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Cheerful chapeaux

Wearing hats sure to bring a smile are College of Southern Idaho students Sharon Edwards, left, and Cindy Royce during judging at Bob Speyer Hat Day. Edwards' hat, titled "Solar Sys-

tem," took the grand prize while Royce's entry, "Tropical Fruit Drink," won in the prettiest category Wednesday. This was the seventh year faculty member Speyer held the hat contest.

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Near-normal runoff forecast for S. Idaho

By N. S. NOKKENTVED
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Drought? What drought?

Based on the April 1 snowpack, predictions across Southern Idaho indicate a near-normal spring runoff.

The Salmon Falls Reservoir is expected to reach about 70 percent of its capacity, with a runoff of 87,935 acre-feet between April 1 and Sept. 30, according to Rich Yankey of the Twin Falls Soil Conservation District.

Last year the runoff for the same period was 52,800 acre-feet. An acre-foot is the amount of water that would cover an acre one foot deep — or 325,872 gallons.

The storage in the reservoir this year is expected to total 128,700 acre-feet. Last year the total storage was 91,900 acre-feet. Its total capacity is 182,600 acre-feet. The Salmon River Canal Co., which operates the dam, expects to deliver 0.95 acre-feet per share to farmers in the Salmon Tract, Yankey said.

Last year the canal company delivered 0.69 acre-feet per share in the Salmon Tract.

On the upper Snake River above Jackson Lake, runoff is expected to be about 107 percent of normal, resulting in a flow of about 794,500 acre-feet to the lake. Last year's runoff was 519,700 acre-feet, according to Bureau of Reclamation hydrologist Mike Beus.

Runoff predictions for the lower Snake River are measured at Heise. This year it is expected to be 101 percent of normal, with 3,662,200 acre-feet. The normal runoff at Heise is 3,621,200 acre-feet.

One low point in spring runoff is the Island Park area on the north fork of the Snake River. It is expected to be about 76 percent of normal, with 178,800 acre-feet. Normal is 228,500 acre-feet.

The ample waters of spring also mean Idaho Power will meet more of its demand with hydroelectric power. Last year the utility relied on coal-fired power plants for just over half its electricity because of low water.

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Cost of call across area may double

By MICHELLE COLE
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A five-minute telephone call between Jerome and Twin Falls could double in price soon, fears a representative of Idaho's Public Utilities Commission.

Currently a five-minute call from Jerome to Twin Falls costs 58 cents, but PUC telecommunications supervisor Lynn Anderson said Wednesday that rate could jump as high as \$1.29 in light of a state telecommunications deregulation law that went into effect April 1.

A spokesman for US West, the principal telephone company in the Magic Valley, denied that the company has any plans to raise toll rates. "We have no proposals (to raise rates), but we are always looking at alternatives," said Rick Hays, US West public relations manager.

But Anderson said if his hunch is correct, deregulation of in-state long-distance calls could mean telephone rates between Magic Valley towns.

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House panel finds Wright broke rules

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The House ethics committee has found reason to believe Speaker Jim Wright improperly accepted gifts from a business partner and sought to evade outside income limits through bulk sales of his book, a source familiar with the probe said late Wednesday.

The decisions, essentially completing the panel's 10-month investigation of the speaker's finances, dealt a severe political blow to Wright and appeared likely to jeopardize his standing as the Democratic Party's top elected official.

Wright continued to maintain he has done nothing wrong and was expected to mount a vigorous defense. "All options are open," said Wright spokesman Mark Johnson.

The source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a strong bipartisan majority of the 12-member committee voted behind closed doors Wednesday to find that Wright had apparently violated House rules in the two most serious areas before the panel: the acceptance of gifts from a person with an interest in legislation and the evasion of outside income limits.

Minimum wage bill wins final Senate OK

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Senate voted 62-37 Wednesday in favor of raising the hourly minimum wage to \$4.55 by October 1991, bringing the Democratic-controlled Congress closer to its first domestic policy showdown with President Bush.

That confrontation, however, won't come immediately.

A conference committee will be needed to resolve differences between the Senate measure and a House-passed bill which also sets a 1991 target of \$4.55 for the minimum wage — 30 cents an hour higher than Bush has said he would support.

"I say simple decency, simple fairness ought to be our concern," Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell

said in urging Bush to reconsider his repeated veto threats. "We're now arguing over 30 cents an hour for the poorest Americans who have not had an increase now in over eight years."

The conference committee is unlikely to change major provisions of the bill before it is returned to both chambers, where the Democratic majorities have the votes to secure final passage. But Bush would only need the support of one-third of the members in either chamber to sustain a veto. In the Senate, that would be 34 votes. The Senate vote came after a day of often cantankerous debate on nearly a dozen amendments, most of which had little or nothing to do with the minimum wage, and a day after Bush's proposal for a more modest increase was rejected.

Andrus, cattlemen in 'productive' session

The Associated Press

BOISE - Gov. Cecil Andrus and spokesmen for Idaho's cattle industry have held what both sides termed a productive session to talk about problems such as wildlife depredation last winter.

But it was without one of the leading players. Idaho Cattle Association Executive Vice President Gary Glenn was not allowed by Andrus to attend the governor's meeting on Wednesday with the president and directors of the association.

"Your hired hand is not welcome in my office," Andrus told ICA President Tom Shaw, Caldwell. "It's my office until they throw me out," he said.

Andrus said, referring to Glenn, "Politicians playing to the press are not welcome." Shaw, Glenn and about 20 members of the ICA Board of Directors gathered at the governor's office for a meeting arranged months ago to discuss industry problems. After the governor refused to admit Glenn, about half the directors went into

Andrus' office, and the other half and Glenn went down the hallway to a meeting with Secretary of State Pete Cenarrus.

After the private session, Andrus said the cattlemen expressed some concern about his veto of a bill on herd districts and about wildlife depredation, wilderness and industry promotion.

"It was a good meeting," the governor said. "They expressed some concerns and we discussed possible solutions to them."

About Glenn's role, Andrus said, "That's their business. I have the right to invite anyone I choose."

"Hopefully, it will help answer some of the problems," said Shaw, who said he expressed cattlemen concerns about management of the Idaho Fish and Game Department.

Shaw said Andrus agreed to recommend to the Fish and Game Commission that some of the big game herds might need to be reduced, to ease feeding pressure that caused thousands of wild animals to pour onto farms during the winter.

"Fish and Game was aware they (the herds) were getting too big, but wouldn't do anything about it," said Shaw.

He said cattlemen did not ask for the resignation of Fish and Game Director Jerry Conley, as was suggested by at least one legislator during the 1989 session.

"We want their cooperation and we haven't had it in the past," he said.

Shaw said the absence of Glenn was not a major factor at the meeting. "That's a very political issue there," he said.

Shaw said Glenn has "quite a reputation" in Republican circles which may not please the Democratic office, "but he should be entitled to go into the office," he said.

"It wasn't a big issue. He works for the Idaho Cattle Association. He is doing what we want him to do and he is doing a good job," said Shaw.

He said the cattlemen expressed their staid on wilderness; that was nothing new. They want no more wilderness, he said.

the dead may be American, officials said.

Contrary to officials' assertions Tuesday, Oran Neck, U.S. Customs chief agent in Brownsville, just across the Rio Grande from Matamoros, said Wednesday there was no evidence of cannibalism.

Suspects in Mexican custody have told police of 14 human sacrifices, but no more bodies were found by Wednesday night and digging was not resumed.

Mexican officials said five men were arrested in the case.

Mexican police took four of the men to a news conference Wednesday and the four said they

victim and decapitated another.

Asked if he regretted the slayings, he said, "Yes, but it's too late."

"Very clearly they believed the human sacrifices and the animal sacrifices put a magical shield around them that protected them from evil or harm, even up to bullets," said Texas Attorney General Jim Mattor.

In addition to the University of Texas pre-medical student, the victims included a Matamoros policeman, a Mexican federal police volunteer, and a 16-year-old, Mexican and U.S. officials said. At least one victim was kidnapped in Brownsville, Texas, in the last month, and as many as three of

Million assault guns poised to enter U.S.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Close to 1 million new semiautomatic assault-style rifles could flood the United States if the Bush administration decides to end its suspension of such imports.

Gun importers have applications to bring in 965,000 of the weapons pending at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, according to spokesman Dick Pedersen.

The import suspension was imposed March 14 after public and police outcry over the increased use of the weapons such as semiautomatic versions of AK-47s and

Uzi carbines in drug-related violence, and the January slayings of five schoolchildren in Stockton, Calif.

The suspension covered some 400,000 weapons including about 300,000 for which import permits already had been approved.

Last week, the administration expanded the suspension to cover 240,000 separate weapons.

"We noticed the increase in these showing up in crimes, an increase in demand, and we reacted to it," Pedersen said. "The main thing is that we might be nipping the semiautomatic assault-type rifle in the bud rather than have millions of them flooding in here."

Cult says sacrifices were for protection

The Associated Press

MATAMOROS, Mexico - Members of a voodoo cult of drug smugglers, arrested in at least 12 ritual slayings including a U.S. college student, said Wednesday they sacrificed their victims to gain demonic protection from police.

Police dug for two more bodies Wednesday at the ranch where they found the 12 mutilated bodies earlier and said they were seeking a Cuban they believed led the bloody cult.

"We killed them for protection," Elio Hernandez Rivera, 22, of Matamoros, told reporters. He said at a news conference that he shot and killed one

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Bush proposes stringent rules governing financial disclosure

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — President Bush, saying that the American people are troubled by "brazen contempt for the letter or spirit" of ethics laws, Wednesday proposed a package of reforms including more stringent financial disclosure rules for federal officials, restrictions on lobbying by former members of Congress and a ban on some campaign contributions.

Bush also called for a 25 percent pay increase for federal judges but stopped short of proposing a raise as well for members of Congress and employees of the executive branch. "Congress should have a pay increase," he said in a speech to the American Society of Newspaper Editors, where he announced the ethics package. But, he added, "there is no point, absolutely no point, in putting Congress through another traumatic

hashing" like the furor that led to the defeat of a 50 percent pay raise earlier this year. Announcement of the reform package redeemed Bush's campaign promise to tighten ethics laws, but its prospects are unclear. Some congressional aides have suggested that its chances could be boosted if the pending ethics report on House Speaker Jim Wright's financial affairs brings heightened public concern over the issue. Otherwise, it could be hamstrung by likely congressional opposition to a number of provisions. Although Bush sidestepped the question of congressional pay, Congress is the target of most of the new proposals in his package. The plan would impose several new rules and establish a new Congressional Ethics Office, with power to conduct public investigations of allegations against members or their aides. Currently, such allegations are investi-

Abbie Hoffman dies at his home

NEW HOPE, Pa. (AP) — Abbie Hoffman, a Chicago Seven radical who founded the Yippie movement of the 1960s and wrote "Revolution for the Hell of It" and "Seal This Book," was found dead in his home Wednesday night, authorities said. Hoffman, 52, was discovered at about 8:15 p.m. fully dressed under the covers of his bed, Solisbury Township Police Chief Richard Mangano said. His death did not seem suspicious, Mangano said, but police are investigating. There was no apparent cause of death, he said, and an autopsy is scheduled for Thursday morning. Hoffman's body was found by neighbors, said Bucks County coroner Dr. Thomas J. Rosco, and there was no apparent cause of death. He would not comment on whether any drugs or alcohol were found at the scene. Rosco said he would not speculate on the cause of death. Hoffman, a native of Worcester, Mass., rose to prominence with the Chicago Seven, a group of radicals who stood trial on charges of conspiring to disrupt the bloody 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

The other of the Seven were Thomas Hayden, Jerry Rubin, David Dellinger, Raymond C. Davis, Lee Weiner and John Froines. The 4½-month-long trial's theatrics featured wild-haired defendants and a 74-year-old judge, Julius Hoffman. Hoffman and four others also were charged with crossing state lines with intent to riot. They were acquitted of conspiracy but convicted of the second charge. The convictions eventually were overturned. After his radical days of the late '60s and early '70s, Hoffman took up environmental issues and opposition to the CIA. He made his debut as a comedian in New York last summer and lectured at 50 colleges and universities annually. He moved to New Hope, Pa., from New York state several years ago during the height of a losing battle against a Delaware River pumping station. Hoffman started the "loosely organized" Yippie movement, or Youth International Party, in 1968 to bring together radicals to protest the government and the Vietnam War. Hoffman also was instrumental in the student uprising at Columbia University in New York City in April 1968.

Cult

Continued from Page A1 killed on the command of a cult 'godfather,' identified by police as Adolf de Jesus Costanzo, a Cuban national in his late 40s. Police on both sides of the border were seeking him. Costanzo apparently introduced a sort of voodoo or black magic to the area, Neck said. The ritual "has overtones of a religious cult that has been exported out of Cuba and Haiti as 'Santeria,'" Neck said, based on feathers and other evidence of rituals found at the ranch and the Matamoros home of a woman also sought by police. The Mexican attorney general's office said Costanzo is believed to have fled into the United States. Mattox said investigators believe the cult had 10 members. The 12 bodies were found Tuesday in graves in a field about 20 miles

west of Matamoros by Mexican officials on a routine drug search. U.S. officials had expected Mexican police to continue digging for bodies Wednesday, but no more excavation was done and search plans were uncertain late in the day. Cult members were impounding about 1,000 pounds of marijuana a month into the United States, Mattox said. Kilroy, a University of Texas student, vanished March 14 in Matamoros while on spring break, Sheriff's Lt. George Gavito said. Kilroy, 21, lived for about 12 hours after his abduction, and was slain with a machete, Neck said. Kilroy apparently was chosen at random after the cult members "were told to pick one Anglo male that particular night," Gavito said. "I think they must be possessed by

the devil. That would be the only explanation for what they did," Kilroy's mother, Helen, said at a news conference. "I will pray for them so they will realize how wrong all this is." "Mark never had any involvement whatsoever in narcotics," said his father, James. "He never even tried it. He was afraid of narcotics but yet it was narcotics that killed Mark." "When people stand there next to you and try to tell you that marijuana cigarettes doesn't hurt they're wrong. Marijuana was what killed Mark. These guys were marijuana smugglers," he said. In Santa Fe, Texas, Kilroy's hometown, a yellow ribbon ceremony had been scheduled Wednesday to draw attention to Kilroy's disappearance. After Tuesday's discovery, the ceremony was designated a memorial service.

Call

Continued from Page A1 from Glenn Ferry to Albion, could be hiked to match present interstate rates. The Public Utilities Commission and US West representatives will discuss the issue at an April 20 public hearing in Boise. Anderson bases the higher rates on the cost of similar-distance interstate calls that are subject to federal and not state regulations. Until April 1, the PUC regulated what services telephone companies could offer within the state and what they could charge. But the Idaho

Phone rate hearing set for April 20

A public hearing on phone rates will be held at 472 W. Washington St., Boise, at 10 a.m. April 20. Written comments may be sent to: IPUC, Statehouse, Boise, Idaho 83720. Telecommunications Act, a deregulation law passed by the 1989 Legislature, freed telephone companies from PUC oversight. Only basic local phone service to residential and small-business customers with five or fewer lines will now be regulated by the PUC. It is extremely important in the interest of public safety and convenience for the commission to protect communities which depend heavily

on services and facilities in nearby communities from unreasonable toll rate increases," Anderson told PUC commissioners during a hearing last month. Anderson has proposed extending the PUC regulation umbrella to include an Extended Local Measured Service (ELMS) covering 62 in-state toll routes up to 30 miles long. Twenty-seven of those routes would be in the Magic Valley. US West, insisting it has no plans to raise rates for those routes, is arguing against ELMS. "What happens there (with in-state toll calls) will be dictated by what our competitors do," Hays said. Anderson said he believes US West wants to raise rates, though it has not made its plans public. "In the past nine years that I've been here, they've tried to raise rates every year," he said.

Water

Continued from Page A1 Scott Larrondo, Idaho Power's hydrologist, estimates this year's snowpack will increase this year's runoff. He expects the flow into Brawley Reservoir at 5.1 million acre-feet this year. The normal is about 6.1 million acre-feet. Last year flow into the reservoir on the Snake River west of Boise was 2.3 million acre-feet. This year's improved flow should increase the hydroelectric output to 60 percent of power demands, or a little higher, Larrondo said. During the spring, however, flow in the river is highest while electricity demand is lowest, creating a large surplus the utility hopes to sell out of state. Later in the year, when irrigation pumps start spraying their life-giving water over Idaho's crops, the utility will be forced to rely again on coal-fired power to meet the electricity demand, Larrondo said.

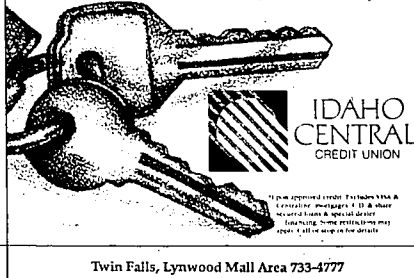
Correction

TWIN FALLS — Due to a reporter's error, a physician's name was misspelled in Sunday's story about the death of an AIDS patient. Dr. Mary Gruda-Lewis is a physician with Family Health Corp. in Buhl. The Times-News regrets this error.

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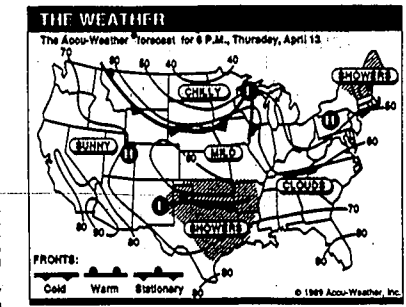


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Today's weather

An ideal outlook for an April weekend

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding: Today and Friday, sunny and a little warmer days. Clear at night. High around 70 today and the lower to mid 70s Friday. Lows tonight 35 to 40. Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley: Today and Friday, sunny and a little warmer days. Clear at night. High mid 60s today and 65 to 70 Friday. Lows tonight 25 to 30. Northern Utah and Nevada: Utah — Today through Friday, mostly sunny during the day and fair at night. Warmer daytime temperatures. High today upper 60s to near 70. High Friday low to mid 70s. Lows around 40. Nevada — Sunny and warm today and Friday. High temperatures in the lower 70s to middle 80s. Lows in the upper 20s to lower 30s. Summary: The National Weather Service says a high pressure ridge off the West Coast continues to dominate Idaho weather, and the stable northwesterly flow of air will likely persist into the weekend. Beautiful springtime weather is the result with sunny skies and mid afternoon temperatures in the mid-



dle 50s or low 60s at most reporting stations. Winds were light northerly or northeasterly with speeds light, generally 5 to 15 miles an hour. The low Wednesday was 17 degrees at Stanley. Overnight lows in the 20s or low 30s were more common at valley stations. The pollen count in Twin Falls Wednesday was 41 particles per cubic meter of air. The extended forecast for Southern Idaho — Sunny Saturday and Sunday. Partly cloudy Monday. Highs in the 70s to near 80 Saturday and Sunday, cooling to the 70s Monday. Lows in the 40s. The warmest temperature in the state Wednesday was 75 degrees at Hagerman and Lewiston while Dixie reported the coldest at 16 degrees. Elsewhere in the nation Wednesday, the highest temperature was 95 degrees at Palm Springs and Barro Springs, Calif. The lowest was 7 degrees at Warrado, Minn.

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Ueberroth's Eastern deal falls apart

NEW YORK (AP) — Peter V. Ueberroth's proposed \$164 million purchase of strike-bound Eastern Airlines collapsed over an impasse with its unions and parent Texas Air Corp., the former baseball commissioner announced Wednesday.

"We are deeply disappointed this transaction collapsed last night and is done," Ueberroth told a news conference. "Our agreement with Texas Air is terminated, it's finished, it's over."

Eastern President Phil Bakes said the Miami-based airline's strategy is to reorganize as a smaller carrier serving 50 percent to 60 percent of its pre-strike schedule of 1,040 flights a day and employing 15,000 to 18,000 people, compared with 31,000 before the strike.

The announcement that the Ueberroth deal had collapsed came following days of intense negotiations that continued Wednesday as a federal bankruptcy judge tried to salvage the sinking deal.

Bush, wife pay \$62,000 in taxes

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — President Bush and his wife paid \$62,000 in income taxes in 1988 on income of \$287,000, according to their tax return made public by the White House Wednesday.

The tax return provides a glimpse of the first family's wealth, showing their income from investments and their charitable contributions, and disclosing that they overpaid their taxes by approximately 50 percent, or \$2,000.

Asked about the overpayment, White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said that Bush followed a "conservative" approach in making estimated payments, and added, "maybe he had high ambitions for his blind trust."

The trust into which Bush placed his assets when he became vice president in 1981 produced \$115,688 in income, \$17,885 in dividends, and \$2,012 in interest in 1988, more than doubling the \$115,000 salary he received as vice president.

Truly choice to become NASA head

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush announced Wednesday he will nominate Navy Rear Adm. Richard Truly, an astronaut who flew in two space shuttle missions, to head the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Truly, 50, became a NASA astronaut in 1969 and has been the agency's associate administrator for space flight since 1986. He piloted the shuttle Columbia on NASA's second space shuttle flight.

Lujan raps Exxon

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan complained Wednesday that the Exxon Corp. is not being as forthcoming as he would like in providing "up front" money for planning long-term environmental recovery from the Alaska oil spill.

Lujan was asked by reporters whether he thought Exxon had lived up to its repeated promises to do everything possible to rectify damages caused when one of its tankers spilled 10 million gallons of oil into Alaska's Prince William Sound.

VALDEZ, Alaska (AP) — Aerial surveys showed "significantly less oil visible on the water" after two days of high winds and rough seas broke up much of the Exxon Valdez oil spill, the Coast Guard said Wednesday.

Off the coast outside Prince William Sound, where the tanker ran aground on Bligh Reef and lost more than 10 million gallons, observation flights found little more than patches of light sheen and spots of thick crude-mousse, said Coast Guard spokesman Brad Smith.

But state officials disputed that account.

An overflight they conducted Tuesday in poor visibility spotted a medium sheen of oil around Chugach Islands and Barren Islands on the edge of the Cook Inlet, which leads to Homer, Kodiak Island and Anchorage.

"If it keeps moving in the general direction it's going to get there," said Dan Lawn, a Department of Environmental Conservation official in charge of tracking the oil.

The herring fishery season set for this weekend in the Kodiak area will go on as scheduled, officials said, but samples will be taken of all fish caught and tested for oil contamination.

Some fishing boats and barges were redeployed from protecting fish hatcheries Wednesday to heavy oil cleanup areas.

Utah defends his fusion experiment in Dallas; Soviets claim duplication

DALLAS (AP) — B. Stanley Pons, co-developer of a University of Utah cold fusion process, faced a tough audience of his peers on Wednesday to defend what he claims is a breakthrough in nuclear fusion research.

Pons, a chemistry professor, discussed his controversial fusion experiment at the 197th national meeting of the American Chemical Society.

The researcher said he emerged from the session convinced his findings are a major breakthrough in nuclear science.

"It's absolutely sure in my mind that what we've seen (is nuclear fusion)," said Pons in a question-and-answer session before 7,000 participants. "We cannot explain the data in any other way."

His appearance came just two days after researchers at Texas A&M and Georgia Tech announced that they had replicated at least part of the experimental results reported by Pons and co-investigator Martin Fleischman of the University of Southampton in Great Britain.

Fusion experts remain skeptical, however, with some suggesting that what Pons and Fleischman reported is not fusion but either a chemical reaction, a "battery effect" or a phenomenon unknown to science.

Harold P. Furth, director of the Princeton University Plasma Physics Laboratory, said world-class physicists will not take the Utah findings seriously until the process is explained and demonstrated with control experiments.

"There are certain experiments that need to be done," Furth said. "And then we'll see."

Fleischmann on Wednesday presented more details of the experiment at an international conference in Erice, Sicily, but many scientists there said they were skeptical.

Just as the Utah session was to begin, Pons received support from an unexpected quarter. Scientists in the Soviet Union announced that they had duplicated the Utah experiment.

Two weeks ago, Pons and Fleischman announced they had achieved fusion using ordinary laboratory equipment at room temperature.

They said their experiment used a rod of palladium and a coil of platinum immersed in a beaker of deuterium, an isotope of hydrogen found in seawater. When electricity was applied to the coil for about 100 hours, it forced deuterium atoms into the palladium until the atoms fused, producing energy in the form of heat, Pons said.

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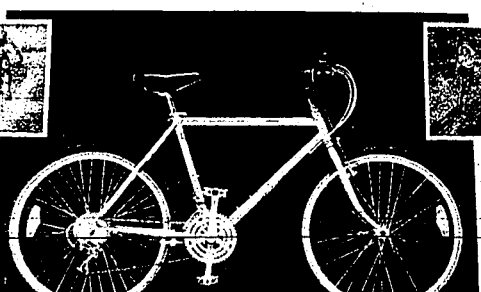
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Opinion

U.S. needs a more balanced set of nuclear priorities

Large parts of the U.S. nuclear-weapons production complex are shut down because of safety and environmental concerns. In response to a request from Congress, President Reagan submitted a plan last December for cleaning up, rebuilding and operating the complex over the next 20 years.

The price of the plan is one-quarter of a trillion dollars, and an operating budget higher than that of his administration at peak levels.

In a period of painful budgetary trade-offs, Congress and the Bush administration will want to determine whether all of this expenditure is necessary to maintain national security. Their reviews should take into account the fact that the United States and the Soviet Union are moving into an era of nuclear arms reductions.

Indeed, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev announced in London last week that the Soviet Union has decided to discontinue production of highly enriched uranium for weapons and will shut down some of its plutonium production reactors.

Congress and the administration also must not allow themselves to be stampeded into premature decisions about the future of the production complex by the state of near-panic over temporary closure of our tritium

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Frank Von Hippel**

production reactors. The tritium problem is greatly exaggerated, and is relevant to only a small part of the proposed expenditures.

The problem stems from the fact that tritium, an essential ingredient in most modern nuclear warheads, decays with a radioactive half-life of 12 years. Within a year or so, in the absence of new tritium, the United States would have to begin denaturing some warheads to maintain tritium levels in higher-priority warheads.

There is enormous pressure on the Department of Energy to get at least one of its production reactors back on line by the end of 1989 — even if the start-up must occur before all mandated safety improvements are in place.

The successful pursuit of arms reductions would, however, provide an alternative to sacrificing public safety.

The treaty on intermediate-range nuclear forces treaty and the proposed strategic arms-reduction treaty would retire thousands of warheads and make available tritium for the remaining warheads, keeping us ahead of the tritium decay curve for

several years. Nuclear-arms reductions have a potential for saving huge amounts of money in the longer term as well. The sizes of the U.S. and Soviet nuclear stockpiles are more than 10 times larger than required to maintain a survivable assured-destruction capability.

The other 90 percent of the arsenals — including the 10,000 "tactical" nuclear weapons each side possesses — were originally justified by nuclear war-fighting ideas that are becoming increasingly discredited in both countries.

Long-term planning should allow for the possibility that post-START nuclear-arms-reduction agreements could result in the requirement of a much smaller nuclear-production complex than we have today.

Such thinking was not evident in the Reagan plan. Indeed, some of the items in the plan would make sense only if we were planning a substantial increase in the size of our nuclear arsenal.

The plan calls for the investment of many billions in the production of plutonium and highly enriched uranium.

These investments include building extra production-reactor capacity to produce plutonium, refurbishing the plutonium-recovery facilities at the Savannah River plant in South Carolina and building a plant

in Idaho for upgrading non-weapons-grade plutonium to weapon-grade.

We could maintain an arsenal of the current size indefinitely by recycling plutonium and weapons-grade uranium from obsolete to new nuclear warheads. Indeed, because of nuclear warheads that have recently been retired, John Herrington, Reagan's last secretary of energy, has stated that the United States is "awash in plutonium."

The only justification given for these proposals is that the United States must have "a capability for responding to a possible breakout from any arms control agreement."

However, expansion of the U.S. arsenal would be a much less effective response to a Soviet arms-control violation than, for example, economic sanctions.

The Reagan plan advocates increased expenditures on research, development and testing of nuclear weapons in the hope that "technological advances ... will provide the United States with options for political and military leverage."

This is a prescription for an accelerated nuclear arms race with continued diversion of U.S. technological talent away from work that could increase our economic competitiveness.

Even within the Department of Energy, there are higher-priority needs than expansion of its nuclear-weapons development and production activities. For example, the department's energy research and development program was cut back drastically under the Reagan administration despite increasing U.S. oil imports and the need to reduce our dependence on climate-changing fossil fuels.

Similarly, despite great public concern about the radioactive mess that has been created at and in the ground water flowing underneath the nuclear-weapons-production sites, the plan proposes only a small start-up environmental restoration.

Despite the threats to our national security posed by energy, economic and environmental problems, the Reagan administration focused almost exclusively on the imperatives of developing and producing new nuclear weapons. Congress and the Bush administration should shape a more balanced set of priorities.

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Tighter monetary policies now will pay off in long run

WASHINGTON — Officials of the Bush administration who have publicly attacked the recent tightening of monetary policy by Alan Greenspan and his colleagues at the Federal Reserve are serving the president badly.

By arguing for an expansionary monetary policy in the face of overwhelming evidence of accelerating inflation, they are violating the first rule for a president's first term: squeeze the inflation out of the economy during the first two years, even at the cost of a recession, in order to make more expansionary policies and rapid output growth possible in the two years before a re-election effort.

To do the opposite, by overheating the economy early in a four-year term, is to invite trouble later and a disaster at the polls.

There is no longer any question that the U.S. economy faces serious inflationary pressures. The recent unemployment figure of 5 percent is the lowest since 1973, and there are shortages of workers across many sectors of the economy. As a result wage increases are accelerating, and the rate of increase in unit labor costs during the fourth quarter of 1988 was almost twice that of a year earlier.

Consumer prices increased at an annual rate of 5.5 percent in

Robert Dunn

January-February, and wholesale prices are rising sharply and broadly across sectors of the economy. Many U.S. industries are now operating at very close to full capacity. One would have to be kidding himself to conclude that this economy does not face serious inflationary problems.

The U.S. economy cannot continue to grow rapidly for another four years. The excess capacity that would make such growth possible simply does not exist. The question is no longer whether there will be a slowdown, but instead when it will occur.

This economy now faces two possible short-term scenarios. One option is that sufficient monetary stimulus is provided to maintain economic growth for another year or so, at the cost of rapidly accelerating inflation.

This would virtually guarantee a severe tightening of monetary policy and a serious recession in 1991-92. Alternatively, a more moderate tightening of monetary policy can be pursued now, before inflation and expectations of more rapid price increases become entrenched. This would produce a slowdown in growth, and perhaps a mild

recession in 1989-90, but inflation would recede, and rapid growth would be possible in 1991-92.

The first scenario, of rapid growth early and trouble later, occurred in 1977-80, and resulted in the return of Jimmy Carter to Georgia. Economic growth averaged 5 percent in 1977-78, but inflation accelerated to 13.3 percent in 1979, necessitating a tightening of monetary policy and a recession just before the 1980 election. The second option can be seen in the 1981-84 period, and produced the landslide reelection of Ronald Reagan.

Tight money early in his first term caused the worst recession since World War II in 1982. Inflation was, however, brought under control, and sufficient excess capacity was

created to allow more expansionary policies and rapid growth without inflation in 1983-84. As a result, Walter Mondale was defeated easily.

Officials in the Bush administration cannot announce that they want tight money and a slowdown in 1989-90 in order to create the conditions for rapid economic growth in 1991-92, but it ought to have the good sense to keep quiet and allow the Federal Reserve to pursue an anti-inflationary course without misguided public criticism.

Fortunately, it does not really matter what Treasury officials and other economic advisers think, because the Federal Reserve is carefully shielded from interference by the executive branch of the government.

The policies chosen by Greenspan and his colleagues are likely to be based on a simple comparison of two public reputations. Paul Volcker gave us recessions in 1980 and 1982, but he stopped inflation and produced strong economic growth during the latter half of his period in office. In the world of economics and finance he is almost universally regarded as a hero.

His predecessor as Federal Reserve chairman, William Miller, produced rapid economic growth in 1977-78, but allowed inflation to become truly frightening by 1979. He is not remembered fondly, to the extent that he is remembered at all.

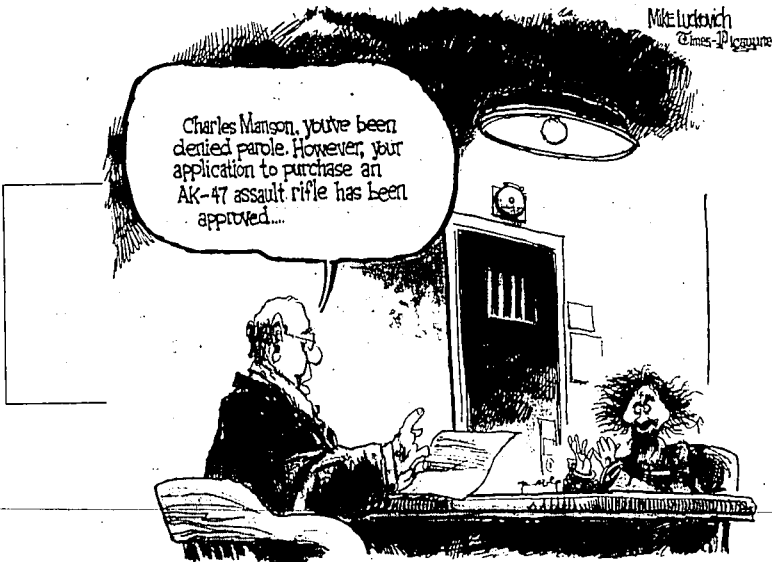
Greenspan has an easy choice as to how he would like to be viewed. The Volcker model is far more

attractive than the alternative. Greenspan certainly does not want to be thought of as the Federal Reserve chairman who restarted the inflation that Volcker stopped.

If monetary tightening is used to reverse the recent acceleration of inflation, there will be some short-term pain, but the economy and the Bush administration will be far stronger in 1991-92.

The Federal Reserve ought to be allowed to fight inflation without advice from back-seat drivers, particularly since those giving the advice would be far better off in the long run if their views were ignored.

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It is often said that we are known by the company we keep, but surely we are also known by the company we don't keep. Here at the Idaho Division of the American Cancer Society, we are concerned with the public perception that we are somehow involved with other fund-raising organizations in the cancer field, some of which practice questionable fund-raising techniques or spend their funds in a questionable manner.

The American Cancer Society is not affiliated with any other charity that raises money for cancer, nor do we endorse any other group. Most importantly, many raised by these other organizations does not go to the American Cancer Society.

Unfortunately, recent media attention given to these questionable charities, such as a recent segment on "60 Minutes," has given the public the idea that all fund-raising organizations are alike. Some of the public seem to think that the American Cancer Society is just one of the crowd. There are differences among charities, and we at the Society are proud of our reputation for honesty and excellence in service and in fund raising.

At the American Cancer Society, our fund-raising costs for our 1987-88 budget were 15

percent. For management and general costs, we spent 8 percent of our budget. The bulk of our money goes to research, education and community and patient services. The National Charities Information Bureau, a charities monitoring organization, suggests that fund-raising costs should not exceed 30 percent and that at least 60 percent of a charity's budget should go to services. As you can see, we are within those guidelines.

For any other questions about the Idaho Division of the American Cancer Society, please feel free to call us at 1-800-632-5934. We suggest that the public ask for information from any charity before making a donation of time or money. No person or organization should have to be found guilty by association, and an eye toward careful scrutiny should clear up any misconceptions held by the public.

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Needs help with immigration

A few days ago while in Sonora, Mexico, I met a 16-year-old girl who wants to come to the U.S. for one year and study English. I know there are channels one must go through that I don't understand. I would like

to hear from interested people who have done something like this. I have always had feelings for people who try to help themselves.

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'Notch People' must speak up

A large percent of those people in the "Notch Category" were veterans, and we are now again in our second struggle for equality and justice.

We "The American Contreras" or "Notch People" will not go on forever. The Notch was supposed to be a temporary transition benefit formula for temporary correction that has gone on now for just 12 years. How much longer do we wait for "justice" in this issue?

"Notch Babies," get on the ball! This should include your wives, also, who are also affected if they are getting half of your Social Security payments.

Write or call your congressman and urge them to get the 101st Congress to right the wrong former Congresses have committed. Tell them to vote for the new "Notch Adjustment Act," Senate Bill 1830.

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'Choice' ignores the unborn

With a massive demonstration just completed in Washington D.C., the cry for "choice" was certainly heard across the country. Abortion rights activists made their point.

It's been of interest to me that in all that's been said, just one of the affected — that of individual's voices has been heard — that of women insisting on their right to make this "choice."

But what about the other party affected by this "choice" that of the unborn child? As we prepared for the birth of our first child, my wife purchased the book "A Child is Born: the Drama of Life Before Birth." This award-winning book, published before the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision, illustrates through vivid color pictures the detailed account of a child's life from just a few weeks after conception on through various stages of development inside the mother's body, concluding with the actual birthing process and a short time beyond.

In the closing paragraph of this book's preface, Axel Ingelman-Sundberg says, "Jennifer Nilsson's clear and revealing picture of human life in the womb is intended not only for the expectant mother and father but also for the general public, whose knowledge of this subject is often

hazy. Many erroneous ideas are still common, for instance, the notion that the fetus does not "come to life," as we often say, until about the middle of the pregnancy. Actually it is a living being from the very moment of conception."

Question — how do those of you who insist on your "choice" regarding your pregnancy, deal with the often unseen, but obvious, fact that another human individual is directly affected by your "choice"?

Twenty-five million of these individual's lives have been snuffed out as a result of your "choice." Is it possible the idea "outta sight, outta mind" has been given too high a priority in the pro-choice movement, with an errant stamp of approval applied to a procedure that has no business being used on the human race?

The movie "The Silent Scream," a documentary vividly showing a well-developed unborn baby trying in vain to escape the abortionist's knife, speaks louder than all the statements made during last Sunday's demonstration. Trouble is, so many aren't listening and obviously don't care to. Another case of "choice"?

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Nation

North says he was protecting president by altering memos

WASHINGTON (AP) — Oliver North testified Wednesday he thought he was protecting President Reagan when he altered six Iran-Contra "problem memos" before investigators from the attorney general could get a look at them.

The former National Security Council aide, in his fifth day as his own chief witness, said he had orders of a year's standing from National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane to destroy the six memos but hadn't done it by late 1986.

A list of the documents — all memos he had sent to McFarlane on the internal NSC computer network — had been typed to his computer terminal that whole year, North said.

"The gist of what he wanted removed from the documents was language that would indicate his knowledge or the president's knowledge about my activities in this time frame," North testified.

North had been coordinating efforts to sell arms to Iran and to help the Nicaraguan rebels at a time when the United States had ordered an embargo on weapons to Iran and Congress had banned official aid to the Contras. Reagan has said he authorized selling arms to Iran but didn't know of the diversion of some profits to the rebels.

On Nov. 21, 1986, as the secret Iran-Contra dealings were beginning

to unravel in public, North told his secretary, Fawn Hall, to make the changes in the memos. This was a day before aides to Attorney General Edwin Meese III searched North's office.

"Mr. McFarlane asked me if certain things had been taken care of," North said. "He asked me point blank whether it had been done and I said, 'No, not yet,' that I would get around to it." McFarlane had left the National Security Council the previous December, but North said he felt he had to carry out the order.

"I didn't think it was unlawful for Mr. McFarlane, a Cabinet officer 100 steps from the president of the United States" to order the alteration, North said. "I had been led to believe that everything I was doing was done at the direction of the president."

"You had been told by the president of the United States to destroy documents — explain how you had come to that conclusion?" Kecker asked.

"Because everything I had done that was described in the documents on this list I had been told was at the direction of the president," North replied.

North's testimony contradicts McFarlane, who said it was North who proposed making changes to the documents in late summer 1985.

Meanwhile, President Bush said

he still considers North, a decorated Vietnam veteran, a national hero because "anybody that gets a Purple Heart, sheds his blood fighting for his country, deserves to be called an American hero."

Bush has refused to answer questions about trial documents concerning his own involvement in the Iran-Contra affair, saying he doesn't want to prejudice North's trial. He said again Wednesday, "The last thing I want to do is intervene in that matter that's now before the courts."

A document introduced at North's criminal trial this week seemingly supported the idea that Bush, then vice president, knew in 1985 that Honduras was being rewarded for its support of the Contras with additional U.S. aid.

The document, a Feb. 20, 1985, National Security Council draft memo, bears the handwritten notation, "We want VP to also discuss this matter" with Honduran President Roberto Suazo, next to a typewritten section detailing the tradeoff.

A 42-page summary of Reagan administration Iran-Contra dealing with other countries was introduced at the trial last week. It said Bush met with Suazo and told him about enhanced U.S. aid shortly after the arrangement was made for Honduras to help the Contras, but it did not say whether Bush knew of the connection.

Halt exports of wheat, consumer advocate says

WASHINGTON (AP) — A consumer advocate said Wednesday that the U.S. wheat outlook is so shaky that the United States should suspend further export subsidies until the situation improves.

Rodney E. Leonard, executive director of the private, non-profit Community Nutrition Institute, said he wrote Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yentler on April 3 to repeat a similar request made last fall, "when the situation was less precarious" and steps "could have been taken to safeguard supplies."

The target of Leonard's complaint is the Export Enhancement Program, which subsidizes the sale of wheat and other commodities to selected foreign countries. Huge sales of wheat to China and the Soviet Union have been made under the program since the arrangement was authorized by Congress in the 1985 farm law.

Yentler said this week the program had helped significantly in getting agricultural trade discussions moving under the current Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

But Yentler also said in an interview with a group of reporters on Monday that the subsidy program would be reviewed to see how effective it has been and whether "too much or too little" is being spent on it.

Leonard said that the condition of the winter wheat crop is deteriorating and that exports in the Agriculture Department and in the major production areas point to a harvest this year of about 1.6 billion bushels. A spring wheat output of 600 million bushels would make a total U.S. wheat harvest of about 2.2 billion bushels.

If wheat use in the 1989-90 marketing year, which will begin June 1, totals in the range of 2.4 billion to 2.5 billion bushels, this year's harvest would fall short of meeting demand.

In that case, Leonard said in his letter to Yentler, at least 200 million bushels of wheat will have to be drawn from existing stocks, which are estimated by the Agriculture Department to be drawn down to 549 million bushels by June 1.

Thus, he said, the U.S. wheat stockpile by June 1, 1990, could well be down to around 300 million bushels. According to department records, that would be the smallest U.S. wheat reserve at the end of a marketing year since 1962, when it was 256 million bushels.

"This is hardly adequate as a domestic reserve, and will leave the U.S. unable to intervene if famine conditions develop anywhere in the world," Leonard said. "The (United Nations) Food and Agriculture Organization ... a month ago said that world grain stocks will be drawn down again in 1989-90 for the third year in a row."

Leonard added: "In effect, FAO does not expect food grain production to increase significantly in any of the major food-producing areas outside the U.S."

The department's first official estimate of 1989 winter wheat production, which usually accounts for three-fourths of the U.S. total, will be released May 11.

Meanwhile, department analysts have used unofficial projections showing that the 1989 wheat harvest could be as low as 2.3 billion bushels, or slightly more than Leonard's benchmark.

The biggest problem is in major areas of the Great Plains.

Soviet inspectors to cape, Alabama

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soviet arms control inspectors decided Wednesday to conduct "short-notice" inspections at Cape Canaveral, Fla., and Huntsville, Ala., under terms of the treaty banning medium-range nuclear weapons, the Pentagon announced.

The Soviet inspection teams had arrived in Washington on Tuesday. Cmdr. Ken Pease, a Pentagon spokesman, said one 10-member team specified a visit to a missile storage facility at the Redstone Army Depot in Huntsville. The other 10-member team asked to inspect Complex 16 at Patrick Air Force Base at Cape Canaveral.

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United flight pilots suspected a bomb

WASHINGTON (AP) — "We're at, ah, mayday. We've gotta come back," came the first word from United Flight 811.

"We had a bomb or something go off in the airplane ... May go in the water."

So began a 25-minute drama over the Pacific in February as a United Airlines jumbo jet limped desperately back to Honolulu after a gaping hole ripped open on one side, sweeping nine passengers to their deaths.

A transcript released Wednesday of the conversation between the flight crew and air traffic controllers provided a glimpse into the extraordinary return flight during which the pilots and air traffic controllers at times thought the Boeing 747 would never make it.

Investigators have since ruled out the possibility of a bomb and have suggested that a cargo door blew open after a latch failed to work properly, causing a 10-foot wide hole to open in the forward part of the aircraft.

But in the minutes after the emergency began, it was clear from the transcript, released by the Federal Aviation Administration, that the flight crew believed that a bomb indeed had gone off.

The return of United Flight 811 to Honolulu from 22,000 feet over the Pacific on Feb. 24 was tracked closely by controllers who had to assure the crew they had the plane on radar in case a water rescue were needed.

The jet, bound for Auckland, New Zealand with 354 people aboard, was only 16 minutes out of Honolulu when the tragedy struck.

"We're at, ah, mayday. We've gotta come back. We had a bomb or something go off in the airplane. Ah, we're making a one-eighty trying to get back to the airport," came the emergency call believed to be from co-pilot Al Slader as Capt. David Cronin struggled to keep the plane steady.

Seconds later, the crew provided the first indication of the seriousness of the problem.

"We don't know what's going on. Ah, looks like we've lost No. 3 engine and we're descending rapidly, ah,

coming back," the pilot reported. "As possible bomb, ah, and we're descending rapidly. May go in the water."

The drama ended 25 minutes later with the Boeing 747 safely on the ground on Runway 8 Left at the Honolulu airport and the pilots reporting: "United Eight Eleven heavy, We're evacuating the airplane."

From the transcript, both Cronin and Slader as well as the controllers directly, the jetliner were worried that the Boeing 747 would be unable to make it.

Twice the pilots asked controllers whether they had them on radar, obviously relieved to hear that controllers were tracking them in case a water rescue was needed.

About six minutes after the accident, Cronin apparently had begun getting better control of the aircraft after descending to 9,000 feet.

"It appears that we've, ah, we've lost No. 3 engine and we've lost ... we're not getting full power out of No. 4. We're, ah, not able to hold an altitude right now. We're dumping fuel so I think we're gonna be able to hold an altitude shortly," the pilots reported with the plane 60 miles south of the airport.

"So, ah, you watch us," the pilot pleaded.

"United 811, I have you on radar," the controller assured the crew. The controller, however, was concerned Flight 811 would never make it. He requested the U.S. Coast Guard to "launch a helicopter or whatever ... in case (he) jet goes in the water."

As the Boeing 747 flew closer to land, air traffic control began to provide directions to line the jet up for an approach.

Murder charges filed in wake of Peoria fire which killed 9 persons

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — A homeless man was charged Wednesday with nine counts of murder after telling police he set a fire that swept through an apartment house and killed seven children and two young mothers, a prosecutor said.

Joe Pickens, 34, who has no permanent address, was charged in the Tuesday fire, the deadliest in the history of this central Illinois city of about 130,000 people, said Peoria County State's Attorney Kevin Lyons.

Pickens was charged with criminal trespass, a misdemeanor, just hours after fire.

But Lyons said murder charges were lodged after Pickens confessed to setting fire to a sleeper-sofa on the first floor, igniting a fast-moving fire that swept up a stairwell to the second floor where three families slept.

Fire Chief G. John Parker had said Pickens apparently stayed at the two-story wood-frame home in the past and was put out of the house (Monday night), but he came back.

Parker said he did not know why Pickens had been forced to leave, but said Pickens is believed to have left at 11 or 11:30 p.m. Monday, returned later and remained in the first-floor apartment. The fire was reported at 2:20 a.m.

The apartment had recently been vacated by Joyce Barnes, one of three survivors of the blaze, and a daughter, who died in the fire. Authorities believe Ms. Barnes had moved in with the families upstairs.

"Mr. Pickens made a statement that he set a fire downstairs and we believe the evidence shows the facts are consistent with that ... and that

he was aware residents were inside," Lyons said.

Lyons said prosecutors would seek bond of \$2 million.

Fire Department spokesman Greg Joos said a preliminary investigation revealed the fire began near a space heater on the first floor. He said electrical service in the downstairs apartment had been shut off, but gas

service was not. Joos also said the landlord told authorities he had no idea that three families apparently were living in the building.

Joos said hard-wired smoke detectors had been installed on both floors, but that Carl Wells, 29, who survived the blaze by climbing on the roof with two others, said he did not hear an alarm.

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First lady jokes her way through treatment time

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barbara Bush underwent radioactive treatment for a thyroid condition Wednesday, joking throughout and returning to the White House to be hostess for a reception for the Queen of Sweden later in the day.

In a standard procedure for people who suffer Graves disease, President Bush's wife drank a radioactive iodine solution to destroy her thyroid gland because it was producing excess levels of hormones.

"She's just fine, piece of cake, never broke her stride," Mrs. Bush's press secretary, Anna Perez, said after the two-hour visit to Walter Reed

Army Medical Center. She sipped the solution through a straw, and told her press secretary it was a colorless liquid that tasted like water.

The aftereffect could be a pain in the neck for several days, said Ms. Perez, adding that Mrs. Bush "cracked jokes about that all day."

Bush, asked how his wife was doing, said, "Fine." But they canceled a weekend trip to their home in Kennebunkport, Maine.

Spokesman Martin Fitzwater said the change was for personal reasons and also so the president could be in town while budget negotiations with Congress were at a critical point.

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Gorbachev calls for calm, lays Georgia strife on nationalists

MOSCOW (AP) — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev appealed Wednesday for calm in Soviet Georgia but rejected the demands of local nationalists and blamed them for igniting lethal strife he said had damaged his drive for reform.

The interests of the working people have nothing in common with attempts to sever the existing ties of friendship and cooperation among our peoples, (to) dismantle the socialist system in the republic and push it into the slough of ethnic enmity, Gorbachev said.

They were the Soviet leader's first direct public remarks on the unrest since at least 19 people were killed Sunday in a clash between pro-independence activists and security forces.

The official Tass news agency carried excerpts of Gorbachev's remarks. It said his appeal was published in Tbilisi, the Georgian capital and the site of Sunday's clash.

The summary of Gorbachev's remarks blamed actions by irresponsible persons "for the loss of life, apparently exonerating soldiers and police from any official blame. In the city of 1.2 million, 900 miles south of Moscow, strikes continued and funeral services were planned for those killed. The Georgian Communist Party chief tendered his resignation, a Soviet spokesman said.

Zurab Zhankarashvili, a Tbilisi resident and member of the Georgian human rights watchdog organization Helsinki Watch, called Gor-

Soviet lawyer seeks review of new subversion law

MOSCOW (AP) — A leading lawyer called Wednesday for the Supreme Court to review a new law on subversion, saying it may conflict with President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's policy of glasnost.

The decree appears to be aimed in part at stopping nationalist unrest like that in the republic of Georgia. It bans promediated acts aimed at inciting nationalist or racial animosity and actions aimed at undermining the Soviet political and economic systems.

Many dissidents have said the decree restricts freedom of speech and other human rights, but the criticism by Alexander M. Yakovlev was the first made publicly by a Soviet lawyer.

Yakovlev, a department head at the Institute of State and Law, made the remarks at a news conference and in an article published Wednesday in the weekly newspaper *Moscow News*.

He said that in general, the decree was an improvement over earlier regulations.

bachev's appeal "very dry," and expressed doubts it would be enough to ease tensions.

"All kinds of words, if not backed up by acts, are just empty demagoguery," Zhankarashvili said in a telephone interview.

Gorbachev also made a personal appeal for calm in February 1988 after ethnic strife occurred in the republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan. His call only momentarily stemmed bloodshed in those republics, where more than 90 people were killed last year.

Demonstrations in Georgia began April 4.

The trouble started when some protesters criticized calls from members of the republic's ethnic

Abkhazian minority to break away because of alleged discrimination by Georgians.

Other protesters demanded Georgia secede from the Soviet Union because of alleged interference from the central government and Russians in the republic's political, economic and cultural affairs.

Gorbachev appeared to reject both breakaway demands, saying that "reshaping ethnic relations is not re-carving borders and not breaking the country's national-state structure."

"We may not allow a blow to be dealt to the interests of any Soviet republic, to the brotherhood of the peoples of the U.S.S.R., to the cause of renewal," Gorbachev said.

Kabul claims Afghan rebels beaten off at Jalalabad

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Moslem guerrillas fired rockets and heavy artillery into the eastern city of Jalalabad, but Afghan troops returned fire and forced the guerrillas to retreat, a government spokesman said Wednesday.

Also Wednesday, Iran-based guerrilla leaders were quoted as saying plans were under way for an offensive near Kabul.

Mohammad Karim Khalili, spokesman of the Iran-based guerril-

las, said at a news conference in Tehran that "forces in the city of Meidan, near Kabul, and in Ghazi and areas to the north of the capital are preparing to start operations, and soon a new front will be opened near Kabul," Tehran radio reported.



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U.S. team set to start new hunt for MIAs

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — A U.S. military team arrived in Vietnam Wednesday for the fifth joint field investigation to account for American servicemen missing from the Vietnam War, a U.S. spokesman said.

The 10 specialists flew from Bangkok to Vietnam's capital of Hanoi for the 18-day mission, which is expected to be the longest of its type since the war ended, said Ross Petzing, the spokesman of the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok.

Previous investigations were limited to about 10 days each.

The U.S. investigators, including forensic scientists, are from the U.S. Joint Casualty Resolution Center and the Army Central Identification Laboratory, both based in Honolulu. They will work with officials of Vietnam's Office For Seeking Missing Personnel.

U.S. Defense Department officials said earlier that most of the investigative work this month would focus on the area of Danang, a major port 400 miles southeast of Hanoi.

Shells, rockets batter Beirut

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Moslem and Christian forces turned their howitzers on residential areas of Beirut Wednesday, killing 12 people in a withering attack that began on the eve of the civil war's 14th anniversary.

The leader of the Christian army said the fighting had reduced Lebanon to "a cadaver in a coffin" and urged the superpowers to help end the fighting.

The shelling duel was the fiercest since the Arab League called a cease-fire in Lebanon a week ago. It broke out a few minutes after a group of right-wing Christian politicians left Beirut for more peace talks in Kuwait.

The sudden barrage, which shattered an overnight lull, took civilians by surprise and forced them to rush back to bunkers and underground bomb shelters.

Shopkeepers lowered their shutters, employees ran out of their offices and pedestrians ran in all directions seeking shelter.

The whooshing sound of outgoing rockets and the thuds of shell explosions rocked Beirut's Moslem and Christian sectors.

Guardman slain

BILBAO, Spain (AP) — Three suspected Basque separatists shot and killed a paramilitary Civil Guard in his car Wednesday near this northern city and fled in a stolen car, police said.

No group immediately claimed responsibility but police said the attack bore the earmark of the Basque separatist organization ETA, which has returned to violent attacks after a breakdown in peace talks with the government of Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez.

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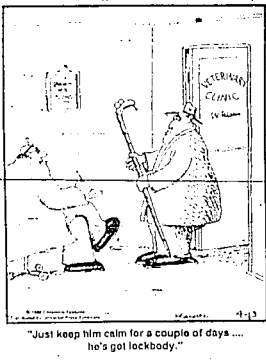
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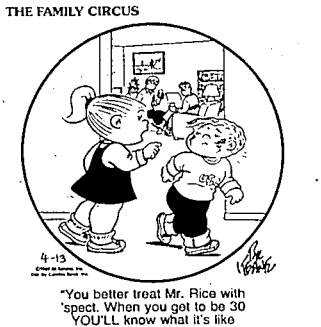
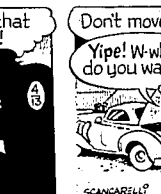
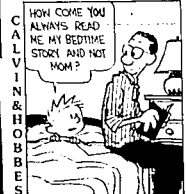
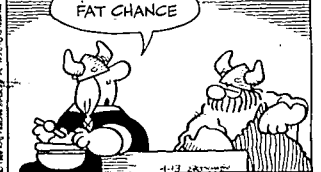
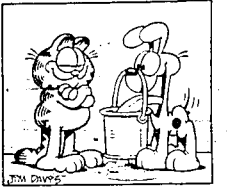
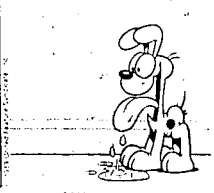
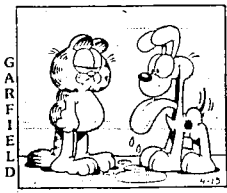
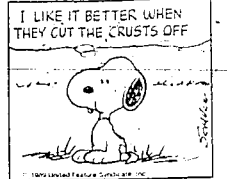
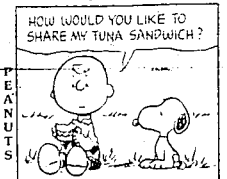
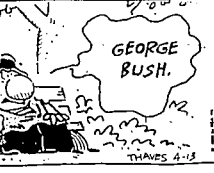
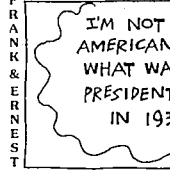
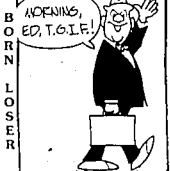
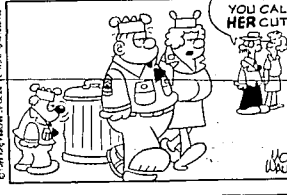
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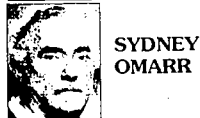
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ASTROLOGICAL FORECASTS

IF APRIL 13 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY you decided early that you would be in charge of your own destiny. You could have been separated from one or both parents. You constantly review, revise, tear down for purpose of rebuilding on different structure. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons play important roles in your life. Current cycle highlights intensified relationship, business venture, marital status, possible addition to family. September will be memorable, productive, intense for you and yours.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Lie on property demands attention. You are due to "let go" of foolish involvement. Older family member, recently involved in accident, wants to do "right thing." Cancer native finds you prominently.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Obtain valuable hint from Aries message. Hanging on to past would be grievous error. Let go so you can make fresh start. Member of opposite sex helps you get to heart of matters. Leo plays top role.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll be complimented on your ability to "read character." Emphasis on finances, security, property values. Family member responds in surprising manner. You'll be challenged regarding motive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Check for loose nuts, bolts. Involves automobile transportation. Cycle high. You'll be at right place despite delay, misdirection. Unusual social invitation makes this memorable Thursday night.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Legal adviser might fail to foresee "hidden complications." Have antenna up - refuse to be caught off guard by unscrupulous individual. Maintain favorable relations with hospital, institu-

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): People you admire will call, visit, make requests. Popularity continues to move upward - you'll be in demand for advice, anecdotes. Lively pet could be subject of conversation. Gemini involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You get more leeway in connection with design, perhaps architectural plans. Spotlight on what occurs at home. Money and love figure prominently. You'll acquire art object or luxury item. Taurus represented.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll get handle on situation that had been elusive. You'll learn where you stand, what to do about it. First, get definition of terms. Second, find out what it costs. Pisces figures prominently.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emphasis on responsibility, love relationship, long-standing obligation. Money that had been put aside could be subject of minor disagreement. Older person, possibly father, says, "Leave it!"

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It is not your imagination - you can make impact, can break from restrictions. Spotlight on reputation, public relations, legal implications. Present package with glossy wrappings. Much depends on showmanship, timing, intuition.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Study Aquarius message. Initial impression is on target. Focus on ability to correlate seemingly separate events. Synthesize information. You are going places, funds will be made available.

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THE FOUR SEASONS
You might lose out this one for dinner table discussion: How do you account for the fact that all the big industrial countries are in latitudes with four distinctly different seasons?

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Prescribed diet in one convalescent home called for blind food, and the patients complained mightily. Manager of the place tracked down some rich spicy kitchen aromas, the artificial sort - in push-button cans, and 15 minutes before mealtimes, sprayed same into the air conditioning system. Remarkable! Complaints stopped. Patients ate heartily.

Q. What was the biggest dinosaur?
A. Heaviest at 80 tons, brachiosaurus. Longest at 90 feet, diplodocus. That little one the size of a chicken was compogonathus.

A vacation planner caught not overlook Fiji. No TV there.

RAREST BIRD
Q. What's the rarest bird species?
A. A little New Zealand flier called "Traversia Laysali." Discovered in the 1800s by a light-house keeper's cat. On Stephens Island in New Zealand's Cook Strait. Maybe it's not just rare, but extinct. The cat brought in a dozen or so specimens, making news for bird people. It's now suspected the cat got them all.

Q. Does a snake's tongue have taste buds?
A. No, sir. But it flicks air molecules into its mouth to the organ that can both taste and smell.

RICH MEN
Writer Ayn Rand was of the opinion that self-made rich men are of two kinds: One, the earnest, reserved, concentrated specialist who quickly adjusts to changing circumstances, but remains inflexible with people. His money comes from independent judgment. Two, the aggressive, social, popular leader of groups, none too creative but superb in sales situations. He adjusts to people, but remains slow to recognize changing circumstances.

Editors, artists try to keep funnies entertaining, current

WASHINGTON (AP) — About 100 newspaper editors sat down after breakfast Wednesday to discuss whether "Cathy" should be political and what to do when the kids grow up in "For Better or Worse."

Serious issues these, so there wasn't a single outburst of laughter when members of the American Society of Newspaper Editors attended a convention workshop on what funnies they print.

Well, the people who draw the comics are referred to as "artists." Among those who review their work for the syndicates that sell them to newspapers are lawyers, who have a field day with "Doonesbury," and editors, who sometimes must negotiate with an artist to tone down a character's off-color language.

And newspaper editors who decide that a strip has gone too far and yank it from the paper for a day or two had better brace: some readers are sure to hurl the ugly term "censor."

"Pulling a strip draws so much attention to it and to you as a censor, that you're reluctant to do it," reported Marty Claus, managing editor for features and business at the Detroit Free Press.

In any event, she said, readers are more worldly than editors might think; they often don't care to be protected.

"People will see that Toledo ran it and Detroit didn't and they'll say, 'Let me be the judge of what's off base,'" Ms. Claus said.

She plugged for more blacks and other minorities in the comics, reporting that a month-long census of all the characters on her paper's funny pages revealed that fewer than 1 percent were non-white.

Lynn Johnston, who draws "For Better or Worse," the story of a family much like hers, said she worries about how far to go in injecting her opinion into her comic strip. She has strong opinions on abortion, for example, and might want to express them in her

strip, but shies away and thinks: "Can I handle it?" She's thin-skinned, she said, and hates hate mail.

On the other hand, she said, "I don't want to be a marshmallow."

Another problem for Ms. Johnston was whether to let the kids in her strip grow old. She's decided to — it's more natural — but frets: "I'm going to grow right out of a job."

She gets heart-warming mail from loyal readers who write: "We've been with you since Lizzie was a baby."

Ray Billingsley, the black artist behind "Curtis," a comic strip about a black kid, said the comics should deal with social issues. He is itching to do a story line on crack, the cocaine derivative, he said, but thinks he'd better let Curtis, who was created last October, get better established first.

"Let these strips be bold," Billingsley advised the editors. "The public is more accepting than many editors think."

Historic Deadwood may OK gambling

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — Wild Bill Hickok was shot in the head during a poker game in Deadwood more than a century ago, but the city's voters have bet that restoring gambling will give a shot in the arm to the gold-rush town's economy.

Residents voted 690-230 Tuesday to allow poker, blackjack and slot machines, with the city's cut of the proceeds to be used to restore and preserve buildings in the historic Black Hills community of 3,000.

An amendment to the South Dakota Constitution last year provided that gambling limited to \$5 bets would be permitted in Deadwood if 60 percent of the city's voters approved it.

South Dakota is the third state to allow casino gambling, joining New Jersey and Nevada.

Melodee Nelson, head of the Deadwood Tourist and Convention Committee, said legalized gambling should boost the economy, increase tourism, create jobs and help hold down property taxes.

"But let's all remember it's first and foremost a funding mechanism for historic preservation," she said. "That's what it started out as. That's what it's always been."

Supporters hope the games can begin this summer, said Bill Walsh, owner of the 85-year-old Franklin Hotel. He said the restoration of gambling is about as important as the arrival of the first train in 1890.

"It's here, and we want to all jump on the train and ride this thing for the betterment of the city of Deadwood and the state of South Dakota," he said.

Woman realizes dying wish

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A Montana woman terminally ill from cancer got her wish to see country music star Randy Travis in concert, thanks to the persistence of a family friend who enlisted the efforts of a congressman and two U.S. senators.

Ann Willis, 27, of Glasgow, Mont., sat with her husband, Rick, four rows from the stage as Travis performed in Spokane Tuesday night, then met the singer backstage after the concert.

"It was fantastic," she said after meeting Travis. "He was real quiet, like me... I thought he was gonna be much taller."

Mrs. Willis, who has astrocytoma, a fast-growing cancer of the brain, said the most special moment was when Travis sang his hit "Forever

and Ever, Amen." "That song meant a lot to me because I lost my hair (from radiation therapy) and Rick said this song is for you," she said.

The song contains a line saying "I ain't in love with your hair. If it all fell out, I'd love you anyway."

After she was diagnosed with cancer two years ago, Mrs. Willis underwent surgery that required termination of her five-month pregnancy. She and her husband, who have a daughter, decided against a second operation, which had been scheduled for today.

Rick Kinzell, who works with Mrs. Willis' father, asked U.S. Rep. Ron Marleneau and U.S. Sens. Max Baucus and Conrad Burns for help in contacting Travis' PR agency.

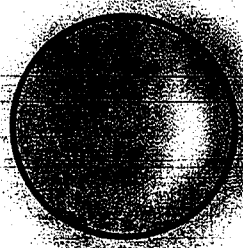
South Dakota is the third state to allow casino gambling, joining New Jersey and Nevada.

"But let's all remember it's first and foremost a funding mechanism for historic preservation," she said. "That's what it started out as. That's what it's always been."

Supporters hope the games can begin this summer, said Bill Walsh, owner of the 85-year-old Franklin Hotel. He said the restoration of gambling is about as important as the arrival of the first train in 1890.

"It's here, and we want to all jump on the train and ride this thing for the betterment of the city of Deadwood and the state of South Dakota," he said.

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Darkness faces Japan's ruling politicians as crisis unfolds

TOKYO (AP) — Politicians battling to regain the public's trust as scandal rages around them are frequently quoting an old Japanese saying: The next step ahead is darkness.

Never in the Liberal Democratic Party's 34-year rule has the popularity of its leader fallen so low, and never have so many of its elite been accused of dirty dealing.

But in the crisis, Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita is displaying a surprising ability to survive.

Takeshita, 65, has rejected opposition demands to step down, and top Liberal Democrats refuse to submit former Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone to questioning under oath in Parliament.

Instead, they have focused on bringing about ethical reforms and resuming deliberations on the fiscal 1989 budget. The opposition has boycotted the budget talks since March 8.

That battle will come to a head later this month, when fiscal deadlines must be met, but party Secretary-General Shintaro Abe already has suggested the conservatives will use their majority in both houses to simply force the budget through — a move bound to spark criticism in consensus-conscious Japan.

Very few members of the ruling party say

Takeshita should be dumped before the budget is passed, said analyst Asuo Yamaguchi. "But afterward, the wind will blow in the other direction."

Yamaguchi said that by unilaterally passing the budget, Takeshita would be left with no other political choice than to dissolve the lower house and call elections this summer, when polling for half the seats in the upper house is scheduled. A loss at the polls then would likely end his administration.

Behind the conservatives' dilemma is the Recruit Co., a huge publishing conglomerate. Recruit sold unlisted shares in a real-estate subsidiary to about 160 political, business and government officials at low prices in 1986. The buyers received handsome profits when the shares soared in value shortly after they were listed on the market.

In all, 14 people have been arrested on bribery and other charges and three Takeshita-appointed Cabinet ministers have resigned in connection with the scandal.

Along with Takeshita, Abe and Nakasone, former Finance Minister Kiuchi Miyazawa and Michio Watanabe, pegged as a future party leader, all have been implicated in Recruit share transactions.

Hitler diary forger opens own art gallery

STUTTGART, West Germany (AP) — The man who forged the so-called Hitler diaries has opened a gallery of his own paintings, which copy works of master painters and proudly proclaim on the back: "Forged by Konrad Kujau."

The 50-year-old West German claims he can imitate the styles of 52 painters, including Rembrandt and Salvador Dali. His Stuttgart gallery, which opened last month, will offer the paintings for \$105 to \$800.

Kujau is known for fabricating the Hitler diaries, which he sold to the West German magazine Stern in 1983. He later admitted he had made up the diaries, and he proclaimed himself the country's top forger.

Frankfurt exchange bomb target

FRANKFURT, West Germany (AP) — Assaults hurled firebombs inside the Frankfurt Stock Exchange and an electronics firm Wednesday, and police blamed both attacks on supporters of jailed terrorists staging a hunger strike.

Two employees were slightly injured in the stock exchange attack when at least six masked youths entered the main hall before opening time and threw firebombs at computer terminals.

Security officials seized three attackers, but the others escaped, said Frankfurt police spokesman Oswald Neumann. He said those held were two women, ages 24 and 27, and a 28-year-old man.

Authorities said the attack destroyed or damaged several computers and delayed the opening time by a few minutes.

Earlier in the northern city of Muenster, unidentified assaulters set off a firebomb inside the offices of the AEG electronics firm, a subsidiary of the Daimler-Benz automotive and high-technology conglomerate.

Authorities said the 3:30 a.m. attack caused millions of dollars worth of damage but no injuries.

Those attackers got away. The federal prosecution spokesman in Karlsruhe, Alexander Prechtel, said supporters of jailed Red Army Faction members on a hunger strike claimed responsibility in a letter left near the scene.

Concorde loses tail, lands OK

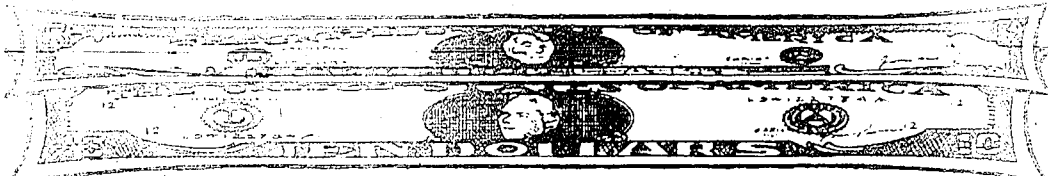
Los Angeles Times

SYDNEY, Australia — A British Airways supersonic Concorde airliner, carrying 97 Americans on a round-the-world trip, landed safely here Wednesday after part of its tail stabilizer fell off at nearly twice the speed of sound 47,000 feet above the Tasman Sea.

Passengers heard a "large thump" but the crew of the 15-year-old airliner told them the noise had been caused by turbulence. It was only when the plane landed that the 10-foot-long section was discovered to be missing.

Chief pilot David Loney said "we felt a slight jolt as we left New Zealand but there was no sign of any damage." Speaking to reporters after landing, Loney said "the machine behaved in every way completely correctly."

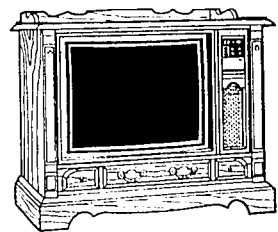
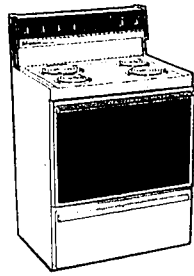
Officials of the Australian Bureau of Air Safety Investigation have taken charge of the plane's flight recorder in an attempt to find out what caused the stabilizer section to fall off.



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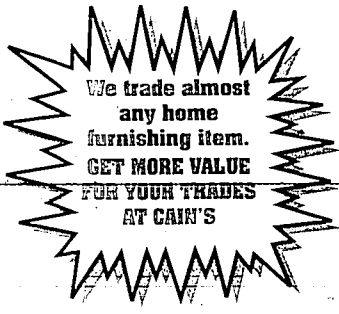
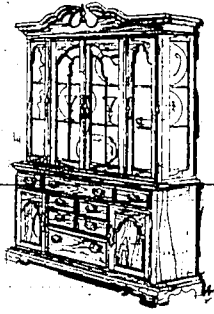
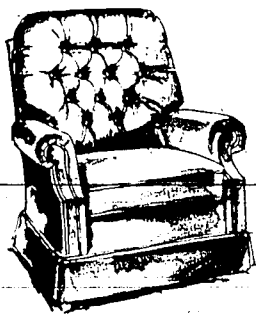
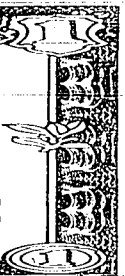
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Around the valley

Burglars hit several vehicles in Burley

BURLEY - More than a dozen private vehicles were burglarized Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, but property losses were small.

"We believe it's juveniles on foot," said Tim Little, Cassia County sheriff's detective. All 14 vehicles were unlocked, he said. The cars and pickups were ransacked, and the contents of glove compartments were removed, Little said.

Little said he has no suspects yet and the department's investigation is continuing.

Legislature provides funds for mental health center

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley's state mental health center may receive as much as \$150,000 more in the coming year to provide mental health services, thanks to the 1989 Legislature.

"We're going to be able to see the people we ought to see and provide a higher level of service to them," said Phil Grover, director of Region 5 Mental Health Services.

Due to budget constraints, the center this year stopped serving about 50 patients who were relatively stable, Grover said. But about 25 of those didn't arrange for the help they needed and many became acutely disturbed again, he said.

The center will also improve case management, helping the mentally ill find the services they need and monitoring their daily living skills. Additional money will be used to start a vocational-rehabilitation program.

Walk-a-thon will benefit missing children center

TWIN FALLS - A walk-a-thon to benefit the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children will be at 1 p.m. April 22 at the College of Southern Idaho's Fitness Trail.

Sponsor sheets are available from Hudson's shoe stores, Arctic Circle Restaurant, Jensen's Jewelers stores and the Les Schwab Tire Center.

The center is responsible for the milk-carton, newspaper and television advertisements

that show missing children, organizer Melanie Malson said. It has a toll-free hotline for calling in information about missing children: 1-800-843-5578.

Malson said the national list of missing children includes only one Idahoan, Richard "Ricky" Ray Barnett, abducted by an unknown individual in 1982 from Grangeville.

For more information on the walk-a-thon, contact Malson at 733-2175 or 423-4326, or Barbara Handy at 733-4751 or 733-6947.

Buhl School Board calls meeting to discuss budget

BUHL - The school board here has called a special meeting Tuesday to discuss budget priorities for the coming school year and consider in closed session transportation contracts and personnel matters.

Other items may be discussed at the meeting also. The board meets at 7 p.m. in the Middle School library.

USFS sets public meeting on Stanley Basin grazing

TWIN FALLS - A public meeting is set for 10 a.m. Monday to review the U.S. Forest Service's Stanley Basin grazing plan.

The meeting is part of an Environmental Impact Statement on an update of the Stanley-Basin Grazing Allotment Plan. For information contact Forest Range and Wildlife Staff Officer Bert Webster at 737-3200 or Carl Pence, Sawtooth National Recreation Area ranger, at 726-8291.

BLM to hold wild horse burro adoption in Elko

ELKO, Nev. - A wild horse and burro adoption will be held by the Bureau of Land Management in Elko from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 27-29.

Approximately 30 horses and burros will be available. For more information about qualifications call 702-738-4071.

Sidewalk plan causes flap in Kimberly

By DENISE TURNER
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY - The sidewalk project that drew heated discussion at the City Council meeting earlier this year is once again creating sparks.

The project - to put in sidewalks along South Main Street - is in jeopardy, after a motion to begin the work died Tuesday for lack of a second.

"Are you still going to cram this down our throats after us taxpayers said no?" resident Maxine McCracken asked during Tuesday's council meeting. "Why don't you fix the streets we do have?"

The council decided in February to put in sidewalks along South Main Street despite a survey of area residents showing most of those responding don't want to spend tax dollars on the project.

But on Tuesday, when Councilman Tom Lewis moved to accept a proposal from Gary Miller Construction to put in curb and gutter along the west side of South Main, the

motion received no second. The project was for 300 feet of curb and gutter at \$17 a foot, or \$5,100.

"I would go on record as being opposed to the sidewalk

'Are you still going to cram this down our throats after us taxpayers said no? Why don't you fix the streets we do have?'

— Maxine McCracken, Kimberly resident

because of what I have been hearing from people," Mayor Jesse Posey said. "I can't see how we can put in sidewalks and keep our streets up."

Lewis said the sidewalk - planned for the east side of school grounds, which borders busy Main Street - would increase safety. "If you keep the sidewalks from going in,

are you willing to have it on your conscience if a child gets killed there?" he asked McCracken.

"I don't drive down it like an idiot," she replied. "Maybe you do."

Councilman Avis Allen said the money should be used for street improvements instead. "I agree with Jesse," Allen said.

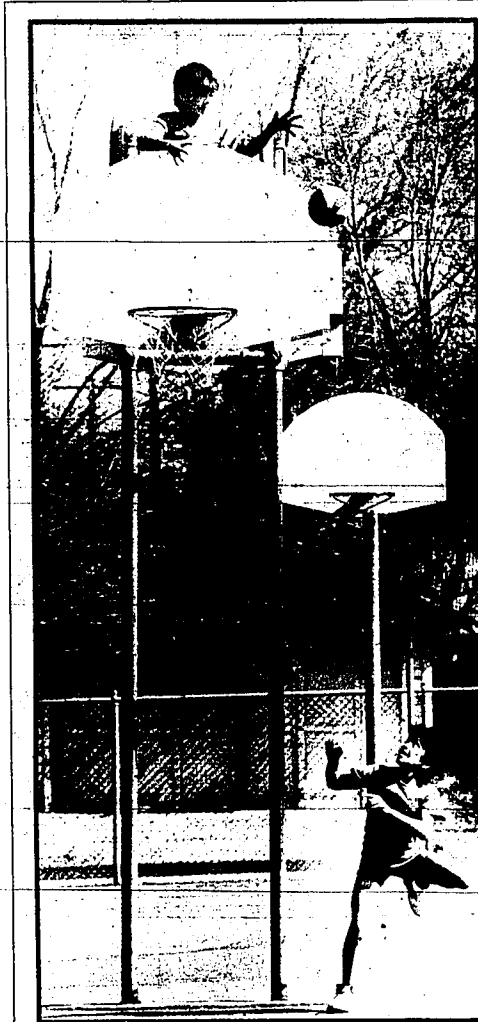
Councilman George Nauman, who is in charge of the city street fund, said streets badly need repair. "I'm 10 years behind," he said.

Councilman Jack Wright, who has been one of the more vocal sidewalk proponents, was not at the meeting.

The council last month reviewed survey results showing the majority of respondents opposed spending tax dollars to put in the sidewalks. The council continued to discuss the idea, however, gathering cost estimates, hiring a surveyor and pinpointing what areas to work on first.

Earlier in that meeting, following some discussion of the opposition, Posey asked whether the council wanted to

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Spring has sprung

Adding a new twist to a traditional game of playground basketball, Gustavo Contreras, 11, prepares to catch the ball from atop a backboard at Lincoln Elementary. He and brother Fernando, 12, were taking advantage of mild temperatures on Wednesday afternoon.

Times-News photo-MIKE SALSBURY

Commissioners agree to set meeting times

By KIRK MITCHELL
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - County commissioners have decided to hold action-taking meetings twice weekly, after local media executives contended the commissioners' existing meeting format skirted open-meeting laws.

"We do want the public to be adequately informed at all times of matters occurring in our office," said a letter Wednesday from commissioners to Twin Falls attorney Monte Carlson, who represents The Times-News and KMVT-TV.

Beginning April 16, Twin Falls County commissioners will meet in formal session to conduct business every Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Commissioner Marvin Hempleman said.

The meetings are set up for a three-month trial period to see whether the new format is effective, he said.

"Those are real, positive steps," said Times-News Managing Editor Stephen Hartgen. "We'd like to try it."

However, he said, a longer trial period - possibly until Sept. 1 - may be necessary to test the new policy's effectiveness.

Hempleman said at the end of the trial period commissioners and the media should get together and discuss how the new policy works.

"We strongly believe it would be precipitous to make any permanent changes at this time," the letter said.

The letter said the new policy is a big departure from the way the county currently conducts business and the way other counties with full-time commissioners operate.

The county has held a long-standing practice in which it gave "general" notice

of meetings held daily in the three commissioners' shared office. Their meetings theoretically last all day, every working day, and they might consider any topic someone drops by to talk about.

Carlson has said that the policy makes it difficult for anyone to follow county government proceedings.

Commissioners said they're unsure what kinds of action the media want handled in the twice-weekly formal meetings.

"We sincerely believe that much of what we do on a daily basis is action on important issues of public concern," the commissioners' letter stated.

Hartgen has contended that commissioners should give prior notice about anything that deals with the statutory requirements of the office or with matters involving expenditures of public funds.

During the trial period commissioners will prepare an agenda and mail it to interested people the Friday before the meetings.

"However, we would expect to take up items not on the agenda at the request of anyone present," the letter said.

The Times-News and KMVT complained to commissioners last month after the commissioners held an impromptu meeting Jan. 31 with Kent Taylor, lawyer for the county Hospital Board, on a proposed hospital budget amendment.

After the meeting, Hempleman called The Times-News and Commissioner Jim Fraley discussed what happened in the meeting with KMVT. Commissioners should not have that type of discretionary control over what information comes out of commission chambers, Hartgen said.

Rupert looks at juvenile center

By DONNA SCHORZMAN
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - The Rupert Planning and Zoning Board may decide next week whether a juvenile detention center planned for an older home in Rupert would meet city zoning laws.

City Attorney Don Chisholm recommended to the committee Tuesday that it postpone its decision so it can study the zoning laws and concerns of local residents. Chisholm said the decision should be based on legal and zoning aspects rather than emotionalism.

Anyone wishing to appeal the decision has 30 days to file an appeal with the City Council.

Opponents of the proposal argue that the facility would lower property values in the neighborhood and would create a safety

hazard because the majority of the neighborhood residents are elderly people. Larry Duff, a local attorney who owns property in the neighborhood, is unofficially representing the residents.

They also say the facility may violate zoning regulations.

Minidoka County Prosecutor Charlie Creason said locating the facility there would not violate zoning laws for several reasons.

"The building is in a residential zone but zoning laws permit establishing courthouses and most courthouses provide jail facilities," Creason said. The building, just across the street from the county courthouse, could be considered an accessory building to the courthouse.

Creason argued that the residential zone also permits boarding houses and sanitariums.

Cable TV taxes put school budgets in limbo

By The Times-News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS - Because the Idaho Tax Commission has yet to issue its final orders setting property tax values on cable television operations, the state's 115 school districts still don't know how much money they'll have to spend next year.

And the delay is starting to pinch district officials who are preparing budgets for the 1989-90 school year.

"I'm in limbo," said Superintendent Carl Snow of the Twin Falls School District. "If I know we're going to get less, I can do it and if I know we're going to get more I can do it, but I can't do it when I don't know what we're going to get."

Snow said the district is "coming down the home stretch" of the budget process, and if it doesn't know what it's going to get by May 15, "it could be a disaster."

What's more, the dramatic rise in the property-tax value of some cable TV companies combined with the legal challenges launched against those assessments means some school districts may not be able to rely upon a portion of local funds.

"On the revenue side, you have to budget it to receive it," said Lewiston Superintendent Glen Morgan. "But we don't

know if we'll actually receive it."

Under state law, all school districts have to submit their budgets to their school boards in June. Local school officials say they may have to make some estimates if the tax commission doesn't get its act together soon.

The districts need about a month in order to squeeze in required timely advertising and a public hearing. Even with a month, there will be some all-night sessions in developing the budget, said Gading Superintendent Jim Cobble.

"If I can't get it (the state numbers) then I'm going to have to guess as close as I can," Cobble said. "But if I do have to do that, I'll use a more conservative figure."

He said guessing, even if it relies on projected numbers from the state, could be "disastrous," however, because over budgeting could lead to cuts later.

"We're just waiting right now," said Jerome Superintendent Richard Kugler. He said "playing the guessing game" could prove "dangerous," but that districts may have no other choice.

School property taxes determine how much state money local schools receive. That's because the state's funding formula compensates districts for a drop in the local tax

property values receive less state money.

Larry Evans, state superintendent of public instruction, is presenting an estimate of the state dollar allocation as he begins meeting this week with local school representatives.

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— Carl Snow, Twin Falls superintendent

Tax Commission increases in the property-tax values of cable television operators won't affect the statewide school funding picture a great deal.

"But within some counties and school districts, it could be quite a bit and I don't really know what that range could be," said state Deputy Superintendent August Hain.

Using the estimates, school officials can get some budget

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House panel asks for independent evaluation of SIS, national defense

By AMY GAMERMAN
States News Service

WASHINGTON — In a reflection of its skepticism toward Energy Department pronouncements on its Special Isotope Separation project, a House panel commissioned an independent evaluation of the program last week.

Rep. John Spratt, D-S.C., chairman of the Department of Energy Defense Nuclear Facilities Panel, said the new study will determine whether the SIS program is truly essential for the national defense.

"The point is that the Department of Energy has presented their case and we're not technically competent to judge that," an aide to Spratt said. "We're looking for an independent judgment on those issues. From someone whom Mr. Spratt trusts."

The defense program, which would use new laser technology to

produce weapon-grade plutonium, is slated for construction at Idaho National Engineering Laboratory.

The study will be conducted by Col. Thomas Johnson, director of the Science Research Laboratory at West Point. Panel members will receive preliminary findings in May, before they vote on funding for the program.

The House panel has heard weeks of conflicting testimony about the SIS project. Although the Energy and Defense Departments argue the project is necessary to meet future plutonium needs, critics of the program — including some panel members — say current plutonium supplies are adequate, and that clean-up projects should receive priority funding.

The study will also determine how soon the project is needed. Given current budget constraints, panel members may choose to defer funding for the program if it can be of conflicting testimony about the SIS project.

Rep. Richard Stallings, D-Idaho, who has been a tireless SIS supporter, reacted to news of the study with caution.

"I think they wanted an independent assessment outside DOE and outside DOD, somebody who doesn't have any turf to protect or particular bias," said Cary Jones, an aide to Stallings.

Debate over the plutonium program may be complicated by such recent developments as Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's announcement last Friday that the USSR will halt production of plutonium and other nuclear weapons materials this year and will permanently close three weapons manufacturing plants.

Obituaries

Betty-Jo Gregory
JEROME — Betty-Jo Ballweg Gregory, 68 of Livonia, Mich., formerly of Jerome, died Sunday, March 26, 1989, in Livonia of an extended illness.

She was born July 5, 1920. Mrs. Gregory came to Jerome in 1940 where she worked at Wanda Cafe. She married Eric Gregory on March 11, 1942.

Surviving are her husband of Livonia, one son, Peter Gregory of Jerome; three daughters, Mrs. Shirley Galloway, both of Lockport, Ill., and James L. Ballweg of Footville, Wis.; two sisters, Mrs. Robert Coupe of Jerome and Mary-Ruth Rasmussen of Carson City, Nev.; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Arrangements were under the direction of the Ballheim Funeral Home in Michigan.

Arrives officiating. Interment will follow at Morris Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Summers Funeral Home in Boise. The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the Mountain States Tumor Institute, 151 E. Hancock St., Boise, 83722; Hospice Program at Mercy Medical Center, 1512 12th Ave., Nampa, 83656; First Baptist Church of Idaho and Washington, Boise, 83702; or to the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital, Fairfax Avenue and Virginia Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84103.

Mary Iverson
NAP — Mary Iverson, 87, of Nap, died Wednesday, April 12, 1989, at the home of her son, Idaho Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Iva E. Pettit
JEROME — Iva E. Pettit, 92, of Jerome, died Wednesday, April 12, 1989, at Maranatha House in Jerome, of a short illness.

She was born Oct. 24, 1896, in Tyrone, Ark., the daughter of William and Lenna G. Mietzler Manning. She was raised and educated in Harrison, Ark. She married James R. Pettit on Oct. 27, 1915, in Harrison. After their marriage, they farmed for several years in the Harrison area. In 1938 they moved to Idaho and farmed in the Jerome and Shoshone area. They retired in 1955 and moved into Jerome. She worked at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center for several years and also as a volunteer at House of Hope for 40 years.

Frank R. Williams
TWIN FALLS — Frank Elmer Williams, 60, of Boise, died Tuesday, April 11, 1989, at the Veterans Hospital in Boise.

He was born Nov. 5, 1928, in Elma, Wash., the son of Warren and Elizabeth Williams. He graduated from Puyallup High School in Washington and from Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore., in 1951. He married Phyllis Burkart on May 20, 1951. Mr. Williams enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1951. He attended Officers Candidate School in Quantico, Va., and was later stationed at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina and also Camp Pendleton in Pendleton, Calif. He was honorably discharged in 1953. He then moved with his family to Twin Falls, where he continued to serve in the Marine Reserves obtaining the rank of captain. While in Twin Falls he worked for Clois Bookstore and later transferred to Boise in 1960, where he was employed by Wilson-Jones. After being associated with Symms-York, he bought out their office furniture division and began Williams Office Furniture. He was recently employed by Strauss Office Equipment.

Mr. Williams was a member of the Boise First Baptist Church, Oriental Lodge No. 60, Scottish Rite Bodies, Elkhor Shrine, Gold Rush Shrine Club of Idaho City, the Boise Rotary Club, Boise Executives and the Boise Elk Lodge. He was a potentate in 1987, and past president of the Elkhor Greeters and the secretary and treasurer of the Pacific Northwest Shrine, 1983-87.

Surviving are his wife of Boise; one daughter, Deb Jones of Kama; three sons, Steve Wilton of Boise, Gary Williams of Seattle, Wash., and Jim Williams of Los Angeles, Calif.; two sisters, Zolpha DeVoe of Port Orchard, Wash., and Lulu Wright of Birmingham, Wash.; one brother, Warren Williams of Florence, Ore.; and five grandchildren.

The memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Boise First Baptist Church, 13th and Washington with the Rev. Le-Roi

Church where she taught Sunday School. She was also a member of the card club and the Kimberly Tuesday morning coffee club.

Surviving are three daughters, Elaine Wright of Kimberly, Dina Jaunig of Lake Oswego, Ore., and Leanne Wilson of Twin Falls, and two brothers, Jerry Meade of Canon City, Colo., and Harry Meade of Fountain Valley, Calif.; one sister, Darlene Westlie of Aurora, Colo.; and seven grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Bruce Thacker of Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call at the chapel today from 4-8 p.m. The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the Kimberly Christian Church or to the Ageless Senior Citizens of Kimberly. These may be left at White Mortuary.

Helen M. Marshall
BURLEY — Helen Mildred Hays Marshall, 90, of Burley, died Wednesday, April 12, 1989, at her home in Burley.

She was born June 17, 1898, in Bala, Riley County, Kan., the daughter of Lawrence W. and Hannah Smith. She moved with her family at an early age to Idaho where she attended schools in Fruitland. She married Elmer R. Hays on Jan. 1, 1922, in Vale, Ore. They resided in Ontario, Ore. from 1923-34. He died in 1955. She then married Benton Marshall on June 2, 1961. He died in 1981. She graduated from Albion Normal College and taught school in Pine Creek and Diamond, Ore.

Mrs. Marshall was a member of the AARP and the Rebekahs and was a devoted Christian.

Surviving are one son, E. Raymond Hays of Boise; two daughters, Mildred S. Wheat of Payette and Marjorie A. Draper of Burley; seven stepchildren, Verne Marshall, Erma Reamer, Mervin Chicoine, Martin Marshall, Robert Marshall, Robert Marshall, Alton Marshall and Richard Marshall; eight grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; 26 step-grandchildren; and several step-great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by two children, one brother and one sister.

The funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Ellis Keck and the American War Mothers officiating. Burial will be in the Jerome Cemetery. No viewing is planned. The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the Jerome First Baptist Church in her name.

Edna M. Jacobs
TWIN FALLS — Edna Marie Jacobs, 73, of Twin Falls and formerly of Kimberly, died Tuesday, April 11, 1989, at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital.

She was born Dec. 17, 1915, in Stanton, Wis., the daughter of Wayne and Grace Culbertson. She was raised and educated in Colorado. She married Cecil E. Jacobs on March 27, 1937, in Castle Rock, Colo. He died in 1978. She moved to Kimberly in 1943, where she worked at several grocery stores there. She also worked for 24 years as supervisor of the Kimberly hot lunch program retiring in 1986.

Mrs. Jacobs was a long-time member of the Kimberly Christian

Church where she taught Sunday School. She was also a member of the card club and the Kimberly Tuesday morning coffee club.

Surviving are three daughters, Dina Jaunig of Lake Oswego, Ore., and Leanne Wilson of Twin Falls, and two brothers, Jerry Meade of Canon City, Colo., and Harry Meade of Fountain Valley, Calif.; one sister, Darlene Westlie of Aurora, Colo.; and seven grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Services

JEROME — The funeral for Cleo B. Kingsland, 77, of Jerome, who died Monday, will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Vernon Bishop officiating. Burial will follow at the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may call at the chapel today from 5-8 p.m. and on Friday from 9-10 a.m.

CASTLEFORD — The graveside service for Harold Owens, 67, of Castleford, who died Tuesday, will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the West End Cemetery in Buhl with the Rev. Clifford Silvers officiating. Military rites will be conducted by the United States Army National Guard. Friends may call at the Farmer General Chapel today from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 9-10 a.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Castleford Quick Response Unit.

KING HILL — The funeral for

John C. Parke, 61, of King Hill, who died Sunday, will be at 11 a.m. today at the King Hill Community Church. The graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. at the Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Military honors will be conducted by the Alton-Army-Navy Legion. Arrangements are under the direction of Humphreys Funeral Home in Mountain Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Parkinsons Disease Association, Idaho chapter or to the Glenn Ferry EMU.

KIMBERLY — The funeral for Francis Cullen Hagle, 57, of Kimberly, who died Monday, will be at 10 a.m. today at the Kimberly LDS 2nd Ward building with Bishop David Merrill officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at the church one hour prior to the funeral. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary.

KETCHUM — The service for Elsie L. Bell, 50, of Ketchum, who died Friday, April 7, will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Ketchum Cemetery with Deacon William Mallory officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wood River Chapel in Halley.

OKLAHEA — The funeral for Maurine J. Matthews, 68, of Oklahe, who died Sunday, will be at 1 p.m. today at the Oklahe LDS Stake Center, 30 N. Center, Oklahe, with Bishop Aaron Johnson officiating. Burial will follow at the Oklahe Cemetery. Friends may call at the church one hour prior to the funeral. The family suggests memorial contributions may be given to the C.W. Haines Scholarship Fund or the Oklahe Valley Arts Council, in care of Payne Mortuary. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary in Burley.

For the record

Recent court action in Twin Falls County included the following:

Driving under the influence charges filed:

Ernest William Vin Drest, 330 Taylor St., Kimberly.

John DeShazo, 25, Twin Falls.

Hyram N. Morrison, 34, 1905 Maple Ave., Twin Falls.

Kennedy C. Coats, 39, 542 Harrison, Apartment No. 6A, Twin Falls.

John A. Haken, 36, Buhl.

Shirley T. Meyer, 20, 1297 1/2 Third Ave. E., Jerome.

Ricardo Barrios, 33, Buhl.

James J. Phelan, 65, 1225 1/2 Hill Ave. E., Twin Falls.

Jan Michael Peckenpaugh, 47, 928 Morningside Drive, Twin Falls.

John Doe Stephenson, 23, Blackfoot.

Driving under the influence arraignments:

Dustin Frederick Eiters, 18, 854 Quincy St. No. 2, Twin Falls. Pleaded innocent.

Donald Allen Aela, 22, 1732 Whipkey Drive, Gooding. Pleaded innocent.

Shirley R. McElister, 34, 2019 Roston Circle, Twin Falls. Pleaded innocent.

Budgets

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work done. But without the precise property tax assessments, they cannot fine-tune those budgets.

"Sure, they're budgeting because they can guess pretty much that they're going to have the same money as they did last year," said Mark Fox, the Education Department's finance bureau chief.

"They might not know if they're going to have a 5, 6 or 7 percent increase because their revenue projections have to be fine-tuned."

Holding up the process is the last of some 26 Tax Commission rulings in which the property-tax assessments of cable operators have been increased. The last four, affecting Bannock, Kootenai, Bonanza and Shoshone counties, are expected to be released Wednesday.

"It's unfortunately a long, drawn-out process," said Clyde Morgan, chief of the commission's real and personal property bureau.

Joel Lopez Prieto, 30, 605 S. D. St., Rupert. Pleaded innocent.

Driving under the influence sentences by 6th District Judge R. Michael Redman:

Michael A. Fink, 24, Burley. Two days in jail; \$300 fine; 90 days license suspension.

Earl C. Larson, 31, Washington Park Apartments No. 20, Twin Falls. Ninety days in jail; \$1,000 fine, and 180 days driver suspension.

Brian Keith Bann, 30, 364 Jefferson St., Twin Falls. Ninety days in jail; \$925 suspended; 12 months' probation.

Reta Bell Hill, 55, 381 Van Buren St., Twin Falls. Sixty days in jail; \$5 suspension; 180 days' license suspension; and 12 months' probation.

Randall Dursteler, 23, 538 Harrison St. No. 40, Twin Falls. Sixty days in jail; \$5 suspended; \$450 fine, \$150 suspended; 90 days' license suspension; and 12 months' probation.

Francis M. Clifford, 41, 305 Second Ave. E., Wendell. Two days in jail; \$450 fine; and 90 days' license suspension.

Israel Gomez Enriquez, 28, 332 Fifth Ave. W., Twin Falls. Two days in jail; \$500 fine; and 180 days' license suspension.

Civil suits filed in District Court:

Alex Alberch vs. Estle Lawrence Moss and Etta Mauldin. Personal injury lawsuit from automobile accident. Asking for at least \$100,000 in damages and attorney's fees.

Gregory Avery and Denise Avery vs.

Idaho Metal Fabrication Co. Inc. Avery alleges Idaho Metal negligently manufactured fryer apparatus that injured Avery. Avery is asking for unspecified damages.

Talcofact Inc., an Idaho corporation, and Harry V. Farmer and Bernice M. Farmer vs. Earl W. Ashby. Dispute over real property. Plaintiffs are asking for \$20,584 in damages; \$3,000 in attorney's fees and other relief.

Magie Valley Regional Medical Center vs. Margaret L. Summerfield. Collection action. MYRMC wants \$19,263 and \$5,000 in attorney's fees.

Child support cases filed:

State of Idaho Bureau of Child Support Enforcement vs. Jose T. Garza.

State of Idaho Department of Health and Welfare on behalf of a minor child vs. Randy L. Daniel.

State of Idaho Department of Health and Welfare on behalf of a minor child vs. Gary Gould.

State of Idaho Department of Health and Welfare on behalf of a minor child vs. Larry M. Darrell.

Divorces filed:

David Wilks Odlin vs. JoAnn Odlin.

Patricia K. Lotsepich vs. Glen Lotsepich.


Sharon Edity Rountree vs. Loyd Richard Rountree.

Darla Jensen vs. Jay Roy Jensen.

Jennifer Elaine Sprenger vs. Cora Ray Sprenger.

Lore Eaton vs. Roger Eaton.

Kathleen Hayden vs. John L. Hayden.



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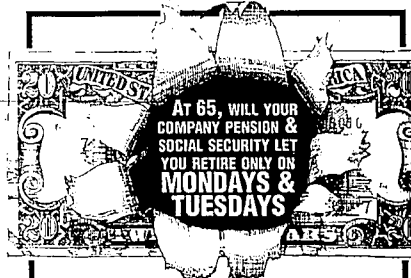
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table the issue, prompting Wright to respond: "Did you expect the survey to be any other way with money involved? Let's don't plant trees, and let's don't build sidewalks. Let's just table it. I don't think you can build a city or community on that approach."

Wright was referring to his offer last year to donate trees to the downtown area, which eventually was rejected because of objections of some residents, including concern that birds would perch in the trees, creating a mess underneath.

In other business:

- The council accepted a bid, the lowest of three submitted from Gordon Paving for \$26,490 to work on 901 feet of badly constructed road on 13-year-old Sage Street.
- The council adopted Ordinance 433, which provides for a fine of not more than \$300 and/or a jail sentence of not more than 30 days for tampering with the city water system.
- City Clerk Edythe Widmer reported that the last payment on a \$100,000 revenue bond for an interceptor line will be made on May 1. This frees the city to lower city sewer bills by up to \$1 on an \$11.50 monthly charge, she reported. Council will make the decision on the matter at a later date.
- The council approved paying \$621 for a portable UHF radio for the city maintenance department and directed Public Works Supervisor Ken Storey to employ OMI, at a fee of \$1,000 a year, to handle the new EPA requirements for cities regarding pre-treatment of sewers.



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One to Mr. and Mrs. James Shopshire and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Schell, both of Burley.

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Released

Harold Randall of Burley; Arvin Thurston of Heyburn; and Karla Ott of Eden.

Births

Babies to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Suggin and to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Schell, both of Burley.

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Possible Knievel canyon jump perplexes Magic Valley



Robbie Knievel, left, and dad Evel laugh during practice for Friday's Caesars Palace jump

TWIN FALLS (AP) — Robbie Knievel's planned motorcycle jump at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas has some Twin Falls residents thinking the young daredevil might also try his famous father's most spectacular stunt — leaping the Snake River Canyon.

But while the head of the local chamber of commerce says a second attempt to jump some 4,700 feet across the 600-foot-deep gorge would give the city a financial boost, other community leaders remember with dread the mayhem that came with Evel Knievel's first try almost 15 years ago.

"I don't know really how bad this thing was in 1974," J. Kent Just, executive director of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, said Wednesday. "I'm well aware there were some major problems, but I think they might have been blown out of proportion over the years."

Just raised the possibility two months ago in a chamber newsletter that if Robbie Knievel succeeds at Caesars this Friday, he might try the jump his father attempted unsuccessfully in a steam-powered "Sky-Cycle" on Sept. 8, 1974.

Knievel parachuted to safety while his cycle, which was registered as an airplane, crashed into the canyon.

Both father and son have said publicly in recent weeks that another Snake River Canyon attempt was a

fatal possibility, depending on the outcome of the Las Vegas stunt. On Tuesday, however, Robbie Knievel said he did not foresee a jump in Idaho in the near future.

"That can wait 10 years," he said. The potential for another shot of worldwide media attention, and the money that comes with it, has not been enough so far to convince many local residents. They remember the rowdy, sometimes violent crowds, the audacity, the drunken bikers, the unpaid bills, the lawsuits and the massive cleanup connected with the elder Knievel's leap from a launching ramp on the canyon's south rim.

In an editorial in The Times-News on Tuesday, Managing Editor Stephen Hartgen said, "Aside from the P.T. Barnum quality of the stunt, another Knievel jump in Twin Falls is not something we think would benefit either the community or its image."

Hartgen was not in the city of 26,000 in 1974, but said a look at newspaper reports from the time makes it clear the Knievel extravaganza did at least as much harm as good.

"It seems to be something that chamber of commerce executive directors come up with as they cast about for ways to promote the community, and the visibility might not be a bad thing," he said

Wednesday. "But when it's all said and done, what kind of image is that likely to leave? Do communities really want to be presented as circus freaks?"

Just, who also lived elsewhere at the time, maintains lessons have been learned from the 1974 jump. He says Twin Falls should not pass up a golden opportunity to diversify its farm-based economy with big-time showbusiness which, if handled properly, could mean millions of dollars for local businesses.

"There are many people who absolutely cringe to think of it happening again; there are a lot of hard feelings left. But there also are a lot of people who realize that the notoriety this canyon received is worth a mint in advertising," Just said.

"We're also probably a little smarter this time and would probably want a piece of the action."

What Hartgen's editorial called a "gravestone-style" monument was dedicated in 1985, two miles downstream from the ramp that supported Knievel's launching structure.

It remains a minor tourist attraction. But when local bank executive David Mead remembers the event, he recalls neighbors afraid to leave their homes and people driving around with guns in their cars for protection.

'Log Haul' event may be repeated this year

LIBBY, Mont. (AP) — The organizer of last year's Great Northwest Log Haul said Wednesday that plans are under way to commemorate the event with another convoy of trucks scheduled to converge May 6 in Missoula.

About 200 logging trucks, mostly empty, and other vehicles from seven western states are expected to participate in a show of solidarity for working men and women, said convoy organizer Bruce Vincent.

"We will be celebrating 100 years of natural resource heritage in the western states," Vincent said.

Parents organize to offer involvement in Cassia schools

By LONA RAYMOND
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Some parents here want to become more involved in decisions affecting the Cassia County School District.

Gladys Esquivel, spokeswoman for the newly formed Unified Parents For Education, read a letter asking the group's advice when making decisions.

The board said it would consider the request.

Some areas of interest were the proposed trimester system at Burley

High School, books and curricula, teaching staff, administration openings and hiring practices and the student drop-out rate.

"We'd like to be a resource to the board in finding solutions to the challenges present in our schools," member Catherine Jensen said. "We would like to provide input from a wide range of parents in our community."

In other matters, the board awarded O.K. Construction of Idaho

the building contract for Malta Elementary School. The company bid \$1.7 million for the project, expected to be completed this August.

Intermountain Gas-Co. will put in a 3.5-mile pipeline to heat the new school.

The board also awarded building contracts for three classrooms at Declo School and the new Dworshak Media Center to Woodstone Construction Co. in Burley. The

company bid \$136,000 for Declo and \$178,800 for Dworshak.

The board approved a budget of \$181,800 for miscellaneous improvements and repairs on various schools in the district, including \$10,000 for the heating system at Oakley High School. The money would be used for overhauling the heat pumps at the school, Superintendent Norman Hurst said Wednesday.

The school's heating system broke

down this winter, resulting in some students bundling up in class and parents showing up at School Board meetings to protest.

The work should be completed by fall, Hurst said.

Several local patrons told the board Mountain View School needs more space in classrooms, especially for special education students.

Hurst suggested using a temporary classroom for the special education students.

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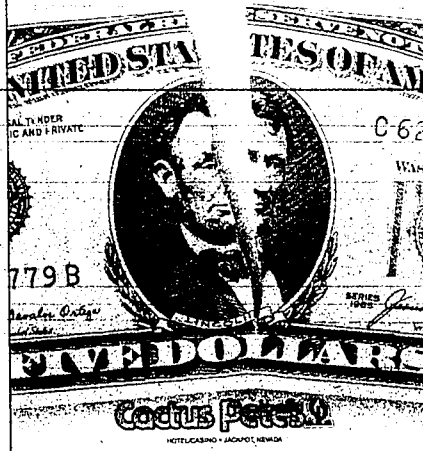
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Abigail VanBuren
Dear Abby

free lunch. Or breakfast, either.

DEAR ABBY: In your answer to "Choking," who coughed, wheezed and got migraine headaches from soap and fabric softener delivered to her home unsolicited, you said, "If the army of allergies were to join forces and do a little lobbying, they would create a stink no one could ignore."

Abby, there is an organization of people who are sensitive to perfumes and scented products - the Human Ecology Action League (HEAL). Though we are a non-profit

organization and cannot lobby, we provide information to legislators and to the members of HEAL chapters across the country.

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—LYNN IN EVANSTON

DEAR LYNN: HEAL was founded in 1977 by Dr. Theron Randolph, a Chicago physician. It provides a broad spectrum of information for people with allergies, including: lists of specialists in the field of environmental medicine, lists of non-toxic products and where to find them, and affiliated support groups nationwide. Moreover, HEAL lets

allergy sufferers know they are not alone with a problem.

DEAR ABBY: My 14-year-old daughter, Sara, was assigned to read your booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding," for her physics course on hygiene and homemaking. I thought

you'd get a kick out of what happened when Sara overheard her older sister telling her father and me that she was going to announce her engagement soon.

Sara rushed to her room and grabbed your booklet to advise us of

our responsibilities. Then she proceeded to read aloud: "The groom's parents provide the bachelor party, pay the minister, etc. The bride's parents provide the torso."

— SAN FRANCISCANS

Domestic violence seminar set

KETCHUM — A free seminar on domestic violence will be presented Friday and Saturday at Ketchum's Old City Hall on Main Street.

Sponsored by the Crisis Hotline, the guest speaker will be Rose Moore, a nationally-recognized speaker from Boise. The program will run on Apr. 14 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and on Apr. 15 from 9 a.m. to noon.

During the program, Moore will give her view of domestic violence as she experienced it. Because the nature of the discussion includes an extremely graphic presentation, no one under 17 will be allowed to attend, said Crisis Hotline Director Margaret Macdonald Stewart.

On Saturday, Blaine County Prosecuting Attorney Ned Williamson will present the legal

aspects of domestic violence. The workshop is designed for victims of domestic violence or for people who know someone who is a victim of domestic violence and would like more information. It is also useful for all persons in the medical, criminal justice, law enforcement, child protective services, mental health professions, teachers and clergy.

Moore has 11 years experience in the mental health field, working primarily with women victims. She is an active member of the Idaho Network to Stop Violence Against Women and directed the Canyon County Rape Crisis Program from 1980-1983. She is currently an adjunct faculty member at Boise State University in the Social Work Department.

This is what we learned: John had been seeing her for five years, too - just three days longer than I. She gave him breakfast and I gave him lunch. He never called us by our names - he called us both "Luv." He took us to the same places out of town and had given us identical gifts and cards for the holidays. He'd phone us in the evening; He couldn't talk, but we could, so he'd tap on the receiver - two taps for yes and one tap for no.

Abby, I gave this man five years of my life - so did she. I still hurt a little, but it's a relief not having to cheat and slip around anymore. Would you believe that this woman and I lived within a mile of each other?

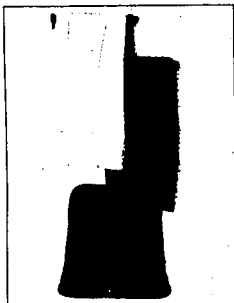
—RECOVERING IN ARKANSAS
DEAR RECOVERING: After writing this column for 33 years, I can believe anything. But, there's a lesson to be learned here. There is no

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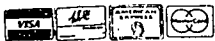


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Avoid aldicarb use, say spud processors

POCATELLO (AP) — Idaho potato farmers, in the midst of planting their 1989 crop, are being advised by some contractors and processors not to use the pesticide aldicarb if they want to sell their fall harvest.

J.R. Simplot Co., one of the largest potato processors in the state, announced Tuesday it will not buy potatoes treated with aldicarb, whose brand name is Temik.

The J.R. Simplot Co. is requiring all growers that do business with the company to apply an alternative pesticide for the 1989 crop season, said Scott Davenport, field department manager, Caldwell.

Davenport said the decision stems from conversations the company has had with its grower groups and processing customers.

"Our raw procurement department feels it can't gamble on a possible negative report from EPA on aldicarb which might jeopardize our potato grower contracts and customer product sales in the marketplace," he said.

A team of independent scientists is to release an assessment May 8 on the Environmental Protection Agency's preliminary report on aldicarb. The pesticide is used on potatoes to control nematodes, the Colorado potato beetle and green peach aphids.

The safety of aldicarb came into question last month when The New York Times published a story warning of the possible danger from the pesticide. A leaked EPA report, disputed by others, said 10,000 to 50,000 infants and children a day are exposed to enough aldicarb residue to present a risk of illness from eating treated potatoes and bananas.

Firth farmer Mike Clawson said he is looking for alternative chemicals, but none control nematodes as well as aldicarb.

"The problem is there is really no alternative, effort of fumigation, that works as well as Temik. It is almost an irreplaceable product," he said.

Clawson, who plants 325 acres of potatoes, planned to apply aldicarb, but decided against it when his

contractor said it would not buy potatoes treated with the chemical.

"We were planning on using it until yesterday and our contractor said Pillsbury's main office in Minneapolis is worried about it and they would not accept potatoes treated with Temik," Clawson said.

"I'm sure the other processors will follow suit. I don't think any of them are willing to risk it this year," he added.

Clawson expects his yield to decline 15 to 20 hundredweight an acre without Temik. He usually harvests 325 to 350 hundred pound bags per acre.

American Falls farmer Leonard Kopp said he never has used aldicarb, but he has been advised by his contractor, R & G Potato Co., that it will not accept potatoes treated with the chemical.

While he doesn't use aldicarb, Kopp said he fears other chemicals could come under similar scrutiny.

"We have to monitor them very closely and not put any more chemicals on than is absolutely necessary because you are always looking at crop rejection," he said.

John Rooney, executive director of Potato Growers of Idaho, said he is asking farmers to contact buyers before they use aldicarb.

"We are not offering any advice of our own," he said. "We are saying contact the person you sell your potatoes to because ultimately they will make the decision."

Rulon Cammack, sales representative for Rhone-Poulenc Ag Co., the firm that manufactures Temik, said he hopes a letter written by the EPA's acting deputy administrator John Moore will dispel fears.

"There is a lot of concern. The concerns are being driven by the consumer. We have been waiting for EPA to take a position and we think Mr. Moore's letter indicates aldicarb residue is not a problem," he said.

The letter sent to Rep. Richard Scutts last week said the public should not be alarmed about possible risks from aldicarb residues.

Work crews begin to improve Egin-Hamer Road

ST. ANTHONY (AP) — Fremont County road crews were hauling material and grading the Egin-Hamer Road this week as part of a five-year program for upgrading the controversial farm-to-market road.

The road opened April 1 under

Chairman James Siddoway said Tuesday that the road survived the winter in good condition. County crews were working on the road and using it to haul gravel for repairing other roads in the western end of the county, he said.

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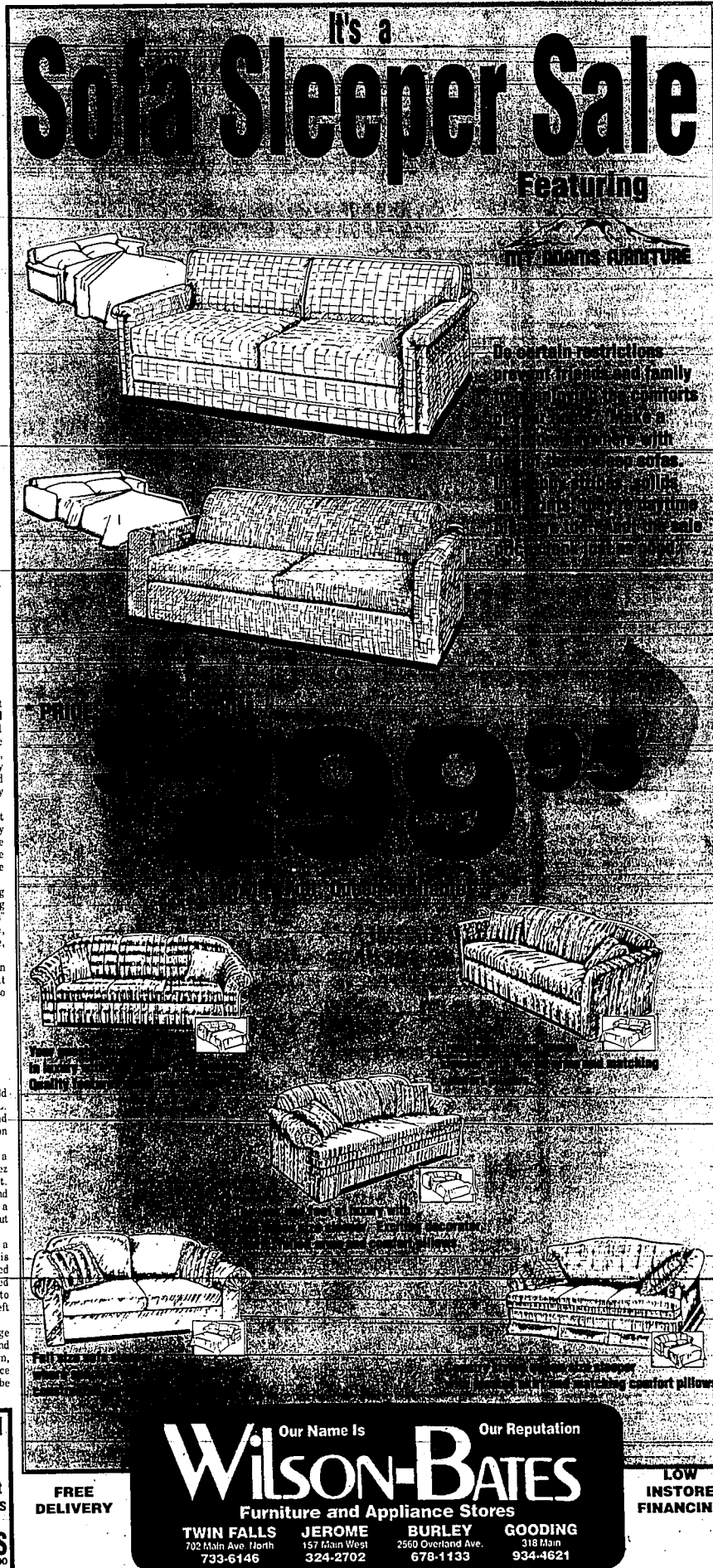
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USFS official makes plea for improved cooperation

COBUR D'ALENE (AP) — The U.S. Forest Service needs to hone its diplomatic and negotiating skills to cut through future conflicts among the timber industry, environmentalists and other groups, a top Forest Service official says.

"(Future) conflicts over resource decisions will make today's conflicts look like child's play," Steve Mealey, a special assistant to the chief of the Forest Service, told a gathering of wildlife biologists here Tuesday.

"Most of the great environmental struggles will be won or lost in the 1990s and by the next century it will be too late," Mealey said. "The choices we make now in this decade cannot be made again. We are, in a sense, it."

Mealey was keynote speaker at a gathering of about 100 biologists from throughout the Northern Rockies. Assistant Regional Forester Chris Rishrud said the purpose of the session was to prepare for change in an agency where fish and wildlife are becoming an increasingly vital part of the

mission.

The Forest Service estimates that a growing U.S. population will increase demand for timber by 61 percent over current levels by the year 2030. In the same period, demand for recreation will jump by 78 percent and demand for fish and wildlife will be up 74 percent, Mealey said.

The challenge for the Forest Service is to become increasingly sophisticated in sorting through the competing interests to "deliver the right products at the least cost to the customer," he said.

The customer is changing drastically. Hunters are being replaced by people whose "products" from the forests include solitude, clean air and a chance to observe, not kill, an elk, Mealey said.

Mealey, a former outfitter in Salmon, Idaho, suggested that Forest Service personnel will have to sharpen their political skills.

Idaho man dies in ravine plunge

JORDAN VALLEY, Ore. (AP) — A 27-year-old Caldwell, Idaho, man died late Sunday or early Monday when his pickup truck plunged 500 feet into a ravine, police said.

James M. Tuckness was southbound on U.S. 95 when he missed a corner about 30 miles south of Jordan Valley. The truck crashed through a guardrail and plunged to the bottom of the ravine, and Tuckness was thrown from the vehicle.

The wreck was discovered at 11:20 a.m. Monday, after employees of the Oregon Highway Department noticed the damaged guardrail.

Tuckness was alone in the pickup.

Boisean dies of injuries

BOISE (AP) — A Boise man who had been hospitalized since Thursday because of a job-related accident died Tuesday, the Ada County Coroner's office said.

Val Santillanes, 31, a laborer at Lodge Logs, died at 7:25 p.m. at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center of head injuries, Chief Deputy Coroner Lynn Bowerman said.

Santillanes was injured Thursday morning when a lock ring flew off and hit him in the head while he inflated a forklift tire.

Man bound over on rape charges

LEWISTON (AP) — A 23-year-old woman has identified Robert L. Brown as the man who raped and stabbed her in a downtown Lewiston office last month.

She made the identification at a preliminary hearing Tuesday in Nez Perce County Magistrate Court. Brown, 24, is accused of raping and then stabbing the woman at a Lewiston employment agency about noon on March 21.

He was arrested the next day at a North Lewiston residence. He is charged with first-degree attempted murder, rape, robbery, aggravated battery, battery with intent to commit a serious felony, grand theft and second-degree burglary.

Following the hearing, Judge Linda Trout ordered Brown bound over to 2nd District Court. Brown, who is being held in the Nez Perce County Jail, is scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday.

Idaho Business Council wants ed funding increase

BOISE (AP) — Declaring the quality of the educational system directly linked to economic expansion, the Idaho Business Council is calling for a \$275 million increase in total public school support through mid-1994.

"I don't know whether that's attainable or not," Gov. Cecil Andrus conceded on Wednesday as he released the year-long council study on the dynamics of education and economic growth in Idaho.

"I didn't ask these businessmen to come up with something that is cheap," the governor said. "This is what they think is needed."

The report, citing the experience of other states that reaped dramatic economic expansion following increased commitments to education, proposed a long-range plan to bring Idaho's school spending, on a per-student basis, up to 90 percent of the national average.

State spending was about 65 percent of the national average last year. But the budget for next year meets the first phase of the council's catch-up plan although the increase lawmakers fashioned in the new budget has raised questions about the ability to maintain the pace a year from now.

"It has to be a sustained effort," said Boise businessman Arthur Oppenheimer, chairman of the 66-member state-wide council. "It can't be a one-year program."

At the same time, however, Oppenheimer said that kind of financial commitment must be accompanied by a sound strategy for assuring the extra money produces a better school system.

"There has to be a clear plan," Oppenheimer said. "We're not saying just throw more money at the issue."

But the combination of a continued infusion of cash to underwrite a strategy for school improvement, the council report predicted, will produce the kind of sustained economic development that can substantially boost personal income for Idahoans while rolling up tens of millions of dollars in additional tax revenues for the state.

Making the investment recommended in the plan, the report said, will increase total personal income by \$300 million over the next five years with tax receipts to the state up more than \$40 million.

The council made no recommendation on where the extra \$50 million to \$60 million a year should come from, saying only it prefers improved equity in the current tax structure over tax rate increases. Andrus, believing the state should continue bearing 75 percent of the education spending burden, declined to say a tax hike would be needed to meet the goal.

"The economy in the state of Idaho is moving right now, and we are going to have additional revenue," Andrus said. "The growth in the economy of the state of Idaho is significant enough that we can pay this bill."

The council report blamed the length and depth of the recession the state experienced in the 1980s on its failure to maintain its investment in education, pointing out that real growth will only occur if the slide that began eight years ago is reversed. Since the turn of the decade, the report said, spending has dropped from 25 percent below the national average to 31 percent.

The goal of 90 percent of the national average, the report said, was chosen because of Idaho's below-average wage and price levels.

"It should not be necessary for Idaho to spend, or pay, at the level of the national average or of neighboring coastal states in order to be fully competitive for talent," the report concluded.

U of I administration waits for student vote on proposed fee hike

MOSCOW (AP) — University of Idaho administrators, hoping to cap the Board of Education into approving a student fee increase, waited on Wednesday for the outcome of a student advisory vote on the proposed \$50-a-semester hike.

The balloting, part of the election for members of the student Senate, was

engineered by fee-increase opponent and student body president Tina Kagi, apparently to counter the administration's quiet campaign for campus support of the boost.

But even Ms. Kagi admitted she was confident of the results on the issue of increasing the total resident undergraduate fee to \$274 a semester.

Despite a 9 percent increase in state aid to higher education from lawmakers this winter, outgoing Idaho President Richard Gibb has maintained there will not be enough extra money for his university to meet what he sees as significant accreditation needs.

But his request to the board last month to approve the \$50-a-semester fee hike, which

would have also been imposed on students at the other three state colleges, was rejected on grounds it surfaced so quickly students had no time to react.

Administration officials wanted to resurrect the concept, which has gained support only from some quarters at Idaho State University in Pocatello, at next week's board meeting.

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Experts continue to argue fusion experiment results

ERICE, Sicily (AP) — British Professor Martin Fleischmann presented more details Wednesday of an experiment he said produced nuclear fusion, but many scientists at an international conference said they were still not convinced.

The scientists said that even if fusion had been achieved, there were no guarantees it would provide a revolutionary new energy source.

"I'm warning people — don't sell your oil well yet," quipped physicist Steven Jones of Brigham Young University in Utah.

About 100 scientists from around the world gathered Wednesday at the Ettore Majorana Center for Scientific Culture in Sicily to listen to Fleischmann and to Jones, who says he also achieved nuclear fusion at room temperature using relatively simple equipment.

Scientists have searched for decades for a practical way to achieve nuclear fusion because of its potential as an inexpensive, relatively clean and virtually inexhaustible source of energy.

If scientists could harness fusion power, an ounce of "heavy" hydrogen — which occurs in water — could give the energy equivalent of 70,000 gallons of gasoline, Jones said.

In the three weeks since Fleischmann and fellow researcher Stanley Pons of the University of Utah made their fusion announcement, hundreds of scientists have rushed to duplicate the experiments. Several U.S.

universities have reported partial results.

"I'm somewhat disappointed and worried that in the past two weeks no one has solidly confirmed it," said Matthias Broer, a physicist at AT and T Bell Laboratories in Murray Hill, N.J.

Fleischmann, of the University of Southampton, and Jones detailed their experiments Wednesday as scientists from the United States, Europe, the Soviet Union and China peppered them with highly technical questions.

Several scientists questioned Fleischmann and Pons' claim that their fusion process produced four times as much energy as it used.

"I don't think the heat they see is due to fusion," said Jones, who announced last month he had independently created cold nuclear fusion but produced only a minuscule energy release.

Physicists said the Fleischmann-Pons experiment might have been simply a chemical reaction — albeit an inexplicable one — and therefore not as significant as an energy source.

Fleischmann, however, said that only nuclear activity could account for the amount of energy released.

Scientists also questioned whether Fleischmann and Pons had checked all the variables in their experiment. Fleischmann refused to answer several of the questions.

"Every high school kid who takes science learns about controls," said

Steven Koonin, a theoretical nuclear physicist from Cal Tech. "You don't hear about that from Fleischmann... a priori I would say that's shoddy science."

Fleischmann acknowledged that more experiments were needed but said he was not concerned that his work had not been matched. "I don't see how people can expect to duplicate the results in a short time," he said.

But Koonin said if the process was correct, it should not be hard to repeat. "It's table-top physics," he said.

Nonetheless, Koonin and other physicists said they were taking the experiments seriously because of their potentially far-reaching impact and because of the solid reputations of the scientists.

Fusion is the process which powers the sun, in which tremendous amounts of energy are released when the cores of two hydrogen atoms fuse.

In contrast, nuclear power plants get energy from fission, or the splitting of atoms.

Standard fusion experiments have used extremely high temperatures and machines the size of two-story homes to force the hydrogen atoms to fuse. But Jones, Pons and Fleischmann used an electrical current to herd hydrogen atoms into metal electrodes in a glass beaker, where the hydrogen atoms apparently fused.

Recall flap stirs Spokane opponents

SPOKANE (AP) — Mayor Vicki McNeill and five City Council members should be subject to a recall election because they authorized spending public money on a trash-incinerator project before all permits were secured, a lawyer argued.

Pat Stiley, representing recall petitioners, told visiting Stevens County Superior Court Judge Fred Stewart on Tuesday that the six city officials were guilty of "malfeasance of the most classic variety."

But Tom Kingan, representing the mayor and City Councilmen Bob Dellwo, Rob Higgins, Dave Robinson, Jack Heber and Joel Crosby, said the petitioners were merely seeking a "political execution" because they oppose the \$133.5 million incinerator project.

Stewart indicated he would decide Thursday whether the allegations submitted by petitioners justify a recall election. He will not rule on the validity of the charges.

Even if the judge rules in the

petitioners' favor, recall supporters may not have enough time to gather the more than 10,000 signatures needed to force a special election on four of the council members whose terms expire at the end of the year. Ms. McNeill has also said she will not run for re-election.

The citizens seeking a recall allege the city illegally committed public money to the incinerator project although an air-quality permit remains under appeal, and before deciding where to bury ash from the burner.

Church officials react to 'malicious' letters

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Three letters purportedly written by or to Mormon Church officials are "malicious" forgeries aimed at embarrassing the church and its leaders, a spokesman said Wednesday.

The three letters have been distributed in recent weeks to government, education, business and ethnic groups and individuals throughout Utah and possibly out of state, said Richard P. Lindsay, managing director of the faith's Public Communications-Special Affairs Department.

One letter purportedly written by Richard T. Bretzing, managing director of the church's security department, to Gov. Norm Bangerter contained ethnic and racial slurs directed at minorities living in Utah. The letter was written under Bretzing's letterhead.

Another appeared to be from a pornographic video store in Nevada to Bretzing informing him that his request for a lewd videotape had been back-ordered, Lindsay said.

The third letter, purportedly from Brigham Young University President Jeffrey R. Holland to the

student newspaper at the church-owned school, was an attempt to embarrass Holland, he said.

"These three letters are obviously the work of enemies of the church who are attempting to discredit the institution and its leaders," Lindsay said in a news release.

He said the church had asked its legal counsel to determine if the matter should be referred to U.S. Postal authorities for investigation of possible violation of laws governing fraudulent use of the mails.

"We are as disturbed by the meanness and falsity of the letters as are those who received them. We hope that no one will give credence to these malicious letters or to other similar reports that may be circulated," he said.

Lindsay said the letters all had been positively identified as forgeries. He said they follow a pattern similar to a months-long campaign of vilification against church leaders involving allegations — made with malicious intent to spread rumor and innuendo — that had been independently investigated and been proven wholly false.

Historic railway collection must move from Spokane fairgrounds

SPOKANE (AP) — The manager of Spokane Interstate Fairgrounds has given the Inland Empire Railway Society until next January to remove most of its historic railway collection from the site.

The society has stored a growing collection of railroad items at the fairgrounds for 10 years. But last week, Spokane County commissioners and fair-board members agreed that while recognizing the historical value of the collection, "the fairgrounds was not meant to be the site for a railroad operation."

Fairgrounds manager Ray Perry, in a letter Tuesday, told the railway society it can keep a steam engine, museum car and narrow-gauge railway at the site. But the rest of the roughly 15 pieces of rolling stock,

plus a trolley car under restoration, must be moved, Perry said.

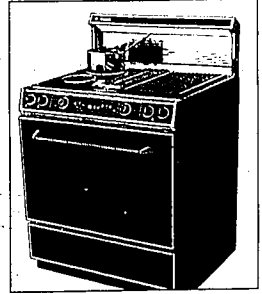
Fair board members said there was so much equipment on the site that it was hazardous. They also claimed maintenance equipment was being improperly stored.

The railway society has been negotiating with Silver Valley Development Corp. to launch a museum and tourist railroad in Wallace, Idaho, but no final agreement has been reached.

John Ryan, who heads the 160-member railway society, said the county's decision last week was a surprise, since he thought attorneys for both sides were negotiating a lease of the fairgrounds site. Ryan said he hoped to meet with county commissioners soon to review the decision.

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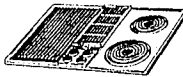
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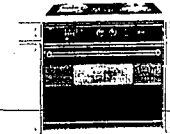
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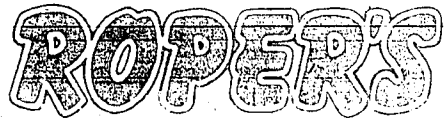
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- Consider whether collision insurance is a good idea for your car. If you drive an old clunker, the amount you pay for collision coverage could, in a couple of years, equal or surpass the value of the car itself. In this case, you probably would be better off saving the money and insuring yourself on collisions.

- When buying a new car, don't forget to consider insurance costs when determining the overall price of the automobile. That handsome little sports car will usually cost much more to insure than a big family sedan. In fact, the difference can amount to thousands of dollars, depending on where you live and your driving record.

- If you are in an "assigned risk" group, where companies pool the riskiest policies, find out how you can get yourself removed from that very expensive category.

- Take a defensive driving course. Graduates of approved drivers' education and defensive driving courses usually are eligible for premium reductions. This might take the form of removing points from your driving record. If you have children of driving age, enroll them in a drivers' education course rather than teaching them yourself. The small cost of the course will be more than offset by premium reductions.

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Try your home computer for help with taxes

Los Angeles Times

Using a personal computer to prepare your income tax returns seems like a natural.

It is faster than doing taxes by hand, neater and free of arithmetic errors. But even with Ask Dan, the only program that gives tax advice, it isn't like sitting across the desk from a tax accountant.

If you already do your taxes by hand and have a computer, you may want to try one of the three tax preparation programs reviewed here — TaxView-MacInTax, TurboTax, or Ask Dan.

TurboTax, \$75, published by ChipSoft Inc. of San Diego, runs on IBM PCs and compatibles with as little as 256 kilobytes of memory and either two floppy drives or a hard drive. Ask Dan \$90, published by Legal Knowledge Systems Marketing in Drexel Hill, Penn., also runs on IBM PCs and compatibles with at least 512 kilobytes of memory and either two floppy drives or a hard drive.

TaxView-MacInTax, \$119, published by SolView Inc. of Camarillo,

runs on IBM and compatibles and on Macintosh computers.

TaxView is the IBM version, requiring at least a PC-AT or compatible, with 640 kilobytes of memory and a hard disk. You also must have a graphics monitor, preferably color.

MacInTax is the Macintosh version, running on Mac 512Ke or any more powerful Mac model with either two floppy disk drives or a hard drive.

TurboTax has companion state return programs for 41 states (\$40 each). Ask Dan has state tax programs for California, New York and Massachusetts (\$12 each). TaxView-MacInTax has state supplements for California and New York (\$65 each).

All three import financial data from other software, such as spreadsheets and databases. TurboTax goes a step further by importing directly from Quicken, Dollars & Sense, Managing Your Money, and TurboTax Personal Finance Manager.

All three include numerous tax forms that cover most individual and many small-business taxpayer needs, with TaxView-MacInTax having the most complete list.

printed on the back of each package for details.

Both TurboTax and TaxView-MacInTax print complete returns, including the form 1040, on most laser or dot matrix printers. The IRS is very fussy about the look of the form 1040 that it will accept, and most other tax preparation programs, including Ask Dan, require special printed forms.

TaxView-MacInTax and Ask Dan make it easy to prepare multiple returns. TurboTax makes it so difficult that only expert PC users should try.

There are big distinctions in the way the three programs work.

TaxView-MacInTax presents a graphic facsimile of the tax forms on the screen, using Microsoft Windows on PCs (included with TaxView) or the built-in graphics ability of the Macintosh. The graphics make this program the easiest to use, but, a little slower than the others.

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mouse and click once to enter data or click twice to reach a worksheet on which to itemize elements comprising

that entry — multiple cash contributions, for instance. Amounts are which to itemize elements comprising. See COMPUTERS on Page C2

Tax brackets: percents vary

Most taxpayers will pay a flat rate of their income in federal taxes for 1988, but other tax brackets do exist, affecting those receiving social security or participating in an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and a pension plan concurrently. Also affected are individuals with large itemized deductions or "passive losses" who are thus subject to an alternative minimum tax (21 or 26.25 percent, depending on income and filing status), or those with actively managed vacation or rental real estate (as high as 49.5 percent).

FLAT RATE TAX BRACKETS FOR 1988

For total incomes up to:

Tax Rate	Single	Head of household	Married filing separately	Married filing jointly
15%	\$17,850	\$23,900	\$14,975	\$29,750
28%	\$43,150	\$61,650	\$35,950	\$71,900
33%	<i>(When income exceeds those amounts)</i>			

SOURCE: IRS and Wall Street Journal

Tax shelter benefits still exist but you'll have to look harder

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Tax shelters these days have gone the way of the California condor and 39-cent hamburgers. They are nearly extinct.

It wasn't always that way. In the late 1970s and early '80s, "gimme shelter" was the cry of rich and not-so-rich taxpayers alike. No wonder: Investing in anything from windmills to avocado groves to cattle semen could let you take immediate tax deductions of as much as five times what you put in. And you could use the deductions to shelter any kind of income, including your salary, stock dividends or savings account interest.

But Congress formally ended the party with the Tax Reform Act of 1986. With only a few exceptions, traditional tax shelters such as real estate limited partnerships have lost their appeal as shelters. Lessees from these investments are now classified as "passive" and can only be used to shield "passive" income from similar shelters.

Tax reform made shelters less attractive in another way: By lowering individual tax rates, the new tax laws made deductions worth less. With the top individual tax rate now at 33 percent — less than half the 70 percent top rate in 1980 — each \$1 in deductions saves you no more than 33 cents in taxes, compared to as much as 70 cents nine years ago.

As a result, most investments that previously qualified as tax shelters now are oriented toward generating income. You must now evaluate them on their economics — their tax benefits alone won't make them profitable.

There just aren't any more shelters left that you can use to shelter ordinary income, says Fuhrman Nettles, vice president at Robert A. Stanger & Co., a Shrewsbury, N.J., company that tracks limited partnerships.

There is, however, a partial break still left if you bought your shelter before Oct. 22, 1986. In that case, you can still use 20 percent of losses to shelter ordinary

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TAX RATES FOR SOCIAL SECURITY RECIPIENTS WHOSE INCOME EXCEEDS...

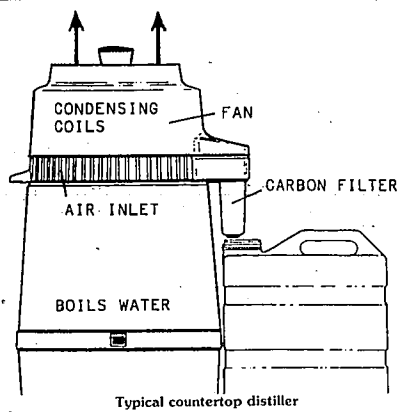
Tax Rate	Single	Head of household	Married filing separately	Married filing jointly
22.5%	...\$25,000, for the amount above the \$25,000			
42%	...\$25,000, for the amount above the \$25,000			
<i>Not to exceed income amounts designated by 15% flat rate bracket for all categories</i>				
<i>Not to exceed income amounts designated by 28% flat rate bracket for all categories</i>				

TAX RATE FOR FILERS CONTRIBUTING TO AN IRA & PENSION PLAN

33.6%	For single, head of household and married with one income filer.			
39.2%	For married, two-income filers when both are contributing.			

SOURCE: IRS and Wall Street Journal

Cut your utility bill



Home water purifier can reduce common health risks

Q. I am concerned about the purity of our water for my children's health, and I plan to get a water purifier. Are some better for removing cancer-causing chemicals and are they expensive to operate? H. K.

A. You should be concerned about the quality of your drinking water. There can be many harmful and cancer-causing chemicals in your drinking water. Even the chlorine added to water to kill organisms can react with other chemicals to produce cancer-causing compounds.

Your own plumbing system can introduce lead into your water. Unless your house is very new, the plumber probably used lead-based solder. When water rests in the pipes for several hours, lead dissolves in your drinking water. Lead is very hazardous to adults and especially to children.

There are three common types of water purifiers for home use. The effectiveness and cost to operate each varies. Before selecting one, you should have your water tested to determine which harmful chemicals and organisms are present.

You can send a small water sample to labs for testing and request a variety of different



James Dullely

tests. At the very least, you should have an inexpensive test done for the lead content in your water.

Activated carbon (charcoal) filters are effective for removing organic compounds, pesticides, benzene, and trichloroethylene. They are not as effective for removing bacteria or heavy metals such as lead. The only cost to operate a carbon filter is replacing the cartridges.

A reverse osmosis (RO) system works by slowly forcing water through a special membrane. It is effective for removing most contaminants, some bacteria, and often includes a carbon filter cartridge.

RO systems sized for home use produce water at a slow rate, about one gallon of water in four to six hours. This process also uses a lot of water. To produce one gallon of purified

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Thanks a million

Husband, wife mechanics need help with repairs

Minneapolis millionaire Percy Ross is internationally known for his philanthropic work 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

you just for reading for my letter.

Dear Mr. R.: You're no more crazy than my wife; she also wrote me. However, her letter was more detailed in that she explained how much she loves you and what super mechanic skills you already possess. I've always said that the couple that learns together will earn together. So here's to a pair of future diesel mechanics. My check (no repayment necessary) for car repairs is on the way.

Dear Mr. Ross: This letter comes to you because I'm at the end of my rope. Over a year ago, my wife went grocery shopping and never returned. She left me with the huge task of raising our two sons, who are now 4 and 2.

Shortly after she left, I got laid off from my job and have been on welfare ever since. I try my hardest to pay rent, buy food and clothes for my sons, but with no extra help, it's becoming increasingly hard. I just got a part-time job but the city cashes my check because of welfare.

If you could please send me \$250 for new beds, somehow that would make a world of difference. My sons are sleeping in the same full-size bed with me and I want to get them twin beds.

If and when I get a better job I will repay you as soon as possible. Until then, I'll just tell my boys that the beds are from a good friend trying to help us out.

— Mr. G.W., Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. W.: So the wife went "grocery shopping" and never came back. I trust you haven't kept dinner waiting all this time. I'm just trying to lighten up the fact that if she ever does show up again, I hope you charge her with abandonment. No one has no right to just leave their family without a

word, unless they're being abused by a spouse. Enough moralizing — tell the boys that you did it, run into an old friend who was more than happy to lend a helping hand, with no strings attached. My check is on the way for twin beds.

Dear Mr. Ross: I wish to communicate with one of your readers in Orange County, Calif. Mrs. R.D. sent you a letter expressing anger toward you for not granting her the new furniture and better car she had requested.

Should you find the space to print my letter to her, I'd be very grateful. I'm sure I'm not your only reader who is terribly upset with her:

Dear Mrs. R.D.: I'm sorry you are so unhappy with your furniture and old car. We share somewhat the same problems — my dining room table is quite old, too. Problem is, after while the cardboard gets soft and dishes slide off it. My transportation has it's problems, too.

Sometimes I spend an hour trying to get the knots out of my shoe laces. I try to wear thick socks so my feet don't get cold from the holes in my shoes.

Lady, I'm not trying to be nasty, but I am unemployed and cannot find work. I had to file bankruptcy to keep above water. Funny thing though — the sun continues to rise every day.

C'mon — count your blessings. And if you ever get rid of your old furniture and car — please look me up. Lord knows I can use it.

— Mr. V.J.W., Lake County, Ill.

Dear Mr. W.: You're absolutely right. The sun does continue to rise, and life goes on. Here's hoping my taken check will add some sparkle to your next sunrise.

You may write to Percy Ross c/o The Times-News, P.O. Box 3500, Minneapolis, Minn. 55435. 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.

Homeowner shouldn't ignore mechanic's lien on property

Q: Last year, I had some remodeling done on my home. Although I paid for the job in full, the contractor failed to pay the lumber company for the materials. The contractor has since filed for bankruptcy. Meanwhile, the lumber company has slapped a mechanic's lien on my house. What are the ramifications of having a lien on a house? I'm not eager to pay for the lumber twice, but do I have any choice? Can't I just ignore the lien until I sell the house?

A: Whatever you do, do not ignore the lien. It will not go away just because you prefer not to acknowledge it. And, until it is removed, the lien can only hamper your ability to sell or refinance your house. Your best course of action is to seek the advice of an attorney specializing in mechanic's liens.

Our experts say that your lumber dealer was probably well within his rights to file the lien. However, an attorney can advise whether the lien was filed according to the strict legal procedure required in these matters. If it was improperly filed, your attorney should be able to tell you whether you can have it removed without having to pay the lumber dealer. Otherwise, you are probably stuck with paying the lumber dealer for the materials.

After paying the lumber dealer, you can seek reimbursement from your contractor. If the bill is for less than \$2,000, the matter can be handled in Small Claims Court. However, even with a judgment in your favor, you have no assurance of being able to collect from your contractor.

An attorney can evaluate the specifics of your case and give you a more detailed assessment of your available choices. You can get help finding an attorney specializing in real estate and construction law from your local bar association, board of realtors or building industries association. You might also seek your local community college for a list of part-time law instructors.

Q: I cleared from my job three years ago and opened a consult-

Shelters

in-ment. But that will drop to 10 percent next year and then vanish completely in 1991.

Some shelters did survive tax reform. They can still be used to reduce ordinary income, regardless of when they were bought.

• LOW-INCOME HOUSING AND HISTORIC REHABILITATIONS. Real estate limited partnerships — investing in office buildings, shopping centers, apartments or other commercial property — are by far the most popular form of limited partnerships.

But only partnerships in low-income housing or historic rehabilitations are generally still suitable as tax shelters.

That is because they offer tax credits, which reduce taxes dollar for dollar. Both types of partnerships offer tax credits that will let you write off up to \$25,000 a year from your taxable income. So if you are in the 33 percent tax bracket, the maximum credit you can claim is \$8,250 (that is the tax you save if you reduce your taxable income by \$25,000, equal to 33 percent of \$25,000).

However, to qualify for the full credit, your adjusted gross income must be less than \$200,000. If your adjusted gross income is between \$200,000 and \$250,000, the credit phases out by 50 cents for each \$1 you income exceeds \$200,000.

Both types of low-income housing credit, the amount of credit depends on the type of housing involved in the project and when you place the building or buildings in service. Check with the IRS to find out the exact credit, but a typical program might offer a credit of 9 percent of your investment each year for about 10

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water, about six gallons of waste water go down the drain. This is a drawback and can be more expensive to operate in water-shortage areas.

Distillation is very effective for removing most contaminants including lead from your plumbing system. Since the water is first boiled and then condensed in the distillation process, harmful bacteria are killed. Most systems filter the distilled water through a carbon filter too.

The only cost to operate a small home distiller is for the electricity to boil the water. At an electric rate of 8 cents per kilowatt-hour, each gallon costs about 25 cents. In the winter, the heat given off helps heat your house, so the net cost is actually less.

You can write to me for UTILITY BILLS UPDATE No. 371 listing which water purification systems are most effective for removing which con-

YOUR MONEY



By Carla Lazzareschi

ing business. In the first year, I reported profits of \$6,000 on my income tax return. In the second year, I reported profits of \$2,500. However, this year, I had no income, and considerable expenses. May I report a loss? Inquire into the IRS hot line gave me a clear answer: only that if I didn't show three years of profitability out of five, I could expect an audit. I can't guarantee my 1990 income any more than the IRS can guarantee the 1990 tax rate. What should I do?

A: We took your question to Margaret Bumerot, an accountant at Muller, King & Mathys, a public accounting firm in Downey, Calif. Bumerot says that the IRS quoted you its "hobby loss" rules, which restrict a taxpayer's ability to write off losses from a secondary business activity, or "hobby," against the income earned in the taxpayer's principal occupation.

However, if you are engaged in a genuine business activity — whether part time or full time — you are allowed to write off any losses against other income you have that year. If you have no other income, you may carry the losses forward to the following year and deduct them from your business income then. Of course, if you are audited you will have to prove that your expenses are legitimate costs of doing business and that you are engaged in a genuine business, not a hobby.

Q: As a gift, a relative last year gave me a U.S. Treasury bond that matures in 10 years. The securities company that sold the bond sent me a letter that I must report about \$300 in interest to the

IRS. Am I responsible for that each year, since the bond is in my name? Will I have any tax liability when the bond comes due? Also, what was the tax benefit to the gift giver?

A: Even though the bond was a gift, you must pay federal income taxes on the interest the bond generates each year. However, because this is a security issued by the U.S. Treasury, the interest is exempt from state and local taxes. Interest on bonds issued by private corporations is taxable at the state, local and federal levels.

You may think that is unfair, but what you are actually being taxed on is interest — not the gift itself. And, in fact, when the bond matures, the proceeds you receive will be completely tax-free to you because the bond was a gift.

Your relative got no tax break by giving you the bond. The tax code allows one individual to give any other person up to \$10,000 per year, tax-free, as a gift.

Q: My mother and I will be receiving an inheritance from my aunt's estate in England. Will our share be subject to either state or federal taxation here in the United States?

A: No. Our experts say that inheritances are not taxable income to the recipients, no matter where the estate was located. In the United States, the estate itself is taxed and the remaining proceeds are then distributed, tax-free to the recipients, according to the terms of the will. Even though the estate is in England, your share of it will not be taxed in the United States.

The amount of inheritance received from your aunt's estate will have already been adjusted for all applicable British inheritance and estate taxes.

Carla Lazzareschi cannot answer mail individually but will respond in this column to financial questions of general interest. Please do not telephone her. Write to: Carla Lazzareschi, 1000 S. Main St., Los Angeles Times, Times Mirror Square, Los Angeles, Calif. 90053.

Refuse mail solicitations from foreign lotteries

Q: I received material pertaining to subscribing to the Canadian Lotto. They say that what you pay depends on the number of games you play and the drawings involved. This money is in a lump sum and is tax free. Is this lottery legitimate?

A. No, not in the United States. Read on, dear friend. People who dream of "winning it big" would do well to beware of solicitations coming from the Canadian International-Lotto Agency, Vancouver, Canada.

One such solicitation states, "Join the constantly growing number of people whose numbers have made them winners in the fabulous CANADIAN LOTTO GAMES — winnings which weekly run in the multi-MILLIONS of \$\$\$!!"

The promotion offers participation in the Canadian Lotto games with subscriptions ranging from \$52 to \$980, depending on the number of games and drawings involved. Claims made include: "When you play the Canadian Lotto Games you're playing the lotteries in the largest lump-sum, tax free prize of any lottery in the world."

What they don't tell you is that these lotteries are illegal in the United States. According to the U.S. Postal Service inspectors, the mailing of any material pertaining to lotteries into the U.S. violates both criminal and civil law. Furthermore, monies won by U.S. citizens through foreign lotteries are subject to assessment by the U.S. and most state authorities.

The Postal Service has issued an order directing that all mail sent into the U.S. from Canadian International Lotto Agency be returned marked, "Return to Sender, Order issued against Addressee for Violation of False Representation Law." Anyone receiving mail from this or any other foreign lottery are advised to submit the material, along with the envelope in which it was delivered, to their local post office.

Remember, you have a better chance of being struck by lightning than winning a large lottery. So save



your hard-earned money. There is no pie in the sky. Q: I've been reading an ad in the local paper for a weight loss pill from Beverly Hills. It's called Fat-Magnet and costs \$20 for a 90-day supply. It says the U.S. Government has just approved it. You don't have to diet or exercise. This ad is deceiving because it is written as a regular newspaper column. What is known about this company?

A: Unfortunately, this company has had ads in several major newspapers, including our local press. The ads have been running since last year. At the present time, the Attorney General of Missouri has filed court action against this firm, which is Allied International Corp. We will inform you of any results.

Do the pills attract fat particles and flush them away? Beware of weight loss plans where you don't have to diet or exercise.

If you wish to know more about weight loss frauds, such as such blockers, body wraps, muscle stimulators and other money-wasters, your BBB has an informative pamphlet for you. Send 25 cents and a stamped self-addressed envelope to: BBB, 409 W. Jefferson, Boise, ID 83702. We have pamphlets for the public on all kinds of scams, and we invite you to call on us to answer your questions.

"Consumer Watch" is a reader's service column. Inquiries should be addressed to "Consumer Watch," c/o Times-News, Boise, Idaho, 83702. Questions of general interest will be answered here, while others will be answered by mail.

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tomatically totaled and carried forward as required. If the numbers are available by moving the cursor to the appropriate text line on a form, clicking the button twice and reading them in the text window that pops up. Another click removes them from the screen.

Calculations are automatically updated. The program keeps a list showing which forms are part of the return and which of these are not yet done.

The manual is concise and easy to read. Veteran Mac or Windows pro users will barely have to read it. Sections on the tax forms are adequate but skimpy. The program also includes a copy of Arthur Young's 1988 Federal Tax Highlights.

There are a couple of glitches in these otherwise excellent programs, however. In both TaxView and MacInTax, it is cumbersome to reopen a file that you already have worked on.

Also, the version of TaxView currently on dealers' shelves has some problems working smoothly and efficiently with Windows, especially in printing.

A spokesman for SoftView said a new version of TaxView was being written and would be sent free to all registered users. I tested a preliminary release of the new version and it cured the printing problems I had with the original. Its laser printed 1040s were the best.

TurboTax has been around longer than TaxView-MacInTax. By today's programming standards, it is needlessly awkward to use. A new feature this year puts a graphic image of the form on your screen similar to that displayed by TaxView-MacInTax. But the faster way to use TurboTax is with its text-based simulation of the tax forms. Color is used to good advantage to indicate various kinds of entries, if you enter a 1 or 0.

TurboTax opens with a personal advertisement

Let's Talk Real Estate by Jane George

PRESERVING ORDER

When a prospective house buyer sees a neighborhood in which all the homes conform to neatness, there may be more to this than meets the eye. Some communities require that homeowners abide by a set of rules that govern the appearance of neighborhoods. Known as covenants, these rules may be private restrictions or meant to preserve the character and value of the area. For instance, they may prohibit the parking of boats under low or recreational vehicles in driveways. They may also prohibit the use of tool sheds on the property. While these restrictions may not sit well with some people, they do uphold neighborhood appearances. If a potential buyer loses the look of the neighborhood, he should also like the rules that keep it that way.

Our staff of professional real estate personnel at GEM STATE REALTY offers prompt, dependable and personalized services in all phases of real estate. Whether you are buying a home or are planning to sell your present property, our staff will give you the proper guidance every step of the way. Our office is located at 1445 Addison Ave. East, 734-0400. Be sure to read this column for the works and as we discuss many other topics related to real estate.

HINT: Restrictive covenants are usually strongly enforced.

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• RETIREMENT PLANS. Investments — whether savings accounts, stocks, bonds or mutual funds — can accumulate earnings tax free if placed into individual retirement accounts. Keep plans or 401(k) company savings plans. And the money you invest may itself be deductible, provided you meet certain tests.

• ANNUITIES AND LIFE INSURANCE. Annuities operate like IRAs in that income can build up on a tax-deferred basis.

Certain life insurance plans also can qualify for certain tax benefits. For example, the savings, or "cash-value" portion, of a policy can grow tax free, unless withdrawn.

However, a tax bill passed last year made some of these benefits harder to come by. For policies issued after June 20, 1988, you must pay premiums over at least seven years to qualify for various tax benefits. Previously, you could pay a single, one-time premium and qualify.

• SERIES EE SAVINGS BONDS. Starting in 1990, they will be exempt from federal tax under certain conditions, if proceeds are used for college education.

• MUNICIPAL BONDS. Their interest income is exempt from federal tax and may be exempt from state tax too, if you live in the same state as the agency issuing the bond.

• TREASURY BILLS, NOTES AND BONDS. They are taxable on the federal level but are exempt from state and local taxes.

While you can insure yourself against such risks, Pat Marwick's Kess says, these deals are risky in another way: They can still lose money. And you may have to hold your interest for several years; it may be hard to sell in the meantime.

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For historic rehabs, you generally can take more of the credit up front. The credit is limited to 10 percent of the amount you spend to fix up a building built before 1936 or 20 percent of the amount you spend rehabilitating a designated certified historic structure. To find out what buildings qualify, that designation, check with your local historical society or the Interior Department.

But beware: These partnerships could still lose money. So shop carefully.

And Congress may scale down the historic rehab credit to parner new tax revenues, says Sidney Kess, a partner at the accounting firm of Pent Marwick Main & Co. Existing partnerships may be grandfathered, however.

• OIL AND GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS. Like most real estate limited partnerships, oil and gas partnerships no longer work as pure tax shelters. They are subject to the same complex loss rules as other limited partnerships.

There is, however, one exception. "Working interest" partnerships still allow you to shelter all kinds of income. But in exchange, you must subject yourself to greater legal and financial responsibility. For example, you may have to put up more money than you originally invested if it is needed to finance drilling costs. Or you may be liable if problems develop, such as an explosion or greater-than-anticipated debts.

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Consider an automobile alarm. The kind that activate automatically, called "passive" alarm systems, can produce major savings, especially if you are a very expensive or early model car. When buying insurance, make certain you fill out the required forms accurately and completely. A falsehood or omission can be grounds for cancellation and can give the insurance company reason not to honor your claim.

If you change companies to take advantage of a lower rate, be certain the new insurance company accepts you before cancelling your old policy. Don't be talked into buying more insurance than you need or want. When signing, read first to be sure you aren't buying anything you didn't

"Cut Your Utility Bills" runs in Your Money every Thursday. Please address questions to James Dudley, The Times-News, 6006 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45244.

FINANCIAL FOCUS Bob Seibel

Tax-Free Income That's Right For You.

Though tax reforms have eliminated many of the tax advantages we enjoyed in years past, their new features can help you. Taxpayers reduce the amount of federal income tax they pay.

One such strategy is to reduce taxable income. The investments allow you to earn income which is free from federal taxes, and in some cases, from state and local taxes as well. However, each offers different features and appeals to different investors. What's right for you depends on your needs for income and safety.

Individual municipal bonds provide a fixed income which is usually paid semi-annually. All individual bonds have specific maturity dates, but if the need arises, they can be sold before maturity at the current market value, which may be more or less than the amount you paid.

A unit trust is comprised of individual municipal bonds with the highest possible rating for safety. Unit trusts also provide a fixed income to investors, and they offer the option of receiving payments monthly, quarterly or semi-annually. The bonds in a unit trust have a specified average maturity, but no specific maturity date. The bonds in a unit trust are monitored constantly by professionals, so you don't have to watch the performance of each individual bond.

Tax-exempt mutual funds provide income which varies depending on the interest rates available in the marketplace. This income can be paid to the investor monthly or can be reinvested into additional shares of the mutual fund. There is no maturity date for these bonds. Like unit trusts, tax-exempt mutual funds offer diversification because you actually invest in a number of different bonds. Unlike mutual funds, are professionally managed to give you more peace of mind.

Since you pay no federal income tax on these investments, a lower yielding tax-free bond, trust or fund can actually give you more after-tax income than a taxable investment which earns a higher rate. For example, if you're in the 28% tax bracket, you would have to earn over 10% on a taxable investment to equal the after-tax return on a 7% tax-free investment.

No matter what your needs for safety and income, there is probably a tax-free investment available that can help you keep more of your hard-earned money.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M., of said day at the lobby of Trustco, 163 4th Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho, TITLEFACT, Inc., an Idaho corporation, as Trustee for the United Fidelity, the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money. All payments at the time of sale, the following described real property: situation in Lot 11, Block 2 of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit: Lot 5, 6 and 7, Block 6, MURTAUGH TOWNSHIP, Twin Falls, Idaho, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof, recorded in Book 3 of Plats, page 20 records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Address as 313 Boyd Street, Murtaugh, Idaho 83344. Said sale to be made without regard to, or possession, or warranty, or satisfaction of any obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred by deed of Trust from Newton Hanson and Leo D. Hanson, husband and wife, to the Trustee and Sharon Arnes, a single person, dated and recorded in Book 1988, recorded May 20, 1988, as instrument No. 939574, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Default for which this sale is to be made is failure to pay the amount of \$10,000.00. (a) Accumulated delinquency in payments of said property taxes for the months of February, 1989, and all subsequent months is \$703.00. The balance of said taxes on the date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$11,011.00. Said sale 10% interest and foreclosure costs. (b) That one-half of the 1988 taxes, which are delinquent in the amount of \$19,044. plus penalties, interest and costs. Dated this 27th day of March, 1989.
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 (SS)
 County of Twin Falls, Idaho. On the 11th day of March, 1989, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State of Idaho, personally appeared D. D. Waters known to me to be the Vice President of the Trust, and he acknowledged to me this instrument, or the person who executed the same as such Trustee. I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, the day and year first written in this certificate.
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Selected offers-Real estate-Rentals-Merchandise 018-083

018 Income Property
DUPLEXES Make Cents
AND DOLLARS TOO!
See this brick duplex in top location...

HAMLETT REALTY OFFICE
For sale or trade: Triplex in Jerome. All units rented for excellent cash flow...

WHAT A DEAL! Live in one, rent in the other...
\$89,900. Call Larry to see.

023 Investments
CASH FOR YOUR CONTRACT
I'll pay you cash for your trust, deed, mortgage...

030 Homes For Sale
By owner: 3 bdrm brick home. Bath and 1/2...

037 Farms & Ranches
33 acres with full water, farm or subdivided, excellent property...

038 Acreage & Lots
1 acre choice lot in duplex area. Call for more info...

040 Cemetery Lots
2 valleys in Sunset Memorial Park. Call for more info...

045 Mobile Homes
1978 Broadmore 14 x 66, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, with full kitchen...

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14 x 70 mobile home, 1 bath, large living room. See to appraise...

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051 Unfurnished Houses
3 bdrm brick home with 3 separated, insulated buildings for storage and work shop...

052 Furnished Apartments & Duplexes
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Market Value.....	\$12,132
CASH Bonus.....	750
Roy Raymond Discount.....	861
Your Delivered Price*	\$10,521

*Excludes title and tax

5 IN STOCK FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY. OR 2.9% A.P.R. TOTAL SAVINGS \$3,667



Market Value.....	\$17,031
Option Pkg. Discount.....	700
CASH Bonus.....	750
Roy Raymond Discount.....	2217
Your Delivered Price*	\$13,364

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89 Ford Ranger 'S' 4x4 Save up to \$1611 when you combine Roy Raymond Discount with Cash Bonus on the 1989 Ford Ranger 'S' 4x4 Regular Cab with manual transmission.

89 Ford Taurus GL Save up to \$3667 when you combine Option Discount Package & Roy Raymond Discount with Cash Bonus on the 1989 Ford Taurus GL with option 3.0L EFI V-6 engine and Preferred Equipment Package 204A.

- Major Standard Equipment**
- 5-Speed Manual O/T
 - Deluxe Wheel Trim
 - 2.3L Dual Plug EFI
 - Tinted Glass
 - Interval Wipers
 - Headliner
 - Double Wall Construction
 - Full Ladders Frame
 - P215x15 BSW All-Season Tires

- Major Standard Equipment**
- Automatic Transaxle
 - Interval Wipers
 - Electronic Digital Clock
 - Air-Conditioning
 - Halogen Headlamps
 - Dual Electric Remote Control Mirrors
 - Auto Park Brake Release
- Package 204A Equipment**
- Speed Control
 - Tilt Steering Wheel
 - Power Locks & Windows
 - 6-Way Power Driver's Seat
 - Rear Window Defroster
 - Electronic AM/FM Stereo Radio w/Cassette
 - And More


5 IN STOCK FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY. OR 2.9% A.P.R. TOTAL SAVINGS \$2,902



Market Value.....	\$12,345
Option Pkg. Discount.....	1000
CASH Bonus.....	500
Roy Raymond Discount.....	1402
Your Delivered Price*	\$9443

*Excludes title and tax

20 IN STOCK FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY. OR 2.9% A.P.R. TOTAL SAVINGS \$1,316



Market Value.....	7522
CASH Bonus.....	1400
Roy Raymond Discount.....	916
Your Delivered Price*	\$6206

*Excludes title and tax


89 Ford Tempo GL Save up to \$2902 when you combine Roy Raymond Discount with Cash Bonus on the 1989 Ford Tempo GL 4 door with Preferred Equipment Package 226A...

89 Ford Festiva L Plus Save up to \$1316 when you combine Roy Raymond Discount with Cash Bonus on the 1989 Ford Festiva Hatchback with 5 speed transmission and Preferred Equipment Package 383A.

- Major Standard Equipment**
- 2.3L HSC EFI 4 Cyl. Engine
 - 5-Spd Manual Transaxle
 - Auto. Shoulder Restraint
 - Pwr. Brakes/Steering
 - Interval Wipers
 - Electronic AM/FM Stereo Radio w/Clock
- Package 226A Equipment**
- Air Conditioning
 - Rear Window Defroster
 - Light Group
 - Power Lock Group
 - Dual Electric Remote Control Mirrors
 - Tilt Steering Wheel
 - Speed Control

- Major Standard Equipment**
- 1.3L 4-Cyl. Engine
 - Front Wheel Drive
 - Power Front Disc Brakes
 - 4 Spd. Manual Transaxle
 - Deluxe Wheel Trim
 - Light Group
 - Rear Window Defroster
- Package 383A Equipment**
- Inside Hood Release
 - Side Window Demisters
 - Front High-Back Reclining Bucket Seats
 - Wide Bodyside Moldings
 - AM/FM Stereo w/lock
 - And More


2 IN STOCK FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY. OR 2.9% A.P.R. TOTAL SAVINGS \$2,525



Market Value.....	\$11,321
Option Pkg. Discount.....	667
CASH Bonus.....	500
Roy Raymond Discount.....	1358
Your Delivered Price*	\$8796

*Excludes title and tax

10 IN STOCK FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY. TOTAL SAVINGS \$2,411



Market Value.....	\$14,836
CASH Bonus.....	1400
Roy Raymond Discount.....	2011
Your Delivered Price*	\$12,425

*Excludes title and tax

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Good morning. It's Thursday, April 13. Wednesday's scores

Baseball

American League

Cleveland 10, Boston 6
Minnesota at Detroit 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Texas 8, Milwaukee 2
New York 6, Toronto 3
Baltimore at Kansas City 1st
Oakland at California, late
Chicago at Seattle 1st

National League

Cincinnati 3, Houston 1
Chicago 3, St. Louis 2
Philadelphia 6, Montreal 1
Atlanta at San Diego, late
Los Angeles at San Francisco, late
Only games scheduled

Basketball

NBA

Washington 111, Milwaukee 107
Detroit 102, Cleveland 105
Charlotte 104, New York 99
Phoenix 109, Dallas 94
L.A. Lakers 107, San Antonio 100
Utah 107, Denver 102

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Today

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
College of Southern Idaho at Utah Valley, Chem. Utah, 2 p.m.
PREP TRACK
Twin Falls, Jerome, Huhl, Burley, Wood River at Magic Valley Classic, Tiger Stadium, Jerome, 4:30 p.m.
PREP TENNIS
Twin Falls at Southern Idaho Conference tournament, Boise, all day
Jerome at Grand, 7 p.m.
PREP BASEBALL
Twin Falls at Caldwell, Caldwell High School, 4:30 p.m.

Sports on TV

11 a.m. — Channel 13, Women's Tennis (Jasuch & Lorch Championship)
10:30 p.m. — Channel 8, NBA Basketball (Boston at Atlanta)
7 p.m. — Channel 13, Boxing (Pittway vs. Hatcher)

Briefly

A's place McGwire on 15-day disabled list

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Oakland first baseman Mark McGwire was placed on the 15-day disabled list Wednesday due to a herniated disc.

The Athletics recalled outfielder Billy Beane from Tacoma of the Pacific Coast League to take McGwire's spot on the roster.

McGwire, who leads Oakland with three homers and 10 RBIs in seven games, left Monday's game against the California Angels in the fourth inning, complaining of stiffness in the lower back.

He was examined Wednesday morning by Dr. Robert Watkins. McGwire will begin treatment and is expected to be out at least three weeks.

"This comes as a real surprise," McGwire said. "I've always had some lower-back problems, but I get my treatment and play. But a herniated disc is something different."

Jackpot scheduled in Buhl at 2 p.m. this Sunday

BUHL — A jackpot has been scheduled for Sunday in Buhl.

The 2 p.m. event will include barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying and breakaway roping for all ages.

Further information can be obtained by phoning Joyce at 543-0666.

Blue Lakes and Clear Lake women golfers tie for first

TWIN FALLS — Blue Lakes Country Club and Clear Lake Country Club tied for first place at the first Magic Valley Inter-City Ladies' Golf Association tournament Tuesday at the Blue Lakes Country Club.

Blue Lakes and Clear Lake are tied with 15 points, followed by Rupert Country Club at 10½, Jerome at 10, Elkhorn at 9½, Gooding at 8½, Canyon Springs with 8, Burley with 7½ and Twin Falls Municipal and Bigwood with 3 points each.

Medalist for the day was Elkhorn's Joanne Lauder with 82, followed by Rupert's Wilma Shockey at 84 and Andy Kellogg of Elkhorn at 87.

In the net division, the winner was Jerome's Jay Aisset with 68, followed by Gooding's Aileen Johnston with 70, Vera White of Blue Lakes and Kathy Hanchett of Canyon Springs with 72.

The next meet will be held at Burley Municipal Golf Course next Thursday.



Idaho senior John Friesz will lead the Vandal attack again this season

They're back!

Spring is in the air, as are footballs at Idaho colleges

Editor's note: This is the first in a three-part series previewing the spring football prospects of Idaho's three Big Sky Conference football teams.

By STEVE CRUMP
Times-News sports editor

MOSCOW — John L. Smith, who knows the Kibbie Dome and Big Sky Conference football like few others, is spending the spring getting to know the Idaho Vandals.

"It's a vital year of spring ball," said Smith, an Idaho Falls native who replaced Keith Gilbertson Jan. 2 and began spring practice April 1. "We need to find out what we can do and what can't do. It's important that the players get to know the staff and vice versa. We have to get to know the players; there's a lot of players out there we don't know much about. There are a lot of questions to answer."

Smith, of course, was the defensive coordinator at Idaho from 1982 to 1985, when he moved with Dennis Erickson first to Wyoming and then to Washington State. He resigned at WSU to take the Idaho job after Gilbertson moved on to an assistant coaching job at the University of Washington and before Erickson left for the University of Miami.

Smith inherited a program that has won the last two Big Sky championships, but he inherited it very late — a month from the end of the recruiting season. Smith got Gilbertson's players, Gilbertson's recruits and most of Gilbertson's assistant coaches. One exception was Gilbertson's offensive coordinator, Bill Diedrick, who was passed over for the head coaching job and left with

First in a series

ruffled feelings. Last month, new Washington State coach Mike Price hired him as quarterback coach at Pullman.

Earlier this week, Smith changed all of the Vandals' offensive signals following a visit by Diedrick to Boise State on March 25.

"We had to, to be safe," said Smith. "We can't afford not to change the language now."

Diedrick and Boise State head coach Skip Hall insisted no secrets were exchanged, but Idaho has spent much of the last week of spring football changing the language of its offense.

It was just another wrinkle in Smith's sudden re-adjustment to the Big Sky, where he has spent 15 of his 18 years as a college coach (at Weber State, Montana, Nevada-Reno and Idaho).

"Offensively, we're going to pretty much stick to what we're doing," said Smith, who signed up Idaho offensive line coach Dan Cozzetto as his offensive coordinator.

The main concern there is to find a backup from (senior quarterback) John Friesz," said Smith, who will wrap up spring drills April 28. "(Sophomores) Andy Beitia and Pat West are going to be taking a lot of reps to find out just what guy will be the backup. John may not see as many reps as he has in the past, particularly here."

Senior Steve Nolan, last year's No. 3 quarterback, will sit out spring practice after undergoing knee surgery last fall.

"We have to find who's going to be able to play our doubles receiver spot," said Smith. "We want to try (sophomores) Kasey Dunn not only at the doubles spot but at tight end

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Vandals sign 2 CSI cagers, T.F.'s Trenkle

By LARRY HOVEY
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Clifford Martin and David Henderson, two players off the nationally top-ranked College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team, signed letters of intent Wednesday with the University of Idaho.

Twin Falls also sent along a third Vandal-to-be in 6-foot, 3-inch high school guard Sveide Trenkle.

Wednesday was the first day high school seniors and junior college transfers could sign with Division I schools under NCAA rules.

Those three along with other signees led Coach Kermit Davis to call this "the best recruiting class University of Idaho has had since I've been here."

But Davis, under NCAA off-campus recruiting restrictions, would not name Henderson and Trenkle nor mention Scott Floch, a 6-5 outside sharpshooter from Post Falls High School who committed to the Idaho program earlier in the day.

Earlier Wednesday, Idaho Sports Information Director Dave Cook announced the signing of Martin and junior college transfers Raymond Lester and Ron Shields.

Davis was in Twin Falls Wednesday delivering the keynote speech to the annual CSI athletic awards banquet.

Henderson, a sophomore guard from Los Angeles who averaged 14.8 points for CSI last season, was named to the National Junior College Athletic Association's first-team All-America team following two years of playing at CSI. Martin was picked to the all-NJCAA tournament team and also participated in the national junior college all-star game in Texas last weekend.

Trenkle, son of CSI coach Fred Trenkle, • See TRENKLE on Page D2

Sugar Ray Robinson, 67, dies

By JOHN NADEL
The Associated Press

CULVER CITY, Calif. — Sugar Ray Robinson, generally regarded the best-pound-for-pound fighter ever and always considered the real "Sugar Ray" by boxing oldtimers, died Wednesday after a long illness at the age of 67.

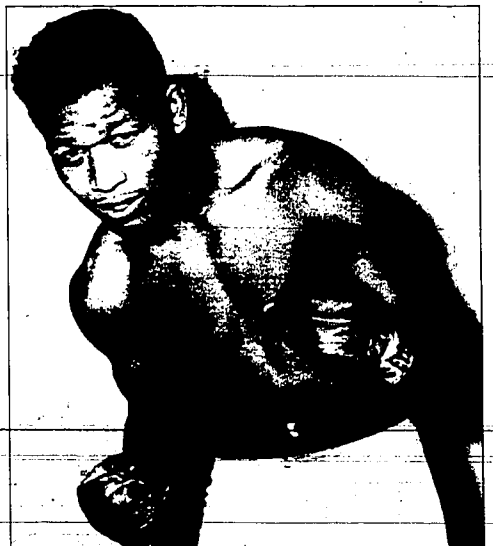
A former world welterweight and middleweight champion, Robinson died at Brotman Medical Center this morning, a spokesperson for the hospital said. No details were immediately given, but Robinson was reported to be suffering from Alzheimer's disease as well as diabetes and hypertension.

"I don't know anybody who was any better at his craft than Sugar," said Archie Moore, former light heavyweight champion and a friend for nearly 50 years. "He was a stylist. He never copied anything off anybody."

"Generations of fighters have copied his style, including Muhammad Ali. Ali got a lot of his style from Robinson. Sugar was a fantastic puncher. We'll all miss him. I know I'll miss him," Moore said.

Robinson retired from boxing in 1965 with a record of 174-19-6 and 110 knockouts. He won the vacant world welterweight title on Dec. 29, 1946 with a 15-round decision over Tommy Bell and never lost a fight to a welterweight the rest of his career.

"Sugar Ray Robinson was the man, along with Joe Louis," former heavyweight champion Larry Holmes.



Boxing champion Sugar Ray Robinson is shown in this 1947 picture

Magic Valley Classic starts today in Jerome

By LARRY HOVEY
Times-News writer

JEROME — The Magic Valley Classic — that once-a-spring event designed and hosted by Jerome High School to match the best individuals in Magic Valley by event regardless of classification — will begin its two-day run at 4:30 p.m. today at Murray

Magic Valley best — D2

O'Rourke-Tiger Stadium. Three field and three running events will be decided this afternoon but most of the first session will be devoted to qualifying individuals for Friday evening's finals. Both sessions start at 4:30 p.m.

The field events to be decided today include the boys discus, pole vault and long jump and the girls triple jump, shot put and high jump. The running finals will be the individual 3,200-meter run, the special two-mile relay and the 800-meter relay. Everything else will be decided on Friday.

Jerome boys' coach Tim Dunne said the • See TRACK on Page D4

Thomas says race is over as Pistons down Cavaliers

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Detroit's Isiah Thomas says the race for the NBA's best record is over and the Pistons have won it.

"They might as well rest their guys because this race is over," Thomas said after the Pistons defeated the runner-up Cleveland Cavaliers 107-95 Wednesday night. "The thing about this team is that we can hurt you in so many ways. Every night it's a different person."

On this night, Vinnie Johnson, starting in place of the injured Thomas, scored 17 of his 31 points as the Pistons took control in the second quarter and opened a 20-point lead over the Cavaliers in the Central Division.

The team with the best record enjoys the home-court advantage throughout the playoffs. But Detroit coach Chuck Daly disagreed with Thomas that the Cavaliers are done.

"It's not over," Daly said. "With (games against) New York and Cleveland coming up — bang-bang — things can change in a hurry. Cleveland may be the most talented starting five in the league. They're an outstanding team and well-coached."

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The Pistons, who have won 22 of their last 24 games and 17 straight at home, have the league's best record at 58-18, the first time in franchise history they have been 40 games above .500. The Cavaliers have the second best record, 56-22.

"Who knows what will happen," Cavaliers coach Lenny Wilkens said. "Detroit is in great shape, no question. I can't predict the future. Detroit is going to have to win it; we're not going to give it to them."

Johnson hit a jumper that gave Detroit a 30-23 lead with 11:27 remaining in the first half. But the Cavs, behind two 3-pointers and a 12-footer from Mark Price, who scored 16 points, went on a 19-11 run to take their first lead, 42-41, with 4:36 left.

Utah 107 Denver 102

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Karl Malone scored 14 of his 40 points in the first 5 1/2 minutes and Thurl Bailey made three crucial free throws in the final 18 seconds as

the Utah Jazz beat the Denver Nuggets 107-102 Wednesday night.

John Stockton added 24 points and 19 assists as the Jazz moved five games ahead of second-place Denver in the NBA's Midwest Division. Both teams have six games left.

Walter Davis led Denver with 29 points, Fat Lever had 26 and Alex English 18.

Charlotte 104 New York 99

NEW YORK (AP) — Kelly Tripucka scored 25 points and the Charlotte Hornets broke a nine-game losing streak with a 104-99 victory over the New York Knicks on Wednesday night.

The Hornets trailed 40-29 after the first quarter and then held the Knicks to 59 points the rest of the game, handing them their fifth home loss in eight games following a 26-game winning streak at Madison Square Garden.

Patrick Ewing scored 30 points for New York, including 21 of the Knicks' 41 in the second half. No one else had more than 14. Rex Chapman and Dell Curry had 18 each

for the expansion Hornets, who have beaten New York twice in six meetings.

Washington 109 Milwaukee 105

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — John Williams scored 17 of his 22 points in the second half, including a 3-pointer with eight seconds left, as the Washington Bullets rallied from a 16-point halftime deficit and beat the Milwaukee Bucks 109-106 Wednesday night.

Jeff Malone scored 24 for Washington, hitting a pair of jumpers in the final 1:38 and two free throws with one second left that sent the Bullets' first victory in five games with Milwaukee this season.

Phoenix 109 Dallas 94

DALLAS (AP) — Jeff Hornacek scored 21 points and the Phoenix Suns rolled to their fifth consecutive victory Wednesday night, defeating Dallas 109-94 despite the return of Roy Tarpley to the Mavericks' lineup.

Tarpley missed 49 games while undergoing treatment for a cocaine-related suspension.

The Suns hit seven straight shots in the second period to stretch a three-point lead to 14 and continued to pull away. Phoenix led 70-47 early in the third period and coasted home before a less-than-capacity crowd of 16,851.

Tarpley, who was suspended Jan. 5 because of cocaine-related violations of the NBA's drug policy, came off the bench to score 16 points and grab 13 rebounds.

However, Tarpley wasn't enough firepower for the fast-sinking Mavs, who have clinched their first losing season since 1982-83.

L.A. Lakers 107 San Antonio 100

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Magic Johnson scored 24 points Wednesday night to lead the Los Angeles Lakers past the San Antonio Spurs 107-100.

Johnson added 10 rebounds and seven assists while A.C. Green and James Worthy each scored 17 points.

The Spurs were led by Vernon Maxwell with 22 points.

Arizona basketball coach Lute Olson won't go to Kentucky

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Lute Olson, though heavily wooed by Kentucky, decided to remain as the University of Arizona's basketball coach Wednesday, with regents authorizing a new five-year contract that could add more than \$75,000 to his annual earnings.

After the regents approved by conference call a salary increase and performance incentives for Olson, university president Henry Koffler thanked them, saying Arizona's basketball success depended heavily on the 54-year-old coach.

Arizona finished the regular season ranked No. 1 but lost in the

NCAA West Regional semifinals after reaching the Final Four in 1988. Gov. Rose Mofford, one of the regents, said that, "On behalf of the state of Arizona, let me say thank you to Lute. I'm glad that he decided to stay with us because he certainly is a definite asset to our state."

Olson was attending a dedication

for the expansion Hornets, who have beaten New York twice in six meetings.

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Newton said Olson was one of four coaches "we've been involved with. We're going to proceed right on."

Olson, generally regarded as the front-runner for the Kentucky opening, said Tuesday he would make a decision by the end of the week.

Snyder's 6 RBIs, 2 home runs down Boston, 5-2

By The Associated Press

Cory Snyder drove in six runs with a pair of two-run homers and two RBI singles, powering the Cleveland Indians to a 10-6 victory over the Boston Red Sox Wednesday. The victory moved the Indians, now 5-2, 1 1/2 games ahead of second-place Baltimore in the AL East.

Rangers 8, Brewers 1
In Milwaukee, Nolan Ryan allowed one hit in eight shutout innings and struck out a team-record 15 batters as the Texas Rangers beat the Milwaukee Brewers.

Yankees 5, Blue Jays 3
In New York, Rickey Henderson's two-run single snapped a sixth-inning tie, leading New York past

the Toronto Blue Jays and ending the Yankees' 7-game losing streak.

Orioles 5, Royals 4
In Kansas City, Mo., the Baltimore Orioles ended a 15-game losing streak against Kansas City, beating the Royals 5 innings on a sacrifice fly by Mike Devereaux.

Angels 6, Athletics 0
In Anaheim, Calif., Kirk McCaskill and Greg Minton combined on a three-hitter as the California Angels defeated the Oakland Athletics.

Martiners 9, White Sox 1
In Seattle, rookie Eric Hanson pitched eight shutout innings and

rookie Greg Briley drove in four runs as the Seattle Mariners beat the Chicago White Sox 9-1.

Cubs 3, Cardinals 2
In Chicago, Mitch Williams stymied a ninth-inning comeback Wednesday night, getting his fourth save as the Cubs got their fifth straight victory over St. Louis.

Reds 3, A's 1
In Houston, Paul O'Neill hit a three-run double with none out in the third inning to give the Reds the victory.

Phillies 6, Expos 3
In Philadelphia, Mike Schmidt, Van Haladys and Ron Jones homered in the third inning off former teammate Kevin Gross. The Phillies, winners of three straight, had four

home runs, three doubles and a triple off Gross, 14, who was traded to Montreal in the offseason. The last time the Phillies hit three home runs in an inning was July 26, 1987 against Atlanta, when Matt Thompson, Hayes and Schmidt did the job.

Braves 5, Padres 0
In San Diego, Dale Murphy hit his first home run of the season and drove in his first run and left-hander Tom Glavine pitched a six-hitter. Glavine, 2-0, has notched an earned run this season in 18 innings.

Giants 3, Dodgers 1
In San Francisco, Kevin Mitchell hit a three-run homer off Fernando Valenzuela and Scott Garretts earned his first victory as a starter in three years.

Bryant, Bruins bag Burley Bobcats, 11-3

By LARRY HOVEY Times-News writer

BURLEY — It wouldn't be surprising if Twin Falls Bruin Jody Bryant started calling the Burley baseball field home.

He has four home runs for the season and three of them have landed on Bobcat Avenue, immediately beyond the right-field fence.

The fourth round-tripper left the field Wednesday afternoon and will be recorded as a three-homer in the top of the first inning. That pitched the 11-3 Bruins to a 12-1 decision and tied with Highland at 24 in the Region III Class A standings.

Minto leads at 2-0 there. Burley is 2-10 and 0-5 in the region.

Despite the heady start, the Bruins didn't waltz through this one and the action bogged down considerably due to pitching. Not particularly from walks, although both sides allowed six, but because the hurlers were pitching from behind virtually all day.

Brad Reed collected his third win in four outings but got help from Chris Smith in the bottom of the seventh. Rudy Ramirez went six for six for the Bobcats and was saddled with the loss.

Pitching always is a puzzle for said Twin Falls coach Bill Ingram. "I don't pitch a great game and guess the distance against Meridian. Today he had trouble with consistency in the strike zone. I felt Smith had a strong inning. But I think it's about time the pitching starts rounding into shape. The ones we use the most have 25 to 30 innings in now and that should be enough to take off some of the rough edges."

Burley coach Doug Bailey had

some pluses — seven hits and some timely ones — but noted "we lost this one on two bad innings. Like the third when they got five runs on no hits."

The other glaring statistic was leaving 10 men on base.

"I feel fairly good about the four runs we scored but we are not a ball team who will win 2-1 and 3-2 games. We have to get more runs," he added.

Bryant's fourth home of the season followed a double by Boomer Walker and an error that let Matt Rasmussen reach base. Bobby Jensen singled in the doubling Lyle Hudson in the second and then came the clinching third for the Bruins.

Four walks, a hit batsman and a throwing error jacked the Twin Falls lead to 9-0. The Bruins added single runs in the fourth, sixth and seventh.

Meanwhile, Tom Mesenbink scored Burley's first run when he walked and scored on Jason Allen's sacrifice fly. An inning later, Darin Solomon beat out an infield hit and Mesenbink walked. Brandon Priest chased Solomon home with a single and Allen followed with a long double to bring in the other two runs.

Twin Falls stays in action today, playing in a single game at Caldwell and then returning to Harlow Park field at 1 p.m. Saturday for a doubleheader with Nampan.

Burley goes to Mountain Home for a single game Friday and then travels to Buhl for a twin bill starting at 1 p.m. Saturday. The next Bobcat regional game will be a home affair with Highland Tuesday.

Burley's lineup:
1-10, Jeff Smith; 2-10, Jeff Smith; 3-10, Jeff Smith; 4-10, Jeff Smith; 5-10, Jeff Smith; 6-10, Jeff Smith; 7-10, Jeff Smith; 8-10, Jeff Smith; 9-10, Jeff Smith; 10-10, Jeff Smith; 11-10, Jeff Smith; 12-10, Jeff Smith.

Trenkle

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was a three-year starter for Coach John Astorguina at Twin Falls High School. He averaged 22 points as a senior.

The signing of Henderson by Idaho came as a surprise locally as it was long felt he would go with Coach Charles Spoonbauer, who twice has led Southwest Missouri State to the NCAA tournament. He was expected to replace former CSI guard Keith Jackson at the Southwest Missouri point.

"For a long time I was leaning toward Southwest Missouri," said Henderson. "But as today came up I decided I liked more things about Idaho. I thought a long time and came to the tentative conclusion about 6:30 this morning. But I still was not sure until about 2 this afternoon."

"We felt that Idaho was recruiting him for the right reasons and we were really in the right perspective and he would be playing the type of game he can play — at least as long

as Coach Davis is there."

"People have to remember that he has been playing against Henderson and (CSI Freshman Anthony) Williams for the better part of the last year and making the transition to Big Sky ball won't be the major reason for him to leave for others," Coach Trenkle continued.

"But I think the key is the redshirt season to let him get acclimated," he said. "All three Idaho high school players who signed today (Trenkle, Floch and Borah's) Pete Eisenreich, who committed earlier to Boise State, I believe, will be redshirted next year."

Earlier Wednesday, Davis called Martin "the best player to sign with Idaho in the last few years."

"He possesses outstanding athletic ability," said Davis. "We saw him play when he was at Odessa (Texas) Community College a year ago, and we really saw a lot of game improvement in the last year."

Martin, who transferred from to

CSI last summer, averaged 15.3 points and 7.8 rebounds in helping the Eagles to the Region 18 junior college championship and a seventh-place finish in the NJCAA tournament last month.

Idaho on Wednesday also signed Lester, a 6-9 sophomore forward at Kankakee, Ill., Community College, and Shields, a 6-4 sophomore guard at South Plains College in Levelland, Texas.

Neither Boise State nor Idaho State announced any signings on Wednesday, the first day on which high school seniors and junior college transfers can sign with Division I schools under NCAA rules.

ISU plans an announcement this afternoon; Sports Information Director Max Corbett said no signings are imminent for BSU.

"We only have one scholarship left to give," said Corbett. "We signed two high school seniors during (last year's) early signing period (Eisenreich) and (forward

Tanaka Beard of Ogden, Utah) and we have a lot of people coming back, so (BSU coach Bobby) Dye is going to hold off and see who becomes available."

Davis said Idaho projected Martin as a power forward, although he added the Montgomery, Ala., native could play several positions.

"He does a lot of things well," said Davis. "He's an excellent defensive player, he can pass the ball, he can score inside and he can shoot from the perimeter. Cliff has a lot of versatility."

One of Martin's coaches at Odessa was Fletcher Coekel, currently an assistant to Davis at Idaho.

"He's a good perimeter shooter with good athletic ability," said Davis. "He can run and jump and he comes from a very solid program. I think he could play the point too."

Lester, a Chicago native, averaged just 6.4 points and 4.5 rebounds for Kankakee last season, but he backed up junior college All-American center Andy Knudt, a Nigerian who signed Wednesday with the University of Illinois.

Raymond has good athletic ability, but he didn't get to play that much this season," said Davis. "He's 6-9, but only about 200 pounds. Time will tell. If he comes in an his the weights, he could help us next year."

Davis said he hopes that Lester will emerge next season as a backup for Idaho center Riley Smith, a first-team all-Big Sky selection this year.

Outdoors

Gone are days of big game

One thing about playing golf with a lawyer now and again is that sometimes you can pick \$50-worth of legal opinion free. Except, of course, for the small side wager.



Larry Hovey

So for \$3 last week, we picked up an opinion from a local barrister that indicates the days of great big game hunting in Region 4 probably are now behind us.

You will recall reading that just one rancher from the Howe area put in a claim for \$123,000 for damage to his livelihood last year. And he's just waiting for the next period to arise to get the rest. There are eight more such ranchers in the area. Current legislation put a \$500,000 "cap" on what the state's sportsmen would have to pay.

Additionally, there are many dozens of other ranchers ready to come in with smaller claims.

But the major point here is that the depreciation bill the Legislature rammed through does not have that \$500,000 limit it claims to have. The pro-ag legislative forces, according to the S3 course in jurisprudence we got, have slam dunked

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Briefly

Boise River elk range open to snowmachines

FAIRFIELD — The elk winter range on the south fork of the Boise River is open to snowmachines after April 5, according to the Fairfield Ranger District of the Sawtooth National Forest.

The closure, which went into effect in December, is no longer needed. As snow melts, the elk aren't confined to their limited winter ranges and are able to move to higher elevations.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is no longer feeding elk since the spring range is beginning to green up and provide nutritious natural forage.

To avoid making unnecessary runs in forest roads, forest visitors are asked not to drive on muddy roads wherever possible.

Idaho Fish and Game will meet April 20-21 in Moscow

BOISE — The Idaho Fish and Game Commission will meet April 20-21 at the University of Idaho in Moscow.

A public meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the Borah Theater at the student union building on April 19.

The commission is scheduled to consider big game regulations, regulation changes on Big Wood River and Silver Creek, opening dates for upland game season and chinook salmon regulations.

200 steelhead released into Boise River, none in Payette

BOISE — Some 200 steelhead were released in the Boise River in the first week of April but the Payette River, which is usually also stocked, was too high and muddy.

The steelhead are taken from the Snake River at the Oxbow fish trap.

In another program designed to promote urban fisheries and enhance opportunity, the department released about 500 large rainbow trout from Ennis national fish hatchery in Montana. The trout were planted April 5 in the Boise River in or near Idaho's capital city. The fish averaged an estimated five pounds each.

An additional 500 were released April 4 in Springfield Reservoir near the eastern Idaho town of Springfield.

Chinook, steelhead smolts starting migration to Pacific

BOISE — Approximately 9 million chinook salmon and 7 million steelhead smolts are getting started on their migration to the Pacific Ocean, according to Steve Huffaker, fisheries chief for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

The juvenile fish are raised from eggs taken at fish traps and hatcheries around the state in previous seasons under a hatchery program that helps offset the loss of natural fish runs to hydroelectric dams and other development.

F&G proposes 4 divisions for Big Wood River fishing

By LARRY HOVEY
Times-News writer

BOISE — Four divisions with varying fishing regulations are being proposed by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game for Big Wood River above Magic Reservoir.

In a change from the three-section proposals that were discussed in three public hearings in Magic Valley last month, the department suggests maintaining any-tackle, any-bait regulations for a stretch closest to Hailey and on the lower reach of the stream.

Additionally, the department proposes to reduce the extension of the catch-and-release regulations four miles downstream from its current limits — the Nature Conservancy property. This proposal would allow bait fishing from approximately the mid-point of the department property at Point of Rocks downstream.

Proposals for the Big Wood River have been constructed to maintain a variety of fishing method opportunities in the Sun Valley area while taking advantage of the trophy potential of the lower reach of the stream.

Under the proposed regulations for the Big Wood, from Croy Creek Road bridge at Hailey upstream to the Idaho Highway 75 bridge at milepost 122.2, the limit for trout would be two with a slot-limit which would not allow keeping any trout between 12 and 16 inches. No gear or bait restrictions would apply.

The next segment, from milepost 122.2 upstream to the Highway 75 bridge at milepost 126.3, is proposed for catch-and-release fishing only with artificial flies and lures, no bait and single barbless hooks.

Upstream from milepost 126.3 to the Hulén Meadows Bridge, the proposal calls for a trout limit of two and a similar slot limit with no bait or tackle restrictions.

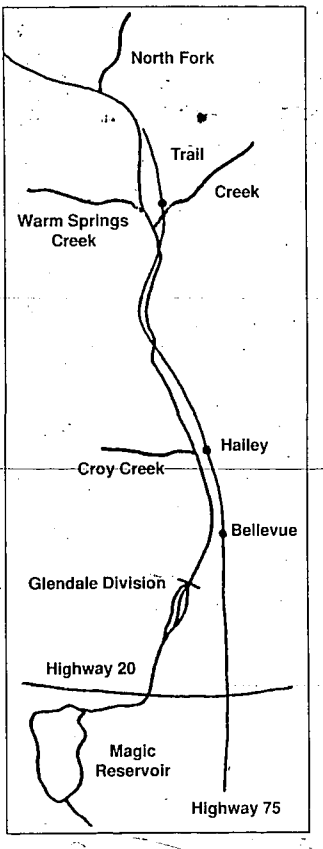
From that point upstream to the North Fork, trout limits would be two, the same slot limit, artificial flies and lures, no bait and single barbless hooks only.

No changes are proposed for the river below Croy Creek Road bridge or above the confluence with North Fork Silver Creek regulations would be changed, if the proposal is approved, to extend the catch-and-release area approximately four miles beyond the present downstream boundary.

The new boundary, which would be about in the center of the Fish and Game property, would be marked and general regulations would apply below that point.

Tackle in the extended catch-and-release area would be limited to artificial flies or lures with single barbless hooks.

Decisions on the proposals will be made at the next meeting of the Fish and Game Commission April 20-21 in Moscow. Comments will be received at the public hearing scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Borah Theater in the Student Union Building at the University of Idaho. Questions and comments may be directed to Region 4 office in Jerome or the state office in Boise.



Waterfowl rules may be kept

Harvest studies conclude duck production went down in '87 as predicted

The Times-News

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is considering keeping last year's waterfowl hunting restrictions in place for the upcoming fall season, according to a notice published in the March 27 Federal Register.

Early results of waterfowl harvest studies confirm that duck production was very poor last year, as predicted. Although complete harvest information will not be available until summer, preliminary analysis of wings submitted by hunters indicates that mallard and pintail populations contained less than one young for each adult bird whereas in years of good production the young outnumber the adults.

Pintail production was down dramatically with only one young for every two adults. Wood duck production also declined, reflecting the effects of drought in the southeast.

FWS considers habitat particularly crucial now because widespread drought has accelerated habitat loss, particularly in Canada.

Many areas important to breeding ducks have been permanently affected. Several years of good weather conditions will be required before remaining habitat areas can recover, revegetate and produce ducks.

Because of a large harvest on populations with poor production is not in the best interest of waterfowl or the future of waterfowl hunting, FWS tentatively is proposing to continue restriction hunting regulations in 1989, including the suspension of the September teal season, extra teal and scaup options and the point system.

Proposals for outside season dates, bag limits and season length will be deferred until results of nesting, production and harvest surveys become available later this year.

The service also is proposing to open shooting hours at sunrise and close them at sunset for all migratory birds except one-half hour before sunrise for doves and pigeons and migratory bird hunts may shoot one-half hour before sunrise prior to the earliest season opening date and after the latest duck season closing.

Big game damage solutions continue to change

By LARRY HOVEY
Times-News writer

Strategies for curbing big game damage on private lands in the King Hill-Bliss area continue to change as the Idaho Department of Fish and Game pushes toward next week's big season regulation session by state Fish and Game Commission.

The method for trimming a perhaps 10,000-head deer population to something in the 2,000-3,000 range were changed from

those announced last week but didn't answer the suggestions of landowners who attended a Monday night meeting on the subject in Glenns Ferry.

A week ago, the department announced it was putting the depredation hunt in Unit 45 into an "extra deer" tag category calling for as many as 3,500 muzzleloader permits.

But Friday of last week, the wildlife bureau of state department in Boise decided the restriction of muzzleloader might be construed as a sop to special interests. As a result, the department went into three

hearings this week with a proposal that 1,000 centerfire rifle permits be backed with the 1,000 extra deer tags.

The extra tag hunt would run from Oct. 18 through Nov. 12 for antlerless deer only. Additionally, that portion of Unit 45 west of the Bliss-Hill City road and south of the Idaho Power two-pole powerline from the Hot Springs Road-U.S. Highway 20 junction to White Arrow Ponds be a muzzleloader season from Oct. 18-Nov. 12 for antlered deer and Oct. 18-Dec. 17 for antlerless.

The archery hunt, which was tried for

harassment rather than major herd reduction, will be eliminated entirely.

This latest round of proposals attempts to answer the problems caused by too many deer for both the department and landowners. The length of the archery hunt and the muzzleloader hunts weighted heavily on the landowners. This shortens the season by two weeks in December and changes from any deer season-long to antlerless deer only late in the season. This responds to the biological fact that bucks

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Agreement should help salmon, steelhead runs

The Associated Press

BOISE — An agreement among the Bonneville Power Administration, Idaho and other state fishery agencies, the federal government and Indian tribal leaders should significantly enhance Idaho's salmon and steelhead runs, according to top state officials.

"It should substantially increase the survival of young salmon and steelhead as they migrate from spawning beds to the ocean," Attorney General Jim Jones said.

The 10-year agreement, developed by the Northwest Power Planning Council, would allow up to \$10 million worth of water a year to pass through spillways at four Northwest dams so that young steelhead and salmon will avoid destruction in the hydroelectric turbines.

Tribal leaders, present for the signing of the pact on Monday, said it could mark a new era of cooperation between fishery and energy interests in the Columbia River basin.

The dams involved are Lower Monument and Ice Harbor on the Snake River and John Day and The Dalles on the Columbia.

In exchange for signing the agreement, the fishery agencies and Columbia River tribes with fishing-rights guaranteed by treaties agreed not to sue the BPA over its plans to sell surplus power to California utilities.

The agencies and tribes also agreed not to sue the BPA for building and operating a third alternating-current power line to California or improving its direct-current intertie terminal near The Dalles.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which did not sign the agreement, said last



Gov. Cecil Andrus helps to release steelhead smolts for their migration to the Pacific Ocean

week it would go along with the spill plan for one year, and Gov. Cecil Andrus called that the right decision.

"I have repeatedly stressed to them the importance of Idaho of this spill plan, and

apparently they have heard the message," Andrus said.

The corps, which has the final say on whether water is spilled through the dams, has reserved judgment on whether to

comply with the plan in the future, but Jones hoped acceptance of the deal for at least a year signals the corps intention to follow the plan in the future.

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If you like to fish in Idaho, you'd better like the wind

If you are going to fish in Idaho, you better learn to fish in the wind. As a matter of fact, our spring zephyrs are good training devices for the winds of Argentina, Chile, Montana and the Legislature as well. If you can't fish and cast in wind, you aren't going to fish a lot, truth is

dangerous. If the wind is not too severe, you can jockey among the float tubers close to the lee side. I think trollers like boats as much as they do fishing. Sometimes the fishing is an excuse to go boating.

One thing they can do — and don't do too often in this country — is anchor the boat and fish from their own splendid rock. If a boat owner finds the winds too severe out in the middle of the reservoir, he can often find a small bay in the lee side of the reservoir, throw out a couple of anchors — three is better and perch like King Tut where the calmer water just starts to break up with a decided chop. This is a scam.

Things fishy happen, like insects getting trapped, like bait fish following a quieter water trail, like predators feeding on all of the above.

Plant tubers can sometimes actually handle more wind than the boats. Smaller craft allow them into smaller protected areas; their exposed surface area doesn't catch as much wind and they don't need as much speed for storage.

The spin-rodder can take some of the same measures of a well equipped fly rodder. Both can cast down wind, but that is a way out.

Besides you can't always get to a bank with the wind behind you. No Steven Spielberg remembers.

A shorter or stiffer rod used with a metal spoon will cast into the wind a bunch better than a 5-foot ultralite with an F6 Flatfish. If you keep the rod low and cast side arm, the arc of the line won't catch the wind as severely. The fly rodder can adapt his equipment many ways. The first is to cut to a higher density line. It will cut into the wind because of smaller diameter. A shorter, stiffer leader will help turn the fly into the wind.

If you can afford a faster action fly rod, you can couple line sizes and you may find a rod for the wind, for steelheading and bass fishing in heavy cover.

If you own a nice medium action 5-weight that handles Spilberg weather, think about a 7 weight for that second outfit. In the new generation graphite it will give you the line speed needed to cut into that Oregon wheat field coming at you out of the West.

You can call it your Montana Salmon-fly Express rod — or an Idaho natural.

Shorter rods, especially fly rods are easier to develop line speed —

hence cut the wind. Like the spin rodder, if the fly rodder learns to cast with the rod in a lower plane, side arm as it were, he can often reduce the effect of the wind and maintain control.

If you are new fly fisherman and you remember with nostalgia sitting hunkered with the wind to your back and watching a red and white bobber sailing a mile out in the reservoir with the wind behind it, don't worry. You can do the same thing: Take a floating fly line or a sink-tip and force your cast down wind, east high and hold on, you will be able to cast like Lefty Kreh or Steve Ruff.

The wind action will carry line out and you can ease line from the reel. It isn't elegant, but neither is a hurricane.

If you miss the bobber from your childhood days, use a strike indicator with your floating line, cast out, let it drift along with the bobber of the nice lady with the big hat.

You can both catch fish and you'll find you have a lot in common — you are Idaho fishermen and you are friends, in the face of any wind, West, East — or political.

Warren Scoth operates a fly shop in Wendell.



Warren Scoth Fishing

conditions are seldom ideal, kind of life in general.

If you have a good script writer and deal in a fantasy world, the wind is seldom over 5 miles per hour, always over your right shoulder and blowing the direction you want to cast. But we are not dealing with a Stephen Spielberg scenario. In the real world the wind is in your face and would push a Spanish galleon up the Snake River at about 15 knots.

Dealing with the wind requires different techniques for different anglers. Trollers probably have the worst of it, control of a boat at slow speed in a wind on Magic Reservoir is not only difficult, it can be very

Warren's Ways

Camouflage your leader with an indelible marking pen

Researchers make 2 unusual wolf sightings

KALISPELL, Mont. (AP) — Two unusual wolf sightings occurred this week in the Glacier National Park area, including one special animal that researchers with the Wolf Recovery Project thought was dead.

Project coordinator Dan Pletscher said the wolf, number 8550, was the first "alpha female" of the original Magic Pack that first was studied in 1984.

He said that wolf number 8550 is thought to have produced nearly all the offspring of the three packs now being studied in the Glacier Park area.

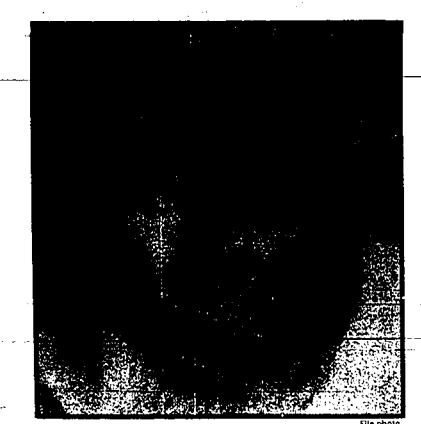
Each pack has only one "alpha female," he said.

He said the wolf was spotted this week by biologist Diane Boyd just outside her log home near the Canadian border on the North Fork of the Plathhead River.

"This was the first female that died in northwest Montana in about fifty years back in 1986," Pletscher said. "She denned in Glacier in 1987, then she denned in British Columbia the following season, and since that time she has been missing. She was the grandmother of all the wolves up there."

He said wolf number 8550 was displaced as the "alpha female" in 1987 when the original pack split into the Camas and Sage Creek packs.

"She went north with the Sage Creek Pack and ended up in British Columbia in 1987," he said. Also on Wednesday, a ranger spotted a lone adult wolf on the



File photo

east side of Glacier National Park, marking the first time a wolf has been seen in that area since 1987.

Park information officer Amy Vanderbilt said that St. Mary subdistrict ranger Jerry Ryder saw the animal on the ice of St. Mary Lake as he stood on Going-to-the-Sun Road.

A pack of wolves frequented the St. Mary area in the spring of 1987. During the summer, the animals began preying on livestock on the Dan Geer ranch north of Browning.

After the animals killed an estimated \$3,000 worth of livestock, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service trappers killed four of the wolves.

Two others were live-trapped and sent to a research lab in Minnesota.

One wolf escaped the trappers, and there have been no official reports of it since.

Following that episode, Frank Dunkel, then chief of the Fish and Wildlife Service, announced he was shelving the agency's wolf

recovery plan to relocate wolves, pending more research.

Vanderbilt said it's not known whether the wolf spotted this week is the remaining animal from the rompage pack.

There has been no further word about whether the Camas Pack, which roams in the North Fork area of Glacier Park and British Columbia, is denning in Glacier or in British Columbia, she said.

Pletscher also said that agents of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are investigating the apparent illegal killing of another wolf that split from one of the North Fork packs early this winter.

He said the wolf, number 8654, had traveled about 100 miles after leaving the packs and moved into the Yaak Valley area in northwestern Montana, where it was killed in February.

"Right now, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is investigating the case, and we don't want to talk about that too much at this point," he said.

Ed Bangs, an investigating officer with the USFWS, said a reward of up to \$50,000 is available for the arrest of whoever is responsible for the illegal wolf kill.

"We want to make sure everyone is aware that it is not OK to kill a wolf," he said.

"There is a reward for anyone who turns in someone who poached a wolf."

Wolves are protected under the federal Endangered Species Act.

Ranchers caught between ag, peregrine population

MACKAY (AP) — Custer County ranchers appear caught between their campaign to keep agriculture profitable and the state's drive to restore Idaho's falcon populations.

While favoring restoration of the peregrine falcon in the state, the ranchers are afraid the hacking tower built in their own backyard near Chilly Slough last summer for fledgling raptors will bring with it restrictions on pesticide spraying to control grasshoppers, mosquitoes and Russian wheat aphids.

The peregrine's downfall has been blamed on the widespread use of the chemical DDT prior to its ban in 1972.

The chemical worked its way into the food chain and caused the falcons to produce thin-shelled eggs that were easily crushed under their weight.

The hacking tower was built by the federal government in cooperation with the nonprofit Peregrine Fund without a prior public hearing. Bismark, Idaho, and Management wildlife biologist Jerry Gregson said the government did not expect a major conflict.

Ranchers have complained that the tower was located within 700 feet of private land when Idaho has millions of acres of wilderness

and roadless areas.

Gregson maintained there have been no conflicts between landowners and the government in other parts of the country where hacking towers have been built. But he said the BLM will move the Custer County tower if opposition is widespread.

Gregson acknowledged that at the time the decision on the tower was made, he was unaware of an agreement restricting pesticide use between the Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service. That agreement prohibits the spraying or related drift of certain pesticides within an 11-mile radius of a raptor hacking site.

But Agriculture Department spokesman Roger Pollard of Twin Falls said that agreement only applies to spraying by his agency.

"Private landowners have control over spraying on their land," Pollard said. "The pesticide label is the law, as far as the private citizen is concerned."

Peregrine Fund biologist William Heinrich of Boise said that in addition to providing ideal habitat, the Chilly Slough was selected because

of its proximity to other established sites near the Grand Tetons, Grays Lake and Camas National Wildlife Refuge.

Concentrating new sites increases re-establishment chances, he said.

The Peregrine Fund's goal is to establish 17 nesting pairs in Idaho by 1995.

Shooting great horned owls to protect young falcons has also been questioned following an incident last summer in which a stray rifle slug hit a house trailer. No one was injured.

Heinrich said the Peregrine Fund has a special state permit to destroy owls that pose a threat to young peregrines, and he did not believe the incident in August was related to an earlier owl shooting that occurred with the landowners permission.

"The problem with the great horned owls is, once they come into a peregrine site, they won't stop until they've killed every single one," he said.

But Heinrich said there would be no more owls collected in the area.

Gregson urged residents to put their positions on the hacking tower in writing, promising each statement will be answered "and then we'll take it from there."

Smolt

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Increasing the spill is a sensitive issue for utilities because it means less water is available for generating electricity.

"Monetary value has often been assigned to the power loss that results from spills, but we never see dollar figures attached to the fish that have been lost," Timothy Wapato, executive director of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, in a prepared statement issued Monday.

spills would cost the agency \$5 million in lost electricity revenue. But BPA spokesman Bob Reed said Monday, the estimate had been revised upward to as much as \$10 million per year.

Skill, the BPA strongly supported the plan.

"This agreement makes sense for fish and it makes sense for power," BPA Administrator Jim Jura said. "In the short run, it increases the odds for young fish migrating downstream.

parameters we will use in planning and selling electricity from the Columbia River and in operating its power system. Such certainty is key in power marketing.

As part of the 10-year plan, the BPA will reimburse dam operators as much as \$102 million for the cost of building bypass systems at Lower Monumental, Ice Harbor and The Dalles dams. John Day Dam already has a bypass system.

"These will ultimately eliminate the need to spill," Jura said. State agencies signing the

agreement were the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the Washington departments of wildlife and fish.

Federal agencies who signed the pact were the National Marine Fisheries Service, the U.S. Department of Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Indian tribes who signed the agreement were the Yakima Indian Reservations and the Warm Springs, Umatilla, Colville and Nez Perce tribes.

F&G wins OK to allow hunting

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — State Fish and Game officials, besieged by landowners angry over losses from marauding big game, have won agreement to allow limited hunting to reduce herds taking refuge on the sprawling Idaho National Engineering Laboratory.

Jerry Conley, director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, said Monday that Fish and Game commissioners Lou Racine of Pocatello and Norm Guth of Salmon will sign the agreement Wednesday at the U.S. Department of Energy's Idaho operations office in Idaho Falls.

The agreement will allow controlled big game hunts along a half-mile strip inside the INEL boundary along areas where the worst wildlife depredation has occurred on adjoining private land.

"We'd asked that we might go a little further, like a mile into the site," said Herb Pollard, Fish and Game supervisor for eastern Idaho. "But because of security reasons they felt like a half-mile was the most they were comfortable with, and that was a fairly major step for them to even go that far."

Pollard said a draft copy of the agreement called for allowing hunters on the DOE nuclear research site during daylight hours to hunt and retrieve big game.

Vehicles could be used on established roadways and hunting would be allowed only in areas specified by INEL officials. Fish and Game would patrol the areas for violations, Pollard said.

"We discussed the entire boundary of the site, with a particular eye to the Howe and Mud Lake areas," he said. "But the problem exists anywhere that the site boundary is near agricultural lands. It doesn't take wildlife very long to figure out where home free is."

Conley said state and federal officials also will discuss creating watering holes and feeding areas on the INEL as a means of luring big game away from private cropland. They may talk about DOE compensating farmers for their losses as well, he said.

Meanwhile, the Idaho Wildlife Federation called over the weekend for a stop to livestock grazing at the INEL and for the DOE to help reimburse ranchers for wildlife depredation costs.

Delegates to the federation's annual conference in Sun Valley adopted resolutions urging the Department of Energy to open the INEL to big game hunting or to restrict grazing on the 890-square-mile site.

They contend livestock is robbing wildlife of winter forage and forcing game animals onto private land adjoining the INEL, where they are blamed for heavy losses.

"We feel wildlife should get an even break to eat forage if INEL lets cattle feed there," said Les

Hazen, newly-elected federation president.

Hazen said the drought forced thousands of antelope to move off their traditional winter range on the INEL and raid haystacks and alfalfa fields on neighboring farmland.

He said the problem is that Fish and Game cannot address the depredation issue by reducing big game herds if sportsmen are not allowed to hunt on the federal land.

"We have to be able to manage them, or else the cattle shouldn't be in there," he said. "I don't believe you can manage unless you issue hunting permits."

Portions of 11 livestock grazing allotments, administered by the Bureau of Land Management, are on the INEL. About 10,000 sheep and 3,800 cattle have access to the allotments in the spring and winter, said Tom Gooch, a BLM range specialist in Idaho Falls.

Hazen said he did not know if the agreement between Fish and Game and the DOE would end the depredation problem, but that it was a move in the right direction.

"I don't know if a half-mile will be enough or not," he said. "It depends where the animals are."

Wildlife Federation officials contend depredation problems were created around the INEL when federal rangelands were opened for resettlement of Teton Dam flood victims in the late-1970s. Farmers who were resettled tilled up traditional big game winter range and turned it into cropland.

The federation is asking DOE to compensate farmers adjoining the INEL for damages incurred this winter by marauding elk, deer and antelope. They say farm losses would have been minimized if hunting or hazing was allowed on the INEL.

Compensating farmers around the INEL could be costly. How rancher Russell H. Mays last week submitted a \$123,000 claim to the state for depredation losses last year, and other ranchers have indicated they have claims as large or larger.

The 1989 Legislature approved \$500,000 in Fish and Game funds to be distributed to landowners who file valid claims for wildlife damages incurred between July 1, 1988, and June 1 of this year.

Federation officials also voiced opposition to a Fish and Game proposal to eliminate a problem elk herd that winters on the INEL. They suggested relocating the herd as an alternative to killing it off.

Conley said Fish and Game is considering eliminating the herd of 70 to 80 animals because it is expanding within the protection of INEL's boundaries.

"We're probably never going to be able to have a successful (elk) hunt" on the INEL, he said, adding that transplanting the animals would be an option only if Fish and Game can get permission to use helicopters on the high-security INEL.

Unit 45 hunt showed disrespect for animals, roads

QUESTION: The reason for this letter today is to express my concerns as a sportsman that arose from the recent muzzleloader hunt in Unit 45.



Fred Christensen

During my hunts over in Unit 45, I was amazed at the number of hunters participating in the hunt. Unfortunately, a large number of folks participating in this hunt were very disrespectful of both the animals being hunted and the land on which they were hunting (both private and state). The BLM finally did close down a number of side roads that forced people to walk into some areas rather than drive, but the damage to the roads had been done and too many deer were shot from the road. I don't think that any regulation can eliminate the road hunters, but I would like you to consider an alternative for this hunt next year.

One alternative might be to take the hunt to controlled status. The season could be broken into six separate hunts each lasting one week. This would allow the pressure to be spread out over time and improve the quality of the hunt. In addition, Fish and Game might consider sending a map to successful drawers detailing roads which could or could not be used during the hunt to reduce landholder complaints. I'm afraid that if something is not done to this hunt, the problems encountered this year will be repeated next year. A number of folks that I hunt with would like to see the unit go to the controlled status in order to preserve the hunt and improve that quality experience.

RICHARD B. HARVEY, Boise

ANSWER: Unit 45 has been the most commented-upon big game hunting unit in southwest Idaho. I will pass along your comments and suggestions to the department and the commission will be considering many recommendations when the next big game seasons are set. It is interesting that many of the suggestions being offered by sportsmen and landowners are basically the same. I requested a report on a meeting held by landowners in the area

with elected officials and Fish and Game personnel. I think you will be interested in the comments by landowners:

- In Unit 45, step one is to conduct a good big-game population census.
- Deer numbers in Unit 45 need to be lowered, but done in a manner that maintains quality antlered deer hunting. A higher volume of antlerless deer need to be harvested.
- In Unit 45, we have high numbers of deer causing degradation problems on the summer range, mainly in the King Hill area.
- We have a herd of deer in Unit 45 that causes year-round degradation. They start in the Hill City area in the summer and in the fall they move south into the King Hill area with very little usage of natural habitat in between. They move from one hayfield to the next and the damage to alfalfa is substantial.
- Some of the natural habitat between the Hill City summer range and the King Hill winter range is not in the best shape. It has a large number of mature bitterbrush plants best described as wolf plums.
- The ranchers familiar with this area feel that some evaluations need to be made on current grazing policy. They feel that some

livestock usage at the right time and place could actually improve the habitat for the transition and winter range deer and elk.

- Some other work, or habitat improvement in this transition area, is needed as one possible way to slow down the migration of the deer and elk into the agricultural area of King Hill.
- Long-term solutions need to be planned and thoughts of a big game migration fence should be one possible solution to consider.
- Hunts to lower deer numbers in the problem areas need to start early, Sept. 1, and should be with weapons capable of taking animals effectively and not for harassment reasons.
- The archery hunts were not received well. The harvest was low and there were a lot of hunter-related problems.
- The controlled rifle hunts for the antlerless deer were well received. Good results on harvest occurred with problem deer and landowners experienced minimal hunter-related problems.
- Wanting to lower deer numbers in problem areas would best be achieved by offering second tags for antlerless deer only. Most hunters on the general archery and muzzleloader hunts were out for mature

buck deer. It was felt that too many mature bucks were harvested during the past season.

- The boundaries for hunts concerning problem deer need to be kept in the area of the problem, not miles away where many problem deer are being killed.
- If the department plans to hold another general muzzleloader hunt in the southern portion of Unit 45, it was recommended that either-sex deer hunting only be allowed into mid-October and not through Dec. 31. After the October cutoff, it should go antlerless only.
- A majority of the landowners thought that last year's muzzleloader hunt went OK, other than too many bucks being harvested. Hunter problems in the King Hill area were minimal.
- Landowners in this area are not happy with the present landowners preference system. In addition to the above suggestions, the commission will be taking a look at the present preference permit regulations.

Fred Christensen is the Region 3 Idaho Fish and Game commissioner and lives in Nampa.

E. Utah rancher wants to lease state land for private hunting

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An eastern Utah rancher has proposed leasing state lands for his exclusive hunting preserves.

Greg Cunningham proposed to the State Land Board Monday that he be allowed to control hunting access to an area of state land called Went Ridge on the western portion of the roadless area of the Book Cliffs south of Vernia.

He would then manage a combination of state land and his own property as a trophy elk preserve.

Cunningham proposes to sell eight elk permits at \$5,500 each to sportsmen. The state school trust fund, which uses revenues generated by state lands, would receive 5 percent of the money from those elk permits the first two years of the

experimental five-year program, 8 percent the next two and 10 percent during the fifth year.

The Book Cliffs area is managed now under a limited entry system in which Utah sportsmen apply to draw out for 30 permits at a cost of \$52 each. Three nonresident permits are also available at a cost of \$202 each. The money goes to the Division of Wildlife Resources.

Cunningham said he would donate two permits to Utah residents in addition to the eight new permits. He also assumed that another 20 resident limited entry elk permits would still be issued on the eastern portion of the roadless area.

The proposal brings to a head a long-smoldering controversy between the Divisions of Wildlife Resources and State Lands and Forestry over wildlife use of public lands.

DWR officials have maintained that Utah law mandates that all state land be open to hunting, fishing and trapping.

DSLRF officials argue that the Utah Constitution requires the state to generate as much revenue as possible from state school trust funds and that big game species cut down on those revenues because they reduce the amount of forage consumed by domestic livestock.

Concern for state trust land managers, especially on a certain land, said Marilyn Pratt a resource planner with the DSLRF.

"Controlling access is a mechanism whereby the state, as well as private landowners, can receive economic benefits associated with the production of quality wildlife habitat," she said. "Removal of Utah's trust lands from general public access for hunting will probably be controversial."

Hovey

Continued from Page D5 the entire fish and game fund.

Basically, this is the way we would do it goes now:

Once the state the Idaho Department of Fish and Game through enactment of this bill was assigned responsibility for wildlife, it took away the cap. There is no legal limit for compensation for liability," the lawyer said.

"And that indicates that not only will the department be funding a lot of deprecation claims, it will be hiring batteries of lawyers to fight excessive claims or — perish the thought — punitive claims.

"That is the way we are viewing it," said Carl Nellis, Region 4 supervisor, in tones as somber and solemn as the situation warrants.

If that is true, then it becomes a matter for, uh, the courts to decide on whether another Legislature can lift the responsibility of the department for wildlife. More feel that would be impossible now than possible.

It would appear that what Magic Valley big game hunters now must expect to see is a very sudden reduction in big game herds on the northern rim and in antelope populations in the northeast.

These populations have been carried artificially high for the benefit of south-central Idaho hunters mainly by the state and for state income peripherally.

If the "thousands" of antelope in the Howe country are sufficient in number to reduce a huge barley field to the height of grass and keep it there not only on one farm but nine, then obviously there are too many antelope to consider picking up the tab year after year for something

like 800 hunters to have a crack at one. Unless, of course, tag fees are raised to \$1,500 each.

Helping in the Howe situation somewhat is the announcement this week that the federal government will allow hunting one-half mile into the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory reservation, starting this fall.

But the one-half mile won't be a major factor if the elk and antelope herds maintain their usual routine of raiding ag land at night and returning to safety just 800 yards by day. There will be some harassment benefit early but the animals soon will learn to circumvent it.

And, it would appear, that control of these two populations will be beyond hunter's ability to accomplish and hired hunters will have to be sent in to trim those herds back. The elk herd, which just seemed to materialize with the protection of the INEL reservation, probably will have to be gunned down to the last calf by hired hunters — and maybe out of helicopters.

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private livestock interests for grazing on public lands — if not totally then certainly in localized situations where public range now becomes the only feasible alternative in a another round of high-priced us vs. them.

This raises the "warth" of big game to the hunter to the point that his interest and investment overshadows that of the private livestock lessee. The hunter currently is paying \$15 per month per elk for winter feeding; four months or so which eclipses the \$1.85 per month per head livestockman pay for six or seven months. It becomes much cheaper to have sportsmen pay \$1.85 per month year-round to feed deer and elk an legislatively reserved and critical summer and winter areas than support deprecation claims and winter feeding. Uncle Sam (Forest Service and BLM) get their money, too. And that doesn't begin to tell the story of riparian and attending fisheries habitat enhancement that would occur.

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It is a legacy left by several lawmakers who probably deserve a lot of credit and publicity along that line the next time the elections roll around. For some it won't matter. They've accomplished their mission.

Larry Hovey is a sports writer for the Times-News.

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Game

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Others suggested that the department's fears of overharvest of black bears are misplaced. The department said a 53-bear harvest was beyond the management criteria of the current five-year plan. But hunters said there were more bears available than the department's plan had ever projected.

The department also said it was eliminating the Pienzo Hills elk hunt because, as biologist Ed Bottom pointed out, "after a couple-three days of hunting, the elk simply left

the hills. We flew it the other day and saw only one elk on the hills. We are not going to hold a hunt where we have no animals."

He said last year's hunt, prompted by deprecation, resulted in four bulls and four cows being taken before the animals vacated the hunting area.

The department also hopes to re-establish elk hunting in the Willow Creek drainage on the east end of Camas Prairie. The department closed that area and tried some baiting with hay to provide a sanctuary that might keep the elk from moving onto the open prairie and causing deprecations and possible emergency feeding.

"This was our first normal year and the idea didn't work. So we are abandoning it," he said.

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Fight over buildings could set precedent

SALMON (AP) — A legal confrontation between a member of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission and a retired Forest Service executive may set a precedent for building on the shores of federally protected wild and scenic rivers.

The case for now involves a few lonely cabins on one stretch of the Salmon River. But down the line, the decision by U.S. Forest Service Chief Dale Robertson may determine when outfitters may build on riverbanks that are supposed to be forever wild.

On one side is Norm Guth, Region 4 Fish and Game commissioner and the Magic Valley's representative on the panel. Representing him is a former aide to Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, who wrote the law Guth is accused of violating.

On the other side is a retired Forest Service executive, formerly wilderness director for the Northern Rockies region. He spends his retired years as a private watchdog ensuring the integrity of the wilderness system.

The cabins are on the shores of the Salmon River, a full 20 miles into a wilderness area.

It actually is a lodge, a cluster of log-sided buildings that sleep 24, largely Guth's customers in the outfitting and guiding business he has operated for 20 years.

Sometimes such structures are allowed in wilderness, but only with special permits.

Guth did not have such a permit



NORMAN GUTH
Involved in legal battle

when he broke ground in March 1988; the permit was not issued by former Salmon National Forest Service Supervisor Richard T. Hauff until May.

The permit has been challenged by Bill Wolf of Stevensville, Mont., who retired as chief wilderness planner for the Forest Service Northern Region in 1981.

"If the Guth Resort is allowed to remain, it will establish a new norm for hundreds of miles of wild rivers elsewhere throughout the system," Wolf argued. "The precedent will not only spawn more resorts, but it will also serve as a rationale for all manner of developmental impacts."

Wolf lost the first round; that

decision now has been appealed to Robertson.

Guth, defending his position, takes visitors by jet boat not to his lodge, but a half-mile upstream to a patch of vacant ground. There, the original resort was established in 1937 by Don Smith.

Guth bought the place in 1967. By then, it was a ramshackle collection of buildings. He operated it as a resort, and when wilderness legislation and Wild and Scenic River protection came to the area, the legislation created a specific exemption for the lodge and for jet boats; motorized craft usually are also forbidden in protected areas.

Like other lodges upstream and down, Guth held a congressionally sanctioned ticket to operate.

There was a hitch, though. The Forest Service didn't like the collection of shacks, considering it an eyesore. The site crowded the river, raised the possibility of pollution, occupied a valuable campsite for floaters and was difficult to screen with trees.

Guth maintains, and the Forest Service agrees, that he was asked to move, and that there was implied permission to build at the new site, largely because the move was in the public interest.

Guth may not have had the Forest Service permit when he started construction, but he says the agency was involved every step of the way. The agency checked his design right down to selecting the exterior siding and the stain that would go on it.

Before he turned a shovel, Forest Service employees drove the stakes to locate the buildings. Forest Service archaeologists stood by when crews dug septic lines.

Guth's defense is relatively simple. He did not build a lodge. At the Forest Service's request and with Forest Service guidance, he moved a lodge.

Fred H. Hutchinson, his lawyer, was the Senate aide who wrote the law at issue, and he argues that Guth's new structures are legal.

"As the individual who wrote those words, I state categorically that the intent of Congress was to 'grandfather' the base camps operated by Norm Guth and others," Hutchinson wrote.

And Dennis Baird, a member of the executive committee of the Northern Rockies Chapter of the Sierra Club, weighed in on Guth's side.

"We...urge that you remember and consider Mr. Guth's long and proud role in promoting sound outfitting practices, his years of effort at defending wilderness and wild rivers as well as his leadership in promoting sound land stewardship on public lands," Baird wrote.

Wolf, who also was involved in drafting the key legislation, dismisses Hutchinson as a hired gun and Baird as a personal friend of Guth's.

However, he agrees with Guth that the Forest Service backed Guth. In fact, he said the Forest Service, not Guth, is the heavy here.

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Biologists are working to regenerate Maine caribou

MILLINOCKET, Maine (AP) — Biologists trucked 13 caribou into the wilderness to regenerate the native herd of the reinder-like animals that vanished from the woods of northern Maine 80 years ago.

Five animals, doped up on tranquilizers, were driven in trucks 100 miles north of here Wednesday to a three-acre enclosure in a state park where they will be kept several weeks before their final release.

Eight other caribou were taken to the park earlier in the week.

The beasts were to have been accompanied by a 2-year-old stag named E.U. Truckmore, whom scientists expect to become a dominant male in the herd. But the tranquilizer did not have an effect on the big stag and he was left behind out of concern he would disturb the other caribou during the ride, said Margaret Nagle, a spokeswoman for the University of Maine in Orono.

She said biologists will decide later this week whether to transfer the stag to Baxter State Park with the other caribou.

Maine's native caribou herd disappeared by 1908. Officials tried in 1963 to reintroduce a herd, but the venture was considered a failure because the animals disappeared.

The caribou being released in the latest attempt, which were born to a herd rounded up in Newfoundland in 1986, are non-migratory.

Congress may give waterfowl management plan its blessing

By BILL SCHULZ
The Associated Press

The North American Waterfowl Management Plan, a \$1.5 billion United States-Canadian effort to restore dwindling duck populations in the U.S., could receive the blessing of Congress this year.

It would give legal sanction and possibly legal tender to the plan signed by the interior secretaries of the two countries in May, 1986.

The proposed legislation by Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, is the most encouraging thing that's happened involving the plan, said Charles H. Cullins, executive director of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the group charged with implementing the U.S. part of the plan.

Mitchell pledged he would introduce "The North American Wetlands Conservation Act" in April.

"A primary goal of the legislation would be to halt the decline of many species of ducks, geese and other migratory birds through the implementation of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan," Mitchell said.

The legislation calls for spending \$257 to \$30 million a year to cover Washington's share of costs in the 15-year plan. Ducks Unlimited has pledged nearly \$200 million over the life of the plan.

The Canadian government and provinces have pledged more millions, and the states are beginning to make contributions.

Meanwhile, a first series of projects under the plan is being realized, and a second series is on the drawing boards.

Ducks Unlimited and the Nature Conservancy, both private groups, have signed a preliminary agreement to acquire and improve waterfowl habitat.

They are particularly talented in acquiring the land, and we have special expertise in the management of land and water," said Matt Connolly, executive vice president of DC.

"Working together we can be a lot more effective."

The partnership has started four projects, one in each of the major duck flyways.

They are located at Central Cheyenne Bottoms, Kansas, the major inland staging area for shorebirds on the north American continent; Bodcau Bayou in Louisiana; Ace Basin near Charleston, S.E.; and the Cosumnes River drainage, the last unaltered river in California.

The latter is a major wintering area for tundra swans, cranes, pintails and snow geese, said Connolly, chairman of the North American plan's implementation board, representing conservation,

fisheries and forestry groups.

"I believe private sector, as shown by the groups on the board, is working together. The fruits of our labors are beginning to show. The Quill Lakes project in Saskatchewan is about to be baptized."

That project, a first-step project under the plan, involved acquiring land, building wetlands, and protecting upland habitat for ducks. The area is getting its first trenching of rain and snow this spring.

Connolly said he was worried despite coordinated efforts in spending \$9.3 million on second-step projects under the North American plan. "One of my concerns is when we start getting \$50 million or \$60 million, then the occasional

slippages of the bad side of humanity will come out."

The group, he said, is not ready to handle that kind of money because there are no formal agreements and criteria.

"In three years, we have come a very long way," he said. "But if we were fortunate to have someone give us \$100 million right now, we don't have the infrastructure, don't have the priorities identified, to judiciously spend the money."

Spending large sums of money across international borders often is a complicated business, he said. "We're learning a lot about dealing with governments, dealing with land and ownership."

"We are maturing," he said.

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A child's garden



By CATHY WALWORTH
Special to The Times-News

Kids can have their own garden to cultivate

Past! Hey kids - you want to play in the dirt and have Mom be happy about it for a change? Listen up.

Try your own garden this year. Think of it: You can get dirty, grow your very own flowers for Mother's Day and get some good things to eat, too.

There are lots of flowers and vegetables that will grow right away for you. You can either go to a store or send away in the mail to a place called Shepherd's Seeds or Burpee's Seeds.

At the garden supply store you can walk along the racks and choose the seeds you want. You might want to plant all flowers. Or just add flowers to the edge of your folks' garden. Look-for-Garfield-Marigolds from Burpee. Garfield the Cat has his picture right on the front. Nasturtiums are a neat flower to look for. They are pretty to look at and you can eat them, too.

If you'd rather send away, Shepherd's will send you a big envelope that holds seeds for Spooky Pumpkins, Sweet Slice Cucumbers, Mixed Crispy Lettuce, Blue Lake Banns, Purple Plum Radishes, Mixed Colors Cos-

mos (a pretty flower), Mammoth Sunflowers and Tangerine Gem Marigolds (another flower). They will send along directions with pictures that are easy to understand, too.

Burpee's has a kit that includes a black plastic sheet marked into 16 rectangles, pre-punched and illustrated with the flower or vegetable to be planted, anchoring stakes, a booklet of instructions, seeds for beans, beets, carrots, bush cucumbers, lettuce, onions, snap peas, radishes, spinach, tomatoes, turnips, marigolds and zinnias, another pretty flower.

Planting

Once you have your seeds picked out, you're ready to be a farmer. Get a grown-up to break up the dirt in a sunny spot, or maybe talk them out of a small area of their already-tilled garden. Break up the big clumps of dirt into small crumbles and make the area nice and smooth. This is a good time to tell you that grown-up gardeners call dirt "soil."

Now you're ready to plant. You may have noticed that grown-ups put most of their stuff in rows, straight and neat. Bo-o-ring! Instead, let's draw your name as big as you can - stretch your whole arm as big as it goes - and draw your name in the soil with your finger.

Now take the lettuce seeds - or anything else you choose - and sprinkle them lightly along the letters. You might want to fill in the "O's" or any other loopy letters with radishes. Pat the soil over the seeds gently. When it all comes up, your name will look terrific.

The marigolds are good to plant all around the outside of your garden area. They will make the garden pretty and keep a lot of bugs away from your other plants at the same time. Besides, Mom will like the flowers you can bring her.

In the corners, make a mound of dirt about as high as your hand. Poke your finger into it and drop in a pumpkin or cucumber seed. Both of these like to stretch out, so one mound in each corner will be enough.

When you have planted all the flowers and vegetables you want in your garden, (yes, be sure to mix the flowers and vegetables together - it's prettier that way and it saves space) you need to water the seeds so they can sprout.

Watering

Turn on the water a little way away from the garden. Practice putting your thumb over the stream on the end of the hose until you can make a fine mist. Or use a nozzle to go on the end of the hose.

The water must land on the garden softly. If it hits hard, you can wash away all your hard work.

When you can make a fine, gentle mist, water your garden. The seeds must get wet to come to life. If it is a very hot day, you might even have to water again later in the day.

It is best to water every morning. You can tell when the garden wants water if you poke your finger into the soil. Does it feel dry?

Then it needs a drink. If it still feels wet and cold, don't water yet.

In a few days you will see tiny green sprouts pop up out of the ground. Remember to water gently and as often as the soil asks. Maybe two days after that you will see "true leaves" on the sprouts. Then you know your plants are really on their way.

Dinner time

Some of the lettuce plants may be too close together to grow well, so when they are three or four inches tall and it looks a little crowded in there, pull every other one up gently, so you don't disturb the ones you're leaving. Do the same with the radishes. Wash the plants off with the hose and take them in to dinner. The tiny vegetables will be sweeter than any you have ever tasted. You have just grown your very own salad. Congratulations.

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Pruning ornamental trees doesn't have to be tricky

By **BARB NEUWERT**
Times-News correspondent

HARLEY—It doesn't take an expert gardener to trim back unwanted growth, only a little knowledge and the right tools.

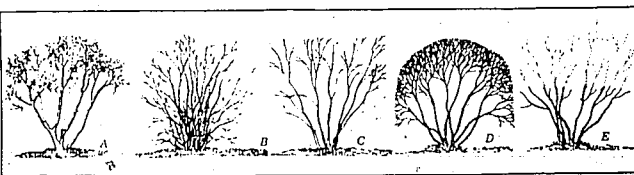
The annual pruning of plants keeps them looking neat, preserves their natural beauty, adds life to older plants, stimulates growth, reduces the plant's need for nitrogen and eliminates dead, diseased and injured wood.

TOOLS
You will need hand shears, a lopper and a saw, preferably one, with teeth that point toward the handle.

Loppers should be strong, but light and the type which can be tightened, enabling them to work freely and cut without tearing. The goal is to make clean, smooth cuts.

With hand shears, you can use the type which has a solid bar to cut against, called anvil, or one with two cutting edges. Keep tools sharp and clean.

TIME OF PRUNING
Most gardeners like to prune while trees and shrubs are still dormant because the shape of the tree is easy to see. But pruning can be done any



For overgrown shrubs take out 2 branches annually (A) otherwise shrubs will drown in own sap. For twiggy shrubs (B) remove from base (C). Crew cut (D) is undesirable. To force twiggness at bottom, prune as in (E).

time it is dry enough. The exception to this is for flowering trees and shrubs, which should be cut back only after they have bloomed.

An old wife's tale says that newly planted bareroot trees should have the top one-third pruned off to reduce the amount of water the plant needs to establish its root system. But we now know that without the leaves on the top of the little tree, the plant cannot make food for itself.

It is best to prune trees that bleed — maple, birch, dogwood and mulberry — just after the leaves come out in the spring.

MAKING CUTS

Cut branches back to where they begin. You will see a wrinkled area in the bark that resembles an elephant's neck. Make a smooth, flush cut as close to the wrinkled bark as possible. Do not leave stubs. They will only invite rot and disease. Do not put anything on the wound. The tree will take it on its own.

PRUNING DECIDUOUS TREES AND SHRUBS

The natural form of the tree should be preserved when pruning; When you are through with the job, the tree should look as though you were never there.

When cutting back to a strong outward-facing bud, use a clean cut that slopes inward about one-fourth inch above the bud. All cuts should be flush.

Cut away all weak, broken and diseased branches, branches with weak, narrow crotch angles and branches that cross.

Look at the general shape of the tree. Cut back limbs you want to keep but are too long. Branches can be headed to an outward-growing side branch or to a bud pointed outward.

When shade trees reach a height of 15 to 20 feet, remove all lower limbs

so that you can walk underneath. This applies to large shade trees such as elm, tulip and hackberry. Birch, flowering crab and similar trees cannot be trimmed this way, but should be trained to have several leaders rather than one central stem.

After shade trees become established, little pruning is required. Branches that are shaded out die off by themselves and should then be removed.

Only in rare instances should the natural form of the tree be altered. Most pruning requires only a little thinning-out. Never take out more than one-third of a tree in any one year.

And a little more on shrubs: Avoid pruning shrubs in the first place: Choose varieties that will not out-grow their spaces. If it's too late for that, read on.

Summer-blooming shrubs such as Hills-of-Snow hydrangea, Sorbara, Tamarix, butterfly bush, Rose of Sharon, Anthony Waterer spirea, and Hypericum can be pruned in early spring.

Trim out some of the oldest wood, leaving a reasonable number of healthy canes.

Cut back the remaining canes to

a point just above the second or third bud of last year's growth. When pruning Hills-of-Snow hydrangea and Anthony Waterer Spirea, cut down to the ground in late fall or before spring growth begins.

Spring blooming shrubs such as Forsythia, spirea, mock orange, flowering quince, Deutzia, lilac, Viburnum latiana and Viburnum carlesii, bush roses and many others, are grown primarily for their floral effect and should only be pruned after they've bloomed.

Prune to encourage new wood for next year's bloom.

Don't give it a "haircut." Close cropping causes suckers to grow through the center. Giving the top a buzz-cut causes the bush to fan out and block sunlight. Without light and air, the inner shrub will die.

Some gardeners have tried to rejuvenate a shrub which has been neglected and cut everything to the ground in the spring to produce new shoots. This method is generally too drastic. A better practice is to cut out one-third or more of the old canes, then cut the remaining branches to a point just above a lateral branch. This forces many suckers from the remaining canes which should be cut out.

Careful watering is important to keep a healthy garden

By **KRISTIN TUCKER**
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Wise watering is a key to a healthy garden, yet one of most misunderstood tasks a home gardener attempts.

What's so tricky about watering? Rainfall, humidity, wind and soil type all combine to confound gardeners.

Sandy soil holds less water than loamy or clay soil. My garden may have a layer of mulch. Your lawn may be thick with thatch.

And of course there are different ways of watering. Sprinklers, like rainfall, provide a cool, humid atmosphere, but you can lose water to the breeze and driveway. Drip irrigation systems — when operated properly — are a slow but thorough method of delivering water to the plant's roots, but wet leaves can invite disease. And even the most dedicated hand waterers are likely to encounter unsatisfactory results.

Good watering requires a basic understanding of how water reaches the plant, and

how water is used and lost. Then gardeners can decide which watering system will work best for them, and how to make water work hardest.

WATER, SOIL AND PLANTS

Water travels through soil slowly. Each soil particle holds as much water as it can; the rest is free to travel down or sideways. In time, plant roots take the water they need, and evaporation takes the rest.

Afterward, soil particles are surrounded by air, which is also needed for healthy plants. Too much water leaves no space for air and chokes plants. Water rushes through sandy soil, reaching roots quickly, but unless organic matter is present to hold on, it doesn't stick around long enough for the plant to get a drink. Organic matter helps soil hold water longer, so irrigation need not be as frequent.

No matter what the soil type, the best advice is to water deeply and infrequently. Don't sprinkle lightly. Don't soak heavily. Provide water only as fast as the soil can absorb it, enough to wet the soil down to the

root zone. Maintain correct soil-air-water content by allowing the soil to dry out partially before watering again.

HERE'S HOW:

Determine how much water is absorbed by your soil. Place a straight-sided container, such as a cake pan, in the sprinkler pattern. Water as usual. When you have an inch of water, note how long the water ran. Now you know how long it takes for an inch of water to be delivered to your lawn.

Wait a day for the water to penetrate the soil (two or three days for heavy clay soil). By then the "wetting front" has moved down as far as it will go. Loosen a divot or use a probe to see how deep the water went. Did it reach the plant roots? Adjust watering time to insure the root zone receives the moisture it needs.

In general, a lawn should be watered about every five to seven days, or when one of these conditions occurs: It loses its bright green color (in patches or all over in favor of a telltale blue-gray shade); it loses resiliency,

showing footprints when you walk across it; a plug of sod feels dry (cut a plug three or four inches deep, test, then replace).

THE RIGHT TOOL FOR THE JOB:

Sprinklers imitate rainfall best. They increase the humidity and decrease the temperature as they water the plants. Use sprinklers only to water heavily planted areas. Early morning, when water pressure is highest and wind and temperatures are low, allows wet leaves to dry in the sun and reduces the spread of diseases.

Flooding or soaking is a good way to water the deep root systems of larger plants, and for irrigating rows of vegetables or flowers. Hand watering may be the simplest method, but rarely the most satisfactory. Most folks cannot stand there long enough with the hose in hand to do the job right. Furrows, basins and drip irrigation methods are more effective. Here are some tips for specific needs:

• Use furrow irrigation to water rows of flowers or vegetables.

• Watering basins give large trees and shrubs the water their root systems need. Trees often need more water than lawns, and may not receive adequate water from automatic sprinkling systems. Dig a basin around the plant (a ridge of soil about six inches high around the drip line). Add water slowly to fill the basin.

• Smaller trees and shrubs can be watered by hose. Tie a piece of tubing over the end of the hose and turn down the water pressure. Leave the hose at the base of the plant until the soil is completely soaked.

• Small bedding plants purchased at the nursery have shallow roots that need a consistent water supply for best growth. After watering, use a trowel to make sure the root zone has been moistened. Expect to water often.

• Container gardens need to be watered more often. Water when the soil feels dry to the touch, not before. If the soil dries completely, soak the entire container to re-wet the soil.

Annuals can grow rapidly but require little care

By **TERRELL WILLIAMS**
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — For quick color, look to annuals.

In almost every variety annuals are simple to care for and they grow rapidly. Some rush from seed to flower in less than two months. Transplants are often full-budded when purchased at nurseries and ready to bloom in a week or two after you set them out.

"The more you pick them, the more they bloom and the prettier they get," says Evelyn Davis of Wendell, talking about petunias. They just thicken up and are gorgeous.

Davis had her own flower shop in Wendell for nine years and has 25 years of experience in the flower retail business. She says annuals of all kinds will bloom all summer and into fall if they are continually picked and given a little basic care.

Annuals are plants whose life cycle — from seed sprouting to seed setting — is completed in a year or less.

In her house, Davis adds three or four drops of bleach to a quart of water in flower vases. Bouquets of her picked annuals in the bacteria-free water last at least a week, "and you don't have to do anything with them," she says.

In her flower garden, Davis likes to grow annuals in masses with plenty of color combinations like a giant bouquet. Listed below are the annuals she likes best, along with her observations about them.

PETUNIAS are the very easiest to grow if you go down and buy the plants. To plant them from seed is hard work. These dainty flowers are frost resistant and will bloom all summer and into late fall. The best vase for picked petunias is a nice big fishbowl.

MARGOLDS have plenty of color and tend to resist bugs. They make colorful borders and nice cut flowers. Purple petunias look great growing with margolds and the two complement each other well.

SWEET PEAS should be planted

in early spring as soon as the frost leaves the ground. To do well, these colorful flowering vines need full sun. For an elegant mound, put support netting over that old stump in the yard and plant sweet peas around it.

VIOLAS spread their small purple blossoms all over once they get started, making pretty patches and seeding themselves everywhere. These miniature pansies dry beautifully in a Sears catalog.

SUMMER CYPRESS grows fast into a fluffy green bush. Planted around flower beds, it protects delicate plants from strong Idaho wind. Looking far more permanent than it really is, some folks might mistake it for an evergreen bush. After the frost hits, cypress bushes turn into beautiful autumn colors just as maple leaves do.

ALYSSUM grows over rocks and spreads out as a nice ground cover, and its small purple blossoms make nice borders. Full sun is not needed. Alyssum reseeds itself, but the hybrid purple colors will gradually go back to white. Trim alyssum and train it back to keep it looking nice.

DUSTY MILLER does not bloom, but its silver-gray foliage is a pretty ground cover and it makes an effective foil for other flowers.

GERANIUMS come in a variety of

colors and can be packed in buckets and tubs to haul inside for winter growth. In the summertime, they will bloom steadily if the little flowers are picked regularly. In all plants, dead blossoms sap a plant's strength to make seeds. Never be afraid to pick flowers and enjoy them because the plant will respond with more flowers.

Nasturtiums are leafy bedding plants with small flowering vines. To do well, they need full sun more than most other flowering plants. The leaves and flowers are edible, tasting a bit like radishes. Toss them in a salad.

Moss rose is great to plant in that poor soil where nothing else will grow. With satiny petals in colors of red, yellow, orange, scarlet and white, this hearty plant trails along and makes good ground cover, reseeding itself.

Castorbeans provide a good background to protect other, more delicate plants. In the back of the flower garden, maybe along a fence, the castorbean grows tall with a heavy stalk. Its branches spread out with huge green leaves that make a pretty background and cut the wind.

In designing a flower garden, Davis puts castorbeans, summer cypress and other tall protecting plants in the back. In front of that, her flow-

ers graduate down from tall pink cosmos to snapdragons and phlox to cuttle violet and four o'clocks mixed with dusty miller in the front. A variety of verbenas and scarlet salvia are in there somewhere.

"Mix colors," Davis advises. "That's what makes them so striking. They don't need to be in rows to be effective."

In a flower bed, try planting orange poppies with sweet alyssum, daisies and larkspur. Mix blue salvia with orange margolds and lilac impatiens.

Perhaps the worst problem, says Davis, is trying to choose from today's great variety of beautiful colors. "There are so many flowers, you can't have them all," she laments. One can only try.

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Indoor containers have influence on plant growth

By **EARL ARONSON**
The Associated Press

The primary use of houseplant containers is to hold the soil for plants to grow in, but they have a major influence on plant growth because they affect a plant's water supply.

The size and porosity of plant containers and the presence or absence of drainage holes in the bottom are critical factors, says Lee Taylor, Michigan State University Extension

horticulture specialist. The relative sizes of the pot and the plant it holds affect both the plant's water and nutrient supplies.

Taylor says that "a plant that's too large for its pot dries out quickly. A plant in an oversized pot may suffer from too much water because, after watering, the soil stays saturated for a long time. Also, the nutrients in the soil may be leached out before the plant has a chance to use them."



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Flowering shrubs can adapt well to Magic Valley weather

By ALLEN WILSON
Special to The Times-News

Flowering shrubs are one of the most welcome signs of spring. There are many beautiful flowering shrubs which are adapted to the Magic Valley and surrounding areas. Spring is the best time to add new shrubs to the landscape.

Our own native Potentilla or Cinquefoil is perhaps the best flowering shrub for all of Idaho. Most varieties do not have the mass of bloom that is found on other flowering shrubs, but they continue to produce flowers from June until September. A number of varieties are available, ranging in height from one foot to 4 feet. The yellow-flowered varieties are most common and the new orange and red ones are beginning to show up as well. The catch is that the deeper colored varieties usually fade to deep yellow or orange anyway under our high light intensity.

Try potentillas in a shady spot. They are hardy in the coldest climates, so they are a good choice for even Wood River valley.

The bright yellow flowered Forsythia is one of the most popular flowering shrubs in the Magic Val-

ley. There are several varieties, but most eventually grow up to 8 feet high unless pruned regularly. Forsythia is one of the first shrubs to bloom, usually about mid-April. It is not the best choice for planting in colder areas, such as the Wood River Valley. Although it usually flowers later there, the blossoms still get caught by late spring frosts most years.

Early May brings flowering quince, flowering almond and flowering plum. Quince has pink to red flowers on 6 foot shrubs. Almond has pink flowers on 5 to 6 foot plants. Most flowering plums are considered trees, but the cistena plum can be grown as a large shrub to 8 feet. It has purple leaves and pink flowers at about the same time as almond and quince. Quince and almond are cold tolerant but Cistena plum frequently has winter damage.

The queen of the May flowering shrubs is the lilac. Common lilac has the most fragrance, but some of the French hybrids have larger flowers and a variety of colors. Lilacs can eventually grow to 10 or 12 feet in height, although they can be kept smaller with yearly pruning after

bloom. Honeysuckle, spirea and viburnum bloom about the same time as lilacs. Tatarian honeysuckle has light pink to deep pink flowers on plants up to 8 feet high. Bridal Wreath spirea has graceful arching branches with white flowers. Although it can reach 6 to 8 feet, it is easy to keep at any height down to 3 feet with yearly pruning. Other spiraea are also available. Viburnums range from 4 to 12 feet. One of the most popular is the Snowball or American Cranberry Bush. It has white, ball-shaped flowers on 8 foot plants. All of these May flowering shrubs can be grown in colder areas as well as the Magic Valley, although they bloom later there.

Mack orange, or Philadelphia, is a 6 to 8 foot shrub which has fragrant white flowers in June. Minnesota Snowflake is a hardy, double-flowered variety.

Try deciduous Exbury azaleas for an uncommon shrub. Be sure to provide an acid soil, so they don't develop yellow, chlorotic leaves caused by iron deficiency. Check with local nurserymen to learn about other flowering shrubs that will grow here.



AP Laserphoto

The rock garden at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden in New York is over 70 years old

Rock gardens are popular

By EARL ARONSON
The Associated Press

If summer brings a lull to your gardening activity, perhaps you'll have time to build a rock garden. Select a location that has at least a half-day of sun — more is better if you want to make a show of flowering plants.

A steep slope or the vicinity of a rock outcrop is good. Not everyone has such a location, however, and we suggest you avoid making a round pile in the middle of a lawn. Instead, place the rock garden in a corner, off to the side, next to a foundation or bordering steps.

If the area is level, change the grade. Shovel out the soil a foot to 18 inches and slope it, perhaps, making two hills with a valley between. Then put in a 6-inch layer of stones or gravel for drainage. On this foundation replace the soil, mixing in sand or gravel to improve drainage. Add some peat.

Then develop the contour, with the lowest or largest stones embedded to make them look as though they

have always been there. Then add your next layer with the spaces between filled with the mixture or medium for the plants to grow in.

We suggest you place rocks horizontally and in a line so that they appear to be part of a bed or layer. Avoid "dragon's teeth," or pointed sharp rocks standing up. We prefer one kind of stone, not a collection, and mica-infested rocks are quite gaudy.

Continue building to a reasonable height, then place a few stones to tie in the main groupings in the garden. You can move them around until you get the right effect, then imbue the rocks into the soil.

Finally, place your plants. A narrow hand trowel is handy to dig between the rocks.

Select low, creeping plants, not border flowers. Consider alyssum, anubrietas, low pinks, armerias, creeping phlox, miniature iris or other miniatures, spring and fall crocus, snowdrops and other low-growing varieties.

You don't have to feed often. Water when necessary and weed or loosen soil if necessary.

By TERRELL WILLIAMS
Times-News Correspondent

KETCHUM - Cold nights and a short growing season in mountain country limit a garden of annual flowers there. Fragile dahlias and zinnias often succumb to the cold. When started from seed, plants are lucky to ever reach a flowering stage.

But at Webb Nursery in Ketchum, manager Sheila Kelley knows how to get around the weather and produce a colorful garden.

She stocks up on flats of flowering plants already growing, started in Hagerman or Twin Falls greenhouses. With this headstart, the plants can bloom in early summer.

Old whiskey barrels and hanging pots can be moved in from the cold and are very attractive when filled with annuals, says Kelley.

In designing a large area or flower bed, Kelley prefers solid color rather than a mixture of flowers.

"There is really nothing more

spectacular than going into an area like Big Wood Golf Course and seeing just hundreds of yards of solid color," she says.

Although she uses more perennials in the high elevations, Kelley does list some annuals that can be used to add a splash of color around any mountain cabin.

Petunias are the best annuals for higher altitudes, she says. They handle the colder temperatures a little better when it snows in June and July. Kelley says her landscaping of the Big Wood River Golf Course is usually done all in petunias. "We do different color schemes that will vary from year to year," she says.

Geraniums are regulars in the private gardens Kelley designs. Although they freeze a little in light frost, they come back thicker and nicer. Marigolds and Dusty Miller both make good borders.

Alyssum also works well as a border. Its tiny flowers are a nice ground cover.

Mass Rose grows surprisingly well

in rocky, dry mountain dirt. It grows about six inches high with scarlet, rose, purple, white and yellow flowers.

Snapdragons are fairly hearty and the fragrant plants will succeed themselves to return year after year. Impatiens of all colors are recommended for hanging baskets.

Calendula flowers well and doesn't mind a little shade.

Cosmos grow feathery and tall with attractive five-petal lace-looking flowers.

Varietata Vinea, with its trailing stems and green and cream-white foliage, looks good in hanging baskets.

Try planting vinca round the edge of a basket or planter and have other flowers grow up from the center.

Lobelia gracefully grows six to eight inches down from a hanging basket. It has tiny blue or rose colored flowers and thin leaves. Kelley says most of these annuals are fairly tolerant of the cold and will stand temperatures down to about 20 degrees.

Magic Valley is blend of high desert and temperate climates

By JANENE BUCKWAY
Times-News correspondent

The Magic Valley is an interesting blend of high desert and more temperate climates. Soil types range from the fertile, volcanic ash loams of much of Twin Falls County, to the blowing sand in southern Jerome and Gooding Counties, to the lava rock shelves, shallow top soil and heavier clay-like soils of parts of Gooding and Lincoln County.

The Hagerman Valley remains famous as a productive fruit, wine grape and berry growing area. The natural springs provide abundant water and the canyon walls help moderate temperatures and humidity. Hagerman is typically the warmest area of the valley except in mid-summer when the temperatures on the lava desert plains above the canyon rise to seasonal extremes, often well above 100 degrees.

The length of the growing season is of special interest to gardeners. It can begin as much as 7 to 10 days earlier in the Twin Falls area than in the Lincoln-Gooding County areas and often extends for a week or longer in the southern valley areas in the fall.

Lincoln County Agriculture Agent Stacy Camp said the Shoshone area has an average of 118 "frost-free" days each year. Richfield, about 15 miles north and east of Shoshone can

expect only about 112 frost-free days and the numbers decrease to the north.

Twin Falls County can expect more than 120 days annually without the temperature dropping below freezing and that increases in the Hagerman Valley. But gardeners must remember this statistic only reflects the number of days in the whole year when the temperature does not dip below 32 degrees. Camp warns. It does not reflect the number of frost-free days "in a row" that commonly make up the growing season. The valley has already had a few days without freezing temperatures, but it's not quite planting time in most areas, yet.

On the average, the growing season is 90 days-long, give or take a few in the northern areas and the canyon bottom.

Relative humidity and wind speed also affect plant growth. Typically the protected areas of the Snake River Canyon have a higher relative humidity than the wind swept plains of the north side. In the past two years, much of the area has experienced humidity levels as low as 12 to 15 percent. Such low levels cause serious plant stress and require much heavier irrigation than periods of higher humidity, even when the temperature is the same or higher.

National Weather Bureau statistics show the average daily wind

speed, on an annual basis, to be 10 miles per hour. The almost constant wind affects the kind of plants that can be raised and the success with which they are produced.

Many gardeners find it helpful to plant wind breaks and low hedges, other plant gardens in areas protected by buildings. But it must be remembered, the wind break cannot shade the garden spot so much as to interfere with necessary sunlight.

Micro climate is a term that refers to all the various fluctuations in temperature and weather conditions in a given area. Magic Valley is a mass of micro climates and home gardeners need to become familiar with the conditions in their particular area.

Even smaller micro climates can be found in individual gardens, with some areas of the plot more susceptible to early spring frosts than others. The temperature of a south facing wall can be as much as 10 degrees warmer than a north face and windbreaks can help protect tender plants.

Check out the library for guidebooks. Call the Cooperative Extension Service for helpful information regarding local climates and which varieties of vegetables do best here. Successful home gardeners, who have adapted their techniques to the specific conditions of the area, can also offer helpful hints.

Garden contest set for June

By CATHY WALWORTH
Special to the Times-News

The Northside Board of Realtors' lawn and garden contest won't quite be same this year. Two of last year's winners won't be contending.

Realtors recognize "Make America Beautiful" week in April, but chairman Bonn Ross of Pioneer Realty says that they will delay their community service project until June.

"This is our reulter project for American Home Week, which is held in April, but we don't feel that's a good time to look at the yards. We will start probably the 23rd of June, looking at the houses. Winners will be picked, and announced June 30," she says.

Everyone in Jerome, Hagerman, Gooding and Wendell is eligible. The committees for each city will be driving around and looking for evidence of "pride of ownership," reflected in the overall appearance of the house and yard, Ross said. They will look for neatness, flowers, color and "nice landscaping."

Ross says she prefers an assortment of trees, evergreen and deciduous mixed, as well as hanging baskets and lots of variety in the flowers, not just one color.

Winners in each city will be awarded a \$25 gift certificate from a local nursery.

Although they try to see all the

homes, Ross adds that if residents want to make sure their yards are judged, they may call the Northside Board of Realtors at 324-498 and leave their address.

Last year's winners may not be competing as hard this year. Two of last year's winners won't compete at all for personal reasons, and Hagerman's winner, Bill Stinebaugh, says he'll do the usual stuff — the usual flowers and just maintenance, but I'm going to try to do more fishing this year, give somebody else a chance."


Mr. and Mrs. Greenwalt of Gooding don't plan to add anything new this year. Mrs. Greenwalt says they will just maintain what's already there.

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'Scare-eye' balloon helps keep birds away

By The Associated Press

Many food crops, including strawberries, cherries, blueberries and sweet corn, suffer bird damage. One way to protect them is to float a special "scare-eye" balloon, reported successful in scaring birds in Japan.

Other ways are to use firecrackers, sonic devices, carbide and propane

cannons, rubber snakes, owl decoys and netting, but birds get used to these and their effectiveness diminishes.

The "scare-eye" balloon is hung from trees or long poles to frighten away marauding birds.

The balloons are made from heavy gauge, weather-proof vinyl, the size of basketballs.

The manufacturer, Hartmann's Plantation, Grand Junction, Mich., says control is most effective with birds that flock, but that swallows, purple martins and songbirds are not frightened by the eye.

Hartmann's recommends two balloons per small garden, six per acre of orchard or farm crop.

Gourmet vegetables are new to gardens

By The Associated Press

Arugula. Cardoon. Gobo. Scorzera.

No, they're not rare diseases, nor are their foreign phrases that will get you fine slapped.

They are among dozens of new and unusual gourmet vegetables — some call them "designer veges" — on a list compiled for home gardeners and commercial growers by a Cornell University vegetable crop specialist.

Unconventional crops have become increasingly popular in recent years, says Robert A. Kline, a senior extension associate for Cornell Cooperative Extension in the College of Life and Sciences at the Ithaca, N.Y., school. Kline attributes the interest to the increase in health-conscious consumers, who eat more conventional vegetables and are looking for diversity.

Baby carrots, endive, radicchio, oriental radishes, fennel, and mung beans are some of the vegetable varieties that restaurant chefs love to experiment

with and home cooks are not afraid to try.

Robert L. Bidner, president of RLB Food Distributors of West Caldwell, N.J., said, "A few years ago, if I tried to introduce the avocado to a grocer, he would have laughed me out the door. Not anymore. There's a national preoccupation with health and fitness, and waves of new immigrants, and sophisticated consumers who read food magazines."

Arugula? That's a spicy, leafy vegetable used in salads. Gobo is a root crop popular in Japan. Cardoon is a leafy vegetable with a wide "vein" in the middle; only the vein is eaten. And scorzera is a type of salsify known as "vegetable oyster" or "oyster plant" because its black-inked roots taste somewhat like oysters.

Other exotic crops include radicchio, a type of chicory that forms a head much like lettuce; witloof, a Belgian endive; Chinese artichoke, which produces very small potato-like tubers, and escarole, a kind of endive with flatter leaves.

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ZUCCHINI PESTO SALAD

A great salad for hot weather.

4 to 5 medium zucchini, very coarsely grated

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup packed fresh basil leaves

1/2 cup olive oil

1/2 cup Parmesan

1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh oregano or 1 teaspoon dried

6 cups packed bread

1/2 pound orzo (rice-shaped pasta)

1/2 cup lemon juice

1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan or Asiago or hard Monterey Jack cheese

3 tablespoons chopped parsley

1/2 cup olive oil

Sprinkle zucchini with salt in a colander and toss. Let stand 20 minutes, draining in a colander. Squeeze zucchini dry. Transfer to large bowl. Blend basil, oil, garlic and oregano together with food processor or blender. Add to zucchini; reserve. Bring chicken broth to boil in a large pot. Add orzo and reduce heat, cooking until orzo is just tender, about 10 to 12 minutes. Drain well. Stir the zucchini into the pasta.

Add the lemon juice, grated cheese and pepper. Serve warm, at room temperature, or chilled, 2 to 4 to 6.

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FRESH ORANGE SALAD DRESSING

The fresh orange flavor comes through the light and refreshing dressing that makes salad dressings.

1/2 cup mild vinegar

1 teaspoon freshly grated orange and 1/2 cup freshly squeezed orange juice

1/2 teaspoon minced parsley

1 teaspoon sugar

1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon paprika

1/2 cup salad oil

Combine ingredients and blend or shake together thoroughly. Makes 1 1/2 cups.

Recipe courtesy of Shepherd's Seeds, Fallon, Calif.

Select pesticides to defend lawn, garden against insects

By JOAN BEAN
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Here they come - hopping, creeping, flying, walking and running - the insects that invade our lawns and gardens. It's time once again to defend our outdoor territories against them.

With the arsenal of pesticides available, the home gardener can annihilate a fair share of these intruders. It's just a matter of choosing weapons and ammunition. Some folks prefer the synthetic insecticides, others like the organic varieties.

Whichever kind one selects, Robert Stoltz, extension entomology specialist with the University of Idaho, says it depends on personal preference. He says the synthetics are safe and effective, but if a person doesn't like those, there are products such as one called Safer's Soap.

The important thing about Safer's Soap, he says, is to get thorough coverage on tops and bottoms of leaves, because they must be made wet enough to get the soap on the insects. "They've improved it over the last four or five years, and I think there is a place for it."

Paul Warnick, Kolley's Garden Center manager, says Safer's Soap breaks down the hard shell of an insect, causing it to dehydrate. "Obviously you don't want to go out and drink it, but it is virtually harmless to humans."

He says it has a very little odor and kills a broad range of insects. But it is not effective for long after it is sprayed - perhaps two or three days. It is more of a contact killer.

Another natural weapon for the organic gardener is one called pyrethrin, made from a chrysanthemum-type flower. Stoltz says it is short-lived. Light breaks it down rapidly. It knocks the bugs down quickly, but doesn't last very long in the garden.

Still another natural pest killer is

the "pick and squish." Good for the smaller garden.

Gardeners may want to try introducing "good bugs" to kill the "bad bugs." Praying mantis egg cases or lacewing eggs can be bought. The praying mantis catches flying things, but might not do much with aphids or spider mites.

The lacewing larvae prefer to eat aphids and sometimes will attack caterpillars. But they must have aphids or something else they like to eat, or they will just go ahead and eat each other.

Although ladybugs eat aphids, they are not necessarily loyal to those who buy or collect them. Stoltz says they are programmed to fly when they come out of their wintering state. "It's very common for them to take off and fly to the neighbors or disperse all around, and you don't get any effect out of your ladybugs."

For the gardener who prefers synthetic insecticides, there are a number of them on the market. Stoltz says they are safe when used as directed. Rubber gloves should be worn while pouring concentrates; read labels and use as directed. Don't store them in the home, keep out of the reach of children and teach the kids to stay away from them.

By making careful choices, Stoltz says purchases can be limited to two or three insecticides. "And, unless you have a very large yard or garden and use a lot of it - it's a little more expensive - but I would buy the smallest container I could. That way you could use it up and get rid of the container, and you won't have the thing sitting around for years and years."

He says Sevin is good to use against caterpillars and beetles, while diazinon is a good choice for aphids, lawn insects and coddling moths in apple trees. It is also somewhat effective on spider mites.

Kelthane was the preferred choice in the war against spider mites, but

it was banned a year or so ago. Cyron 2-E is now recommended against the insects. It is a systemic insecticide that protects the whole plant, even new growth. If you have spider mites and don't like chemicals, remember that spider mites love dust. Wash the plant leaves regularly to make them less appealing.

For the pesky sod webworm and bluegrass billbug, Stoltz says he would use diazinon or Durban. He says the best way to control the billbug is to spray the adults before they lay eggs. Billbug larvae feed on the grass roots below soil level, and it is difficult to get an insecticide down to it.

The sod webworm caterpillar feeds on the crown of the plant at the soil level, so they are easier to spray. It is harder to kill the moths, because the spray doesn't stick to their scales.

Stoltz says the tan sod webworm moths, which are about 1/2 - 3/4 inch long and have a stout, can be seen flying in front of the lawnmower. "When the moth activity goes down, I wait about a week and then spray. That gives the eggs time to hatch, and for the moths to lay the eggs, and the eggs to hatch, and you can spray and kill the larvae," he says. "We have about three flights a summer with the sod webworm."

For those who wish to use an organic approach to this problem, he says bacillus thuringiensis (carried by most garden centers under the brand name "Dipel") may be used. The caterpillar eats the b.t., the bacterium multiplies and eventually ruptures the caterpillar's stomach lining.

Cheryl Lockwood of Kimberly Nurseries says billbugs thrive upon a stressed lawn. "So if you keep your yard watered and don't put it in a drought situation, you're a lot more likely not to have it come back."

Stoltz recommends that puzzled gardeners call the county agent for advice. Sometimes personnel at garden supply stores are knowledgeable, too.

Choose variety of roses that doesn't mind winter or sun

By CATHY WALWORTH
Special to the Times-News

They said roses wouldn't grow here. When I moved here, they said I might as well say goodbye to my prize-winning garden gems. Phooey!

The experts say there's no good reason we can't grow astounding roses here as long as we give them a little tender-loving care.

The No. 1 rule to follow is: Choose a variety that will do well in this climate. We want roses that don't mind a little winter and lots of sun. Something that does best in irrigated desert soils - much like where most of the rose root stock is grown in the first place. We'll talk later about specialities.

Down to business. There's an old gardener's saw that says, "There's no such thing as too hot for roses," but our summers get hot enough that we don't want to plant roses against a south wall. Put them where they will get at least five hours of sun every day, preferably in the morning. They like to get dry just as soon as they can.

They like soil with humus, lots of water and super drainage.

Roses will need some protection from the winter temperatures. They can't stand temperatures dropping under 10 degrees for 24 hours.

Portland, Ore., may be known as "The Rose City," but it's humid there,

and roses don't like humidity. Humid conditions invite blackspot and mildew. The dry desert air is much better suited for healthy roses. That's why Jackson and Perkins grows their root stocks in Bakersfield, Calif., in Medford, Ore., and in Texas.

Local old-timers tell me that the problem with the desert air is there's too much of it. The wind breaks up the roses, and they need to be protected. Just make sure that the wind-protected spot you choose isn't also shady.

Roses like to be fed regularly. For simplicity's sake, I like to use Ortho's Systemic Rose and Flower Care. It has all the nutrients healthy roses need as well as insecticide to thwart aphids.

Most folks shiver when they think of the mystery of rose pruning. Pshaw! Established roses like to have their spent blossoms cut back to the next strong cane during the summer; after a good fall frost, prune them back knee-high. When it looks like winter is just around the corner, cut each bush down to about 10 or 12 inches, cut out all dead and damaged stems and lay a mound of mulch over what's left to protect it from freezing.

When spring arrives, uncover the rose canes to let in light and air. Cut out any visible winter damage.

When you see that the rose has decided it's time to grow, give it a little fertilizer.

That's about it. No great mysteries. Just lots of eyeballing roses to delight us all summer long.

Now we talk about which varieties to look for. Louise Miller at Kimberly Nursery says, "All the Peace are good. Chicago, Pink and Yellow Peace all do well here, especially the yellows. For a real red, try Oklahoma; Carl Drusk, for white. Mr. Lincoln, a deep red, and Chrysler Imperial do well, too."

For a real color splash, plant Garden Party and Oregon right next to each other.

Other favorites - include Grand Masterpiece, a bright red; Sunbright Yellow; and Graceand, the new yellow beauty featured on the cover of this year's J&P catalog. For a splash of pink, plant Fragrant Memory, and for perfume, you can't beat Fragrant Cloud and First Prize.

Use appropriate tools to minimize problems

By PRUDENCE HELLER
The Associated Press

Is there such a thing as a painless gardening?

Judy Glatstein, an instructor in design at the New York Botanical Garden and herself a gardener in Wilton, Conn., says perhaps not - but there are many things one can do to minimize the aches.

Use tools appropriate to the job she says. Man invented the wheel for a reason. Use that wheelbarrow. And if you're planting just a few bulbs, a trowel will do; for large quantities, dig up the area involved with a shovel or spade. Don't use a heavy pump sprayer if you have only a few bushes or plants to spray. A small container with a hand trigger will do.

Reading seed catalogs in winter is fun, but it won't keep you in shape for gardening in the spring. Mrs. Glatstein. Fred McGourty, a Norwalk, Conn., nurseryman who teaches at the New York Botanical Garden, and others urge exercise - walking, swimming, other sports during the winter. And in the spring, start gardening slowly; don't try to put in a full day right off.

Lifting is less likely to give gardeners aching backs if they bend the knees, grasp the item to be lifted, and then straighten up.

Knees ache from damp earth? Pads for kneeling can be purchased at garden centers or elsewhere - or made at home, using scrap foam rubber. Or try raised beds, or a hanging garden in pots.

Jud Flieger, a Rutgers University agricultural-resources management agent in New Jersey, says garden centers and garden supply catalogs

offer all kinds of adaptive tools that make it possible for elderly or handicapped people to garden, and for anyone to garden more comfortably. Wood or aluminum handles can extend the length of standard shovels, hoes or cultivators. Low folding chairs and stools enable one to sit while weeding or hoeing.

Attitude toward gardening may also contribute to pain or painlessness, says one gardener's says:

"To keep up your morale, take on smaller chores you can complete, urges Mrs. Glatstein. Then go on to something else. She says beginning gardeners should keep their plants small and choose plants that are easy to maintain.

Elvin Macdonald, director of special projects at Brooklyn Botanic Garden in New York, also urges gardeners to relax: "If you think weeding hard dirt a curse, then you're more likely to get blisters," he says.

Tools should feel comfortable to the user and should be used properly. Short or tall, strong or not so strong, the gardener buying a tool should look around until finding one that feels right.

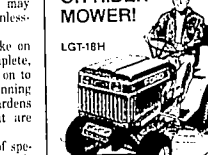
The Cooperative Extension service at Cornell University in New York State offers these tips:

- Don't leave a rake on the ground with the tines pointed upward. If you step on it, the handle may hit you in the face (and the tines could hurt your foot).
- Wear gloves when picking up garden debris, in case there are thorns or other sharp items.
- Wear protective goggles when using power equipment, and a mask over mouth and nose when spraying with insecticide.

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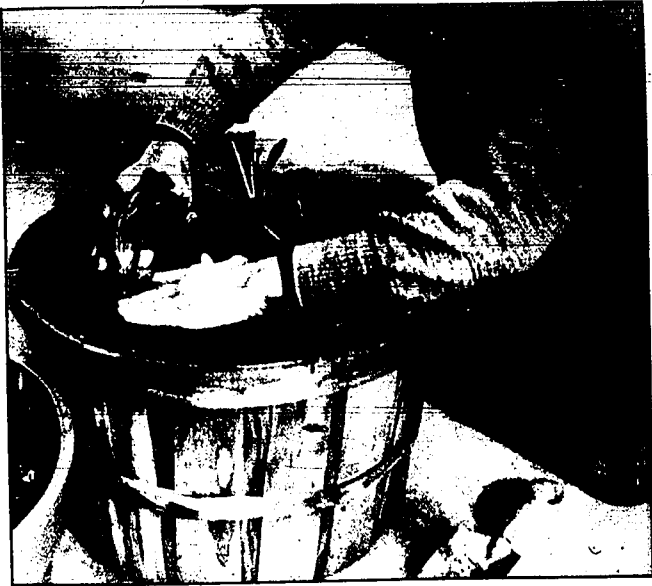
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Container gardening can bring great results without extra work

By BARBARA NEHWERT
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — Not everyone has the room, the time or the diligence to tend a vegetable garden or flower bed. Container gardening is an alternative way to enjoy the fruits without all the labor.

With a little creativity and ingenuity, you can bring the garden to your doorstep, be it a flower, herb or vegetable garden.

Container gardening can be a learning experience for children, giving them a chance to plant, tend and enjoy their own vegetables and flowers.

Container gardening can be as simple as planting a seed in a milk carton or as elegant as surrounding your deck or patio with an assortment of potted mini-gardens.

Types of Containers

Containers are made of almost anything, and almost anything will work as long as it has a drain hole. Clay pots, saucers, wooden tubs, cement blocks, plastic pots, redwood planter boxes, window boxes and even soil mix bags can be used.

Old buckets or wheelbarrows can be transformed into a cascade of color. Items that may seem dull and headed for the dump, such as an old milk separator with a spigot, can be spray painted and turned into lovely containers for your front steps or a corner of the patio.

Use the bottom half of a milk carton to start flower seeds or even fruit tree seeds; transplant them when the tree outgrows the carton. Try a toilet-bowl to plant one or two carrot seeds. The cans' depth allows enough room for the carrot to grow down, although there's not a lot of space to grow out.

Once you have chosen your container, the real fun begins: picking the plants to fill it. You have many choices:

Annuals

Nothing beats annuals for their long-lasting color, says Shelia Kelley, manager of the Hetchum branch of Webb Nurseries.

Petunias, geraniums and pansies are among the more popular annuals used in containers. Trailing lobelia has a tiny purple flower with stems that trail down some eight inches, adding interesting visual perceptions to a hanging basket.

Begonias, impatiens, marigolds, dahlias, zinnias, dusty miller and variegated vinca are all good choices for containers.

If you would like to create a container to reflect the essence of spring, try planting bulbs such as daffodils, crocus and scilla, which scented wallflowers, forget-me-nots and trailing English ivy.

For summer blossoms use begonias, trailing geraniums, sweet alyssums, trailing lobelia and perhaps some pansies to create a strong summer display.

Perennials

Perennials can be used in containers, but care must be taken to transplant them into a garden bed for the winter, digging them up again the next summer, says Kelley.

Perennials usually depend on surrounding soil and mulch to protect their roots against harsh winter temperatures. Kelley says leaving perennials in containers through the winter dries them out and leaves the roots unprotected. If you choose to keep perennials in containers through the winter, they should get plenty of water and be stored in a cool, dark place such as a garage or root cellar. Insulation can be created around the container by sinking the container itself into the ground and packing it with straw.

Since perennials typically bloom only a short time during the growing season, Kelley says they should be used primarily for their greenery effect.

Almost any perennial can be potted, including some grasses. Kelley's favorites are yarrow, coreopsis and columbine.

Herbs

A container planting of herbs is not only edible, it can make an attractive foliage arrangement. Put potted herbs on the kitchen windowsill or just outside the door for convenient snipping.

Kelley says Webb Nursery has a wide variety of herbs available this spring so gardeners can have a variety to plant.

Try combining herbs with flowering

annuals or perennials. Parsley is a good choice because it is green all overflows, says Tara Ooms of the Sun Valley Garden Center.

Vegetables

Most vegetables work well in container gardens as long as they are not root crops. Good choices include lettuce, spinach, tomatoes, peppers, radishes and strawberries. Cantaloupes and cucumbers can even be grown in containers, given the proper support, such as a trellis. Certain varieties of cherry tomatoes do well in hanging baskets if you make certain they get plenty of water.

Salad bar

Lettuce can be grown in a hanging sphagnum moss basket while complementary vegetables can be grown in additional baskets or containers. The salad basket is nutritious and pretty at the same time.

To make such a hanging basket, a 13-inch wire basket is generously lined with moist moss, packed tightly between wires. Poke your finger through the moss at six-inch intervals to create planting holes. Offset them so they are not lined up vertically. This basket can accommodate about 20 young seedlings.

Stick the lettuce through the holes and fill the basket with soil. Stuff more moss in to fill any gaps around transplants. Plant four seedlings on top. Hang your new salad.

Hanging baskets should be watered and fertilized frequently, sometimes watering as often as twice a day in warm or windy weather. Fertilize with a complete liquid fertilizer once a week. Lettuce should be ready to harvest 3 to 4 weeks after planting.

Healthy plants may avoid spread of pests, disease

By PRUDENCE HELLER
The Associated Press

Root rot and crown rot, army worms and cutworms, blister beetles and Japanese beetles, lace bugs, mealy bugs and spittle bugs: this is just a sampling of the ills that plants are heir to.

Some can be prevented; some treated by natural or chemical means. Many experts say that a healthy plant is less likely to succumb to illness or damage, while others say this may be more coincidence than direct cause and effect. But it's generally agreed that the conditions that make the plant healthy are also likely to help curb the spread of pests and disease.

Joel Flagler, Rutgers University agricultural-resources management agent for Bergen County, N.J., says that for a plant to be healthy, it must be suited to the conditions under which it will grow. Soil, moisture and light must all be appropriate. He and others suggest having soil tested. It can be done through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Cooperative Extension services throughout the country. And

there are kits for testing soil oneself.

Some pests can be avoided or controlled through "companion planting" — planting one plant as a decoy or pest repellent near another that one is cultivating. Thalassa Cruse, in "Making Vegetables Grow," suggests nasturtiums to lure aphids from cucumbers, marigolds to control root nematodes (microscopically small worms), and plenty of garlic as an overall repellent. She also relays suggestions that fill will keep away tomato worms, mint provides insurance against ants, and radishes protect cucumbers, squash and melons.

Rotating crops is another way to keep pests or disease from getting established. And gardeners can buy certified seed and plants bred to be disease-resistant. Also, isolate for a while any new plant you acquire through gift or purchase, so you can determine whether it is healthy.

And don't forget the bugs that eat other bugs, and the birds with their appetite for insects.

A home gardener who has read up on the subject or had a bit of experience may be able to diagnose some plant problems: Highly visible

white flies, the fine webs that spider mites leave on the underside of leaves, Japanese beetles. If a plant is cut off at the soil line, you may find a cutworm in a type of grub in the surrounding soil. Remove and squash it.

Remove-and-squash is not a particularly attractive idea, but it's also useful against tomato worms, slugs, Japanese beetles and the Japanese beetle grub, which resembles a cutworm.

Other plant ailments are harder to diagnose, and the gardener may wish to follow the suggestion of "1,000 Garden Questions, Vol. II," edited by Marjorie Dietz, and send a sample to the nearest Agricultural Experiment Station for analysis.

In the case of some pests, a strong blast of water from a hose may drive them away. A spraying with insecticidal soap is another possible solution.

Then there are the pesticides. Some — rotenone and pyrethrum, for instance — have organic sources. They come from plants. Others are chemical compounds.

Garden experts urge one to use any pesticide exactly as directed.

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Learn to recognize poison ivy

By The Associated Press

One plant not valued by gardeners is poison ivy.

Rashes resulting from poison ivy encounters most often occur in summer, when it thrives and victims are lightly dressed.

The best thing, of course, is to recognize and avoid the plant. But if you make contact, act quickly and thoroughly to minimize the discomfort.

Here are some pointers recommended by the 3M First Aid Center:

- Remember that the poison is in the sap found on leaves or roots, not the leaves themselves.

- Choose clothing that offers the best coverage if you're going to be gardening in an area where there might be poison ivy. Long pants, socks, long sleeves and gloves are advised.

- Clothes that have come into

contact with the sap can spread the infection, so remove them carefully and wash them immediately. Treat garden equipment, particularly handles, the same way.

If your skin comes into contact with the sap, wash the area right away. Washing with soap and water two or three times may even prevent your getting a rash, though that ultimately depends on your own sensitivity to the toxins in the sap.

- Itching and rash probably will appear from 24 to 48 hours after contact. Keep the area clean and dry. If blisters develop, clean and dress the affected area, especially if

the skin is broken, since a secondary infection may set in. If the rash is widespread or keeps you from getting on with your daily activities, contact your doctor. Prescription steroids taken orally may bring relief in serious cases, but

don't rely on over-the-counter steroid creams, because they won't help.

- If the rash is localized, the best thing is to let the condition run its course, usually two or three weeks.



Poison Ivy, left, Virginia Creeper, right

Illustration courtesy of Practical Housekeeping

Know the names of dangerous plants

By CATHY WALWORTH
Special to the Times-News

Small children put whatever they can reach into their mouths. Adults mistake poisonous plants in the wild for edible ones. Some die from their mistake.

Teach young children that they cannot eat leaves, berries, flowers or other plant parts not served to them as food.

Lists of plants that are known to be dangerous are never complete, and sometimes only parts of a plant are poisonous or are considered "irritants." Here is a brief list of plants considered to be dangerous. However, it is not known how much plant material is dangerous, nor is it always known precisely what plant part or stage of growth is dangerous. Besides that, this list does not imply that any plant NOT on this list is safe. When you aren't sure, call Poison Control at 1-800-632-8000.

Flowering plants:

Autumn crocus, bleeding heart, daffodil, foxglove, iris, larkspur, Lily-of-the-Valley, monkshood, primrose, star-of-Bethlehem, sweet pea, oleander, Jack-in-the-Pulpit, calla lily, impatiens, honeysuckle, morning glory, castorbean, gladiolus, wisteria, lobelia, four-o'clock, hydrangea, daphne.

House plants:

Amaryllis, caladium, diffenbachia, caladium, elephant's ear.

Shrubs and Vines:

Azalea, daphne, English ivy, laurel, magnolia, rhododendron, wisteria, yew, mayapple, mandrake, trumpet vine, Japanese box, com-

mon boxwood, sweetshrub, burning bush, strawberry-bush, cypress spurge, snow-on-the-mountain, common privet, red sage, Virginia creeper or Woodbine.

Trees:

Black locust, cherries (wild and cultivated), elderberry, goldenchain, holly, horsechestnut, ginkgo or maidenhair tree, oak, peach, china berry, apple (seeds).

Garden plants:

Rhubarb, potato, tomato.

Wild plants:

Buttercup, Jimson weed (thorn apple), nightshade, poison hemlock, skunk cabbage, water hemlock, black henbane, coyote tobacco, Indian tobacco, bitterweed nightshade, poison hemlock, nettle.

In spite of education and precautions, accidents still happen. Getting medical advice is always wise, especially if nothing is done about the situation until symptoms of sickness appear.

Call the Poison Control Center for advice or take the patient to a doctor or hospital emergency room. Always take along the suspected plant for examination. Flowers and fruit or seeds are particularly useful in identifying plants. If possible, take the entire plant: dig up or pull up the root, too. The more material you take, the easier it is to get a positive identification.

If you suspect the plant of being hazardous, force the patient to vomit. Syrup of ipecac may be given to cause vomiting. Make the call to the Poison Control Center or emergency room, anyway, just to be safe.

Cards describe edible and poisonous plants

By CATHY WALWORTH
Special to the Times-News

A couple of summers ago two Idaho canoeists ate water hemlock and died.

The same thing happened to a Washington teenage boy the year before that.

Idaho's Poison Control hotline at Boise's St. Alphonsus Hospital estimates that of the 15,000 calls last year, more than 2,000 involved poisonous plants.

Can you tell the difference between lupine and fireweed? A lot of us can't, but we need to know that

important difference if we happen to be stuck out in the woods. Lupine is poisonous, while fireweed is not. They are similar in appearance with pink-to-lavender colored flowers and both grow all over Western North America.

"Edible and Poisonous Plants of the Western States" is a collection of cards printed by Calvin Burt and Frank Heyl of Lake Oswego, Ore. The deck of 54 cards have color photographs of common Northwest plants - their blossoms, stalks and roots. On the reverse side is a description of the plant, complete with habitat and how it is eaten, if safe.

The safe-to-eat plant descriptions are printed in black ink, the poisonous in red.

The authors have made sure that plant descriptions are as simple to understand as possible with a minimum of medical terminology.

An extra card lists 17 books if you hunger for more information on the subject. Another card tells us that both blue and black berries are edible, red berries sometimes are and white berries almost never are.

"Lacking positive identification, avoid plants with milky sap or those that resemble melons, parsnips or cucumbers," the card says. Even if you see an animal eating a plant, that doesn't make it safe human

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If someone does eat or drink something that you suspect may not have been safe, call the Poison Control Hotline, 1-800-632-8000.

1st week is critical for transplanted plants

By The Associated Press

The most critical time for young plants transplanted to your garden is the first week. Don't plant such tender crops as tomatoes, peppers, petunias, impatiens and begonias until all danger of frost has ended. Planting too early is perhaps the major cause of loss of bedding plants.

Some animal and insect problems can be averted with pesticides and other products available in garden shops. Buy good quality transplant seedlings as well as seeds.

Short, compact, bushy plants with some side shoots already formed are better than tall, thin, straggly items

that have had to stretch to reach light or are spindly due to over-crowded roots.

Buy tomatoes, marigolds, salvias and pelumias with healthy, dark green leaves. Avoid plants with yellow, wilted or shriveled leaves.

If you buy seedlings in peat pots, gently remove the bottom of the pot and release the roots. While roots will penetrate the peat, which eventually will decompose, a dry period could keep roots pot-bound and hinder good development. Be careful not to tear the plant roots.

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Local gardeners give tips on growing vegetables

By JaNENE BUCKWAY
Times-News correspondent

One of my students came rushing into class the other day and exclaimed, "It must be spring in southern Idaho, the weather changes every twelve minutes!"

Besides erratic weather, strong wind and daydreaming students, spring in the Magic Valley also means vegetable garden planting time.

We have been planting a garden since we moved to Lincoln County more than a decade ago. Gardening is part of our family tradition and I was both relieved and gratified to discover that my teen-age son not only enjoys gardening, but actually looks forward to the tilling, planting, irrigating and weeding. I know geneticists will debate the point, but as the descendants of many generations of Dutch vegetable farmers, gardening seems to be "in our blood."

However, it was something of a revelation to learn that the techniques and vegetable varieties used successfully in northern Utah do not necessarily work well in the shorter and windier growing season of southern Idaho.

My discussions with Magic Valley gardeners show that cool weather crops such as cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage, kohlrabi, Swiss chard, spinach, leaf lettuce and related varieties are popular in the valley. Some people also enjoy peas and the sugar snap or snow peas, but others feel peas take too much space in the garden.

All of these vegetables withstand the cold spells that can plague Magic Valley gardeners in the early spring, and can be planted as soon as the soil is dry enough to be worked.

Alana Rasmussen, of north Shoshone, says "gardening in the north is a special art." She has been successful with pole beans and cabbage from seed, but likes to grow tomatoes, green bell peppers and cucumbers from sets.

She says the short growing season prevents direct seeding of some vegetable varieties and adds that the clay soil or lava rock formation underlying her area prevents growing good carrots.

Squash, both summer and winter varieties, pumpkins and quick setting cucumbers also do well in the valley. Rasmussen says she plants pumpkins because the good shading leaves help keep the weeds down in her garden.

Another technique she uses to help keep weeds out of the pumpkin patch is to sprinkle irrigate. She says flood irrigation from the farm ditch "brings in too many weeds."

Shoshone gardener Roberta Shimer agrees and says she also enjoys growing green beans, hybrid sweet corn and strawberries.

Another Shoshone gardener, Dana Sturgeon says she has good luck with carrots in her area and enjoys a good crop of green bush beans and onions. Sturgeon uses the double-row planting method, and says she "scatters" seeds like carrots in the broad row rather than sowing them in a single row. "As the plants grow, their leaves

shade the row and help keep the weeds down. You have to thin them at first, but then the wide row system really helps."

Sturgeon says the secret to good success with sweet corn is "let it get thirsty before watering it." She says many people give corn too much water, but she and her husband often irrigate it only once every two or three weeks, depending on conditions.

"When the leaves start to curl it's time for the water,"

Jerome area home gardener Walt Thuesen says he has raised "all kinds of peppers, which do well in the heat of a southern Idaho summer. He says he also has good luck with short-season melons like cantaloupe and crenshaw and with peas and carrots.

He says peas will do well if they are planted early so they can mature before it "starts to get too hot." Thuesen says gardening can be a "labor intensive" experience so he tries to help keep the work-to-outcome ratio in balance by planting his garden over his septic tank drain field and using black plastic on his rows. The plastic holds the water in the ground and helps keep the weeds down. He says in a normal year he only has to irrigate his garden "a couple of times a season."

Magic Valley gardeners on both sides of the Snake River grow a similar variety of vegetables, including the varieties mentioned, plus potatoes, garden beets, onions and the ever popular zucchini. Asparagus thrives in many areas of the valley and many gardeners are looking at new vegetable varieties such as sugar peas and miniature corn and pumpkins. Some gardeners also enjoy turnips, rutabagas and egg plant.

Because of the amazing variation in climate conditions, soil types and available water through out the Magic Valley, the types of vegetables grown also varies considerably. Some areas

are famous for specific crops, such as the fruit and melons grown in Hagerman Valley and potatoes and sugar beets in eastern Magic Valley.

Some varieties of grapes and berries also flourish in the valley, with gardeners reserving an area in their vegetable plot for these favorites.

Sturgeon gives some tips for harvesting a successful raspberry crop. She says she cuts the canes back and removes the old canes in early spring, before new growth begins. She seals the ends of the cut canes with a commercial sealer and fertilizes with barnyard manure. Then she says she adds iron to the soil about

every two years. During the growing season Sturgeon says she "deep waters" the plants through flood irrigation about once a week and plants the rows eight feet apart for healthy growth and ease in picking.

Several varieties of herbs are also favorite plants for vegetable gardens, or even ornamental gardens. Many people use the herbs in cooking or for floral teas, and others use them as natural pest control in the garden.

Popular herbs for tea, in addition to raspberry leaves, include comfrey, mint and other perennials herbs depending on the taste and knowledge of the gardener. All are relatively easy to grow, given proper care and water.

Favorite cooking herbs grown in the area include domestic sage, parsley, chives, dill, and garlic. A variety of seasoned butters and vinegars can be made with these herbs, as well as using them fresh and drying and storing for later use.

Many gardeners also use herbs and "aromatic plants" for insect control. Mint varieties, marigolds and nasturtiums, planted in the vegetable garden will help repel some insect pests. In addition, mint is a versatile plant, used for seasoning and medicinal purposes, and nasturtiums can also be used as a flavorful condiment.

Most people don't think of the sunflower as an herb, but it is a popular vegetable garden plant, and the giant variety can be grown successfully by home gardeners for seeds to be eaten fresh or dried and salted.

A sunflower cousin, Jerusalem artichoke is a favorite in our garden and many others around the area. The tuber-like root has a water chestnut-like flavor if sliced raw into salads, and can be boiled and used like potatoes.

Exactly when to plant one's vegetable garden is the subject of much debate and many folk-tales. Sturgeon says she plants "the end of May, and then I still protect the plants for a few weeks with hot caps." Thuesen says he plants peas and the like around the end of April, but puts in the rest of the garden after Mother's Day.

Day. And Jonnie Russell, of Boise, whose father farmed in the Gooding area, says he always said not to plant until after the snow was gone from the hutes, whenever that occurred. Some people rely on the moon, others on the National Weather Bureau, but all agree: early spring can be risky business, and there's little point in trying to seed tomatoes directly in the garden.

Many people take their gardening very seriously and opinions on how to grow what are often dearly held.

Experience has also taught me to "grow what the kids'll eat." If the family doesn't like egg plant, better try something else, and of course there's the old adage "two hills of zucchini will do."

When March 20 and the Vernal Equinox arrived in the Magic Valley, my son joined the gardeners lament, "It's still the first day of spring, why is it still snowing?"

Gardeners in the Magic Valley have success with a variety of vegetables, including potatoes, zucchini, onions, peas and carrots.

Thatching is not often necessary to gain beautiful lawn

By JOAN DEAN
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TWIN FALLS - Lawn care. Two four letter words that inspire thoughts of thatching, spraying, mowing, fertilizing and applying megagalions of water.

Not much fun - but a lovely green outdoor carpet takes some effort. Fortunately, at least one of these jobs - thatching, does not have to be done very often.

Thatch
Robert Vodraska, agriculture extension agent with the University of Idaho, says thatch is an accumulation of mostly dead stems and roots that build up between the soil and grass leaves. Unless there is a buildup, he says there is no need to thatch the lawn.

Vodraska says the accumulation of stems and roots is inevitable, and is many times the cause of turf failure. Thatch won't let water or fertilizer through to soil and roots. Then we see lawns die. To make matters worse, he says lawns thick with thatch tend to be quite spongy, which allows the lawnmower to scalp it. The mower sinks down in the soft material and cuts the crowns of the grass.

Vodraska recommends that lawns with a tiny bit of thatch be left alone; but when thatch builds to about an inch or more, it's time to get rid of it. Remove heavy thatch gradually, over a period of two to three years. Remove only half-inch of it at one time.

Cheryl Lockwood of Kimberly Nurseries says it is better to thatch only once every five years, because it is stressful to the lawn. But, she says aeration of the soil may be done every year. Gardeners can rent a machine for the job, or they can sink a pitchfork about every 12 inches.

"Doing this lets your water penetrate into the ground," she says. "That way if you fertilize, it will im-

mediately go into the ground, rather than sitting on top of it for quite a while."

Vodraska says aeration helps compact soil by opening up the soil to let air move down into it.

"If more than half of the lawn is in good shape, it can be rescued by renovation and overseeding, according to Bob Tracinski, consumer information manager for John Deere, manufacturers of lawn and garden equipment.

Renovation includes cleaning the lawn of weeds, thatch and debris. Overseeding is planting new seed over the entire area. "Not only will renovation take care of the trouble spots, it's a beneficial treatment for the existing lawn," Tracinski says.

He suggests starting the rehabilitation by testing the soil, so that its lime and fertilizer needs can be determined. The testing can be done by most county extension offices for a small charge. Prepare the samples by cutting thin slices six or seven inches below the lawn's surface, including soil from several areas of the lawn. Put them into clean containers labeled with information about the location of the soil and what you intend to plant there.

Fertilizer

Vodraska says in this area we need nitrogen, phosphorus, and if well water is used for irrigation, probably sulphur. Canal water usually provides enough sulphur.

Give the lawn too much of a good thing and it develops a chemical imbalance. High phosphate levels may weaken the turf with such an imbalance. Weakened turf, he says, is vulnerable to disease, insects and weeds.

Vodraska recommends soil testing, too. He says the cost is about \$10-12. "In the long run you probably save that money in fertilizer use."

Paul Warnick, Kelley Garden Center manager, says most of the many brands of fertilizers contain nitro-

gen, phosphorus and potassium in similar ratios, but attention should be paid to whether there is also significant amounts of sulphur and iron. He says the more expensive fertilizer mixtures contain more of the slow release nitrogen, which keeps the lawn green over a longer period of time.

When using granular fertilizer, Warnick says it can be applied the first time using the last snow melt to carry it down; then another application around Memorial Day, and again when it has cooled off in late summer. Water it in immediately. Otherwise it can burn the lawn.

Water
Vodraska says the siltly loam soil typical in the Twin Falls area takes about 2 inches of water to saturate the first foot of turf. This enables it to maintain a good healthy reserve of moisture for the root system.

Watering a little bit every day, Vodraska says, can cause problems with a shallow root system. "Everything would be towards the top. If you get a real hot day, there's no reserves, because it doesn't have the root system it needs to go down more."

Grooming

When it comes to cutting the grass, Vodraska says it should be mowed - not scalped. He recommends not mowing bluegrass any lower than about 1 and 1/2 to 2 inches; although early in the season when it is cool, it can be cut closer. He says one should never mow off more than 1/3 of the growth, or else it will weaken the grass, opening it up to disease.

"Keep it above two inches, because it has a tendency to cool the crowns of the grass," he says. "If you mow it too close, the sun would actually cook the crowns and kill the grass if it gets too hot. The grass can't take it."

Next, remove unwanted weeds and

grasses, using an herbicide that will not leave residues that might harm healthy grass or new seedlings. Expect to wait several weeks before attempting to plant new seed.

Weeds
To control dandelions, Vodraska advises using 2-4D. The best time to apply systemic weed killers is in the

spring when the plants are taking a big, deep breath and will pull the chemicals down with their food. Fall applications, just before the hard frost, when the plant is in the process of translocating sugars down into the root system works, too.

Always read the label and follow directions. It is a felony to do other-

wise. "Where we get a lot of misuse is when people don't read the label every time," he says. "This creates a problem, and somebody gets sick from it or the cat dies or gets sick or it kills tomatoes - and it's because they didn't read the label. If you follow the label, the odds are in your favor of not getting into a problem."

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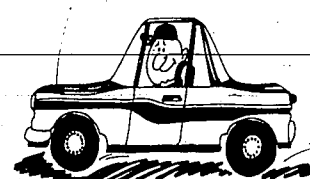
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Mulch helps protect plants from drying out

By TERRELL WILLIAMS
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — Mulching is nature's way of protecting plants from drying out. In gardening, any loose material used to cover the soil for protection against drying out, crusting, rain damage or extremes in temperatures is called a mulch.

In the Magic Valley, the most popular non-commercial mulches are leaves and lawn clippings tilled into garden topsoil, says Ken Himple, Nursery Manager at Ernst Home and Nursery in Twin Falls.

All organic mulches need air and nitrogen to decompose, Himple says. A compost can be made with grass, manure or other mulches, layered with dirt and ammonia sulfate (pure nitrogen). It will decompose in about six weeks, he says. Ideally, compost should be started in the fall to be ready for spring use.

Himple says the most common organic mulch materials sold at nurseries are peat moss, steer manure and ground bark. "Soil aids are super," he says. "I think all of the nurseries, no matter who we are... are going through a tremendous amount of this stuff." The Magic Valley, he notes, "is one of the greatest garden and flower areas I have ever seen in my life... People in this area are very conscious of building their soil with compost."

Himple says much of this area's soil has clay in it and mulches of compost are essential for abundant growth of flowers and vegetables. Plants troubled with yellowing need iron added to the mulch, he adds.

Briefly discussing other organic mulches, Himple says straw and cornstalks work well if shredded. Otherwise, they take a year to decompose. Sawdust is fine as long as it is not from trees with pitch and turpentine. Pine needles also have these growth-stopping ingredients and will not help anything except evergreen plants.

In non-organic mulches, a new ground cover called Weed Block is rapidly replacing routine black plastic for weed control and holding moisture. Black plastic can often be a detriment by holding too much water, thereby cutting off the air supply to plant roots. Root systems of bushes and shrubs can rot away under a black plastic seal. Weed Block, though, allows air and water to go down but does not let grass or weeds come up.

"I don't think there's a garden center in this whole area that can ever keep that stuff in stock, there's such a great demand for it," Himple adds.



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A two-wheel cart can help simplify mulching chores

Like plastic, Weed Block is laid on the ground and holes are cut in it for desired plants to grow through. The cost for three-foot wide strips is about 40 cents per foot or \$15 to \$18 for a 3-by-50 foot roll.

Beverly Adams, a horticulturist in Wendell, also uses a variety of mulches in her work. Adams operates the Shady Grove Nursery at Simerly's and has been a professional landscape gardener for about six years.

Weed screens like Weed Block or commercial nylon meshes work well to stop weed growth, she says, and are better than the black plastic which blocks water and needs to be replaced annually.

Adams says clear plastic, including bottomless milk jugs or small tents, is fine for starting plants when the weather is cool. But when cool spring weather is broken by temperatures equal to a hot summer day, the gardener may find the plastic-covered plants "cooked to death."

Adams says her favorite mulch is organic compost. Covering the ground with plastic doesn't change

the composition of crusty, fast-drying soil, she says. "You need to treat the problem, not just cover it up."

To make compost, Adams layers dirt with fruit and vegetable wastes from the kitchen, egg shells (a good source of protein), wood ashes (NOT from the barbecue because of the chemicals in charcoal), lawn clippings, leaves, garden refuse, weeds if they are seedless and old sawdust.

"New sawdust will zap the nitrogen right out of the ground," Adams says.

Sprinkled with lime between the layers and watered about once every two weeks in the summertime, this compost pile built up to five feet high will gradually decompose into rich top soil.

"It takes about three weeks for a layer (three to five inches deep) to break down," Adams says. "The older the material is, the better it breaks down into humus."

When tilled into a garden or flower bed, this compost is light, aerated and fertile for young plants. Best of all, weeds do not like it.

Tips to help any outdoor or indoor garden grow properly

By The Associated Press

What is a good houseplant for an office where the air may be dry in winter and the light isn't great?

Try a Chinese evergreen (*Aglaonema commutatum*), which tolerates dry air and temperatures ranging from 65 degrees to 80 degrees of lower and does well in low light. Water this plant when the soil surface feels dry to keep the roots moist but not drowned.

• Why do the ferns turn brown in the house?

Ferns often are challenging to grow in the house because they prefer cool temperatures (a maximum of about 72 degrees in the daytime), indirect light, moist soil and humid air.

Browning and drying of frond tips and yellowing and drooping of interior leaves usually mean that the air is too dry. Put them in a humid spot, such as the kitchen, bathroom or laundry room. Or place plants in trays of wet gravel and use a room humidifier to add moisture to the air. The humidifier may help your comfort, too.

• Spaghetti squash can be used the same way as the pasta. It's a hard-shelled squash with spaghetti-like pulp.

Grow it like any other garden squash, harvest it when the shell is hard. To prepare, scoop out the pulp and cook in boiling water, or boil the squash whole first and scoop it out after. Serve with your favorite spaghetti sauce.

• Intelligent neglect is what cactus plants need in winter. Cacti are mostly dormant then and die if overwatered. Keep them in a cool area - 40-45 degrees - and water monthly.

Don't feed them, either. Watering and fertilizing them may make them rot.

• If houseplants on windowsills develop black blotches on leaves and become droopy, it could be cold injury. Many houseplants originated in the tropics and can easily be damaged easily by low or freezing temperatures.

Leaves that touch cold window glass in winter may freeze and turn black, especially if closed drapes or blinds deprive the plant of heated air in the room.

• Remedy by increasing light levels for plants by grouping them under fluorescent lamps rather than crowding them against cold windows.

• If your garden is shady, try growing leafy crops such as lettuce and other salad greens. They will grow in partial shade, with two or three hours of sun daily, less than the six to eight hours needed by other vegetables. Also try endive, spinach, parsley and tarragon.

• Remove and discard diseased plants and plant parts through spring and summer. Check tulips, peonies, gladiolus and iris especially. Destroy tulip leaves when they die. Use fungicide at the first sign of disease.

• If your garden is very small, stake tomato plants. Remove the suckers, which grow in the angle made by the leaf stem and the main stem, and tie the plants to tall stakes as they grow. Tie weekly for best support.

• Want to make some gourmet herb vinegar? Organic Gardening magazine says it's easy with white or cider vinegar and fresh-picked garden herbs.

Thyme, basil, marjoram, tarragon, rosemary, fennel, chervil, dill or mint are good choices.

Put about a cup of fresh herbs, chopped coarsely, and two or three cups of vinegar in a clear jar or bottle. Cap the jar and set on a sunny windowsill for about two weeks to let flavors mellow. Then strain the vinegar into a clean jar and insert a fresh herb stalk for easy identification and an attractive appearance.

• *Cynoglossum*, also known as Chinese forget-me-not, is an annual that will reproduce itself in any corner of the yard or garden if the seeds are not removed. If you don't want to weed it out in the spring, cut back the bloom stalks before the seeds ripen.

Impatiens (also called *sultana*) is not winter hardy, but you can pot it up for a houseplant before frost. It makes a nice house plant but requires a sunny place indoors for blooming.

• Cut sprays of parsley and sage and spread them on a piece of paper over a wire rack. Set the rack in a shaded, airy place, and in about 10 days the sprays will dry. Then strip the leaves from the stem, crumple them until they are fine, and store in a glass jar for use as seasoning during winter months.

• If your family enjoys greens, plant Swiss chard. It's a heavy producer, and both leaves and stalks can be used. You can cook the green leaves as you would spinach or use them as salad greens. The stripped stalks can be cooked alone like celery.

• Parsley is easier to start indoors in a plant starter because seeds take three weeks or so to sprout.

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April and May are good times to plant new fruit trees

By ALLEN WILSON
Special to The Times-News

A wide range of fruits can be grown in the Magic Valley and a smaller number of fruits will do well in colder areas such as the Wood River Valley. April and May are excellent months to plant new fruit trees and plants.

Strawberries and raspberries are the most popular small fruits. The most popular strawberries for home gardeners are the everbearing types. Although they do not produce as heavy a crop during June and July, they continue to produce a little fruit during most of the summer; thus

their name, everbearing. Two of the best adapted everbearing varieties for this area are Hecker, which bears heaviest in late summer, and Ozark Beauty which has a heavy crop in late June and early July.

If you want strawberries mostly for jam, single crop varieties such as Canoga, Hood and Shuckan are good choices. Their fruit is concentrated in a three to four week period in late June and early July.

Canby is the overwhelming choice for raspberries. It is one of the hardest varieties and is also thornless, which makes picking more pleasant.

Other small fruits which can be grown successfully even in colder ar-

reas include Currant, gooseberry, elderberry and a few grapes. In mountainous areas with acid soil, the native huckleberry can also be grown. Soil in the Magic Valley is too alkaline for huckleberries and blueberries.

Some blackberries, a wider selection of grapes and hardy kiwis are worth a try in the Magic Valley, too.

Beta and Valiant are two grapes that do well in colder areas. They are both Concord type, slipskin, juice grapes. In addition to these two, Concord, Himrod, Interlaken, Canadice, Ruby and a few others can be grown in the Magic Valley. Himrod and Interlaken are green seedless varieties

that are harder than Thompson Seedless.

"The apple is the most popular tree fruit in the Magic Valley. Late maturing varieties such as Rome Beauty and Granny Smith do not develop full sweetness and maturity except in the warmest areas, such as the Hagerman Valley. Only the hardy, early maturing varieties such as Yellow Transparent, Duchess, Wealthy and McIntosh should be grown in the Wood River Valley. Two different apple varieties are necessary in order to have cross pollination and fruit set.

Most pears can be grown in the Magic Valley, but almost none of

them will survive the colder Wood River Valley. Sweet cherries can be grown successfully in most of the Magic Valley, though only the more hardy pie cherries such as Montmorency and North Star should be attempted in colder areas.

Most sweet cherries, such as the popular Bing, require cross pollination to set fruit. This means that you must plant at least two different varieties. However, Stella is one variety which is self-pollinated.

The European blue plums such as Stanley and Italian are best adapted to the Magic Valley. Santa Rosa is the only red Japanese Plum which is hardy enough. In colder areas, some

of the harder plums, such as Underwood and Waneta, developed in Minnesota, are better choices.

Most peaches can be grown in the Magic Valley. Very few peaches will survive temperatures lower than 30 degrees below zero. Many apricots will do well, too. However, late frost tends to nip their early bloom and the fruit is zapped about one year in two or three. It's a gamble that many apricot lovers think worthwhile.

Many fruit trees are available in dwarf or semi-dwarf types for smaller yards. Local nurseries can advise on other specific fruit varieties which are locally adapted.

Automatic sprinkler system can make caring for lawns easier

By KRISTIN TUCKER
Times-News correspondent

Considering an automatic sprinkler system?

Consider it a major investment, advises Greg Moore of Kimberly Nursery. Built-in watering systems make it convenient to care for your lawn, increasing the likelihood that your yard will be looking good all summer. Plus it's a sure bet for upping the selling value of your home.

Some might consider a do-it-yourself approach. Materials, advice and assistance are available from local lawn and garden centers or plumbing and electrical suppliers. Grover's Pay & Pack, Twin Falls, for example, has charts to help you design your sprinkler system and video cassettes to teach you how to do the work, according to saleswoman Alice Briggs. They'll answer your questions, prepare the actual layout and provide you with an estimate of what your system will cost; you pay only for materials and equipment.

Equipment manufacturers also offer layout guides, says Todd Hobday,

assistant manager at Ernst Home & Nursery, Twin Falls. He says do-it-yourselfers with an "average yard" can expect to pay \$700 to \$1500, which includes wiring, timers, heads, pipe and instruction.

Before you buy materials, you'll need to know whether you are on a well or city water; the size of your water main, the gallons-per-minute off the source before it goes inside the house; are pipes galvanized or PVC? Measure the yard and locate shrubs, trees, sheds and other obstacles on a diagram.

If you would rather pay a professional to do it all: custom design, purchase, install and maintain a sprinkler system that's best for your yard.

Ask for an estimate and references. Find out what kind of equipment they use, how long they have been in business, if they maintain and repair systems. Will they have the time and manpower to handle emergencies? Talk with those references to see if those people are satisfied with the results.

Cost for a sprinkler system de-

pends on yard size and configuration. Moore estimates the cost for a "good system for the average lawn" at \$2,000-2,500.

Automatic systems need annual maintenance and periodic adjustment. At the beginning of the gardening season, check for leaks at the main shut-off, and close the drain. Check for other problems: Turf may have grown around sprinkler heads, deflecting the water spray and causing uneven watering. Frost heaves may have pulled fittings apart or caused galvanized pipes to break. Sprinkler heads may be broken. Nozzles may be plugged by grass roots or insects. Spray may need to be adjusted to compensate for the growth of shrubbery. PVC pipe, if not properly drained last fall, may have broken during the winter.

Watering needs change as the weather warms, so sprinkler systems will need to be adjusted four or five times each year. During the hottest days of the summer, usually during July and August, lawns need to be watered more often, not for longer periods of time.

Use caution, safe procedures when using power equipment

By The Associated Press

Seventy thousand consumers were injured while using outdoor power equipment in 1987, most of them adults over age 25, according to statistics from the Consumer Product Safety Commission's National Electronic Injury Surveillance System.

The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute, a national trade association of manufacturers, offers this advice to consumers:

- Be sure you know how to operate your equipment before you start. Read the operator's manual.
- Dress properly for the job. Wear substantial shoes, long pants and close-fitting clothes; no loose jewelry or untraced hair.

• Handle gasoline carefully. Store gas in an approved container, away from the house. Fill up before you start. Wipe up spills and never light

a match, or smoke, while gasoline is being used.

- Clean up and clear out the area — including other people and pets — before you start.
- Follow recommended safe procedures in operating equipment. Al-

ways turn off the engine before attempting to unclog or do any work on the equipment itself. When leaving equipment unattended, turn off the engine and remove the key.

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Ladybug will rid any garden of 'bad' bugs

By EARL ARONSON
The Associated Press

Who says the only good bug is a dead bug? One of the best bugs to have in your garden is the ladybug. Each day, it feeds on many "bad" insects, such as aphids, Colorado potato beetles, grass rootworms, alfalfa weevils, plus others. She helps keep things in natural balance.

The black-spotted red ladybird, better known as ladybug, is a voracious, predatory beetle, one of the most beneficial on earth.

Millions of them have been released on croplands, their hearty appetites helping to reduce aphid populations — with biological pest control.

Cornell University scientists note the advantages of biological controls: There is no environmental damage; the pests do not develop resistance to their predators as they do to chemicals, and a small initial investment results in a safe, permanent control method.

In Palo Alto, Calif., some years ago, park officials released 300,000 ladybugs to fight-plant pests. Gardeners in Albuquerque, N.M., scattered more than 2.5 million ladybugs to protect plants. In Medford, Ore., Jackson and Perkins invited thousands of ladybugs to an aphid feast in their rest-tee garden.

National Geographic magazine has reported 4,200 known species of ladybugs, or which North America has 30. Remember the children's chant: "Ladybug, ladybug, fly away home, your house is on fire, your children will burn." This was a plea by English farmers concerned for the safety of ladybugs during the annual burning of hop fields.

A major concern is in getting the tiny migratory insects not to fly away home. California studies indicate that 90 percent wing off after release. Since they don't fly at night, a late afternoon or early evening release will encourage at least an overnight stay.

The beetles are very mobile. When there only a few aphids around, a Cornell researcher reported, they migrate, searching for other areas of food, scouting apple crops, oats, winter wheat, sugar beets and beans. The researchers imported the predatory European seven-spotted lady beetle to help protect potato and alfalfa fields.

Ladybugs are but one example of millions of harmless insects; Cornell

noted. In fact, fewer than 2 percent of all insects are pests and those are often controlled by natural enemies." The researchers recommend that gardeners and homeowners be certain that insects are actually doing damage before they take action. Insects belong in a garden. They are natural and often harmless, if not beneficial. Spray only if you detect damage. Beneficial insects such as ladybugs of all kinds and green lacewings should be protected, entomologists say. By learning to identify their eggs and larvae, we may save time, money, energy and the environment.

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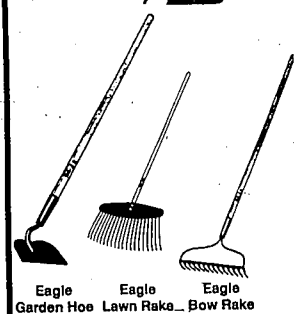
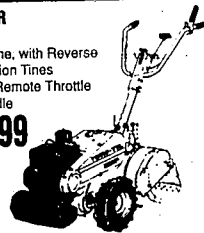
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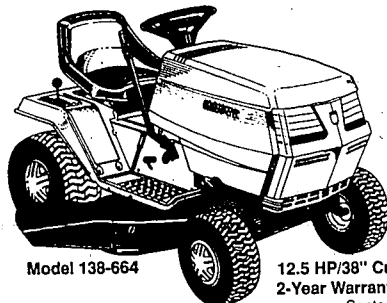
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