Gary B. Peak is a Bellevue resident.

Letters Welcome

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

Letters/Diapers, apples, cancer center draw reader comment

Diaper problem is on roads

In reference to the article in today's paper (March 22) concerning disposable diapers, I'm sure that there isn't a problem with them on our landfills, since so many people dispose of them along our highways.

If you doubt the truth of this statement, check with anyone who has participated in Johnny Horizon Day, a bicyclist or anyone who has occasion to see our roadsides at close range.

It is amazing and disgusting to see the quantity of disposable diapers found along our roads. I've seen these diapers first-hand since I have helped the Kiwanis with Johnny Horizon Day, and I am a bicyclist. I find it hard to believe that our citizens are that thoughtless and lazy, but the evidence is there.

JOHN MUNRO
Twin Falls

Guardian ad Litem explained

We are concerned that some recent reports regarding the Guardian ad Litem Program have been misunderstood. We would like to

clarify the information, first, regarding the attorney contracts and, second, regarding the counties served.

First, Twin Falls County Commissioners have recently contracted with local attorneys who had previously worked on child abuse cases in Twin Falls County. Prior to this contract, the Public Defender's office and a number of private attorneys offered pro bono services to the child victims. Attorneys in other counties such as Gooding, Jerome and Cassia are paid by those counties on an individual case basis.

Some of the attorneys remained on existing cases free of charge and others received a nominal fee. In all cases the attorneys assigned to abused children have been supportive and diligent in their role. On behalf of the children we would like to express our thanks to all of the attorneys, both past and with new cases — paid and volunteer, who have worked to protect the best interests of the children which they serve.

Some reports have indicated that only Ada County and Twin Falls County have

Guardian ad Litem programs. The Guardian ad Litem Program in Magic Valley is operated by South Central Community Action Agency with headquarters in Twin Falls.

Services are available in all eight counties which include the counties of Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Jerome, Gooding, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls. Services are provided to all children who are under the protection of the Child Protective Act, and services are available to all children where criminal abuse charges have been filed. Current legislation is designed to extend services to all regions in Idaho.

Our thanks is also extended to those prosecuting attorneys, judges, county commissioners and Guardian ad Litem volunteers who are working to see that the children in their jurisdiction are adequately represented so as to protect the best interests of the child. To all of you, thank you.

DONNA SUHR
Program Director, Family Advocacy Program
Twin Falls

No proof of bad apples yet

It was refreshing to read the March 22 editorial by Dr. R. Jackson, Chairman of the American Academy of Pediatrics Environmental Hazards Committee. At last a sane voice is heard amid the hysteria over pesticide residues in children's diets!

He reminds us that "The best scientific evidence available indicates that the factors in the American diet which contribute to excess cancer rates are fats and low levels of dietary fiber." Until there is reputable, conclusive evidence that pesticide residues at the current EPA-established level of acceptability cause cancer, I shall not delete apples — or any other produce — from my children's diet. To do so would deprive them of an effective weapon against proven causes of cancer, i.e. low levels of dietary fiber.

KARA KRAL
Twin Falls

Valley needs a cancer center

I was a member of the Magic Valley Memorial Hospital staff from 1949 to 1970. In the late '60s I enjoyed working with Irene Oliver

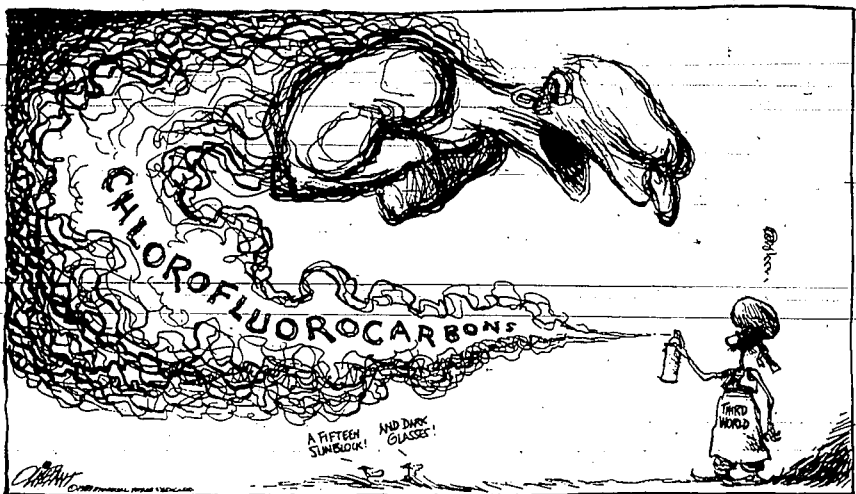
as chief of the Medical Staff.

From 1970 to 1986 I referred patients to MVMRC while I practiced internal medicine in the Wood River valley. The excellent medical facilities plus the specialists in surgery, cardiology, neurology, gynecology, pediatrics, and E.N.T. always "came through" to provide excellent care for my patients. Unfortunately, my oncology patients had to travel to M.S.T.I. in Boise for treatment.

It is my impression that a cancer treatment center would be a great boon to every citizen in Magic Valley.

I have the greatest confidence in MVMRC's hospital board. Several members are former patients and still are very close friends. My wife, Renee, and I were privileged to have Dr. Ben Katz care for our eight children and several of our grandchildren. We have that same confidence in his direction of the MVMRC's hospital board. It is our hope that the Twin Falls County Commissioners take whatever action is necessary to expedite the construction of the Cancer Treatment Center.

DR. BEN KREILKAMP
Sun Valley



"BEFORE I KILL YOU, DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER WISHES?"

Take a chance; eat a Chilean grape

Jerry Knight

WASHINGTON — I have never run with the bulls of Pamplona. I have no intention of ever jumping out of an airplane with 20 pounds of nylon on my back. I would not play Russian roulette with a cap gun. But I want to flirt with death. I want to take my life in my own hands. I want a grape.

The plump, succulent green grapes from Chile are in season now. I would eat a whole bunch of Chilean grapes if I could get them, washing them down with apple juice, just to make fun of the people who have taken away my constitutional right to keep and eat fruit.

The apple and grape paranoia should be no more than a tempest in a fruit cup, but it is growing into hysteria and ruining my diet. I have been facing fruit salads without grapes for more than a week now and Monday I found the fruit police had rounded up all the apples in the company cafeteria. This decision to protect me from killer fruit was made by the same highly credible food service contractor who last week announced that food prices were going up because of the drought. Dry weather in Iowa and Kansas must have been hard on the coffee crop because it went up a dime a cup.

These keepers of their brothers' and sisters' health have decreed that apples are so dangerous

that I cannot have one. They were, however, willing to sell me a healthy cheeseburger and french fries. So what if heart disease is the leading cause of death in people like me? Better to clog up arteries with beef fat and crunch a few overcooked carcinogens than to risk eating a killer apple.

Whether life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness includes eating an apple, a grape or other forbidden fruit is an issue that hardly would have been debated by Tom Jefferson and Ben Franklin, who must be enjoying a cosmic giggle at what their great experiment in democracy has given forth.

But today this debate is carried not by the finest minds in the land but by Meryl Streep and Frank Young.

Everybody knows who Meryl Streep is, but we

listen to her anyway. When Congress calls in movie stars to testify on life and death issues, it's no wonder some people think they need guns for self-preservation.

Frank Young, the Food and Drug Administration commissioner who decided on the basis of two grapes that all fruit from Chile is too dangerous to

eat, probably has to be given his due. It was his call to make, even if the decision is wrong-headed, statistically invalid and detrimental to U.S. foreign policy. You could eat all the poison grapes that have been found so far without so much as a stomach ache, but what a headache!

The diagnosis of cyanide in the grapes will probably turn out to be like the debate over whether yellow rain in southeast Asia was evidence of chemical warfare or bee excrement. Real or not, the episode has demonstrated that U.S. relations with a friendly country can be destroyed by a couple of threatening phone calls and a pittance of poison.

Pinocchet is accusing us of "using a tank to kill a fly" and he knows a lot about using tanks. Now he's encouraging the anti-American marchers in the streets. The Chilean fruit growers are choking on unsalable fruit. The terrorists have learned that a couple of phone calls and a couple of grapes can inflict hundreds of millions of dollars of damage to the economies of countries that let their national agendas be set by Hollywood stars and B-movie plots.

Jerry Knight covers financial news for The Washington Post.

Demos' shortsighted politics won't last

Walter Mears

WASHINGTON — One Democrat calls it "trickle-down Republicanism." Another warns of the "McDonaldization" of American politics, which is a mouthful.

Their message is the same: the assumption that Democrats can count on remaining a powerful party out of power is shortsighted politics. After losing four out of five presidential elections, the party could see the trend trickle down and threaten Democratic dominance in Congress.

Sen. Bob Graham of Florida used the McDonald's analogy. He said people are getting political messages the same way they hear about hamburger chains, on television. Graham said that goes double for people who move from one state to another — with the Sun Belt trend taking most toward Republican areas.

In that situation, he said, the notion that there can be two Democratic parties, one of presidential losers and the other of congressional winners, is one that can't last forever.

William A. Galston, a University of Maryland political scientist and

an adviser to former Vice President Walter F. Mondale in the landslide Democratic defeat of 1981, supplied the theory of trickle-down GOP strength.

He said that is more likely than a permanent, split-level realignment in which there is a congressional party and a presidential party. Galston pointed to Texas as an example of what could happen nationally — rising Republican strength beginning at the presidential level and gradually spreading down the ballot.

Galston said that "could well turn out to be the harbinger of our party's national fate." It would have to be a very early harbinger — Democrats dominate the House 258 to 174. Whatever the pull of party, the power of incumbency is greater, and the overwhelming majority of members who run for re-election win it. So any significant change in political alignment probably would take years.

— In the Senate, Democratic 55 to 45,

change could come more rapidly, not in the next election but possibly in 1992, according to Galston.

Those arguments got a sympathetic hearing at the Democratic Leadership Council, a moderate-to-conservative counterforce to the party's liberal wing. The prevailing view there is that Democrats must move to the middle in order to field a presidential candidate who can win.

When that group met recently in Philadelphia, Sen. Sum Nunn of Georgia, the chairman, said some Democrats find solace for national defeat in congressional dominance. "But a congressional majority cannot set the nation's agenda; only a president can do that," Nunn said. "Until we regain the White House, we will be able to block, modify and amend, but not to challenge, inspire and lead."

"We will be the mechanics of national policy, but not the architects of national purpose," he said. Nunn also said it was nothing personal — "I have no plans nor any inclination to run for president in 1992."

Galston warned that "...the continuation of presidential failure will relentlessly threaten every bastion we still possess."

Galston said the Democratic outlook is riskier in the Senate in 1992, suggesting that a weak presidential ticket could cost the party the control it regained from Republicans in 1986. The terms of 20 Democrats and 14 Republicans will expire with the 1992 elections. Eleven of the Democrats are freshmen elected in 1986, five of them by razor margins.

Unless the Democrats have policies and a nominee who can compete everywhere and crack that GOP base, Galston said, the odds against them will be overwhelming. In poker terms:

"The Republican nominee would start with two pairs while my Democratic counterpart would be drawing to an inside straight."

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House GOP elects Gingrich party whip

Newt Gingrich brings sting of partisanship to his post

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans elected right-wing activist Newt Gingrich of Georgia to their No. 2 leadership post Wednesday and charted a course for battle with the ruling Democrats.

Gingrich, the chief accuser of House Speaker Jim Wright and the publicity-hungry leader of a neo-conservative faction, declared he would "build a much more aggressive, activist party."

"I'm going to be happiest when two Republicans are debating an issue on TV and there's no room for a Democrat," he said.

Gingrich, 45, was elected minority whip over Rep. Edward Madigan of Illinois, 87-85 in a secret ballot of House Republicans, who held 174 of the 435 House seats. One Republican was absent and another voted for "other."

The vote for Gingrich was widely taken as a rebuke of the low-key style of the current Republican leadership, and as reflecting a desire in the House GOP to concentrate more effort on attacking the Democrats instead of working with them on legislation.

"As whip, Newt's task will be to count votes, create consensus or piece together a majority for initiatives sponsored by the Bush administration," said Rep. Tony Coelho, the House Democratic whip. "That's a tough job under any circumstances, more so for someone



Newt Gingrich, right, of Georgia huddles with the other GOP whip candidate Edward Madigan of Illinois prior to the vote

who stood apart from the legislative process so often," he said. "Newt has consistently attacked Democrats. Now, he's going to be asking for our votes."

Republicans have not held a majority in the House since President Eisenhower's first term, and Gingrich was able to capitalize on feelings of frustration in the

"They want us to be more activated and more visible and more aggressive," he said, who said his style had been to pick his fights. "There's such a frustration on our side at being mired down in the minority," he said.

With Gingrich a neophyte at the vote-counting and legislative role of the whip, and more inclined to entering the public debate, Michel said he might have to "go with the flow" and carry out some whip's duties himself.

Gingrich said he, too, would change and insisted he could work with the Democrats. He promised to work with Michel, but he also made clear that the whip job would have to adjust to him.

"Ed Madigan would have been a perfect traditional whip. He's a tremendous legislative craftsman," Gingrich said. "I think the party wanted a new job description."

Gingrich received a congratulatory telephone call from President Bush, who was traveling in Pennsylvania. But Gingrich told reporters he would not be pushing the new president's program if that put him in conflict with the wishes of the House Republicans.

The sixth-term congressman benefited from the backing of Rep. Guy Vander Jagt of Michigan, the head of the House Republican campaign organization.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The elevation of Newt Gingrich to the House Republican leadership Wednesday gave the party a whip with partisan sting and sent a clear message to a new president who preaches bipartisanship and to GOP House elders all too comfortable with minority status.

Gingrich is nothing if not quotable. With the Georgia congressman in a leadership position, the Democratic majority can expect to feel more intense rhetorical heat.

But while Gingrich might make for more interesting political warfare in the House chamber, the impact of his new status on President Bush's legislative goals is another question.

The president took office with an appeal for compromise over confrontation.

On the large issues facing the nation, the president acknowledged that difficult choices were required and there were no easy solutions.

"This is the age of the offered hand," he told Democratic congressional leaders in his inaugural address.

The new president decreed "a certain divisiveness." He said, "We have seen the hard looks and heard the statements in which not each others' ideas are challenged, but

each others' motives."

It was the kind of message of good will that House Republican leader Robert Michel of Illinois could enthusiastically applaud.

Gingrich prefers the clenched fist to the offered hand and his election over a moderate supported by Michel reflected a sense among many other Republicans that change was needed.

House Republicans were nearly evenly divided on the secret ballot to elect a successor to Richard Cheney of Wyoming, who has moved to the Pentagon as secretary of defense.

After the 87 to 85 vote by which he defeated Rep. Edward Madigan of Illinois, Gingrich appeared with Michel and offered his hand to the minority leader who undoubtedly numbered among the Republicans who voted against the Georgia congressman.

"I think you will find this to be a team effort," said Gingrich. "It's not a conservative activist victory. It is the entire Republican team."

"If this election had been a test of Bob Michel's leadership I wouldn't have gotten 40 votes," Gingrich added. "If Bob Michel stood up and said this is a test of my leadership, a vote of confidence in me, he would have A, won, and B, I would have withdrawn."

Fawn Hall 'paused' shredding documents

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fawn Hall, Oliver North's former secretary, testified at his trial Wednesday that she had few qualms about altering and shredding top secret documents the day before investigators were due because of her complete trust in him.

"I worked for Colonel North closely for four years," she said. "He was a man whose character I knew well. I knew there was a reason why he was doing this."

An intense, but composed witness, Miss Hall recounted the frenzied activity in North's White House office on Nov. 21, 1986 after the administration became aware that money from arms sales to Iran had been used to aid the guerrillas fighting in Nicaragua.

She said North, a top aide on the National Security Council, asked her to make changes in some documents brought out from the NSC's top secret "System Four" files. The changes, which he marked for her, involved retying the documents, which sometimes subtly and sometimes wholesale alterations.

I made the changes and assembled the packages and began to Xerox them," she said. "What did you do with the originals?" asked

prosecutor John Keker. "I shredded those and destroyed them." "Why did you do that?" "It was the logical thing to do," she said.

Asked by the prosecutor whether she had any qualms about her actions, she said, "There was a moment when I paused."

Questioned by the judge, she said that neither North nor anyone else instructed her to destroy the papers.

The documents that North was having redone were six so-called 1985 "problem memos" that indicated North's deep involvement in the Contra aid efforts and knowledge of them by national security adviser Robert McFarlane at a time when such aid was barred by Congress.

Miss Hall said she recognized that these were the documents from identifying numbers. She said that when they were prepared a year before, North made jokes that because of them they might have to go to jail for them.

"If you knew Colonel North well," she said, "he had a great ability of relieving tension ... he had a great sense of humor."

The day after the shredding, investigators for

Attorney General Edwin Meese III came to the office. She testified that she had not known that the investigators were coming.

Miss Hall's testimony went directly to three of the 12 criminal charges on which North is being tried: obstruction of Congress by the creation of false and misleading chronologies and altering and destroying documents; obstruction of a presidential inquiry; altering and concealing documents.

Miss Hall now works for the William Morris talent agency, but did not say what she does.

On Nov. 25, 1986, four days after the shredding incident, North was fired from the National Security Council and Miss Hall said that two NSC aides came in to seal up the office.

Hall said that as she went through documents in the office for North's successors, she found minutes of former McFarlane's meeting in Tehran. She also found notes and copies of the documents she had altered.

She said before she left she put the Tehran minutes in one of the boots she was wearing and put the altered documents in the other boot.

It was a very stupid thing that I did that day," she said.

\$68 million repair kit won't fix Air Force plane

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force can't repair a fire-damaged C-5A aircraft with repair kits it purchased from Lockheed in a \$68 million deal marked by conflict of interest allegations and proposed charges of \$229.94 for nickel-sized washers, witnesses told a House subcommittee Wednesday.

"This order involves virtually every sorry facet of defense contracting," said Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., whose House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on oversight and investigations presented a tale of possible fraud, revolving door hiring practices and vastly overpriced parts in the deal with Lockheed Aeronautical Systems Co.

Witnesses before the panel said the Air Force failed to conduct an economic analysis on the order and that such analyses are supposed to be standard practice on deals of more than \$1 million.

The service also was criticized for how it decided what repair kits to keep on hand for future crashes: Investigators for the congressional General Accounting Office said the decision was based on three

incidents: two crashes and a lightning strike.

"The data of three crashes was not enough to predict the number and timing ... of future crashes," Harry Finley, director of Air Force issues for the GAO, told the subcommittee.

In fact, a C-5A damaged in a fire at Travis Air Force Base in California on Dec. 30, 1988, cannot be repaired with the kit. The \$680-part kit is for repair to the underbelly of the aircraft and the damaged C-5A has a hole about 13 feet by 33 feet in the upper fuselage, Finley said.

"How can we know in advance what parts will be destroyed in a crash?" Dingell said, adding that in the case of the C-5A, they obviously guessed wrong.

The GAO's investigation found that an Air Force colonel negotiated the Pentagon contract with Lockheed and then later went to work for the company.

Under questioning from Rep. Thomas Bliley, R-Va., Finley said that in April 1986, Air Force Col. Anthony Diferdinando signed a memo which said the Air Force needed the kits, needed the money to purchase them and specified that the

contractor should be Lockheed.

One month later, Diferdinando made his first contact with the company about employment.

The GAO said Diferdinando retired from the Air Force on July 1, 1986, and on Dec. 2, 1986, the Air Logistics Center issued its first order for the kits at an estimated value of \$44.6 million.

Less than three weeks later, Lockheed offered Diferdinando a job, and on Feb. 2, 1987, he reported for work at a Lockheed marketing division responsible for marketing the C-130 aircraft in the Middle East. Finley told the subcommittee that Diferdinando "did not comply with provisions in a conflict of interest law requiring that he report his employment contracts and disqualify himself from procurement functions involving Lockheed."

"However, we did not find any evidence to indicate that his actions regarding the purchase of the kits were influenced by employment," the GAO said.

Dingell said the Air Force Office of Special Investigations notified the subcommittee that it began a criminal investigation of the colonel

for conflict of interest last Thursday.

A spokesman for Lockheed, Hugh Burns, said the company "has complied with all conflict of interest laws and to the best of our knowledge so did Mr. Diferdinando."

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First Lady visits young AIDS victims

WASHINGTON (AP) — First Lady Barbara Bush visited "Grandma's House," a home for children who have tested positive for AIDS antibodies, on Wednesday to convey the need to have compassion for victims of the disease.

Mrs. Bush held a 5-month-old baby and three toddlers and later hugged an adult AIDS victim to demonstrate that people "need to understand that you can hug and pick up AIDS babies and people who have the HIV virus." AIDS is caused by a virus called human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV.

The children, ranging in age from five to 21 months, reside in a townhouse founded as a home for HIV victims by Terrific, Inc. The name is an acronym for Temporary Emergency Residential Resource Institute for Families in Crisis.

The infants, born to drug-addicted mothers, are cared for by a round-the-clock staff. A 20-month-old girl died of AIDS last month, according to program director Joan McCurley. The others have about a 50-50 chance of developing the disease, she said.

Before meeting the children, Mrs. Bush and Dr.

Burton Lee, President Bush's personal physician, met privately with representatives of community organizations that deal with AIDS victims.

Afterward, Mrs. Bush warmly hugged Lou Tesconi, founder of Damien Ministries, a Roman Catholic-affiliated group that helps people with AIDS. Tesconi, 39, was diagnosed with AIDS two years ago.

"Inside the briefing, I said what we need is a collective hug from the first lady," Tesconi said. "I said I felt that would go a long way. She sent a message loud and clear."

Tesconi said he wants to combat the idea that people will think that "babies with AIDS deserve compassion, babies with AIDS are innocent, that the rest of us who have AIDS are somehow not innocent, are somehow guilty."

Grandma's House was purchased by Terrific with a combination of city loans, a bank loan, foundation grants and private donations. Its \$240,000 annual operating budget comes from the District of Columbia Commission on Social Services and private money, said Ms. McCurley.

Bush addresses parents, students; blasts drug users

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) — President Bush flew here from Washington, the nation's murder capital, to tell high school students that rising drug use in this pristine, pastoral area of Amish farms shows "how vulnerable every American city and town is to the menace."

But, he told his audience, "The good news is, you're fighting back" with homegrown efforts to stop young people from using drugs before they ever begin.

From here, he shuttled to Wilmington, Del., to proclaim that drugs are not an issue with "shades of gray. It involves good guys and bad guys, white hats and black hats, good and evil."

Proceeding on stage at Lancaster's Conestoga-Valley High School by a young man who told how drugs had wrecked his life, the president railed against casual drug use and reiterated his pledge to destroy foreign drug crops and the labs that process their harvest.

Addressing 3,000 students and parents packed into the school gym, Bush told the crowd:

"Together, let's you and me send a message on drug abuse to the so-

called casual user. Face up to the fact that your so-called recreational drug use contributes to the drug culture, to the crime, the death and degradation associated with the drug trade."

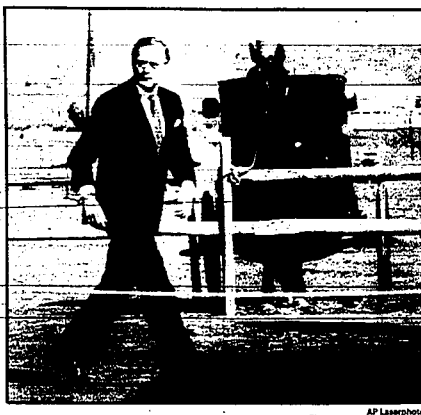
He pointed to efforts being made to keep young people from experimenting with drugs and said Americans must "get the message across that drugs are not a form of entertainment... Drugs are a poison to users and to our communities."

He pointed to DARE, a program begun by Los Angeles police and schools to "drug-proof our children."

"I've been out there," he said. "DARE sends these police officers into the classroom; to work with the kids, build their self-esteem, teach them that they can refuse when they're pressured to try drugs."

He also pointed to two local programs that target potential drug users from grade school through high school as part of the education effort and said they "do something to prevent drug problems before they begin."

He even sought out Amish parents to ask why among their children "the drug problem seems to be non-



President Bush ignores horse and buggy during visit to Penn Johns School in Lancaster, Pa. to rail against drug users

Meeting with a dozen members of the country's second-largest Amish community, Bush asked, "Why is it

that you all have been able to withstand the pressures and others have not?"

As if answering his own question, he asked, "Faith?"

One Amish leader said he believed the answer lay in the fact that Amish youth, if true to the faith, have no access to television, radio and sexual things.

Statistics for Lancaster County make Bush's point about the increase in drug activity, but also show it is far behind the District of Columbia, where officials have said much of the record homicide rate, 69.4 per 100,000 residents in 1988, is linked to drug activity.

Reported drug crimes in Lancaster County, an area known largely for its farms and tourist attractions, rose 32 percent from 1983 through 1987, from 326 to 433 in an area that last year had 380,000 residents.

In Washington, reported drug crimes rose 83 percent over the same period, from 6,004 to 10,977 in a city with 628,500 residents last year.

Lancaster County authorities say that a county-wide drug task force

created five months ago has already seized \$800,000 worth of virtually pure cocaine and \$19,000 worth of heroin.

"The rising problem here simply shows how vulnerable every American city and town is to the menace of drug abuse," Bush said.

While the president's focus in Lancaster was on preventive education, his thrust in Wilmington, where he addressed the Delaware State Criminal Justice Community, was on law enforcement efforts against drug traffickers.

"We must destroy crops and the labs that produce them in foreign countries," Bush said, adding that he proposes to spend \$690 million for Coast Guard drug interdiction efforts and \$300 million on Defense Department drug programs.

"We are in this with our friends south of the border," the president said. "We've got to destroy the crops and the labs that process the crops in these drug-producing countries."

Supreme Court rules FBI may limit disclosure of documents

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI may withhold from public disclosure its "rap sheets" on some 24 million Americans, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday.

The court, in a broadly worded opinion, said a federal law aimed at curtailing government secrecy does not require the FBI or any other agency to release information about private citizens.

The 9-0 decision scuttled a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit by a CBS News reporter and the Reporters Committee for Freedom

of the Press aimed at obtaining such documents.

The 1966 law allows government agencies to withhold documents when disclosure "could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."

Writing for the court, Justice John Paul Stevens said a government agency supplying someone with information about private citizens virtually always is an unwarranted invasion of privacy.

"The FOIA's central purpose is to

ensure that the government's activities be opened to the sharp eye of public scrutiny, not that information about private citizens that happens to be in the warehouse of the government be so disclosed," Stevens said.

The FBI maintains millions of identification records, called rap sheets, detailing arrest and conviction information supplied by federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

CBS correspondent Robert Schakne in 1978 sought all FBI

records of the arrests, indictments and court dispositions of any charges against four brothers, two of whom later were identified by authorities as associates, of reputed Pennsylvania crime boss Russell Bufalino.

Filed under the FOIA, the request in dispute sought such information about Charles Medico, one of the four brothers.

Schakne said he was trying to determine if Medico had a criminal record because the brothers firm, Medico Industries Inc., had received

lucrative defense contracts with the help of former Rep. Daniel J. Flood, D-Pa.

Schakne said he requested the FBI files as part of his reporting on Flood, who had been charged with accepting \$50,000 in bribes. Flood pleaded guilty to conspiracy in 1980 and was placed on probation.

The Reporters Committee later filed a similar request.

A federal appeals court here rejected Justice Department arguments that such FBI records are covered by privacy exceptions in the FOIA but Wednesday's ruling said the government's interpretation of the 1966 law is correct.

Auditors find S&L crime at root of savings crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — White-collar crimes, not poor economic conditions or deregulation, are the root cause of the savings and loan crisis, congressional auditors said Wednesday.

The General Accounting Office told the "House" Judiciary Committee's criminal justice subcommittee that it had examined 26 insolvent thrift institutions in eight states and found evidence of fraud or abusive insider dealing in each.

While the survey was skewed to S&Ls with the worst problems — the 26 represented 60 percent of total losses sustained by the government's insurance fund from 1985 through 1987 — the pattern of fraud and abuse among all failed thrifts "clearly is pervasive," GAO officials said.

The huge losses which will ultimately be passed to the nation's taxpayers, "estimated at \$100 billion to \$150 billion," did not come about primarily because of economic conditions or deregulation, Assistant GAO Comptroller General Frederick Wolf told the subcommittee.

"The bulk of the losses are directly attributable to the failure by management of a minority of the industry to follow basic, prudent business practices, including the establishment of effective systems

of internal control," Wolf said.

Asked if that is a crime, Wolf said violation of fiduciary responsibilities to operate in a sound manner is clearly a criminal issue.

The GAO said it found inadequate records and controls at all 26 of the failed thrifts it examined in detail, excessive loans to one borrower at 23 of them, conflicts of interest among officers or directors at 20 and excessive salaries and benefits.

FSX plane deal concerns Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Members of Congress, including several from President Bush's own party, expressed strong concern Wednesday — and some outright opposition — in the wake of Bush's statement that he intends to go ahead with the FSX fighter plane deal with Japan.

The FSX agreement is a bad deal for America and for American workers, said Sen. Alfonse M. D'Amato, R-N.Y., who has emerged as a leading critic of the pending U.S.-Japan agreement.

The arrangement is expected to be sent to Capitol Hill within the next

few days. It could be blocked if both the Senate and the House pass resolutions of disapproval.

Bush said Tuesday that he has decided to endorse the deal, but with modifications to help safeguard U.S. technology and to assure American industry participation.

"We've pretty much finished our deliberations here inside the administration," he said.

Under the agreement signed last year, St. Louis-based General Dynamics would join forces with Japan's Mitsubishi Heavy Industries to co-develop and co-produce the FSX, which would be an advanced version of the U.S. F-16 fighter.

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Inmate welcomes new trial promise

HOUSTON (AP) — Former death row inmate Randall Dale Adams said he hates Texas, the state that imprisoned him for 12 years for a crime he says he didn't commit, and said Wednesday he believes a new trial will further clear his name.

Shortly after his release from a Dallas prison Tuesday, Adams flew to Houston to meet with his attorney and sipped his first beer since his arrest in 1976, a treat from the plane's captain. He drank only one beer.

"I'll be glad to get back to Ohio," he said. "No offense, but I hate Texas."

Adams, who had no previous arrests, was convicted in 1977 of killing police officer Robert Wood, and was sentenced to death. He once came within three days of his execution date and the sentence was commuted to life in prison in 1980.

The conviction was dismissed earlier this month, following revelations in a movie documentary about his case, "Thin Blue Line."

Adams welcomed news that officials were seeking to retry him in Wood's slaying.

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Navy works to correct Trident failure

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The Navy said Wednesday it hoped to find and correct the cause of a Trident 2 missile explosion in time to fire the next missile in April and complete a series of submarine tests by year's end.

The Navy's goal is to have the long-range missile operational by December. That goal could be jeopardized if the problem is not found quickly, but a Navy statement said it would be premature to suggest the missile would not be ready for deployment then.

"We don't know if there will be a setback or how much of a one until we know the cause of Tuesday's failure and how much corrective action has to be taken," said Lt. Jim Wood, a Navy spokesman.

"Right now our plan is to launch eight more, starting in April," he said. "Our plan is to have the system operational in December 1989."

The first submarine launch of the Navy's newest and most powerful weapon ended in fiery failure shortly after one of the 44-foot missiles vaulted out of tube in the deck of the submerged USS Tennessee and shot to the surface. The first stage ignited and the projectile immediately spun like a burning pinwheel and exploded four seconds after launch about 100 feet above the Atlantic Ocean.

A Navy statement said an unknown malfunction caused the unarmed \$23.7 million missile to veer off course and self-destruct. It said no damage was done to the submarine or nearby support ships. Divers recovered the nose section



Trident 2 missile goes awry 4 seconds after blastoff from nuclear submarine USS Tennessee

and other parts, wreckage that could help in the investigation of what went wrong, authorities said.

Wood said investigators also were analyzing the four seconds of radioed flight data and videotapes of the explosion, "but no results have come out of the review yet. We have no firm ideas."

Navy officials at the Pentagon who spoke on condition of anonymity said the failure appeared to involve a malfunction in the first-stage rocket motor.

"But we have no idea at this point just what went wrong," said one official. "It will take a while to sort through the data."

The three-stage Trident 2 is a more lethal version of the weapon that is the heart of America's naval nuclear deterrent. It can deliver three to 12 nuclear warheads to individual targets up to 6,000 miles away.

The Navy said it was disappointed with the failure, but added, "It is through this type of developmental test program that you iron out problems."

Medical magazine reports computer virus infested hospital, patient records

BOSTON (AP) — The New England Journal of Medicine, which occasionally reports on viruses that spread through hospitals, carries an account this week of a related hazard — a virus that spread through hospital computers.

Computer viruses are devious pieces of computer code that move from machine to machine, often reproduce themselves and can give computers symptoms like memory loss.

In the latest case, a radiologist at a Michigan hospital described the havoc caused when two viruses infected the computers used to store and read nuclear scans that are taken to diagnose patients' diseases.

One of the viruses was relatively benign, making copies of itself while leaving other information in the computer alone. However, the other virus inserted itself into programs and directories of patient information and made the machines malfunction.

"No lasting harm was done by this, but there certainly was the potential," said Dr. Jack E. Juni of William Beaumont Hospitals in Royal Oak, Mich.

Juni, who described the incident in a letter to the journal, said about three-quarters of the programs stored in two Macintosh II personal computers were infected.

He said he did not know the origin of the less harmful virus, but

the more venal of the two apparently was on the hard disk of one of the computers when the hospital bought it new. A hard disk is a device used by computers to store programs and data. The virus spread from one computer to another when a doctor used a word processing program on both machines while writing a medical paper.

The hospital had backup copies of patient records, and eventually purged the viruses from the computers. It has since instituted precautions in an effort to keep out viruses.

Juni said the virus was on a hard disk manufactured by CMS Enhancements of Tustin, Calif.

CMS spokesman Ted James said a virus was inadvertently put on 600 hard disks last October. The virus had contaminated a program used to format the hard disks, or prepare them for use. It apparently got into the company's plant on a hard disk that had been returned for servicing.

James said that of the 600-virus-tainted disks, 200 were shipped to dealers, and four were sold to customers.

However, he said the virus was "as harmless as it's possible to be." It inserted a small piece of extra computer code on hard disks but did not reproduce or tamper with other material on the disk. He said he did not think Juni's problems were caused by that virus.

Shuttle Atlantis moved to launch pad

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Atlantis was moved to the launch pad Wednesday for liftoff next month on a mission to send a radar probe to map the surface of cloud-shrouded Venus.

The spaceship is scheduled for launch April 28 with a crew of five astronauts whose main task will be to start the 7,600-pound Magellan spacecraft on its 15-month journey to the mysterious planet.

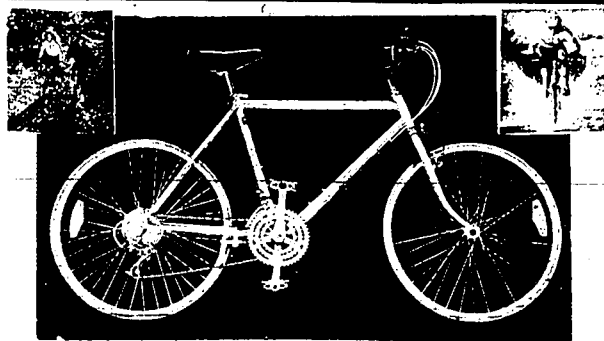
No American spacecraft has been launched toward the planets since 1978, and Magellan will be the first planet-bound craft to be released from a space shuttle. Magellan's assignment is to orbit Venus and map the

surface with a powerful radar that will send back images of features as small as 150 yards across. The U.S. Pioneer probe, sent to Venus in 1978, could not distinguish features any smaller than 60 miles across.

The April launch will be the fourth shuttle flight since last September, when the program resumed after a 32-month standstill because of the Challenger explosion. Atlantis flew in December.

Veteran shuttle flier David Walker will command the crew of the flight. Ronald Grabe will pilot the craft and the mission specialists will be Mary Cleave, Norman Thagard and Mark Lee.

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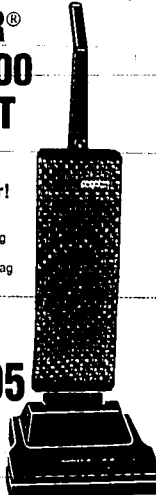
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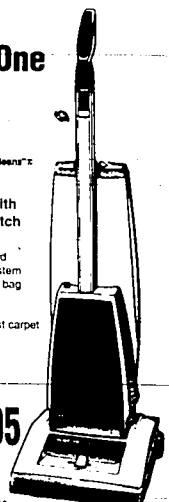
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Cristiani official winner in Salvador vote

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Alfredo Cristiani of the rightist Republican Nationalist Alliance was formally declared the victor Wednesday in the presidential election.

"I want to congratulate the winners of these unquestionable and indisputable presidential elections," Alfredo Cristiani said. "Francisco Merino," said Ricardo Pardo, president of the Central Elections Council.

Merino was the vice presidential candidate of the alliance, known as Arena. The council did not immediately release a final vote tally from Sunday's election.

Also Wednesday, President Jose Napoleon Duarte flew to Washington for further treatment of his terminal cancer, and the defense minister pledged investigations into the slayings of two Salvadoran journalists and a Dutch cameraman covering the election.

Kabul asks West to send envoys back

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The government asked the United States and 11 other nations Wednesday to reopen their embassies, which were closed because of the danger of Moslem guerrilla attacks on Kabul after Soviet troops withdrew.

A Foreign Ministry statement containing the appeal was read to foreign reporters. Ministry spokesman Mohammed Nabi Amani said it would be delivered to the United Nations.

The 12 countries closed their embassies in late January and early February as the Red Army completed its withdrawal after nine years of helping the Kremlin-sponsored government fight U.S.-supported Moslem guerrillas. The insurgents began fighting after a Communist coup in April 1979.

Amani, whose remarks were translated by aides from Dari into English, said the embassies were closed on a pretext of insecurity and they were saying after the Soviet withdrawal, Afghanistan will change to a bloodbath. The last 40 days have demonstrated that this was not correct.

The ministry statement specifically asked the United States, as a guarantor of the U.N.-sponsored withdrawal agreement, to reopen its embassy.

Remaining U.S. Embassy staff members were evacuated Jan. 31 and the 11 other embassies also closed, including those of Britain, France and Japan. Only 19 diplomatic missions have remained open in Kabul since the last Soviet soldiers left the country Feb. 15.

Parliament says it's ignored in Polish talks

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Members of Parliament said Wednesday they are being taken for granted in talks between the government and the Solidarity-led opposition, and one proposed legalizing independent political parties for the first time since 1948.

Authorities and the opposition decided to prolong historic negotiations on Poland's future into an eighth week during haggling over the powers of a new president and senate.

The Sejm, or parliament, began considering Wednesday the government's package of bills meant to transfer accords from the round-table talks into law.

Constitutional changes on the agenda included creating a freely elected senate and a strong presidency. Also up for discussion were laws on elections in June, trade unions, clubs and associations and farmers' unions.

The laws were only being introduced and referred to committees, but several in the 460-member chamber protested that they were expected to rubber-stamp decisions made in the talks.

Wiktoria Leyk, a non-party member of parliament affiliated with the Christian Social Union, was applauded when he said the talks should not "replace constitutionally appointed legislative and executive institutions."

Amnesty delegation visits Soviet Union

MOSCOW (AP) — A delegation from Amnesty International arrived in the Soviet Union on Wednesday — the first visit of the human rights watchdog group since it was founded 28 years ago, the Tass news agency said.

The three-member delegation, invited by the Institute of State and Law, will visit mental hospitals, prisons and a correctional labor colony, the official news agency said.

The question of Soviet soldiers taken prisoner in Afghanistan was not on the agenda for discussion.

ering the election.

Cristiani declared: "To us the winner is the Salvadoran people, and what the people want is a solution to their problems and in this sense we're going to go even further towards national rescue than we had promised."

"We intend to be a government for (all) 5 million Salvadorans," he said.

Preliminary results gave Cristiani slightly more than 53 percent of 576,339 votes tabulated to just over 36 percent for Fidel Chavez Mena, candidate of the incumbent Christian Democrats. More than 1.8 million Salvadorans were registered to vote, and turnout has been estimated at close to 50 percent.

Chavez Mena conceded defeat on Monday. The leftist Democratic Convergence announced its delegate to the elections council withdrew from

the official vote-count to protest what it called "fraudulent maneuvering" by the body.

In a statement, the coalition charged that council members were voting ballots cast for its candidate, Guillermo Ungo, and padding the vote for the candidate of the conservative National Conciliation Party.

The Conservative Party placed third and the Convergence fourth in the early vote count. Under law, only the top three political parties, as determined by voting, are allowed to appoint a delegate to the elections council.

"This maneuver is intended to force our representative out of the council," the Convergence statement said.

Duarte, 63, left on a commercial flight for Miami, where he was to be transferred to a U.S. Air Force plane for the flight to Washington.

Mickey, pals top Lenin, mystery writer in popularity poll

PARIS (AP) — Mickey Mouse and his fellow Disney cartoon characters have edged out Lenin, Agatha Christie and the Bible in one measure of world popularity, a U.N. group reports.

The magazine UNESCO Sources, prepared by the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, said in its March issue that Walt Disney's cartoon-illustrated

stories have taken the lead in a list of most-often translated works.

The Disney stories were translated into other languages 284 times in 1983, the magazine said.

Vladimir I. Lenin, founder of the Soviet state, was second with 276 translations, followed by 262 for British mystery novelist Agatha Christie.



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(below) Easter finery for your girls and boys. Wonderful Spring fashions for infants, toddlers, boys and girls found in The Attic.



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Roh orders crackdown

President Roh Tae-woo on Wednesday ordered a crackdown on leftist radical protests, and warned that the government would use force to suppress them, according to news reports.

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China legislators study leadership's line

BEIJING (AP) — The public speeches over Chinese legislators withdrew behind the scenes Wednesday to begin the main task of their two-week annual session—studying the leadership's latest line.

They also had a chance away from the public eye to air their own suggestions for better government, within the limits of what is politically acceptable.

Most, according to televised excerpts, either praised Premier Li Peng's report to the congress, supported his austerity program, or raised special interests, such as a ban on liquor ads proposed by one northwestern delegate.

In guest houses all over Beijing, the same scene was repeated as the nearly 2,800 delegates to the National People's Congress and 2,081 delegates to the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference gathered in groups of one to two dozen.

They sat in rows of soft-cushioned chairs, pulled out pads and pencils, sipped tea from lidded mugs and dozed while their colleagues' loud turns giving rambling comments on Li's report.

"How can it be that the great Chinese nation must drive foreign cars?" Zhu Jiquan, a professor at the International Education Institute, complained to about two-dozen inattentive colleagues in a dining room of the Fragrant Hills Hotel.

"We don't need foreign cars—we have our own Shanghai-made Santanas," Zhu said in a call for trade protectionism. He apparently was unaware the Santanas are assembled mostly of parts imported from West Germany by a joint venture Volkswagen factory in Shanghai.

Vice Premier Yao Yilin also called for protectionism in his speech to the congress Tuesday.

Zhu's group was made up of delegates to the Consultative Conference, an advisory group that meets at the same time as the congress. Its meetings were open Wednesday to foreign reporters who registered in advance.



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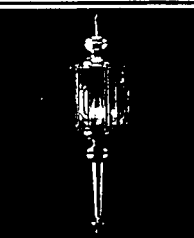
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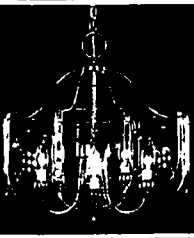
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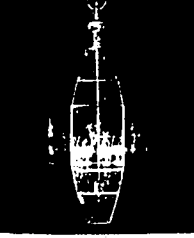
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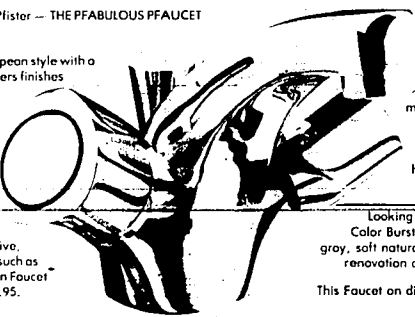
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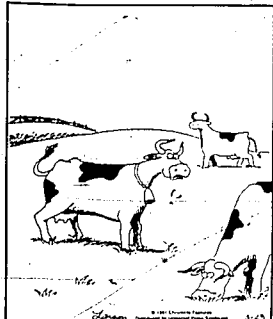
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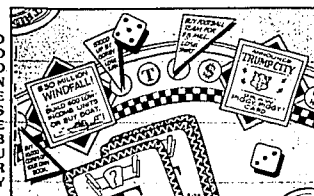


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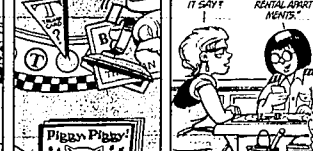
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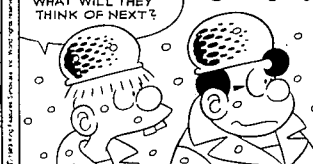
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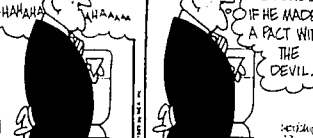
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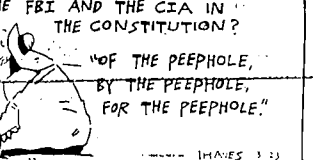
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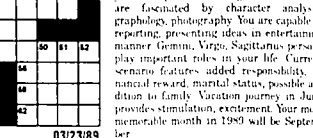
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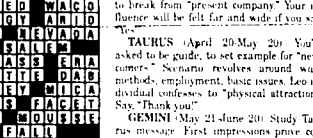
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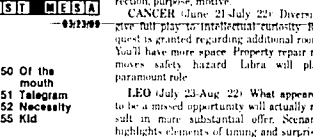
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Popular TV anchor feared worst when she became pregnant

BOSTON (AP) — When Liz Walker, a popular, unmarried television anchorwoman, announced she was pregnant in June 1987, she feared the worst.

"I expected to lose my job," said Walker, 37, of WBZ-TV. "I expected to have to leave Boston. I didn't want to lose all the things that go with the job. But that paled next to the idea of being a parent."

Walker, who is black, fielded intense criticism for being a poor role model for black teenagers.

"After the announcement that I was pregnant, for three months every day there was incredible publici-

ty," Walker said Tuesday. "It passed. If it didn't pass, I would have left. I would have protected my child against coming into such an intense world."

Walker still refuses to identify the child's father but said they are close and that her 15-month-old son, Nicholas, has a good relationship with him.

Walker recently signed a contract reportedly worth \$3 million over five years. But her priority is her son.

"My child is the most important thing in my life," she said. "The second is work — but it's not even a close second. Television is a job and

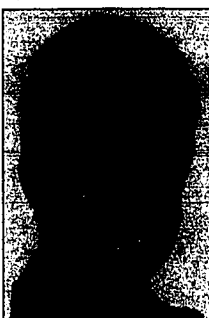
my job is a big part of me. But television is not my life. I've got a kid who loves me, who kisses me, who hugs me, who makes me feel wanted. Television can't compare with that."

Actress Liv Ullmann resting after operation

NEW YORK (AP) — Actress Liv Ullmann is "resting comfortably" after an appendectomy at Massachusetts General Hospital.

The Norwegian actress' publicist, John Springer, said Wednesday in New York that Miss Ullmann returned to her Boston home over the weekend, after finishing the film "Rose Garden" in Germany.

She had intense abdominal pain and her husband, Donald Saunders, took her to the hospital where she had surgery Tuesday. Miss Ullmann is expected to return home in a few days.



MICHAEL WARREN
Back to Indiana

One of the highlights of the deal was a 1969 Camaro ZL-1, one of 69 models built for drag racing, according to a spokeswoman for Kruse International, an Auburn-based car auction company.

'Hill Street Blues' star will play in fame game

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Michael Warren, who played on two NCAA championship teams at UCLA and later starred in the "Hill Street Blues" television series, still has a special fondness for the Indiana high school basketball tournament.

It's been a quarter-century since Warren left South Bend Central, but he says "some of the memories of playing basketball for Central and just being a student there seem like they happened only yesterday."

Warren will be in Indianapolis on Thursday as a member of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame's Silver Anniversary team. He and 11 other

high school seniors of 1964 will be honored at the Hall's annual banquet at the Convention Center.

Actress McCullough dropped as fest queen

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — The search is on for a new Queen Azalea after festival organizers here took heat from local church members because their first choice, actress Julie McCullough, has appeared in Playboy.

Bill Cameron, president of the 42-year-old festival, said Tuesday that organizers and Miss McCullough had agreed "that it would not be in the best interests of the Azalea Festival" for her to be queen.

Miss McCullough, who plays Julie Costello on ABC's "Growing Pains," was a 1985 Playboy cover girl and also a Playmate of the Month. In addition, the Dallas native appeared in Anniversary team. He and 11 other "photo feature on 'Girls of Texas.'"

Preservationists fight to save studio

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The old concrete barns and nondescript structures at the Hollywood Center Studios hardly pass as architectural wonders, but they have become embroiled in a battle between studio bosses and preservationists.

Inside the hollow clay tile walls live the memories of comedians Harold Lloyd and Lucille Ball, director Francis Ford Coppola, actress Jean Harlow and the comedy team Burns and Allen.

They are the memories Hollywood preservation groups want to preserve in their fight to declare the buildings landmarks and prevent further destruction of the studio.

Owners of Hollywood Center Studios and other old lots, however, see the preservationists' efforts as an ominous sign, saying such moves to save Tinseltown's past interfere with the entertainment business of today.

"They (preservationists) deal in what I would call the 'Indian burial ground syndrome,'" said Albert J. Tenzer, vice president and chief

financial officer of Hollywood Center Studios. "You can't touch anything because the ghosts that surround and permeate the hallowed grounds are not to be disturbed."

Hollywood Center Studios, opened in 1919, was once headquarters to silent screen comedian Lloyd and was the site where Howard Hughes produced and directed "Hell's Angels," giving Ms. Harlow her first starring role.

In the 1950s, the studio was home to "I Love Lucy," "The Ozzie and Harriet Show," and "The Burns and Allen Show." George Burns still has an office on the lot.

"These are the industrial sites around which Hollywood grew and developed," said preservationist Hillary Gitelman, executive director of Hollywood Heritage.

"They're really important to the world in terms of the myths that were created here and the cultural impact of those creations."

Hollywood Center Studios has been denied a permit to demolish two-story buildings that the city itself found unsafe in the event of an earthquake, studio officials said.

Reggie Jackson builds ruined car collection

AUBURN, Ind. (AP) — It cost him \$1 million, but former baseball star

Reggie Jackson has gotten his collection of 1960s and 1960s "muscle cars" back up to speed with the addition of about 30 more.

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Rescued dolphin going home after weight gain

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Rascal, a dolphin rescued from a cold Virginia bay after failing to migrate to warmer waters, is going home after five weeks of Southern hospitality.

The dolphin gained 30 pounds on a diet of smelt and herring and is healthy enough to be returned to the Atlantic Ocean on Thursday, Becca Moore, a spokeswoman for Sea World in Orlando, Fla., said Tuesday.

Rascal also was treated for parasites during his stay, she said.

The 2- to 3-year-old mammal, which is 7½ feet long and weighs 336 pounds, will be taken by van to Cape Canaveral and then carried by boat 21 miles offshore for release, Ms. Moore said.

"The area is known to be inhabited by populations of coastal dolphins,"

she said. "We're hoping to find a nice group of dolphins to release him in."

The National Marine Fisheries Service approved the release. The federal agency also authorized Rascal's rescue from Broad Bay at Virginia Beach last month.

Bay residents had noticed the animal refused to migrate south with other dolphins last fall. The dolphin eluded rescuers in December, but Sea World officials called in in February quickly netted Rascal and flew him to Florida.

Ms. Moore said the dolphin's fin will be marked with two parallel lines applied painlessly with an extremely cold instrument.

"We will not officially be tracking him, but it is a marking that we wanted to include in case people are spotting him," she said.

Ex-minister accused of attacking wife says he can't pay judgment

DALLAS (AP) — A former minister who did not contest a lawsuit accusing him of an attack that left his wife comatose finally submitted to questioning and testified he has no money to pay a \$18 million judgment, lawyers said.

Police have said Walker Rayley is their only suspect in the near-strangling of his wife, Peggy, almost two years ago, but he never has been charged.

Rayley surrendered his church credentials, gave guardianship of the couple's two children to friends and moved to California, citing stress from the attack and investigation.

He was served with a subpoena when he visited Dallas last weekend to celebrate his children's birthdays.

Rayley gave a three-hour deposition Tuesday at the office of Bill Arnold, attorney for Mrs. Rayley's parents, William and Billie Jo Nicola, who won a default judgment against Rayley last year but have collected no money.

Mrs. Rayley's care at a nursing home is being paid for by insurance that runs out Sept. 2.

Rayley produced records indicating he has a full-time job as a "glorified secretary" for an aerospace firm in Long Beach, Calif., but does not have enough income beyond living expenses to pay for his wife's care, Arnold said.

Rayley has a net worth of \$15,000, including a car and some household

furniture, but has exhausted his savings and pension, the lawyer said.

"I am still hoping that he comes into some income in the future that will help pay Peggy's medical expenses," Arnold said.

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World U.S. tells PLO: Ease tensions

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — U.S. diplomats told the PLO in a 4½-hour meeting Wednesday to take "practical steps" to ease tension in the Israeli-occupied territories, the head of the U.S. delegation said.

In the first formal talks since President Bush took office, the two sides got down to weighty subjects in detail, according to the leaders of the U.S. and Palestine Liberation Organization delegations.

U.S. Ambassador Robert H. Pelletreau, who headed the three-man American team, said after the meeting that there was a "new dynamic" in the Middle East "of which this dialogue is a part."

Pelletreau said U.S. concerns about terrorism were discussed as well as "practical steps that can be taken in the occupied territories to reduce tensions."

He did not detail those steps, nor did the leader of the three-man PLO side, Yasser Abed-Rabbo, indicate what the U.S. side has asked of the Palestinians.

Abed-Rabbo said progress was made, but he emphasized that the PLO believes the only road to peace is an international conference involving the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council and all parties to the conflict, including the PLO.

The talks in suburban Carthage followed a 90-minute get-acquainted session Dec. 16, the first announced formal meeting between the two sides in 13 years.

West Bank camp clash claims boy

JERUSALEM (AP) — Troops shot and killed an 11-year-old Arab boy during a confrontation Wednesday with stone-throwing youths in a West Bank refugee camp, Arab doctors said.

YouthThirty Palestinians were reported wounded in the occupied territories.

Israeli-backed militiamen in southern Lebanon killed three guerrillas and suffered one wounded in a gunfight.

Also Wednesday, Israeli politicians on the left and right gave backing to the idea of elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip linked to peace talks, a proposal reported to be part of a new U.S.-backed Middle East plan.

The plan, reported in the Israeli daily Haaretz, calls for elected local Palestinians to negotiate the first stage of a peace plan with Israel, and for the PLO to be excluded until later talks on the final status of the occupied lands.

In Jerusalem's Old City, a resolution of support for Israel accepted by a conference of 1,600 foreign Jews was read at the Wailing Wall, Judaism's holiest site.

The resolution from the conference, which was called by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, gave support to "the democratically elected government of national unity in its efforts to achieve peace and security with its neighbors."

Wednesday's violence in the occupied territories erupted as residents staged a general strike to mark a 1968 battle between Palestinians and Israelis.

Ahmed Abdul Fatah Ehdady, 11, died after being shot in the chest by Israeli troops during a clash in the Tulkarim refugee camp, doctors at Tulkarim Hospital said.

Bulldozer unearths Roman coin cache

AMIENS, France (AP) — A construction crew bulldozing a factory site uncovered a cache of about 8,000 silver and copper Roman coins dating from the third century A.D., archaeologists said Wednesday.

The coins were in perfect condition 1,700 years after they were buried in two jars at the time of barbarian invasions of northern France, said Tahar Ben Redjeb, an archaeologist for the regional department of historical antiquities.

The owners of a villa, who must have been Gallo-Roman merchants, probably decided to bury their savings because they feared invading Franks and Alemanni, Ben Redjeb said.

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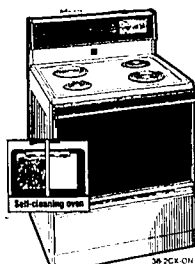
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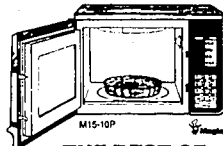
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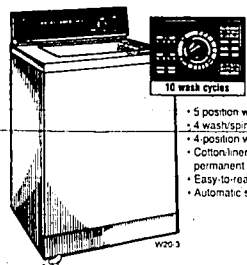
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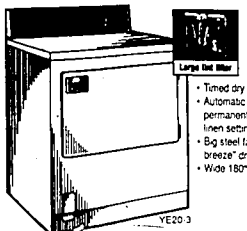


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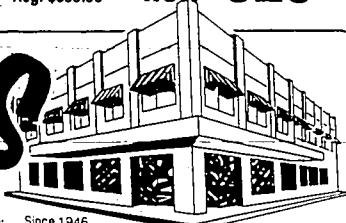
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Minidoka tritium tests inconclusive

By N.S. NORKENTVED
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Tests for possible tritium contamination of a Minidoka County well are inconclusive, a Wyoming laboratory reports, and the government plans further tests.

Concern over the high cancer rate in an area near Rupert, known locally as "Cancer Ridge," prompted local farmer Harold Mohlman to have water sources tested.

Tests at Core Laboratories in Casper, Wyo., showed an "insignificant" amount of tritium, said David Dimorest, director of radiation nuclear service at the lab.

"I'm not saying it's not there," he said. But the test results don't prove the water has tritium in it.

The tests found 457 picocuries per liter, with a range of "analytical uncertainty" of plus or minus 282 picocuries per liter. That means there may have been no tritium in the samples at all, he said.

The test results were essentially at the lab's threshold of detection; the laboratory's ability to measure small quantities of tritium is limited by its equipment. The lab can measure somewhere near 400 picocuries per liter with an accuracy of plus or minus 200 to 300 picocuries per liter, Dimorest said.

A picocurie, one trillionth of a Curie, is a measure of radioactivity. Any measurement below 1,000 picocuries per liter is unreliable, Dimorest said.

Though the tritium level found in two water samples is negligible, the U.S. Geological Survey plans further tests of the waters for natural and man-made radiation, trace metals, organic solvents and agricultural chemicals.

Two sets of tests, in response to public concerns, will be done: one in the spring and one in the fall.

Legislature OKs INEL oversight spending

By ANNETTE CARY
Times-News writer

BOISE — The Legislature has approved spending \$193,000 in federal money to begin state oversight of the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, but not without a few jobs traded between some Eastern Idaho and Magic Valley Republicans.

Eastern Idaho representatives have touted the state's economic contributions to the state and a safety record superior to other federal nuclear sites. But Magic Valley representatives have questioned the impartiality and credibility of current monitoring at the

Eastern Idaho Laboratory, which site over the aquifer supplying most of the drinking water for the Magic Valley.

"I come from an area that is very concerned about a downward flow of tritium from INEL," said Rep. Ron Black, R-Twin Falls. "I'm not saying that institution of current monitoring at the

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Few spud growers use aldicarb

By MARTA CLEVELAND
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Short of a national potato scare, most Idaho potato growers wouldn't be affected by a ban on the pesticide aldicarb because only about a tenth of them use it, an Idaho potato expert said Wednesday.

Potatoes are the victims or villains in the latest national food contamination alarm this week after an Environmental Protection Agency internal report found aldicarb-treated potatoes may cause illness in children.

Potatoes were Idaho's largest crop in 1988, valued at \$457 million.

The chemical, which is sold under the trade name Temik by manufacturer Rhone-Poulenc S.A. of France, is used primarily in America to kill pests on potatoes.

But according to John Ojala, a potato specialist for the University of Idaho's extension service in Idaho Falls, "It's really a small percentage of (Idaho) growers that use it — probably less than 10 percent. The reason is it's expensive stuff."

Temik costs \$50 or more per acre, while alternative chemicals are much cheaper, he said.

In spite of low use here, Ojala said misinformation is giving Temik an undeserved bad name and hurting the entire potato industry.

"Temik is highly toxic," Ojala said. "Most pesticides are." But used properly, it poses no problems, he said.

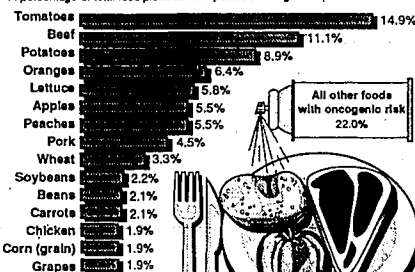
"Our potatoes grown in Idaho do not pose any threat. They are what

Foods with tumor-causing potential from pesticides

Pesticides determined by the Environmental Protection Agency to be oncogenic (having the potential to cause malignant or benign tumors) can still be used on agricultural products up to certain "safe" tolerances. Of the 53 pesticides believed to cause tumors, only a few are used regularly on crops. A ranking of individual foods shows that 15 crops and animal products account for nearly 80 percent of all estimated dietary oncogenic risk from pesticides.

Foods with greatest estimated oncogenic risk

In percentage of total food products with possible oncogenic risk:



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they have always been — healthy and nutritious.

Temik has been used for almost two decades with little if any residue found, he said. Ojala has never seen a residue study that found aldicarb levels in potatoes above the tolerance set by EPA.

And EPA sets the tolerance high to

protect people from harm, he said.

Temik is a systemic pesticide that is taken up in the potato's stems and leaves to repel insects. The chemical is transmitted in only minute quantities to the tubers, the part people eat.

Gov. Cecil Andrus and Department of Agriculture Director Dick

Rush were sufficiently concerned about a consumer scare to call a press conference in Boise Wednesday to denounce the EPA report and cite other studies that contradict the EPA findings.

Idaho Congressman Richard Stallings sent a strongly worded letter to the EPA condemning the "irresponsible behavior" of employees leaking internal documents to the press.

"It is damaging markets when there is absolutely no evidence that the results of the internal memorandum are accurate," Stallings said.

An independent scientific advisory group will review the EPA toxicity report and develop a recommendation on whether Temik should be taken off the market, an EPA pesticide specialist said.

Aside from being expensive, Temik has a number of advantages over alternative pesticides, Ojala said:

• It is applied in granular form to the ground before planting, making it less likely than sprayed chemicals to come in contact with the grower or animals.

• One application of Temik does much to control a variety of pests including green peach aphids, potato worms and nematodes. The alternative is often several applications of a different chemical for each pest group.

• Temik chemically breaks down in the soil in one year. Other alternative pesticides take longer.

• "We don't have one single product that could replace it," Ojala said.

Group: Hospital hearing unfair

By JENNIFER KAUTH
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A "climate of bias and collusion" ruined last week's public hearing on a \$6.9 million hospital budget amendment, says the amendment's most vocal opponent.

"I wish to state that this event did not constitute a public hearing," said Kathy Sursely, spokeswoman for the Idaho Citizens Network, in a letter to Twin Falls County commissioners.

"That's strictly her opinion," replied Chairman Marvin Hempleman in an interview Wednesday. "When she gave us the letter, it was so noted. But I thought it was a fair and well-conducted meeting."

The meeting was to hear testimony for and against the county hospital's controversial budget amendment request, which asks permission to spend \$6.9 million on a cancer treatment center and other unbudgeted capital-improvement projects and equipment.

Hempleman said he thinks the county commissioners will issue their decision, based on advice from the county prosecutor, sometime Friday.

"Our only mistake was that we didn't expect that kind of crowd," he said. "But I don't know if we could have found another room big enough."

One of Sursely's complaints is that the room was too small for the crowd. By her count, 55 people were stranded in the hallway.

"And they all left," she said. "Or stayed and were intimidated."

She also contends that everyone was not given a chance to sign up to testify and that Hempleman didn't maintain order.

Some doctors were allowed to attack the credibility of anyone questioning the amendment, even though commissioners had said previously that testimony would have to be kept to the issue of the amendment, Sursely said.

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Sunseeds workers hope to buy firm

By MARTA CLEVELAND
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Employees of Sunseeds Genetics Co., hoping to forestall permanent closure of the local plant, are working on a deal to buy it themselves.

"It's pure speculation at this point," said Dave Christensen, the plant manager. "We don't know if we'll be able to get this done or not."

Three or four employees, includ-

ing Christensen, are trying to put together a workable plan to buy the plant and continue its contract seed operation. There are all kinds of possibilities, he said.

"Anyone interested would be welcome," to participate, he said.

A new company would continue both the commercial bean and the garden seed contracting ends of the business, he said.

On March 13, Sunseeds announced

plans to close the plant, partly because a January fire destroyed a lot of the milling equipment and partly because a restructuring plan is eliminating most products the Twin Falls plant handled, such as garden beans, peas and corn. Layoffs have already begun.

The California-based vegetable seed research and production company employed 40 people at the Twin Falls plant and contracted with more than 300 area farmers to grow seed.

Idaho Transportation Department to widen U.S. 30

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Department of Transportation has given details about this year's area road projects, including widening of U.S. 30 between Filer and Twin Falls, officials say.

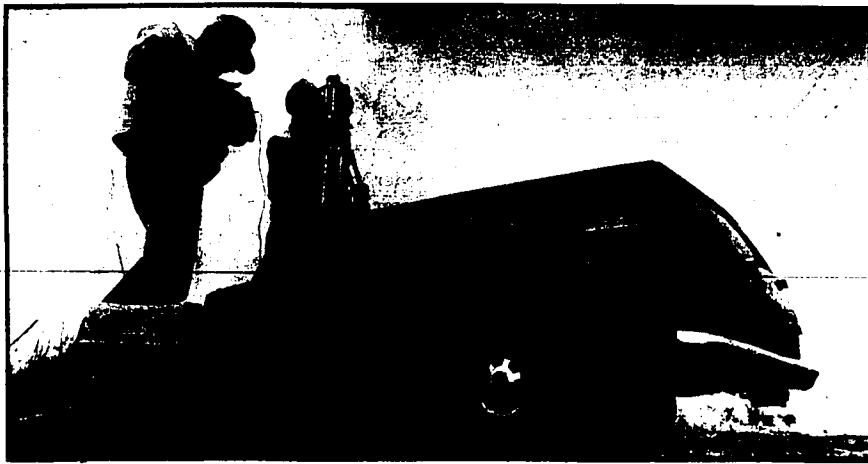
Workers have been surveying U.S. 30 from its intersection with U.S. 93 to Twin Falls, a district report says. Some traffic lanes will be closed while the work is being done. The project will take several years.

Another project underway is reconstruction of Idaho 79 between Jerome and Interstate 84, which is in the first phase.

Contractor Lone Pine Equipment Co. of Twin Falls is installing irrigation pipe at various crossings along the project, the report states. This phase of the project will be completed in early April in time for the irrigation season.

The two-mile project will provide a new five-lane roadway in place of the existing two-lane road. Construction is expected to be completed this summer.

Construction crews working on a third eight-mile Interstate 84 project between the U.S. 93 interchange to the Idaho 50 interchange have been hauling and placing fill material to flatten slopes on the safety improve-



Jim Hall, left, and Warren Ward of the Idaho Transportation Dept. survey near U.S. 30 between Filer and Twin Falls

ment portion of the project near Twin Falls. Later this spring, Idaho Falls contractor Robert V. Burggraf Co. will begin repaving both lanes of

the roadway, the report states. The project is expected to be completed in midsummer.

In a fourth project at U.S. 93's

Hagerman rest area, diseased locust trees and rock from the lawn area are being removed.

A sprinkler system will be in-

stalled to replace the existing irrigation ditch system. When completed, the required labor for lawn care will be reduced by two days per week.

Minidoka's board meeting had none of the spark of Cassia County's School Board the same evening in Burley. Pre-meeting publicity brought a number of local residents out to question Cassia's interest in the trimester system. The Cassia board decided to delay a decision for at least a year.

Minico Principal Steve Hubsmith told the Minidoka board he and high school counselors Delbert Bennett and Elroy Eskelsen have been studying the trimester system at Rigby and other Idaho schools. Administrators, teachers and students said they like the trimester schedule, Hubsmith said.

Bennett said he believes the benefits outweigh the drawbacks of the trimester schedule.

A major benefit is that a student can earn five credits a trimester, or 15 a year, as opposed to the current 14 credits possible a year, Bennett said.

Also, students would have fewer subjects to have homework in every

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Burley won't change curfew law very soon

By DONNA SCHORZMAN
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Any change in the city's curfew law won't be made soon.

Burley City Council has been reviewing the city's curfew law to consider changes, but at this week's meeting, members decided to postpone that process.

City Attorney Bill Parsons recommended the council wait to review the curfew law until he can determine the ramifications of the Supreme Court's decision Monday ruling Washington, D.C.'s curfew law unconstitutional.

Burley decided to rewrite the law — requiring all youths age 16 and under to be off the street at 10 p.m. — after magistrate judges last summer began dismissing curfew charges, Mayor Ken Frank said.

The new law was nearly ready for council review when the Supreme Court decided the Washington, D.C. case, he said.

"Until we can get a clarification we decided to hold off on ours," Frank said.

City officials feel strongly about keeping young kids off the streets in late evenings and early morning hours, Frank said.

The council appointed city Building Inspector Keith Brian to be in charge of inspecting the roofs of all the city buildings. Mayor Ken Frank said several of the buildings need repair and, after Brian's inspection, a schedule for repair on the roofs will begin.

The council granted an easement to five homes on East 27th Street to put in an irrigation water line on city property.

The council approved plans for the local senior citizens group to apply for an Idaho Community Development Block Grant. The group would like to use the community center close to Gem Memorial Cemetery as its new location and would need to do some remodeling on the building.

A final decision on allowing seniors to use the building will wait until zoning problems with the land are cleared up.

The council gave permission to a pilots' group to change the location again for private hangers they plan to build at the Burley Airport.

At the previous meeting the pilots were given permission to build the hanger in the paved tie-down area, but it was discovered that the property proposed was paved and improved with federal and state grant money.

"If we put a private building there we're going to have to give the money back for doing that," Mayor Ken Frank said. The location for the hangers will be on the east end of an abandoned runway which runs parallel to the railroad tracks. The area is paved.

The council set May 11 for the annual city tour.

Invitations are sent out to about 125 people including representatives of neighboring towns and cities and usually about 100 attend, Frank said. The group will tour all the city facilities.

State winter road reports reduced to one per day

BOISE — The statewide winter road report service will be reduced to one report daily beginning Saturday, a spokesman for the Idaho Transportation Department said.

The report, which is updated four times daily

during the winter months, is being curtailed because of generally good highway conditions, said Jeff Stratton, public information officer.

The report will end April 7.

If spring storms make travel hazardous, the report will be extended.

The statewide winter road report number is 336-6600.

Minico

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nigh and teachers would have fewer preparations each day, Bennett said.

"Students would have more time on task using this schedule," Bennett said.

Bennett pointed to longer class periods for library research or for vocational and lab science classes. He also foresees interruptions of fewer classes during required national testing.

No additional staff would be needed, the length of the school day would remain the same, Bennett said.

Eskelsen said seniors would have three chances to pass a two-semester required government course. Students who currently fail a semester of government must pay more than \$50 for a correspondence course in order to graduate with their class. He also cited the economic benefits of better use of textbooks.

"They loved what they had because there was more time to prepare, the students were better prepared and there was more time on task," Eskelsen said of his visit to Rigby.

On the negative side, the longer class times might tax a student's concentration ability. Students who request early graduation would have to attend at least the first two trimesters of their senior year, an additional month and a half of school.

Also, some scheduling conflicts

might arise for students taking such classes as advanced chemistry and physics, or the English literature seminar.

An additional disadvantage would be that because Minico High School would be on a different schedule from the rest of the district, parent-teacher conferences might have to be scheduled on different dates.

This concerned board member Russ Holland. "I don't like the idea of running buses with half the kids in school and half out," Holland said.

Holland said he saw the advantage of students being able to take typing classes as prerequisites for computer classes all in one year, but was concerned about the ninth-grade freshmen at the junior high schools. "What kind of formula would you apply at the junior high schools?" Holland asked.

Bennett said trimester and semester credits would be equal, so no changes should be needed at the junior highs, although officials agreed ninth-grade students, teachers and administrators should be

contacted about the possible change.

In other action, Assistant Superintendent Jim Fisher discussed proposed calendars for the 1989-90 school year. The board decided vote on the calendars at the April 10 meeting, when it also will consider contracts for non-tenured teachers.

Assistant Superintendent Darwin Anderson told the board the state accredited all district schools, but that two elementary schools have slipped from approved to advised status.

Hebryn School had slipped due to the sizes of classrooms in the older building. Pershing School has already added a half-time kindergarten teacher to reduce class size.

In other action, the board:

- Accepted the resignation of board member Larry Jensen, who has moved outside the district. He will be replaced during a trustee election in May.

- Approved a request from Minico teacher Karen Hansen for 10 art students to be allowed to attend the Utah State University "High Art Workshop" on April 14th.

- Approved a request from the Minico Business Club to attend the National Leadership Conference in Dallas on April 27-30. The board voted to pay registration and lodging for the students and expects the students to raise money for the remainder of their costs.

- Said Snapp, "These students have earned this right. They have learned a great deal at the state competition and would learn a great deal more at the national level."

- Approved an application process for a 50 percent matching grant from the Idaho Commission on the Arts for restoration of artwork housed at Hebryn Elementary School.

- Approved a teaching contract for Leslie May at Pershing School for the remainder of the school year.

- Approved a request for a leave of absence for the 1989-90 school year for Brenda Goodsell.

- Approved a request from Idaho State University for placing student teachers in Minidoka schools during the 1989-90 school year.

Hospital

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Hempleman countered that he did ask three times whether anyone who had not signed up would like to testify, and noted that one citizen who was in the hallway and had not signed in spoke up and added his name to the list.

"If they were that anxious they would have made sure their names were on the list," Hempleman said.

"I thought I ran a clean meeting."

Surely also asked that the commissioners seek the Idaho attorney general's opinion on whether the amendment, and the cancer treatment center, constitute an emergency.

Hempleman said the commissioners would ask County Prosecutor K. Ellen Baxter whether she thought an attorney general's opinion was necessary and base their decision on her advice.

"Based on past experience, I doubt (the attorney general) would make an opinion," Hempleman said. "He's basically there for the Legislature."

Surely has already said she probably would appeal the commissioners' decision to a judge if they approve the amendment.

INEL

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ties is creating problems, but my area sits over the aquifer. It would take a small amount of money to reassess people. It would diffuse the situation certainly in my valley."

If there is a safety question in the Magic Valley, it's because information about the INEL safety record is not reaching the valley's residents, said Rep. Con Mahoney, R-Idaho Falls.

"Unfortunately that information is not getting out," he said. "People who are against INEL are favored in the press."

By appropriating the money, the Legislature is sending the message that something is wrong, said Rep. Ron Hawkins, R-Idaho Falls. "If we're spending more money, we should be saying we've done the research, conducted the hearings and nothing is wrong."

But Black said that Magic Valley residents are hearing conflicting information about the site and want independent monitoring.

"Everyone knows the credibility rating of the Department of Energy a few months ago nationally," said Rep. Gary Robbins, R-Dietrich. "We want to make sure someone is watching over them."

Although the site is contracting with Idaho State University for monitoring, Black called that "like hiring your brother-in-law. He may be qualified but it creates the perception everything is not being done properly."

The \$193,000 appropriation was approved by the House 68-11 and now goes to the governor for his signature. The Senate previously passed it unanimously.

Federal funds would be spent to

immediately begin an oversight program with the hiring of a coordinator-manager for the program accountable directly to the governor.

The coordinator would hire a staff and produce an annual report to the governor and the Legislature on past activities and future recommendations.

programs.

The program coordinator would develop plans for a complete program including analyzing monitoring done by other agencies, overseeing cleanup, negotiating agreements with DOE and analyzing new projects for potential problems.



The family of Rick Johnson wishes to thank all friends and neighbors for their thoughts, love and support during this difficult time. A special thanks to Pastor Jim Evans and Ricardo Terrence.

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Obituaries

Hazel Weller

TWIN FALLS — Hazel A. Modlin Weller, 89, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, March 22, 1989, at West Magic Care Center of an extended illness.

She was born Jan. 7, 1900, in Parsons, Kan., the daughter of Charley and Minetta Modlin. She moved with her family to Twin Falls in 1913. She attended schools in Alamogordo, Kan., and in Twin Falls. She married Lyle Weller on Nov. 24, 1920, in Twin Falls. They farmed east of Twin Falls until 1976 when they retired and moved into town.

She belonged to the First Christian Church in Twin Falls, was a charter member of the Riverside Club, belonged to the Twentieth Century Club since 1938, was involved in Ladies of the Elks, and W.I.C. Bowling Congress and was a member of the first ladies bowling team in Twin Falls, organized in 1936.

Surviving are one brother, Frank Modlin of Twin Falls, two sons, and one nephew. She was preceded in death by her husband, two sisters and four brothers.

A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park with Dr. John Parish Jr. officiating. Friends may call at Reynolds Funeral Chapel from 3-8 p.m. Friday. The family suggests memorial contributions may be given to a favorite charity.

David Cherry

TWIN FALLS — David Cherry, 80, of Fresno, Calif., died formerly of the Magic Valley, died Sunday, March 19, 1989, in a Fresno, Calif., hospital of an extended illness.

He was born July 2, 1909, near Stillwater, Okla. He grew up in Ok-

lahoma, moving to Idaho at a young age. He married Noelle Cherry on July 24, 1929, in Filer where they farmed in various locations near Filer, Twin Falls and Rogerson. They moved to Bismarck City, Calif. in 1971 and later to Clovis and Madera, Calif., and the last few years in Fresno, Calif., where he had since resided.

Surviving are two daughters, Maxine Blass of Soledad, Calif., and Delena Ortega of Sacramento, Calif.; one son, Alton Cherry of Fresno, Calif.; two brothers, Ralph Cherry of Oklahoma and Jack Cherry of Placerville, Calif.; 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife and two children.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with the Rev. David White officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Margaret Lennox

TWIN FALLS — Margaret Lennox, 90, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, March 22, 1989, at West Magic Care Center following an extended illness.

She was born June 2, 1898, in Glasgow, Scotland, where she grew up, moving to Twin Falls in 1918. She married Francis Lennox in 1948 in Scotland and he died in 1958.

She was a member of St. Edwards Catholic Church.

Surviving are one daughter, Margaret Benson of Twin Falls, two grandchildren, and one great-grandson. She was also preceded in death by one daughter and one grand-daughter.

The funeral will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with the Rev. William Gould officiating. Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery.

Falls, and Cemetery of Twin Falls, who died Sunday, will be at 1 p.m. today at the Buck Sullivan Funeral Home in Idaho Falls with the Rev. William Crowley of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in the LDS Cemetery in Idaho Falls.

JEROME — The funeral for Leo D. Terrell, 74, of Jerome, who died Monday, will be at 10 a.m. today at the H.B. Roberts Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Sam Nelson and the Rev. M. W. Loefer officiating. Burial will follow at the Bedford Cemetery. The family suggests

memorial contributions may be made to the Diabetes Foundation.

Cleo Jennings

JEROME — Cleo Jennings, 74, of Jerome, died Wednesday, March 22, 1989, at St. Benedict's Long-Term Care Unit.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hovey-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Leland Fitzpatrick

EDEN — Leland Fitzpatrick, of Eden, died Tuesday, March 21, 1989, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Jared D. Scott

HANSEN — Jared David Scott, 10, of Hansen, and formerly of Filer, died Wednesday, March 22, 1989, at his home.

He was born Aug. 10, 1978, in Logan, Utah, the son of William David and Mary Ann Scott.

He was a member of the LDS Church.

Surviving are his parents of Hansen, one sister, Jessica Scott, also of Hansen; grandfather, Dixie Lee Woodruff of Billings, Mont., a grandfather, William Clark of Marsing, grandparents, Charles and Myrna Low of Clatskanie, Utah, a great-grandmother, Lucille Scott of Twin Falls, great-grandparents, Calvin and Viola Jones of Richmond, Utah, and a great-great-grandmother, Gladys Webb of Filer.

The funeral will be at noon Saturday at the Filer LDS Stake Center with Bishop Wesley Frey officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at White Mortuary on Friday from 4-8 p.m.

memorial contributions may be made to the Diabetes Foundation.

BURLEY — The funeral for Cleo J. Larson, 62, of Burley, who died Sunday, will be at 1 p.m. today at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave., with Bishop Counselor Billy R. Crystal officiating. Burial will follow in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley with military graveside rites under the direction of local veterans and Troop G of the Burley National Guard Unit. Friends may call at the church one hour prior to the funeral. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary in Burley.

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Admitted

Richard Adams and Sandra Koch, both of Burley; Vivian Larson of Paul; Maria Maldonado of Malta; Maurice Matthews and Guy Whitaker, both of Oakley; Barbara Sandham and Sherrn Tucker, both of Heburn; and Leann Wright of Boise.

Released

Joanna Espinoza and Norel Fisher, both of Burley; Wendy Butler of Twin Falls; Dana Fuentes of Heburn; Arthur Priest of Paul; and Maria Valencia and baby, both of Rupert.

Births

Babies to Mr. and Mrs. Delma Koch of Burley, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Sandham of Heburn, and to Mr. and Mrs. Annalora Maldonado of Malta.

Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Admitted

Mrs. William Bokma, Mrs. Betty Ertter, J.V. McCall, Vera Houghbaugh and Felda Martinez, all of Twin Falls; Jimmy Christopherson of Hebron; Genevieve E. E. of Malta; Mrs. Gary Everett and Mrs. E. Haskins, both of Hebron; Mrs. Gary Everett and Mrs. E. Haskins, both of Hebron; Mrs. Todd Featherly and Ella Pater, both of Hebron; Christopher Day of Rupert; Dana Fuentes of Heburn; Bernard Guinechea of Shebo; Mrs. Griff Stallings of Boise; and Ronald Shortridge of Weiser.

Released

Augusta Dickerson, Mrs. Betty Ertter and son, Andy Haskins; Mrs. Harold May and son, Walter Stromberg; Orla Hansen; Krista Johnson and Mrs. Janet Trappen, all of Twin Falls; Robert Ertter and Mrs. G. E. Lattimer, both of Jerome; Mrs. Ann E. Dunlap of Hebron; Mrs. Michael Guinechea and daughter, both of Hebron; Mrs. Bob Smith and son, both of Paul; and Mrs. Senel Ward of Filer.

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Wendell School Board updates its policy for illness absences

By TERRELL WILLIAMS
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL—The Wendell School Board has adopted changes to its policy for school absences, after a complaint last month that the policy does not allow for ordinary illnesses.

But Marilyn Pope, who made the complaint, said the changes don't change anything.

Pope told the board last month her son missed 11 days of school due to illness and that he should not lose credit for the semester.

Because he is a student in junior high school, which does not operate on a credit system, the loss of credit came only as a note on his report card. He would have lost credit as a high school student.

Idaho compulsory attendance law requires all children ages 6-16 to attend school of

some type. The state also mandates that students will not receive credit if they haven't attended at least 90 percent of a subject's class time.

In Wendell, credit is automatically denied to all students who are absent more than the allowed nine days per semester. Students can appeal the action by petition, which is reviewed by a committee, then by the principal, then by the superintendent.

In a final appeal, students with their parents can take the matter to the trustees.

School Superintendent Doug Skinner told the board he had reviewed the petition process and he made recommendations for improving it.

•Petitions should be anonymous so the trustees can only judge a case on the basis of the facts.

Other factors, such as a student's past record or family background, would not be factors, Skinner said.

•Petitions will be submitted with excuses given in writing or from telephone calls at the time of the absence. In addition, further written explanations will be accepted from parents.

Skinner said this double-excuse system was used before, but it needs to be re-affirmed so parents will be sure to know about it.

•Skinner said he will meet with students and parents before petitions are due to explain the process. Until now, these instructions were given to parents only in written form, Skinner said.

The schools' five-year policy for enforcing state attendance laws is "as fair as I know how to make it," Skinner told the board.

But Pope said she hoped the policy would allow for more parental involvement.

"My complaint is that it still doesn't give parents the right to decide if their children are sick," Pope said after the meeting. "I feel

that I'm being called a liar when I say my child is sick."

Pope said most parents want their children in school and a parent should be considered a qualified person to make the decision to keep a child at home.

Most people do not take their kids to the doctor every time they're sick, Pope said, and the most common illnesses last only a day or two.

The policy does not allow for ordinary sickness, she said. "Only serious illness is extraordinary in Wendell."

Skinner said "extraordinary circumstances" refers to a serious injury or a virus causing "a block of absences." In comparison, he explained, single days of absence caused by a cold or a short illness are considered ordinary and so probably would not be excused.

Defending the petition process, Skinner said the system has worked well for the five

years it has been used. Last semester, there were 29 petitions, which is about twice as many as the first semesters of the other years.

"So we've got twice the potential for problems," Skinner said, adding that there were still no more than the usual number of extraordinary absences.

In related business, the board met in executive session with Ernie and Lana Sites to hear their request to take their daughter Jennifer Sites out of school for about three weeks for specialized study out of state. After returning to regular session, the board denied the Sites' request.

Returning to executive session, the trustees reviewed 14 applications for the superintendent position in Wendell being vacated by George Crawford.

No decisions were made in selecting a final applicant, but Pope said some of the prospects look very good.

Dietrich sets course for sex ed

By TERRELL WILLIAMS
Times-News correspondent

DIETRICH—A sex-education program for students in Dietrich is being designed to supplement the school district's existing programs.

A committee of teachers, parents, school administrators and a public health nurse met Monday to look at what students are learning in science, health and physical education classes, and then determine what the additional needs for sex education might be.

Superintendent Wayne Perron said the committee wants to make a program that will not offend the community yet give students enough information so they will be knowledgeable.

"We really do have a pretty good program already," Perron said. "We may target some specific things for specific ages."

He said video programs may replace teachers in explaining "delicate information," and another part of the education may deal with personal images and making young children feel good about themselves.

"It's going to be a positive thing," Perron said. "We want to give kids good information to help them make wise decisions."

Most of the sex education and additional information on such topics as drug abuse will be incorporated into the school's health programs, he said.

The 12-member committee will meet again at 7:30 p.m. on April 4 and 18 at the school science room. Perron said the meeting is a work session for the committee but that anyone others interested can attend.

Leaking dynamite is detonated safely

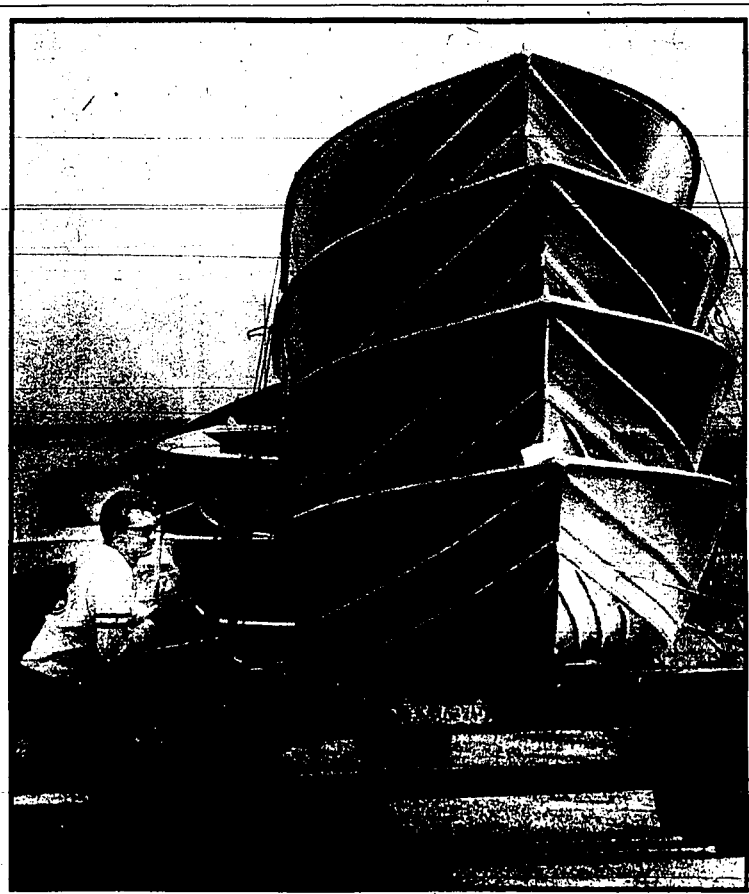
BURLEY—About 50 sticks of leaking dynamite discovered beside a trash pile in an alley have been detonated safely, officials say.

The 8-inch-long Hercules brand dynamite sticks were found by a city spring cleanup crew Tuesday in a cardboard box between North Ninth Street and Schodde Street, said Cassia County Sheriff's Lt. Dennis Dexter.

The county asked a local contractor to detonate the dynamite at a gravel pit outside of town, Dexter said.

The dynamite sticks, dated May 6, 1981, were leaking and unstable, he said.

Because of the dynamite's age, it would be difficult to determine who purchased the dynamite, Dexter said.



Anchoring away

Although he may not be preparing for travel on the high seas, Mark Hammit of Fresno, Calif., carefully ties down a load of aluminum fishing boats before trans-

porting them. He was making his final checks after delivering some boats to Tom's Marina and Sporting Goods in Burley on Wednesday afternoon.

Senate OKs out-of-state tax collection bill

BOISE (AP)—The Senate's tax-writing committee has endorsed House-passed legislation putting teeth into the state's attempt to collect sales tax on catalogue sales by out-of-state companies.

But while backing the bill some legislative leaders believe will help their campaign to finance a huge college construction program, the Local Government and Taxation Committee on Wednesday also unanimously endorsed a \$2.8 million sales tax exemption for large trucks.

The two tax measures now go to the full Senate for final legislative action.

State Tax Commission officials empha-

sized that they could not estimate the increased tax receipts that will be generated in the next year through the so-called catalogue sales tax bill. But they discounted some speculation the measure would bring in \$3 million to \$6 million in its first year.

"We didn't want to see this bill be some balance-the-budget type bill," Tax Commission attorney Ted Spangler told the committee. "This is a bill aimed at neutrality and equity, not at revenue raising."

Spangler also acknowledged that there is no guarantee portions of the bill are constitutional, a point that prompted the one lone vote against it from Chairman Rachel

Gilbert, R-Boise. But he said those issues have either already been taken to court or will be and in the meantime "we feel strongly" state should attempt to exercise that authority.

Officials have estimated that Idaho has lost between \$5 million and \$6.5 million in sales tax revenues to catalogue sales in recent years, even though state law requires catalogue purchases to pay a use tax on those items when they file their income tax returns.

Tax Commissioner Darwin Young said most Idahoans just are not aware of that 5 percent use tax requirement.

Jerome officials consider work to do on pools

By DENISE TURNER
Times-News correspondent

JEROME—City and county officials can't tread water much longer on plans for summer swimming in Jerome.

"We have a lot of work to do in the next 75 days," Councilman Rocky Jackson said as he told the City Council Tuesday about the work needed to get the current pool ready and the operational deadline for a second pool.

Jackson met Monday with other city officials, the County Recreation District and the Jerome Optimist Club. The Optimists have collected nearly 1,000 names on "Save Our Pool" petitions, Jackson said. The petition is in response to the possible offer of the Tupperware plant recreational facility and its effect on the current pool's fate.

Public Works Director Larry Sloan, who also attended the pool meeting, said everyone agrees they should try to open the city swimming pool on schedule, with the Optimists and others helping to raise funds necessary to do the needed repairs on the pool.

Meantime, time is running out if the city plans to open the Tupperware facility on South Lincoln, Sloan said. "If they don't give us the pool in the next couple of weeks, it would be too late to open it this year anyway," he said.

Jackson is working to put together a maintenance plan for the city pool. He hopes to have work done on the pool's filter, heating system, plumbing and showers within the next few weeks.

The city has no plans currently to fund the repairs through a bond issue and is instead counting on volunteer support, Jackson said. "I think there are a lot of people here who will be willing to help and that is where it is at—community pride."

In other business:

•Sloan received approval to begin work on a main sewer line extension and 18 sewer crossings, which would run across South Lincoln near the Pizza Hut. He told the council that the State Highway Department has agreed to reimburse the city for costs involved in the sewer lines, which are in their right-of-way. The project is a part of the new South Lincoln Industrial Park. Sloan also received approval to purchase any necessary pipe to install water lines at One Mile South Road in conjunction with the park.

•Council granted approval for the move of Simplot Soilbuilders from its downtown location to 1.5 Mile West and One-Fourth Mile North roads, which is in the city's impact area. Building Inspector Jim Jurgens said Simplot is working up a list of amounts and types of chemicals on site.

•The city is looking to purchase liability insurance if it decides to place skateboarding ramps in the city, as requested by some students earlier this month.

•Council last week hired Tom Junier as a new police officer. He will begin at a salary of \$1,331 a month. Bud Gorton and Lowell White received recognition certificates from the city for valuable service to the Police Department.

•Sloan received permission to hire eight part-time employees for the Irrigation Department. They will begin work April 3 at \$14.2 an hour. He also reported that he is now screening applicants for a vacancy which currently exists at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and he received approval for select work crews in the Water Department to begin working 10-hour days on April 3.

For the record

Recent court action in Twin Falls County included the following:

Driving under the influence charges filed:

Myrna L. Rauch, 55, Bullhead City, Ariz.

Reta Bell Hill, 54, 391 Van Buren St., Twin Falls.

Donald R. Ison, 50, 1938 Maple Ave., Twin Falls.

Israel Gamaez Enriquez, 28, 332 Fifth Ave. W., Twin Falls.

Francis M. Clifford, 48, 345 Second Ave. E., Wendell.

Douglas L. Mathews, 19, Kimber-

ly

Driving under the influence arraignments:

Mark Anthony Scott, 18, Hailey. Plead innocent.

Robert S. Brokaw, 34, 609 Clear

Lakes Road No. 6, Buhl. Plead innocent.

Herman Clifford Kay, 40, 345 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls. Plead innocent.

Felony charges filed:

Sophia Spence, 21, 204 Quincy St., Twin Falls. Issued an insufficient-funds check of \$50 or more. Preliminary hearing requested.

Edward Lepker Jr., 34, 167 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls. Bail set at \$25,000; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing requested.

Driving under the influence sentences by 6th District Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback:

Janice Lee Ship, 43, 110 Skylane Park, Twin Falls. Sentenced to 90 days in jail, suspended; \$200 fine; 90 days' license suspension; and 24 months' probation. Judgment is with-

held pending completion of probationary period.

Robert Sanchez, 18, 199 Alexander St., Twin Falls. Sentenced to 90 days in jail, suspended; \$500 fine; \$500 suspended; 90 days' license suspension; and 24 months' probation.

Frederick H. Turner, 62, 294 Walnut St., Twin Falls. Sentenced to 90 days in jail, suspended; \$200 fine; 90 days' license suspension; and 24 months' probation.

Alan W. Elwood, 31, Kimberly. Sentenced to 180 days in jail, 170 suspended; \$500 fine; 180 days' license suspension; and 24 months' probation.

Gary Rex Ellis, 30, 833 Greenwood Drive, Twin Falls. Sentenced to 180 days in jail, 145 suspended; \$500 fine; 180 days' license suspension; and 24 months' probation.

Ryan Lane Clark, 22, 1851 E. 1200 S., Hazelton. Sentenced to 180 days in jail, 75 suspended; \$500 fine; 180 days' license suspension; and 24 months' probation.

Alberto Flores, 32, 317 13th Ave. N., Buhl. Sentenced to 180 days in jail; \$500 fine; 180 days' license suspension; and 24 months' probation.

Barbara Joyce Tubbs, 43, 648 Falls Ave. W., Twin Falls. Sentenced to 90 days in jail, 75 suspended; \$300 fine; 180 days' license suspension; and 24 months' probation.

Felony sentences:

Ronald Patrick Lehman, 19, Wendell. Grand theft. Sentenced to five to 10 years in prison, suspended; and three years' probation.

Civil cases filed in District Court:

Edmond Barker and Penelope Barker, husband and wife, and as

Guardians ad Litem for Laura Barker, a minor child, vs. Richard Olsen. Plaintiffs allege defendant blocked negligently into a shopping cart held by Laura Barker, causing injuries. They're asking for damages of at least \$10,000; and attorney's fees.

Pamela Jean Wallace vs. Agnes Vandermore and Hans Vandermore. Personal injury lawsuit from automobile accident. Plaintiffs are asking for damages of at least \$10,000; and attorney's fees.

Ruby and Bill Eldredge, individually and as wife and husband; and Mabel Peeke vs. Lonnie Ray Luper. Personal injury lawsuit from automobile accident. Plaintiffs are asking for damages of at least \$10,000; and attorney's fees.

Child support cases filed:

State of Idaho, Bureau of Child

Support Enforcement; and Ruth E. Ashton vs. Rosendo Barra Calvo. State of Idaho, Bureau of Child Support Enforcement; and Lisa D. Aberasturi vs. Glen Rolero.

Divorces filed:

Terry L. Bevans vs. Mike Bevans. Larry Klimes vs. Priscilla Klimes. Lester Branch vs. Sonia Branch. Joseph Jesse vs. Mary Maxine Jesse.

Theresa Arlene Larsen vs. Robert J. Larsen.

Tony E. Clough vs. Lora Clough.

Kenneth Clay Bingham vs. Marla Bingham.

Roger Richard Rivera vs. Dana Marie Rivera, aka Dana Marie Martin.

Lance E. Lindblom vs. Melinda F. Lindblom.



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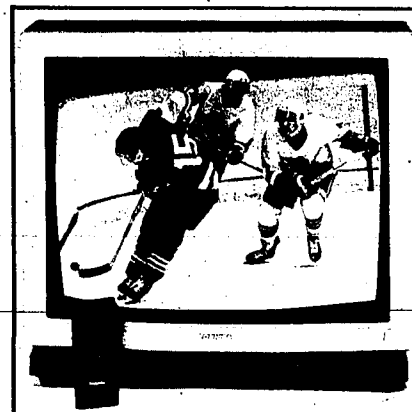
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Valley life

Support group helps those with compulsive behaviors

DEAR ABBY: You were right to tell Count Dracula that compulsive counting is fairly common. Some people are always counting something — the number of stairs they go up or down, the number of posts in a fence, cars on the highway, light bulbs in a sign, etc. It can be harmless, or carried to the



Abigail VanBuren
Dear Abby

point where a person thinks he's going insane. Doctors call it Obsessive Compulsive Behavior

Disorder or OCD.

An estimated one in every 40 men, women and children has some form of OCD. I know, because I am an OCD sufferer. For years I thought I was the only person in the world who couldn't stop counting everything.

The good news is that doctors now realize that OCD is a PHYSICAL illness and there is medication that can bring it under control.

Three years ago, many of us who were being treated in the Yale Clinic OCD program in New Haven, Conn., formed an organization to educate and offer support to the estimated 6 million OCD sufferers throughout the country. Today, this national non-profit OCD Foundation offers advice, information, newsletters, referrals to treatment centers and phone pals to OCD sufferers and their families in all 50 states.

It's not just a compulsion to count; it includes saving things until there is no more space to accommodate the collection, and the uncontrollable

habit of pulling one's own hair or eyelashes out. The list goes on and on.

Thank you, Abby, for giving this hidden disorder national exposure so those who have it will not feel so alone and can seek the help they need to control this disorder.

—FRAN SYDNEY, NEW HAVEN
DEAR FRANK: Thank you for providing me with this information so I could publicize it. Those who are interested may write to The OCD Foundation, P.O. Box 9673, New Haven, Conn. 06535. This is a non-profit group, so please enclose a long, self-addressed, stamped (25 cents) envelope.

DEAR ABBY: You missed the boat on the letter from the Savannah Cop who appealed to you to help bring back the saying, "The policeman is your friend." Whether or not his police department has a public relations division to give talks in schools is not the issue. First, if

the officer is a uniformed patrolman, he probably has no say in department policy or programs. Second, it's not the schools or the department he is appealing to, it's the parents. If parents have already instilled fear of policemen in their children, then giving talks to schools isn't going to help change that. Many departments do work with schools in this area, but it's not enough. Abby, you should help educate the parents. They cannot use the image of the cop to threaten their children, and then turn around and expect the children to be respectful of the uniform and turn to the police when they are lost or need help.

Being a police officer is one of the most frustrating jobs in the world. Half the time we are the good guys; half the time we are the bad guys. And all the time we are in danger of being shot or attacked in some way if not by the criminal element, then by the courts, the press or public opinion. It's ironic that most people

become police officers to help others, yet seldom get the help or support they need from others to do their jobs well.

Abby, please remind parents that what they teach their children about law enforcement stays with them forever.

—ANOTHER COP IN NEW YORK
DEAR COP: Thank you. A rap on the knuckles with a billy club for Abby.

DEAR READERS: Have a heart. A living creature is not a toy, so this Easter, do not give a furred or feathered pet to a child who is too young to care for it properly.

People are eating them up! To order your copy of Abby's favorite recipes, send your name and address, plus check or money order for \$3.50 (\$4 in Canada) to: Abby's Cookbooklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Valley happenings

Easter egg hunt will be Saturday

TWIN FALLS — The annual Easter egg hunt will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Twin Falls City Park. The hunt is sponsored by the Twin Falls Exchange Club. Children will be divided into age groups, up to and including age 10.

Speakers discuss community service

TWIN FALLS — Lt. Rob Noland and his wife, Pam, of the Salvation Army in Twin Falls, will speak about community service Monday at noon for the Twin Falls County Republican Women's Club luncheon at Canyon Springs Inn. Cost is \$6. Reservations may be made with Jean Cilek, 733-5462, or Linda Wang, 733-0055. Guests are welcome.

The Times-News welcomes notices of community events. Send to: Valley Happenings, The Times-News, Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

CSI offers short home courses

TWIN FALLS — Several home short courses begin soon through the College of Southern Idaho Continuing Education Division.

•Home Landscape Planning will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, April 4 to May 9, in room 107 of the Shields Building. The course will include an overview, development of a site plan, site inventory and analysis, elements of design, plant material, purchase, use and landscape detailing. Cost of the six sessions is \$30.

•Intermediate Cake Decorating, a four-session course, will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, April 5-26, in

room 139 of the Aspen Building. Students must have taken the beginning course. There will be instruction on flowers and borders. The fee is \$17.

•Beginning Flower Arranging, hands-on instruction on traditional and modern flower arranging, will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, April 4-May 9, in room 112 of the Desert Building. There will also be one session on corsage making. The fee is \$25.

For more information on these classes call 734-0269 or preregister in the Taylor Building records office.

Friends come in his, hers styles

By Psychology Today

Men get more of it and women get less, at least as far as nurturance in male-female friendships is concerned.

Both sexes agree that the best qualities of a friendship are intimacy, trust and dependability in times of need. But when it comes to nurturing there is a definite "his" and "hers" version to friendships, says psychologist Linda Sapadin of City University of New York.

In a study of working professionals, Sapadin found that the men saw themselves in a two-way nurturing relationship with

women while the women saw the relationship as more lapsed. Men got more than they gave.

Women also found that their female friends were more nurturing, both in personal and career matters, than their male counterparts.

When it came to overall quality, intimacy and enjoyment, women rated their same-sex friendships higher; men rated friendships with both men and women about the same.

Despite the shortcomings, says Sapadin, men and women like being in opposite-sex friendships precisely because these relationships feel "special."



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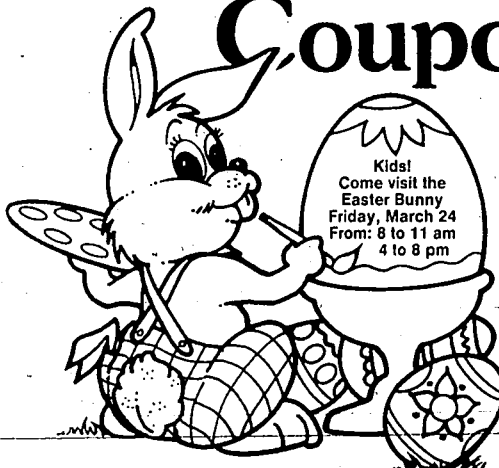
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Tuesday's legislative log

By The Associated Press

Signed By Governor

HB13 (Local Government) — Clarifies requirements on travel expenses for a county sheriff.

HB7 (Transportation) — Defines "armory" to include all Idaho National Guard buildings for purposes of the Armory Construction Act.

HB20 (Business) — Clarifies language used in real estate statutes relating to the masculine gender and word "salesman."

HB28 (Revenue and Taxation) — Allows adjustments to amount of investment tax credit claimed in a year under the state income tax act.

HB35 (Local Government) — Eliminates code citations referring to a consolidated statute relating to counties.

HB45 (Revenue and Taxation) — Defines "federal estate tax" return for purposes of the state estate and transfer tax.

HB42 (Health and Welfare) — Allows existing law to allow the Board of Nursing Home Administrators to set license fees.

HB43 (Health and Welfare) — Provides grounds for suspension or revocation of optometrist license.

HB46 (Revenue and Taxation) — Defines "net operating loss" for state income tax purposes.

HB74 (State Affairs) — Resolves conflicts between laws on Permanent Building Account and laws on its advisory council.

HB82 (Local Government) — Allows city to amend appropriation ordinance to include additional revenue.

HB70 (Commerce, Industry and Tourism) — Allows real estate brokers to deposit personal funds in real estate trust accounts.

HB87 (Agricultural Affairs) — Redefines seed dealer's license categories and provides fees based on package weights of seed.

HB114 (Local Government) — Allows city to publish an end of year financial statement following annual audit.

HB130 (Transportation and Defense) — Provides a time limit for filing applications for motor vehicle certificates for title, and provides penalty for late filings.

HB125 (Education) — Increases membership on Idaho Historical Society board of trustees to seven members.

HB174 (Environmental Affairs) — Provides for suspension or revocation of hazardous waste permit upon written notice by director of Department of Health and Welfare.

HB183 (Appropriations) — Supplemental appropriation to state auditor for current budget for financial improvement practices.

HB215 (Appropriations) — Supplemental appropriation to Department of Transportation for current budget.

HB1125 (Health and Welfare) — Extends provisions of the Idaho Indoor Clean Air Act to the working place.

HB124 (Revenue and Taxation) — Allows cities and counties to impose special-purpose taxes up to two years with 50 percent voter approval.

Legislative Action Complete
SR103 (Judiciary and Rules) — Amends Senate operating rules to control visitors to the floor just prior to convening of session and just after recessing in outer hall.

HP3 (State Affairs) — Honors players and coaches of Lapwai High School for their third straight A-3 state basketball championship.

HP4 (Education) — Honors University of Idaho President Richard Gibb for his 12 years of service to the institution.

Sent To Governor
SB1236 (Finance) — Appropriates \$800,000 for part of cost of new veterans facility at Pocatello.

SB1273 (Finance) — Supplemental appropriation of \$63,500 for current budget for attorney general's office.

SB1287 (Finance) — Appropriates additional \$349,600 to Public-Employees Retirement System for current budget.

SB1282 (Finance) — Appropriates \$3,100 to Hispanic Commission for fiscal years 1989 and 1990.

SB1265 (Finance) — Appropriates additional \$166,000 to Department of Agriculture for current budget.

SB1274 (Finance) — Appropriates additional \$40,000 to Historical Society in current budget.

SB1281 (Finance) — Supplemental appropriation of \$1.8 million to Department of Corrections in current budget, appropriates additional \$744,300 to correctional institutions at Boise and Orofino.

SB1283 (Finance) — Appropriates \$445,000 for operations of Idaho Geological Survey program for fiscal year 1990.

SB1284 (Finance) — Appropriates \$769,100 for operations of the Office of the State Board of Education for fiscal year 1990.

SB1285 (Finance) — Allocates \$6.7 million for community college support in fiscal year 1990.

HB161 (Education) — Deletes requirement that population of school trustee zones be determined by counting only qualified electors and their children.

HB173 (Education) — Sets procedures to revoke, suspend or deny a teaching certificate.

HB208 (Education) — Sets new criteria to be used by Board of Education to evaluate applications by school district for funds in the School District Building Account; limits funds in the account to \$10 million.

HB227 (Education) — Sets up work-study program for needy higher education students.

HB230 (Education) — Provides for computation of alternative high school secondary support units separate from regular high school support program computations.

HB141 (Education) — Sets the school age for children at three years for children with specified handicaps and conditions; starts with next school year.

HB190 (Agricultural Affairs) — Authorizes Tax Commission to retain \$3,000 or 20 percent of money remitted to a trust account, whichever is less during the second and subsequent fiscal years.

HB26 (Resources and Conservation) — Provides for a nonresident commercial fishing license for \$200.

HB221 (Resources and Conservation) — Adds crayfish and minnow trap tags to list those for which the vendor commission fee is charged per transaction rather than per tag.

HB184 (Business) — Brings Idaho into compliance with Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act of 1988.

HB107 (State Affairs) — Requires that one member of teleprinter communications board be appointed by governor from Department of Law Enforcement, rather than State Police.

HB129 (State Affairs) — Makes it a misdemeanor to provide false information on the required receipt for keg beer.

HB197 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Comprehensive bill or juvenile justice systems provides for range of treatment and supervision programs for delinquent youth.

HB81 (Local Government) — Establishes procedure to be followed for formation of a library district.

HB242 (Local Government) — Makes territory withdrawn from a fire protection district subject to taxation for any indebtedness created by election.

HB301 (Local Government) — Allows cities to annex noncontiguous territory occupied by a city-owned or operated airport or landing field, introduced in House.

HP4 (Education) — Proclamation honoring outgoing University of Idaho President Richard Gibb for his 12 years of service.

HB112 (Environmental Affairs) — Urges president and Congress to appropriate the money necessary to remove nuclear and toxic waste from the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory.

HB113 (Environmental Affairs) — Urging the federal Environmental Protection Agency to consider and incorporate recommendations from Idaho into new regulations on solid waste management.

HB411 (Appropriations) — Appropriates \$3.1 million to Department of Insurance for operations in fiscal year 1990.

HB412 (Appropriations) — Appropriates \$2.9 million to Public Utilities Commission for operations in fiscal year 1990.

HB413 (Appropriations) — Appropriates \$109,000 to guardian ad litem program for the period July 1, 1989, through June 30, 1991.

HB414 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$11.67 million to Department of Parks and Recreation for operations in fiscal year 1990.

Introduced in Senate
SB1322 (Finance) — Appropriates \$13.5 million to Department of Commerce for operations in fiscal year 1990.

SB1323 (Finance) — Appropriates \$14.1 million to Department of Revenue and Taxation for operations in fiscal year 1990.

SB1324 (Finance) — Appropriates \$1.9 million to Department of Finance, for operations in fiscal year 1990.

Lawmakers decide on centennial coin

By JUDY FARHS
States News Service

WASHINGTON — Northwest lawmakers have forged a compromise on what kind of metal should be used in the commemorative coin celebrating the one-hundredth anniversary of six states in 1989 and 1990.

Rep. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, said opposing camps have agreed on minting coins of silver and palladium in honor of Idaho's silver mines and Montana's palladium industry.

Metal content was the point that stalled legislation to mint the coin in the last Congress by dividing the Northwest delegation between bills sponsored by Craig and Montana Democratic Rep. Pat Williams.

Craig, whose state accounts for one-fourth of the nation's silver pro-

duction, insisted that the coins be silver, while Williams lobbied for palladium. Williams' state includes the Stillwater Mine near Yellowstone Park, the nation's sole source of palladium, a platinum-like metal that is used mostly in dentistry and electronics.

Both senators from each Northwest centennial state have signed on as original cosponsors of the coin bill in the Senate, and a House version cosponsored by Craig, Williams and Washington Rep. Tom Foley went into the hopper Tuesday. Craig said Northwest lawmakers are generally united behind the new bill.

Under it, one million \$1 coins would be minted of 90 percent silver and 10 percent alloy. Another 350,000 in \$5 coins would be stamped of the more expensive palladium.

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Wednesday's scores

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National Invitational Tournament:
Alabama-Birmingham 85, Connecticut 79
Michigan State 70, Villanova 63

NBA
Philadelphia 100, Cleveland 97
Miami 107, New York 103
Detroit 115, San Antonio 94
Indiana 101, Washington 92
Chicago at Phoenix, late
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, late

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PREP BASEBALL

Mini-Cassin Easter Tournament:
Minico vs. Pocatello, 10 a.m.
Minico High, Rupert
Burley vs. Highland, 10 a.m.
Burley High
Minico vs. Meridian, 1 p.m.
Minico High, Rupert
Burley vs. Twin Falls, 1 p.m.
Burley High
Minico vs. Centennial, 4 p.m.
Minico High, Rupert
Twin Falls vs. Nampa, 4 p.m.
Burley High

PREP TENNIS

Wood River vs. Bonneville at Jerome, 1 p.m.
Jerome vs. Bonneville, 3 p.m.

PREP GOLF

Twin Falls, Burley at Minico, Rupert Country Club, Rupert, 10 a.m.

Sports on TV

6 p.m. — Channels 11, 12, College basketball: NCAA West Regional, Seton Hall vs. Indiana.
8 p.m. — Channels 11, 12, College basketball: NCAA West Regional, Arizona vs. UNLV.

Larison kicks into high gear

Hansen's Bob Larison hit his stride in the last 200-meter race of the 1988 season to win a state title — and he's still improving

By RON GATES
Times-News writer

HANSEN — In the last race of his junior year, Hansen's Bob Larison, therefore the hare, outlasted the hound.

Larison, who had been previously "kicked around" by Hagerman speedster Frank Temple, according to Hansen coach Ray Berryhill, got off to that start all sprinters dream of and ended three years of frustration with a 200-meter victory in the Idaho Class A-3 track meet.

"I was surprised," says Larison, who qualified third in the same heat as the favored Temple during the previous evening's preliminaries. "To tell you the truth, that night I was thinking about what I had to do to take second."

But, by the following morning, a new picture had begun to take hold.

"On Saturday I told myself that I just had to get a good block start, run the corners good and get out far enough to hold Temple off on the straightaway," he remembers.

Larison executed that pre-race strategy to perfection, clocking a 22.3-second time and just edging the older boy in a classic photo finish. Before reviewing the picture, however, race officials awarded first to Temple, whose patented final 50-meter charge had fallen a half step short.

"He had the middle lane and they put him in first," Larison said. "When they changed the decision (on appeal) he was real good about it. He told me I deserved it. We were good friends all the way through track — I'm glad he's not back though."

"That's smoking," added Berryhill. "But I'll tell you what, I knew Bob was going to win when he hit the first corner. He came out of the blocks great. Now we're going after 21.5 and I don't feel that's unrealistic. The reason Bob and I set so high a goal for this season is that we never did have him in shape last year."

Before Larison, who will be vying for his fourth consecutive outing against state-level competition, ran the 200 open and anchored the Huskies' 800-meter relay to fifth

place while sporting a brace — the product of a severe ankle injury incurred on the gridiron.

A four-year letterman in football and basketball as well, Larison was injured playing quarterback against Oakley. Though he hobbled through the balance of the football schedule and managed about half the basketball campaign, it marked the start of four months of therapy and was sufficient to sideline him until track was well underway.

"He never really hit his peak a year ago and still has to be at least a half-second faster than anyone in his class this year," says Valley Coach Scott Tingey. "That kind of a kid comes one to a school, one to a district."

"He's been working with weights and running well," Berryhill said. "I think the extra work is going to pay dividends."

Larison's reputation as a sprinter came early when he, along with then freshman classmate Kyle Allen, hooked up with a pair of upperclassmen to qualify for state in two relays. Quite an experience for a 14-year-old boy.

"Scared," said Larison of that first excursion into Bronco Stadium on the Boise State University campus — an institution he favors for its business and track programs. "I was real scared. I was just going to do my best because I knew we were going to be back."

Despite their youth, the Huskies took fourth at 800 meters and Larison's prediction held up as the following year he earned a return engagement, adding both short dashes and capturing the bronze medal in the 400.

With Larison and Allen, whose own football injuries came this past season, healthy, fellow seniors Brian Hall and Todd Simpson back in the longer relay, Lynn Barnes stepping in for Simpson at 400, and freshman David Allen keeping all on their toes, the Huskies figure to get another shot. This time they won't catch any one off guard.

"Coach Berryhill took our relay teams to an all A-2 meet when Kyle and I were freshmen," explained Lar-



Times-News photo by TERESA TAMURA

Senior sprinter Bob Larison remains injury free this year by lifting weights

ison. "It was kind of funny. We beat everyone but Jerome. Since then people know who we were and had to respect our relays."

"They have really taken pride in their sprint relays over the past four years," attests Tingey. "The kids and the coach just seem to have the right kind of attitude. Those things don't happen accidentally. You would ex-

pect them to dominate when they have bullets like Larison. I'd like to see him run the 400 sometime."

Apparently, since the 5-foot, 9-inch, 165-pound Larison has drawn the track interest of Brown University, an Ivy League school, and nearby CSI as well as a football offer from Whitworth College, it's not just the

competition who's keeping tabs. "Real good, but size would hurt him in big college football," says Berryhill of his charge's post-prep school potential. "His forte is going to be track. The kid's a heck of a competitor and I think that's what they're looking at. He's faced a lot of adversity and overcome it. His heart's about as big as his body."

CSI track team holds 1st, only home meet

By LARRY HOVEY
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho makes its only home appearance of the season Saturday with its annual track and field invitational beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Twin Falls Bruin Stadium.

The meet probably will again be won by the women's and men's teams from Ricks as the Vikings have the best depth in the seven-school field.

Only four schools, Ricks, Treasure Valley, Northwest Nazarene and College of Southern Idaho will enter full teams. Idaho State, with the bulk of its varsity going to California for

weekend competition, will send a partial team of about 15 individuals. Utah State will enter a few women and Montana State is sending one female competitor.

The hammer throw will kickoff competition at 11:30 with the first track race, the 10,000-meter run slated for noon. The other events will follow according to the collegiate list of events.

"Ricks is pretty salty again," agreed CSI Coach Rick Neill. They have a good high jumper in John Claymore (6-9) and two 14-foot plus vaulters plus their usual good depth in the running events and weight events.

competition held earlier this year.

John Taylor and his wonder horse Sport, a top entertainment for youngsters and adults, returns to ensure his success of last year and Chuck Whitney will be the bullfighter. The other special thing will be the media cow chip throwing contest.

CSI coach Shawn Davis said a strong addition to this year's showing will be the stock provided by Dan Russell of Folsom, Calif. His string includes the 1988 bucking bull of the year, as rated by the professional association, Skool's Pacific Bill. Other top horses appearing will be Black Widow in bronc riding and Bucky in saddle bronc along with another bull, Danny Boy. Those four animals were selected for the National Finals Rodeo.

Davis will be sending two undefeated riders into the competition in Norm Kerr, Kamloops, B.C., who won both fall rodeos in bronc riding, and Dennis Keeler, another Canadian rider, who won twice and currently leads the bareback standings. Ironically, the strength of the CSI

team may also be a weakness, notes Davis. He has six top bronc riders in Kerr, Steve Manning of Oakley, Travis Angell of St. Anthony, Ben Bailey of Rupert, Dan Mayer of Lima, Mont., and Lance Root of Susanville, Calif.

"They're all tough," explains Davis, "and our depth could cost us because some of them won't be on our team and if they draw right, they will take points away from our team total."

Those who by limitation of numbers can't represent CSI will ride unattached.

Dustin Danley, New Mexico, will be the lone CSI bull riding entry and Kerr will be the only Golden Eagle calf roper. Dave Anderson, New Zealand, represents the Eagles in steer wrestling.

Team roping duties will be handled by Jim Filippini of Battle Mountain, Nev., and Lee Wright of Caldwell.

In the women's division, Lori Aslett, Filer, will go in breakaway roping and bartell racing. Amy Lewis, Filer, in breakaway roping

and goat tying; Jan Pickett, Caldwell, breakaway roping, and Denis Peterson, Carey, breakaway roping, team roping and goat tying.

Davis said a couple of injuries have weakened the possible point totals available in bareback riding, which he anticipated being a major strength along with saddle broncs.

A broken hand has eliminated Kirk Allred for the remainder of the season. He had the high mark at the college finals last spring. Sean Stokes will miss this rodeo at least as a broken leg has not mended fully as yet.

"We are not well rounded in the timed events as we'd like to be," Davis said.

Whether CSI can fight off the rest of the region with a reduced arsenal depends on how the rest of the teams have developed over the winter, Davis said. But by the same token, some of our stronger members were not eligible in the fall semester so we will be presenting a new look, too."



PETE ROZE
Under fire

Rose: No comment

By JOE KAY
The Associated Press

Pete Rose's reputation is in tatters, his place in the game he loves in doubt.

In two days since major league baseball announced Rose is under investigation, the Cincinnati Reds manager has become the eye of a storm of allegations about his gambling, his finances and his parenting.

Rose took refuge behind an armed guard in the team's clubhouse on Tuesday before a spring training game in Florida, declining comment on an array of reports.

The most serious allegations, contained in this week's Sports Illustrated, could drive Rose from the game if proven.

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PETE ROZELLE
NFL commissioner

Rozelle retires

By DAVE GOLDBERG
The Associated Press

PALM DESERT, Calif. — Pete Rozelle, who transformed the NFL into a national institution and presided over the birth of the Super Bowl, shocked league owners on Wednesday when he tearfully announced his retirement after 30 years as commissioner.

Rozelle, 63, said he wanted to step down now, three years before his contract expires, "to enjoy more free time, stress-free time" with his family. He said the resignation is effective immediately but he will stay and help train a successor, chosen by a committee that will include Wellington Mara of the New York Giants, Lamar Hunt of the Kansas City Chiefs and three owners yet to be named.

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Cleveland loses; clinches berth

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Charles Barkley had 27 points and 21 rebounds and Mike Gminski hit two crucial free throws with eight seconds left as the Philadelphia 76ers defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers 100-97 Wednesday night.

Ron Anderson added 19 points for Philadelphia, while Ron Harper had 20 points for the Cavs, who became the first NBA team to clinch a playoff berth when Washington lost to Indiana.

Philadelphia took a 98-93 lead on two free throws by Anderson with 3:42 to go, but Brad Daugherty and Mark Price scored for Cleveland. Neither team scored from the field the rest of the way, and Gminski's two foul shots ensured the Philadelphia victory.

Detroit 115

San Antonio 94

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Joe Dumars scored six of his 20 points during a 117-92 second-quarter run Wednesday night, helping the

Pro basketball

Detroit Pistons to a 115-94 victory over the San Antonio Spurs.

The victory, which clinched a playoff berth for the Pistons, improved their record to 47-17, putting them 30 games above .500 for the first time in franchise history. It also moved Detroit into first place in the Central Division, percentage points ahead of Cleveland; a 100-97 loser to Philadelphia.

Indiana 101

Washington 92

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Detlef Schrempf scored 22 points off the bench as the Indiana Pacers beat Washington 101-92 Wednesday night for their third straight victory and first over the Bullets this season.

Indiana led by as many as 17 points twice in the final period, the second time on a pair of free throws by Anthony Frederick that made it 93-76 with 5:29 left.

The Pacers lost both of their previous meetings with Washington this season. The Bullets played without starters Terry Catledge and Jeff Malone.

The final margin of nine points was as close as Washington got in the fourth quarter as Indiana never lost the lead it took for good in the third period.

Miami 107

New York 103

MIAMI (AP) — Kevin Edwards scored 26 points and the Miami Heat made its final 19 free throws and last five field-goal attempts to beat the New York Knicks 107-103 Wednesday night.

Miami led 97-93 when the Knicks' Patrick Ewing made a turnaround jumper, stole the inbound pass and converted a 3-point play to give New York a 98-97 lead with 2:14 remaining. Edwards responded 24 seconds later with a jumper that put Miami up for good. A jumper by Scott Hastings made it 101-98 at the 1:06 mark.

Briefly

Filer High School to confer awards

FILER — Filer High School will hold its awards night Thursday.

Awards for volleyball, rodeo, football and boys' and girls' basketball will be presented at the 7 p.m. gathering in the school's auditorium.

Meeting today on women's slowpitch

TWIN FALLS — All players, teams or team representatives interested in participating in the Twin Falls Women's Slowpitch League competition this summer should meet at 7 p.m. today in the conference room at city hall.

CSI offers beginning golf classes

TWIN FALLS — Four classes in beginning golf will start the first week of April at Canyon Springs Golf Course through the College of Southern Idaho Continuing Education Division.

Steve Meyerhoefer will instruct the classes in fundamental skills, rules and etiquette swinging, putting, chipping and pitching. Cost of six sessions of instruction will be \$38.

Each section will be limited to 12 students. The classes start at 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. April 4 and at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. April 6. For more information or to preregister call 734-0269.

Huskies' basketball coach resigns

SEATTLE (AP) — Andy Russo, the University of

Washington's basketball coach, resigned after two straight losing seasons, the school announced Wednesday.

Russo, 40, who came to the Huskies after guiding Louisiana Tech to a 29-3 record in 1984-85, had a 61-62 record in four seasons at Washington. The Huskies were 12-16 this season after going 10-19 in 1987-88.

Russo replaced retired Coach Marv Harshman after coaching Louisiana Tech to a 122-55 record in six seasons, including 26-7 and 29-3 marks in his last two seasons with teams led by current NBA star Karl Malone.

Twin Falls golfers beat Meridian

EAGLE — Twin Falls defeated Meridian in a dual high school golf meet Monday at Eagle Hills Golf Course.

The Bruins shot 174 to 210 for the Warriors, led by Tim Capps with a nine-hole total of 89. Brian Reed had 44, Brad Ven 46 and Brett Barry 45.

The Bruin girls also prevailed, 186-306, getting a 57 from Lori Blackwood, 65 from Maureen Slater and Dobbie Gilman with 65.

BOYS

Twin Falls 174, Meridian 210

Twin Falls scores — Tim Capps, 29; Brian Reed, 44; Brett Barry, 45; Brad Ven, 46

Meridian scores — Greg Hughes, 51; Mark West, 51; Greg Isaacs, 54; Darrel Wagner, 60

GIRLS

Twin Falls 186, Meridian 306

Twin Falls scores — Lori Blackwood, 57; Maureen Slater, 65; Dobbie Gilman, 65

Meridian scores — Jennifer Hill, 63; Mary Wheeler, 41; Kristy Walsh, 129

Exhibition baseball

Angelo 6, Minnesota 1; Toronto 4, Atlanta 1; Cleveland 4, San Diego 2; San Francisco 6, Oakland 4 in 11 innings; Chicago 3, Seattle 0, and California 4, Milwaukee 3.

Giants 6, Athletics 4, 11 innings

Kevin Mitchell hit for the cycle and Tracy Jones lined a two-run double in the 11th inning as the Giants beat their Bay Area rivals for the first time in four spring games.

Mitchell, who has 13 hits in his last 20 at-bats, singled in the first inning, tripled and scored in the fifth, hit a two-run homer in the seventh and doubled and scored to give the Giants a 4-3 lead in the ninth. He was walked intentionally in the 11th and scored on Jones' game-winning hit.

Mitchell is batting .458 this spring with 17 runs batted in and has hit three of his five homers in the last three days.

Red Sox 10, Tigers 2

Dwight Evans drove in three runs with a double and a single as Boston ended a three-game losing streak.

The Red Sox scored four runs on seven hits against Detroit ace Jack Morris, who pitched the first five innings.

Boston starter John Dopson, acquired from Montreal during the off-season, turned in his best effort of the spring. Dopson pitched four shutout innings before tiring and giving up a pair of runs in the fifth.

Boston's Jim Rice extended his hitting streak to 11 games with a single. Jody Reed had two singles and scored three runs for the Red Sox.

Yankees defeat Montreal, 5-4

By The Associated Press

With Dave Winfield out indefinitely with a bad back, the New York Yankees acquired Mel Hall to provide some offensive punch in the outfield. On Wednesday, he gave the Yankees what they were looking for.

Hall, obtained from the Cleveland Indians Sunday for catcher Joel Skinner and minor league outfielder Turner Ward, singled home the winning run in the eighth inning as the Yankees beat the Montreal Expos 5-4.

Don Mattingly hit his first home run of the spring in the Yankees' four-run second inning off Expos starter Neal Heaton.

Dave Righetti worked an inning of relief to pick up the win.

Elsewhere, it was Boston 10, Detroit 2; St. Louis 7, Cincinnati 6 in 11 innings; Pittsburgh 7, Philadelphia 6; New York Mets 5, Baltimore 2; Los

Pocatello wins triangular track meet

By The Times-News

IDAHO-FALLS — Track kicked off in Idaho Falls Vernon Raveston Stadium Wednesday in winds about 30 miles per hour and considerable cold.

Pocatello ran off with both ends of the triangular meet, the boys scoring 103 points against 43 for Idaho Falls and 39 for Minico. In the girls' division, Pocatello had 73 with Minico and Idaho Falls at 44.

The best performances of the day were provided by Pocatello's Jay Dee Wilson who had a sharp 9 minutes, 57 seconds in the 3,200 meters and

4:42 in the 1,600. Wind held the boys mile relay time to 3:40 by comparison.

Minico's girls were paced by Allison Andrew who won the high jump at 5-0 and long jump at 15-4. She was second in the triple jump at 32-8. Jana Cullum was third in the 800 in 2:27 and 1,600 in 7:04.8. Jennifer Anderson took third at 89.5 in the discus and second at 32-10 in the shotput. The other Minico individual winner was Terra Hayden who won the quarter in 69.5.

In the boys' division, Jay Ennen got the only Minico first with a 5-6 high

jump — the bar being held on because of the wind. Simon Ortiz and Frank Martinez went 3-4 in the 300 in 11:28. Hurdler Jack Fleck was second in the highs at 17.3 and third in the intermediates in 46.9 and threw in a 17-3 long jump for a fourth. John Spence and Bruce Berry were 3-4 in the pole vault at 10.0 and 9.0 while Bill Ray was third in the 100 in 12.2. John Garate went 36-10 for third in the triple jump and Donovan Terry was fourth in the quarter at 58.0; Cameron May had a pair of thirds at 43-11 in the shot and 119.5 in the discus.

The tournament's final day will be seeded on the basis of the results of the first two rounds. Four games will be played at Burley and Minico, with the semifinals at 2 and the championship game in Burley at 4.

Mini-Cassia tournament starts today

By The Times-News

Twin Falls, Highland and Meridian, which accounted for first, third and fourth places in last year's state Class A-C baseball high school tournament, will head the field for the annual Mini-Cassia Easter Tournament, which begins today in Rupert and Burley.

The Warriors, 5-0 for the young season, are the defending champions of this tournament, which will be renewed for the 10th team this season. The eight-team event will be played on different sites today, Fri-

day and Saturday, with the championship game to be played on the Burley High diamond at 4 p.m. Saturday.

Minico and Pocatello, which have yet to play a game this season, will open at 10 a.m. on the Minico diamond, while 0-2 Burley will face 2-0 Highland at the same hour at Burley. In 2-1 in Rupert, Minico and Meridian will square off, while at the same hour in Burley and 2-1 Twin Falls will meet. At 4 in Burley, Meridian and 3-0 Centennial will play, while at Burley Twin Falls will face 1-1 Nampa.

On Friday, Minico and Centennial

will square off at 10 a.m., while at the same hour in Burley, the Bobcats will face Nampa. At 1 p.m. in Rupert, Pocatello will face Meridian, while in Burley at the same hour Highland will play Nampa. At 4 p.m. in Rupert, Pocatello is scheduled to face Centennial while across the river, Highland will play Twin Falls.

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Rozelle

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It's been a great 30 years," Rozelle said.

Rozelle said he decided last October to retire, but told no one. Most owners were unaware of his decision until he made a private announcement to them, 10 minutes before his public statement.

There was absolute quiet. You could hear a pin drop. Then everybody jumped to their feet and applauded," said Mara, the man who informed Rozelle 29 years ago that he had been elected commissioner after 11 days of deadlock.

Rozelle then walked from the room to tell reporters, on the way out shaking hands and embracing Al Davis, managing general partner of the Los Angeles Raiders, with whom

he has been involved in a bitter feud since the Raiders announced their intention to move from Oakland a decade ago.

Said Davis: "He was a great competitor and we had our competitions. But I always respected him and I think he respects me. We got caught in a Vietnam affair for the past 10 years and that was unfortunate."

It was almost as emotional during the news conference, and Rozelle was actually applauded by the usually adversarial press corps.

Asked at the end if it was an emotional moment, he started to answer, then broke into tears and stopped.

Under Rozelle's leadership, the NFL survived bidding wars with three rival leagues, two player strikes and antitrust suits, grew from

12 teams to 28 and sealed the heights of American sports popularity. Billion-dollar television contracts made the game's stars instant millionaires and brought them into the nation's living rooms, creating millions of football widows and making football a prime-time sport. He increased league television revenue from less than \$1 million to \$440 million a year.

The NFL merged with the old American Football League in 1966, fended off challenges from the World Football League in the 1970s and the U.S. Football League in the 1980s, saw the Super Bowl become the nation's most-watched sports event and overcame a 57-day players strike that fractured the 1982 season and a 24-day walkout in 1987.

Rose

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accurate. The magazine reported in this week's issue that Rose is accused of betting on baseball and could be banned from the game if the charge is proven during an investigation being conducted by the office of baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth.

The charges were contained in a one-page article leading off the magazine's Scorecard fixture.

"It's pretty short, isn't it," Rose told the Cincinnati Post Tuesday night. "I thought it was supposed to be 10 pages long."

The Dayton Daily News reported today that Rose is selling off his baseball memorabilia, and is under investigation by federal authorities in Cincinnati looking into his gambling and taxes.

And Gentlemen's Quarterly printed an article in which Rose's children say he was a poor parent, and his former wife is quoted as saying Rose didn't pay his gambling debts — a statement she later denied.

When asked about being described as a bad father, Rose said today, "What are you talking about? I'm a great father. I bought my daughter a Mercedes Benz last year."

Rose made the comment before the Reds' exhibition game with the St. Louis Cardinals in Plant City, Fla.

He again declined comment on the reports about his alleged gambling or associations. When a reporter noted that Rose customarily avoids saying "no comment," the manager replied, "I've never used 'no comment,' but you have to agree it's a little different situation."

Asked if he had any idea when the commissioner might conclude his investigation and make a decision, Rose replied, "No idea. No more idea than you do."

Although Rose was ducking the allegations, his players and team owner Marge Schott were publicly hoping the storm would die out before opening day.

"I don't know what's going on," third baseman Chris Sabo said. "We just go and play and hope it all works out very soon. It's very unfortunate. Let's hope it's not serious."

Schott, in Washington for a luncheon, indicated she could fire Rose if he's found guilty of the allegations.

"If he wasn't Pete Rose, it would be a much easier decision," she told the Washington Times. "But he's a hometown hero. Pete has realized he's not a player anymore. He's a manager, and he has set an example. I hope this is all nothing serious."

How serious is something being weighed by Ueberroth and Commissioner-elect A. Bartlett Giamatti, who issued the statement Monday saying Rose was the subject of "seri-

ous allegations." The nature of the allegations hasn't been confirmed.

While the storm swirled around Rose, the Reds today closed the clubhouse in Plant City, to reporters and said the ban would remain in effect all day. Also, the club said Rose could be interviewed after the game, but would deal only with questions relating to the game.

Rose went to the Reds' exhibition game Tuesday afternoon against St. Louis in St. Petersburg, Fla. He walked past reporters and into the clubhouse, which was blocked by a uniformed, armed guard. The clubhouse usually is open to reporters.

Rose agreed to meet after the game with writers who regularly cover the Reds, but would only discuss the game. His only comment on the allegations came in his daily pre-game interview with Reds broadcaster Marty Brennaman.

"Well, Marty, all I can tell you is we are cooperating with the commissioner's office, and we hope that it gets taken care of real fast, before Opening Day, so we can get down to business. And business is winning the National League West. That's all I'd like to say about that," Rose said.

The allegations dogging Rose revolve to a large degree around his affinity for horse and dog tracks. It is no secret, he has denied a report that he places bets on college basketball.

Sports Illustrated quoted an unidentified source as saying that Rose allegedly "exchanged signals" somehow relating to baseball betting from the dugout at Riverfront Stadium. St. Louis also reported allegations that baseball's all-time hit leader placed bets on baseball through friends.

Under Major League Rule 21-d, if Rose bet on games in which his team was not involved, he would be suspended for one year. If Rose bet on games involving the Reds, he would be banned for life.

Sports Illustrated said Ron Peters, a restaurant owner in southwest Ohio, has been linked to possible baseball betting involving Rose. The magazine said Peters' lawyer, Alan Statman, described his client as Rose's "principal bookmaker" and approached the magazine in hopes of selling Peters' story. The magazine said it declined to pay. The Cincinnati Enquirer said it, too, declined an overture from Statman to buy the story.

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Scores and Stats

Basketball

NBA standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles Lakers	31	11	.738	0
San Antonio Spurs	28	14	.667	3
Phoenix Suns	27	15	.643	4
Portland Trail Blazers	26	16	.619	5
Golden State Warriors	25	17	.595	6
San Diego Clippers	24	18	.571	7
Utah Jazz	23	19	.548	8
Seattle SuperSonics	22	20	.524	9
Denver Nuggets	21	21	.500	10
Minnesota Timberwolves	20	22	.476	11
Chicago Bulls	19	23	.452	12
Philadelphia 76ers	18	24	.429	13
Washington Wizards	17	25	.405	14
Atlanta Hawks	16	26	.381	15
Charlotte Hornets	15	27	.357	16
Orlando Magic	14	28	.333	17
Indiana Pacers	13	29	.310	18
Memphis Grizzlies	12	30	.286	19
San Jose Warriors	11	31	.262	20

NBA box scores

Game	Score	Time
Los Angeles Lakers vs. San Antonio Spurs	101-92	1:00
Phoenix Suns vs. Portland Trail Blazers	107-103	1:00
Golden State Warriors vs. San Diego Clippers	100-97	1:00
Utah Jazz vs. Seattle SuperSonics	101-98	1:06
Denver Nuggets vs. Minnesota Timberwolves	101-98	1:06
Chicago Bulls vs. Philadelphia 76ers	101-98	1:06
Washington Wizards vs. Atlanta Hawks	101-98	1:06
Charlotte Hornets vs. Orlando Magic	101-98	1:06
Indiana Pacers vs. Memphis Grizzlies	101-98	1:06
San Jose Warriors vs. San Jose Warriors	101-98	1:06

UNLV needs to shoot well against Arizona

West semifinal

DENVER (AP) — The Nevada-Las Vegas Runnin' Rebels have been the gang that couldn't shoot straight most of the season.

Coch Jerry Tarkanian said that will have to change if his team expects to have any chance against No. 1-ranked Arizona Thursday night in the semifinals of the NCAA West Regional.

"We have to shoot extremely well tomorrow to be in the game," Tarkanian said. "We're playing a team with no weaknesses."

Tarkanian figures his 15th-ranked Rebels are due to improve their shooting accuracy. In their last three games, they've hit 42, 39 and 37 percent from the field. Still, they were won.

"Defense has carried us," Tarkanian said.

"If we go through a long period and don't score against Arizona, we'll be 10 or 12 points down in a hurry because they shoot it so well," he said.

A choking pressure defense has enabled the young Rebels to compile a 28-7 record, but against Arizona, they'll face a team loaded

with good ball handlers.

Chief among them is All-America forward Sean Elliott.

"With Sean in our lineup, sometimes it's pretty tough for anybody to pick us up full court," guard Matt Muchiebach said, "because he can just bring the ball up, or if they trap him at all, he can see over the defenders and get the ball up to us."

Elliott agrees with DePaul coach Joey Meyer that good ball-handling and penetration will beat the Rebels.

"I'm not the only one (on the Arizona team) who fills that role," Elliott said. "I see a couple of other people who fit that description."

The Wildcats, 29-3, are calm and confident as they continue their quest for a second straight trip to the Final Four.

"This group, from day one, has been a team sort of on a mission," coach Lute Olson said. "I think we're at the top of our game right now."



UNLV's Jerry Tarkanian watches practice Wednesday

Indiana improving, not overwhelming

West semifinal

DENVER (AP) — Bob Knight, seeking a fourth national title, says his current Indiana team, a steadily improving but not dominant squad, is comparable to his 1987 NCAA champions.

But he was never certain how good that '87 team was either — until it won it all.

Knight's Indiana teams also won national titles in 1976 and 1981.

"I've had the best team in the country two or three times and not known whether we would get by the first round or not, so I never know how well we do," Knight said after Wednesday's practice.

"This team is comparable physically to the '87 team. We won't overpower anybody. The other two (national title) teams could have beaten anybody at any time."

The Hoosiers, 27-7, face Seton Hall, 28-6, in an NCAA West regional semifinal game Thursday night. Top-ranked Arizona, 29-3, meets Nevada-Las Vegas, 28-7, in the other semifinal. The winners will meet Saturday for the right to advance to the Final Four in Seattle.

Knight characterizes his team as

one that "has to play well to win. We don't overwhelm anybody on the boards. We don't knock the ball loose a lot. We have to avoid mental and mechanical mistakes and we have to shoot well. If nothing else is going well, we're not able to pound you on the boards all night the way some teams do."

The Hoosiers, who started the season 3-4, turned things around after switching to a three-guard offense. But some observers say it is Knight's more mellow demeanor that has made the difference.

"Remember when you were growing up and you believed in Santa Claus?" Knight said, chuckling at the suggestion. "There's not much difference between Claus and me today. We're two overweight, lovable guys that kids enjoy."

In Seton Hall, Knight eyes a team with "a big front line that is not easy for us to play against. On offense, they take advantage of what they have. Their offense is geared to individual abilities."

Virginia readies for Oklahoma Tar Heels vs. Wolverines — again

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Virginia guard "Richard" Morgan, who has made scoring points look easy in the NCAA tournament, says the Cavaliers plan to stop top-seeded Oklahoma is just as simple.

"We're gonna have to score on each possession and take care of the ball on offense," Morgan said Wednesday, "and try to control Stacey King and Mookie Blaylock on defense."

"I don't think it's any more difficult than that. That's the bottom line."

The fifth-seeded Cavaliers, 21-10, play Oklahoma, 30-5, in Thursday night's Southeast Regional semifinal. The winner will play Saturday against the North Carolina-Michigan winner for the right to go to the Final Four in Seattle.

Morgan and backcourt mate John Crotty carried the Cavaliers to victories last week over Providence and Middle Tennessee State. Morgan scored 33 points in each game, while Crotty scored 24 and 25 points, making 19 of 23 field goals.

Southeast semifinal

"I can't imagine people playing much better than they played," said Oklahoma coach Billy Tubbs, whose fourth-ranked team is looking for a repeat trip to the Final Four. "I'd say right now they (Crotty and Morgan) are playing as good as anyone we've run across."

The ball-handling of Crotty and Morgan figures to play as big a role in Virginia's success as their scoring. Oklahoma comes into the game off a 124-81 victory over Louisiana Tech in which the Sooners forced 29 turnovers.

The Cavaliers know first-hand of Oklahoma's pressure defense. In a holiday tournament last season, Oklahoma used 16 turnovers to go on a 27-0 run in the first nine minutes of the second half en route to a 109-61 victory over Virginia.

"I went in and we were down two or four," said Crotty, who was then a

freshman. "The next thing I know, we were down 20. It was like a blur."

Oklahoma's defensive pressure hasn't been as smothering this season, although Blaylock leads the country in steals with 127. Tubbs suggested the Sooners' personnel a year ago made the difference, and King said teams are more prepared for the press this season.

Virginia coach Terry Holland, however, said the Sooners still provide plenty of problems.

"Once their press starts to bother you, you tend to back off if you're not careful," Holland said. "It's important that we don't allow one turnover to back us off, two turnovers to back us off."

Blaylock, who averages 20 points per game, had struggled until scoring 34 points against Louisiana Tech last weekend. As a result, Oklahoma had struggled as well — the Sooners had to rally from a 15-point second-half deficit to beat 16th-seeded East Tennessee State.

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Michigan interim coach Steve Fisher is one of the few in his profession who is even better than North Carolina's Dean Smith when it comes to winning percentage as a head coach.

The two will be on opposite benches Thursday night when No. 10 Michigan, 26-7, meets fifth-ranked North Carolina, 29-7, in the Southeast regional semifinals.

Smith enters the game with a career record of 667-189, a winning percentage of .779, second among all active Division I coaches with at least 10 years' experience.

Fisher comes in with a perfect 1.000. He has won his only two games as head coach since Bill Frieder announced hours before the tournament began that he was becoming head coach at Arizona State. Frieder was told not to bother showing up for the tournament.

"I have the utmost respect for Coach Smith and I always have," Fisher said Wednesday. "It has been

Southeast semifinal

hard to deal with the pressures and things have been a little different. But I've been a coach for 21 years and coaching is teaching. It doesn't matter whether it's high school, CYO or at Michigan, you have to have the same type of philosophy."

Smith, who said he felt Frieder should have been allowed to continue coaching through the tournament, praised Fisher for the way he has handled the situation.

"He has handled it extremely well. He has been poised and confident," Smith said. "It's a big jump from assistant coach when you're making suggestions to head coach where you're making the decisions. He had to do it under a microscope and he should be congratulated."

Michigan and North Carolina have become a regular NCAA matchup over the past two seasons. The Tar Heels beat Michigan 109-

97 in the second round of the 1987 tournament and eliminated the Wolverines in the regional semifinals last year, 78-69. "We have not talked revenge," Fisher said.

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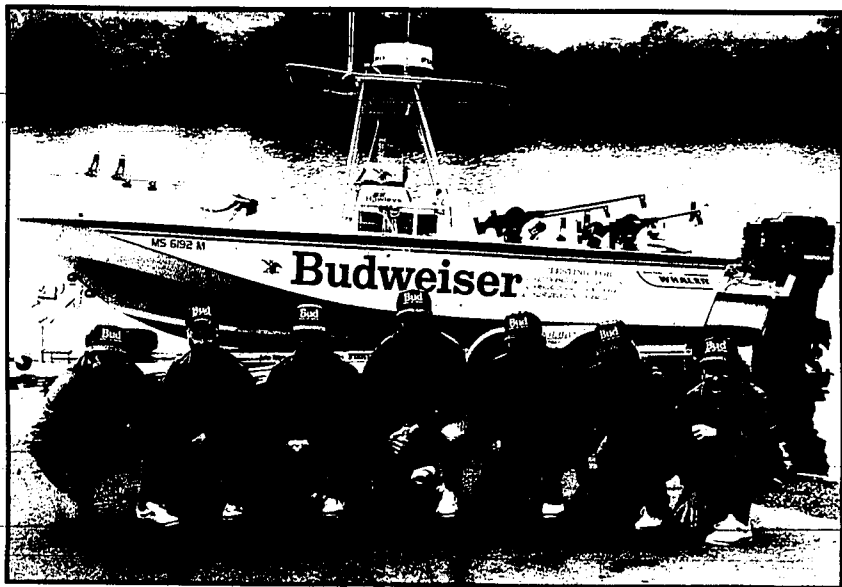
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Budweiser Fishing Team, John Maynard at center, poses for a photo

Fishing experts to appear

By JAMES KRUMICH
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — A free Budweiser seminar on the basic and advanced fishing techniques will be presented at the Twin Falls Army from 7 to 10 p.m. on April 26.

John Maynard, international tournament fisherman and organizer of the Budweiser Fishing team, will focus on proven steelhead and salmon techniques while Ike Smith, also a tournament fisherman, will demonstrate bass and walleye methods.

The seminar will include some equipment displays such as a state of the art Ranger bassboat and a 25-foot Boston Whaler. These will assist anglers with ideas on how to rig their own boats.

Maynard, a native of Idaho who lived his first 15 years in this state, was a biology major at Cal State-Los Angeles. He worked in insurance in

California and later tried his hand as owner of a motorcycle shop in Everett, Wash.

But he gravitated to fishing and spent five years living in his van while attending derbies and seminars. His big break arrived when a Vancouver, B.C., video productionist featured him make a fishing film.

Later, Budweiser hired him as part of its promotion staff, leading to his current high-profile life in fishing.

Maynard says the seminars are important to the average angler because 90 percent of the fish are caught by 10 percent of the fishermen. I want to help the other fishermen share in the enjoyment of the sport.

Maynard said Budweiser has become a strong supporter of outdoor endeavors, noting in addition to this fishing venture, it donated \$500,000 to help establish the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the Adopt A Stream program. Additionally, Budweiser participated in the dedication of the Hill City Marsh as a major state waterfowl production area last year.

Region 4 council for wildlife meets

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — King Hill area rancher Lee Presley was named president of the Region 4 Idaho Wildlife Council at the group's first organizational meeting over the weekend.

Presley, who brings experience as a Forest Service ranger with some background in wildlife management plus a history of ranching and battling large numbers of deer in his haystacks the past several years, is joined on the list of officers by Rod Thomas, Gooding, a major figure in the state's Pheasants Forever programs, as vice president, and Lloyd Smith, Rupert, a member of the Magic Rio Turkey Chapter, secretary-treasurer.

Those three will be this area's representation in the first statewide council meeting in Boise April 1.

The council is a product of the Idaho Wildlife Congress held in Boise last November for the purpose of concentrating outdoor-oriented individuals and groups into areas of wildlife resource need in the state.

The council represents wide outdoor interest, with groups, federal, state and local governmental agencies and individuals.

Dave Hocklander, Gooding, public information officer for the council, noted that of the 16 wildlife groups invited, 10 sent representatives. At least three more groups are expected to join in the near future.

Hocklander said the number of wildlife groups in attendance was 13, including alternates. The total number expected is 22, as outlined in the by-laws. Of the eight country representatives nominated for the council, five were in attendance. The other three had prior engagements.

Nine governmental agencies were represented. Those agencies will be served by non-voting representatives and provide whatever technical expertise they can.

A long list of concerns, running from stream management, hunter education, depredation and treaty rights through water quality, bear hunting, chemicals and birds plus

predation, warmwater fisheries, livestock-hunter relations on public lands and fishing regulations were established as primary interests.

The group specifically dedicated part of the year to developing a sound deer management plan in unit 45 which has had increasing depredation problems and increasing deer numbers despite some special archery and muzzleloader hunts.

The group's primary mission is to serve as a public information-gathering panel and sounding board for grassroots input in wildlife resource management. It also has the mission of being a major spokesman for wildlife rights in whatever conflicts might arise with other use interests.

Members of the council are Emmett Brailor, Jerome, Ducks Unlimited; Harry W. Know, King Hill Rancher, Elmore County Wildlife Club; Susan Wood Ray, Ketchikan, Idaho Conservation League; Kirk Reese, Twin Falls, Idaho Bowhunters; John Vandewalker, Buhl, Magic Valley Flyfishers; Charles Warren, Rupert, Pheasants Forever; Rod Thomas, Gooding, Pheasants Forever; Hugh R. Johannsen, Gooding, Southern Idaho Gun and Game Association; Dave Hedge, Sun Valley, Sierra Club; Cecil Carter, Burley, Magic Valley Bowhunters, and Lloyd Smith, Rupert, Magic Rio Turkey Chapter.

County at-large members are Dan Yore, Hagerman; Lee Presley, King Hill; Nicholas Cox, Ketchikan; Kenneth Jafek, Malta; Dan Shewmaker, Kimberly; Kerry Patterson, Heyburn; Layne Osborne, Hagerman, and Don Prescott, Jerome.

Ex-officio, non-voting members are Carl Nellis, Randy Smith and Ed Bottom, Idaho Department of Fish and Game; Chris Ketchum, Burley Bureau of Land Management; John Ide, Shoshone BLM; Terry Blau, Twin Falls, Idaho Department of Water Resources; Don Ormen, Kimberly, Forest Service; Jenny Carson, Ketchikan, Sawtooth National Recreation Area; Max Hall, Idaho Department of Lands; Mike McMasters, Twin Falls, Idaho Division of Environment; and Brian Pridgen, Burley, Bureau of Reclamation.

Winter feeding near completion

By LARRY HOVEY
Times-News writer

JEROME — While some feeding still is continuing in Region 4, the regional office of Idaho Fish and Game Department figures the demands of the 1988-89 winter are fairly well over.

Feeding operations probably will last another week to 10 days at Bullwhacker near Ketchikan and two emergency sites on the eastern side of the Camas Prairie.

In the final analysis, the regional office received 90 depredation complaints from mid-November to about two weeks ago on big game. There have been some of the usual Canada goose complaints this spring but those are not included in the final big game review.

Those complaints broke down to 53 against deer, 29 concerning elk and 10 about antelope. That adds up to more than 90 because some complaints had more than one species involved, says Craig Kvale, regional wildlife manager.

And further reducing those complaints to hunting units, Kvale said 341 stemmer from Unit 45, largely covering the Bennett Hills from Glens Ferry to Blaine; unit 52, north

of Shoshone and Gooding, had 11 and Sublette deer, largely in the Stone area near the Snowville feeding site, had eight. The rest were scattered among units 53, 57 and 55.

Eight elk complaints were received from units 48 and 45 with the remainder in lesser numbers from the Camas Prairie unit 44, unit 52 and Little Wood unit 49.

Almost all the antelope problems settled in the big desert country although some still remain around the Bliss triangle.

"We are sustaining some road loss on the interstate near Bliss because the median in these interstates have a tendency to grow up ahead of the surrounding desert and that really attracts the animals," Kvale said.

One of the more interesting road kills of the spring was a five-point elk on the interest west of Mountain Home.

"We obviously don't think of elk in that part of the country much," Kvale said. "This seems to be an indication that some elk are moving off the west Bennett hills and wintering on the air base military reservation. This one evidently was headed back to the Bennett Hills for summer."

For the winter, this region installed 3,500 eight-foot metal pan-

nels and another 520 wood panels on haystacks to discourage elk. A total of 125 1200-foot rolls of visqueen was draped on stacks against deer.

"Statewide we have spent over a million dollars but all the bills are in yet," Kvale said. "We have a ball park figure in this region but here again we are waiting for the final list of contracts costs with feeders and other things."

The region is in the midst of its annual assessment of what happened in area hunting units last year and what can be projected for next fall.

The biologists like Kvale meet with each conservation officer in the area to begin this process and from their observations plus whatever might be gleaned from management statistics evolve some recommendations in total harvest and season lengths.

In the second step, this will be discussed with state big game managers, finalizing the department's local process.

These ideas then will be presented for public comment at perhaps as many as three hearings in Magic Valley in April before being forwarded to the Fish and Game Commission for final decision.

Kvale said public hearings in Hagerman and Blaine will be held.

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Forest workers search for wolves, wolverines, bear

The Associated Press

OROFINO — Clearwater National Forest workers journeyed to the Clearwater River's North Fork snowmobiles to search for wolves and wolverines earlier this week.

The search is likely to be the first of many during the next two months, said Danny Davis, the forest's wildlife biologist. Biologists will investigate reports such as one of wolf tracks sighted two weeks ago near the Lochsa River, he said.

The search is part of an effort that will span seven national forests covering nearly 15 million acres in central Idaho.

A Central Idaho Wolf Recovery Steering Committee includes forest supervisors from the Boise, Challis, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Payette, Salmon and Sawtooth national forests.

The committee wants to focus interest on restoring wolves to central Idaho as an area rather than fragmenting the efforts from forest to forest, said David Rittersbacher, Boise National Forest supervisor.

Congress has appropriated \$300,000 to gather information about wolf numbers in Idaho.

The populations in the central Idaho area are such that we don't observe any wolf pack activity and it appears as though the wolves that seem to be here are

loners that seem to move through the country," Rittersbacher said.

"I believe the folks, Senator (James) McClure I guess, who contributed to getting us some funds to look into this feel the time has come to increase our knowledge base concerning the patterns of wolves in central Idaho," he said.

McClure, R-Idaho, has been an active player in the West's debate about whether to reintroduce wolves into Yellowstone National Park and other areas. McClure has said he would favor a release of wolves in Yellowstone under certain conditions.

Davis said the searches are planned during the late winter and early spring because they can combine several missions, including checking on the area's elk herd. Because wintering elk and deer are concentrated along the rivers, the wolves that prey on them would be concentrated there too, Davis said.

"Because we are getting normal winter die off, we are looking at the carcasses to see if wolves or wolverines might be hitting those carcasses," Davis said.

The searchers will also investigate reports of other rare or endangered animals. A possible sighting of a grizzly bear near Isabella Creek along the North Fork last May will be considered when this spring's searches are planned, Davis said.

Fish and Game pushes preservation at fishermen's expense

Perhaps the major disappointment of the year came in the public hearings of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game concerning drastic reduction of fisherman participation on Silver Creek and Big Wood River.

Why the department held four hearings puzzles here because it didn't need one. It was a fait accompli before the first worm-drowner had a chance to ask why.

There are a great many things that were said and occurred in the Twin Falls meeting that disturbed.

One was the obvious conclusion that the decision-making process had developed to a point of three ultimatums — noted which included the status quo. That is much too far for any application of "public input" in a credible way. Doubtlessly it was the result of another public hearing that was advertised in the bulk of Magic Valley last summer that kept the commission and department into the red ink.

The tunnel vision of the department on the one left absolutely no doubt that, as Jerome Marshall Everhart pointed out, the special interests were being hand-picked — streams, lock, stock and barrel — and for no more apparent reason than the elitism and



Larry Hovey

preservationist movement that seems burrowing within the department itself.

It seems incongruous here that someone who has never set a line in either stream would be getting phone calls from people who didn't want, as one woman from Hailey said, "the condescending, patronizing recitation of fly-fishing benefits and the corresponding increase of big fish."

What this woman wanted to know is what were her sons to do this summer for recreation. In previous summers they spent a couple-three days a week fishing the river, catching little but exploring a lot and having a good time in the out-of-doors.

This was checked out with a Hailey schoolteacher who reports hearing considerable complaint from parents on that very item.

This amplifies the point that no sport is do-

ing so well that it can afford to discourage junior participation.

One would definitely have to feel that Wood River was as much a part of growing up in a Hailey lad's life as the Snake River canyon trails once were for Twin Falls would-be outdoorsmen.

On the adult level, one would feel that Silver Creek and Big Wood River are very important to outdoor recreation agendas. One also must love those questions that were asked: Would you rather catch big fish or more fish?

This is like asking: do you like dimes or dollars, trip or T-bone steak? But the alternatives were nil.

The overriding difference in the two better portions of the Silver Creek remains that one is under private ownership — the Nature Conservancy — and as such probably is subject to the whims of the proprietor — i.e., no release, no trespass.

The department property was purchased with funds from worm drowners and hunters as well as fly-fishers. It bites the hand...

You must remember that fisheries account for 42 percent of the department general budget income and spend 60 percent. Hunters

make up the difference.

There is agreement here that some streams should be under special regulation. One must agree with the reservation of the Salmon River Middle Fork for the preservation of the wild steelhead gene pool, for instance.

But based on the number of people that will avail themselves of the Big Wood, to a considerably larger degree, and Silver Creek, to a smaller, it seems reducing the "opportunity" for the general public for the minority is an unfortunate choice.

One remains wary of the recurring "wild fishery" themes in streams abated by roads. We hear it of the Big Wood below Magic but we doubt it is truly genetically unique beyond the various mixes of trout strains planted there and in the reservoir over the years. Stocking-enforced evolution, as it were.

One can remember 25 years ago the department biologists not even paying lip service to that unique wild strain.

Now it possibly is — but circa 1963 we remember a public hearing in Shoshone concerning chemical eradication of Big Wood River and Magic Reservoir. A fisherman rose to urge protection of the unique wild fishery below Magic. Then regional biologist

Stacy Gebhardt assured him that all precautions would be taken. But if it failed, Gebhardt said the department would see the area replanted and the newly-introduced fish would re-establish that "native" run within a year or two. That's as in non-hatchery.

It seems logical that to view it any other way edifies full fins to the nth.

In this age of translocation, transplanting, emergency feeding, predator protection and indeed enhancement, etc., there is precious little that man wants to hunt, fish or eat that is indeed still wild.

To think we can have increasing multi-million dollar budgets on smaller resources follows the same pattern.

That famed "balance of nature" is really at the whim of man and should not be at the whim of one group over another.

The audacity with which the department attacked this project is perhaps a prop for those who find the department and commission not out of touch, but beyond touch, of its constituency.

It should be corrected and this would be a good one to start with.

Larry Hovey is a sports writer for the Times-News.

QUESTION: I farmed for more than 40 years and really enjoy pheasant hunting. Around here it seems like most farmers are beginning to charge for hunting. I used to enjoy hunting with a group on my land.

Pheasant hunting became sort of an annual event that we all looked forward to and there was never any charge for hunting. Charging for hunting is something that I never believed in but I guess younger farmers look at it differently now.

Are farmer charging for hunting in your area? If so, does fee hunting have any effect on decisions that you have to make about fish and game in Idaho?

JOHN TUCKER, Vale, Ore.

ANSWER: So far payment for trespass fees for bird hunting has not been a major problem in Idaho. Most farmers, at present, do not farm with the idea of expanding bird populations to increase hunting opportunity for the general public.

However, the amount of private land available to the bird hunter does seem to be decreasing because of the increasing amount of land that is being posted each year.

The economic opportunity in bird or big game hunting or fishing has not been realized in our state. The problems of fee hunting in Idaho may be minimized by the great amount of land that is in public ownership. Montana is beginning to have severe problems.

An article in High Country News entitled "Are Wildlife Unbranded Cattle?" by Patrick Dawson illustrates the pros and cons quite well.

Dawson says "for people who live in the cities and towns of states like



Fred Christensen

Montana, Wyoming and Idaho, ready access for fishing and hunting has long been compensation for low wages and wild economic cycles. That access is now threatened by the trend toward fee hunting by owners of large blocks of land. Montana sportsmen also are complaining these days that their access to state and federal lands is restricted by closed private holdings.

"From the other side, farmers and ranchers who have seen winter pastures mowed to stubble by elk and deer have been damaged and fences cut by elk hunters, are demanding more economic consideration these days for playing host to the public's wildlife resource."

The article continues "wildlife in this country belongs to all the people," says Jim Powe of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. "When this fundamental fact gets ignored or circumvented, we assault the political populism of American wildlife conservation as well as the public trust restraint. Because it belongs to all of us, the state is entrusted with the responsibility to manage it in our common interest. No one person or group is more potentially endowed than another with any right or privilege concerning its use."

For lawyer and ranchowner John Flynn of Townsend, it has become a matter of capitalizing on the land's natural assets. "A rancher raises grass, not cows," he told the gathering. "A rancher doesn't care if he runs that grass through a cow or an

elk, as long as he is compensated for it."

Pellow rancher John Gilpatrick of Higer, disagreed with managing land for purely economic motives, saying that the founding fathers who fled the European tradition of privileged land ownership, "wouldn't approve of the concentrated land holdings today. Our land barons of today are sustained by large, efficient equipment and government farm subsidy programs. This growing concentration of private land will mean less access. It is wrong to deny many of the Lord's blessings to those not fortunate enough to own land."

Gilpatrick noted, however, the "private landowners are not to blame for fee hunting moneyed hunters are willing to pay." He called upon resident hunters to improve their image and warned his fellow landowners of confrontations and grassroots citizen backlash.

I believe the above quotes pretty well summarize the various views of fee hunting. If Idaho moves in the direction of Montana, it is pretty obvious there will be problems. A lot of them we already have. It is likely that if continued polarization is going to be avoided, new methods of solving problems will have to be found.

An option might be for the department to lease large blocks of private land for hunting rights for use by the public that cannot afford expensive leases. At any rate, confrontation and further polarization will not solve any problems.

Fred Christensen is Region 3 commissioner on the Idaho Fish and Game Commission. Readers interested in asking him questions should direct their mail to him at Box 9, Nampa.

Briefly

CSI offers outdoor sports classes

TWIN FALLS — Three types of outdoor sports and adventure classes will begin soon at College of Southern Idaho.

To one-half day kayaking clinics will be held at the YFCA April 2. The first will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the second from 2 to 6 p.m. The \$12 course is intended for beginners or as a refresher. It will cover basic strokes, river reading and the Eskimo roll.

Students should bring a swim suit, nose plugs and swim goggles.

A fun course for teaching hikes, cyclists, campers and outdoor adventures how to locate spots on a map and how to get there is slated from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday.

A field trip is planned. Jeff Ruprecht of the National Audubon Society will teach a four-session birdwatching course beginning at 7 p.m. April 4. Students will find the excitement and satisfaction of being able to identify birds by sight or sound. Some birding "hot spots" will be visited on a field trip planned for April 22. Fee is \$15.

Those interested in attending any of the classes may phone the CSI continuing education department at 734-0269.

Special edition game art available

BOISE — Idaho Governor Cecil D. Andrus promoted the wildlife Habitat Improvement Program by making available a signed "governor's special medal edition" of the official upland game and waterfowl stamp art.

Upland stamp artist Michael Sieve and waterfowl artist Jim Killen met with Andrus to honor that special edition in a signing ceremony.

Collectors and wildlife supporters may order the special sets through March 31 from Voyageur Art, 1-800-328-4132 or from local art dealers.

Proceeds from the artwork are used to purchase or develop waterfowl and upland game habitat in Idaho and in the Canadian wetlands which produce the major share of Idaho-bound ducks.

'Outdoor Idaho' wins award

BOISE — Outdoor Idaho, the monthly television production of the Idaho Department of Fish and

Game, recently won second place in the recreation/promotion category of the annual competition sponsored by the Outdoor Writers Association of America and Chevron USA, Inc.

A check for \$1,000 will be presented to the department.

The Fish and Game entry, featuring recreation in the Sawtooth Mountains of central Idaho, was produced in cooperation with KATV public television.

Other entries in recreation or conservation categories were submitted by private production companies, National Geographic, Turner Broadcasting System and other natural resource agencies.

Fish and Game approves purchase

BOISE — The Idaho Fish and Game Commission has approved a land purchase of 40 acres near the present Nampa Hatchery in Canyon County to establish an urban fish area.

The land is to be developed to provide access to Wilson Drain, an artesian water stream originating near the hatchery.

Three ponds are planned, to be either warm for cold water fisheries, as well as construction of fish habitat structures in the stream.

Wilson Drain, a popular year-round fishery, is stocked with rainbow and brown trout.

Informant identifies grizzly poacher

BOISE — A \$4,500 reward sponsored by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the National Audubon Society was paid March 6 to confidential informant who supplied information leading to the arrest and conviction of a British Columbia man for illegally killing a grizzly bear.

Mark Thomas East of Creston was convicted in a Canadian Court in September, 1988.

The bear was one of the Selkirk grizzly population, estimated at no more than 25 animals which inhabit 2,000 square miles in the U.S. and Canada.

It had been captured and radio-collared by Idaho Fish and Game Department biologists in 1985.

The bear killed by East was one of 11 which have been collared since 1983 in the Idaho Panhandle under a cooperative state-federal study.

Officials consider closing winter elk range due to horn hunters

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — State wildlife officials have proposed closing the northern Yellowstone winter range to stop people — particularly horn-hunters — from harassing weakened elk.

The proposal, affecting public lands just north of Yellowstone National Park's north entrance at Gardiner, would close the lands to the public until May 15.

People are going up there and harassing the hell out of the elk," said Don Bianchi of the state Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department, which is taking public comment on the proposal.

Elk are just now beginning to drop their horns, Bianchi explained, and horn hunters "go out and follow the elk around until the horns drop."

He said that the animals are very weak and that following a bull, waiting for him to drop his horns, puts

Elk antlers fetch high prices. Bob Koezler of Pacific Hide and Fur says his firm pays up to \$5.75 a pound for antlers. A rack can weigh 30 pounds.

additional stress on the bull and on all the animals with him.

"We are not against horn hunting, but we are against it when the elk are still on winter range," Bianchi said.

Most horn hunters gather antlers that animals lose naturally every spring. Their activities are perfectly legal outside the park.

However, some saw horns from dead elk inside Yellowstone. And in the past, some horn hunters haven't even waited for the weather to finish off the animals before applying a hacksaw to their heads, Bianchi said.

Marc Petroni, Gardiner district ranger for the U.S. Forest Service, said the closure was requested by FWP officials and it would affect all users, not just horn hunters.

"This is really a tough situation," Petroni said. "We don't want to limit recreation but we don't want to stress the elk to where recreation is as deadly as a bullet."

Elk antlers fetch attractive prices. Bob Koezler of Pacific Hide and Fur, which purchases antlers, said his firm pays up to \$5.75 a pound for antlers. A good-sized rack can weigh 30 pounds.

Most eventually wind up in the Orient, where they are favored in

powder form as an aphrodisiac and a traditional remedy for a variety of ailments.

Bianchi said some people want the money badly enough that they don't wait for the elk to die.

While it is legal to cut the horns off a dead elk, there have been incidents reported in past years when overzealous horn hunters have seen the antlers from starving animals that are alive but too weak to stand or move. He added he had not heard of any such incidents this year.

"It is illegal to kill or harass any live animals," Bianchi said, calling the removal of antlers from nearly dead elk harassment. He said that he had seen many starving elk, unable to do more than roll their eyes.

The animals are doomed but it is illegal to hasten their death. Bianchi indicated that his department has become aware of incidents of people

killing elk for their horns.

In Yellowstone Park, it is illegal to remove any elk antlers, whether they fall naturally or are sawn from a dead elk.

Chief Ranger Dan Sholley said watching for horn hunters and other poachers is a "major duty" for park rangers and that they are stepping up their activities this year in the wake of the heavy winter kill.

Certainly the horn hunters are going to be out and looking," Sholley said. "We will be there a little more to greet them."

Sholley said that rangers will be increasing their patrols in the northern range and that two rangers hired to help with bison monitoring have been ordered to concentrate on horn hunters as well.

Ironically, park rangers have also become horn hunters of a sort as they seek to frustrate the efforts of poachers.

Sholley said this morning that rangers deny prizes to poachers by

sawing the antlers from any bull elk found within sight of Yellowstone rangers. Rangers then cut the antlers into small pieces and disperse them in the park.

Removing animal parts from Yellowstone is punishable by up to a \$500 fine and six months imprisonment as well as confiscation of any vehicles or weapons used to commit the crime.

Letter

Harvey Huggett's letter to the editor concerning Idaho Outfitters and Guides is way off the mark.

The relationship that the industry association IOGA has with the legislature, Senator Beitelbacher and the state licensing board is professional and above board.

Outfitters on the licensing board often vote contrary to IOGA's position. SB 1115, introduced by Senator Beitelbacher was not supported by IOGA as suggested by Mr. Huggett's letter. The last bill actively supported by IOGA was SB 1333 last year.

Feeding

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ley and Twin Falls have pretty well been finalized. The Wood River hunters may hear the ideas at 7 p.m. April 11 at the Hailey Gun Club facilities on Ohio Gulch. The Twin Falls hearing is set for 7 p.m. the next night at the Weston Inn (formerly Holiday Inn).

Kvale said he was trying to line up a time, date and site for another in Glennie Ferry "to address the unit 45 problems with those landowners who have been putting up with a lot of deer predation the past several winters."

SB1333 gave the licensing board additional powers (adding up to \$5,000 fines per occurrence) to deal with licensed outfitters who violate state laws and regulations and gave the board more power to deal with illegal outfitters.

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Herd of mountain goats may provide transplants

BONNERS FERRY (AP) — A herd of mountain goats that stopped a timber sale on the south end of Lake Pend Oreille is under discussion as a source of transplants in the Selkirk Mountains near Bonners Ferry, game officials say.

Mountain goats from the St. Joe area and possibly from Bayview may be transplanted in a proposal by the U.S. Forest Service and the state Department of Fish and Game. They would be moved onto historic range near Lone Canyon in the Selkirk Range.

Half a dozen animals would be moved in July if the proposal is approved, conservation officer Greg Johnson said. Officials are seeking public opinion on the project.

The first six, he said, will be trapped at Snow Peak, between the St. Joe and Clearwater river drainages, he said. A goat herd there is used by Fish and Game as a base for transplants, with no goat hunting allowed.

Johnson added that in alternate years, goats may be transplanted from Bernard Peak near Lake Pend Oreille. That herd landed in the middle of a controversy last year when Bayview residents protested a proposed timber sale nearby on the possible impact to the animals.

Johnson said that herd is not a realistic consideration this year. The once-healthy herd in the transplant area of the Selkirks essentially has vanished, he said.

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No-fault insurance may not be answer

By GUY DARST
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Some consumer activists are back to pushing no-fault auto insurance, but others think a more general overhaul of insurance regulation is a better way to go.

No-fault emerged in the 1960s as a counter to rising premiums, slow

resolution of lawsuits and paltry payments.

Fourteen states adopted no-fault in one form or another, but only three—Michigan, New York and Florida—have the high barriers to lawsuits that characterize the pure no-fault concept.

But a 50 percent premium increase in five years has made auto

insurance an issue again. California voters recently voted to require a 20 percent rollback.

It is in this climate that no-fault is getting another look.

The idea behind no-fault is that accidents are inevitable and that, often as not, who was at fault is difficult or impossible to determine. Under a no-fault plan, accident victims collect their medical expenses and wage losses from their own insurance companies without having to make a claim against the other driver, which means a lawsuit if the other driver's insurer refuses to pay.

No-fault does not deal with collision, theft and other coverages.

Some consumer groups believe an expansion of no-fault coverage, though beneficial, should await abolition of the insurance industry's exemptions from antitrust laws, mostly in rate-setting, and on revision of state laws limiting competition.

The new no-fault drive comes from a group called "New Start" led by Virginia Knauer, consumer adviser to presidents Nixon, Ford and Reagan. The founders were James Brown, director of the Center for Consumer Affairs at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, and a longtime no-fault activist, the Rev. Robert J. McEwen, professor of economics at Boston College.

The Consumer Federation of America, the National Insurance Consumer Organization and Consumers Union on Sunday released a poll of 1,008 people in which 72 percent of respondents believed their

premiums were too high and 41 percent believed them "much too high."

Forty-one percent supported elimination of antitrust exemptions for insurance companies, with 26 percent opposed. No-fault insurance was supported 49 percent to 37 percent and government provision of limited-coverage, low-cost policies was backed 69 percent to 26 percent.

Stephen Brobeck, executive director of the Consumer Federation of America, said, "Auto insurance re-

form is redirecting this giant profitable industry toward loss prevention—the constant advocacy for safer cars, better bumpers, lower repair costs from superior engineering, safer highways and drivers," Nader wrote.

Mike Johnson, insurance specialist for Congress Watch, an organization often associated with Nader, said, "Litigation... really isn't where the major costs are."

Thirty-five cents of every premi-

'The most basic and longer term reform is redirecting this giant profitable industry toward loss prevention—the constant advocacy for safer cars, better bumpers, lower repair costs from superior engineering, safer highways and drivers.'

—Ralph Nader, consumer advocate

um dollar go to administer the system, "and no-fault wouldn't touch that 35 cents," he said.

Roughly half of every insurance premium dollar is returned to claimants—not all of whom sue—and 15 cents goes to their lawyers, studies show.

"If all no-fault means is people are being compensated less generously, we can save plenty of money by cutting benefits 50 percent," said Johnson. "No fault doesn't address the real reasons for the inflation in auto insurance costs."

Bob Hunter, director of the National Insurance Consumers Organization, which he described as "spiritually affiliated" with Nader, said, "What we have now is a deregulated cartel, fixing prices to protect its least efficient members."

Abolition of the antitrust exemptions would favor the efficient whose administration costs less than 30 percent of premium income, he believes.

"A truly competent package of legislation would save 20 to 25 percent."

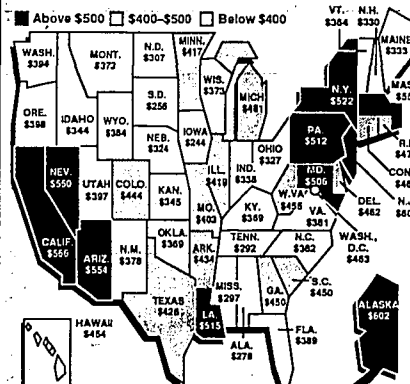
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U.S. automobile insurance rates

In 1987, the auto insurance industry wrote net premiums of nearly \$65 billion, an increase of almost \$28 billion since 1982. According to the most recent data, in 1988, New Jersey residents paid an average of \$604 per year for car insurance, the highest rates in the U.S. Drivers in Iowa paid the lowest premiums, an average of \$244 per year.

AVERAGE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PREMIUMS, BY STATE, 1988

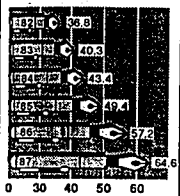
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NET PREMIUMS WRITTEN BY U.S. AUTO INSURANCE INDUSTRY

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Average 1986 auto insurance rates

Highest states	Lowest states
New Jersey — \$603.55	Mississippi — \$297.25
Alaska — \$602.45	Tennessee — \$292.40
California — \$568.20	Alabama — \$278.46
Massachusetts — \$555.55	South Dakota — \$255.77
Arizona — \$553.84	Iowa — \$243.95

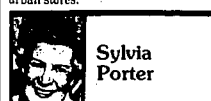
National average
1985 — \$390.04
1986 — \$440.53

SOURCE: Best's Insurance Management and The Associated Press

'Perks' attract business patrons

By the Los Angeles Times Syndicate

In the New York area, a grocery chain has taken out newspaper ads offering free bus service to and from the suburbs if people will agree to become cashiers at the chain's suburban stores.



Sylvia Porter

Businesses all over the country are now offering valuable perquisites—including child-care assistance—to enable, encourage or entice trained people to come to work.

Because the U.S. Labor Dept. doesn't keep track of entry-level jobs that go unfilled, economists have to rely on anecdotal evidence—such as help-wanted ads, signs in store windows—to reach many conclusions.

"We don't have a survey, though we'd very much like to have one," says John Bregger, assistant commissioner for current employment at the Bureau of Labor Statistics. He added, "We do have inferences of shortage, mostly in the retail trade."

Only a few years ago, our concern was unemployment at entry-level jobs. But now, the baby boomers have for the most part swung well along in their careers, started their families, begun to develop investment portfolios, and in many regions have built substantial equity in their homes. They are unlikely to be looking for part- or full-time jobs as store clerks.

The generation that followed the baby boomers is much smaller. There are fewer young people to fill jobs that traditionally go to teenagers and even those fresh out of high school and college.

The slack has been taken up in some areas by greater participation of some groups in the work force. More and more housewives are taking jobs outside the home or doing work in the home for an outside employer. Older people are taking on part-time jobs. Retired stenographers, for instance, increasingly do typing and other clerical work at home.

Many companies, especially restaurants, are making a special effort to lure older Americans out of retirement. There are reports of food chains in the Northeast offering \$8 an hour for counter clerks. (Do you recall when graduate engineers were forced to seek work pumping gasoline at service stations?)

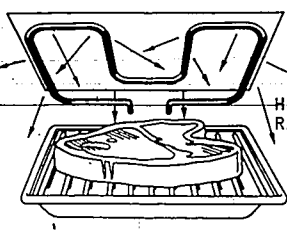
What does this mean to you? Whenever there are shortages of labor, there is upward pressure on wages. The extent to which this takes place will determine the part it plays in a new round of inflation, which affects everyone and is unquestionably a danger.

Beyond that, it tells you that costs, • See PORTER on Page D2

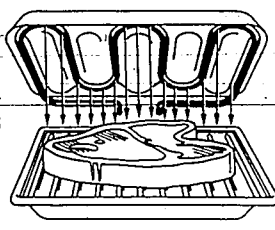
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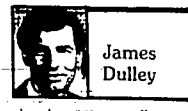
Newest electric oven/broiler design focuses heat more efficiently directly on the food

New range designs work efficiently

Q-I need to buy a new range and I do a lot of cooking and baking. I am unsure whether to get a gas or electric range and what features to get. Are some ranges more energy-efficient to operate? H. L.

A—There are differences in the costs to operate various types of kitchen ranges. Some new innovative ranges offer special features that can reduce the cooking time by one-third. This not only saves your time and money, but also decreases the heat buildup in your kitchen.

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James Duley

ed at about 3,000 watts. For example, at an electric rate of 8 cents per kilowatt-hour, it costs 24 cents for each hour the element is actually on.

Typical gas oven burners are rated at about 16,000 Btu/hour. At a gas rate of 55 cents per therm, it costs 9 cents for each hour the burner is on. Since ovens switch on and off during baking, the actual cost difference between gas and electric is not as significant as the number.

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Give away unwanted items to those who need them

Minneapolis millionaire Percy Ross is internationally known for his philanthropic works and likes to encourage others to help solve problems for those in need. He has earned a fortune and a wealth of knowledge during his lifetime and wants to share both before his death. His motto is: "He who gives while he lives... also knows where it goes."



Percy Ross

Dear Mr. Ross: I had to write and let you know that there are people like us, who are old and worn out. We need every penny we can get just to buy food. My husband had to retire at 62 because of his eyes and hands. He is now 67 and can't drive—his hands get numb and go to sleep on the wheel.

I need eye glasses and to have my false teeth realigned, but these are things we can't afford.

Please tell your readers to give their unwanted items to people like us, rather than carrying them off to the dump. That way, we could afford to buy the simple things in life.

—Mrs. B.L., Polk City, Fla.

Dear Readers: The above letter-writer makes an excellent point, but let me take it a step further. For those of you who have held garage sales, didn't it make you feel rather odd selling items that you no longer wanted? How valuable is something that you're trying to get rid of? Come on, GIVE it away!

Unless a garage sale is going to make or break you, I suggest you give your unwanted items to individuals or organizations who can use them.

As for Mrs. B.L. of Polk City, I'm sending her my check to get glasses and a denture realignment. It is not going to turn her life around, but it will definitely add to its quality. I suggest you do the same: Give something to someone today that will add to the quality of their life.

Dear Mr. Ross: I'm so aggravated with your column of "generous" acts. You claim to want to help people in need. All I see are sympathetic, exaggerated stories from people who are begging for your help.

It is your money and your game, but where are your priorities? Just keep in mind that those "penies" of yours could go a long way in helping medical research for Third World countries. Such donations would give you that recognition of Hero or Saint, which you seem to seek for your big ego.

Sure, I could come up with a sob story for all my needs, but I've been taught that human life is more important than my selfish luxuries!

—Mr. E.V., Salt Lake City, Utah
Dear Mr. V.: I hardly classify food, clothing and shelter as selfish luxuries. Although I don't confine my sharing program to Third World items, they certainly represent the majority.

I could spend all my money in about two minutes by writing one check to one cause. But I prefer to write many small checks —

one to this person, one to that person and anyone else I choose. This is what makes me happy—touching the lives of people directly. This is my hobby, my leisure, my business and since I began writing this column, it has become my life.

Dear Mr. Ross: I am writing in regard to my neighbor. She is disabled and lives with her mother, who has cancer. The only income they have is the little bit they get from the government. They're all alone as the daughter has never been married.

They have no car, so they never get out. No one goes to visit them except for us and a few Christian neighbors. It hurts my heart to think of the emptiness of being so lonely.

The reason I'm writing is because I know they are without a television. They had an old black and white the daughter found on the curb, but it was on its last leg when she found it. It finally broke down.

I know in my heart that a television would take away some of the loneliness. Unfortunately, my husband's income barely pays our bills and provides for our three

daughters. God knows if I had it to give, I would buy them one.

—The "P" Family, Akron, Ohio

Dear "P" Family: A television is just a machine and it doesn't come remotely close to that which human contact provides. However, as long as it's used to supplement visits from you and your family, I won't feel guilty giving your neighbors a TV set and thinking it will help fill their loneliness.

Why? Because I'm confident I can count on your continued visits to brighten their lives! My check is in the mail for a new TV and thanks a million for writing.

Dear Readers: Next week I leave you with my trusted editor. I'll be out of town, but I'm confident that Miss Webber will keep the torch burning.

You may write to Percy Ross c/o The Times-News, P.O. Box 3500, Minneapolis, Minn. 55425. Include a telephone number if you wish. All letters sent to Mr. Ross are read. Only a few are answered in this column, although others may be acknowledged privately.

Home mortgage interest still fully deductible to \$1 million

Q: Can you please tell me whether interest on home equity loans remains fully tax deductible or does the interest deduction apply only to first and second mortgages? This is particularly important to me because I know the interest deduction on consumer loans is fast fading, and I am thinking of using the proceeds from a home equity loan to pay off my consumer debt. I am hoping that this maneuver means that I will keep the interest deduction because the debt is now on my house, not the car. But with all the recent tax law changes, I am thoroughly confused. What's going on?

A: No wonder you're confused: Very little involving the tax laws is simple these days.

Congress changed the rules when it adopted the Revenue Act of 1987. Under the new rules, deductible mortgage debt is divided into two categories: acquisition debt and home equity debt. Acquisition debt is simply the mortgage you incur either to purchase, build or substantially improve your primary or second home. This type of debt also includes refinancings of earlier mortgages. Like the acquisition debt, home equity debt is secured by your residence. However, the proceeds from the loan need not be used to acquire, build or improve the house.

For your purposes, however, the distinction between the two types of debts is largely irrelevant. The interest on a home equity loan is fully deductible so long as the loan does not exceed \$100,000 or the difference between the fair market value of your home and your acquisition debt, whichever is less. For example, if the fair market value of your home is \$140,000 and you already have a \$70,000 mortgage on it, you may deduct the interest on a home equity loan only up to \$70,000. These same limits apply to total whether you are taking out home equity loans on your primary residence or both your primary residence and a second home.

One last note: Uncle Sam limits your acquisition mortgage interest



By Carla Lazzareschi

deduction to the interest on a total of \$1 million in mortgages if those debts were incurred after Oct. 13, 1987. There is no ceiling on the interest deduction for mortgages taken before that date, but there are special rules covering new refinancings of those mortgages.

Q: I have approximately \$10,000 in matured Series EE savings bonds and would like to exchange them for Series H bonds. But I have not seen any mention of the Series H bonds in recent years and wonder if they are still being issued. Do you know anything about this?

A: The bonds you are talking about are known today as Series HH bonds, but functionally they are just like their predecessors, the Series H bonds. Basically, you are allowed to exchange your Series E or Series EE savings bonds for a comparable quantity of Series HH bonds and defer paying income tax on the interest accumulated by the original bonds. The only restriction is that these bond exchanges must be made in amounts of \$500 or more.

However, you might want to re-think the proposed exchange. Unlike new Series EE bonds, whose interest is pegged to the current rates, Series HH bonds pay a flat 6 percent interest, year in and year out. In today's market, this is not a terribly competitive rate, and you could earn more in an equally safe investment, including the Series EE bonds. However, you might be interested in exchanging your old bonds for HH bonds if you do not have the cash to

cover the taxes on the interest your original Series EE bonds. By the way, are you absolutely sure that your original bonds have completely matured? In many cases, the expiration dates on these bonds is extended beyond their original maturity date. You might want to check.

If you are convinced that a bond swap is the best course for you, your local commercial bank should be able to help you. If your banker cannot, write to the nearest Federal Reserve Bank and ask for form PD 2553, which will help you accomplish the exchange by mail.

Q: I sold my house last August and will be taking the one-time exclusion of \$125,000 of the profits. For the last few years, my annual income has been so low that I have not been required to file an income tax return. My income was low in 1988 as well. But do I have to file an income tax return because I am using that exclusion?

A: Yes, you must file an income tax return listing all your income and deductions because you are electing to use the profit exclusion available to senior citizens. In addition, you must also complete and file a Form 219 along with your 1040. This additional form notifies the IRS that you sold your home and that you intend to shelter up to \$125,000 of your profits. Filing these forms does not affect your tax obligations. If you would otherwise owe no taxes, your situation will not be changed.

Carla Lazzareschi cannot answer mail individually but will respond in this column to financial questions of general interest. Please do not telephone. Write to Your Money, Business Section, Los Angeles Times, Times Mirror Square, Los Angeles, Calif. 90053.

Insurance

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cent" of premiums through efficiencies of competition and better regulation, but no-fault itself would knock only about 5 percent off premiums, he said.

"There are only 60 actuaries in all the state insurance departments, Aetna has 120," said Hunter, an actuary himself.

If forced to choose between no-fault and changing the regulatory scheme, "I would take the one that saves the money," Hunter said, and leave no-fault to later.

The American Insurance Association backs no-fault, as do many companies. In Michigan, New York and Florida, it has "reduced losses and stabilized premiums," said

spokesman Dave Snyder, who called New Start "a welcome addition."

"Every economic study done by a legitimate economist has concluded that the industry is highly competitive, especially in auto insurance," with hundreds of participants, he said.

Brown said the differing consumer group strategies are merely "parallel efforts" in the same fight.

"One of the chief virtues of no-fault is prompt payment. (The Naderite strategy) does nothing to achieve that," Father McEwen said.

It also does nothing to discourage frivolous lawsuits, which many companies settle for \$1,000 to \$5,000 "just to get them out of their hair," he said.

Members of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America are the lawyers who collect one-third of damage awards they win, and have managed to keep no-fault at bay in state after state with the argument that no one should be deprived of the right to sue.

Under no-fault, said association president Bill Wagner of Tampa, Fla., accident victims rapidly see the economic power of the insurance companies used to deprive them of all their rights.

Wagner believes the companies, far from throwing money at nuisance lawsuits to make them go away, resist too many claims too hard.

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and therefore prices, are likely to rise in labor-intensive industries, less so in highly automated ones. Those companies that can take on new business without having to increase their number of employees are likely to do better than those whose marginal increase in trade requires a corresponding increase in the payroll.

The situation is not likely to get better soon. You may have noticed that clerks, checkout people, waitresses seem less friendly or less informed than they were just a few years ago. The fact is that people who might not have been successful job applicants then are landing jobs now, and the likelihood of

being dismissed is smaller.

It spells happy days ahead for companies that develop ways of increasing productivity—allowing the same number of workers expending the same effort to do more work done. Companies in automation systems face a bright future.

It means that companies which can adapt to the changing labor situation will rise to the top. For investment purposes, find out the extent to which a particular company requires a huge labor contingent, particularly in lower-paying jobs where the shortage is most acute. Find out how the company plans to deal with the problem, and whether the solution is likely to meet opposition from unions or elsewhere.

The trend also is important to consider in making personal decisions. It is now becoming easier and more worthwhile to take on a part-time or second job. It's worth investigating, because a job that wasn't attractive a year or two ago—or wasn't available—may be now.

We are becoming more likely to work at more than one job, and more likely to hold jobs past the traditional time of retirement. These predictions of the '80s are already beginning to come true.

Sylvia Porter writes on matters of interest to consumers. Her columns appear in the Business and Your Money sections of The Times-News.

Dulley

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bers indicate.

One new energy-efficient and convenient feature is a standard oven that has a microwave built into it. You can use the microwave and the standard oven heat simultaneously to reduce cooking times by half. You can also toast the broiler and the microwave together, or any of them alone.

For example, you can roast a 12-pound turkey in only 55 minutes. It will be juicy and brown just like one roasted for several hours in a standard oven alone. It speeds broiling too.

Another new oven feature is a special parabolic-shaped top above the electric broiler element. This focuses the heating rays more directly on the food and reduces preheat and overall broiling time. A new gas broiler uses a special mesh burner design to cook faster and more efficiently.

Ranges with convection ovens can also reduce baking times by one-third. A powerful fan forces the hot air around the oven cavity, so heat is transferred quicker and more evenly to the food.

A self-cleaning oven can also reduce your costs in the long run. On average, it uses about 50 cents of electricity to operate the high-temperature self-cleaning cycle for three hours. You would probably spend more than that for spray oven cleaner. The heavier oven wall insulation can reduce the heat loss during regular baking and broiling.

You can write to me for UTILITY BILLS UPDATE No. 258 showing a buyer's guide list of the features of many gas and electric oven ranges and for more detailed information about the new features mentioned above. Please include \$1 and a self-addressed envelope.

Q-When the weather is chilly, my

son lets the hot bath water stay in the tub until it cools down. He says it saves energy, but it leaves a ring. Is he right? Y.

A. Unfortunately for your dishpan hands, he is right. With a standardized tub, you waste thousands of Btu of heat by draining the warm water. It can take several hours for the heat from the water to transfer to the room air.

If you have a condensation problem from excess humidity in your home, you have a legitimate excuse to make him drain it. Also, if he were really interested in saving energy, he would take cold showers anyway.

"Cut Your Utility Bill" runs in Your Money every Thursday. Please address questions to James Dulley, The Times-News, 6006 Roy-Algreen Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45244.

Smart consumers know 'there's no free lunch'

Q: I have received recently several postcards from different states, such as Arizona, California, Nevada with only an alphabet run for identification. The message is to phone immediately to verify that I have been selected to win a choice of expensive prizes. Who are these people, and what do they actually do?

A: Hundreds of phone calls have come into the Better Business Bureau office about these postcards. They are GTP Marketing, MWI Marketing, and DNH plus several others. They all use the same format to induce you to phone. If you really had won something, why should you be paying for the long-distance call? They actually want to sell you a water purifier priced from \$300 to \$400. You are asked to give your credit card number over the phone, or write a check, and they will have a courier service pick it up. We have checked the local market to discover this item is priced at \$50 to \$100. You not only have not won any prize, but have fallen prey to a gimmick used to sell a product. You should not buy something in order to win a prize.

Q: Do you have any information on Tax Preparers? A: This year, more than ever, taxpayers may seek the help of a professional tax preparer to help them decipher the complex changes in the tax law.

Before choosing a tax preparer, consider your needs and budget. Remember, the Internal Revenue Service offers tax assistance through their toll-free hot-line telephone number and free publications. And, senior citizens 60 years or older may receive free tax aid from the American A's Association of Retired Persons.

If your return is fairly routine, a national tax service may be for you. These chains, which maintain franchise offices around the country, usually base their fee on the number of forms and lines that are filled.

When choosing a tax preparer, ask about qualifications and find out how he or she keeps abreast of changes in the tax law. Also ask about the turnaround time for the return and whether the pre-



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parer can be reached during the year. Keep in mind, a tax preparer should never guarantee a refund before completing a return.

Q: Does any one ever win or get anything free if not why doesn't someone put a stop to the advertisements using this type of selling practices?

A: In advertising, use of the word "free" and the plethora of drawings and sweepstakes has driven us almost mad. These uses have mushroomed so much that consumers feel cheated if they do not get something at a discount, thus promoting the something-for-nothing syndrome we all suffer from to one degree or another. Some firms feel they have to have a sale going on every day in order to keep people coming in the door. Other firms have proven that it isn't necessary and have explained to consumers, correctly so, that regular prices are necessary for business to stay in business and that those prices are reasonable and proper. Readers need to remember that they don't ever get something for nothing—someone has to pay the bills and make profits for a firm to stick around. What you save one place will be paid for elsewhere. The odds of winning a sweepstakes or contest are slim and should be looked at with caution with an eye to the trouble to enter. Often the company will not give away the prize offered. Most of it is 100 percent hogwash! Efforts are constantly made to eliminate this kind of business advertisement.

"CONSUMER WATCH" is a reader's service column. Inquiries should be addressed to "Consumer Watch," 409 W. Jefferson, Boise, Idaho, 83702. Questions of general interest will be answered here, while others will be answered by mail.

Custodial parent usually takes exemption

Divorced or separated parents must use special rules to decide whether they or their former spouse can claim the exemption for their child when they file their tax returns. The special rules for divorced or separated parents apply only if:

- 1) The parents are divorced or legally separated under a decree of divorce or separate maintenance, are separated under a written separation agreement, or lived apart at all times during the last six months of the year, and
- 2) One or both parents provide more than half the child's total support for the calendar year, and

3) One or both parents have custody of the child for more than half the calendar year.

Although there are some exceptions, the parent who has custody of the child for most of the year is usually treated as the parent who provides more than half the child's support. It does not matter whether the parent with custody has been actually providing more than half of the child's support.

A noncustodial parent may claim the exemption for the child if either (1) The custodial parent signs a written declaration that he or she will not claim the exemption for the child and the noncustodial parent attaches this

written declaration to his or her return, or (2) A decree or agreement executed before 1985 provides that the noncustodial parent is entitled to the exemption and he or she provides at least \$600 for the child's support during the year, unless the pre-1985 decree or agreement is modified after 1984 to specify that this provision will not apply.

More information for divorced or separated individuals can be found in IRS Publication 504, "Tax Information for Divorced or Separated Individuals," available by using the order blank in the tax return package or by calling 1-800-424-3676.

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DigitalE	3,528,000	9 1/4 - 11 1/4
IBM	2,560,000	100 1/2 - 100 3/4
USCarbide	1,851,200	30 - 30 1/2
Upjohn	1,758,000	25 - 25 1/2
Intel	1,394,200	17 1/2 - 17 3/4
BankTr NY	1,230,000	40 - 40 1/2
BankAm	1,244,800	22 1/2 - 23 1/4
Amer T&T	1,216,500	31 1/2 - 32 1/4
WalMart	1,101,400	32 1/2 - 33 1/4
ToysRUs	1,041,000	4 1/2 - 4 3/4
GenEntel	994,200	45 - 46 1/4
Atsco	861,300	36 1/2 - 37 1/4

Denver eggs
DENVER (AP) — Market steady. Demand fairly good to good. Offerings adequate on all sizes and grades. Large AA, 85-87; medium AA, 87-88, small AA, 73-74, large A 95-98, medium A 85-87, large B 85-88.

Denver beans
DENVER (AP) — Grower bids on pintos and Great Northern steady. Pintos: Colorado and Nebraska, mostly 34.00. Great Northern: Nebraska, 28.00, one firm 27.00.

Micron Tech	17 - 1/8
Moore Fin. Gp.	33 1/2 - 1/2
M-K	39 7/8 - 3/8
Pacificorp	34 1/2 + 1/8
Premark	32 - 1/8
Sara Lee	47 7/8 + 1
TJ International	27 3/4 + 1/2
Universal Foods	34 + 1 1/4

grain

30 cents, durum 15-40 cents.
Corn No. 2 yellow 2.62 down 2.
Oats No. 2 heavy 4.10 nominal; 2.75 bid unchanged to up 10.
Barley oats 67, a year ago nominal; 67. Maltin 65 P1, More Robust
4 10 nominal; 4 10 nominal unchanged, barley 3 65 nominal-
3.75 nominal; 2 feed barley Minneapolis no quote.
Rye No. 2 2.56 down 1.
Rye No. 1 no quote, No. 2 2.65 nominal unchanged.
Flax No. 1 no quote
Soybeans No. 1 yellow 7.74 up 7.
Dunflower seeds Duluth no quote.

78.32	78.40	- .27
73.70	73.75	-.65
79.60	79.65	- .15
42.30	42.55	—
.25½	4.26¼	-.07
2.77	2.79¼	-.01
7.80½	7.92	+ .08
604.50	605.00	- ½
364.40	365.10	- 50

11.49	11.63	- .63
90.56	90.67	+ .13
66.21	67.05	+ .18
53.84	54.05	+ .13
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Features

Riverboat gambling continues to be an issue to Iowans

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Luck might have been the lady Bret Maverick loved best, but most 19th-century riverboat gamblers were cheats.

Still, they were tolerated on the Mississippi River despite laws to the contrary and they didn't disappear until the boats did, forced into idleness by railroads. The gamblers would come back under bills in the Iowa Legislature.

Maverick, the dandy played by James Garner in the TV series of the same name, "lived on jacks and queens." The professionals on the Mississippi River 130 years ago lived on shaved heads and skulduggery.

There were laws and rules against gambling, but boat owners winked at the games and lawmen weren't called in unless gambling graduated to gunplay.

"Gambling wasn't a very big thing on the upper river," said historian Burton Prugh, 76, a licensed river pilot. Boats above St. Louis hauled pioneers and miners, not the wealthy plantation owners whom gamblers loved to fleece.

The Iowa Senate voted narrowly last week — and last year — against a bill that would allow low-stakes casino gambling on boats, with location and number to be determined by a commission.

Lawmakers expect to vote on it again this month.

Supporters tout economic development while opponents fear the issue would sully the state's reputation and open the door to organized crime.

The House of Representatives two years ago approved riverboat gam-

bling, and Speaker Don Avenanson said it would do so again if the Senate OKs the bill.

Gambling has long been officially discouraged in Iowa. In 1843, its first territorial governor, Robert Lucas, chose Christmas to sign legislation banning "gambling" which, together with intemperance, he thought was the root of evil.

The Iowa Constitution of 1857 forbade lotteries, which was interpreted to be gambling of all sorts.

The lottery ban had to be repealed (in 1972) before Iowa could get into pari-mutuel betting and lotteries.

But the gamblers, outlawed or not, worked the crowds on the boats.

"Gambling on Western rivers in olden times was a general custom and only in latter years forbidden by

the rules of the boat. Signs were tacked up saying 'games for money strictly forbidden,' which had some little effect in the North but in the South, a notice of this kind was one thing and human nature entirely a different thing, rendering the rules of the boat null and void," wrote John Habermehl, in "Life on Western Rivers" published in 1901.

"As late as the year 1855, one might have seen from four to six gambling tables stretched out in the main cabin in full blast for money."

Boat owners were eager to look the other way because many of the gamblers were their best patrons, taking expensive state rooms and tipping generously, he said, adding that the owners and the gamblers frequently were partners.

George Byron Merrick, who wrote

"Old Times on the Upper Mississippi, Recollections of a Steamboat Pilot — 1854-63" published in 1909, didn't mind gamblers, even though they cheated and separated fools from their money.

"I cannot recollect that I had a conscience in those days, and if a sucker chose to invest his money in draw poker ... it was none of my business."

In fact, there is little evidence anyone got too upset about the gaming. A few gamblers were left on sandbars for cheating and some were hanged, according to Louis Hunter's "Steamboats on Western Rivers," published in 1949.

In "Forty Years a Gambler on the Mississippi," published in 1892, George Devoil wrote that he took many a "sucker" and had to dodge

victims now and then, but he apparently was never in much trouble with the law.

The early journals and histories don't mention any campaigns to stop the gamblers, or any particular outbursts. Instead, gamblers just faded away, taking to the rails. The railroads supplanted the steamboats after the Civil War and by the turn of the century, steamboats were idled up and down the river.

"The gaming went over to the trains," said John Schegan, executive vice president of Fried-Schegan Associates of San Diego, which wants to bring gambling back to the Mississippi in an enormous showboat, with casinos.

Man claims father whose daughter was raped castrated him

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A man whose daughter was raped in 1984 was named by a convicted rapist in an appeals court brief as one of two attackers who castrated him as he awaited trial.

The father, Walter "Stevie" Stevens, said Wednesday the accusation was "totally ridiculous." It was contained in a 71-page brief filed this week with the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals at St. Louis.

On March 7, 1985, before Wayne Dumond's trial, two masked men entered his home, bound him and then castrated him.

The men never have been caught.

Dumond identified Stevens, the former St. Francis County corner, after seeing him in a television interview in January, the brief said.

During the interview, Stevens denied involvement in the castration.

"When he saw Stevens on TV, that was the first time he had ever seen Stevens talk or move," said Dumond's attorney, John Wesley Hall Jr. He wrote out an affidavit to authorities naming Stevens as one of the men who castrated him.

Dumond had previously identified Forrest City police officer Stacy Dye as one of the assailants after seeing Dye during a May 1988 hearing at Forrest City.

Dye also has denied the allegations.

In asking the 8th Circuit to grant a new trial, Hall raised the issues of ineffective assistance of counsel — in part because Dumond's trial attorney entered into a contract with Dumond for publication rights to his story — and new genetic evidence that Hall says shows Dumond could not have committed the rape.

Scientists believe Antarctic once was mild

LONDON (AP) — Fossil bones of a plant-eating dinosaur found in the Antarctic prove there was a mild climate there 70 million years ago, a British scientist said Thursday.

"We discovered jawbones, much of the vertebral column and the fore limbs, which identify the animal as a bird-tipped dinosaur similar to tyrannosaurus, which has been found in Australia, North America, Europe and possibly North Africa," said Michael Thomson, a scientist who led an expedition to the area.

There could not have been much ice or snow in the region in those days because the dinosaur was a land animal and it wouldn't have liked frosty nights.

He said the dinosaur was about 10 feet long and walked on its hind legs.

Thomson, 46, spoke in a telephone interview from Cambridge, where he is head of geology at the British Antarctic Survey.

He said the expedition also found shells, especially ammonites; fossilized leaves from conifers and broad-leaved trees; as well as tree trunks and ferns, proving there was a food source for the dinosaur.

Thomson said the fossils were found during a six-week geological research cruise this year around the north and east of James Ross Island in British Antarctic Territory, 700 miles from the tip of South America.

He said the dinosaur bones were picked up and given to him by Peter Bengtson, a Swedish paleontologist who joined scientists from Britain, Brazil, Australia and New Zealand for the voyage on the survey ship John Biscoe.

Three years ago, we found some bones of a marine reptile, the plesiosaur, and as Argentine geologists had found fragments of an armored dinosaur in Antarctica, I knew it was a likely place for other finds," Thomson said.

The bones were in shallow-water marine rocks and Thomson said the beast probably died on land and floated out to sea before being preserved and fossilized.

"There were active volcanoes nearby in those times and the area would have been something like Indonesia is today," he added.

Thomson described the area as several square miles of bare rock with only mosses and lichens — "and not many of those" — growing there now.

The continents in the Southern

Hemisphere were once a single land mass that has been named Gondwanaland. About 150 million years ago, it began to split apart, eventually to form South America, Africa, Australia and Antarctica.

The newly found dinosaur would have been one of the last of its kind because the animals were starting to die out about that time, when Antarctica was still close to South America and Australia was only starting to break away, Thomson said.

The bones are now under study at the Natural History Museum in London, where they may eventually be put on display.

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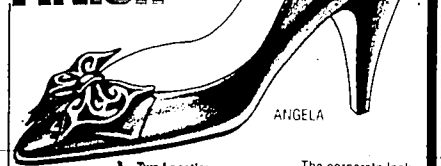
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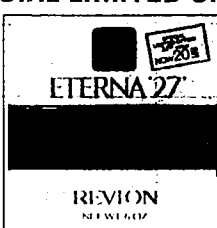
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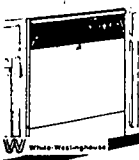
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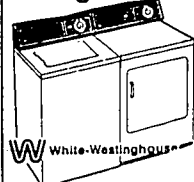
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EPA is criticized for summer gas volatility standards

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency set new summertime standards Friday for gasoline volatility in an effort to reduce releases of a key ingredient of urban smog.

But the standards, which require oil refineries to lower the evaporative capacity of gasoline by at least 9 percent, fall substantially short of the limits that environmental groups have recommended and that several northeastern states have approved for gasoline sold in their areas this summer.

Moreover, the EPA failed to follow through on its original plan — opposed by auto makers — to combine the volatility standard with a new requirement for larger canisters in car engines designed to absorb gasoline fumes during refueling.

EPA Administrator William K. Reilly said the standards announced Friday will result in a 13 percent reduction in hydrocarbons released into the air by gasoline.

Interacting with sunlight, hydrocarbons produce ozone smog that irritates lungs and eyes and damages crops. Most U.S. cities fail to comply with national air quality standards for ozone, which reached peak levels for the decade last summer.

Oil companies have steadily increased the volatility of gasoline since the mid-1970s as they added cheaper, lighter butane to their blends.

Lighter fuel evaporates more easily, especially in hot weather.

The new standards will require oil refineries to lower volatility from the average summertime level of 11.5 pounds per square inch (psi) to 10.5 psi for most metropolitan areas.

Some hotter areas in California, the Southwest and the South will have to lower volatility levels to 9.5 psi by July.

The standards will only apply during the heavy ozone season from May to October. The summertime limits will cost oil companies one-half cent per gallon of gasoline, according to the EPA.

Friday's announcement technically preempts plans by seven northeastern states — Connecticut, Maine, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Vermont and Massachusetts — to impose a 9-psi limit on gasoline by May 1. The Clean Air Act prohibits states from adopting standards stricter than those of the federal government without a waiver.

Anticipating weaker federal standards, the seven states already have sought waivers. A week ago, the EPA proposed approving the Massachusetts waiver.

But the proposal requires a 30-day comment period in which oil companies are likely to object.

William Becker, representing a national association of state air pollution regulators, said the northeastern state officials are "extremely concerned" that the EPA action will stop them from adopting tighter standards for this summer.

The Northeast was blanketed by ozone last summer, prompting efforts to lower volatility.

David Doniger of the Natural Resources Defense Council criticized the EPA for failing to impose nationwide standards of 9 psi, which would cut hydrocarbons by another 12 percent and require new car canisters to absorb gas pump emissions.

"It's hard to say they're serious in the fight against urban smog if the administra-

tion fails to do these cheap and simple things," he said.

Richard Wilson, EPA's director of mobile sources, said oil companies do not have the refining capacity to replace butane components and meet a 9 psi standard by this summer, but said the agency plans to seek the tighter standard for 1992.

He said the EPA did not require the canisters, which would cut another 9 percent of hydrocarbons, because safety issues raised by the auto industry have not been resolved.

The American Petroleum Institute issued a statement applauding the EPA for setting a "national rule." The API was "disappointed," however, that EPA failed to require the canisters. The oil industry has fought requirements for gas pump nozzles that auto makers have proposed to trap gas pump leaks.

Toxic contamination crops up near San Joaquin wildlife refuge

The Washington Post

DELANO, Calif. — It would be easy, from a distant point of view, to confuse the Kern National Wildlife Refuge near here with the private land adjacent to it. The refuge is mostly dry. The private land is shrouded in a series of shallow ponds, brimful and shimmering in the hazy sun.

But the choice could be a fatal one. Toxic contamination, of the sort that forced the Interior Department to close a wildlife sanctuary in California five years ago, has popped up again in the southern San Joaquin

Valley, this time in the evaporation ponds that farmers here use to hold water drained from their land.

Nearly 3,000 acres of such ponds about the Kern refuge and federal biologists have started finding dead and deformed waterfowl in and around them. The culprit, they believe, is selenium, a naturally occurring element that abounds in the alkaline desert soil and is washed out with irrigation water.

At minute levels, selenium is considered necessary for good health; at higher levels it can become a potent poison.

In 1983, similar findings at the

Kesterson National Wildlife Refuge 100 miles north of here forced the government to drain the refuge's reservoir, which was fed by agricultural drainage water. Scientists warned then that it was only a matter of time before the problem began showing up elsewhere.

But few expected the problem to show up as quickly or as decisively as it has at the Tulare Basin region south of Fresno.

Biologist Joseph Skorpupa said researchers have found waterfowl reproductive problems at seven of the 12 sites sampled. "At five of those, we found embryonic deformities in six different species," he said. "The rates of deformities are five times higher than were ever recorded at Kesterson."

The disclosures have raised alarms in the San Joaquin, the heart

of California's irrigated agricultural economy.

According to geologists, up to 1.5 million acres in the valley eventually will require drainage or be forced out of production. Because the land is underlain with heavy clay, irrigation water backs up in the soil, waterlogging it and pushing salts up into the root zone.

The excess water often picks up a variety of potentially toxic elements as it trickles through the soil, including selenium, cadmium, arsenic and uranium. Many of these elements end up being concentrated in evaporation ponds, posing a particular threat to migratory waterfowl and shore birds.

"These ponds are magnets for aquatic birds," Skorpupa said. "This is an ancestral breeding area, but 97 percent of the ancestral wetlands are gone. These ponds are the only game in town."

The problem is not confined to California. Since Kesterson, federal biologists have identified several "hot spots" in Western wildlife areas, all of them connected in some way to irrigated agriculture.

In the San Joaquin Valley, however, the problem is reaching critical

proportions and the latest episode has backed state officials into an awkward corner.

At Kesterson, state water regulators forced the Interior Department into an expensive cleanup when the extent of contamination became known. In the case of the Tulare area, the State Water Resources Control Board approved \$1 million in subsidized loans to build more evaporation ponds.

"We're not really sure what's going on, and all this has to be put into perspective," state water official Dennis Westcott said. "We know that there is a problem, but the extent of the problem isn't known."

Westcott said state officials are drawing up guidelines for operating evaporation ponds and he discouraged comparisons between Kesterson and the Tulare region. "The situation is not the same," he said.

In the view of wildlife officials, the situation is exactly the same — only worse. The Kesterson refuge covered about 1,200 acres. The Tulare region contains 7,000 acres of evaporation ponds, and there are plans for up to 20,000 acres more.

"We have documented severe effects on wildlife, and they (local offi-

cials) have just ignored it," one federal official said. "There are strong economic interests there."

The Tulare Basin contains some of California's largest farms, including the Salyer and J.G. Boswell operations, which cover thousands of acres, and around the old Tulare lake bed.

The lake was once a natural "sump" for the southern valley, wide and shallow in wet years, shrinking in dry years. Now the lake appears on maps as a perfectly square dry lake, its boundaries marked by levees that act as flood control in the occasional wet years when federal and state dams cannot retain all the Sierra snow melt.

The land has been farmed for many decades. Farmers used to manage their drainage problems by going easy on irrigation or letting some land lie fallow for a season. Waterlogging did not become a widespread problem until the early 1970s, after a binge of federal water projects brought tens of thousands more acres under intensive cultivation.

Nature, unfortunately, did not cooperate with this expansion. Not only is the soil laden with salts and potentially toxic minerals, but the Tulare Basin also lacks a conduit to the sea.

In the northern valley, drainage water goes into the San Joaquin River and eventually the San Francisco Bay. "In the south," says Stephen Hall, director of the Land Preservation Association, which represents agricultural interests in the valley, "evaporation ponds are the only proven means of disposal."

It is an open question how long farmers in the southern part of the valley will be allowed to export their waste water to the ocean via the San Joaquin River. Biologists are concerned about the potential impact on the fragile estuaries that act as nurseries for an abundance of wildlife in the Delta and Bay area.

In the southern valley, meanwhile, a showdown could be imminent.

Farmers here contend that shutting down the evaporation ponds will spell the end to most irrigated agriculture. "Losing your water is like a heart attack. It'll kill you instantly," Hall said. "Drainage is like cancer. It takes longer, but it'll kill you, too."

Wildlife officials might use a similar metaphor for the waterfowl. In some cases, the alternative to slow poisoning from the evaporation ponds is the absence of any habitable body of water.

No one knows exactly how many birds once used the Tulare Basin in their annual peregrinations along the Pacific Flyway.

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Nuclear dump angers Illinois community

EDITOR'S NOTE — Since low-level radioactive waste dumps moved in nearby, two communities have had opposite relationships with their nuclear neighbors. In Sheffield, Ill., there have been lawsuits and worries. In Beatty, Nev., the dump is called a good neighbor.

SHEFFIELD, Ill. (AP) — This gray Illinois prairie has been home to coal and crops, but it was something alien in the soil that gave rise to 10 years of litigation and a legacy that could linger for centuries.

Deep in the earth among tons of waste in a long-closed tunnel, a radioactive substance called tritium is leaking from dirt trenches in which it was buried.

Though experts say this form of hydrogen from nuclear power plants, factories and research labs isn't enough to pose any danger, the leak illustrates the potential risks of such dumps.

"Nobody knows how to safely bury hazardous waste for the length of time the waste will be hazardous," argues Hugh Kaufman, a government whistleblower who now works at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. "It's all supposition and prayer."

Others say the industry has come a long way since the late 1960s, when the low-level nuclear waste dump opened in Sheffield. Still, scientists concede that while tests to determine the suitability of the Sheffield area were considered sufficient then, they'd be terribly inadequate by current standards.

"In the mid-60s, not much was known about the regulation of low-level waste disposal," said Dave Ed, senior nuclear scientist at the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety. "We learned an awful lot in 20 years."

'We think our community was sold out'
— Sheffield activist Stanley Gingrich

We've learned before you OK a site ... you should do a very thorough investigation. We've learned it after the fact in Sheffield.

By today's standards, that site shouldn't be used," said Ed, noting the soil is too sandy and gravelly, allowing water to move distances in six months that experts originally thought would take hundreds of years.

Ed says the dump has a mixed record.

"It didn't contain the radioactivity as predicted," he said. "But it continues to isolate the radioactivity from people."

That doesn't satisfy local activist Stanley Gingrich, who heads a citizens group that has opposed the dump as well as an adjacent one filled with non-nuclear hazardous waste that is also leaking.

"It has to be one of the biggest blights in this country," he said.

Even those who believe the operators were conscientious say it doesn't do a community any good to be near two leaking dumps.

"It's definitely been a deficit to us," said businessman Bob Sprowls, adding, "Like anybody else, I don't know what's out there. I'm not smart enough to know what the real danger is."

The 20-acre dump, located about 31 miles from this west-central town of 1,100, is in a former strip mining area now dotted with farms.

It holds about 3.3 million cubic feet of low-level radioactive waste, including contaminated tools and clothes from hospitals and nuclear power plants, 100 pounds of plutonium and uranium and parts of a dismantled nuclear reactor — all buried in 22 trenches.

The dump was closed in 1978 when the state refused to allow the operators, then Nuclear Engineering Co., to bury waste in a new trench. The state said tritium, which also is used in most modern bombs, was leaking and the ground was too sandy.

Nuclear Engineering decided to leave.

The company "put the keys to the gate on the table in one of the sheds and sent us a telegram saying, 'We have finished our work at the site. Since you own it, it's yours again,'" said Clifford Weaver, a private attorney who represented the state.

The state filed a \$97 million lawsuit, charged the company had broken its 99-year lease. A judge ordered the company, which in 1981 became US Ecology, Inc., to remain there until 1998.

"A decade later, an out-of-court settlement was reached. US Ecology will commit more than \$8 million to test, monitor and maintain the area—remain there until 1998 and build a new 45-foot-thick clay cover over the dump."

State officials insist the agreement is fair, Gingrich disagrees.

"We think our community was sold out not having any input in that settlement," he said. "Eight million dollars and they're able to walk away in 10 years. ... We think \$8 million is peanuts to take care of this site."

As part of the 1988 agreement, US Ecology also purchased a 170-acre buffer zone and built a fence around it after it was discovered tritium had

moved beyond the dump into nearby groundwater and a lake.

That angers Gingrich. The state's "Band-Aid has been to allow them to buy more property where it's leaking," he said. "We can't say there's devalued land next to it because they bought the land. ... It can move to the end of town and they can continue to buy the land. Can they buy the town eventually?"

But Ed says the land has been thoroughly studied and experts feel the leak can be contained within the buffer zone until the radioactivity decays. Most, he said, will be gone within 100 years.

Ed also said the highest levels of tritium, which leaked because earthen covers didn't prevent rain from seeping into the radioactive material, amount to only 10 percent of the maximum the government allows to be released to unrestricted areas.

"The levels we're talking about you can't build bombs," he explained, noting the same was true of the plutonium, which is thoroughly dispersed.

However, the plutonium and uranium will remain hundreds of years, and though it's unlikely they'll move, people must be prevented from digging into the waste. "The site has to be monitored and maintained for a hundred years at least," he said.

Though one legal battle is over, a 9-year-old lawsuit is pending over US Ecology's 45-acre non-nuclear hazardous waste site.



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Beatty, Nevada residents laugh off worries over local waste site

BEATTY, Nev. (AP) — They had a good laugh down at the Sourdough Saloon when an anti-nuclear activist claimed that Beatty's radioactive waste dump had turned the place into a ghost town.

"She must have been a ghost when she walked through here," bar owner Dick Sorenson said the other day while perched on a stool. "This ain't no ghost town. We're having the biggest boom Beatty's ever seen."

The economics of this thirsty little desert town near Death Valley are suddenly of interest as the 1993 deadline nears for states to dispose of their own low-level radioactive waste. Under a schedule set by Congress, most states have formed regional compacts and now are seeking places to put their dumps.

The debate that follows any specific site proposal often turns to Beatty, which for 27 years has been neighbor to the nation's oldest low-level radioactive waste dump, one of only three in the country.

Beatty, pop. 1,500 or so, is a way station in the desert 115 miles north of Las Vegas. It's a one-traffic-light town, where chickens scratch in the dusty side roads and everyone seems to know everyone else.

The dump, 11 miles south of town, has caused its share of problems — mismanagement and accidents there in the 1970s helped build support for the regional compacts.

But don't expect to hear Beatty residents bad-mouth their nuclear neighbor. For one thing, people would rather talk about the new gold exploration near town — that's why motels are filled most nights, they say, and why new buildings are going up on Main Street.

For another thing, the dump is seen not so much as a threat but as an accepted community member. It donates money to the volunteer fire department and employs 23 local residents.

"With most people around here, if it comes down to money or a little radioactivity, they take the money," said Bob Clary, 53, who came to Beatty 20 years ago.

Beatty is used to things nuclear. Six miles east of town is the edge of the Nevada Test Site, home of the nation's nuclear weapons factories. In 1951, Old-timers recall watching the fiery mushroom clouds, and newer residents talk of shocks from underground testing.

When Nuclear Engineering Co. opened the low-level radioactive waste site in 1962, relations were friendly between townspeople and dump workers.

Too friendly, it turned out. If you wanted a walk clock, for example, the dump was the place to get it. A worker there would pry open a box of radium-dial shop's clocks slated for burial and sell you one cheap.

Trying to be good neighbors, dump managers lent out equipment, such as a radiation-tainted cement mixer, for use on construction projects in town.

The "open door" policy ended in March 1976, when the company disclosed that a cement floor it had helped lay in back of the Sourdough Saloon was mildly radioactive.

'With most people around here, if it comes down to money or a little radioactivity, they take the money'
— Bob Clary, of Beatty, Nevada

"They came in, tore it all up and took it away," Sorenson recalls.

State health inspectors descended on Beatty, going door to door with radiation detectors. In five days, they collected thousands of mildly radioactive items that should have been in the dump: clocks, watches, compasses, tools, electric motors, and plywood paneling. In backyards and on porches outside town, they found 23 metal tanks that once had contained radioactive waste but had been converted to septic or water tanks.

Officials concluded there was no health risk but clamped down on the dump nonetheless. They closed the site for three months and fined Nuclear Engineering \$10,000.

The company fired the employees involved and vowed to make sweeping changes, but it was just the start of the waste site's troubles.

In May 1979, a truck carrying tritium, carbon-14, uranium 238 and iodine 32 caught fire at the site and spread a cloud of radioactive smoke over the desert. "Whoever is responsible ought to be hung from the yardarm," said then-Gov. Robert List, though health officials concluded the accident had posed no health hazard.

Over the next year and a half, liquid leaked from drums containing nuclear waste from Michigan, a "mystery package" outside the dump turned out to be radioactive, and the bottom dropped off a barrel containing uranium waste during unloading.

List and others urged that the site be closed permanently. Joined by officials in South Carolina and Washington — the two other states with low-level radioactive waste sites — they lobbied Congress to make each of the 50 states responsible for its own waste.

Through it all, Beatty residents stuck by their dump, at one point collecting 500 signatures in favor of keeping it open.

But opponents prevailed in 1980, when Congress passed the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Act. Colorado will be the site of a new regional dump that will accept Nevada's waste after 1993.

With four years to go until mandated closing, the Beatty dump is quiet these days. Two to five trucks a week arrive at the dump, which occupies half of a fenced-in, 80-acre site. The other half handles hazardous chemical wastes.

Nuclear Engineering, which changed its name in 1981 to US Ecology, administers the dump, watched over by a state Health Division inspector.

The regulations are a lot more stringent than they were in 1962, assistant site manager Bob Mar-

chand said recently as he escorted a visitor around the site.

Marchand said the dump accepts no radioactive liquids, to reduce the already slim chance that radiation could seep into groundwater, which in this arid climate is 350 feet below the surface.

Nearly 4 million cubic feet of low-level radioactive waste is buried in the dump's trenches and pits.

Standing over a closed trench, radiation safety officer Terry King said the radiation level there was no greater than anywhere in the surrounding desert. A radiation monitor clipped to his pocket proved him right.

Waste today is put into a 50-foot-deep pit and covered with earth. The huge pit was opened in 1980; it will be just over half full when the site closes in 1993, Marchand said.

Despite the accidents of the 1970s, a booklet put out by the company says the public health has never been threatened.

"They run a good tight ship over there," said Bill Sullivan, justice of the peace and fire department chief.



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Features

After 10 years in power, Khomeini still defies death predictions

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The oddest thing about Ayatollah Khomeini's death threat last month against British author Salman Rushdie was that Khomeini was alive to make it. After all, wasn't Khomeini supposedly at death's door last year? And the year before that? And the year before that?

One of these days, undoubtedly, Ayatollah Khomeini will be in fact going to die. But as he awaits that inevitable moment, the 67-year-old Iranian ruler must be having a laugh at the premature death notices that have appeared in the western press during the past decade.

Almost from the moment he took power in February 1979, Khomeini has been portrayed in newspaper accounts as a disease-ridden old man with only a short time to live. Speculation about the "post-Khomeini era" began just a few months after the start of the Khomeini era itself. For reporters, the words "ailing" and "Khomeini" seemed to go together as neatly as "mercurial" and "Gadhafi."

Make no mistake: By every account the ayatollah is a very sick man. The Central Intelligence Agency believes that he has prostate cancer, which has probably spread to his liver, in addition to heart disease,



AYATOLLAH KHOMEINI

Still holding on

bad eyesight and general feebleness. He's probably got, at most, a few months to live. Of course, the CIA was saying that a year ago, but its assessment is bound to come true eventually.

Before Khomeini does finally shuffle off this mortal coil, it may be instructive to take a stroll down infirmity lane. A review of press reports that have appeared during the past decade suggests either that the aya-

tollah has more lives than a Persian cat or that somebody's been pulling our legs.

Khomeini's health was apparently none too good a decade ago when he returned home from exile. "His health was so frail on the day of his triumphant return to Tehran, in 1979, that he fainted at Mehrabad Airport," noted journalist Robin Wright in an article in The New Yorker last year.

Within a year of taking power, Khomeini was said to be suffering from heart ailments. "In January (1980) the Imam had moved to Tehran to receive treatment for a heart condition" and he suffered "a minor heart attack ... in the spring of 1980," wrote Iranian journalist Amir Taheri in his book "The Spirit of Allah."

The first reports that Khomeini wasn't just sick but actually dead came in 1984. United Press International reported on Aug. 6 that "a person claiming to be an Iranian student studying in the United States told UPI he had heard the Iranian leader was dead on a 'public news broadcast from Tehran monitored on short-wave radio.'"

An Iranian spokesman promptly denied the report. But that didn't stop Iran expert Shireen T. Hunter from opining in The New York Times

two weeks later that "The post-Khomeini era in Iran has already begun."

Post-Khomeini reportage surged forward in November 1985 when Iran announced that an assembly of mullahs had chosen Khomeini's successor — Ayatollah Hussein Ali Montazeri. "The announcement by the state news agency IRNA gave rise to speculation that Ayatollah Khomeini, aged 83, might have died or be seriously ill," wrote The London Times on Nov. 25. The ayatollah emerged several days later to deliver a speech attacking the western news media.

Khomeini's problem was that he had suffered a heart attack in the summer of 1985, according to Associated Press. The AP reported on Nov. 6, 1986: "One Iranian analyst, speaking on condition of anonymity, said he learned from an unimpeachable Tehran source that Khomeini, long ailing, suffered another heart attack last summer."

Reports that Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini is seriously ill are circulating in western capitals, noted The Washington Post on Nov. 20, 1986. And The Wall Street Journal reported on Dec. 11, 1986: "Precious metals prices rose in a flurry of early buying triggered by a weaker dollar and widespread rumors that Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini had died."

By 1987, the ayatollah was reportedly failing apart. ABC News broadcast on Jan. 12 that Khomeini "is losing the use of his legs, his eyesight is failing and he cannot control his bodily functions ... Intimates fear his

death is a matter of days or weeks away."

A brain tumor was Khomeini's problem, reported the French magazine L'Express in September 1987. Citing "Iranian sources," the French newswatch added that an Austrian surgeon named "Dr. Fellinger" in Vienna would be operating on Khomeini in November to remove the tumor and that several Viennese clinics had been alerted.

Those Viennese doctors returned to the news pages in December 1987, when The London Times reported that two Austrian doctors and a British colleague had left Vienna for Tehran. The Times said that Khomeini was in a coma. A spokesman described the report as "utter lies."

But Khomeini's main problem was really cancer of the prostate. That, at least, was the CIA's judgment in an intelligence report disclosed by CBS News on June 9, 1988. A subsequent New York Times account said the CIA believed "Ayatollah Khomeini's cancer has spread to his liver. In addition, the Iranian leader has difficulty tolerating the medications he must take for his ailments, which include heart trouble, high blood pressure and poor eyesight. He is also believed to have undergone dialysis treatment, presumably for kidney problems. A CIA commentary added to the report concludes that based on the medical information, Ayatollah Khomeini will probably die within the next few months."

That was nearly 10 months ago. Since then, Khomeini has met with various foreign diplomats, including Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard She-

vardnadze, and has issued his death threat against Salman Rushdie.

Obviously, the ayatollah could go any minute. But his daughter said in an interview in Tehran last month that Khomeini takes three 30-minute walks a day to stay fit "and, at night, does leg lifts and torso-twisting exercises in bed."

Khomeini claims envoys 'humiliated'

TEHRAN, Iran (DPA) — Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini said Wednesday European Community ambassadors were returning to Tehran "humiliated" after their recall by their countries.

Iran's relations with Turkey meanwhile came under mounting stress because of a new controversy over Khomeini's fundamentalist interpretations of Islam.

The envoys "are returning humiliated, disgraced ... regretful of what they did," Khomeini said, commenting on a recent E.C. decision to allow member states to send back their ambassadors to Tehran.

They had been recalled a month ago after Khomeini ordered his followers to assassinate Salman Rushdie, the Indian-born British author of "The Satanic Verses," a book Muslims consider blasphemous.

"Maybe they had not predicted such shame and disgrace in the process of achieving their ominous aim," said Khomeini, who alleges a major cultural conspiracy against Islam by Europe's "neo-crucifers."

The Islamic Republic News Agency said Khomeini meanwhile added weight to the strong criticism in Iran of the official ban on the hijab, or Islamic dress, imposed on female students in Turkish universities two weeks ago.

The battle against Moslem women's hijab in educational centers is a diversionary move to minimize the glitter of the Islamic world's great defense of the honorable Prophet, against Rushdie's book, Khomeini said without mentioning Turkey by name.

Turkey's ambassador to Tehran earlier was summoned to the Foreign Ministry here to receive a protest and he informed that 150 Iranian Parliament members had called for downgrading relations with Ankara over the hijab ban.

"In the so-called free world, democracy is when women and girls are forced to get rid of their hijab," Khomeini said. "But when we say he (Rushdie) insults the Prophet of Islam and should be executed according to the fatwa (edict) of all Moslem

jurisprudents, this is against freedom."

IRNA said criticism in Iran over the hijab ban, ordered by the Turkish Constitutional Court on March 7, has prompted the Turkish government to express its displeasure.

Khomeini's statements were made in a message on the occasion of the birth of Imam Mahdi, the Moslem messiah who Shiites believe will eventually come out of "hiding" to rule the world.

In Abu Dhabi visiting Austrian President Kurt Waldheim supported the widely held viewpoint that Rushdie's book had deeply offended the religious feelings of Moslems but said Khomeini could not order the author's execution on this account.

The Saudi-based, 46-nation Islamic Conference Organization made a concession to Khomeini last week by saying that all Moslem theologians agreed that Rushdie was an apostate.

But Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal said that the statement did not mean any support for Khomeini's death edict.

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