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Twin Falls, Idaho

Ranchers flay Saylor range expansion plans

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Air Force offers case - B1

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon's appetite for more land at Idaho's Saylor Creek bombing range and other sites across the country was lambasted at a congressional hearing Wednesday by a varied group of environmentalists and ranchers. Meanwhile, Rep. Bruce Vento, D-Minn., who is chairman of the public lands subcommittee which must approve most defense department land swaps including the Saylor Creek proposal, declared that the present land acquisition process is muddled and monopolized by the Defense Department

and other federal agencies. Vento said federal land swaps with the military have become an "in house, insider game" with the Pentagon often "getting its way by bringing up the issue of national security." "It's like being in bed with a 600 pound gorilla — he can lie where ever he wants," Vento said. A proposal to add roughly 1.5 million acres of land to the existing 100,000-acre bombing range at Saylor Creek has been met with vocal opposition from Idaho landowners, environmentalists and cattlemen, many

who claim they were kept in the dark during the application process. Two state residents against the expansion got a chance to air their opposition to the plan at Wednesday's hearing. Randall Brewer of Three Creek, chairman of the Idaho Cattlemen Association's Public Lands Committee and owner of a ranch adjoining the proposed Saylor Creek range area, said Pentagon proposals for Saylor Creek fly in the face of the Air Force's public advocacy of multiple use on public lands. At present, Saylor Creek includes miles of pipelines and fences installed by ranchers and is heavily used for recreation. But an August Air Force proposal calls for

operation of the expanded range between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. on an average of six days a week. Brewer said this would make it impossible for ranchers to check their livestock and water systems and would limit other uses as well — in effect, making the range a single-use area reserved for the Air Force training flights. "It would be impossible and economically unfeasible to think that we could run livestock under these conditions," he said. "It is clear they (the Air Force) do not understand the concept of multiple use and are unwilling to cooperate with other users." Rep. Pat Williams, D-Mont., said multiple use is a "happy phrase" that often does not

prove accurate. "There are times when the military coming in and dropping 200 pound live bombs is not compatible with grazing. One or the other has to go." Roger Hayes, speaking on behalf of a coalition of Idaho environmental groups, said the Saylor Creek range proposal is completely unacceptable. "As the proposal stands right now, it needs to be scrapped and started over again," he said. "They (the environmental groups) don't want to have anything to do with it, that's the impression I get." Apart from government officials, the only witness who supported any bombing range. See NORIEGA on Page A2

3 top Jerome city officials lose their jobs

By TERRELL WILLIAMS Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Three top city employees lost their jobs when city officials either failed to approve their appointment or they weren't appointed. New Mayor Gerald Oster on Tuesday reappointed two long-time city employees, Public Works Director Lanny Sloan and City Clerk Marilyn Bragg, to their positions but the City Council didn't move to confirm the appointments. Former Police Chief Greg Will lost his job when Oster did not reappoint him. As of Wednesday, one of the positions had been filled. Oster named Jay Gardner, police captain, as interim chief. The council approved Assistant City Clerk Helen Paoli as the new city clerk, following Oster's appointment, but Paoli resigned Wednesday, saying she would not have the support of the entire council. In her resignation, Paoli wrote, "When the council can so easily dismiss qualified administrative officials such as Marilyn Bragg and Lanny Sloan, when they are more than filling the requirements of their positions, I feel that they would not hesitate to condemn me in my most earnest attempt to fill this position.... I see this as a no-win situation giving me no alternative but to resign."

No one has been named to replace Sloan. The council meets at 8 p.m. today to continue discussing replacements but probably won't make a decision, Oster said. "I don't have anyone to appoint for either position," Oster said. Oster said Wednesday he was "very disappointed" the council did not approve Bragg and Sloan. "Their work performance had been excellent," Oster said. "Councillman Darryl Cameron said he didn't support the reappointments of Sloan or Bragg because he was not happy with their work."

"The law has checks and balances in it, and this is good," Cameron said, emphasizing that his decision was based only on the work records of Sloan and Bragg. "You cannot let personal feelings get in the way, as to whether you like somebody or dislike them." Councillman Rocky Jackson said he agreed with not rehiring Bragg and Sloan. Bragg worked a shift running from early morning until mid-afternoon that kept her away from the office near closing time, when she should have been there, he said. Jackson said he disagreed with Sloan's performance of his job, but would not be specific. "It's just a difference of opinion," he said, stressing that it wasn't personal. "It concerns the job."

Sloan, however, said he believes the reasons among some council members were at least partly personal, but added, "They didn't like the job I was doing, I guess." He said he felt he was doing a good job. Bragg was unavailable for comment. In not re-appointing Will, Oster said he had some concerns about the work of the police chief, but he declined to discuss those concerns. "It is the prerogative of the newly elected mayor to appoint or not appoint, and that was one I elected not to re-appoint," Oster said. See JEROME on Page A2



Capt. Linda L. Bray led 30 MPs in an attack on a kennel during the Panama invasion

New law would allow women in combat

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., prompted by the battle experiences of U.S. military women in the Panama invasion, said Wednesday she is drafting legislation that, if approved by Congress, would allow women to serve in Army combat jobs on a test basis. Schroeder said she will propose that the Army open some units in all of its military specialties, including currently male-only infantry, artillery and armor units, to women in a four-year test program.

"We now have a year in which women have made breakthroughs," Schroeder said. "They have performed well enough that it is now time to have the military act on testing this further integration." A female Army captain led a military police platoon into battle at a Panama Defense Forces (PDF) stronghold during the invasion, the first time a woman has served in such a combat role in the U.S. military. In addition, several enlisted women participated in the attack on the Panamanian defense headquarters in Panama City. The incidents have renewed the debate over the role of women in combat. See WOMEN on Page A2

U.S. flies Noriega to Florida

The Associated Press

PANAMA CITY, Panama — Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, who defied the United States until he was toppled by a Dec. 20 invasion, walked out of his Vatican Embassy sanctuary Wednesday night and turned himself over to U.S. troops. As word of his surrender spread across the capital, horns began to honk and fireworks went off around the Vatican mission. People yelled and laughed, and groups of youngsters raced up and down the streets waving Panamanian and U.S. flags. In Washington, President Bush said Noriega turned himself over to American authorities voluntarily and "with the full knowledge" of the Panamanian government. In a nationwide address, Bush said Noriega would be flown on a C-130 transport plane from Howard Air Force Base in Panama to Homestead Air Force Base in south Florida to face arraignment at the U.S. District Court in Miami, where he is wanted on federal drug trafficking charges. If convicted, Noriega faces up to 145 years in prison and up to \$1.1 million in fines. He also faces similar federal charges in a Tampa court. "We are relieved to be rid of this criminal," said President Guillermo Endara in a telephone statement broadcast on national television. See NORIEGA on Page A2



NORIEGA

Hart's femme fatale now born-again Christian

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Donna Rice, the femme fatale of the 1987 Gary Hart political debacle, has surfaced again — this time as a born-again Christian and doer of good deeds. She has, The Washington Times said in a lengthy profile in Wednesday editions, returned to the values of her childhood and "her friends' travel in some of Washington's most conservative circles." Miss Rice, who lives with a female friend in northern Virginia, declined to be interviewed for the Times story, the newspaper said. Her relationship with Hart, then the leading candi-

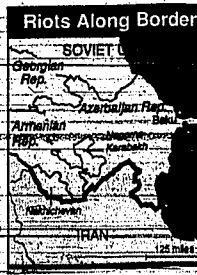


DONNA RICE

date for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination, became fodder for a nation of wagging tongues when the Miami Herald reported that Hart said much of a weekend alone in his Washington home with a young woman. That woman later was identified as Miss Rice. The Washington Times story was illustrated with a large picture of a smiling

Miss Rice, wearing a green knit sweater and Santa Claus hat. She carries a camera and the caption reads: "Inside a District (of Columbia) church, Donna Rice moves from group to group, snapping photos of youngsters celebrating." "She's just a wonderful lady," a friend, Andy Messing, said Wednesday about Miss Rice. He told the Times that Miss Rice, 32, "went back to her roots and because she did, she wound up coming out of a tailspin that would have killed other people." Miss Rice became an instant celebrity, but she spurned most commercial offers. Her image became that of a gold-digging party girl.

Kremlin rushes reinforcements to stop rampage on Iran border



The Associated Press

MOSCOW — The KGB rushed reinforcements to the Iranian border Wednesday to stop rampaging, say they merely want an open border. Soviet Azerbaijanis from forcing open the frontier by demolishing guard towers and setting off explosions, official media reported. The Soviet government daily Izvestia said that after three days, the disturbances had spread along Azerbaijan's nearly 500-mile border with Iran. One protester was reported killed. The newspaper said the Azerbaijanis want their Soviet republic united with a region populated by their ethnic kin in northern

Iran, and they have threatened to remove all border barriers unless authorities do so. Azerbaijan activists, however, say they want an open border and the freedom to trade and cross the frontier, practices suspended four decades ago by Josef Stalin. The unrest in the Soviet Caucasus adds to the ethnic headaches already facing President Mikhail S. Gorbachev as his reforms unleash long pent-up grievances of the country's many nationalities. The Caucasus has already been torn for two years by strife among Azerbaijanis, Armenians, Georgians, Abkhazians and other ethnic groups. The unrest on the Soviet-Iranian

frontier introduced a new international element with political and religious overtones, and the dispatch of reinforcements reported by Izvestia showed detachments of KGB border troops regularly stationed along the border were incapable of quashing the violence. The official news agency Tass said about 7,500 protesters destroyed guard observation towers, electronic alarm equipment and communications lines along the border when the unrest began Dec. 31. Izvestia, quoting I. Petrov, chief of the KGB's Caucasus border district, reported the "illegal actions" continued Wednesday but gave no details of the latest trouble.

"Practically along the entire border between Azerbaijan and Iran a complex situation has emerged," Izvestia said in a report headlined " Pogrom on the Soviet-Iranian Border." The report said the turmoil had spread from the Azerbaijan enclave of Nakhichevan, located between Armenia and Iran, to the regions of Zangeland and Puskinsk and the Caspian Sea port of Lenkoran in Azerbaijan itself. Lt. Gen. Nikolai Britvin, head of the political department of the KGB's special border guard units, Tass, however, said the incident lasted only one day through Tuesday and that the situation was "gradually returning to normal."

Nonetheless, he said additional border guards were being sent in with armored personnel carriers. Neither he nor Izvestia said how many guards were normally stationed along the Soviet-Iranian border or how many reinforcements were sent. The reports in state-run Soviet media said the protesters, led by the grassroots political group Azerbaijan People's Front, had been threatening for weeks to go on a rampage and refused to accept concessions by officials. Quoting Britvin, Tass said one person was killed in a clash among the protesters, but did not say when

Jerome

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Cameron said he was disappointed with Oester's decision.
"I personally would have preferred to have him back," Cameron said. "I worked with Greg as the police commissioner, and as far as I'm concerned, the man was doing his job."
Jackson said he disagreed with Oester's decision. "Yes, I think Greg will have done a good job for the city of Jerome," he said. He said he

expected Oester to re-appoint Will. "It was a total surprise," he said. "Will, who was unavailable for comment, has been Jerome's police chief since June 1987. Oester, a councilman at the time, voted against Will's hiring.
Oester said he is unsure when a permanent replacement will be named.
Sloan, public works director in the city for eight years, said he plans to attend as many council meetings as possible, but not for revenge. He

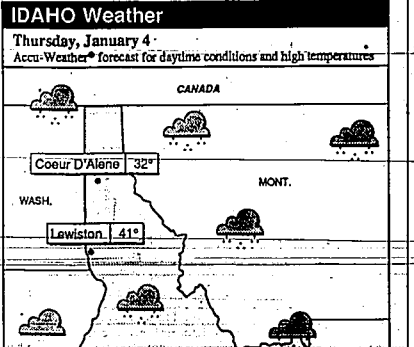
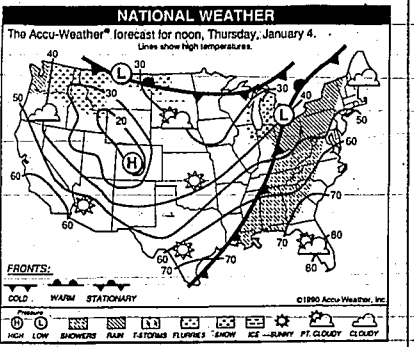
said he is concerned the council will not pursue the city's ongoing economic development projects, such as the industrial park.
"They've got so many things that are left hanging," he said. "Naturally, there are a lot of those I would like to see finish up."
He said he feels Oester will work on the projects. "Gerald will work real hard on those," he said.
Councilman Don Jacobson and Councilwoman Judy Schierman were unavailable for comment.

Today's weather
Partly cloudy and chilly once again

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding:
Today, partly cloudy. Patchy night and morning fog and low clouds. Highs today 25 to 30 and Friday in the mid 30s. Lows tonight and in 15. Winds today west at 10 mph.
Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley:
Today and Friday, partly cloudy. Patchy night and morning fog. Highs today in the mid 20s and Friday near 30. Lows tonight 5 to 10.
Northern Utah and Nevada:
Utah: Today, increasing clouds high near 30. Tonight and Friday, variable clouds. Low in the mid teens. High Friday in the lower to mid 30s.
Nevada: Partly cloudy northeast with a slight chance of snow near the Idaho border, otherwise mostly sunny today and Friday. Fair tonight. Overnight lows near 10 below to zero north and east central. Highs in the 30s and lower 40s.

Summary:
The National Weather Service says an upper low over the inland Northwest shifted further to the east Wednesday, leaving Idaho under mostly cloudy skies. By midday, only widely scattered snow showers were reported, mainly in the extreme north and down through the mountains along Idaho's eastern border.
Little change is expected in the present weather pattern. Another two or three weak disturbances embedded within the west-northwestly flow aloft are likely to bring snow showers across the Panhandle and into the central mountains overnight, followed by occasional periods of snow into the weekend.
Afternoon temperatures ranged from the teens into the 30s across the state on Wednesday.
The extended forecast for Southern Idaho: Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow Saturday. Partly cloudy with slight chance of snow showers mainly east on Sunday. Partly cloudy Monday. Highs in upper 20s and 30s. Lows in the teens to mid 20s.
The temperature minimum in the state Wednesday was 41 degrees at Hagerman. Stanley reported the coldest at 18 degrees below zero.
Elsewhere in the nation Wednesday, the highest temperature was 84 degrees at Kingsville, Texas. The lowest was 23 below zero at West Yellowstone, Mont.

Idaho road report
BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation Wednesday night reported wet or snowy conditions on the state's highways.
Conditions:
U.S. 95 — Riggins-Whitebird Hill, dry; Whitebird-Hill-Winchester, icy-spots; Winchester-Lewisville, wet; Lewisville-Moscov, icy spots; Weiser-New Meadows, icy; Marsing-Oregon line, icy spots; Coeur d'Alene-Coeur d'Alene, snow floor, snowing; Four of July Canyon, snow floor, snowing; Lewiston-Paeris, snowing, chains advised.
U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Kooskia, dry; Kooskia-Blanchet, wet; Lowell-Lolo Pass, broken snow floor, snow floor, snowing.
Interstate 84 — Oregon line-Caldwell, icy spots; Caldwell-Nampa area, dry; Boise area-Glenn Ferry, icy spots; Bliss-Burley, dry; Burley-Utah line, dry, broken snow floor.
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Briefly

American Vietnam dead identified
WASHINGTON (AP) — Six remains returned from Indochina have been identified as those of American servicemen, the Pentagon said on Wednesday.
At the request of the next of kin, one of the names was withheld, officials said in a statement.
The five names released included:
Air Force Col. Woodrow H. Wilburn, born June 16, 1917, from San Antonio, Texas.
Air Force Lt. Col. William V. Frederick, born June 1, 1937, from Deerfield, Ohio.
Air Force Maj. Lawrence G. Stolz, born Nov. 24, 1945, from Haubstadt, Ind.
Air Force Capt. Dale F. Koons, born Dec. 13, 1946, from Eaton, Ohio.
Army Sgt. Richard A. Fitts, born Feb. 23, 1946, from Abington, Mass.
Accord near on troop cut in Korea
SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Under a U.S.-South Korean agreement, a surprising completion, 5,000 to 6,000 U.S. soldiers will be withdrawn this year because of U.S. congressional demands and defense budget cuts, a report said Wednesday.
About 43,000 American troops, including the 2nd U.S. Infantry Division, are stationed in South Korea under a mutual defense pact. U.S. troops fought on the South Korean side after Communist North Korea invaded to start the 1950-53 Korean War.

Noriega

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The general, who had taken refuge at the embassy on Christmas Eve after the U.S. invasion, left the compound at 6:50 p.m. MST accompanied by papal nuncio Monsignor Sebastian Laboa. He was wearing his general's uniform.
He was taken to a waiting U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter and flown to Howard Air Force Base, a few miles west of the capital, Thurman said.
At Howard, he was arrested by Drug Enforcement Administration agents and left on a flight to Florida. Thurman said the flight left at 7:31 MST, 41 minutes after Noriega left the embassy.
Thurman said U.S. officials had only a few minutes warning that Noriega would leave the embassy. He said Maj. Gen. Henry Cisneros, commander of U.S. Army South, received a telephone call at his command post in the school across the street asking him to "report to the gate."
Thurman said Noriega "looked vigorous, looked confident. He looked fine." He said the former dictator was due to arrive in Florida at 1:46 a.m. MST Thursday, after a six-hour flight.
Thurman said Noriega's surrender "completes the fourth of our four objectives" in invading Panama. The other three, he said, were to protect American lives, safeguard the integrity of the Panama Canal treaties and restore democracy to Panama.
According to authorities, about 290 Panamanian soldiers, 300 civilians, 23 U.S. troops and three American civilians died in the invasion.
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Gen. Maxwell Thurman, head of U.S. Southern Command, told reporters in Panama City that "no deals" had been made with the "dictator."
He thanked a delegation led by Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger for helping secure the 10-day impasse, but did not elaborate.
"Thank God, Panama can now feel like a free country," said Moises Rios, 20, who was outside the nunciature minutes after Noriega left. "I feel free now."
As radio and television announced the news, hundreds of cars jammed 50th Street near the center of what was once a thriving international financial center.
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Women

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women in the U.S. military. Although Army regulations prohibit women from serving in combat jobs and federal statutes bar women from active service in the Navy and Air Force, the invasion of Panama has raised new questions about the validity of those prohibitions.
Schroeder said that even though women have now served in combat in Panama, she does not believe Congress is prepared to repeal the rules against women serving in combat.
"Members of Congress know it (the prohibition) is a fiction," Schroeder said. "But they don't want to have 30-second advertisements run against them saying, 'You put my mother in combat boots.'"
Schroeder, who described her planned legislation as a "logical evolution," is expected to encounter stiff resistance to the measure, according to several congressional officials. Some Army officials said the proposal also is likely to be opposed by the service.
Rep. Beverly E. Byron, D-Md., who has scheduled congressional hearings in March to re-examine the role of women in the military before the events in Panama, said she is opposed to women serving in combat jobs, even as an experiment.
The women who were involved in firefights in Panama were members of military police units, officially considered as noncombat units. But when Capt. Linda L. Bray led her platoon into what was believed to be a deserted dog kennel run by the PDF, the U.S. troops encountered hostile fire. Three Panamanian soldiers were killed in the firefight, officials said.
No U.S. women military personnel were killed or wounded in the fighting, according to Army officials. About 600 women were among the 24,300 U.S. troops involved in the invasion. The women served in a range of jobs from military police to intelligence units to a signal battalion, officials said.

Range

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er is expected to extend between 80 and 100 miles," Stone told the House Interior Committee's subcommittee on national parks and public lands. "Today a mechanized Army battalion needs more than 80,000 acres to practice standard maneuvers, compared to 4,000 acres during World War II."
"At a time when the Soviets seem to be reining in their military expenditures, our Department of Defense appears to be mounting a latter-day version of the Oklahoma land rush," said Rep. Wayne Owens, D-Utah.
But others endorsed the expansion. "It is critical to this country that our young men and women are the best trained there and so they not only can secure their own lives but can secure this nation's freedom," said Rep. Larry E. Craig, R-Idaho.
But critics warned that once bombs had been dropped, the danger of unexploded weapons buried in the dirt kept the land from being used for other purposes forever.
Steve Erickson of Salt Lake City, representing more than 50 Utah sporting and conservation groups, said the Air Force had "fallen miserably" in its efforts to justify building its Electronic Combat Test Capability range.
"While the military argues it needs only 395 acres spread among 50 sites for radar and other gear, the federal Bureau of Land Management has estimated up to 453,000 acres surrounding those sites could be rendered uninhabitable."
"We cannot believe that the Air Force... will allow ranchers, miners, or recreationists to work or wander around beneath planes carrying live ordnance, dropping chaff and flares, using laser-target finders, making

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Briefly

Judge limits suits against Pan Am

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal judge ruled Wednesday that families of the victims of Pan Am Flight 103 which exploded over Scotland a year ago cannot sue the airline for punitive damages. U.S. District Judge Thomas C. Platt found that the Warsaw Convention which governs international flights "bars such claims whether or not willful misconduct is proved."

An attorney for the victims, Steven Pountian, said: "We're disappointed with the result, but this is not going to be the last word on the matter." Lawyers for the victims' families would likely file an immediate appeal of the ruling by Platt, who sits in Uniondale on Long Island, Pountian said.

More than 150 lawsuits, each seeking between \$5 million and \$25 million in compensatory damages and \$5 million to \$25 million in punitive damages, had been filed in the crash.

Under the terms of the Warsaw Convention, compensatory damages due survivors is generally limited to \$75,000.

However, said Pountian, "We can get around any limits if we can prove willful misconduct, which we think we can in this case."

Spill estimated at half million gallons

LINDEN, N.J. (AP) — More than 500,000 gallons of heating oil, more than 5,000, may have leaked into the busy Arthur Kill shipping channel from a break in an Exxon pipeline, the Coast Guard said Wednesday.

Coast Guard spokesman Jeff Crowley said Exxon issued the new estimate after taking an inventory of its supplies. He said 420,000 to 540,000 gallons could have leaked.

The Coast Guard previously estimated 5,000 gallons of the lightweight No. 2 oil had spilled into the channel, which separates Staten Island, N.Y., from New Jersey. The spill, discovered Tuesday morning, resulted from a break in a 12-inch pipe at Exxon's Bayway Terminal, part of the oil giant's largest East Coast refinery.

Crews continue work Wednesday to contain the floating oil, setting up booms to trap the oil, laying out absorbent material, skimming it off the surface or absorbing it with vacuums.

Barge-breakout could result in fines

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The operators of mooring facilities for at least 61 barges that broke loose on the Monongahela River, including one that spilled 10,000 gallons of gasoline, could be fined if the Coast Guard finds the vessels were secured improperly, an official said.

"They are presumed to be negligent because you don't expect a barge that's fixed to the shore to break away on its own," Coast Guard Cmdr. Tony Regalbuto said Wednesday.

The operators of mooring areas in a 58-mile stretch of ruin and snow-swollen river could be fined up to \$1,000 per vessel because of the New Year's Day incidents, Regalbuto said. On Dec. 26, the Coast Guard had warned operators a thaw was expected by the weekend.

"They knew this was coming," said Paul Behers, spokesman for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources.

But two mooring operators said they felt they had taken adequate precautions.

City hires 1st black chief in Alabama

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — The City Council hired a Michigan lawyer Wednesday as police chief, the first black chief in a major city in Alabama.

Harold L. Johnson Jr., 48, police chief of Ecorse, Mich., and a 25-year veteran of the Detroit Police Department, takes over as chief in Mobile on Feb. 1.

The council also hired Reuben Greenberg, police chief of Charleston, S.C., who also is black, as public safety director, the official above the police chief.

Shuttle set for launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Shuttle managers on Wednesday cleared space shuttle Columbia for launching Monday on a mission to release one satellite and rescue another.

"There are no issues, no concerns," NASA spokeswoman Lisa Malone reported after a six-hour meeting during which the managers reviewed the readiness of the shuttle, the launch team, ground support equipment and other aspects of the flight.

S&L failure reached record rate, bank closings 2nd worst in 1989

Bank and S&L Failures, 1980-89

WASHINGTON (AP) — Savings and loans collapsed in 1989 at the highest rate ever and bank closings fell only slightly above a post-Depression high, capping a decade of failure for the nation's financial institutions, regulators said Wednesday.

"I'm not concerned about another Great Depression... But I don't see 1989 as being the end of this," said Catherine England, a scholar at the Cato Institute, a conservative research group in Washington.

"I think failures are going to continue to increase into the 1990s," she said.

The government seized thrifts in Texas and New Mexico on Dec. 21, bringing the tally of failed S&Ls to 328—far above the previous high of 277 in 1988.

The Resolution Trust Corp., the agency created Aug. 9 to carry out President Bush's S&L bailout, seized 318 failed institutions last year, disposing of 37 of them. An additional 10 bankrupt S&Ls were handled by the old Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp.

Meanwhile, a commercial bank failure in California and another in New York on Dec. 20 pushed the total to 207 for the year, down from a post-Depression record of 221 in 1988, according to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

The decline, although small, was the first since 1977 when six banks failed, a drop from 17 the previous year.

Last year was the finale for a disastrous decade for the nation's financial institutions. All told, 1,894 institutions closed their doors during the 1980s: 1,059 banks and 835 S&Ls.

The problems—in commercial banking, while severe, pale in comparison to the 1930s, when 9,508 banks of more than 23,000 in existence at the start of the period

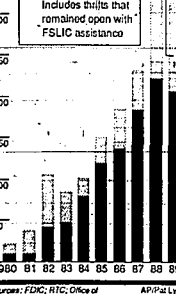
Government recalls Christmas lights that pose shock hazard

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government Wednesday recalled more than a million decorative light sets it said may present a shock or electrocution hazard to people as they return them to storage until next Christmas.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission said the miniature "string-string" Christmas lights, manufactured by Taiwan-based

Bank and S&L Failures, 1980-89

1989 total: 535
207 banks, 328 S&Ls
281 remain open under federal control



Sources: FDIC, RTC, Office of Thrift Supervision. There were 4,004 failures in 1933 alone.

Toyco Industrial, were sold nationwide in sets of 35, 50, 70 and 100 lights at several retail stores including Big Lot, Eckerd, K mart, Odd Lot, Revco and Wal-Mart.

The lights are imprinted "TOYO" or "TP-6" on the end of the female connectors that has internal metal contacts that can be pushed or pulled out when plugging or unplugging the light strings, the commission

said.

"Any exposed contact in the connector could present a shock or electrocution hazard to consumers," the agency said in a written statement. The commission warned consumers to unplug all Christmas light sets from the wall before they are removed from trees or other areas to prevent possible shock hazards.

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The failure rate and the cost of dealing with troubled S&Ls in the 1980s surpasses any other time period in U.S. history," said James R. Barth, Auburn University finance professor.

Financial institution failures in the 1930s are readily explainable by the most wrenching economic contraction in the nation's history.

However, the most recent bust in banking occurred during a boom for the economy as a whole, which marked the completion of its seventh consecutive year of expansion in November, a period of prosperity unprecedented in peacetime.

A few private analysts fear that the true analogy for the 1980s is not the 1930s, but the 1920s, when hundreds of banks failed each year despite general prosperity. That was followed by even more collapses and general economic ruin.

Academic experts and analysts point to a number of factors behind the soaring failure rate in the 1980s: As the decade began, farm banks "were the focus of attention. The Federal Reserve System used high interest rates to kill double-digit inflation. But in the process, the central bank depressed commodity prices and drove the value of the dollar sky high, squelching farm export sales."

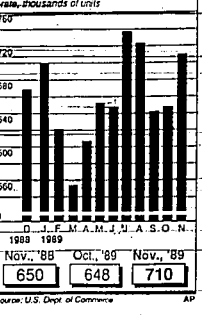
Farming's crisis became rural banks' crisis.

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New Home Sales



Home sales gain biggest in 4 months

WASHINGTON (AP) — New home sales jumped 9.6 percent in November, their fastest gain in four months, the government said Wednesday in a report analysts saw as evidence that the housing industry continues to be aided by lower mortgage rates.

The Commerce Department said new, single-family homes were sold at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 710,000 units in November after a revised 0.9 percent gain the month before. October sales originally were reported down 0.5 percent.

It was the sharpest surge since a 14.1 percent advance last July.

The sharpest gain in new home sales in November occurred in the West, which posted a 29.9 percent advance. Analysts attributed much of the increase to a rebound from depressed sales following the Oct. 10 San Francisco Bay-area earthquake. October sales in the region had plummeted 21.6 percent.

The Midwest also recorded strong sales, up 23.6 percent. Sales in the Northeast rose 8.5 percent.

The South had the only decline, a drop of 7.6 percent.

"This certainly should take some of the wind out of stories that the housing market is about to collapse," said economist Richard Peach.

SHUTTLE SET FOR LAUNCH
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Shuttle managers on Wednesday cleared space shuttle Columbia for launching Monday on a mission to release one satellite and rescue another.

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New Czechoslovakian president speaks his mind

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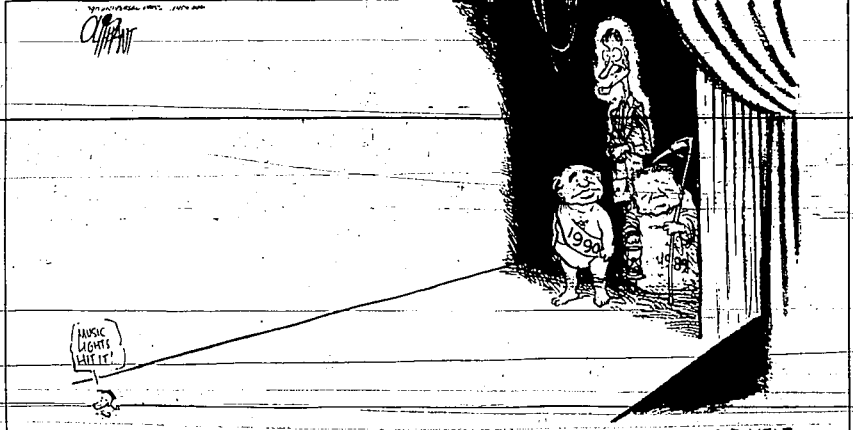
Vaclav Havel
72nd place in the world. We have laid waste to our soil and the rivers and the forests that our forefathers bequeathed to us...

gotten ourselves into. But not even all of that is the most important thing. If the worst thing that we are living in is a decayed moral environment...

hospitals, since our agriculture is not yet able to offer this to everyone. The previous regime, armed with its arrogant and intolerant ideology...

running. In other words, all of us are responsible, each to a different degree. For keeping the totalitarian machine running...

on quietly from one generation to the next in order for each of us to discover their within us when the time was right, and to put them into practice.



How is it that their parents, the generation which was considered lost, also joined in with them? How is it even possible that so many people immediately grasped what had to be done, without needing anyone else's advice or instructions?

This, I believe to me, is the great moral stake of the present moment. It contains the hope that in the future we will no longer have to suffer the complex of those who are permanently indebted to someone else.

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Letters/ Animal activists, bombing range prompt feedback

Activists causing problems
The story about the fur industry was very well presented. It enlightened the public on just how the animal rights activists are going about their so-called crusade for the rights of animals...

Peavey is going to be one of the leaders in this opposition in the statehouse. That befits John. He is the one that led the opposition to the Swan Falls/Guffy project...

anything I was familiar with. Expecting to learn of harvesting grass through the "Savory System" of pasturing, we were introduced to principles of management such as setting three-part goals which allowed for inclusion of values, satisfaction and family life...

Supreme Court justices - all appointed by Governor Andrus. Our only elective direct representation is our Legislature, without which we are unprotected. They must have the right of oversight and review of every agency's rules and regulations.

various state agencies as to why they don't want to use the facility, but none of them wash. Gooding County is small and apparently too politically insignificant to get the state's attention. I personally feel that this situation is ludicrous.

Having had discussions with many of these people, I have come to the conclusion that the way they feel is the issue here - not the way the animal feels. Many of whom... I've had discussions with were under the impression that leg-hold traps still had teeth on the jaws!

Electronic-bombing destroys practically nothing. Live bombing areas do not have to be large. The Department of Defense, I feel, should be very willing to handsomely compensate those few users that are going to suffer any loss of livelihood.

Robbins made the right choice
I would like to say that I support what Gary Robbins has decided to do. He cares about people, and he wants to help them all he can. If changing parties is the only way he can do what needs to be done, then we should support that and wish him luck.

Hospital should be used
The city and county of Gooding have been stuck with a huge and unsightly white elephant, owned by the state of Idaho, for over 20 years. This white elephant being the old Tuberculosis Hospital.

Bush keeps himself in spotlight
President Bush, with the same big ego as Reagan, has fallen into the emotional trap of letting ego, politics and force override intelligence to remove Noriega from office in Panama.

Environment course is helpful
Farmers, ranchers and environmentalists need to be aware that a great opportunity to learn the techniques of environmental problem-solving will be available to those who attend the Holistic Resource Management (HRM) course in Boise Jan. 15 to 19 at the State House Inn.

Gooding County should be expanded
Sen. John Peavey is at it again! I see that 30 different groups are going to oppose the Saylor Creek Range expansion along the Idaho-Nevada border. It is interesting to note that Senator John

My wife and I attended such a course in Crete, Neb., in February 1988. It was unlike

We have been given many excuses by the

in Washington, doesn't it? OLBERT R. MOORE Twin Falls

Briefly

Number of AIDS cases tops 200,000

GENEVA (AP) — The total number of reported AIDS cases worldwide passed the 200,000 mark in 1989, a year in which 36,942 new victims of the deadly disease were registered, the World Health Organization said Wednesday.

WHO said 5,434 new AIDS cases were reported in December, bringing the cumulative total to 203,599 by the end of the year.

The number of new notified cases last year was well below the reported total of 64,573 for 1988 and 47,582 for 1987, but WHO experts have predicted the fight against AIDS will become more difficult in the 1990s.

In the United States, 113,211 victims were registered in December, 2,878 more than at the end of November. The United States accounts for 56 percent of the global total.

Updated statistics from Brazil showed 8,064 AIDS cases had been reported, behind only the United States and ahead of France with 8,025 cases.

The biggest increase in victims in Africa was registered in the Ivory Coast. Authorities in the West African state told WHO there were 1,010 cases by the end of October, compared with 250 cases at the end of November 1987, the date of the previous report.

Uganda is reported to be the worst affected country in Africa with 7,375 AIDS cases, although its figures have not been revised since last April.

Bulgarians plan interim government

SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP) — Communist Party leaders held their first meeting Wednesday with opposition groups in talks that could result in formation of a transitional government until free elections are held. Communist Party spokesman Ivan Angelov said delegates from the Union of Democratic Forces, a group of opposition organizations, concentrated on discussing political reform during the three-hour meeting at the National Assembly, the BTA news agency reported.

The Communists urged discussion on economic reforms, BTA quoted Angelov as saying.

The talks were scheduled after the independent trade union, Podkrepa, one of the groups in the Union of Democratic Forces, threatened a general strike if the Communists did not agree to share power.

The strike, which would have been the first in Bulgaria since World War II, was called off after the Communists agreed to the talks.

The Communist Party leader and president, Petar Mladenov, who replaced hard-line party chief Todor Zhivkov on Nov. 10, has pledged widespread reforms and free elections by May.

Romanians announce new leadership

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — The interim leadership announced Wednesday it had chosen an 11-member executive committee, led by President Ion Iliescu, that apparently will have ultimate authority.

Col. Gen. Vasile Ionescu, army chief of staff, denied foreign news reports the uprising that overthrew dictator Nicolae Ceausescu was planned months in advance, but said discontent had been increasing in the army, intelligentsia and general population.

"The revolution was spontaneous, but the discontent had been piling up for years," he told reporters. "Civilians and the military alike had felt the hardships. The army was dissatisfied by the way it was treated as a labor force on huge projects without any benefit for Romania."

Ionescu said at least 196 soldiers had died fighting for the revolution. A soldier was seriously wounded by a sniper's bullet overnight, a reminder that the fight continued against holdout members of Ceausescu's hated security police, known as the Securitate.

Ceausescu and his wife, Elena, the second most powerful person in Romania; were deposed Dec. 22 and executed on Dec. 25.

Fighting interrupts relief in Sudan

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Planes last month bombed and harassed rebel-held towns in southern Sudan, striking about every other day and disrupting famine relief operations, a U.N. official said Wednesday.

The planes bombed seven towns 10 times during the first three weeks of December, said the official, who spoke on condition he not be identified.

Those that didn't bomb the towns made low flights in an apparent attempt to intimidate the official said.

No one has claimed responsibility for the aerial action.

E. Germans warn of drastic steps

EAST BERLIN (AP) — Government delegates to talks with the opposition said Wednesday that drastic action is necessary to rescue the East German economy, which labors under a huge debt and severe shortage of skilled workers.

One opposition group threatened to quit the weekly negotiations. The administration of Communist Premier Hans Modrow has recommended price increases for energy and removal of subsidies on food and other basic goods, but rejects following Poland in a radical turn toward market principles.

Tensions have increased in recent weeks between Modrow's interim government and a fractious array of new political parties and reform groups as they try to reshape East Germany and prepare for democratic elections in May.

Opposition groups have accused Modrow's government of keeping important decisions secret during what they see as a transitional period.

Forty years of Communist mismanagement and the emigration to West Germany last year of hundreds of thousands of skilled workers in what is felt to be a shortage of goods and decline in services.

N. Irish fighting claimed 62 in 1989

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Political and sectarian violence claimed 62 lives in Northern Ireland in 1989, bringing the 20-year toll to 2,774, the Royal Ulster Constabulary said Wednesday.

Of those killed last year, 39 were civilians, nine were members of the constabulary, 12 were with the British army and two were members of the army's locally recruited Ulster Defense Regiment.

Security officials had predicted increased violence in 1989—the 20th anniversary of what Northern Ireland calls "the troubles," but it was the third lowest death toll for any year since 1970.

In 1988, 93 people died in Northern Ireland violence, 54 of them civilians.

Morocco moves to block spill from tanker

RABAT, Morocco (AP) — Sailors trying to protect sensitive Atlantic Ocean coastline Wednesday laid floating barriers while helicopters sprayed chemicals on greenish, 100-square-mile oil slick oozing from an Iranian tanker.

Morocco threatened to file a lawsuit against Iran's national oil company and it criticized salvors for reaching too slowly to the Dec. 19 explosion that tore through the hull of a tanker that spilled 19 million gallons of crude oil.

"The financial damages can only be estimated when we have the means to measure the harm, which already seems very high to us," said Mohamed Naciri, head of a team of Moroccan lawyers following the crisis for the government.

Salvors towed the crippled Khark 5 tanker outside the 200-mile limit of Morocco's territorial waters, the Maghreb Arabic Presse agency reported. But the Dutch salvage firm Smit Tak said the half-sunken vessel was just 130 miles off north Africa.

Helicopters sprayed oil dispersants on the leading edge of the slick, which crept to within 20 miles of the oyster-farming community of Oualidia, the official news agency reported.

In addition, two French technicians in Morocco helped direct operations to vacuum polluted seawater into separators that recycle the water and pump the oil into barges.

Pollution experts have said high waves have broken up much of the oil, which has also been dissolving in the 60-degree seas.

Weather forecasters said winds on Thursday likely would blow from the southwest at 28 mph, accompanied by 13-foot waves, making conditions unfavorable for clean-up and salvage operations, MAP reported.

Fisheries, tourist beaches, a migratory bird reserve and an important breeding ground of pink flamingos would be threatened by the oil, the Interior Ministry said. So would 100,000 related jobs.

percent of the 600,000 tons of fish caught each year in Morocco," said Maritime Fishing Minister Bensalem Smilli.

Fishing and related industries are worth more than \$100 million to the Moroccan economy, he said. Back in Paris from a two-day visit to the former French colony to assess the spill, French Environment Minister Brice Lalonde criticized gaps in international maritime law to protect the environment.

"I'm concerned not only with what's going to happen to the Moroccan coast ... but with what's going to happen in the tanker now that it's on the open seas," Lalonde said.

Peru to attend drug summit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Peru has reversed its decision to boycott the upcoming Colombia drug summit in protest of the U.S. military invasion of Panama, and will attend after all, U.S. and Peruvian officials said Wednesday.

It has not been decided whether President Alan Garcia will attend the meeting with President Bush and the presidents of Colombia and Bolivia, or whether he will send a lower ranking official to retaliate his objection to the U.S. military action, officials said.

Only if Bush withdraws the troops he sent will Garcia himself go to the Feb. 15 meeting in Cartagena, said one Peruvian diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Garcia said two weeks ago that he could not meet with "the leader of an invading nation."

Peru does plan to participate in a Jan. 10-14 preparatory meeting in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where representatives of the four countries will work on the final agenda for the summit, officials said.

Last week, Peru was already softening its hard line on Panama, ending its suspension of anti-narcotics operations with U.S. agents in the coca-rich Huallaga Valley. Officials in Lima said those operations would be resumed because of a need to keep the anti-drug war going.

Moscow calls Lithuanian leaders

MOSCOW (AP) — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev summoned the entire 19-member bureau of Lithuania's breakaway Communist Party to Moscow Wednesday for talks expected to focus on attempts at reconciliation, Lithuanian activists said.

The Soviet Communist Party's policy-making Central Committee directed Gorbachev and other top party officials on Dec. 26 to travel to Lithuania to try to heal an unprecedented break in party unity caused by the Lithuanians' decision six days earlier to create an independent Communist Party.

Gorbachev might visit Lithuania starting next Monday, though there has been no official announcement.

In Vilnius, capital of the Soviet Baltic republic, activists of the grassroots pro-democracy group Sajudis predicted Gorbachev wanted to meet with Lithuanian party leaders beforehand to ask them to suspend their action until the Communist Party's role in society can be redefined.

Vida Laumenskaitė, a secretary at Sajudis headquarters in Vilnius, said Lithuanian party leader Algirdas Brazauskas and the other 18 members of the ruling party bureau flew to Moscow Wednesday.

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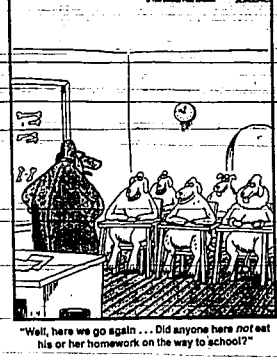
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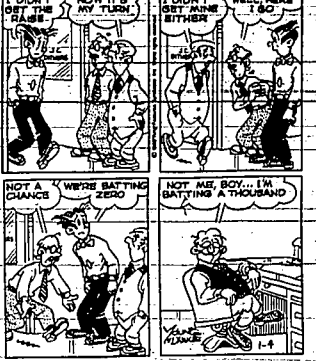
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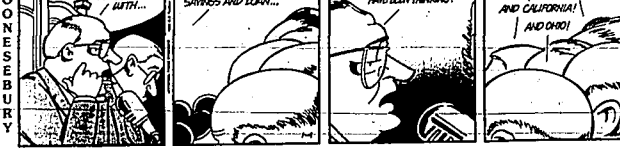
"Well, here we go again... Did anyone here not eat his or her homework on the way to school?"

BLONDIE



"I DIDN'T GET IT AT ALL!" "NOW YOU TALK!" "I DIDN'T GET IT EITHER!" "WELL, HERE I AM!" "NOT A CHANCE!" "WE'RE BATTING ZERO!" "NOT ME, BOY... I'M BATTING A THOUSAND!" "I WAS JUST HELPING A CONGRATULATE THE PROUD STATE OF ARIZONA!" "AND MICHIGAN!" "AND CALIFORNIA!" "AND OHIO!"

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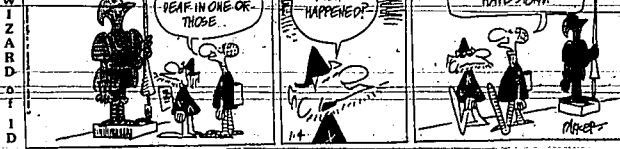
"WHAT AN ALARMING SPECTACLE OUR ESTIMATED COLLEAGUES PRESENT WITH..." "FIVE U.S. SENATORS, ACTING IN CONCERT, INTENDING TO PRESENT THE TENSELY CLOSED OF A COLLAPSING SWAMP AND LOAN..." "A DELAY THAT ENDED UP COSTING THE AMERICAN INVESTORS OVER 11 BILLION! WHAT COULD EACH OF YOU HAVE BEEN THOUGHT?" "I HAD JUST HELPING A CONGRATULATE THE PROUD STATE OF ARIZONA!" "AND MICHIGAN!" "AND CALIFORNIA!" "AND OHIO!"

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"OTTO AND I OH YEAH? OH YEAH? OH YEAH? I FEEL I CAN READ HIS MIND!" "WHAT'S HE THINKING NOW?" "BOW WOW! ARE! GRRR!" "OF COURSE, CHAD I HAVEN'T LEARNED TO TRANSLATE... YET"

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"I ALMOST WANT BEAT IN ONE OF THOSE..." "WHAT HAPPENED?" "I GOT CAUGHT IN A HAIL STORM."

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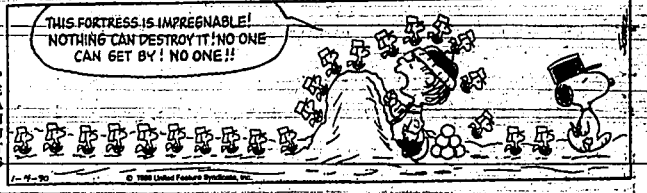


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"BANK THE MONEY IN MY ACCOUNT MUST HAVE BEEN LAUNDERED... IT CERTAINLY HAS SHRUNK!"



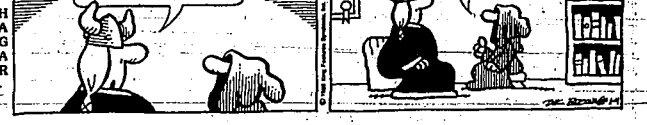
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"I'M WORRIED, DR. ZOOK! LATELY I FIND MYSELF SHING, SHING, ANY HEAD AND THROWING MY HANDS UP IN THE AIR REPEATEDLY!" "YOU ARE SUFFERING FROM A CONDITION CALLED 'TEENAGE DAUGHTER'!"

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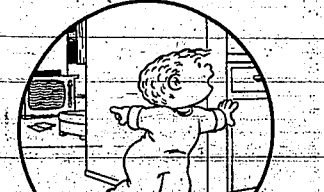
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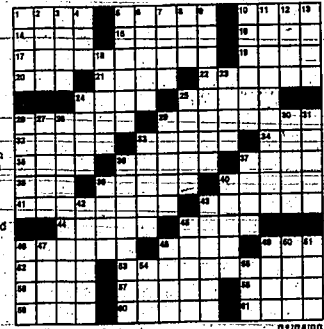
"DO I HAVE TO GO DOWN THE VEGETABLE AISLE WITH YOU?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Will you turn off your shaver, Daddy? You're makin' the TV go haywires."

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ASTROLOGICAL FORECASTS

IF JANUARY 4 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Right now you are in quandary concerning cost of renovating, remodeling, possibly changing residence. During February, however, you learn where you stand, you'll know that ground is solid, that right decision was made.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Despite skeptics who say you have it all wrong, you'll emerge with added prestige and steadily cash. Focus on vindication, verification of beliefs. Tonight could be made for romance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Cycle high-enough so that you learn secrets. Focus on power, authority, ability to discern hidden meanings. Clandestine arrangement could result in financial gain. Cupid-on-plays-misdeeds.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Past experience surge to forefront, enabling you to make "right choices." Emphasis on ability to persuade, charm, win. You might be saying, "I won't forget this Thursday night!" Aries is in plotline.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Individual who has much to say concerning your future will declare, "Let's have another look." Scenario favors fresh start, romance, added independence. You could lose asset affluent promoter.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be dealt with the abstract. Means some high-light formulas, equations. Answer comes from within, possibly during dream state. Your subconscious will be alive and kicking. Aquarius involved.

VIROO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Focus on

popularity, diet, nutrition, dissemination of pertinent information. You'll learn more about money, investments, financial status of one who would be "father." Gemini, Sagittarius persons play roles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Play by rules if you seek approval. Check tax, license requirements. Be aware of public image, ceremonial obligations. Attention also revolves around partnership, marriage. Scorpio figures prominently.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Analyze motives, perceive future prospects. Emphasis on people who rely on your judgment, generosity. Member of opposite sex says, "I can't help it, you fascinate me!" Sagittarius is in picture.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Study-Libra. Scribble messages for valuable clues. At least two persons come to you, imploring, "Come join with us!" Major domestic adjustment takes place. Gender-burden available when timeline concerned.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Focus on bonds, social family, financial base will be rising. "Come join with us!" Major domestic adjustment takes place. Gender-burden available when timeline concerned.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Those who thought you lacked practical base will be forced to admit they were wrong. Questions are answered, strong support received from other individual. You'll know exactly where situation begins and ends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Check previous messages. Focus beyond previous limitations. Spotlight on influence, broadcasting, horizons, possible identification of "lost mate." You'll receive information enabling you to gain financially.



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What's what

Appaloosa in India
Q. Do theater-goers in India applaud at the end of a performance?
A. No, sir, they shout, "Va va!"

The "leg" in two blocks comes from the Danish "leg god," meaning "play well!"
"How To Get Husband" was a common joke in the humor magazine of yesterday. One widely recognized authority on this matter, Rileen Ford, was the head of a model agency. Her advice to young women was simple: "If you look good in a sweater, wear one every third date."

A WOMAN'S BODY
A. Antibiotic fight bacterial infection. A woman's body makes antibodies more rapidly than a man's body. So a woman is stiffer at fighting off infections.

Why the human female tends to live longer than the male. Or so concludes a team of medical researchers.

Q. Where did celery come from?
A. Roman invaders found it growing wild in England. And cultivated it.

Q. The Czechs a generation ago considered "The 10 Commandments of the Resistance" against Soviet occupation. What were they?
A. "We have not learned anything. We don't know anything. We don't have anything. We don't give anything. We can't do anything. We don't tell anything. We don't help. We don't understand. We don't betray. We will never forget anything."

Alaska's 100,000 glaciers could cover South Carolina. Completely.

MOUTH-TO-MOUTH
Q. Who was the first person in history to use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation as a form of life-saving?
A. Elshah of the Bible usually gets that credit.

An old Yiddish proverb goes: "If the rich could hire people to die for them, the poor could make a wonderful living."

If that rack of elk antlers has 12 points, it's a "royal stag." If it has 14 points, it's an "imperial stag." So report the trophy collector.

4 performers, Clark to receive lifetime achievement honors

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Paul McCartney, Dick Clark, Miles Davis and the late Vladimir Horowitz and Nat King Cole will receive lifetime achievement awards at this year's Grammy Awards ceremony.

McCartney, Clark and Davis have agreed to appear Feb. 1 at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles for the Grammy telecast, said Michael Greene, president of the National Academy of Recording Artists.

McCartney's impact on music as a songwriter and member of the Beatles, as well as his continuing growth as a solo performer were cited as reasons for his award.

Davis played a crucial role in the development of jazz since the 1940s, the academy said.

Horowitz was included because many consider him the 20th century's greatest classical pianist, and Cole was cited as a leading singer of the 1940s and 1950s.

The inclusion of Clark was a surprise because he produces the American Music Awards, which competes with the Grammys. The shows are a month apart and many artists will appear on only one show, fearing overexposure.

Clark will receive the Trustees Award because he is a non-performing contributor to music. Past recipients include inventors Thomas Edison and Robert Moog.



daddy correctly," Mrs. Watts said.

That in late October, the 2-year-old saw a New Kids video at a birthday party. She stared at it, danced to it, had a temper tantrum when it was turned off. And the next morning, she woke up and said her first sentence, "Mommy, I want Joe."

Joe McIntyre, Donnie Wahlberg, Danny Wood and Jordan and Jonath Knight are the five Boston teen-agers in the band known for their clean image, anti-drug activities and the song "I'll Be Loving You (Forever)."

Prince Andrew, has come under criticism for not performing enough official duties, but O'Donovan's list shows she quadrupled her workload last year with 200 engagements in Britain, compared with 55 in 1988. The duchess attended 127 further public engagements abroad.

As next week, a hospital spokeswoman said Wednesday.

Alyssa's condition was upgraded to good on Tuesday, said University of Chicago Medical Center spokeswoman Susan Phillips. Alyssa, who is from suburban San Antonio, received part of her mother's liver on Nov. 27.

Sarina Jones, the nation's second recipient of a liver from a live donor, remained in critical but stable condition today. The 16-month-old girl from Millington, Tenn., received part of her father's liver Dec. 8 and "is doing very well," Ms. Phillips said.

Teens crowd Harrods to see Australian singer

LONDON (AP) — Screaming teenage girls trying to glimpse pop star Jason Donovan thronged Harrods on Wednesday, vying with bargain-hunters at the start of the

The pop group The New Kids on the Block are credited with inspiring a hearing-impaired girl to begin speaking

department store's winter sale.

Donovan arrived at the store in a horse-drawn carriage and then joined "Harrods" Chairman Mohamirid Al Fayed in officially opening the sale.

Teen-agers pushed each other to the floor as Al Fayed led the Australian singer through the menswear department and food halls, accompanied by pipers from the Caledonian Highlanders.

Laura Stoten, 14, who came to the store with two friends from north London, said she had no intention of buying anything.

"It is hot and crowded but we've seen Jason Donovan and that's enough. We've never seen him before," she said, clutching a photograph of her idol.

Donovan, caught in the throng of fans and security guards, didn't have a chance to buy anything.

Infant liver recipient close to return home

CHICAGO (AP) — Alyssa Smith, the 22-month-old girl who received the nation's first living-donor liver transplant, may be sent home as early

Princess Anne receives honor for hard work

LONDON (AP) — For the second year running, Princess Anne topped her mother, Queen Elizabeth II, as the hardest working member of Britain's royal family, according to a courtier published Wednesday.

Anne, 39, who separated from her husband Mark Phillips in August, fulfilled 737 official engagements in 1989 in Britain and abroad for a wide variety of public and private groups. She is widely admired for her work for the international Save the Children Fund.

The figures are tallied annually from the Times of London's daily Court Circular by London insurance broker Tim O'Donovan, whose hobby is keeping track of royal engagements.

The queen came in second place with 592 engagements. She was followed by her husband, Prince Phillip, who attended 569 public engagements.

The Duchess of York, the wife of

Hale Jr., 'Gilligan's' skipper, dies of cancer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Alan Hale Jr., who was a little-known character actor until he struck lasting fame as the reliable skipper of the 1960s hit television comedy "Gilligan's Island," has died of cancer.

Hale died Tuesday at St. Vincent Medical Center, where he had been hospitalized for about a month, said Bonnie Churchill, a family spokeswoman.

She said Hale was 68, often featured in entertainment-reference books

Woman credits group with daughter's speech

DUNDALK, Md. (AP) — The New Kids on the Block, the pop group with the hit album and video "Hangin' Tough," inspired hearing-impaired toddler to begin speaking this fall, the little girl's mother said.

Dolores Watts said her daughter fell behind in her development after ear infections hurt her hearing at age 11 months. "She couldn't speak in sentences or even say mommy and

But Hale was a marginally known character actor until his "Gilligan's Island" success. The show originally ran from 1964 to 1967 before going into syndication.

The original cast, which included the late Jim Backus as millionaire Thurston Howell III, got together in 1978 to make a two-part "Gilligan's Island" special in which the castaways were finally rescued, only to be shipwrecked again while on a reunion cruise.

"Two more sequel specials were broadcast in 1979 and 1981.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Naomi; their four children and a sister.

First Lady begins radiation therapy for eye condition

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barbara Bush, suffering double vision from a disorder that earlier attacked her thyroid, began 10 days of radiation therapy Wednesday. If the treatment fails, the next step is surgery, experts say.

"She said it was like a trip to the dentist, only a better one," a spokeswoman said of Mrs. Bush's three-hour trip to Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Only 10 minutes were actually spent in radiation therapy.

The 64-year-old first lady later went for her customary one-mile swim in the White House outdoor pool, said her press secretary, Anna Perle.

Doctors intend to use brief, low-level radiation treatments daily for the next nine days on Mrs. Bush in hopes of halting a swelling in the small muscles that control movements of the eyes.

That condition is one of the effects of Graves' disease, an immune system ailment from which Mrs. Bush suffers.

Medical experts not associated with the case said that such treatment is routine for Graves' disease eye patients who have not responded to other therapy. The radiation treatment is not considered dangerous and has a high rate of success, said the experts.

indicate he was 71.

Hale appeared in 65 films but became famous as the captain who led a mismatched band of castaways on "Gilligan's Island," which blossomed into one of the most often rerun shows in TV history.

"He enjoyed every single minute of it," said actor Bob Denver, who portrayed Gilligan, the portly skipper's albatross and accident-prone first mate. "He wore his skipper's hat all the time."

The actor asked to be cremated and his ashes scattered at sea Saturday by the Neptune Society.

"He was a great guy and a great physical comic," said Denver, who made personal appearances with Hale as recently as six months ago. "He was so strong that I could run across the stage and he could catch me like a feather. That's what made our comedy so great."

The TV show dealt with the ill-fated SS Minnow, shipwrecked on an uncharted South Pacific isle after a freak storm during what was supposed to be a three-hour tour.

A native of Los Angeles, Hale came from a show business family; his father was a matinee idol in silent films and his mother was an actress. The younger Hale bore a strong resemblance to his father, who also played sidekick roles with Errol Flynn in such classics as "The Sea Hawk" and "Robin Hood."

Florida man offers reward for diet help

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — Nick Russo doesn't trust himself when it comes to food and he's willing to pay — \$25,000 a pop — for help.

The 298-pound real estate broker has put up reward posters offering \$25,000 to the favorite charity of anybody who catches him eating out.

Russo, who is 55 and 5-foot-7, is losing weight in small rolls of fat spilling over the seat. Since the posters went up last month, Russo has lost 30 pounds and kept his money.

"No matter where I go now, people follow me," Russo said Tuesday from Ridgewood, N.J. He has homes there and in Palm Beach County.

"I want to use the bathroom at Friendly's a couple of weeks ago and two cops watched me from the window. I guess they thought I was going to cheat."

The poster hangs in the police room of the Ridgewood Police Department and in the restaurant Deck's in Junter.

Russo's doctor, Dominick Zito, said Russo has tried "every diet known to God" but "with a reward this high, I think it's going to work."

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Valley life

Dad's doubts block daughter's plans

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have a 14-year-old daughter, "Jane," who is well-mannered and does very well in school.

For the most part, Jane is as responsible as a 14-year-old can be. Jane very recently started dating "John," a 17-year-old high school senior who seems to be a nice guy. Our neighbors told us that he comes from a nice family.

Because of Jane's age, and their age difference, my wife and I thought it best that when John and Jane date, it should be with groups of people (other couples).

The problem is that John and his family are going away for a five-day vacation and Jane was invited to join them.

Maybe I'm old-fashioned, but even though his parents will be there, the situation doesn't "feel" right to me.

I have seen Jane come home twice (after being with John) in tears because she was afraid he was going to "dump" her — and now she wants to go away with him. My wife and I are quietly fighting about this, because she sees no real problem with Jane going on a five-day vacation with John and his parents.

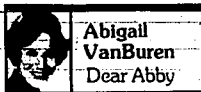
I'll take my lumps, Abby; please tell me if you think my daughter is too immature for this situation or am I

FRANCY CONFUSED

DEAR CONFUSED: You say that "the neighbors" told you that John comes from a nice family, which indicates that you have never met them. Maybe I'm "old-fashioned," too, but I wouldn't send my 14-year-old daughter off on a five-day vacation with a young man and his parents unless I knew the parents. The situation might be as kosher as Mamschewitz — but it doesn't "feel" right to me, either.

DEAR ABBY: I have read you for years and know that you do a lot of good, but please stay out of the wildlife field. Obviously you do not understand that everything lives on something else. It's a cruel world. Birds and animals were put on this planet to be used by man — not abused; used — and this includes killing and eating.

If you eat flet mignon, some big, brown-eyed animal must give up his life. If you like chicken, some chicken was killed for you. For those who



Abigail VanBuren
Dear Abby

say, "Well then, I'll be a vegetarian" — all plants are living things.

Wild geese mate for life. (They have a better track record than we humans have.) Canada geese in captivity live for 80 years. Today, there are more Canada geese on the continent of North America than ever before. You should see them walking the streets of Rochester, Minn. (The citizens are sick of the mess they make.)

I am a retired special agent for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and when I first came to Iowa in 1953, they were having their first deer hunting season in years. Now they have deer in every county. Last year, Iowa harvested nearly 100,000 deer. The farmers were complaining that the deer were eating their crops! I don't hear any "Bambi!" stories in Iowa.

God bless you, Abby, for your compassion for animals, but please be realistic. It's a cruel world for wildlife, but that's the way God made it.

WESLEY S. NEWCOMB, MATLACHA, FLA.

DEAR WESLEY: I bow to your superior knowledge of wildlife as it applies to wild geese and deer. Hereafter I'll stick to humans, who tend to get caught up in a wild lifestyle that mortal men (and women) are heir to.

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to the letter regarding physicians who hire unskilled personnel to perform nursing functions when they should hire "properly trained" nurses (your words). Abby, dear, dogs are trained. Nurses are educated.

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St. George growing in winter popularity

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — The St. George Chamber of Commerce has a word for the droves of retired senior citizens who annually make their winter trek to Utah's Dixie — "Snowbirds."

The migration from winter's cold and snow begins around mid-November, with a trickle of mobile homes and recreational vehicles soon becoming an elderly exodus from the inclement north to southwestern Utah's deserts.

Snowbirds are an important revenue source for St. George, providing a vital economic boost for the community of 29,000, says Floyd Fox, executive director of the local chamber.

Up to 10,000 snowbirds make their way to southwestern Utah every winter, most arriving just after Christmas. They fill up the growing number of RV parks. Many stay until mid-April.

At 2,900-foot elevation, the St. George area is warmer and drier than most places, especially for Utah. A scant 8 inches of precipitation fall annually.

It's easy to fall in love with St. George, Fox asserts. "All the things that we have to offer. As age advances on us, why, getting out of the cold is certainly more desirable."

St. George Mayor Karl Brooks also is appreciative of the yearly influx of snowbirds into his community.

"The thing that we notice," said Brooks, a Utah history professor at Dixie College, "is that they bring with them a quality of life that certainly is an addition to our community. They have a cultural refinement and social taste that just makes a significant contribution in our town, and they're just high-quality people."

Snowbirds also make a significant contribution to the local economy. "It's in the millions," Fox says, but his agency has yet to pin down a closer figure because snowbirds are sometimes hard to spot on the street.

Fox says most of the retirees who enjoy the warm, red glow of the southwestern Utah landscape every winter arrive mainly from northern Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado. Some snowbirds, however, travel from farther away.

Take the Robinsons from Glassport, Penn., for instance.

"We've been here every year for the last 10 years," said Henry Robinson as he sat abiding walnuts in his RV at Redlands RV Park.

Robinson, 69, and wife Roberta, 68, say they keep coming back to St. George and neighboring Washington City because they like the area, the people, and the park.

Although St. George nightlife is not as exciting as it is in say, nearby Las Vegas, snowbirds seem to have little trouble finding activities to while away the winter months, and the Robinsons are no exception, favoring rock banding, crafts and electronic work.

Henry says he likes to go to the lapidary shop at Dixie College, but Roberta says Henry will have to take it easy for a while as he recuperates from a recently broken hip.

The Chamber of Commerce has an array of wintertime activities for snowbirds and residents alike. Lectures, symphony concerts, golf, tennis, trade shows are among the events and activities listed.

The snowbird phenomenon was just catching on when the Robinsons first started making their annual seasonal trek. "Noting that the area's RV parks rarely filled up until after the first of January, they say this year Redlands was full by mid-November."

At King's Row, another popular RV park, owner Mary Ann Turner is enthusiastic about the steady increase in the number of snowbirds.

"We have snowbirds coming in from California who normally go to Arizona," Turner says, but they say it's "getting too crowded there."

Turner and her husband, a retired school administrator, moved from Salt Lake City five years ago and bought a few acres in Washington City that was being used for raising turkeys. They developed their property into an RV park with several hundred spaces that rent for about \$180 per month.

In response to recent grumbling by a number of snowbirds about how prices seem to go up as soon as they arrive in town, Fox says she helps plan a "Snowbird Week" last year and she is planning a similar event for November of 1990.

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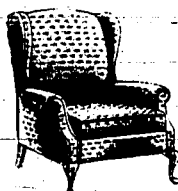
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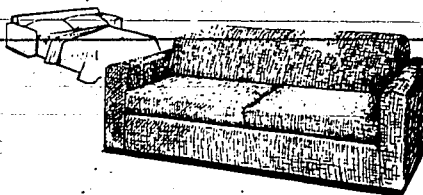
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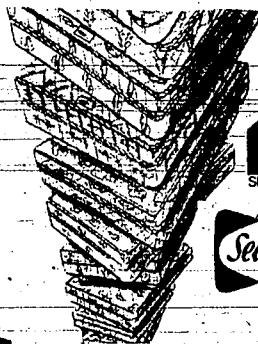


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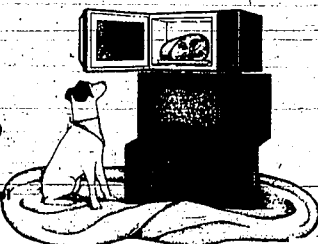
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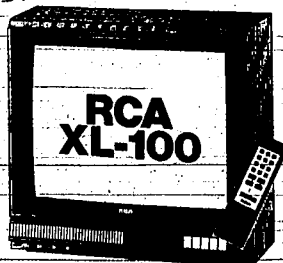
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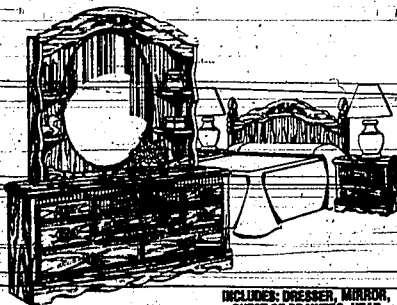


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AROUND THE VALLEY

Burley Council has changing of the guard

BURLEY - It was out with the old and in with the new at two City Council meetings this week.

Outgoing Mayor Ken Frank opened the first meeting and received a plaque and a check from City Clerk Bud Bringer on behalf of the council. Frank left to the applause of those present and council President Leonard King closed the meeting.

Bringer swore in new Mayor Frank Bauman and re-elected council members Clay Handy, Wendell McMuray and Vern Jackson.

Bauman called a second meeting to order and he reappointed City Clerk Bud Bringer and City Attorney Bill Parsons.

The council elected Clay Handy as new council president.

Greyhound wants to drop unprofitable interstate route

POCATELLO - Greyhound Lines Inc. will urge the state Tuesday to let it drop bus service on Interstate 86, between Pocatello and the interchange just west of Burley.

The Public Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing on the request for 1-7 p.m. at the Quality Inn in Pocatello.

If the request is granted, bus passengers going east and west along the interstate in southern Idaho would have to dip down to Ogden, Utah.

Officials in the Mini-Cassia area have said they oppose the idea. Greyhound officials say they want to drop the route because it has not been profitable.

Frugal Filer spends just over half of year's budget

FILER - The city budget continues to have surpluses at the end of fiscal years.

The city spent \$367,670 of the \$766,096 it budgeted for the year ending Sept. 30, 1989, according to the annual audit report for Filer.

"This particular group of department heads that we have are very frugal people," Mayor Bob Fort said following Tuesday's City Council meeting. "We have kind of a history of it being that way."

About 11 years ago, the city began striving to hold down costs and avoid budget surpluses at the end of fiscal years, Fort said.

The council accepted the audit, by McMullen McPhee & Co., Twin Falls, which gave the city a clean bill of health.

The only recommendation was for the Library Board to submit a budget for the year to the City Council. Although the library had a budget, it was not available during the audit, Fort said.

Surpluses were: \$87,652 in the general budget, \$35,158 in water, \$23,101 in street lighting, \$18,181 in street maintenance, \$105,487 in sewer, \$15,517 in liability, \$115,565 in revenue sharing and \$1,765 in the fund.

"The city is financially healthy," Mayor Bob Fort said after the meeting.

Filer initiates exercise program for employees

FILER - An exercise program - complete with a city-provided exercise room - will become part of the routine for city employees.

The Filer City Physical Fitness Program, named by Police Chief Dan Herkey, will be a condition of employment for present and future employees and will include two physicals a year.

The council voted unanimously Tuesday for Councilman Brent Rankins' motion to budget up to \$3,000 for the program for fire, police and maintenance department employees.

An exercise room will be provided for the employees in the fire department building.

In other business, fireman Jeff Webster was nominated first for the position of Director of Public Works. Bud Bringer for effort and the number of fires participated in.

The council unanimously elected Wanda Shafer as its president for 1990.

Idaho Power to send rebates to irrigation customers

BOISE (AP) - Idaho Power, averaging \$2,010, are going out this week to 3,559 irrigation customers of Idaho Power Co.

The rebates, which total \$1,077 million, represent a portion of Idaho Power's property tax payments that state lawmakers have approved. The rebates are based on power consumption.

Field wide open for proposed bombing range

By N. S. NOKKENTVED
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Air Force has started the latest on its map of a proposed bombing range expansion at Saylor Creek.

Somewhere within Owyhee County, from the Twin Falls County line to the Oregon border, the Air Force still wants to build a large training ground for its fighter-bomber aircraft.

But the Air Force has modified its proposal for an expanded bombing range in response to public concerns, said Lt. Col. Jim Cooper, director of base realignment at the Mountain Home Air Force Base.

It plans to study nearly all of Owyhee County to locate suitable sites for a new aerial bombing range, Cooper told the Twin Falls Rotary Club Wednesday.

The Air Force initially proposed to withdraw 1.4 million acres of public and private land in Owyhee County for an expanded range. It had drawn an expanded range boundary on a map to illustrate the proposal.

That proposed boundary is gone now. In its place is a dotted line around most of



Times-News photo by JERRY AREZ
Lt. Col. Jim Cooper: "It'll all be in the EIS."

Owyhee County. Somewhere within that line the Air Force would like to see a bombing range to accommodate the train-

ing needs of planes being moved to Idaho as part of national consolidation of military sites, Cooper said.

The original proposal also called for low-level supersonic training flights down to about 100 feet above the ground. But revised plans would raise that limit to 5,000 feet above the ground.

Sonic booms "above 5,000 feet will not cause damage to your windshield or your house," Cooper told Rotarians.

Public hearings in September showed that the Air Force needed to slow the development of an environmental impact statement "to let people digest exactly what it is we're doing," Cooper said.

But "exactly what it is" the Air Force is doing, and exactly how much land and airspace the Air Force needs to accommodate 56 F-4 jets arriving next year at the Mountain Home Airbase, Cooper didn't say Wednesday.

"We know exactly what we need," he said after the Rotary meeting. "It'll all be in the EIS."

That EIS, or Environmental Impact Statement, will be published in the next

few weeks. It will cover the movement of aircraft to Idaho and whether a range expansion is needed.

Other Air Force officials have admitted that arriving F-4s don't need the 1.4 million-acre expansion.

A second environmental statement will cover the impacts of a range expansion.

But whatever the Air Force decides to do in the desert of Owyhee County will involve those who frequent the area or use it in their livelihood.

"They are the real users," Cooper said. "We need their expertise."

If the bombing range is expanded, most of it will still be open to other uses, Cooper said. Only smaller areas inside the range would be restricted, and only when actually in use, he said.

"We're a multiple user," he said. "We always have been."

Air Force plans call for using impact areas for bombing to be used by the military from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily and about half the weekend days.

Ranchers and other users would be free to use the area the rest of the time.



Times-News photo by KIM DALSBERG

Snow fight

If you start a snowball fight, you'd better be prepared to face the consequences. Lindsey Harper, left, gives chase after Travis McFarland bombarded her with some of the white stuff Monday afternoon. The two were on their way home from school in Kimberly when the fun started.



Times-News photo by KIRK MITCHELL

Blass to face competition in 1990 bid

By KIRK MITCHELL
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A cook and part-time country musician plans to run as a Democrat against County Commissioner Norma Blass.

"I'll be really honest with you," said Ernie Beaver, 51, of Twin Falls. "I don't know a lot of the issues yet, but I will be aware of them at the right time."

Beaver, a former Kimberly City Council member, said he decided to run because the county is ready for change. He has not yet formally filed to run.

There is a need in the county," Beaver said.

Blass, a Republican, is beginning her second year of a two-year term. She said Wednesday that she intends to run for re-election. She defeated Democrat Tom Lancaster in 1988.

Beaver said he has lived in Twin Falls for the past two years and has lived in the area off and on for the past 15 years. He has been a cook at several restaurants and cur-

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Twin Falls property taxes up 5 percent

State rates jumped, while 7 of 13 area cities saw lower taxes

YOUR TAXES

This list of Magic Valley cities shows how rates changed from 1988 to 1989. The difference represents how much higher or lower taxes fluctuated per \$1,000 in property valuation.

CITY	CHANGE	RATE
Burley	↑ \$2.20	\$24.70
Blaine	↓ \$0.50	\$18.10
Rainfield	↓ \$0.50	\$17.90
Pierce	↓ \$0.50	\$22.30
Bonding	↓ \$1.50	\$26.50
Blaine	↓ \$1.50	\$14.90
Kimberly	↓ \$1.50	\$22.30
Blackfoot	↓ \$2.00	\$22.50
Boise	↓ \$0.20	\$18.90
Blaine	↓ \$0.50	\$22.80
Blackfoot	↓ \$0.50	\$21.50

TWIN FALLS - The \$2 million library expansion combined with a slightly lower county levy and a higher school levy have resulted in a 5 percent increase in overall property tax rates in Twin Falls this year.

From 1988 to 1989, Twin Falls property tax rates increased \$1.20 per \$1,000 of valuation - to \$21.50 - according to a report by the Associated Taxpayers of Idaho.

The report, covering cities across Idaho, says tax rates statewide increased an average of 3.5 percent over last year and 74 percent above a decade ago, the report said.

The market value of property in Idaho has shown an increase again this year, the report said.

But the growth in market value wasn't strong enough to compensate for the increases in property tax needs, resulting in higher tax rates for the majority of the 68 cities audited, the report said.

One bright spot in 1989 reports, that 19 cities were able to lower tax rates, including seven cities in the Magic Valley. That is compared with only nine statewide in 1987.

Wallace and Kellogg residents pay the highest tax rate in the state at \$33.90 and \$31.20 per \$1,000 in valuation, as northern Idaho's economy continues to struggle, the report said.

Some Valley residents pay next to the lowest tax rate in the state: \$12 per \$1,000 in valuation.

Taxes exempt from the state's constitutional limit represent one-third of the total taxes statewide and exceed \$139 million in 1989.

Voter-imposed exempt taxes - including bonds and overrides - represent over two-thirds of all exempt taxes, the report said.

In Twin Falls, the city levy increased by

Jail contractor to ask removal for more after accident

By ANITA DENNIS
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The contractor gutting the old county jail plans to ask Twin Falls County commissioners to reimburse him for expenses that have developed from a work accident last month.

Bob Jackson, of Jackson Electric Co. in Jerome, said Wednesday that he will ask to be paid for the "removal of unstable materials" from the fourth floor of the County Building.

"I don't feel I should pick up the tab for hauling," Jackson said.

Glass and plaster masonry in the walls and ceiling has to be removed, Jackson said. The removal is not included in the original project, he said, which was to uncover the walls.

Jackson won the county contract to gut the old jail with a \$20,000 bid, less than half of what two competitors had bid.

Twin Falls County Commissioner Marvin Hempleman said he hadn't discussed the matter with Jackson.

"I don't know what he's talking about," Hempleman said, adding that removal of materials in the old jail is "what he's paid for."

Jackson began demolition in November. Two weeks into the job, a piece of ceiling collapsed on a construction worker, sending him to the hospital. Demolition was halted until safety inspections could be completed.

Jackson said inspections are complete, and he wants to take safety precautions, including the removal of unstable masonry, before going back to work.

He didn't know how much the removal would cost, but said, "it's going to be very, very expensive." It's many, many tons, many dumpsters.

Jackson was planning to meet today with the architect hired by the county to discuss the issue, and said he didn't know how long it would be before resuming demolition.

William Carter, the construction worker from Wells, Wash., who was injured in the accident, has been released from a Salt Lake City hospital and is recovering in Nevada, Jackson said.

Mayor won't make assignments

By TERRELL WILLIAMS
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN - Mayor Merle Owsley said Wednesday he won't make committee assignments to the City Council, following two council members' questioning of whether he has the authority.

"The council seems to think that's not right, so I don't have anything to do with that anymore," Owsley said. "They'll have to draw a number out of the hat."

Council members Hoffman and Gloria Jazwick questioned during the council's Tuesday meeting the mayor's authority to appoint them to council committees. The duty is not addressed in Idaho code, they said.

Owsley said it is the usual procedure. He tried to appoint Jazwick to the Planning and Zoning Commission, saying she has done "such a wonderful job."

But Jazwick declined, saying she also has been on the library and road committees and is unable to attend the monthly planning and zoning meetings. "I don't have time," she said.

Winter said he would be willing to take that committee assignment, but Owsley said the new councilman is not well enough to attend.

Jazwick countered that she wasn't acquainted with planning and zoning when she first joined the committee.

Owsley postponed making any committee appointments then said Wednesday he won't make any assignments.

In other matters, Mike Winter was sworn in as new City Council member.

Winter, 45, owns Hagerman Auto Parts and has lived in Hagerman for about three years. He replaces Bill Wilson, who did not seek re-election.

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Hagerman

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The new councilman said he ran for office because he would like to learn more about city government...

Wood River Resources is a group of elected officials from Blaine, Lincoln, Camas and Gooding counties that works to help government entities find solutions to natural resource, conservation and development problems.

Ellis said there may be a conflict of interest. The council decided to discontinue using Jobs Training Partnership Act, a work-training program for low income youth...

Disease usually hits infants under age 2

POCATELLO (AP)—Six meningitis cases were reported in Idaho last year and health officials recommend vaccinations for the youngsters the potentially fatal disease often strikes.

The illness attacks the lining of the brain and features an intense headache, stiff neck and a high fever. Dr. Jack Summers, medical consultant for the health department, noted 95 percent of those children who contract meningitis die.

Obituaries

Howard L. Mabie
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Jack McLaine
BURLEY—Jack (PawPaw) McLaine, 97, of Burley, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1990...

Forrest O. Son
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Luis M. Ramirez
BURLEY—Luis Montenegro Ramirez, 61, of Burley, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1990...

Arlin Thurston
HEYBURN—Arlin Thurston, 91, of Heyburn, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1990...

Vella D. Vello
DENO—Vella D. Vello, 89, of Deno, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1990...

Gloria Powell
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Services
MOUNTAIN HOME—The funeral for Phoebe Coppenberg, 84, of Mountain Home...

Services
MARKING—The funeral for Roger Eugene Sery, 51, of Marking, who died Sunday...

Hospitals
MACRO VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Scott Collins, Donald Latta, James Sakliver, Mrs. Dorell Deno...

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Council sets aside proposed Beaver Springs annexation

Beaver Springs has its own water supply lines to give it septic tanks. Resident Peter Smith told the council that Beaver Springs had originally been zoned for 80 lots...

Blackbird mine sale falls through

CHALLIS (AP)—The proposed sale of central Idaho's Blackbird cobalt mine to Blackbird Metals Inc., a New York-based investment firm...

Council

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rently cooks at the College of Southern Idaho cafeteria. He also is the lead guitarist for the local country and western band...

Idaho faces complex problems

BOISE (AP)—Idaho's relatively high unemployment of a few years ago might soon seem like a time of blessed simplicity to many of the state's businesses and policymakers...

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Economic future: 'Continuous growth'

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's retailers and the head of the state Potato Commission underscored the continuing optimism over the state's economic future Wednesday, advising state lawmakers they see another solid financial year as the decade of the 1990s opens.

"We will have continuous growth for the next 10 years," Idaho Retailers Association Director Tim Brennan told the House-Senate Committee on Revenue Propositions. "It may not be spectacular, but it will be better than in the 1980s."

Brennan said retailers, who had been generally cautious about their business prospects during the first two years of the state's economic resurgence, have turned bullish. A recent survey showed seven of every 10 expect sales to increase this year, nearly twice as many as those predicting increases in the two previous years.

And Potato Commission Director Mel Anderson told the special panel the 1989 harvest of the state's num-



almost every place," Scott Hayes, chief financial officer for West One Bank, told the panel. "The fundamental base economy is stronger than people think."

Brennan said the retailers' response should translate into at least an 8 percent increase in sales tax revenues, pushing that critical tax component to nearly \$343 million. Sales tax receipts account for over a third of the state's total general tax receipts.

Since early 1987, statewide statistics have shown Idaho's pulling out of one of its worst economic declines ever, but Anders administration, economists said in late 1988 that the benefits of that surge were effectively isolated to the Boise, Coeur d'Alene and Idaho Falls areas. They called it a two-Idaho phenomenon, describing the situation as a "chess check" recovery.

But while there is still a significant disparity between the vigor of urban and rural economic activity, they said the upswing is now broad-based.

The first day of hearings, which will be used by the committee to decide just how much money legislative budget-writers will have to spend this year, mirrored the administration's latest economic forecast that expansion will simply moderate from the pace that has already generated a record \$100 million surplus and should continue to outdistance the nation's financial performance.

The economic resurgence that unexpectedly began nearly three years ago sparked a 14 percent hike in revenues during the past budget year that ended June 30 and is likely to boost tax receipts almost 8 percent more in the current spending year to put total general revenue around \$830 million.

The initial forecasts provided to the committee indicated that although the expansion is cooling the state economy will not dip nearly as dramatically as the national

economy is expected to later this year. Hayes, in fact, predicted that consumer spending would pick up in the spring to keep the economy from subsiding in any significant way.

"This expansion could last certainly another year, perhaps 18 months, perhaps two or three years," he said.

Under those prospects, state tax revenue growth in year that begins July 1 could easily approach 5 percent, pushing total receipts to finance the new budget to \$870 million, some analysts have said.

It is up to the joint House-Senate committee to decide how much money the state can expect in the coming year, and that decision will guide budget decisions legislators will make when the session begins next Monday.

Kipp Bedard of Micron Technology and Doug Carnahan of Hewlett-Packard, two of Boise's largest employers, acknowledged an expected slowdown in their industry later this year.

But Carnahan said Hewlett-Packard should weather it well since more than half its sale are now overseas, and Bedard said most industry experts believe the electronics market will stabilize this year and then begin another upswing in 1991.

"What that means," he told the committee, "is you should start seeing sales and profits improve," and that should translate into further expansion in Idaho.

Both men said their companies would be expanding work forces this year by several hundred each, and they renewed their pleas to lawmakers for a continued strong financial commitment to education in the state.

New justice issues first opinion

BOISE (AP) — In the first ruling written by new Idaho Supreme Court Justice Larry Boyle, the court says a lawsuit over the sale of the old Bunker Hill Mine at Kellogg must remain in Ada County.

The court, in a 4-1 ruling issued Wednesday, upheld a decision from 4th District Judge Robert Rowlett denying a change of venue in a lawsuit filed over the 1982 purchase of the mine property. Boyle, former state district judge at Idaho Falls, wrote the majority opinion, supported by Chief Justice Robert Bakes and justices Stephen Bistiine and Byron Johnson.

Retired justice Joseph McFadden, who heard the case, dissented without opinion.

On Nov. 1, 1982, Gulf Resources and Chemical Corp. and Bunker Hill Co., now Pinstar Corp. sold the Bunker Hill Mine, associated assets and other real estate in Shoshone County to its present owners, Bunker Limited Partnership.

Bunker Limited Partnership has as limited partners mining executives Jack Kendrick and Harry Magnuson, both residents of Shoshone County; Hagadone-Idaho, Inc., headquartered in Kootenai County; and Simplot Development Corp., centered in Ada County.

The written purchase agreement consists of a number of contracts and agreements covering limited guarantees signed by Simplot Development, Hagadone Corp. and Magnuson.

In 1987, Gulf and Pinstar filed suit in Ada County alleging breach of contract on various terms of the asset purchase agree-

ment and on other grounds. After the complaint was filed, the defendants asked for a change in venue, arguing that because the corporations involved do business in several counties, the action should be heard in the county where the alleged wrongs occurred, Shoshone County.

But the court said for legal purposes, a corporation is deemed to be a "resident" of the county where it maintains its principal place of business, and for Simplot Development, that is Ada County.

In another appeal decision released Wednesday, the Court of Appeals ordered dismissal of one of the two drug convictions against Mark Ledbetter in a Kootenai County case. Ledbetter was convicted both of manufacturing marijuana and possessing the drug with intent to sell.

From the evidence presented, the Court of Appeals said it could not find any basis to support two charges arising from essentially the same acts. It ordered 1st District Court to dismiss one charge or the other, at its discretion, since there was sufficient evidence to support either conviction.

In another case, the Court of Appeals held that a bus belongs to Don J. Simplot, but it is subject to a lien filed by another party. Because of what the court called a "bureaucratic bungler," the Department of Transportation issued two titles to the bus to two different men, within a 13-day period.

After a department hearing, the agency concluded that although Simplot owns the bus, the title must carry the lien. District court upheld the decision.

Gowen Field 'logical' choice for new prison

BOISE (AP) — State-owned land near Gowen Field is under consideration as the site for a proposed multimillion-dollar women's prison while government property near the Old Penitentiary has been ruled out.

Department of Corrections officials say erecting a prison near the historic Warm Springs complex would trigger a storm of controversy with neighboring residents.

"It would probably be a place that would meet with some resistance," Corrections Director Richard Vernon said Tuesday.

But undeveloped, sagebrush-dotted land near the intersection of Gowen and Pleasant Valley roads is a "logical" choice, according to Vernon.

The property lies just south of the Boise city limits, a stone's throw from an industrial development and Gowen Field, the military complex that is home to Idaho's Air and Army National Guards.

"That's an area that would be less controversial," he said. "There are less people. If we could work something out there, it would meet our needs."

While stopping short of endorsing that location six miles north of the state's main prison complex, Vernon said it is sufficiently close to the alternate Boise Community Work Center and city-based vocational programs.

Pressure to build the state's first independent women's prison has been mounting. The American Civil Liberties Union is pursuing a contempt order in U.S. District Court in

Boise, alleging that the state has violated agreements to equalize prison conditions and programs.

In 1984, the state signed an agreement assuring women inmates the same quality programs, medical care and facilities as male inmates have access to. Compliance is now considered impossible short of moving women imprisoned in the Panhandle to Boise.

Of about 115 total female prisoners, 50 are housed in a cellblock at the Idaho Correctional Institution in Orofino 254 miles north of Boise.

A similar number are assigned to the Community Work Center at the Old Idaho. The rest are being held temporarily in county jails or the Idaho State Penitentiary reception center.

In a preliminary cost analysis prepared recently by the Division of Public Works, the only site examined for the proposed women's prison was the Gowen Road-area property.

While construction is not expected to exceed \$10 million, specific cost estimates for building and manning the facility are being kept under wraps by state officials.

Corrections is seeking legislative approval this winter of a 1990-91 budget that attempts to keep pace with prison overcrowding by hiking revenues 4.6 percent over the current \$25 million appropriation.

Vernon is seeking a supplemental appropriation to build the women's prison. If lawmakers support the request, construction could begin as early as next fall.

Judgement ordered against insurance firm

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Idaho Falls has been granted a \$500,000 summary judgment against an insurance company the city hired to protect against claims from bondholders of the defunct Washington Public Power Supply System.

Seventh District Judge Grant Young granted the judgment, plus interest, on Dec. 21 against Home Indemnity Co. and former agent Emmett Gallup.

Dale Storer, Idaho Falls city attorney, said Wednesday that a portion of the city's lawsuit against Home Indemnity involving liability of the insurance broker who sold the policy to Idaho Falls remains unresolved.

The city was one of several utilities that signed contracts to purchase power from WPPSS. Those utilities were named as defendants in a lawsuit filed in 1983 after WPPSS defaulted on \$2.25 billion in bonds.

In 1982, before that suit was filed, Idaho Falls purchased an "errors and omissions" policy from Home Indemnity covering wrongful acts or negligence during the period from June 30, 1982, to June 30, 1985,

assistant city attorney Joe Burgess said Wednesday.

He said the city also purchased a policy covering the city retroactively from June 30, 1981, to June 30, 1982.

When the WPPSS bondholders filed suit, the city filed a claim with the insurance company for \$1.5 million. The lawsuit against Home Indemnity said the company refused to honor the claim based on the contention that the wrongful acts alleged by bondholders occurred before the date of the retroactive policy.

The insurance company also alleged that the city knew about those wrongful acts before the policies were purchased.

The summary judgment by Young involves the period of coverage from June 30, 1982-June 30, 1983. As a result, Storer said the city plans to pursue another \$500,000 in coverage it believes it is owed for July 1, 1983 to June 30, 1984.

The judge said the city is not entitled to any compensation from the insurance company for the period after June 30, 1984.

Murderer to return for trial

CALDWELL (AP) — Gov. Cecil Andrus has signed extradition papers for the return of a Washington man accused in the slaying of Caldwell businessman Troy Vance over a decade ago, and Canyon County Prosecutor Richard Harris says Robert Jones should be back in the state this month.

Jones, 46, was being held in the Snohomish County Jail in Everett, Wash., awaiting return to Idaho to stand trial on a first-degree-murder charge.

Also indicted in the Vance murder

were Denise Cordell, 49, and Jose Martinez, 60. Cordell is accused of conspiracy to commit murder and Martinez with first-degree murder.

Harris said he hopes to consolidate the charges against Martinez and Jones for one trial.

Authorities said Troy Vance was slain execution-style in a contract killing. He was shot several times in the head during the early morning hours of June 27, 1979.



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Officials confirm bombing of chapel

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — U.S. embassy officials on Wednesday confirmed the firebombing of a Mormon chapel by Panamanian nationalists in revenge for the U.S. invasion of their country.

A group named after former Panamanian leader Omar Torrijos and calling itself the Omar Torrijos Anti-Intervention Command claimed responsibility for the firebombing of the church in the town of Cabudare, about 219 miles west of Caracas.

The group made the attack late Tuesday, launching Molotov cocktails against the chapel, according to U.S. embassy officials. "Evidently they undertook the attack using six home-made torpedoes against a Mormon chapel, but there were no material damages and no victims," said an embassy spokesman.

The group made several bomb threats last week against embassies and newspapers, but no bombs were found when police units

investigated. In a letter to an international news agency sent the week after the invasion of Panama, the group vowed to retaliate against American targets "around the world until U.S. army troops had left Panama."

"A dead gringo for every dead Panamanian," vowed the letter. It was the first time the Mormons have suffered an attack in Venezuela, although they have been targets in other Latin American nations.

Drug stamp charge dropped

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Calling Idaho's Illegal Drug Stamp Act too vague to enforce, a magistrate dismissed a charge against an alleged drug dealer who failed to affix the stamps to growing marijuana plants.

1st District Court Magistrate Neil O. Walter ruled it would have been impossible for Paul Anthony Juhnlin, 29, to affix the state tax stamps to all 320 marijuana plants seized at his Lake Coeur d'Alene

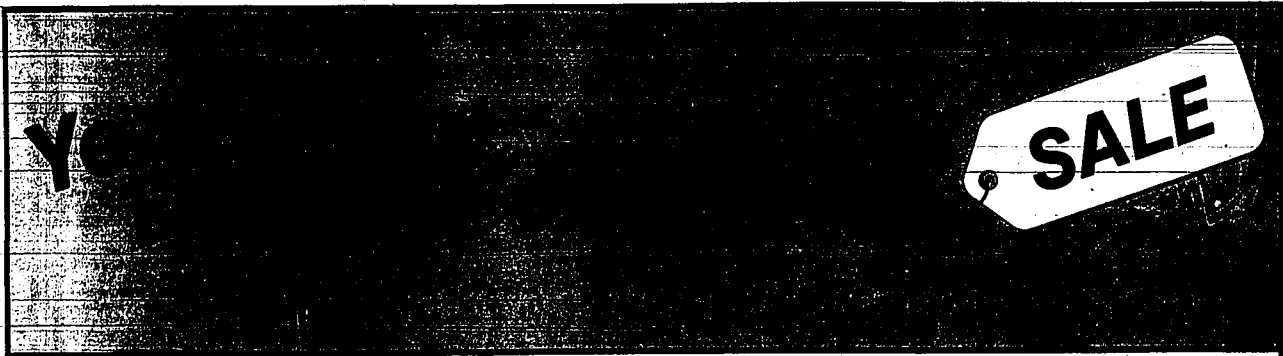
home Aug. 7. "It is this court's view that the tax act as it applies to live marijuana plants is so vague as to be unenforceable," Walter said. "It appears that because of the adopted definition of marijuana that growing plants were never intended to be included as covered under the tax act."




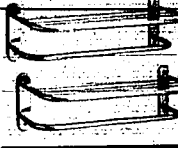
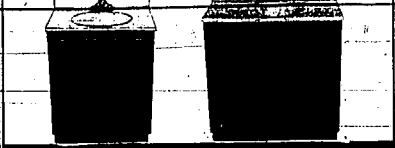
Idaho Attorney General Jim Jones said he believes the magistrate erred in his decision.

Rowland asks court for cut-in sentence

POCATELLO (AP) — A Pocatello man who pleaded guilty to the vehicular manslaughter of an Idaho State University nursing student is asking for a reduction in his prison sentence.

Sixth District Judge Lynn Winmill has taken under advisement the request of Bob Rowland following a Tuesday hearing. A long-time dairyman, Rowland was sentenced last June to a prison term of up to six years, 2½ years fixed.




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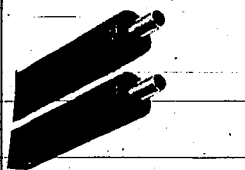
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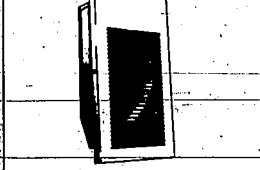
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Officials confirm bombing of chapel

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — U.S. embassy officials on Wednesday confirmed the firebombing of a Mormon chapel by Panamanian nationalists in revenge for the U.S. invasion of their country.

A group named after former Panamanian leader Omar Torrijos and calling itself the Omar Torrijos Anti-Intervention Command claimed responsibility for the firebombing of the church in the town of Cabudare, about 219 miles west of Caracas.

The group made the attack late Tuesday, launching Molotov cocktails against the chapel, according to U.S. embassy officials. "Evidently, they undertook the attack using six home-made bombs against a Mormon chapel, but there were no material damages and no victims," said an embassy spokesman.

The group made several bomb threats last week against embassies and newspapers, but no bombs were found when police units

investigated. In a letter to an international news agency sent the week after the invasion of Panama, the group vowed to retaliate against American targets around the world until U.S. army troops had left Panama.

"A dead gringo for every dead Panamanian," vowed the letter. It was the first time the Mormons have suffered an attack in Venezuela, although they have been targets in other Latin American nations.

Drug stamp charge dropped

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Calling Idaho's Illegal Drug Stamp Act too vague to enforce, a magistrate dismissed a charge against an alleged drug dealer who failed to affix the stamps to growing marijuana plants.

1st District Court Magistrate Neil O. Walter ruled it would have been impossible for Paul Anthony Juhlin, 29, to affix the state tax stamps to all 320 marijuana plants seized at his Lake Coeur d'Alene

home Aug. 7.

"It is this court's view that the tax act as it applies to live marijuana plants is so vague as to be unenforceable," Walter said. "It appears that because of the adopted definition of marijuana that growing plants were never intended to be included as covered under the tax act."

Idaho Attorney General Jim Jones said he believes the magistrate erred in his decision.

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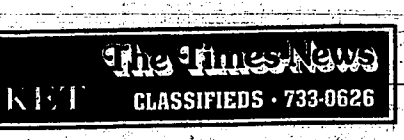
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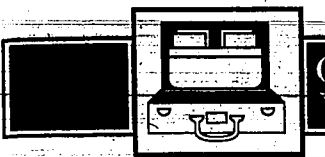
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A fisherman's resolutions for New Year's

A new year, a new decade — the last of the second millennium — and yet another new fishing season. Even the old earth is shaking, perhaps trembling with anticipation of the present or the desire and need for an improved future. The desire is political, economic, so-



Warren Schoth
More Pleasing

cial and personal and, from the look of our weather, maybe even nature wants to change its pattern.

Although the importance of an angling addict's resolutions may be suspect to a precocious world, it is important for us to maintain appearances and sustain a seriousness becoming our endeavors.

Therefore, let us commence with resolutions appropriate to the season and the mood of the larger world.

Collectively and individually let us resolve to make Idaho a better place to fish. I for one resolve to make it a little better each time I fish.

I resolve to pick up the litter that the fishermen of the older trolgodye age leave behind. I won't get it all but if you will help, we can make the water and campsites more pleasing for a new generation.

I renew a resolution of many years passed, for a pleasure of faith — to fish for sport, for artifice, for excitement and not just for meat and never for competition.

If I want to place my catch, I resolve to seek out a place to fish where the killing of trout will help the resource, not harm it. Such places exist. Resolve to explore other species for food purposes. Resolve to catch a bass, a bluegill, a catfish and learn to utilize them.

Resolve with me to seek out new places to fish, to broaden the geographical horizon but also to expand our consciousness of all types of fishing in the new Idaho.

Find a place where native cutthroat still swim. See out brook trout in those tiny mountain streams and beaver ponds and mountain lakes. Resolve to verify the continued existence of golden trout. I will now that I have a son-in-law and daughter strong enough to get me up the mountains that hide these natural wonders.

Resolve to join a local club or a national one that you may learn or teach about fishing with others. Resolve not to just join but to participate. If you don't like it, to change it for the better.

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Briefly

Bobcat, lynx pelts must be tagged soon

The Times-News

BOISE — Bobcat and lynx seasons closed Dec. 31 in Idaho and hunters and trappers have until Jan. 10 to get pelts tagged during regular working hours at department regional offices.

The lower jaw and a report on sex of the animal, date, location and method of take must be turned in to obtain the tag, which is required for possession or sale of a bobcat or lynx pelt.

The department will tag only pelts taken in Idaho.

F&G fiscal '88 report is due out early in January

BOISE — A fiscal year 1988 annual report for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game will be published early in January.

The report will contain summaries of the department budget and expenditures, efforts to involve the public in planning the future of the state's wildlife management programs, information and education programs.

It also has updates on transcripts of both fish and wildlife, harvest reports and other information provided as a service to the hunters and anglers in Idaho.

Valley migratory waterfowl seasons close this weekend

JEROME — Magic Valley's migratory waterfowl hunting seasons come to a close this weekend.

The duck season will end Saturday with the goose season running one more day.

Hunters are reminded that while state and federal duck stamps remain good through March 31 of this year, those opening fields must have a 1990 hunting license to be legal.



Choosing a battery of rifles means finding those which can be used with versatility to bring down the game you want, whether its varmints or game such as these deer

Choosing a battery of rifles requires thought

By DAVID HOCKLANDER
Special to The Times-News

220 Swift, or the .223 will work great.

On the other hand, if some deer hunting is involved, a compromise is needed. Again many cartridges are commercially available which handle both varmint-sized bullets such as a 75-grain hollow point and heavier bullets such as a 100-grain spitzer.

The .243, 6mm, .25-06, and the .257 Roberts are examples of fine combination cartridges.

If larger game animals such as elk are also on your list then a larger caliber should be considered. It is true that the .270, .284, and .30 caliber cartridges may provide overkill on a rock chuck (and a sore shoulder if the varmint hunting is good), but the gun must be adequate for the largest game animal it will be used to hunt. The .270 and .30-06 are classic multi-use

rifle cartridges.

Expanding the size of the proposed rifle battery to two rifles makes the selection process a little bit easier. If varmint hunting is important then one rifle would be a .22 and the second could be selected for deer or antelope, elk, or both. For deer only the .25-06 and the .270 are hard to beat. For elk or a combination of deer and elk, the 7mm and the .30 caliber cartridges start to shine. The .30-06 is a traditional favorite but the magnums such as the 300 Winchester and the .30-338 are very popular.

If three rifles are within your budget, the choices of caliber can be even more specialized with a .22 caliber for varmint hunting, a .243 to .270 caliber for deer and antelope, and then a husky .30 or .338 caliber for elk.

Once you have decided how many rifles your battery will eventually include, the next task is to decide the order in which they will be obtained.

With the two-gun battery, buying the larger caliber would be the best first purchase since it is more practical to hunt rabbits with a .270 than to hunt deer with a .223.

Again with the three-gun battery the middle caliber will probably be the first purchase. It can still be used on varmints, and "many" be adequate for an elk hunt until the larger caliber can be added.

One more addition should be considered with all the above combinations and that is a full-sized .22 rimfire rifle with 1-inch scope caps. The use of such a gun to practice ring not be overstated. Mount your hunting scope on this .22 and practice pick-

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Undercover agents catch unlicensed Idaho guides

By RICK DAVIS
The Associated Press

POCATELLO — The hunt was successful, the clients apparently quite satisfied and the guide happy to be back home after pocketing a few of the thousand dollars for a five-day expedition.

That's when one of the jovial hunters, who had answered an ad in a national magazine, for a "guaranteed big Idaho-multiple," lowered the boom.

No, Al Lewis told the guide, "I'm not from out-of-state, and you were just paid with Idaho taxpayers' money, not mine." Lewis went on to identify himself as an agent for the state Outfitters and Guides Board, and his hunting partner pulled out a badge showing him to be an Idaho State policeman.

The guide was not a happy man, faced

with a pair of customers who turned out to be officers.

"He grabbed a rifle, held it at port arms, and escorted us off his property," Lewis recalled. "We came back later with the proper paper work and warrants."

This time the would-be guide, who was unlicensed and therefore quite illegal, could do nothing but prepare for a day in court.

Idaho's undercover outdoorsman had struck again.

For eight years, Lewis and several others working out of the Guides Board's state office in Boise have posed as out-of-state hunters and fishermen, trying to bring a growing number of illegal outfitters to justice.

The work has been rewarding, not only from the standpoint of conviction but by the fact that so many of the ting the board

receives come from the general public and the state's legal guides.

"I've received several threatening letters reminding me of what (convicted game warden murderer) Claude Daniels did," Lewis said. "In 1983, I lost my house to a fire that apparently was arson-caused. I've had the brake lines cut on one of my vehicles. Some of these guys are real serious."

Still, Lewis and other undercover agents feel their job is an important one, and plan to keep at it.

He said eastern Idaho is especially vulnerable to illegal guides, who lure out-of-state hunters with promises of trophy mule deer and trout from area lakes and rivers.

Earlier this year, Lewis' undercover work was responsible for the conviction of Utah resident Evan Koller, found guilty of illegally taking deer along the Idaho-Utah

border.

After paying Koller \$2,500 for a several-day hunt, Lewis produced evidence which led to his arrest and conviction.

Koller was fined \$2,500 in Franklin County Magistrate Court Sept. 21, told to repay Lewis' fee and placed under one year's probation with a withheld judgment.

Sportsmen plan to fight fee increase

POCATELLO (AP) — A group of disgruntled southeastern Idaho sportsmen is circulating a petition against a proposed hike in hunting and fishing fees.

And some oppose conforming Idaho Fish and Game Commissioner Louis Racine's of Pocatello to another term.

Dave Fredrickson, Pocatello, said many sportsmen feel the Idaho Department of Fish and Game mismanages its money and created last winter's wildlife depletion problems by restricting hunting.

"Fish and Game ignores the input of the sportsmen," he said.

Mel Betty, president-elect of the Southwestern Idaho Rod and Gun Club, said more than 3,000 Idaho hunters and anglers have signed the petition, which will be presented to the Legislature in January.

"We are not at all happy with the way the Idaho Department of Fish and Game is managing the resources, including the

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Indians pleased with response to hatchery plan

NEZ PERCE-INDIAN TRIBE say they're encouraged so far by the response to their preliminary plans for a \$6 million fish hatchery for chinook salmon and steelhead.

Critical officials have presented an outline of the proposal to the Idaho Fish and Game Commission. Fisheries Director Silas Whitman said the response has been encouraging so far. After the session, Keith Carlson, chairman of the Fish and Game Commission, predicted that the commission would be one of cooperation between he state and the Indian tribe.

The tribe held meetings at Idaho Falls, Pocatello, Twin Falls and Boise and Whitman said they had peace concerns about the proposal. "It's helping ease the concerns the Indian tribe in that we are managers and that we are concerned about the resource," he said.

F&G upland game bird survey shows pheasant hunting still popular



Idaho native and Outdoor Life editor Clair Conley in a duck-hunting scene

The Times-News

BOISE — The habits, likes and dislikes of Idaho upland and waterfowl hunters, as compiled in a Fish and Game Department survey, represent a cross-section of the state's population.

The survey used a computer-generated random sample of 826 shotgun hunters who bought stamps for either species.

Idaho's shotgun hunters come from all age and income groups and 66 percent hold full-time jobs. Almost 90 percent of the respondents were male and less than a quarter were members of hunting, conservation or sportsmen's organizations. Non-residents were more than twice as likely to belong to such a group.

Pheasants, ducks and geese were the most desired game although over half hunted most of the upland and waterfowl species.

A majority hunt only in one region (only 20 percent use more than one region) with Region 3 in southwestern Idaho getting the heaviest use from residents and non-residents.

Dirt bikes, ATVs and mountain bikes were used by fewer than one in 10 shotgun hunters. More than 90 percent hunt on foot while three-quarters use 4-wheel drive and two-thirds use two-wheel drive vehicles to get to hunting locations.

Over half feel the majority of their Idaho hunts are quality. Like most other hunters, they find quality in naturalness of setting, knowing animals are abundant, being around few other hunters, seeing game, using equipment and ap-

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Project uses hidden cameras to study bears, other wildlife

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Even when they're deep in the Montana woods, grizzly bears and other wildlife aren't safe from the prying eyes of humans.

A string of 40 cameras hidden near the South Fork of the Flathead River, researchers have identified seven grizzlies they had never seen before, and documented the activities of dozens of other species of animals.

The seven previously unknown grizzlies were caught on film while climbing 61 snare traps researchers set in the last two years.

"We identified individuals we had no idea were around," said Rick Mace of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

"We've gotten pictures of just about every kind of wildlife," added biologist Tim Manley, inventor of the camera contraption and a research assistant for the South Fork Grizzly Study. "We've gotten deer, elk, moose, grizzlies, black bears, mountain lions, coyotes, Wolverines,

fishers, pine martens. We've gotten a couple of archery hunters who waved at us."

South Fork researchers began experimenting with photography in 1988, and last summer used the 40 cameras.

As far as Manley knows, the Kalispell, Mont.-based project was the first to use unattended cameras in a systematic fashion to document animals. In 1989, the idea spread to grizzly research under way in Montana's Yaak region and Washington's Cascade Range.

Another Montana state biologist is using the cameras to study white-tail deer, while the U.S. Forest Service is interested in using them to document wolves.

Such cameras also are being used to study an endangered nesting bird in Hawaii and black bears in Taiwan, Manley told the Spokesman-Review and

The 35mm automatic cameras, along with infrared motion sensors from burglar alarms and 12-volt bat-

teries, are housed in steel ammunition boxes for protection from the elements.

A chief advantage of the system is that it reduces handling of animals, a source of stress.

The bears are attracted by hanging bait, usually road-kill deer, placed out of their reach. They come to the area, get their photos snapped and then leave when they can't reach the meat.

Most grizzlies photographed in the South Fork project had been trapped at some point earlier and equipped with radio collars and ear streamers. Different colors and symbols on the streamers identify individual animals.

Some cameras are near roads; others more remote. The time and date of the pictures shows up on each frame of the 36-exposure print film.

The \$430 camera rigs may not require constant attention, but they're not cheap.

"It costs \$15,000 to \$20,000 to use them for two weeks," Mace said.



Bait attracts bears like this one, which tripped the camera's sensor.

Snow

TWIN FALLS, Idaho — Snowfall last winter was the worst in 100 years, according to the Twin Falls National Forest.

Three inches of snow fell on the Twin Falls area last week, but it has improved conditions on the Snake River Plateau.

Stanley, a resident of the Plateau, said that the Diamondfield Ski Area Sports area, including heated restrooms and a ski lift, is now open.

Pomeroy, a resident of the Plateau, said that the Snake River Plateau is now open to the public.

Monday through Saturday, the Snake River Plateau is open to the public. The Snake River Plateau is a beautiful area with many scenic views.

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Interior official questions tracking of research projects in Yellowstone

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) — Inadequate planning makes it impossible to determine whether research conducted in Yellowstone National Park is meeting its goals, according to an Interior Department study.

Conducted by the agency's Office of Inspector General, the report says there were no formal study plans for 23 of 41 research projects conducted during the four-year period. The other 18 had inadequate study plans, according to the report.

"Without study plans, Yellowstone could not adequately determine the efficiency and effectiveness of its research efforts," Harold Bloom, an assistant inspector general,

wrote in a memo to National Park Service Director James Ridenour.

In a response, the Park Service said it has taken steps to ensure that each research project conducted in the park has a study plan.

Additionally, the Park Service said the lack of study plans did not adversely affect the research projects. The Interior Department report also said the research is generally meeting the needs of park managers who use the information to make management decisions.

However, the inspector general's report criticized Glacier National Park's policy of not allowing scientists to place radio collars on bears to track their movement. The ban is

hampering research at a time when incidents involving visitors and grizzly bears are on the rise in Glacier, the report said.

According to the Casper Star-Tribune's Washington reporter, the Park Service agreed that Glacier's bear research program needs to be evaluated but made no commitment to end the ban on radio collars.

The tightening of research management in Yellowstone is particularly important in the wake of 1989's forest fires in and around the park, the report said.

"We believe that the problems noted related to study plans will carry over into the post-fire research studies," the report said.

Anchorman carves life-like animals

ATLANTA (AP) — During the afternoon Don Miller can be seen in millions of American homes. At night the Cable News Network anchorman can be found at his kitchen table, carving memories from his childhood in the Canadian wilderness out of wood.

"There's something magical about the way they emerge, it's not just a technical exercise," Miller said, explaining how he brings a just-started otter or a hunting bobcat out of the block.

"Even when you make a mistake, the magic's there. That bobcat was supposed to be looking the other way, but I cut too much off. The animal seems to have a life of its own as it emerges. Even I am amazed sometimes how it comes out."

Each piece, a beaver carrying a log, a mother bear and cubs walking over a rock pile, or a pair of mountain sheep scrambling down a rocky slope, is carved from a single piece of wood.

"I prefer jelutong, a South American wood very similar to basswood," because it's soft and seldom splits, Miller said.

As a child, the son of an English-Scottish father and Ojibway Indian mother "did a lot of lying on my stomach, watching beavers build their dams or deer coming down to drink" or other animals earning their livelihood in the forest.

"It's kind of a cleansing feeling, watching animals going about their business undisturbed," he said.

Miller said he has carved about 100 pieces of wood very similar to basswood, because it's soft and seldom splits, Miller said.

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Hike

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money they take in," he said. "It gets lost somewhere between Boise and some of their other offices."

Fish and Game wants to boost the cost of a resident fishing license from \$11 to \$16 a year, and a combination hunting-fishing license from \$16 to \$22. Big-game tags also

would be raised. A resident hunting license would remain at \$7.

The fee hikes would add an estimated \$2.5 million in revenue each year. Fish and Game's operating budget of \$28 million. The Legislature must pass the proposal first, however, Game officials say the first

hike in seven years is needed to keep the department operating, as well as being financially independent.

"You know the last thing we want to do is to start getting tax money to support the program," Director Jerry Conley said.

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Survey

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plying hunting skills. Harvest was not a key element of a successful or quality hunt for most respondents.

A few things detract from a hunt, among them encountering other groups, off-road use of motorized vehicles and use of hunting areas by livestock. Almost 75 percent said that hunting in an area having many

open roads detracted from their fishing hunting experience.

Per-increases to offset increasing costs of game management were supported by 77 percent of residents and 53 percent of non-residents.

A majority of both groups feel the upland and waterfowl Habitat Improvement Program should be re-

tained with no increase in cost of the respective permits.

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Rifles

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ing up moving objects quickly. Marksmanship can be honed at little cost to the pocketbook or the body.

The rifle is an enjoyable and

entertaining cartridge to shoot. The hundreds of rounds of .22 rimfires you can shoot through the summer will make you a much better shot when you pick up the centerfire.

Now is a good time to plan out

your rifle battery or an addition to your present collection. It is fun to speculate and plan and the choices of rifles have never been greater. Besides, you have to spend that big tax refund on something.

Schoth

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Resolve to be aware of the water you fish. Resolve to avoid polluting. Resolve to fight those who do so with ignorance and irresponsibility.

Resolve to know your water rights. As fisherman and as consumers, resolve to use the power you have as a constituent to educate your legislators about your desire for clean, accessible quality water for fishing and recreation.

I will try harder to fish with the means my state father taught me. It will do me no harm to move aside for another angler and even offer a suggestion of what fly has worked for me.

In a small way, I can make the fishing better for another angler. When I fish with friends, they can

have first choice of water.

I even resolve to put up with their insane stupid jokes at my expense if they resolve to put up with mine.

I won't muddy the water by wading above another fisherman and I won't pull my float tube or boat into the water being fished by someone else.

If I am the one fishing, I resolve to invite the new angler to give "my" water a try — most of the time.

I resolve to park my boat trailer out of the way of others wanting to launch their craft and to help the poor fellow that can't back a rig to water instead of continuing his selfish obsession of questioning his origin story.

I resolve to behave faithfully and daily never to divulge my personal fishing water unless you resolve to

share yours with me.

I will fish more and enjoy it more. I hope you resolve to do the same.

Warren Schoth operates a fishing fly business in Wendell.

South Dakota cuts daily walleye limit

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Anglers will find it easier to catch their limit of South Dakota walleye in 1990, but not because the fishery gains. Fish is suddenly more willing to take the bait.

The legal daily catch has been cut from six to four as of Monday, annoying fishermen and prompting warnings that tourism may suffer.

The problem is that anglers are getting too good at catching the tasty fish.

While fishermen once had to guess where the elusive and feisty walleyes were lurking, many now rely on electronic sonar units to locate them, said Dennis Unkenholz, biologist for the Game, Fish and Parks Department.

"There's more people fishing more hours," Unkenholz said. "They're using bigger boats and sophisticated fishing equipment."

"Walleyes are a renewable resource, but they can only sustain so much harvest," he added.

The Game, Fish and Parks Commission made the unexpected cut Nov. 6 and reaffirmed its decision Dec. 8. The agency said that in some places, heavy fishing has caused a noticeable decline in the quality of the fishery and places the future of

the fishery in serious jeopardy.

Unkenholz said that the reduced limit won't affect many people because fewer anglers catch the limit anyway.

South Dakota will see fewer non-resident anglers because of the change, said Larry Atkinson, chairman of the Tourism Advisory Board. Fishing contributes \$70 million a year to South Dakota's economy, he said.

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