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House rejects Bush China visa extension veto

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WASHINGTON — Despite President Bush's best efforts to halt Republican defections, the House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to override his veto of a bill extending the visas of Chinese students living in the United States.

The lopsided House vote of 390-25 forcefully rejected the administration's attempt to block formal legislation to protect thousands of Chinese from having to return to China as their student visas expire.

White House officials are now hoping to win the support of 34 senators, which would sustain the presidential veto.

The House vote reflected strong congressional sentiment against China's repressive leadership and also displayed widespread dissatisfaction over Bush's friendly overtures to Beijing's aged rulers.

Stallings, Craig join majority in override vote

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Both of Idaho's congressmen voted Wednesday to override the president's veto of legislation making it easier for Chinese students to remain in this country.

Only 25 House members voted to sustain President Bush's veto, and both

Republican Larry Craig and Democrat Richard Stallings went against the president. The question now goes to the Senate.

"I support the president on many issues, but his veto of this bill was just a plain-old-fashioned mistake," said Stallings.

"With democracy blooming all over the world, we have no interest in sending students already lawfully in the United States

back to China" to increase the numbers of those killed for recent protests, he said.

"This legislation may damage our relations with the current leaders, but I don't feel too badly about having poor relations with leaders who use tanks to break up peaceful demonstrations, by people barely out of their teens," Stallings said.

A spokesman for Craig said he did not plan to issue a statement on the vote.

Before the vote, Bush described the decision to override as "crass politics," but that did not persuade the 145 Republicans who voted against the party leader.

Many members of Congress said they were incensed by the president's efforts to

woo China's leaders; by the secrecy surrounding two trips to Beijing by senior administration officials; and, ultimately, by the impression that while Bush was being tough in the public eye, he was being conciliatory to the Chinese in private talks.

While Bush completed his first year in office this week with a public approval rating at near-record levels, that did not translate into congressional approval. The day before the vote, Rep. Mickey Edwards, R-Okla., claimed, "The president simply made

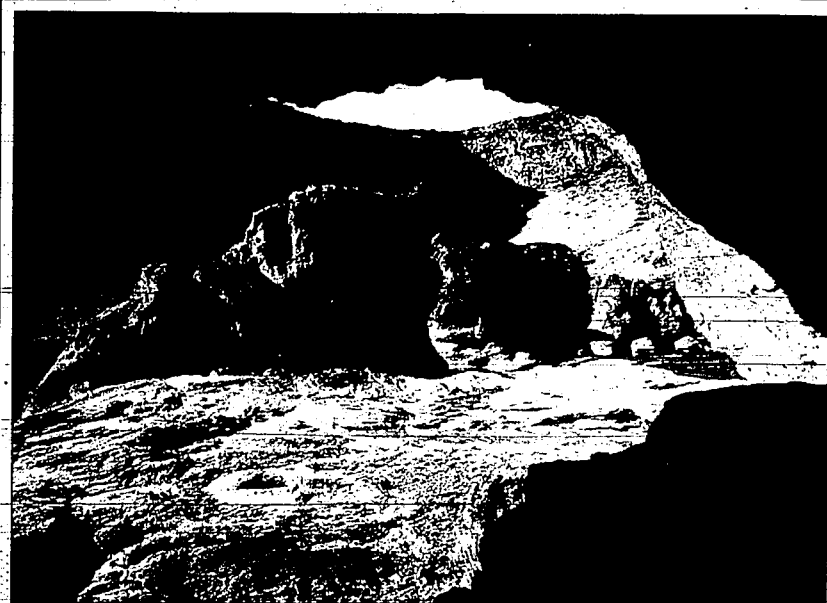
a mistake on this one.

That feeling was reflected even among the Republican leadership. House Minority Whip Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., told a group of reporters last week, "I've listened to the (administration) policy explanations and I find them inexplicable."

House Democrats were energized by handing Bush his first veto defeat. Since taking office, the president has vetoed 10 bills, and this was the first time Congress was united enough to override Bush's objection.

This is an election year, and for the next nine months they will be looking for other issues to attack.

A vote in the Senate is tentatively set for today, but Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said he might try to delay the vote in hopes of enlisting 34 senators to sustain the veto.



Times-News photo/ANDY ARENZ

The park project being undertaken by the Twin Falls Rotary Club and others would make the caves and rock formations at Pillar Falls in the Snake River Canyon more accessible.

New park will help mark centennial

By KIRK MITCHELL Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Twists in the Snake River Canyon hide spectacular 60-foot-high rock sentinels, standing midway between the Perrine Bridge and Shoshone Falls.

"This is a choice piece of ground," Twin Falls County Parks Director Darrell Heider said.

Although the rock formations at Pillar Falls are only a few miles from Twin Falls, many local residents have never seen them, Rotarian Tom Ashenbrenner said.

He said the falls, canyon walls and portions of the river are inaccessible for all but a few

canyon landowners.

That will soon change once local service groups and private contributors buy 7.6 acres upstream from Canyon Springs for about \$110,000.

"We can give the state a great 100-year birthday party," said Mike Brock, chairman of the Rotary Club's Special Projects Committee.

"It could be the biggest project this club has ever undertaken."

Brock and others at a Wednesday meeting repeatedly emphasized that, although the Twin Falls Rotary Club is spearheading the project, it is a community effort.

"We need a lot of players in this project," he said.

The Rotary Club plans to donate the park to

Twin Falls County on July 3 as part of Idaho Centennial celebrations. It will be called the Centennial Waterfront Park, Ashenbrenner said. County officials will build boat docks and develop the park with local, state and federal funds including grants, he said.

On a blustery Wednesday afternoon, Rotarian Greg Edson maneuvered a small motorboat on the choppy 24-mile trip to Pillar Falls.

Pillar Falls is an explorer's paradise with huge rock formations, caves and several water channels with swirling, boiling rapids that make civilization seem far away.

"You don't even know Twin Falls is up there when you're down here," Edson said.

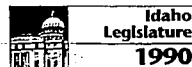
Tax cut proposal proves unpopular with merchants

By MICHELLE COLE Times-News writer

BOISE — Corporate lobbyists, small-businessmen and even lawmakers all seem to be sending state Sen. Rachel Gilbert the same message: Read our lips. No tax cuts.

The Boise Republican, who has also expressed interest in running for governor, is sponsoring three tax-reduction bills that would return more than \$50 million to Idaho's taxpayers. Those measures include eliminating the sales tax on food purchased in grocery stores and a rollback in the corporate and personal income tax to 1986 levels.

The idea sounded good to some who attended a crowded hearing Wednesday at the statehouse. But many others told Gilbert and her Local Government/Taxation Committee that tax cuts are not the best use for Idaho's budget surplus.



"We fear that this will be a grocery man's nightmare," said Jerry Swensen, the owner of five Magic Valley grocery stores.

Swensen read from a letter signed by six other Magic Valley grocery retailers who also object to eliminating the sales tax on some food items while retaining the sales tax on other groceries.

"We beg of you not to make our job more difficult and costly," Swensen said.

Lowering taxes may be a politically popular thing to do in an election year, yet many Magic Valley legislators do not support Gilbert's bills.

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Optimistic Gem revenue forecast gains approval

The Associated Press

BOISE — An optimistic revenue forecast closely mirroring the projection on which Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus based his generous 1991 spending plan was endorsed Wednesday by the Idaho House.

However, the state's college presidents pressed for larger budget hikes than the governor proposed.

On a 63-16 vote, the House approved the forecast for \$884.9 million to be generated from the state tax system in the year that begins July 1. The chamber also approved the resolution setting the cash surplus at \$126.3 million.

Both measures, which will guide legislative spending decisions this winter, now go to the Senate for final consideration.

Andrus based his \$880 million budget for the coming spending year on a revenue outlook of \$883.8 million and a cash surplus of \$125.1 million.

A handful of House members questioned the revenue forecasts, pointing to the possible lack of water for agriculture next year because of the unseasonably mild winter.

But Rep. Don Loveland, R-Boise, said the committee that arrived at the forecasts took a "reasonably cautious" approach while experts highlighted booming business activity in several areas of the state.

"A lot of money is being spent," he said. "I feel very comfortable with the numbers we have arrived

After a decade of hard work, Rock Creek flows clean again

By N.S. NOKKENTVED Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In the 1960s Rock Creek was pronounced dead, the victim of industrial and agricultural pollution.

Signs along the creek once warned would-be swimmers against entering the sewage-tainted water.

On Wednesday, however, Soil Conservation Service officials and members of the board directing Rock Creek's cleanup met to pronounce the stream well again.

"It's been a major effort," said Rich Yankey of the Twin Falls Soil

Conservation Service. "We've started to see some very good things as far as improvements in Rock Creek."

The resurrection began in the 1970s with cleanup of industrial wastes flowing into the creek. It continued in the 1980s with cleanup of agricultural runoff.

A photo from 1979 showed a chocolate-colored plume of mud flowing into the Snake River at the creek's mouth. A 1986 photo of the mouth showed less than half the plume.

"It is probably the most intensively studied stream in the West," said

Terry Maret, water quality monitor for the project.

The Rock Creek Rural Clean Water Program began in 1980 as part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Clean Water Program.

The voluntary program covers 45,000 acres of intensively farmed land. Farmers in the program sign 10-year contracts that make them eligible for help with the costs of conservation measures. So far 185 contracts have been signed.

The numerous conservation practices begun by farmers in the project

Soviets break Baku blockade

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Azerbaijanis fired on Soviet forces in Baku harbor from merchant ships Wednesday but were routed and forced to lift a 5-day-old sea blockade of the city, Soviet media and residents reported.

Soldiers rounded up 43 activists and banned rallies in Baku, where ethnic violence began Nov. 13 between Muslim Azerbaijanis and Armenians, most of whom are Christians. Soldiers' families and thousands of Russians were evacuated Wednesday.

State television said the port terminal came under attack from ships of the Caspian Sea Oil Fleet and two soldiers were wounded.

Tankers and other vessels with Azerbaijani crews had blocked the harbor because they suspected military authorities of planning to smuggle out bodies of people killed by Soviet soldiers, said Tuznala Kasumova, a journalist in Baku, a city with 1.8 million residents.

Captains of the oil tankers and barges were said to

have threatened to blow up their vessels if military vessels tried to break through.

Red Army soldiers moved into the Azerbaijani capital Saturday to quell a nationalist uprising and anti-Armenian riots.

Ms. Kasumova said the 40-minute harbor battle began when a military cutter tried to break through the blockade, and troops near the terminal joined in to help the cutter.

"I could hear the thunder, the shooting and cannonade," the journalist said of what she described as an exchange of artillery and automatic weapons fire. Ms. Kasumova spoke by telephone from her home near the harbor.

Soviet television said several people detained in connection with the fight had weapons and drugs in their possession.

It was the first involvement of ships in the conflict, which began with Azerbaijani attacks on Armenians but has become an armed confrontation between the Azerbaijani republic and authorities in Moscow.

Briefly

Officer sentenced in Miami shooting

MIAMI (AP) — A police officer was sentenced Wednesday to seven years in prison for the deaths of two black men in an incident that ignited three days of racial violence a year ago.

William Lozano, 31, was arrested last month on two counts of manslaughter for fatally shooting an unarmed black motorcyclist on a street in the Overtown section, sending the motorcycle crashing into a car and killing the motorcycle's passenger.

"This court cannot do perfect justice in this case," said Judge Circuit Judge Joseph Farina, who called the deaths and resultant riot a "tragic incident."

The 1988 shooting in Miami led to a little reaction as the judge read the sentence, but his supporters cheered when Farina said the officer could remain free on \$10,000 bond pending appeal.

The Jan. 16, 1989, deaths led to the city's fourth round of racial unrest in the 1980s, all linked to the killings of blacks by white officers. In two of those cases, acquittals of the policemen had sparked racial violence, and police braced for renewed rioting as Lozano's trial neared an end last month. But on Dec. 7, a racially mixed jury convicted Lozano.



LOZANO

10 migrant workers die in accident

CLEWISTON, Fla. (AP) — A farm labor van plunged off a curve and into a canal in heavy fog Wednesday in rural Henry County, trapping and drowning 10 migrant workers from Mexico, authorities said.

"Some of them had stuck their arms out trying to get out, but they just didn't make it," said sheriff's Lt. Bill Chmness. "When the deputies dove in to get them, they were already dead."

The driver and one passenger escaped through windows with minor injuries as the panel van sank in 12 feet of murky water, he said. Nine men and one woman couldn't get out, he said.

"We think it was probably due to dense fog," Chmness said. "In the accident area, there's a curve. Evidently they got on the curve quicker than they thought, and instead of turning they went straight into the canal."

FDA attacks food labeling program

NEW YORK (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration threatened legal action Wednesday against an American Heart Association food labeling program, saying it could mislead consumers, and the association put the program on hold.

The FDA said in a letter that the food labeling program could be "risky regulatory action." It said there is a "very real possibility that the FDA would find one or more foods under your program to be misbranded." The letter offered no further explanation.

The program, known as Heartguide, is an ambitious effort by the heart association to make consumers smarter shoppers by identifying products low in saturated fat, total fat, cholesterol and sodium.

Products tested and approved by the association, for a fee, would carry a symbol made up of a red heart and a check mark.

Vicki Anderson, a spokeswoman for Heartguide, said the program, which had been scheduled to begin Monday, had been under development for three years. It had been discussed with the FDA throughout the past year, she said.

Activist loses campaign for clemency

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Gov. Buddy Roemer on Wednesday rejected a recommendation of clemency for Gary Tyler, a black activist who claims he was framed for the murder of a white student during desegregation violence in 1974.

Tyler's long fight for freedom has been supported by Amnesty International and other groups.

Tyler, 31, is serving a life sentence with no possibility of parole. On Dec. 14, the Pardon Board voted 3-2 to reduce his sentence to 60 years, making him eligible for parole in five years.

Iran-Contra middleman gets probation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iran-Contra arms middleman Richard Secord was placed on probation for two years Wednesday for falsely telling congressional investigators he was giving money to the affair had benefited Oliver L. North.

After his sentencing, the retired Air Force major general accused former President Reagan of failing to support loyal subordinates and operatives in the worst foreign policy debacle of the Reagan administration.

"I think former President Reagan has been hiding out. I think it's cowardly," Secord said when asked about Reagan's role in the affair.

In 1986, when the Iran-Contra operation erupted, "I think that he should have stood up and taken the heat ... just as previous presidents have done (in failed covert operations)," Secord told a news conference. "But instead of that they built a wall around ... him."

Officials say money affects education

WASHINGTON (AP) — Money does make a difference, education officials told a House subcommittee Wednesday as disagreements erupted over public school finances that enable some districts to spend up to eight times more than others in the same state.

"The notion that money does not make a difference is preposterous on its face," said Arthur E. Wise, director of the Center for the Study of the When the Advancing Technology Financed Schools, and the disadvantaged, the poorly financed schools, America continues to provide unequal education to those who most need what school has to offer," he said.

Fed says economy will grow slowly

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's economy is expected to grow slowly in 1990, the Federal Reserve said Wednesday in a report that forecast improvements in some regions later in the year.

"Economic activity is expanding slowly in most of the nation, with conditions somewhat stronger in the West than in the East," the central bank said in a summary of its "Beige Book."

The report did not mention any inflationary problems — the reason the Fed originally slowed the economy by driving up interest rates to dampen demand and cool off price pressures.

The Fed switched course last June and has permitted short-term rates to drop gradually in an effort to keep the slowing economy from stopping altogether and falling into a recession.

Group calls for hold on milk from test cows

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of farm-and-consumer-advocates called Wednesday for the Food and Drug Administration to suspend the distribution of milk from test cows treated with a synthetic hormone until the agency completes a scientific review.

The group said if there is not an immediate suspension, the FDA should at least require labels on milk and other dairy products that come from test cows treated with bovine growth hormone, or BGH.

Brian Ahlberg of the National Farm Coalition said a similar request for halting the distribution of milk from test herds was made to the FDA last August but the agency had not responded.

The genetically engineered hormone is bovine somatotropin and is usually called BST by the Agriculture Department and the chemical companies that make it. By whatever name, the hormone, which also occurs naturally in a cow's body — boosts milk production.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, has asked the General Accounting Office to investigate allegations by Dr. Richard Burroughs, a fired FDA veterinarian, that tests of the

chemical were inadequate. Burroughs has accused the FDA of toning down criticism of research on the hormone at the request of the chemical companies.

The FDA has said the hormone-treated milk is safe to drink. The hormone is manufactured by Monsanto, Eli Lilly, Upjohn and American Cyanamid, who have said the FDA review has been the most thorough of any veterinary or animal drugs. And the FDA says it has not made any exceptions in its drug-testing standards.

Jeremy Rifkin of the Foundation for Economic Trends, a long-time critic of the synthetic growth

hormone, told a news conference his organization is preparing a formal petition asking the FDA for "a full, thorough, internal investigation" into allegations that the agency worked with the drug companies and has been hiding test results from the public.

Rifkin said the hormone "has no redeeming social value" and is bad for farmers, cows, taxpayers and, ultimately, perhaps, consumer health.

However, during questions, coalition spokesman Ahlberg said the group was not claiming adverse health effects from milk produced by hormone-treated cows.

Bush to call for drug war spending hike

WASHINGTON (AP) — The second phase of the National Drug Control Strategy, to be unveiled today by President Bush, will call for spending more than \$10 billion on the war against drugs in 1991, at least \$1.2 billion more than this year, sources said Wednesday.

Money for the Pentagon's effort to battle drugs would rise about 50 percent, from \$880 million this year to \$1.2 billion in fiscal 1991, a draft of the strategy said.

Congress has allocated about \$8.8 billion for the drug war this fiscal year, about \$900 million more than the \$7.9 billion sought by Bush in the strategy unveiled last September.

The new strategy will also intensify federal anti-drug efforts in five areas immediately, said the sources, all of whom requested anonymity.

Those areas — metropolitan New York, Miami, Houston, Los Angeles and virtually all of the Southwest border — will be designated as high-intensity drug-trafficking regions and will benefit this year from \$25

million previously approved by Congress to fight drugs in the worst-affected regions and from as much as \$21 million from the federal asset-forfeiture fund, the sources said.

By and large, the strategy's focus will remain as it was in the original plan.

Harsh, state-imposed penalties for drug users.

Bigger budgets for law enforcement at all levels.

One source said that the targeting of five areas in the war against drugs this year will not mean more money for local governments.

"These governments won't see any checks," said the source. "What they will see is increased awareness and cooperation from the feds, that type of thing. The money is going to the feds for them to increase their efforts ... to highlight their presence in those areas."

The federal anti-drug effort will also target regions surrounding

Organizations call for end to use of standardized tests

WASHINGTON (AP) — Leaders of more than four dozen national education, parent, and civil rights groups Wednesday said standardized, multiple-choice tests should no longer be used to measure student performance.

Those tests should be replaced with "performance-based assessments" that "provide educationally useful information to parents, schools, communities, and governments, the group said.

In a "Statement on Genuine Accountability," the leaders urged President Bush and the nation's governors to focus on ways to improve assessment of student performance in school as they consider the national education goals promised during the Education Summit last year.

"The testing craze has damaged the quality of our schools," said Monte Neill, associate director of Fair Test of Cambridge, Mass.; which is spearheading the effort.

"Low-income and minority-group children have been particularly harmed. Teaching the narrow content included in multiple-choice tests has

prevented students from learning higher-order thinking skills."

The group's statement said, "It is crucial that the governors, the administration, Congress, state legislatures, and other policy and education officials, recognize that standardized, multiple-choice tests are not an adequate means to measure educational progress, nor are high test scores an appropriate educational goal."

The document was signed by the leaders of 49 organizations, including the American Federation of Teachers, the Asian Law Alliance, Council for Basic Education, the Institute for Learning and Teaching, National Indian Youth Council Inc., National Parent Teacher Association, Federation of Organizations for Professional Women, National Association for the Education of Young Children, the NAACP and the National Association of Elementary School Principals.



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Garrett defends ship

WASHINGTON (AP) — Navy Secretary H. Lawrence Garrett III on Wednesday defended a new \$1.2 billion guided-missile destroyer against charges of cost overruns, schedule delays and mischarges by the contractor.

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Recreation low in wilderness

Mike Medberry's editorial in last week's Times-News brought up some very interesting points regarding wilderness. Mike was right on one point - let's stop the rhetoric and examine the facts.

Mike stated: "There shall be no curtailment of grazing permits in wilderness areas simply because an area is or has been designated as wilderness."

Fact: Stock grazing may be restricted to achieve wilderness visitor management. (46FR.185, III.A.1b)

Permits for livestock operations will be issued only in areas where grazing was established at the time the wilderness was designated. Livestock numbers or animal unit months may be limited if it shown to pose an adverse impact on wilderness values such as plant communities, primitive recreation and wildlife populations.

Mike stated: "The use of motorized equipment for emergency purposes such as rescuing sick animals or the placement of feed in emergency situations is permissible."

Fact: Before motorized equipment can be used in a wilderness area, a special-use permit must be applied for and received from the Forest Service. It is very unlikely that sick cows would give you enough advance notice to give you ample time to apply for a permit.

Mike stated: "Most of this land has low mineral potential; however, access to valid mining claims is allowed by law."

Fact: Subject to valid rights existing as of Dec. 31, 1983, wilderness is withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the mining laws.

Mike stated: "Few jobs are likely to be lost from existing businesses while recreation jobs may be gained in an area is designated wilderness."

Fact: The exact opposite is true. Let's look at some recreational figures comparing multiple-use and wilderness areas. Since 1966, wilderness acreages have risen from 6 percent to 17 percent of total pub-

lic land while wilderness recreation has increased by only 2 percent.

In comparison, multiple-use land acreages have decreased 8 percent while recreation has increased by 55 percent. Let's look specifically at the Sawtooth National Recreational Area (SNRA) located north of Ketchum.

The multiple-use areas of the SNRA average eight times the recreational visitor use of the wilderness areas. Since 1980, multiple-use recreation in the SNRA has remained fairly constant while wilderness recreation has declined by 36 percent.

In 1987, the wilderness portion of the SNRA received 232 recreation visitor days per 1,000 acres; during the same period, multiple-use in the SNRA received 1,955 recreation days per 1,000 acres.

I think these figures point out very graphically that multiple-use recreation areas are what the majority of forest users want, and these are the areas they are spending their money on.

Let's examine a few more facts regarding wilderness that Mr. Medberry forgot to mention.

Fact: Recreation activities may be restricted or entirely excluded.

Fact: No facilities or improvements will be provided for the comfort and convenience of the visitor.

Fact: Signs will not be placed within the wilderness for the convenience of the user.

Fact: Hunting, fishing and trapping may be regulated or discontinued if found to be inconsistent with preservation of an area's wilderness character.

Fact: Reforestation, in the absence of natural vegetation, will generally be prohibited.

Fact: Insect and disease outbreaks will not be artificially controlled.

I hope I have shed some light on the facts of wilderness. The fact is: Wilderness is not multiple-use; in fact, it is not even single use. Wilderness is the land of very little use.

Stan Mai, Fillet, writes occasionally on outdoors issues.



IEA makes cooperation proposal

Terry Gilbert

The Republican Party's "Agenda for Education" poses an interesting challenge to teachers, school boards and administrators: a challenge teachers of the Idaho Education Association in Region IV accept.

Under "Cooperation-Common Goals," the Republican Party says, "We see our teachers and school boards moving increasingly towards confrontation. We ask both sides to devote themselves to cooling down the rhetoric and actions. We call upon the school trustees and their administrators to initiate a dialog with the most important element in the delivery of education, our teachers, to seek ways to build genuine management partnerships with parents, teachers, administrators and trustees."

Magie Valley teachers share the desire expressed by the Republican Party for a more productive dialogue between teachers and boards.

To achieve this end, we publicly submit a proposal, not without risk to us, but one which we

believe will improve the dialogue by improving the process of professional negotiations. As boards are aware, the IEA trains its teacher negotiators each year in the techniques of professional negotiations.

The IEA ensures that its negotiators know the law of professional negotiations, understand basic general economic facts of district budgets and embrace negotiations as an opportunity to improve education.

We are offering to any board which negotiates with an IEA affiliate the opportunity to work with the Region IV office to provide joint negotiation training to teachers and boards in the same room at the same time.

We believe this would assist in the creation of a more positive environment.

Such training sessions could be used to share, not only philosophy but may be used to hone essential negotiation skills, such as listening and

verbal skills. One who has observed the negotiation process knows that parties currently work in isolation of each other which frequently engenders suspicion and misunderstanding.

Boards have vital information about school district budgets, for instance, and the IEA collects data about salaries and benefits which it shares with its affiliates.

If this information were shared before the commencement of formal negotiations, both parties would gain a valuable insight into the rationale of respective negotiation positions.

Our offer is meant to mitigate some of the unnecessary conflict we have seen arise in negotiations these last several years.

We have made the public offer. We await a positive response from Magie Valley school boards.

Terry Gilbert, Twin Falls, is regional director of the Idaho Education Association, the teachers' union.

Letters

Foxes endanger Idaho pheasants

I am writing in response to all the letters screaming inhuman treatment of a flea-bitten, pheasant-eating, disease-carrying, predatory, chicken-killing fox.

I am probably the last one to agree with anything the Fish and Game Department does, but I also know that even the best hunters and trappers don't always kill on the first try.

The only thing the officers really did do wrong was to kill the fox in front of a group of bleeding hearts who don't understand how much damage one cute little fox can do.

I personally wish there wasn't a fox in this state, for the sake of our pheasant population. Why don't all you anti-hunters worry about something important, such as the saving of un-

born babies at the end of an abortionist's gut hook?

E. L. KIMBALL
Twin Falls

Animal control is necessary

In answer to Dorothy Loder's last line in her letter to the editor, "Why does man feel the need to slaughter defenseless animals?"

I can't answer regarding the fox that was destroyed; but if you're asking about pet dogs and cats, it's because some owners of pets seem to lack the responsibility to spay or neuter pets.

That in return gives you a six for one increase on average. That in turn causes over-population of animals. Those people abandon unwanted animals in garbage dumps, farm fields or highways

when unable to find a home for the babies.

Animal control has only one solution for others' lack of concern.

KEVIN BRADSHAW
Twin Falls

Killing animal was inhumane

In reading Judy Outman's letter about killing these poor little animals, I think these kind of people should be barred from ever holding a job?

And why don't they put their names in the paper so the public would know who they are. If they do this to animals, they will do this to your children, too.

ELLA HIRSCH
Rupert

Letters/Syndex, abortion, poverty draw reader comment.

Bush doesn't understand poor

George Bush has never been poor. It seems impossible for him to see this country, its needs and its laws from the point of view of the poor. His remedy for the homeless is to help them buy homes. If parents cannot buy shoes for their children because what little money they have has to go for bread, how can they buy a home?

Now as for his pet plan for a tax cut in capital gains - who will benefit from such a cut? The Reagan-Bush theory is that its benefits will "trickle-down" to the low-income people. Where is any proof that such a theory would work in that way? It reminds me of the story of the boy and the orphans.

A boy lived in a home next door to an orphanage. A wire fence separated them. The orphans watched longingly as he ate an apple, so he threw the core over the fence to them and they grabbed it greedily. When his father asked him later why he ate so many apples, he answered, "I have to. The orphans need the cores!"

If any benefits from the capital gains tax cut would "trickle-down" to us middle and low-income folks, I don't suppose they would amount to more than the apple cores. But Bush's friends, the investors, would get an immediate advantage. How do other readers see this?

ETHLYN WALKINGTON
Twin Falls

Jerome officials do good work

This letter is in response to Mr. Brad Rice's letter printed on Jan. 23.

It is a pleasure to hear that you think that running the city of Jerome is a game? The citizens of Jerome have elected a mayor who they know will do the job right.

Mr. Ostler most certainly did not reappoint Mr. Will. For, as you put it, "not sucking up." Come on now, there are good reasons why Mr. Will was not reappointed.

If he (Will) would go down to the city attorney's office and sign the release to the public know what is in his file, all of you "good people" of Jerome would have your answers. On the other hand, if the mayor had published his reasons without the release, who do you think would make a beeline to the nearest attorney?

My advice to you, Mr. Rice, and to the "good people" of Jerome is to get down off

your high horse and get behind your elected officials.

Take a look around you! Do you think Keebler, Bridon and Spears just picked up a map of the United States, saw Jerome and said, "That's the place." It took a lot of hard work to get those companies into Jerome.

It is my understanding that there will be more to come. The elected officials of Jerome do a good job. If they had it, Jerome wouldn't even be on the map, let alone have the opportunity to be the "the butt of the state."

Mr. Rice and all you crusading citizens of Jerome, until you can say, "I've walked a mile in the mayor's shoes," don't be so quick to make comments about "sucking up." Let the officials do their jobs. The only "childish acts" going on in Jerome are being done by people like you.

I say, "Bravo!" to the city officials (past and present); keep up the good work!

PEGGY STANLEY
Twin Falls

Too many holidays already

The federal and state employees already have too many paid holidays. These cost the taxpayers money; are work days lost and are totally non-productive. They are also very inconvenient for the taxpayers.

There used to be six holidays now there's so many that I can't keep track. Millions of government workers across the nation are getting paid for all these extra holidays.

I used to work at the post office, so I got the advantage of all these holidays. I didn't think it was right then and I don't think that it is right now.

Also, changing certain holidays was not wise. Memorial Day is supposed to be May 30. With a three-day weekend, a lot of people feel that they have to go somewhere.

This increases the number of people killed on the highways. Just check the statistics since these Monday holidays went into effect.

I worry about our government. Besides changing president's birthdays to other dates, politicians received large wage increases while people on Social Security received \$12 a month more to help with inflation.

I wonder if the people on the Supreme

Court are competent or senile. They have approved flag burning, dial-a-porn and murdering babies in the womb.

Now that I have combined several subjects in this letter, I won't write again for awhile. Thank you, Mr. Editor, and God bless America for Freedom of Speech.

MARGE HOLLEY
Filer

Don't black out TV programs

The federal regulation that allows KMVT Channel 14 in Twin Falls to blank-out programs on other cable channels from the same network is completely unfair to cable subscribers. We pay \$18.49 per month for cable service. This includes \$1.49 for property tax assessment.

The right of KMVT to block a Salt Lake channel which carries the same program at a time different from KMVT is absolutely absurd!

Maybe KMVT's programming is inconvenient for our viewing. Therefore, why should we be forced to watch KMVT at 7 a.m. on Sunday morning when we can watch the same program at 8 a.m. on KSL Channel 5 of Salt Lake?

KMVT even blocks-out morning programs from Salt Lake that KMVT does not carry until in the afternoon. That is ridiculous! If the afternoon programming is more convenient for some viewers, that is fine.

I have no quarrel with that. But if the morning hour is more convenient for me, then I want the right to view the program at that time. I am paying for that right. KMVT, you are hurting business in Twin Falls. You don't have to do this.

KEITH SIMONS
Rupert

Protect lives of the unborn

The debate over pro-life or pro-choice is heating up again. One thing that has been ignored in the discussion so far has been a serious consideration of the question of what is human life. No one would seriously consider that it is all right for anyone to arbitrarily take another person's life; yet, this is what is being done in abortion.

Some have argued that an embryo, or even a fetus, is not "human" life. I can guarantee you that any human embryo left to its development will always be a human being.

Under no circumstances will it become a cow or a monkey or a whale.

Yes, we as a nation show more concern for the preservation of these life-forms than we do for the human embryo. We even grant greater rights and protection to convicted rapists and murderers.

The embryo has harmed no one, nor has it broken any laws; yet in abortion, it is given the death sentence simply because the one or ones who brought it into existence do not wish it to live. This is not right; it is not justice; it is criminal.

If we as a nation are capable of showing concern for the plant and animal life of our world and if we are willing to be compassionate and merciful to the convicted felon and criminal, can we do no less for innocent unborn humans?

RON LEDER
Burley

Don't let Craters grab land

Yes, the redesignation bill would be good for the Craters of the Moon National Monument. To take another 443,280 acres would be a wholesale land grab from the citizens of Idaho.

To be eligible for favorable consideration as a unit in the national park system, an area must first be nationally significant, which the Craters of the Moon does by itself without the extra 443,280 acres.

That would include the Big Southern Butte and a ten-mile-wide strip from the Craters of the Moon to the edge of the farm land at American Falls and Minidoka.

Mr. Stallings' proposal provides for grazing and the driving of the success grass; it subjects to regulations imposed by the secretary of the interior to ensure proper rangeland management.

Activities such as fishing, hunting and grazing may be permitted if it doesn't jeopardize values of the area. This is included only on the 123,000 acres of the preserve - the other 373,785 acres to be off limits.

The person who heads Mr. Stallings' Blue Ribbon Committee called Craters of the Moon Development, Inc. is Paul Fritz, former superintendent of the Craters of the Moon.

Also, the same person who helped to close out Alaskans from millions of acres for a national park. He doesn't want 53,000 acres

for a national park, but 500,000 acres.

Mr. Stallings had support at his meetings that were held two years ago in the small towns around the Craters. The bill, at that time, was only a redesignation of a national monument.

The last meeting was held in Blackfoot on Friday, Dec. 22, at 11 a.m. There were still over 100 people who took time off from their jobs and out of their busy Christmas schedules to attend and express their views.

Only one person supported his 500,000-acre bill, and that one person was representing the Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Stallings didn't care that only one group outside his Development Inc. supported him. He has the money people the average citizen doesn't count. I quote, "I'm going to push this bill through anyway."

Does he know what's good for the people of Idaho better than do they themselves? I challenge Mr. Stallings to hold meetings in Arco, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, Twin Falls; also Arley, his stronghold for Park Development Inc., at times when the average person can attend without taking time away from their jobs.

Let him start supporting the people who voted him into office in the first place, not only the people who put money into his campaign fund. If he has all the support he says he does, he will take this challenge and enjoy it. If not, he isn't interested in the citizens of Idaho and what they have to say.

Also, there has been an environmental impact study made on the National Park Inc. HR3782 Bill.

JIM FITZGERALD
Pocatello

Center still well maintained

My consultants and I had an opportunity to perform our year-end warranty walk-through on the new County Detention Center last week. In my 18-plus years of practice, I have never returned to a completed project and seen it so well maintained.

Our hats off to the commissioner, sheriff and their staffs for taking such pride in this facility. The citizens of Twin Falls County should be made aware of their efforts.

JOE ED CONRAD, AIA, CSI
Lombard-Conrad Architects, PA
Boise

World Briefly

Romanians protest against leaders

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Hundreds of protesters broke through lines of police and soldiers Wednesday and surged toward government headquarters, demanding the leadership resign and accusing it of being a front for Communist rule.

The crowd of about 1,000 people at Victory Square pushed through lines of unarmed police and then through a line of armed soldiers who took no strong action to hold them back.

The army moved in tanks very slowly and the crowd retreated, still chanting "Communists in disguise" and "Dictators Without the Front" — a reference to the National Salvation Front's plans to participate in elections May 20.

The Front, which has been governing Romania since dictator Nicolae Ceausescu was ousted Dec. 22, had said it would not run candidates in the election. On Tuesday, however, it reversed itself.

English Ford workers accept raises

LONDON (AP) — Ford Motor Co. Ltd. workers voted by nearly 3-2 to accept a 10.2 percent pay increase, averting a nationwide strike, union leaders said Wednesday.

Final returns showed that 59 percent of those voting went against their union leaders' recommendation and accepted the improved offer. They will get a 10.2 percent raise in the first year and a minimum of 8 percent, or a choice of 2.5 percent above inflation, in the second year.

The vote took place Tuesday and Wednesday. Most of the 32,000 workers at the U.S. company's 22 British plants earn an average of \$374 a week.

Police clash with Albanian protesters

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Riot police used tear gas and a water cannon Wednesday to disperse about 40,000 ethnic Albanians demanding the lifting of a state of emergency in the ethnically torn province of Kosovo, witnesses said.

The action came after an officer repeatedly told protesters to end the peaceful demonstration in Pristina, the provincial capital, the witnesses told The Associated Press.

They said about 10 people were arrested as the crowd withdrew toward Vranjevac, a predominantly ethnic Albanian suburb of Pristina, where sporadic demonstrations were reported to be continuing.

Mubarak, Peres discuss peace talks

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Israeli Labor Party leader Shimon Peres said he and President Hosni Mubarak discussed "new ideas" on Wednesday to overcome difficulties blocking Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

"I think I will be going back home with some messages of importance," said Peres, deputy premier and finance minister, after a meeting of about 90 minutes with Mubarak.

An Israeli-Palestinian agreement is close on convening an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue in Cairo as a step toward peace negotiations.

But, Israel radio on Wednesday quoted a spokesman for Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir as disputing Peres' optimistic appraisal.

Lithuanian cardinal calls for break

ROME (AP) — Lithuania's Roman Catholic cardinal has called for independence for the Soviet republic and said the church there is still not free, it was reported Wednesday.

Cardinal Vincentas Sladkevicius told the weekly Roman Catholic magazine *Il Sabato* that he did not want to create problems for Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, but Lithuanians would not accept the Soviet occupation of the Baltic land.

"We say this only: let perestroika go its way, and let us go ours," the cardinal said.

S. Korean dissidents offer challenge

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The largest dissident alliance Wednesday pledged a nationwide drive to stop President Roh Tae-woo's governing party and two opposition parties from joining forces to create a single conservative party.

Differences were reported as talks began on how to complete the merger. Officials involved in the negotiations said there was disagreement over who should lead the new party, which is to be inaugurated in May.

The move, announced after talks Monday between Roh and opposition leaders Kim Young-sam and Kim Jong-pil, will join the governing Democratic Justice Party with the nation's No. 2 and 3 opposition groups, led by the two Kim's.

Haitians panic, flee city streets after warning

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Soldiers warned peddlers to get off city streets Wednesday, and in the confusion and panic that followed, pedestrians and motorists fled the capital's downtown commercial district, witnesses said.

Shopkeepers rolled down their steel shutters and street-hawkers bundled up their wares and vanished. By 4 p.m. the normally bustling downtown district was nearly empty, witnesses said.

What caused the scare was not clear, nor was it clear why the soldiers ordered people off the streets by 3 p.m. Other witnesses said those who gave the order were unidentified men in a truck using a megaphone.

Rumors had confusion have spread since all independent radio stations ceased broadcasting local news reports Tuesday after Lt. Gen. Prosper Avril's military government told them they could only broadcast officially approved news. Radio is the main source of news in impoverished Haiti.

The U.S. State Department on Wednesday called "outrageous and indefensible" Haiti's expulsion of democratic opposition leaders and other measures to silence dissent.

Kashmir police back separatists

SRINAGAR, India (AP) — Hundreds of Kashmir policemen went on strike for five hours Wednesday to support Moslem separatists' demands that army troops called in to quell violence leave Jammu-Kashmir.

Gov. Jagmohan, who uses only one name, appealed to the separatists to lay down their arms on the fourth day of a crackdown on the violent pro-Pakistani secessionist movement in Kashmir.

At least 57 people, most of them protesters, have been killed since an around-the-clock curfew was imposed Saturday on Srinagar and surrounding towns.

One Moslem militant was killed Wednesday while a paramilitary force, fearing an attack, fired on a senior police official said on condition of anonymity.

Senior canal official killed by gunmen

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — A senior American Panama Canal official died Wednesday of bullet wounds he suffered when two hooded intruders shot him at his home, Canal Commission sources said.

William Joyoe, 56, was the fourth-ranking official of the Panama Canal Commission and its finance director.

The sources said the intruders took money and jewelry from Joyoe's home but that the motive for the shooting overnight was not known.

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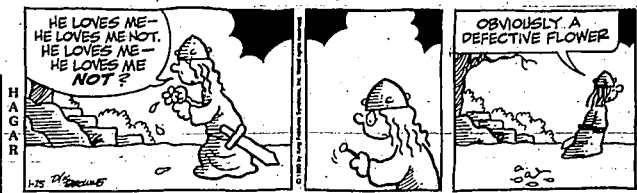
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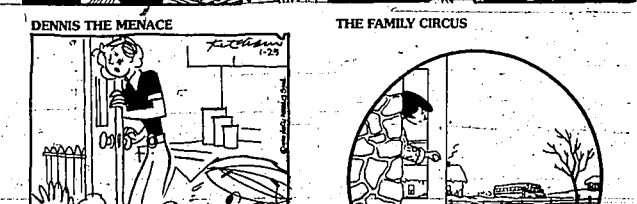
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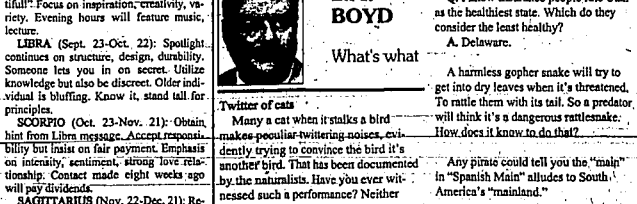
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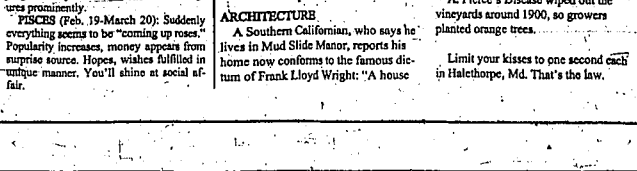
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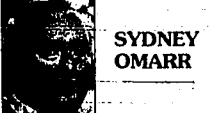
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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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7 Coffee vessels	OVER ABERIE BIRD
6 Transfer picture	LEVER TRAIN PILES
5 Sphere of activity	RESTRICTION STRIKE
4 Teller/rotter	WINDY WINDY
3 Tooth/vitamin	WINDY WINDY
2 Party	PANDA TOO MORE
1 Fuel	EPER TRAF TAB
10 Profound	TABE DRESE GMIN
9 Stretch	ACT RUST THESE
8 Throw	TESTERS BRAINES
7 Pastry	CRIST TRAT
6 Closes	RESTRICTION STRIKE
5 Tooth/vitamin	WINDY WINDY
4 Luster	RESTRICTION STRIKE
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10 Supply the means	82 Threabare
4 Rip	84 Dine
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1 Dine	86 Wooden
4 Linger	87 Ship weight
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	89 Assistant



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ASTROLOGICAL FORECASTS

IF JANUARY 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are spiritual, many claim you are psychic, you tend to brood and can be your own most severe critic. Current cycle emphasizes universal love, travel, ability to successfully utilize lessons recently learned. Pisces, Virgo persons play important roles in your life.

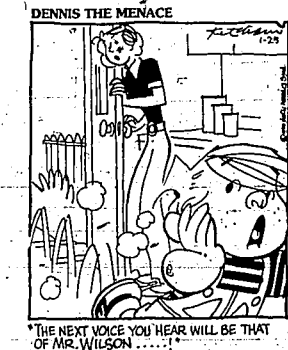
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Opportunity you have been waiting for almost certainly has arrived. Embrace independence, originality, promotion. You might be saying, "This is almost like being in love!" Leo plays role.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You've been awaiting approvals in connection with unique project. Distance, communication, psychic, Puzzle pieces, missing links are now available. You have right to ask for funding.

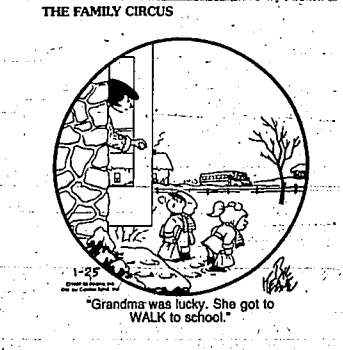
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Diversity, look beyond the immediate. Money being brought to another is temporarily your responsibility. Make sure others know you can do so much, not the impossible. Mingle humor with discipline.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll learn meaning of "opposites attract." Money on restriction, rules, rights and permissions. Obtain hint from Taurus message. Green light flashes prior to 11 p.m. Check facts, figures.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): In writing, here it might say, "If you want it to written, word it is!" Maintain emotional balance, sense of worth. You'll seriously consider mode of transportation.



DENNIS THE MENACE



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

VIRO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Shopping spree could be featured. You'll say, "If I'm going to live here, I want it to be beautiful." Focus on inspiration, creativity, variety. Evening hours will feature music, lecture.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Spotlight continues on structure, design, durability. Someone lets you in on secret. Utilize knowledge but also be discreet. Older individual is bluffing. Know it, stand tall for principle.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Obtain hint from Libra message. Accept responsibility but insist on fair payment. Emphasis on initiation, sentiment, strong love relationship. Contact made eight weeks ago will pay dividends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Recent experience enables you to cope with current situation. Money involved emphasizes also on distance, language, romance. Creative spark could become conflagration. Aries represented.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Scenario highlights independence, fresh start, originality. Cycle remains high—circumstances favor your efforts. Emphasize confidence, integrity, courage. Dormant project gets new life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Before day is finished, you'll be saying, "At last someone understands me!" Secret meeting could be part of exciting scenario. Legal judgment in your favor. Cancer native figures prominently.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Suddenly everything seems to be "coming up roses." Popularity increases, money appear from surprise source. Hope, wishes fulfilled in unorthodox manner. You'll shine at social affair.

L.M. BOYD
What's what

Twitter of cats
Many a cat when it stalks a bird makes peculiar-twitching noises, evidently trying to convince the bird it's another bird. That has been documented by the naturalists. Have you ever witnessed such a performance? Neither have I.

Not all owls nest in trees, you know. Clearly, hawking owls don't.

What foreign language will be the most useful to the young executive in the next 20 years? Pollsters put that query to business people nationwide, and 44 percent said Spanish.

Should a mother nurse her baby for a full year? The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that.

ARCHITECTURE
A Southern Californian, who says he lives in Mud Slide Manor, reports his home now conforms to the famous dictum of Frank Lloyd Wright: "A house should be of the hill, not on the hill."

Q. I know insurance people rate Utah as the healthiest state. Which do they consider the least healthy?
A. Delaware.

A harmless gopher snake will try to get into dry leaves when it's threatened. To rattle them with its tail. So a predator will think it's a dangerous rattlesnake. How does it know to do that?

Any pirate could tell you the "main" in "Spanish Main" alludes to South America's "mainland."

MOUNTAIN RANGE
Q. Quick, which state was named after a mountain range?
A. Nevada. Some think that curious. The Sierra Nevada is in California, not Nevada.

On nude beaches, the men outnumber the women by more than two to one.

Q. What happened to Florida's winners?
A. Picro's Disease wiped out the vineyards around 1900, so growers planted orange trees.

Limit your kisses to one second each in Haleshorpe, Md. That's the law.

Snopy turns 40 - that's 280 dog years - and Paris celebrates

PARIS (AP) — The French celebrated Snopy on Tuesday, saying that happiness is a warm puppy — even one that's 40 years old.

The beguiling beagle who appears in Charles Schulz's comic strip is named to speak French.

Schulz, by the way, also was honored. He was named Commander of Arts and Letters, one of France's highest awards for excellence in the arts.

"Thank you for being the creator of Snopy, full of humor and with a zest for life," Culture Minister Jack Lang told Schulz. "Your character is both mythical and hedonistic and has been taken over our collective

consciousness and become a part of our everyday lives."

Schulz, beaming but appearing slightly embarrassed by the attention, said that during Snopy's 40 years when he battled the Red Baron, he once explained how he learned to speak French.

Ceremonies took place at the Decorative Arts Museum, which is honoring the whimsical dog with a retrospective featuring Snopy memorabilia.

Eve Dutton, director of special events at Determined Productions, which co-sponsored the show with the Paris museum, said Schulz was "shocked" when asked to participate

in the show, which opens to the public Wednesday and runs through April 22.

"He considers himself a simple cartoonist, not a great artist worthy of a show at the Louvre. He just couldn't believe it," she said.

As an art collector himself, Schulz once had a van Gogh but lost it when his dog house caught fire in 1966 — the beagle knew he was in good company, Schulz said.

He said Snopy felt "quite humble" about being hung out far from the Mona Lisa.

Schulz, 67, recounted that on his first day of school, his teacher had predicted he would be an artist.

"I'm glad she didn't say someday you'll be in the Louvre, because I would have been nervous for 60 years waiting for it," he said.

in the northern wing of the Louvre palace, not actually part of the main museum.

The show is sure to please Snopy lovers.

Born in 1950, he is a dreamer and a gourmet, a heartwarming mix of fun, deadpan wit and even sarcasm when dealing with his master.

Other items are from Schulz's private collection, including commemorative plates and

At the show, children can catch up on old strips in a special reading corner, watch Snopy videos or listen to Snopy's music, recorded by several leading American jazz musicians.

The highlight of the exhibit is Snopy as a "chic chien" — 300 stuffed versions of the beagle and his sister, Belle, dressed by the

world's leading fashion designers including Chanel, Christian Lacroix, Hermes and Giorgio Armani.

Youngsters are invited to design their own outfit for Snopy, and the winner will receive a giant stuffed beagle.

Original "Peanuts" drawings in the show came from Schulz's vault in Santa Rosa, Calif.

Other items are from Schulz's private collection, including commemorative plates and

souvenirs from the Apollo 10 mission in 1969 when the command module was named Charlie Brown and the lunar module was named Snopy.

After Paris, the show will travel to Japan's Mitookoshi department store in Tokyo and the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History.

Asked how Snopy is facing up to 40, Schulz said: "He stays in good shape and he'll be better than ever."

Diana observes protocol in Islamic center

LONDON (AP) — Princess Diana slid her hat off and donned a headscarf known as a hijab in observance of Islamic law while touring a Muslim community center.

The princess arrived Wednesday at the Husaini Shia Islamic Center in west London dressed in a red and black suit and matching red pillbox hat.

She was told the hat would do as head covering, but she visited the men's section, but she asked to borrow a headscarf instead.

She wore a tasseled black silk scarf owned by Farida Fazal after being offered a white one.

"The princess asked me what the scarf was called and said she would like to wear one,"

Fazal said. "I gave her a scarf. I had and told her she should keep it."

Islamic law requires all women past puberty to cover their heads in the presence of men who are not close relatives.

4 highwaymen hit the road for month tour

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Kris Kristofferson and Willie Nelson plan to hit the road together for the first time in a coast-to-coast tour.

The monthlong tour will begin in late February, spokesman Fletcher Foster of Columbia Records said Tuesday. Dates and cities will be announced soon, he said.

The four country singers recently finished the album "Highwayman 2," a follow-up to their 1985 LP "Highwayman," which sold more than a million copies.

The first single from the new album, "Silver Stallion," was released a week ago. The album will be available at stores this Saturday.

Hostage's mom marks 3-year date

BOISE (AP) — Estelle Ronneburg has seen three years come and go since her son, Jesse "Jon" Turner, was taken hostage in Lebanon, and her waiting seems no closer to ending now than it did in 1987.

The Boise woman said on Wednesday's third anniversary of Turner's captivity that she still has faith he eventually will be released.

"I know I'm going to get him back but after three years, you begin to wonder when," she said. "In some ways it feels like three centuries."

Turner, 42, was abducted Jan. 24, 1987, by a group calling itself Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine. He was teaching at Beirut University College at the time.

Turner's wife, Badr, is living in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates with the couple's daughter, Joanna, who was born five months after Turner was taken hostage.

Turner, who attended Boise High School, Boise State University and the University of Idaho, is one of three Beirut University professors being held by the Islamic group.

In the three years since he was taken hostage, Mrs. Ronneburg's hopes have risen and fallen along with changes in the Middle East.

"There's a TV in my bedroom, and it's the first thing that goes on in the morning," she said. "There have been a couple of times when things have gotten pretty close to being solved."

In October 1988, one of Turner's colleagues, Mithileshwar Singh, an Indian with permanent residency in the United States, was released. Last June 4, Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini died.

"I got a little boost from that," Mrs. Ronneburg said. "But the State Department told me not to expect anything for quite a while."

The State Department calls Mrs. Ronneburg weekly to update her on events and to quell rumors. She said that while she gets frequent calls, the government will tell her little about its operations.

"I wish they could give us a little more to hang on to," she said.

A spokesman at the State Department said that while the United States is continuing to seek the hostages' release, it "will not make concessions, since concessions would raise the value of the hostages and put Americans at greater risk. What we won't do is cut a deal."

The abductors have made different demands over the past three years, but one constant demand is for the release of convicted terrorists held in Kuwait. The United States has said it will not pressure Kuwait to release those prisoners.

like to wear one,"

Fazal said. "I gave her a scarf. I had and told her she should keep it."

Islamic law requires all women past puberty to cover their heads in the presence of men who are not close relatives.

4 highwaymen hit the road for month tour

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Kris Kristofferson and Willie Nelson plan to hit the road together for the first time in a coast-to-coast tour.

The monthlong tour will begin in late February, spokesman Fletcher Foster of Columbia Records said Tuesday. Dates and cities will be announced soon, he said.

The four country singers recently finished the album "Highwayman 2," a follow-up to their 1985 LP "Highwayman," which sold more than a million copies.

The first single from the new album, "Silver Stallion," was released a week ago. The album will be available at stores this Saturday.

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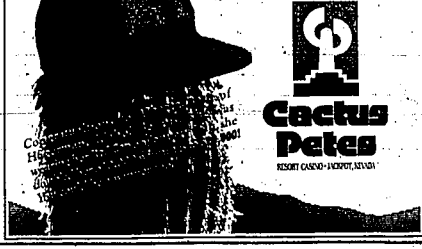
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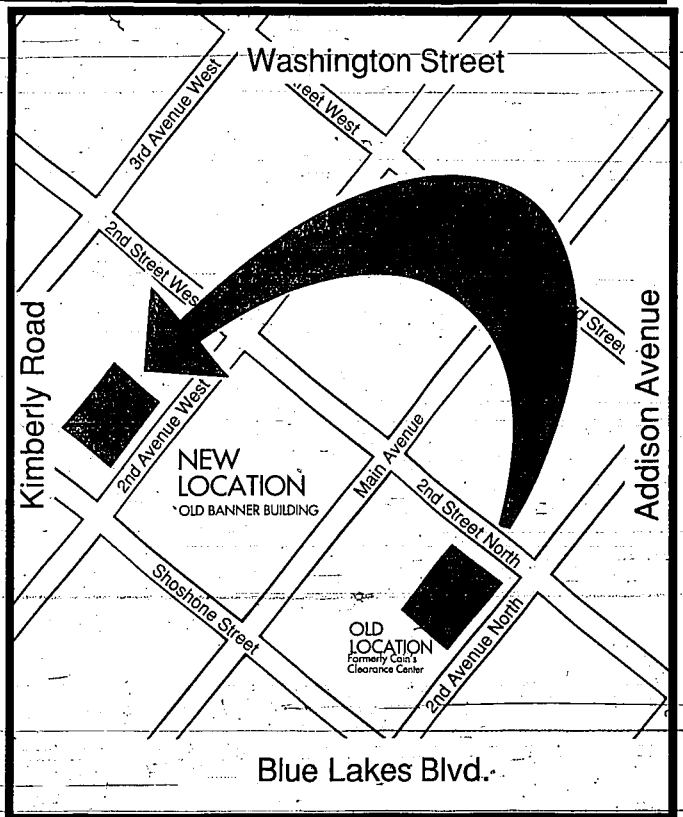
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Seed company fights image problem

By MARK KIND
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Jacklin Seed Co. has hired a "professional media adviser" to help convince Magic Valley residents that lawn seed farming is good for the environment. "We have a public relations problem, obviously," President Don Jacklin said. "We didn't realize we would be in the situation we are now."

The move was prompted by public fears of pollution from burning grass- and fields, Jacklin said. State legislators and regulators have begun looking more closely at the company after residents called complaining about Jacklin's bid to contract for up to 20,000 acres in the Snake River Plain. Jacklin, however, contends that a reduc-

tion in wind-borne soil particles dramatically offsets problems of smoke pollution. Turf grasses are perennials — fields do not require annual tillage. Instead, they are burned yearly to reduce diseases and rejuvenate the plants. The plants' roots remain in the soil, protecting it from wind erosion.

Jacklin cites studies showing that burning an acre of grass field typically releases only 1/5 tons of particles into the air, compared with wind erosion on a bare field that can send 3.8 tons or more of particles into the atmosphere yearly.

"We're going to come in and reduce pollution," Jacklin said. But the company's story hasn't gotten through to the public, because Twin Falls news media have raised "red flags" about smoking fields, Jacklin said.

Last week, Jacklin Seed Co. sought and received a 30-day delay in a planning and zoning hearing on a proposed \$3.5 million seed-processing plant in Jerome County.

Although no negative reaction to the firm has come from Jerome County, the company said the evidence "seems to provide its 'not positive environmental information' to the Magic Valley.

Part of that effort was hiring a public relations expert, whom Jacklin declined to name.

Also, company representatives will meet with civic groups, local governments and news organizations during the 30-day period, presenting their side of the story, Jacklin said.

decided they were needed, as long as the farmers didn't oppose them, Jacklin said. Jacklin doesn't grow grass or burn fields; rather, it buys lawn seed from growers on contract.

"They (farmers) are going to have to be more final decision-makers and we're going to support their decision," Jacklin said. But Jacklin Seed Co. has told its growers how to reduce smoke problems.

"We've got to keep the smoke going in the right direction and you can't burn during an inversion," Jacklin said. Such self-regulation is critical for the lawn seed industry, he said.

"Without it, (the farmers) are going to kill themselves as well as us."

Gooding officer pleads guilty to adultery charge

By MIKEL BENTON
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — A Gooding policeman charged with statutory rape has pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of adultery but won't be able to work as a law enforcement officer in Idaho.

Following a conference Wednesday among special prosecutor R. Keith Roark, defense counsel Eugene Fredericksen and 5th District Magistrate Judge Thomas R. Cushman, Terry Behunin, 23, of Gooding, entered his guilty plea.

Behunin was charged with having sexual intercourse in August 1989 with a 17-year-old girl in a motor home at the Gooding County Fairgrounds.

A preliminary hearing for Jeffrey Dean Powell, 27, charged with being an accessory to rape, was postponed until Feb. 6 because his attorney was ill.

In exchange for pleading guilty to the lesser charge, Behunin was ordered to surrender his law enforcement certificate and will be barred permanently from employment as a peace officer in Idaho.

The charge of adultery, which Cushman

acknowledged to be rather archaic, carries a fine of \$100 and three months to one year in jail.

Cushman placed Behunin on probation for two years — the first two months supervised. He will also be required to pay half of the costs for the special prosecutor — not yet determined.

In addition, Cushman imposed a 3-month suspended jail sentence. "That's a way of reminding you," he said. He added that he did not think it would ever be necessary for Behunin to serve time in jail.

Fredericksen argued in court Wednesday for a lenient sentence.

"There's been substantial punishment, not from the court, but from the community and society already levied in this case," Fredericksen said.

"We are asking the court not to impose any fine, certainly not to impose any jail time. We're asking this court to further grant Mr. Behunin a withhold judgement."

Cushman agreed that the surrender of Behunin's certificate and the end of his career as a peace officer was sufficient punishment. "I suspect what got you into trouble."

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Gov. Andrus appears in Twin Falls today

TWIN FALLS — Gov. Cecil Andrus will be in Twin Falls today for a full day of appearances and meetings.

He'll start his day with an 8:15 meeting with the City Council to discuss the Singing Bridge, where recently lowered load limits have forced many trucks to take alternate routes. That meeting is at City Hall.

After a quick stop at the local Health and Welfare Department office, Andrus will answer questions from the Twin Falls High School senior class.

Next on Andrus' agenda is a meeting with teachers to discuss his education proposals for the Legislature, said Marc Johnson, the governor's press secretary.

Andrus will lunch with the Twin Falls Kiwanis Club at noon at the Turf Club and then meet privately with dairy farmers.

The governor will conclude his visit with a walking tour of downtown Twin Falls with an old friend, local attorney Ed Benoit.

Contractor back to work on county jail demolition

TWIN FALLS — The contractor gutting the county jail will resume work today and should finish the job within two weeks, the architect in charge of the project said Wednesday.

Architect Russ Lively and contractor Bob Jackson met Wednesday to discuss completion of the project, Lively said. A second architect and Jackson's engineer and attorney were also present, Lively said.

Although Jackson was contracted for \$2,000 to tear out the metal in the old jail cells on the fourth floor of the County Building, work was halted in December after an accident injured a worker. Last week, Jackson requested an additional \$36,000 to remove walls he said were unsafe.

Today, Jackson will start the last third of his original job, Lively said. After that's complete, the county will take bids and have unnecessary walls removed, Lively said. Then the space will be planned and remodeled.

CSI begins investment class that will use donated money

TWIN FALLS — There's a new investment class starting up at the College of Southern Idaho — but they won't be using play money.

They'll be using \$5,000 in real greenbacks thanks to the generosity of two local auto dealers: Con Paulos Chevrolet-Pontiac & GMC Trucks and Gary's Western Motor Co. The dealers will present a check to the CSI Foundation today at noon.

Dennis Heiner, an assistant professor of business at CSI, said the donation will provide students with hands-on experience.

He said the class's portfolio will be conservative and hopefully won't lose money during the semester. If any money is earned, the class, to be offered only on Saturdays this semester, will expand. "And if the money decreases, that's a risk of business," he said. "You learn from losing money too."

Jerome man faces charge of grand theft by possession

TWIN FALLS — A Jerome man has been charged with grand theft by possession, according to a complaint filed in Magistrate Court in Twin Falls.

Paul Eugene McBride, 28, was served a summons Tuesday in the Jerome County jail. McBride is in Jerome County jail on three traffic misdemeanors and a separate grand theft, involving the alleged theft of aluminum pipe from a Jerome County farm.

Court documents say the Twin Falls County charge arises from an attempt to sell 600 pounds of aluminum pipe to scrap dealers here.

McBride also faces an unrelated perjury charge in Twin Falls.

Print shop suffers damage by vandals of over \$4,500

TWIN FALLS — One of two print shops broke into a print shop and caused more than \$4,500 of damage to equipment, according to police.

The break-in occurred between Saturday afternoon and Tuesday, according to a police report. The culprit broke a window and crawled into a storage building behind Printing Masters on Blue Lakes Boulevard. In the report, say, "and smashed equipment with an unknown object."

Damage was not tallied Wednesday, but it was estimated to be at least \$4,500, Lt. Jim Kistler said.

National media report Sun Valley resort closing

The Associated Press

KETCHUM — Like Mark Twain's famous telegram, national press reports on the death of skiing at the famous Sun Valley resort are premature.

Sun Valley got some unexpected bad press and scores of phone calls from concerned skiers Tuesday after a national radio and TV program apparently, confused Idaho's two Bald mountains.

Officials at Bald Mountain in North Idaho near Orofino announced Monday that it would close for the winter due to lack of snow.

But then Paul Harvey reported Monday that Bald Mountain in Idaho was closed in his radio commentary and ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" also carried the story. "Everyone assumed it was Sun Valley," Sun Valley Co. spokeswoman Shannon Besoyan said. "Our phones rang off the hook."

However, the callers did not cancel reservations in droves as "USA Today" reported in Tuesday's "Stateside" for Idaho, Besoyan said.

Besoyan said the news flash on Orofino's ski hill came ironically on the same day that Sun Valley's Bald Mountain — locally referred to as "Baldy" — opened 80 percent of its terrain for skiing.

Residents list concerns regarding City of Rocks

By N. S. NOKKENTVED
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Local residents added their concerns Wednesday evening to a list of those being considered in developing plans for the Oakley City of Rocks' new National Reserve status.

"Everybody wants the place, at least the way it looks to stay the way it is," Park Manager David Pugh said.

About 50 people tried to narrow the many suggestions to five primary issues. Most of the top issues were similar to those identified at other meetings in Oakley and Almo.

High on the list were continued hunting, trapping and grazing in the reserve. Other popular issues included limiting commercial development on public lands and preservation of historic resources.

Develop of the area will attract more people, and the increased pressure will have an impact, Pugh said. The area is one of the top rock climbing spots in the United States, if not the world, he said.

But the Park Service's job is to protect the resources within the reserve. A well thought out comprehensive management plan will help park staff fulfill the purpose of the designation. That purpose is to protect historical sites and scenery and natural character, while providing opportunities for the owners of private lands within the reserve, Pugh said.

Last year, Congress passed legislation designating the City of Rocks as a National Park and the Hagerman Fossil Beds a National Monument. As a result of the designations, the Park Service must develop comprehensive management plans for both areas.

The reserve makes up about 14,400 acres about 40 miles south of Burley and about 12 miles from the City of Rocks National Park. Service-own-managed 6,800 acres, which were managed by the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management before federal legislation changed the areas designation.

The state of Idaho owns 640 acres and the rest is private land.



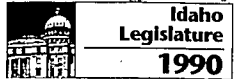
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Pie in the eye

Jeff Fox, a College of Southern Idaho professor, doesn't seem to mind a whipped cream coating after being clobbered with a pie during Homecoming Week festivities. Throwers paid \$1 per charity to cream their favorite, or least favorite, faculty members' faces for charity. Money collected goes to the United Way.

Valley lawmakers introduce bills on activists, sex abuse

By MICHELLE COLE
Times-News writer



BOISE — Two Magic Valley legislators introduced bills Wednesday aimed at deterring child sex abusers and zealous animal-rights activists.

Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, introduced a bill in the House Agriculture Affairs Committee to keep animal-rights activists in check.

The bill calls for a maximum six-month jail term and a \$300 fine for anyone who trespasses with the intent to release penned animals, birds or fish.

So far Idaho hasn't had much problem with animal releases except for a 1988 incident involving tampering of a trout hatchery, Bell said.

But activists were responsible for a recent release of hundreds of birds from an Elko, Nev., quail farm. Bell said, adding

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Annis enters county clerk race; cites experience

By JENNIFER KAUTH
Times-News writer



MARJORIE ANNIS

TWIN FALLS — A county recording office employee since 1976, Marjorie Annis says her on-the-job training makes her the best candidate for county clerk.

"There are a lot of little entities that just can't be learned quickly," she said. "Any on-the-job training gives you an absolute advantage for this job."

Annis, running as a Republican, announced her candidacy Wednesday. She will face at least two other women in the primary who are running also: Linda McButtney, who has held various business

and administrative positions, and Linda Wright, the county's jury commissioner of two years.

County Clerk Richard Pence announced his retirement earlier this winter, leading Annis to "go for it," she said.

"I've occasionally looked at it, and have had it in the back of my mind for several years," she said. "But the timing wasn't right."

While Annis stressed her experience in

the recorder's office — she's been the recording supervisor for about a year — she said she also has a good feel for what goes on in the office of the clerk, which she would also supervise.

Like her opponents, Annis said she would make some changes in the county courthouse. But they would be subtle changes, she said, such as beefing up educational opportunities for county employees, especially when new laws or changes go into effect.

Some arrangement with the College of Southern Idaho is already in the works, she said, and she supports that effort.

Annis said she can bring a good supervi-

sory climate to the office.

"I feel I can supervise pleasantly, but with strong leadership," she said.

Annis said she has heard a lot of comments lately about rudeness among county employees. She said she would certainly check out such reports and would like to be available for any other comments from the general public concerning the county offices.

"My goal is to serve as a catalyst in the position of county clerk, enabling the people of the county to have their needs met in the most efficient manner possible," she said. "This will be provided through strong leadership, and an open mind."

Winterfest draws enthusiasm despite lack of snow for sculpting

By BARBARA NEIWERT
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — Although it came too late to resurrect the ice sculptures, a fresh layer of snow will draw visitors to the Fifth Annual Winterfest beginning Friday. Tuesday's storm left about 3 inches at Sun Valley and a few more on Bald Mountain. Another storm is approaching from the Pacific Ocean, which may leave more snow in northern and central Idaho through Friday and some precipitation throughout the state as early as today. In general, however, snow has not

been plentiful this winter. The snow that had fallen was not "clean" enough so the traditional ice sculpture contest was scrapped but that hasn't dampened the spirits of winter enthusiasts as they prepare for the festival. The activities begin Friday as the Hemingway Parents Auxiliary hosts an Ethnic Food Fair from 6-8 p.m. at Hemingway School. A sampling of foods from every corner of the world will be offered at moderate prices. The main event — the Fifth Annual Ice Sculpture Contest — is Saturday. This year's grand marshal, the National Ski Hall of Famers Don and

Gretchen Fraser, will be honored although they won't be in the parade, since Gretchen was released this week from the hospital. The parade, consisting of both motorized and horse-drawn vehicles, begins at 11 a.m. at the Sun Valley Horsemen's Center and continues down Sun Valley Road to Main Street. The best viewing will be at the announcing stand across from the First Interstate Bank. The parade will turn south at the stoplight and proceed one block before turning to the general admission. On Saturday night prior to the game, the First Annual Broomball

Mountain Bike Criterium. The race begins at 1 p.m. in front of Ski Tek next to the Ketchum Post Office. There will be a novice and an open class for both men and women. The \$15 entry fee includes a T-shirt, with prizes donated by local businesses. All proceeds will benefit the Wood River Trail Systems. The Sun Valley Suns Hockey Team will be skating against the Minnesota Winter Hawks both Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for balcony seats or \$2 for general admission. The weekend concludes with "Ski the Rails." Cross-country skiers can ski south of Ketchum to Bellevue on

Sunday beginning at noon at the Reinheimer Ranch. Starting points will also be set up at East Fork and in Hailey for those wanting to ski only part of the way. Historical brochures will be available at all three starting points, and stations will have water and goodies. The day will end with refreshments at the Aspen Country Cafe in Bellevue. Winterfest is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Sawtooth Beverage. For further information call 726-3423 or 800-634-3347.

Future of SIS still up in the air

By N. S. NOKKENTVED
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Don't cancel any appointments just yet to attend a Feb. 7 hearing in Idaho Falls on Special Isotope Separator technology. The federal Energy Department is being cagey about its plans for the SIS until after the president unveils his budget next week. Officials at department headquarters in Washington, D.C., did not deny on Wednesday the hearings widely reported postponement. But, they said the department has made no official announcement. But the hearings have indeed been postponed, said Carol Powell, spokeswoman for the San Francisco office.

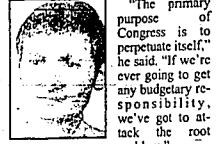
In apparent conflict with headquarters, she said the Energy Department's San Francisco Operations Office has indefinitely postponed hearings scheduled for Feb. 2 and 3 in Livermore, Calif. That postponement would include the Idaho hearing as well, according to V. Alan Mode, of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory where the SIS technology is being developed. Officials in Washington, including several congressmen, say it is unlikely that the president's budget will include money for the SIS, a laser-driven plutonium refinery slated for construction in Idaho. The planned hearings are part of an environmental impact statement on tests of SIS technology using plutonium. The tests would be conducted either in California or in Idaho.

Officials in San Francisco thought people ought to know "what is likely to happen" if President Bush unveils a budget on Tuesday that contains no SIS money, Mode said. "We couldn't be honest with people if we had to wait until Tuesday with the meetings only a couple days later," he said. A last-minute cancellation would not give people time to make or change travel plans, Mode said. But without official notification from Washington, officials at Livermore have to proceed as if the meetings will continue as scheduled, he said. The corporation's directors also declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of 32 cents per common share. The dividend is payable March 5 to shareholders of record as of Feb. 16, 1990. President J. Patrick McMurray said. Heiner, 64, is the president of First Security Corp. He will continue as director of the bank.

Jones asks limit to legislative terms

By MARK KIND
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Members of Congress should be limited to 12 years of service, Idaho Attorney General Jim Jones said Wednesday. "For crying out loud, if a guy can't get done what he wants to get done, get out of there and let someone else do it here," he said. Jones stopped in Twin Falls on a campaign swing through southern Idaho. He is a Republican candidate for the Senate U.S. seat Jim McClure is vacating. Election reform will be a cornerstone of his Senate campaign, he said. Members of Congress fear voter backlash, so they never vote against spending increases, he said. His proposal would bring fiscal responsibility to government, he said.



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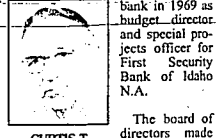
That his proposal may not be popular with his potential colleagues. That doesn't matter, because the public is tired of the current system, he said. "When I talk about it around the state here, people nod their heads," he said. That support would make reluctant lawmakers vulnerable, he said. "We can't use their guilelessness against them."

Jones offered views on other issues as well: Natural resource disputes should be settled by grass-roots coalitions of resource users, he said. The scope of the Air Force's proposed expansion of Saylor Creek Bombing Range could best be decided by discussion groups composed of Air Force leadership, ranchers, and environmentalists, working with a mediator if necessary. The Idaho wilderness bill worked out by McClure and Gov. Cecil Andrus should be abandoned and replaced by a grass-roots initiative developed by forest users. Congress should guard against overreacting to pesticide scares. Legislation on agricultural chemicals should be "balanced and prudent."

Curtis T. Eaton elected director

By THE TIMES-NEWS
and Associated Press

TWIN FALLS — Curtis T. Eaton has been elected a director of First Security Corp. of Salt Lake City and a former Twin Falls resident has been elected board chairman of First Security Bank, a subsidiary of the corporation.



CURTIS T. EATON

L. Scott Nelson, also the president of First Security Bank, grew up in Twin Falls and graduated from Twin Falls High School. Much of his family still lives in the area, according to his brother, Dave Nelson, owner of Sav-Mor Drug Store in Twin Falls. Nelson has spent 21 years in First Security management, joining the

board in 1969 as a director and special projects officer for First Security Bank of Idaho N.A. Nelson, president and chief administrative officer in 1987, and gave him a spot on the board. In 1988, he took on the added responsibilities of chief executive officer of the bank. Nelson succeeds Robert T. Heiner as board chairman. Eaton is the former chairman and chief executive officer of Twin Falls

Bank and Trust Co., which First Security recently purchased. Curtis H. Eaton, former president and vice chairman of Bank and Trust, was named vice president and area manager of First Security's Magic Valley offices. He also was elected a director of First Security Bank of Idaho. The corporation's directors also declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of 32 cents per common share. The dividend is payable March 5 to shareholders of record as of Feb. 16, 1990. President J. Patrick McMurray said. Heiner, 64, is the president of First Security Corp. He will continue as director of the bank.

Merchants complain of loitering street kids

SPOKANE (AP) — Street kids who loiter on sidewalks, deal drugs and harass customers are bad for business, say downtown merchants who want Spokane Police to do something about the problem. During a meeting Tuesday, some Howard Street business owners and the police who created the problem when they began anti-loitering patrols. He is a Republican candidate for the Senate U.S. seat Jim McClure is vacating. Election reform will be a cornerstone of his Senate campaign, he said. Members of Congress fear voter backlash, so they never vote against spending increases, he said. His proposal would bring fiscal responsibility to government, he said.

front of Sylverson's shop while the angry business people met nearby. "Isn't that what a park is for, loitering? What else do you do in a park but hang out?" she asked. "What they're saying is rich people can loiter but people who don't look as nice can't." They keep pushing us and pushing us. It seems like they want to push us to (another area of downtown) where the real criminals hang out. Raylene Alvis, owner of a delicatessen, Sylverson and others said most of the youths are nice and they don't want the problem handed off to business owners in another part of the city. "This isn't just our problem: This is a community problem," Alvis said.

Police Sgt. Mike Yates said the "I've got people making drug deals right in front of my door," said Steve Sylverson, manager of a donut shop. "They've driven away 30 to 40 percent of my business." Police Sgt. Mike Yates said the

Obituaries



Emmett E. Patterson

TWIN FALLS — Emmett Edith (Dee) Patterson, 81, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 1990, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. She was born June 1, 1908, in Lagon, Ill., the daughter of Philip Newton and Estelle Barnhart Koch. The family moved to Lamar, Mo., where she grew up. She married Joseph Albert Patterson on Aug. 23, 1921, in Lamar and they moved to Twin Falls in 1929. Mr. Patterson died in 1970. She was a member of the Eastside Baptist Church for several years. Surviving are four sons, Gene and Don Patterson, both of Twin Falls, Paul Patterson, Boise and Phil Patterson of San Jose, Calif.; four daughters, Darlene Lively and Bettie Gay, both of Twin Falls; 14 grand-grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 14 step-grandchildren; 50 step-great-grandchildren. She is also preceded in death by one son, one sister, two grand-sons and nine brothers. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today and Friday at White Mortuary. The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the Cassia Health Care Foundation or to the donor's favorite charity. Contributions may be left at the White Mortuary.

Bessie M. Hoagland — WENDELL — Bessie May Hoagland, 76, of Wendell, died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1990, at the Magic Valley Manor in Wendell. She was born Aug. 30, 1913, in Eagle, the daughter of James and Mary Prust. She is survived by three sons, Walter J. Hoagland on July 12, 1929, in Gooding. They lived in Clover Creek, Tuttle, Bruneau, Grandview and Glenns Ferry, Idaho, until 1971. Surviving are two sons, Ervin Hoagland of Glenns Ferry and Robert Hoagland of Wendell; two daughters, Mary Hendrickson and Esther Prather, both of San Bernardino, Calif.; three brothers, James Prust of Pampa, Leroy Prust of Paul and Carl Prust of Seattle, Wash.; one sister, Marie Hayler of Sparks, Nev.; six grand-children; and 10 great-grandchildren. She is also preceded in death by one daughter, one grandson, four brothers and one sister. The funeral cortege will leave DeMar's Wendell Chapel at 1:45 p.m. Saturday. The graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Wendell Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 1:45 p.m. Saturday at DeMar's Wendell Chapel.

John E. Lulow — EDEN — John E. Lulow, 93, of Eden, died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 1990, at the Mountain View Convalescent Center in Kimberly of natural causes. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Services

BURLEY — The memorial service for Albert L. Hook, 82, of Burley and formerly of Twin Falls, will be Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 1 p.m. today at the Joseph Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, with the Rev. John A. Watts officiating. A private burial will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the Cassia Health Care Foundation or to the donor's favorite charity. Contributions may be left at the Payne Mortuary.

TWIN FALLS — The funeral for Thomas C. Gould, 49, of Twin Falls, who died Sunday, will be at 3 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, with the Rev. Scott Nelson officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, with military rites under the direction of the Magic Valley Area Veterans and Auxiliaries.

TWIN FALLS — A prayer vigil with rosary for Blaise A. Lillo, 92, of Twin Falls, who died Sunday, will be recited at 6:30 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Mass of the resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Edwards Catholic Church, with the Rev. Steve Rukavina and the Rev. Terry Daddis concelebrating. Friends may call from 3 p.m. until the time of the rosary at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the St. Edwards Catholic Church, the Elks Rehabilitation Center, or to the donor's favorite charity. Contributions may be left at Reynolds Funeral Chapel or given to the funeral chapel staff at the church.

Adultery

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court documents. They met and later played cards in the motor home until about midnight, when Behunin invited one of the teens to stay. She dropped her friend off and returned, according to records. While Powell slept in a bunk bed, the girl climbed into bed with Behunin and they had sexual intercourse, and again the next day, according to records. No evidence of the use of force was found, investigators stated.

Adultery is a crime in Idaho, although it's not often that someone gets arrested for it," 5th District Judge Daniel B. Mechl said. The crime is defined under Idaho code as sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse. People have argued that the law, which dates back to before the turn of the century, is outdated, Mechl said. Although the state Legislature has considered the law, it hasn't changed it, he said.

"Her vote will make a huge difference," he said.

Bills

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that many of the animals were killed by passing cars. As animal-rights activists become increasingly aggressive in other states, the Jerome legislator believes Idaho must also be prepared. Bell stressed that her proposal does not conflict with laws already on the books that are intended to protect animals from being mistreated. The Agriculture Affairs Committee will hold a public hearing on the bill before deciding whether to recommend it for a floor vote. On the other side of the roundtable, Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, introduced a bill in the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee calling for five-year, mandatory minimum prison sentences for certain child sex abusers. Darrington's bill, co-sponsored by Sen. Brooks, D-Boise, and carrying the endorsement of Gov. Cecil Andrus, would establish mandatory prison sentences for repeat offenders or for those who sexually abuse a child under 7 years old. The bill also calls for a five-year minimum sentence for anyone pornography is involved in the crime. Darrington, the committee's chairman, said the bill most likely would come up for debate within the committee before Feb. 10 in order to give it time to pass the full Senate. The bill would then move through the House, which last year killed a similar proposal calling for one-year mandatory minimum sentences for child sex abusers. Rep. Celia Gould, R-Buhl, who served as chairwoman of an interim committee studying child sex abuse, was one of the key opponents of the minimum sentencing last year. Fifteen members of the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee questioned whether this year's proposal

would have an easier time. Darrington assured them it would. In a later interview, Darrington said Gould told him she'd support the new measure. "Her vote will make a huge difference," he said.

Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
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Released: Mrs. O. Dan Allen and daughter, Dorothy Buhl, Mrs. Peter Rogner and son, Joseph Lee Rogner and daughter, Wendy, all of Twin Falls; Mrs. Gary Stouffer and daughter, all of Twin Falls; Mrs. Kenneth Turner and daughter of Burley.
Burial: Mrs. Teodoro Varrago and Mr. and Mrs. Dugan.

CASSIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Admitted: John Chisholm, Frances Elmer, Lloyd and Vicki Ervbrant, all of Burley; Nellie Garrett and Ellen Hurd, both of Heyburn; and Tyler Gillette, Ron Hoffman, Randy Osterhout and Maria Solis, all of Declo.
Released: Leonna Bagwell, Donzelle Green, Dorothy Osterhout, Marisol Reyes and baby, and Golden Star, all of Burley; Deborah Bingham and baby of Declo; Larry Chambers of Paul; and Martha West of Arco.

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1 year later, Bundy's final statements leave lingering questions

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The motives behind a series of final confessions by serial killer Ted Bundy remained a mystery Wednesday, the first anniversary of his death in Florida's electric chair.

Homicide investigators still question whether Bundy's confessions in 23 killings in Washington state, Idaho, Utah and Colorado shortly before his execution date were merely whittled puppy.

"He had two things in mind. One was to get law enforcement to interview with the governor by saying he'd been cooperative and we need more time and the other was to play

on the sympathies of the victims' relatives to have them contact the governor and speak on his behalf," said Bob Keppel, an investigator in the Washington state attorney general's office, who interviewed Bundy in the days before the execution.

But Dennis Couch, a Utah investigator, said by the time he talked with Bundy 36 hours before the execution, the serial killer had been completely whipped puppy.

"I had the feeling that he knew he was deflated and it was the end of the line," said Couch, of Salt Lake County. "I felt at the time that he was sincere in trying to find the bodies for the families."

In the end, the confessions won the former law-school student no extra time.

He was strapped into electric chair on Jan. 24, 1989, for the 1978 kid-

napping, rape and murder of a 12-year-old Lake County girl. Her body was found in an abandoned pigsty. He also was condemned for the slaying of two young women in a sorority in Tallahassee.

Dianna Weiner, an attorney who arranged the final interviews with investigators, said the day before he died Bundy filed a written request for the governor's office. He had offered to fully answer questions of investigators and be examined by doctors and psychiatrists in hopes they could better understand his behavior, Weiner said.

"He wanted to die having left a more full understanding with the public of what the underlying factors were in his behavior so that we as a society ... would be able to take steps to prevent the kind of behavior

he committed," she said.

Gov. Bob Martinez, who signed the death warrant Jan. 19, did not respond to the request.

Investigators in Idaho, Washington, and Utah said the information given by Bundy in his final days has not led them to any more bodies, but helped tie Bundy to killings and disappearances.

Keppel said Bundy admitted to 11 slayings in Washington, but they had only tied him to eight.

Bundy told Utah authorities where he left three bodies, but they found nothing. "I wish we could have found

something — some kind of remains of some bodies. That's the frustrating part about the whole thing. I had a lot of hope there," Couch said.

Jim Whitehead, chief of the Idaho Bureau of Investigation, said Bundy confirmed the slaying of a 12-year-old Peacetto girl, who authorities had suspected he had killed. Bundy also told officers about the slaying of a hitchhiker near Boise. No bodies were found.

He also confessed to killings in Colorado.

The FBI is working with local law enforcement agencies to try to develop a time line by tracking Bundy's travels using credit card receipts, arrest records and other documents.

Bill Hagmaier, supervisory special agent for the FBI's National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime in

Quantico, Va., said the profile and time line should be completed in two months.

Hagmaier, who sat in on all the final law enforcement interviews, said Bundy gave information until minutes before his death. He confessed to 23 killings and gave information that authorities said might link him to other cases.

"I did it because I enjoyed doing it and I wanted to do it," Hagmaier said of Bundy's motives for the killings.

"If there were two things that Bundy did in 10 years he spent on death row — one was trying to understand himself and others like him and the other was to try to prolong his life," he said. "He was a student of his own behavior."

Hispanic activist discusses alleged police harassment, racism

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — The recent trial of a Hispanic man found guilty of assaulting a police officer has triggered allegations of brutality and racism which police officials deny.

"The case of Jose B. Sanchez, said Hispanic community activist John Renteria, is just one example of how Ogden police harass Hispanics.

But after finding Sanchez guilty on three of four misdemeanor charges in a non-jury trial, 2nd Circuit Judge Phillip H. Browning said racism was not a factor.

"It's so easy to turn it into a racial situation, I think that should be buried now," Browning said just before sentencing Sanchez on Jan. 5.

The judge accused people not directly tied to the case with using it to "crusade for their own benefit and not for the benefit of their people."

"They were cheap shots," Renteria said. Browning's comments, an Renteria, who attended the trial, said Sanchez is a client of his in a seasonal farm-worker project he coordinates. He said racism exists in

Ogden and the Sanchez trial ignored it.

He claimed police officers harass patrons leaving bars that cater to a Hispanic clientele in central Ogden. "I don't believe that," said Police Chief Joe Ritchie.

He said police officers don't have a vendetta against Hispanics or single them out for harassment.

"I think my officers deal with everybody in a fair and equitable manner," Ritchie said, regardless of race.

The incident some are citing as police brutality occurred Nov. 4 when police were called to a domestic dispute in which Isabel Sanchez said she was assaulted by her husband during a party at a neighbor's house.

During the trial, officers Larry Buck, Dale Fronk and Norm Hill testified Sanchez refused to be placed in a police car after being handcuffed. And after being forced into the car, officers testified, he "violently" kicked the inside of the door.

"Few people I've arrested resisted as heavily or more heavily than Jose did," Fronk said. "We definitely had our hands full."

The officers said they eventually tied a rope around Sanchez's legs, which were then tied to the handcuffs behind his back. They said Sanchez was not punched or kicked during the arrest.

Witnesses testified that officers kicked and punched Sanchez inside and outside the police car without provocation.

"He (Sanchez) wasn't kicking at them. They (police) were the ones kicking and punching," Maria Saucedo testified.

Betty Aparicio testified she saw officers "dragging him all over the ground" while handcuffed. "But he (Sanchez) never did hit them. He couldn't hit them because of his handcuffs," she said.

At one point, Saucedo said, she heard one of the officers call Sanchez "a dirty Mexican."

"We've talked to all the officers involved and there was absolutely no beating at all involved," Ritchie said. "We did not use excessive force."

However, Ritchie said, "These officers are not above being physical with people."

Weber County jailers testified that when Sanchez was brought to the jail he didn't show any signs of being beaten about the face.

Defense attorney Bernice Allen told the judge he thought it odd that jailers didn't take a mug shot of Sanchez, hinting they were trying to keep anyone from seeing how badly he was beaten.

The jailers said a photograph was not taken because the jail had one on

file from an arrest several months before.

Sanchez, who originally was charged with five misdemeanors, was found guilty on one count each of assault on a police officer, interfering with arrest and criminal mischief. The charges are class A, B and C misdemeanors, respectively. He was found innocent on one count of assault on a police officer. A charge of assault and battery on his wife, Isabel, was dismissed at a preliminary hearing because she refused

to press charges.

In rendering his decision, Browning described Sanchez as a "grizzly bear" and the circumstances of the arrest "explosive."

Browning sentenced Sanchez to 365 days in the Weber County Jail, 335 of which were suspended. The judge gave Sanchez credit for 30 days he served after his arrest.

Sanchez was placed on probation for one year and ordered to enter an alcohol treatment program.

Gaming cards not legal, Utah authorities warn

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — If you think gaming cards are a legal form of gambling in Utah, Salt Lake vice officers say you just rolled snake eyes.

With Super-Bowl XXIV coming up, gambling fever is rampant, and vice officers in the state's capital have been busy. In recent weeks, they have inspected more than 40 taverns in search of the illicit wager boards.

But gaming cards frequent more haunts than taverns; they can be found in most businesses — lunch rooms, police say.

"Virtually all of the cards are illegal, warned vice squad Sgt. Terry Orton.

"We're seeing evidence of a gambling situation that is becoming more and more open," added vice

Lt. Roger Kinnersley.

Though it's difficult to inspect most businesses, officers have more power to inspect bars, which are governed by numerous city license ordinances.

Vice officers have found illegal gambling cases at 11 taverns. About 15 people have been issued summonses on class B misdemeanor gambling charges. About \$1,500 in suspected gambling money has been seized along with an assortment of gambling devices.

Though officers have found all types of gambling — even wagers on who is the best video game player — the most common form is the gaming or "pool" card.

Participants "buy" squares on a board of 100 or more squares. Each square costs from 25 cents to \$5.

Possible scores of one team, are placed along the top of the card and possible scores of the other team are placed down the side. When the football game is over, the scores are cross-indexed to reveal the winner, who receives a substantial portion of the wagers.

The bar keeps the other portion, usually 10 percent.

Orton said the sponsors of the gaming card as well as the participants are subject to gambling prosecution.

In another illegal game at a downtown tavern, patrons paid \$50 a week on a parlay card, guessing scores on all the National Football League games of the week. The patron who guessed the most games correctly won \$50.

The police estimated the tavern took in \$1,750 in bets but paid out \$800. The tavern owner, a 60-year-old woman, was subsequently charged with possession of a gambling device.

Punctuating the popularity of gambling are gaming cards provided by a major beer company with the brand name printed on top.

For the record

Recent court action in Twin Falls County included the following:

Driving under the influence filings: Harold M. Leonard, 47, Route 3. Duane J. Perkins, 47, 1379 Washington St.

Michael K. Shores, 31, 328 Monroe. James E. Climer, 34, 424 E. Third St.

Randi R. Ayres, 30, Star. Michael S. McInerney, 30, 229 Pine St., Kimberly.

Driving under the influence arrangements: Bill R. McCallister, 46, 2049 Rostrom Circle, Route 6, pleaded innocent.

Felony filings: Kenneth E. Slavens, 31, 1852 Kimberly Road, first degree burglary, public defender appointed, preliminary hearing requested.

Steven Phillip Furness, 19, Maricopa County, AZ, fugitive warrant, public defender appointed, hearing requested.

Thomas Ray Spencer, no age given, 10th Avenue North, robbery, public defender appointed, preliminary hearing requested, bail set at \$1,500.

Larry James Eugene Harp, no age given, 211 Park Terrace, three counts of lewd conduct with a minor under 16, bail set at \$1,500, preliminary hearing requested.

Robert Dale Anglin, 28, Castleford, one count grand theft and one count first-degree burglary, preliminary hearing waived.

Divorce complaints filed: Debora B. Chapman vs. Christopher J. Chapman.

Berta Jean (Stone) Fairchild vs. Paul Seymour Fairchild.

Iva W. Nickerson vs. Thomas LaVern Nickerson.

Terry Lynn Hammon vs. Dawna J. Hammon.

Raymond D. Kent vs. Trudy J. Kent. Randy Eugene Phillips vs. Valerie Jean Phillips.

Brenda Ann Butler vs. Scott Joe Butler. Elmer Edwards vs. Connie Starr Edwards. Valli Cerise Dudley vs. Richard Leon Dudley.

Stephanie Will vs. Eddie D. Will.

Child support petitions filed.

State of Idaho, Bureau of Child Support Enforcement, rel. The County of San Bernardino, California, and Deborah Lynn Howard vs. Gerald Leon Grecco.

Cliffion Gunn Hendrickson vs. Tracy (Reyes) Frasier.

State of Idaho, Bureau of Child Support Enforcement vs. Nelson Dean Slaymaker.

Other civil lawsuits filed: Jerry Lee Young, dba Jerry Lee Young Construction, vs. The Estate of Hazel J. Flora, by and through her personal representative, Dennis Flora; Kenneth Flora; and John Does I through V, Claimant for foreclosure of mechanic's lien.

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Man dies after pickup hits him

BURLEY — A 56-year-old Burley man died from injuries he suffered when he was struck by a vehicle while crossing the street in front of the house — Cassia County Sheriff Billy Crystal said.

At about 6:35 p.m., the man, whose name is being withheld pending notification of relatives, was walking across Highway 30 about 1/4 miles west of Burley when the accident occurred, Crystal said.

Just the day after the driver of the 1984 Ford pickup, Richard B. Silcock, 35, of Burley, or his passenger were injured, Crystal said. An investigation into the accident is continuing, he said.

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Committee rejects proposals aimed at easing reapportionment

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Legislature must reapportion itself before the 1992 election, in the process wiping out at least 26 and perhaps as many as 36 legislative seats.

That it won't find that an easy process was emphasized Wednesday in the House State Affairs Committee. The committee rejected two proposals from Rep. Jim Hansen, D-Boise, to change the reapportionment process. The strain of legislative reapportionment.

"If the Legislature waits until 1992 to do this, it might not be able



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to do it," said Hansen.

Legislative reapportionment is the process of adjusting the boundaries of legislative districts to reflect population changes. The Idaho State Census is taken. But it never has been easy.

After the redistricting efforts of the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s, the

matter each time was settled by a lawsuit.

"It's naive to think that we are going to avoid a lawsuit over reapportionment," said Rep. Patricia McDermott, a Pocatello lawyer. "We've had one every time in the past ... you're living in a dream world if you think we won't have one this time."

amendment so reapportionment matters could go directly to the Idaho Supreme Court instead of being heard first in district court.

It was a district court judge, Dar Cogswell of Sandpoint, who approved the 1980s plan now in effect, setting up seven "floating" districts to iron out population variations between legislative districts. That resulted in a record number of legislators, 126, up 21 from the previous Legislature.

A constitutional amendment approved in 1979 stipulates that "floating" districts in 1992 and stipulates that the new Legislature must have between 30 and 35 districts. That would mean a lawmaking body

of 90 to 105 people. State Affairs voted 11-6 against even printing Hansen's proposal. Ms. McDermott said it would turn the Supreme Court into a "fact-finding" body instead of a court ruling on legal matters.

Rep. Joan Wood, R-Rigby, also argued that there is little citizen demand for changes in the reapportionment process. "There are no incentives for this?" she asked.

A survey on Idaho policy issues released Tuesday appeared to uphold her contention.

The statewide survey showed 57 percent of those interviewed did not know enough about reapportionment to have an opinion. Of the remainder, 53 percent favored using a reapportionment commission and 47 percent approved allowing the Legislature to do it.

The League of Women Voters of Idaho is sponsoring an initiative to go before voters in November taking reapportionment from the Legislature and putting it in the hands of a citizen commission.

Rush wants agency to ensure quality of Idaho farm products

POCATELLO (AP) — Responding to consumer concerns about food safety, the director of the state Department of Agriculture is proposing creation of an agency to ensure the quality of Idaho's farm products.

Dick Rush said Wednesday that he will seek state lawmakers' approval for creation of a Division of Agriculture Technology when he presents his budget recommendations to the Legislature's Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee on Monday.

The new agency would incorporate existing pesticide programs, initiate new programs to ensure proper use of farm chemicals and conduct tests to assure consumers Idaho farm products are free of chemical residues.



DICK RUSH

ho ag programs or animal programs," Rush said at the Idaho Potato School and Ag Expo in Pocatello.

More than 1,000 potato growers were expected to attend the three-

1 day event through Thursday at Idaho State University.

Besides maintaining pesticide programs, Rush said the new division would initiate farm chemical licensing and registration programs. He said it also would develop new programs to address upcoming agriculture issues such as biotechnology, plant genetics and groundwater protection.

"We don't have anybody on staff that understands that," Rush said. "We've got to change that pretty quickly."

The director said he is proud of the Idaho potato industry for its progressive stand on agriculture chemicals, and its responsiveness to consumer demands.

Senate votes to retract petition for constitutional convention

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Senate has voted overwhelmingly to rescind the state's 1979 petition to Congress for a constitutional convention on a balanced budget amendment.

The action Wednesday came amid widespread fear a convention could dramatically alter major provisions of the two-century-old document.

On a 40-1 vote, the Senate set the resolution to the House for final action that would make Idaho a third state in the nation to pull back from the convention call.

"No one is any more concerned about the balanced budget than I am," sponsor Bert Marley, D-Idaho, said. "But my concern is what would happen to this document. This is not a political issue, a partisan issue. This is an issue about our national fabric."

But Sen. Jerry Thorne, R-Nampa, the lone vote against rescission, cited the lead role of Idaho Republican Congressman Larry Craig, now a candidate for the U.S. Senate, in the campaign for a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

"Larry Craig still thinks this will work," Thorne told his colleagues. "He still supports it, ... and I'm not going to be a party in this state of Idaho, to slapping him across the face."

Craig said he accepted the decision of state senators who were truly concerned about the possibility of a runaway constitutional convention, and he credited the 1979 call for helping to build pressure on Congress to act on the balanced-budget issue.

He did not view the vote by the

GOP-controlled Senate as a slap in his face as he gets his campaign under way to succeed retiring Republican Sen. James McClure, although he maintained "there were those who were doing nothing but playing politics."

State Sen. Michael Burkett, D-Boise, was not present for the vote.

Driven by mounting federal deficits, some 32 states petitioned Congress for the convention on a balanced budget amendment, just two short of the number required, before concern about the ramifications of a convention set in. Since then, Alabama and Florida have already rescinded their call, and debates similar to the one in Idaho were under way in a number of other states.

State-Senate members emphasized that they did not want Idaho's action interpreted as easing the pressure on Congress to ease federal red ink. But they were swayed to rescind the convention call by statements from top legal authorities and former Republican President Ronald Reagan.

Boise Democrat thinks about Senate campaign

BOISE (AP) — Boisean Ron Twilegar, who in 1974 became the first Democrat elected to the Idaho Legislature from Ada County in 36 years, may get into the race for the Democratic Senate nomination.

"I am in the very preliminary stages of evaluating a race for the U.S. Senate for the Democratic nomination," Twilegar said Wednesday.

That includes conferences with top Democrats, including 2nd District Congressman Richard Stallings.

"It's his (Stallings') call to make," said Twilegar. "If he ran, I would not."

At least two of Idaho's top Republicans already have announced for the Senate seat being vacated at the end of this year by Sen. James McClure. In addition, Boise business executive Ward Parkinson is considering seeking the GOP nomination, as is state Sen. John Hansen, R-Idaho Falls.

Idaho Falls businessman David Steed, a political unknown, is the only formally announced Democratic candidate. Stallings and former governor John Evans said earlier they were awaiting the results of polling before deciding who would run for the McClure seat.

Twilegar, who served in the Idaho House while Evans was in the Idaho Senate, said if the former governor gets into the race, "that would not be a factor against running."

Twilegar said he would run as a pro-choice candidate in the abortion debate, but said "There are a lot more important issues in this election than abortion. It shouldn't be used by the voters to select national leadership."

But Twilegar said it's an issue that 1990 candidates must face.

"Clearly, it is an important issue to a significant number of voters. It must be dealt with by anyone seeking office this year."

Commission turns down parole request

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Commission for Pardons and Parole has again denied the release of a man convicted of killing a Lewiston policeman almost 20 years ago.

Melvin L. Cox will remain in prison for at least another 10 years, the commission decided Wednesday. Olivia Craven West, the panel's executive director, said his next parole hearing will be in January 2000.

"The commission just did not think he should be back on the street," Mrs. West said after Wednesday's action.

Cox was convicted of murder and received an indeterminate life prison sentence for the June 15, 1970, execution-style slaying of Lewiston Policeman Ralph T. Russell.

The officer, then 31, was killed after responding to a report of suspicious activity in a Lewiston alley.

Idaho Power avoids debate over dam

BOISE (AP) — For the time being, Idaho Power Co. says it plans to stay out of renewed debate over the Idaho Water Resource Board's proposal to build the Galloway Dam on the Weiser River.

But the utility said in its weekly newsletter that it has some serious concerns it wants addressed as the board considers going ahead with the project.

Idaho Power contends the Galloway Dam "inevitably would result in impacts on the company's Hells Canyon complex downstream" on the Snake River.

Generating plants at Idaho Power's Brownlee, Oxbow and Hells Canyon dams together account for more than half the company's annual hydroelectric production.

The utility says it wants to know how its customers will be compensated if the Galloway Dam reduces the power production capability of the Hells Canyon complex. It also is questioning the impact of water fluctuations on local fisheries and recreation in the Hells Canyon area.

"As of yet, Idaho Power has not received enough information to make an assessment of Galloway's impact regarding any of those issues," the company said in its news release. "Until project developers can provide data to the contrary, Idaho Power is concerned that Galloway might have an adverse impact on the company, its customers and its environmental obligations."

The proposed Galloway Dam would be a 300-foot-high, earth-

rock-filled structure about 10 miles northeast of Weiser. It would create a 900,000-acre-foot reservoir that would flood an area upstream.

The \$110 million project could include a 4.5-megawatt hydroelectric plant, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has estimated.

Gene Gray, chairman of the Water Resource Board, has said the primary purpose of the project would be to provide enough water to help flush salmon and steelhead smolts toward the Pacific Ocean.

It also would provide irrigation storage and flood control, but some lumber companies in the New Meadows and Tamarack area have expressed concern that the reservoir created by the dam will inundate a rail line.

Contractors begin ad blitz

POCATELLO (AP) — Five Idaho National Engineering Laboratory contractors will launch a month-long advertising blitz next week to present their views on the federal atomic site.

The contractors include Westinghouse Idaho Nuclear Co., EG&G Idaho, Rockwell Idaho, Protection Technology Inc. and M-K Ferguson.

INEL spokesman Nick Nichols said the INEL launched the campaign because they have a positive message to tell about the research facility west of Idaho Falls.

"We feel that the INEL is a very valuable part of Idaho's heritage and economy and the future," he said. "We feel that there are so many different views being presented on the INEL today that we wanted to discuss our view." The 60-second television spots and quarter-page newspaper ads will focus on INEL impacts on the state's economy and education, as well as the Snake River aquifer, the source of debate since the Department of Energy confirmed it is contaminated at the site.

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Handicapped-parking rules leave heart patient frustrated

DEAR ABBY: Concerning handicapped parking spaces: In Massachusetts, the law is such that if you are in a wheelchair and cannot walk (or even if you can walk but you cannot get a handicap plate, I know, I begged the powers that be to give her one. She had doctors' requests, but the answer was a resounding NO. You must have at least one foot missing.



Abigail VanBuren Dear Abby

My uncle, who lives in New Mexico, has a handicap plate, and he can drive the interstate. He is a handicapped veteran. The laws are not as strict in New Mexico.

Why the entire country doesn't have uniform laws concerning parking spaces for disabled people is beyond my comprehension. I live in Florida now, and while I am not fra-

miliar with the laws of this state, this I do know: Even though a borrowed wheelchair has handicap plates that entitle the owner to park in a preferred area, no able-bodied person should use that space.

Everyone seeing anyone whom they believe to be a healthy person drive into the handicapped parking space should write the license number down and report it. If the person is not qualified, then reporting them will finally result in the revocation

of the plate for whom it is issued. And people who own the plates will be more careful of the inconsiderate persons they lend their cars to.

Before my open-heart surgery in Massachusetts, I could not walk 10 feet. I could not get a plate either.

— E.C. IN WINTER HAVEN, FLA.

DEAR E.C.: One does not have to have a "missing foot" to get a handicap plate in Massachusetts. According to the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, one must suffer the permanent loss of the use of at least one foot or leg, not the foot or leg itself. Your difficulty in obtaining a permit for yourself may have arisen because your physician could not state that your handicap was permanent.

This year, the Massachusetts RMV further expanded the law to include "class 3 and 4" heart patients, by virtue of the severity of their disease.

Although every state does not have the same requirements for the issuance of handicap plates, almost all respect plates issued by other states. And Massachusetts confers reciprocity on handicap parking permits for all states and Canadian provinces.

DEAR ABBY: I see letters in your column quite often from wives who are upset with their husbands because they "look" at other women. I think all men like to look at good-looking women, but some are

more sneaky about it than others. Fifty years ago, my boyfriend was a girl watcher. When I complained, he told me that as long as he lives, he'll look. That was the truth, because we've been married for 48 years and he's still looking.

It doesn't bother me a bit because he's a "looker," not a "toucher." We have a wonderful marriage, and he's still the most exciting man I've ever met.

— IN LOVE WITH A LOOKER

DEAR IN LOVE: Congratulations; may it ever be thus. There's nothing wrong with subtle looking, as long as the saliva doesn't run down his chin. And by the way, some women also like to look at at-

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'Therapy to go' goes where client goes

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — "I've done it in a plane, I've done it in your finest restaurants and in Burger King, I've done it in a horse-drawn carriage. I do it in Central Park."

The aptly named Alice Fox ticks off each locale on a chipped scarlet fingernail: "I've done it in beauty salons and in a barbershop, but the best of all is a limousine."

Fox, a clinical social worker, is delivering therapy not unlike those who deliver chicken, cheeseburgers and dry cleaning. She brings nine of the 23 clients she sees individually "therapy to go." Fox believes meeting clients on their own turf ditches therapy-related anxiety and that she can get greater insights by seeing them outside the office.

One exec didn't want anyone to know he paid her to listen to his problems, so he picked up Fox in his sound-proof stretch stretchmobile. They cruised through Wall Street every week, while he poured out his stress and anxiety. "He felt powerful there," recalls Fox, who hopes one day to have a limousine for the convenience of clients constantly en route.

"Everything today is to-go," explains Fox. "People are stressed, and therapy has become another stress, especially for successful people. They're running from place to place already. People in my field say (patients) are resistant, but it's not resistance. They're just busy."

Much of a 45- to 60-minute office session is wasted while a client gets comfortable, contends Fox, but "when I come into their world, that's not so." While therapy to go appears to be unique, it's descended from a strong social work tradition of seeing clients in situations, says Joan Zlotnik, a spokesperson for the National Association of Social Workers. It also seems to be an answer to the demand that therapists become "more responsive to client needs," says Zlotnik. As long as clinical standards are maintained (such as seeing the client in a place where eavesdropping cannot occur), Zlotnik says, Fox's innovation seems okay.

Fox has coined a phrase for her delivery service, "Foxidation," which she describes as "a freeing of the body and the mind." Is "Foxidation" behavior? Psychoanalytic? "I use different things," the petite blond breezily imparts. "If you're good, you develop your own." Fox declines to say how much it costs to be Foxidated, charges a premium for out-of-office visits.

Recently, Fox was called to a health club to visit a depressed, 40-something lockerroom attendant who in two years has survived her boyfriend's death by heart attack, the demise of her elderly father, and the death of her beloved daughter, hit by a drunk driver. Marsha (not her real name) and Fox sit on a carpet in the exercise room and kick off their shoes while Beatles and Bee Gees tunes bubble from concealed loudspeakers. "My son got into a little trouble," sighs the 4-

foot-11-inch, 180-pound woman. "He got arrested. I had to show up in court." Though booked on trespass charges, Marsha continues, "he says he didn't do anything."

"It's never his fault," says Fox, the nuances of her comment seemingly lost on Marsha. "In a way, I think that's how he shows he cares about you, by keeping you involved with him."


Marsha's tears flow in steady tributaries. Sometimes, she weeps, she wishes she could have died in place of her daughter. "I should be more concerned about myself, my weight, my life, I know. But I'm not."

"You take such good care of everyone else in your life," Fox observes, adding that entanglements with her son's problems may be helping to deflect her own grief.

Marsha says she couldn't seek conventional therapy because she is too depressed: "I'd put it off. I'd have to get dressed up and go out. When this happened (her daughter's death) I didn't have the strength." Take-out therapy "makes it comfortable."

Later, Fox notes that Marsha has gained 60 pounds since entering therapy. She suspects Marsha's physical complaints are related to her obesity. "I got her to go to the chiropractor," says Fox. Marsha, sighs Fox, "doesn't take care of herself. She takes care of everybody else."

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Poll shows ties deepen in midlife

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Americans believe family ties and friendships will deepen during middle age although four out of 10 people say they will marry a new spouse, results of a national-medical group survey show.

The survey released by the American Board of Family Practices showed 39 percent of the 1,200 people polled said they would re-marry in middle age, but an overwhelming majority said they would become closer to existing family and friends.

The survey, conducted by New World Decisions Inc., of Princeton, N.J., also debunked the theory mid-life crisis is inevitable.

"Mid-life crisis" is a popular notion, but the ABFP report finds little evidence for crisis in middle age and abundant confirmation of a gradual awakening to life's bounty," said John C. Pollock, president of New World.

The telephone survey used a random sample of people age 18 and older during the first two months of 1989. It had a margin of error of plus or minus 2.8 percent.

The idea of becoming closer to family and friends during middle age was held the most by people age 45 and younger.

Ninety-two percent of that group agreed they would become closer with existing family and friends compared to 89 percent of those 46 to 55 years old and 80 percent of people over 66 in the survey.

The report said 57 percent of all respondents believe sexual satisfaction with age, but younger people had higher expectations than their older counterparts.

Sixty-six percent of respondents ages 36 to 45 said they believed sex got better with age while 54 percent of those age 46 to 65 agreed and only 40 percent of people over age 66 thought the statement was true.

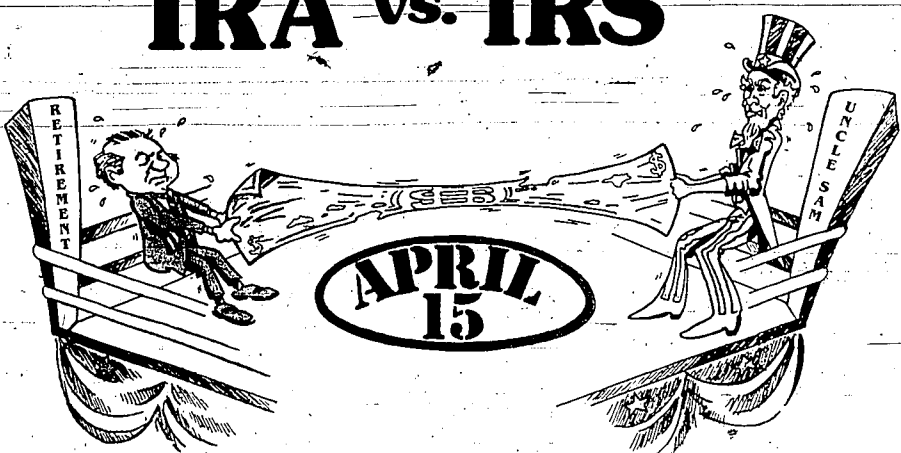
However, 78 percent of all respondents said they disagreed that middle-aged people lose sexual interest.

"Middle age, often referred to as a sandwich generation, may become one of the longest spans in the life cycle as people live longer," said Dr. Nicholas J. Pisano, executive director of Family Practices.

"Yet, this important period of life, which bridges youth and young adulthood, with old age has to date been given little attention and study by any professional discipline."


Pisano said he hoped the report, titled "Perspectives on Middle Age: The Vintage Years," will serve as a primer for more specific studies in the years to come on middle age, a period that he said has received little attention.

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Study shows similarities in San Francisco, possible Utah quake

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — San Francisco and Utah's Wasatch Front area both share the liquefaction phenomenon, making it possible than an expected future major earthquake could be as serious as the one that struck northern California last October, research shows.

Liquefaction causes sedimentary soils to become fluid when shaken by a major earthquake and was responsible for the bulk of the damage in last year's Bay Area

Small earthquake rattles parts of northern Utah

SNOWVILLE, Utah (AP) — A minor earthquake measuring 3.7 magnitude on the Richter scale rattled a remote section north of the Great Salt Lake early Wednesday, the University of Utah Seismograph Stations reported.

U of U research seismologist Linda Hall said there were no reports of the quake being felt or causing structural damage.

shaker, a Brigham Young University expert said.

Wasatch Front could be a problem, said T. Leslie Youd, a civil engineering professor at BYU.

Youd made his report during a study of the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake, determining that most of that

quake's damage also was a result of liquefaction.

He told a recent meeting of the Utah Geological Association that the most heavily damaged areas in the 1989 event also were hit hard in the 1906 temblor, estimated at 8.3 magnitude on the Richter scale. October's quake measured 7.1.

Liquefaction occurs in situations where loose soils and a relatively high water table. The earth's shaking causes the sand to settle more

compactly, forcing the water between the sand grains to push toward the surface. That turns the material near the surface into a sandy mud that acts almost like Jello, Youd explained.

Slides taken after the 1989 quake showed "sand boils," where the sandy mud would burst or ooze through a crack in the cement.

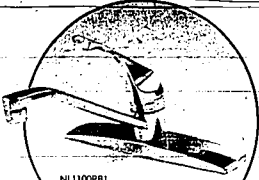
"I think we have underestimated the amount that would occur," Youd said.

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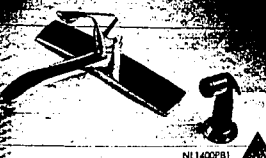
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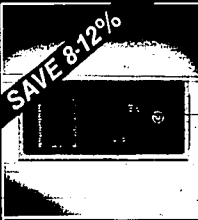
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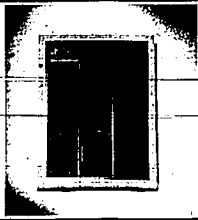
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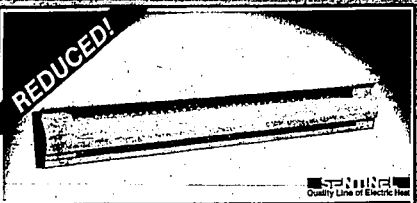
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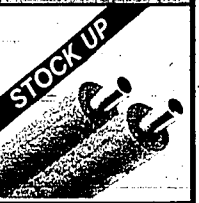
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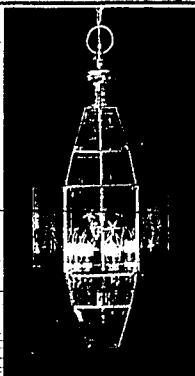
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Son of Klansman tells of civil rights struggle, FBI slowness

MOSCOW (AP) — A civil rights activist Tuesday night called for students on the campus of the University of Idaho to not settle for going to a good school, getting a good education, securing a good job and living well.

"Young people aren't supposed to be conservative. You're supposed to be showing us the way," said Robert Zellner, who was raised in Alabama and became the first white southerner to join the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) during the violence-torn early 1960s.

Zellner, who spoke to a crowd of about 120 people at the UI Student Union Building on the last night of the university's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, also warned of a "roll back" in today's society toward racism through apathy and sometimes overt movements.

"If you're going to have an integrated experience, you're going to have to work at it," he said.

Zellner, who was working for SNCC in Mississippi when three

civil rights workers were murdered in 1964, was highly critical of the movie "Mississippi Burning," which is purportedly based on the killings.

While the movie has raised public awareness about that historic time, Zellner said the film is littered with inaccuracies.

"The very idea they would take these liberties is just astounding," he said.

What's more, he said the movie makes the FBI out to be "the good guys," when the agency actually continued to be violent by not taking a more active role. "Don't believe the FBI were the heroes of the civil rights movement," Zellner said. He said he and other SNCC members knew within two hours after the three civil rights workers were missing that "they were in the hands of the bad guys."

"If the FBI had done what we pleaded with them to do on the first day, they (the civil rights workers) wouldn't have been killed," Zellner

said. "The people who know what happened there are furious."

The son of a preacher who was a member of the Klu Klux Klan, Zellner said he has been arrested 32 times in five states over the past 30 years he's been involved in the civil rights movement. He offered some captivating accounts of early sit-ins and freedom rides, where he not only witnessed but was subjected to beatings at the hands of whites.

Zellner retold one account where he was surrounded by an angry mob and kicked and beaten into unconsciousness, only to wake up in a police station, where officers threw him back to the mob and he narrowly escaped being lynched.

"Bring him here, bring him here, we'll kill him," Zellner said the mob kept screaming. He said he had joined about 130 young black people on a protest march at the time.

"I saw the utter bravery of the black community," he said. Zellner said the civil rights movement of the '60s must be credited with giving rise to the anti-war movement.

All-woman jury to hear murder case

BOISE (AP) — An all-woman jury was selected Tuesday at Boise for the trial of Bradley R. Thomasson, who faces two counts of first-degree murder at Lewiston. Thomasson is charged in the deaths of his parents, Ray E. and Judith Ann Thomasson, who were reported shot at their residence Sept. 22 last year. Second District Court Judge Ron Schilling said 12 female Ada County residents were chosen for the jury. One female and one male were selected as alternates.

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U of I faculty wants King holiday

MOSCOW (AP) — The University of Idaho's Faculty Council soon will get behind Gov. Cecil D. Andrus' push to recognize the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. as a state holiday.

Donald W. Crowley, a political science professor, said he believes the faculty council ought to support recognizing King's birthday as a state holiday.

"We are only one of three or four states that doesn't recognize the slain civil rights leader's birthday as a holiday, he said. "I am bothered deeply by the state of Idaho's refusal to recognize the day,"

headed.

Neil E. Franklin, a law professor, said almost every minority student he tries to recruit to the UI mentions Idaho's reputation as a racist state. The state's failure to recognize King's birthday as a holiday inhibits UI's ability to recruit minorities, he said.

Clarence J. Potratz, a math professor, said it seems like UI's faculty council ought to support King's birthday as a state holiday even if it wasn't hurting UI's minority student recruitment.

Firefighters still working on Utah theater fire

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — An early morning fire Wednesday gutted the upstairs portion of the historic Capitol Theater on Main Street here.

Nearly 50 firefighters were called from Logan and neighboring towns to the scene about 1:30 a.m. by a passing motorist who saw flames rising from the 75-year-old building.

Logan Fire Department spokeswoman Susan Smart said firefighters were at the scene all night and late into the morning trying to control hot spots.

Two firefighters were treated for smoke inhalation and hypothermia

and later released from Logan Regional Hospital.

Officials said it was too early to determine the cause of the fire and had no idea how much damage the fire did, but confirmed that the main downstairs theater area was unscathed.

Nonetheless, Logan Police Chief Alan Nelson said it was the biggest fire in nearly a decade in Logan.

The theater was acquired by Logan City two years ago through a land exchange and a citizens group proposed using the structure and the adjacent building as a cultural arts

center. The structures were to house the Alliance for the Varied Arts.

The remodeling process was expected to take several years to complete, but the upper portion that sustained the heaviest damage in the fire was to open as an art gallery in May.

Logan Mayor Russ Ekdal said nothing of historic significance was damaged in the fire, even though the roof was a total loss and collapsed.

"I'm happy that if it had to happen, that it didn't happen during a bad snow storm when it would have been much harder to fight,"

Legislative log

- By The Associated Press
- Introduced in House**
- HB518 (Business) — Provides for the payment of premium taxes for coverage of risks resident or located in Idaho by a purchasing group or any members of a purchasing group.
 - HB519 (Business) — Prohibits policy provisions in an individual disability policy which excludes coverage for services rendered in a hospital or for benefits provided by the Department of Health and Welfare.
 - HB520 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Corrects code citation in law covering recovery of damages caused by a minor.
 - HB521 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Increases annual base salaries and maximum annual salaries for nonattorney magistrates; increases salaries of district court judges and Supreme Court judges by 8 percent on July 1, 1990 and 5 percent on July 1, 1991.
 - HB522 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Provides for written notice of possible forfeiture of bond if defendant fails to appear.
 - HB523 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Provides for written notice of failure to appear of person posting bail, and provides for forfeiture after 90 days.
 - HB524 (Cranes) — Provides that cigarette wholesalers may petition for release from bond requirement after filing of returns and payment of cigarette taxes for 12 months.
 - HB525 (Revenue and Taxation) — Exempts Idaho Special Olympics from state sales tax.
- Introduced in Senate**
- SB1326 (Human Resources) — Revises the unemployment security law to remove withholding of spousal support payments from unemployment compensation and to change the categories of aliens eligible for benefits.
 - SB1379 (Human Resources) — Allows the Tax Commission and Industrial Commission to exchange information.
 - SB1380 (Human Resources) — Increases compensation for the members of the Commission for the Blind.
 - SB1381 (Human Resources) — Clarifies the conditions to be eligible for benefits in the Public Employee Retirement System.
 - SB1382 (Human Resources) — Expands the investment authority of the state Endowment Fund Investment Board.
 - SB1383 (Human Resources) — Makes regulatory changes in the Public Employee Retirement System law.
 - SB1384 (Health and Welfare) — Allows consent to terminate parental rights to be signed by the state or the court.
 - SB1385 (Health and Welfare) — Deletes illegitimate children from the definition of parents for purposes of terminating parental rights.
 - SB1386 (Health and Welfare) — Sets guidelines for the publication of notices of adoption.
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Release of Mandela expected soon in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — The top U.S. official on Africa said Wednesday that President F.W. de Klerk assured him black leader Nelson Mandela will be freed soon.

In an upbeat assessment of South Africa's racial conflict, the U.S. assistant secretary of state for African affairs, Herman Cohen, said both the white-run government and the anti-

apartheid movement seek to negotiate a political settlement.

He said he believed the South African government had undertaken a commitment "to make fundamental change in the South African political system so as to bring about democracy."

"Equally important is my impression that the anti-apartheid movement is also in the process of mak-

ing a reciprocal... commitment" to a negotiated solution, Cohen told a news conference.

Cohen's assessment of de Klerk's reforms was far more positive than the one offered by a U.S. congressional delegation that visited earlier this month. It came on the same day the State Department criticized South African police for using force to break up a peaceful protest Tuesday in Cape Town.

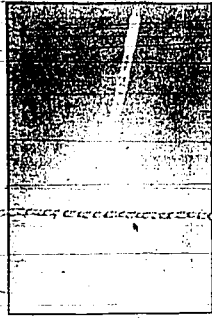
Cohen spent three days in South Africa meeting government leaders, including de Klerk, and anti-apartheid figures such as Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Cohen was asked if de Klerk specified a date for Mandela's release, the country's best-known black leader.

"He (de Klerk) did not give me a date of release, though he said it would be soon," Cohen said. "He

said I could expect major developments soon."

Mandela, 71, has been imprisoned more than 27 years and is serving a life sentence for sabotage and plotting to overthrow the government.

Asked if he expected the government to lift the 3½-year-old state of emergency and legalize Mandela's African National Congress guerrilla movement, Cohen said, "The answer basically is yes."



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Japan's 1st lunar probe lifts off

Japanese launch probe

UCHIYOURA, Japan (AP) — Japan's first lunar probe was put into orbit around the Earth on Wednesday, ending a 14-year gap between moon missions and giving new prestige to the country's young space program.

Space center officials said the Muses-A satellite, as planned, separated from its Nissan-made rocket several minutes after liftoff Wednesday night from an ocean-side launch site in southern Japan.

Mission chief Hiroki Matsuo said data from tracking stations in California and Australia showed the satellite was orbiting the Earth at a maximum distance of 186,000 miles.

The satellite in its highly elliptical orbit is to close within 11,250 miles of the moon by March 18.

At that time, shortly before it crosses the moon's path in a so-called "swing-by," it is to release a second, smaller satellite, which will be propelled into lunar orbit about 10,000 miles from the moon.

The smaller satellite will send data to its mother satellite detailing the lunar region's temperatures and electrical fields.

The launch originally was scheduled Tuesday, but the countdown was stopped with 18 seconds remaining because of an electrical problem in the hydraulic system.

Only the United States and the Soviet Union have sent missions to the moon, the most recent being the 1976 landing of an unmanned Soviet vehicle.

The mission is a symbolic step forward for Japan's growing space program, which has relied more on diligent engineering than large budgets.

"This time we are going to the moon. But our objective is not the moon itself," Matsuo said. "Our initiative is getting into interplanetary missions in the 1990s, and for that we need to refine our technology."

As technicians prepared the M3S-2 rocket on the space center's only launch pad, officials shivered in buildings around the center where heaters were turned off to conserve electricity for the launch equipment.

Around the site, volunteers from neighboring villages stood watch in the firefighters' traditional red-and-black uniforms.

U.S. tourists are cremated

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Two American tourists killed in a bus crash last week were cremated Wednesday on two large wooden pyres beside a sacred river in Katmandu.

The bodies of Adam Zakin, 29, of Richmond, Calif., and his wife, Karen Lee Duthie, 31, both wrapped in white linen, were cremated in rites that largely followed the Hindu tradition.

Cremation worker Prem Bahadur Thapa-Magar and his crew of six men used 530 pounds of logs to build the pyres on the sandy bank of the holy Bagmati River at Teku Ghat, on Katmandu's southern edge. He then lighted the pyres.

"They will again be born man and wife" in the next cycle of life, said Laxmi Nani Shrestha, an old Hindu woman who watched the cremation. "The Americans were among 25 people killed Friday when two buses collided head-on at Adhwa Mandrebar, about 95 miles west of Katmandu."

Their bodies had been turned over to the U.S. Embassy.

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Improved Soviet-Iranian relations imperiled

By VINCENT J. SCHODOLSKI
Knight-Ridder News Service

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union and Iran have intensified diplomatic contacts over the last week in an effort to maintain their improving relations in the face of violent unrest in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Despite an ostentatious Iranian rhetoric in support of Soviet Azerbaijan's Shiite Moslems, leaders of Tehran's Islamic government appear to be taking a pragmatic line in dealing with Moscow, mindful of the economic and political benefits at stake.

Iran is caught between its commitment to support Moslems in distress everywhere — most of the Soviet Union's 6.7 million Azeris are Shiites, as are Iranians — and its need for Soviet aid to rebuild its war-damaged economy.

Iranian leaders "may very well pour out words, but they have always done that," said a Western diplomat who studies Soviet-Iranian relations. "What they won't do, in my opinion, is risk the improvement of life for Iranian Moslems for the sake of some wider Islamic mission. They just don't work that way in the



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real world."

But the private diplomatic contacts, as described by Foreign Ministry sources who asked not to be named, have not precluded some barbed public exchanges.

On Tuesday a group of more than 160 Iranian legislators sent a letter urging Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev not to use force against Azeri Moslems.

"The Moslems of Soviet

Azerbaijan, by demonstrating in their towns and gathering on the border of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which is the center of Islamic radiance in this era, want to return to the bosom of Islam and restore their lost identity," they said, according to the Iranian news agency, IRNA.

"That was true compared with the emperor used a day earlier by Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, a former interior minister and conservative cleric believed to have close links to radical Shiite groups holding Western hostages in Lebanon.

"To fight Islam, Gorbachev is now holding the Marxist sword of Lenin and Stalin in one hand and the poisonous bayonet of the American White House in the other," he declared.

There was no immediate response from the Kremlin, but Radio Moscow broadcast a warning to Iran that taking action "behind Moscow's back" in Azerbaijan would have "irreversible consequences."

"Any unconsidered nationalistic or religious appeals would be dangerous," the radio said. "Brutal and illusive nationalistic flights of fancy have dragged the people to the brink of the precipice."

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The 11 million Azeris, a Turkic people whose traditional homeland is roughly the size of Nebraska, retain an ancient tribal culture and have never accepted the legitimacy of either Soviet or Iranian rule.

Russia occupied the northern part of Azerbaijan in the late 19th century while the southern section became a province of the Persian Empire. Azerbaijan enjoyed two years of independence after the Bolshevik Revolution before the Soviets took power in 1920.

During World War II Josef Stalin's troops into northern Iran, eventually lending Soviet support to the Islamic Republic of Iran, but withdrew them in 1946 under pressure from the Allies, and Tehran reasserted its control.

Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, Former Iranian Interior Minister

extremely poor during the 10-year reign of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who heaped almost as much abuse on the Kremlin as he did on the White House. Moscow's support for Iraq in the Persian Gulf made relations even worse.

But Khomeini changed his stance just before he died and sanctioned better relations with the Soviet Union, according to those in power now. The ties improved dramatically after a visit to Moscow last year by Hashemi Rafsanjani, then speaker of the Majlis (Parliament) and now Iran's president.

The visit produced several agreements that are expected to increase trade between the two nations from the present \$253 million to \$350 million by the end of the year.

projects, including reopening of a gas pipeline between Iran and Soviet Azerbaijan, the Kremlin agreed to provide Iran with weapons systems.

The Kremlin's interest in retaining close contact with Iran lies primarily in maintaining order along their common 490-mile border. Above

flowing from Iran the Azerbaijan nationalists battling Soviet troops sent in to quell their insurrection.

Conditions along the border careened out of hand in December with riots by thousands of Azeris on both sides of the frontier.

Chanting Islamic slogans, they tore down border posts and then advanced the frontier in large numbers.

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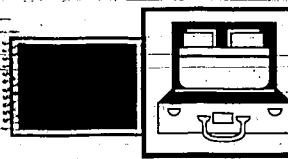
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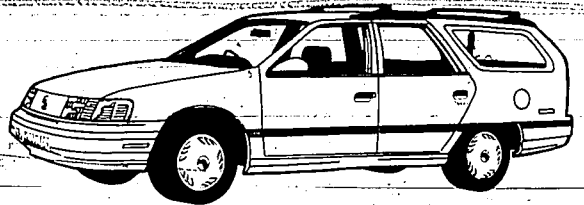
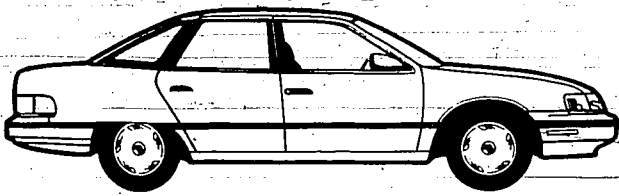
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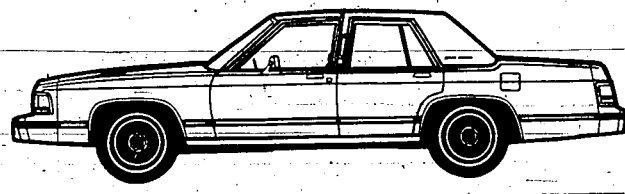
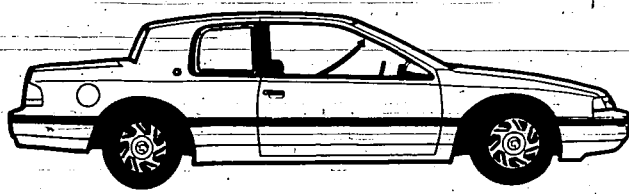
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Prep boys

- Shelby 81, Minus 56
- Blackfoot 81, Bonnellville 47
- Pocatello 74, Burley 64
- Rigby 65, Idaho Falls 47
- St. Hope 81, Minus 56

Prep girls

- District 4 Class A-3 tournament
- Declo 29, Kimberly 24
- Clatskanie 25, Valley 44
- Wendell 37, Gooding 50
- District 4 Class A-4 Southside Subdistrict tournament
- Hagerman 46, Mountain 29
- Hazen 37, Rath River 32
- District 4 Class A-4 Northside Subdistrict tournament
- Bliss 52, Declo 46

College

- Montana 102, Idaho 51, 76
- E. Washington 81, Weber St. 79 (OT)
- Oklahoma St. 71, Colorado 68
- Texas Southern 70, N. Arizona 67
- Idaho State 66, Southern Miss. 61
- Oklahoma 107, Iowa St. 96
- Texas Tech 89, Rice 76
- Texas Christian 67, Texas Tech 52
- Kansas St. 84, Akron 69
- Michigan St. 51, Indiana 57
- North Dakota 88, Wichita St. 78
- Auburn 74, Kentucky 61
- Idaho 83, Central Michigan 81, OT
- Idaho 83, LSU 92, OT
- Jacksonville 88, Ala. Birmingham 84
- Mississippi 68, Mississippi 102, 407
- Vanderbilt 71, Florida 64
- Virginia 77, Virginia Tech 59
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Sportslate

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Iowa State at Nevada Reno, Lavalier Events Center, Reno, Nev., 8:30 p.m. MST.

FRIP GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Madison at Minico, 8 p.m.
District 4 Class A-3 tournament, Wendell
Filer vs. Valley, 8:15 p.m.
Kimberly vs. Wendell, 8 p.m.
District 4 Class A-4 Southside Subdistrict tournament, Murtaugh
Hagerman vs. Hazen, 6:15 p.m.
Oakley vs. Shoshone, 8 p.m.
District 4 Class A-4 Northside Subdistrict tournament, Idaho State School for the Deaf and the Blind gymnasium, Coalinga
Bliss vs. Redfield, 7 p.m.

FRIP WRESTLING

Idaho at Twin Falls, Itron gym, 6 p.m.

Sports on TV

- News — Channel 13, Tennis: Australian Open, women's singles
- 2 p.m. — Channel 13, PGA golf: Phoenix Open, first round
- 5:30 p.m. — Channel 13, College basketball: Texas at Arkansas
- 7:30 p.m. — Channel 13, College basketball: Utah at BYU
- 7:30 p.m. — Channel 13, College basketball: Iowa at Minnesota
- 8:30 p.m. — Channel 7, 33, College basketball: Boise State at Nevada Reno
- 10 p.m. — Channel 13, College basketball: Santa Clara at St. Mary's

Ski report

Sun Valley — Sun Valley added 4 inches of new snow Tuesday, bringing the total to 32 inches at the top of Bald Mountain and 22 inches at mid-lodge. Eighty percent of the mountain is open, including all of the Warm Springs area, the upper bowl and Stearns Ridge. Only minor snow remains on lower slopes.
Hours today: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ponderosa — Ponderosa added 3 inches of new snow Tuesday, bringing the total to 22 inches at the top of the mountain and 18 inches at the lodge. The access road has been plowed and sandbed, but snow tires or chains are required.
Hours today: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Soldier Mountain — Soldier picked up 3 inches of new snow Tuesday, bringing 24 inches at the top of the mountain and 18 inches at the lodge. The access road has been plowed and sandbed, but snow tires or chains are advised.
Hours today: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SportsQuote

“I was very concerned when John Thompson shook his fist at me. I was not that concerned about Dale (Brown).”

“

— Rich Pitino, Kentucky basketball coach, describing his confrontation with LSU coach Dale Brown, which nearly escalated into a fight between the two coaches.

Kidd comes right to the point in Declo

And the Hornets try for perfection for 2nd year in row

By RON GATES
Times-News writer

DECLO — Once beaten in 26 games last year, the Declo High School girls' basketball team — again undefeated in regular season play — is seeking total perfection.

Whether or not the Hornets girls, who have fashioned somewhat of a dynasty in track and field as well, will be able to maintain their torrid pace all the way to the state Class A-3 basketball-title-will-hinge on the play of junior floor leader Thais Kidd.

“That's not too bad,” admitted Declo coach Lynn Payne of his team's two-year 45-1 record, heading into Wednesday's round of the District 4 Class A-3 tournament in Wendell. “It's really basically the same girls. We only lost two from last year.”

“This is our point guard right now,” he continued. “Last year she was the off-guard and Angie Tanner was at the point. When Angie left, Ty filled that spot.”



Declo's Thais Kidd, right, scrambles with Glenn's Ferry's Jennifer Berry for a loose ball in an earlier game

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IHSAA expands A-1 Division 1 playoffs to 8 teams

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho High School Athletic Association's 14-member board has unanimously approved an eight-team A-1 Division 1 state high school football playoff system.

“We didn't expect it to be a problem because a favorable majority of coaches and athletic directors of the A-1 Division 1 schools wanted this change,” IHSAA executive director Bill Young said. “It should be very successful for participating athletes.”

The change doubles the playoff field and reduces the regular season schedules for the 12 A-1 Division 1 teams from 10 to nine games.

Northwest Division teams — Borah, Boise, Capital, Centennial, Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, Meridian, Nampa and Twin Falls — will host three first-round games.

The Gem State Conference — Highland, Pocatello and Bonneville — receives the other.

The four at-large berths, which can come

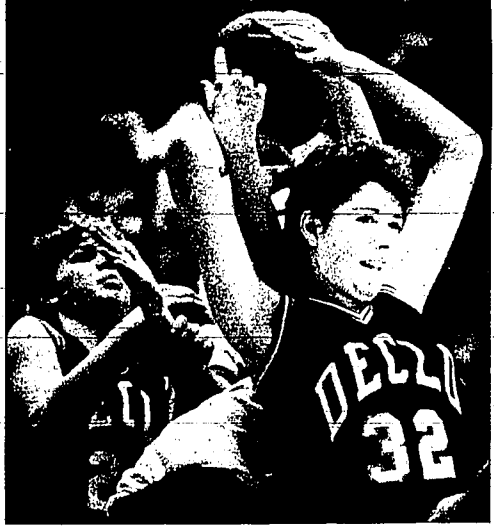
from either division, will be selected by a four-step process.

- The Northwest Division's three teams are those with the best records against A-1 Division 1 teams.
- The Gem State's representative will be the one with the best conference record.
- The Gem State Conference includes six Division 1 teams.
- The four at-large berths go to the teams with the best winning percentage against A-1 teams, from either Division 1 or II.

• If there is a tie, head-to-head competition is the first factor considered. If there still is a tie, records against common opponents are next, and finally a vote by the athletic director.

The pairings depend on the travel involved.

“It is certainly a much more viable playoff situation; it's long overdue,” Centennial coach Greg Drake said. “It will increase the chances of getting all of the good teams throughout the state into the playoffs.”



Declo's Linda Jorgensen is caught in a tangle against Kimberly Wednesday night

Declo, Glenns Ferry will collide in A-3 semifinals

By LARRY HOVEY
Times-News writer

WENDELL — Declo and Glenns Ferry — the teams the regular-season final standings said should be — will collide in the District 4 Class A-3 girls' basketball tournament semifinals here Monday.

That was decided Wednesday night when the undefeated and top-seeded Hornets overpowered Kimberly 59-24 and No. 2 seed Glenns Ferry turned back a second half-long battle to top Valley 36-18.

Earlier, seventh-seeded Gooding was eliminated from further competition when third-seeded Wendell collected a 57-50 victory.

Action resumes with two loser-out games tonight with fifth-seeded Filer and sixth-seeded Valley colliding at 6:15 p.m. and No. 4 seed Kimberly going against Wendell in the 8 p.m. nightcap. Those survivors will play at 6:15 p.m. Monday in a prelude to the Declo-Glenns Ferry semifinal.

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ISU coach cops \$2,900 increase; BSU mentor gets a mere \$1,800

BOISE (AP) — Raises' proving more than \$23,000 have been approved by the state Board of Education for the two head football coaches and eight assistant coaches at Boise State University and Idaho State University.

The board accepted recommendations for the pay increases Wednesday from its Personnel-Administrative Committee meeting in Boise.

The action increases Boise State head football coach Merle “Skip” Hall's salary

from \$49,402 to \$51,260 effective Feb. 1. Idaho State head coach Garth Hall's salary was raised from \$48,506 to \$51,418 effective Dec. 24, 1989.

Boise State finished fourth in the Big Sky Conference last year. The Broncos were 6-3 in league play and 6-5 overall.

Idaho State was seventh in the nine-team Big Sky in 1989, finishing at 2-6 in the conference and 3-7 on the season, Hall's conference and the Bengals. They were 0-11 in his first season in 1988.

Bliss knocks reigning champ Northside out of tournament

By BRAD BRELAND
Times-News writer

GOODING — Talk about rising from the dead.

Where is the team that only made two points in the first quarter? Where is the team that missed six crucial free throws in the third period? Where is the team that was outsize up front? It's in tonight's District 4 Class A-4 Northside Subdistrict girls' basketball championship game.

With the odds stacked against them, the Bliss Bears — playing their fourth game on the fourth night of the tournament — eliminated top-seeded Dietrich Wednesday night 55-46 to advance to the subdistrict title game tonight at 7 p.m. in the Idaho State School for the Deaf and the Blind gymnasium.

The victory for the Bears, 11-10 and seeded third in this tournament, avenged two earlier losses to the defending subdis-

trict champion Blue Devils.

Win or lose, the Bears along with the Tigers will advance to next week's District 4 Class A-4 playoffs against the top two teams from the Southside Subdistrict in Murtaugh next week.

With five minutes gone in the game, Dietrich used its height advantage and ran out to an 8-0 lead on baskets by Wendy Stenstam and Debbie Southwick, who had a pair apiece.

M.E. Sears hit the only Bear basket in the first quarter and they trailed 10-2 after the first quarter.

The Bears finally came to life in the second quarter as freshman Olivia Ferreira stole a Devil inbound and made a layup and Sears took the ball and bombed in a three-pointer to cut the deficit to three points. They had a chance to tie the game on their next trip down the court, but a Sears three-pointer fell off the rim.

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Steve Young doesn't want to be future trivia

By FRID MITCHELL
Chicago Tribune

NEW ORLEANS — Steve Young is getting itchy.

The 28-year-old backup to San Francisco 49ers future Hall-of-Famer Joe Montana is tired of being a proger. He doesn't want to become the answer to a future trivia question.

“Young appeared in only six games this season, but he completed 64 of 92 passes (69.6 percent) for eight touchdowns.”

His passer rating of 120.8 surpassed Montana's all-time National Football League record of 112.4, but Young declined to qualify for the mark because of his lack of attempts.

Young, who has a year left on his contract, plans to sit Sunday's Super Bowl to discuss his future.

“I told (coach) George Seifert at the beginning of this year that this is the year I have to play,” said Young, the 6-foot-2-inch, 200-pound fifth-year pro from Brigham Young.

“He agreed and everyone agreed. I think between (owner) Mr. (Eddie) DeBartolo and myself, and even Joe, we're trying to decide now.”



YOUNG

DeBartolo is not certain what lies ahead for Young. “He is backing up a legend, so that's a tough question,” DeBartolo said.

The Chicago Bears, who have vacillated in their desire to acquire another quarterback, are apparently not a team of Young's liking.

Asked to analyze the progress and potential of incumbent Bears quarterbacks Mike Tomczak and Jim Harbaugh, Young said:

“It's a situation where they are in a lot of flux. I understand when people get discouraged and they are out of the playoffs, things tend to fall apart a little and teams lose their discipline. I think for a quarterback, (the Bears') is not a great situation to be in.”

“When you get a quarterback's confidence down, it is not a great situation. I'm not sure coach (Mike) Ditka is the guy that really is the great helper of that kind of deal.”

As frustrated as Young has become with his role at San Francisco, he and Montana seem to have a good working relationship.

“It's a little more competitive (relationship) because he wants to play,” Montana said. “We try to help each other when we are on and off the field because we are all here for one reason.”

Super Bowl XXIV: A tale of 2 quarterbacks?



Joe Montana checks the ozone against the Rams

Joe Montana: Perhaps the best year by the best QB ever

By DAVE GOLDBERG
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Flash back three years... Jim Hurt has just rammed his blocky body into Joe Montana; Montana just 8 weeks off delicate back surgery, is lying on the turf at Giants Stadium, Lawrence Taylor is charging into the end zone with the nobly duck that But forced from Montana's arm and

It seemed to signal both the end of Joe Montana and the greatness of the San Francisco 49ers. Flash back two years...

Joe Montana has been chased all over Candlestick Park by the Minnesota Vikings and finally replaced by Steve Young as the wild-card Vikings beat the heavily favored 13-2 49ers to proceed to the NFC title game.

Coming off a third Super Bowl victory, the 31-year-old, security-engineered 89-yard drive capped by his 10-yard pass to John Taylor, Montana has his greatest year,

perhaps the greatest year of any quarterback ever. He becomes just the second quarterback ever to complete more than 70 percent of his passes; his rating of 112.4 is the highest ever since the NFL adopted its

devisish system two decades ago; he adds his first Most Valuable Player award to two Super Bowl-MVPs and he's named player of the '80s.

He missed just eight weeks after delicate back surgery that his doctor suggested would have ended his career.

He could have retired after that third Super Bowl a year ago.

"There's an inner spirit in him that wants to keep playing, that wants to keep getting better," says George Seifert, who replaced Bill Walsh as coach this season and immediately kept Steve Young and his left arm chained to the bench except in the case of "injured arm," "bruised ribs," etc.

And perhaps a more crass reason — \$2.5 million a year plus playoff and Super Bowl shares. "I still like Bill, I still respect Bill," Montana says. "But I think the change has made us concentrate a little more. We're running the same types of things for the most part but everyone has been executing."

Executing? Well enough to make the 49ers prohibitive favorites to become the first team in a decade to repeat as Super Bowl champions and tie the Pittsburgh Steelers of the 1970s with four Super Bowl victories.

One else could have done as well as Joe in our system," says Walsh, who also says "without argument — that he and Montana were "the best quarterback-coach tandem of the '80s, perhaps ever."

Niners give Montana \$3 million per year

New York Daily News

NEW ORLEANS — Randall Cunningham, Bertie Koss and Jim Everett have signed contracts in the last year totaling \$44 million. And between them, they haven't made one Super Bowl appearance.

That's why San Francisco 49ers owner Eddie DeBarolo plans to dispose of Joe Montana's contract after the Super Bowl and make him the highest paid player in NFL history. The interesting thing is that Montana signed a three-year extension on July 12, 1988, that wasn't scheduled to take effect until the 1990 season.

In each of those three years, Montana was supposed to make \$2.55 million. At the time, Montana was feeling a big challenge from Steve Young, and there was doubt he would even be

around to collect that money. In fact, a couple of years ago, the 49ers contemplated trading Montana to San Diego.

But since he signed that deal, Cunningham, who is now 0-2 in playoff games, signed a five-year, \$15-million extension; Koss, 0-3 in conference title games, signed a six-year, \$15-million extension; and Everett, 2-2 in the playoffs, on Monday agreed to a six-year, \$14-million extension. And Buffalo's Jim Kelly, with one year left at \$1.4 million, is negotiating a new deal.

DeBarolo decided to push Montana way ahead of all of them. Look for him to sign a new \$3 million-plus deal in the off-season. Montana made \$1.2 million in 1989, which by today's inflated standards was a bargain.

Forget what he says; Elway knows he needs to win

By JODY MEACHMA
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

NEW ORLEANS — John Elway is doing his best not to let the Super Bowl overshadow his career.

"Good luck. Napoleon still hasn't shaken off Waterloo. Fran Tarkenton is still haunted by the Super Bowl futility of the Minnesota Vikings.

Generals and quarterbacks are remembered for whether they won or lost when everything was on the line. The cruel difference for quarterbacks is that either they die or exile, they sometimes face the worst fate of losing again.

Elway is playing his third Super Bowl in just four seasons and is one loss away from sharing with Tarkenton the page in NFL history reserved for conspicuous failure.

Because the world has conceded the San Francisco 49ers a fourth Super Bowl victory Sunday, Elway's line for several days has been that he and the Denver Broncos will just have a good time and enjoy the Big Easy.

But it is just a line, as he will admit. There is immense pressure on Elway to finally win the Big One, to pull off the fourth-quarter comeback, to make the last-second completion for victory that has marked his seven pro seasons of Ordinary Ones.

And the pressure is, as he will also admit, not a coalition of sportswriters, with whom he has quarreled, or Denver's rabid fans, by whom he has felt "suffocated."

He put it on himself when he said, fresh in the NFL from his career at Stanford, that he wanted to win five

Super Bowls. He added to it when, after the Broncos' humiliating 42-10 Super Bowl loss to the Washington Redskins two years ago, he said: "I will not have a good feeling about myself until I win one."

At a news conference Tuesday, he humorously spread on more, guaranteeing that if the 12½-point spread favoring the Niners goes any more, he'd guarantee the Broncos would cover.

For Elway to feel good about himself and meet his own expectations, he must do more than cover the spread. He must be written up on that page in NFL history reserved for great quarterbacks, and that means winning a Super Bowl.

He said so himself. "I think that for me to be the quarterback that I want to be, to me you have to win big games like this," Elway said Tuesday. "There aren't too many guys who are classified great quarterbacks that haven't won championships. I can't think of one."

Surely his opportunities must be dwindling. He is 30 — not past his prime — but there are only so many second chances. Should he lose again Sunday, who knows if he and the Broncos could recover.

"I'm not worried about how many more chances I get," Elway said. "I've had two (chances) so far that I feel were missed opportunities, and hopefully we don't miss the boat on this one."

Mike Shanahan, the Broncos' quarterbacks coach during Elway's two Super Bowl seasons, partly attributes the Broncos' 8-8 season in 1988 to the residual effects of the Super Bowl loss to the Redskins.

It was Shanahan's return to Denver in midseason, after a year and a half as the Los Angeles Raiders' head coach, that has been credited with Elway's return to

proficiency and the Broncos' return to the Super Bowl. Until that point, Elway's relationship with Coach Dan Reeves was deteriorating publicly.

Reeves was spreading himself thin by doing both his and Shanahan's jobs. And Elway complained the offense was turning conservative, relying more on rookie running back Bobby Humphrey's legs than Elway's arm.

At the same time, Elway's personal habits — was he a chinzy tipper? was he a heavy drinker? shouldn't he get a haircut? — were becoming a frequent topic for Denver sports columnists. His inability to go anywhere in Denver without being mobbed by fans was a constant annoyance.

Recalling that period now, Elway says part of his anger was over his own frustrating performance.

"The toughest thing (about this season) was that it took so long for the passing game to get going," he said. "One season was training camp. Because of the 80-man limit they put in, we didn't have all our wide receivers healthy to practice with."

Nevertheless, Elway exploded about his problems in a Sports Illustrated article in November, saying he was a big fish in a small pond, "and I'm running out of water. I'm about to suffocate."

That seemed to have a cathartic effect. His passing — 10 TDs and 14 interceptions in 10 games before the story's publication, improved to eight TDs and just four interceptions in the five games afterward (he missed one game with an injury).



John Elway looks to throw against Cleveland Browns

49ers have more weapons than Broncos can handle

By RON HASTY
The Hartford Courant

NEW ORLEANS — In white cotton sweats and a matching top, Roger Craig was dressed rather casually for his surroundings.

Craig sat in a corner of the opulent and spacious Napoleon Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel. Four monstrous chandeliers hung from the ceiling. The trim was a subtle shade of mauve, the finishing, regal touch.

Six San Francisco 49ers, the reigning kings of professional football, were meeting the Super Bowl media officially for the first time. Craig was fed several leading questions but wouldn't swallow. He wasn't ready to extol the 49ers' superiority over the Denver Broncos just because almost everyone else was.

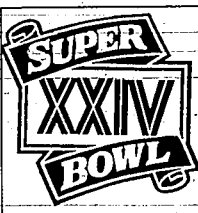
"I don't think it will get to the point of overconfidence," Craig said. "We have too many great players that will keep us focused on the game. There aren't a lot of prima donnas on this team. We still have to win on the football field."

This is San Francisco's paradoxical view of Super Bowl XXIV.

The Broncos, who were blown out in their last two Super Bowl appearances, will spend significant time defending themselves. They were 12½-point favorites, they downplay the spread and humbly listen to astute suggestions that their second consecutive Vince Lombardi Trophy is already safely tucked away.

There may not be another team that can compare to the 49ers, at least offensively.

Another spectacular performance Sunday by Montana, a two-time Super Bowl MVP, may ensure his position as the best quarterback ever. Jerry Rice, who diverges close to a touchdown per game, is considered to be among the best receivers of all-time. Craig is the



best dual-purpose (running and receiving) back in the league.

Supporting this trio are players such as fullback Tom Rathman, who finished seventh in the league in receptions, and John Taylor, who caught 60 passes for 1,077 yards and 10 touchdowns.

The San Francisco offense was first in total yards, scored a league-high 447 points and became only the fourth team, including the Los Angeles Rams this season, to have two 1,000-yard receivers and a 1,000-yard rusher.

After losing the NFC Championship Game to the 49ers 30-3, Rams Coach John Robinson called the San Francisco offense "the most difficult ball-control offense to defend that I have ever seen."

This is the momentous chore facing the revitalized Broncos defense: stop a San Francisco offense that continues to expand its options and is on an awe-inspiring roll.

"The two (regular-season) games we played after the Rams game (Dec. 11) — you just felt us getting better," 49ers Coach George Seifert said. "It enabled us to perfect our kind of football."

Montana, who had an all-time high quarterback rating of 112.4 for the regular season, elevated his game in the playoffs. In victories over Minnesota and Los Angeles,

Montana completed 43 of 54 passes (79.6 percent) for 503 yards, six touchdowns and no interceptions.

"We're still the best team left pass defense-wise," Denver defensive coordinator Wade Phillips said. "I played them twice a year when I was (defensive coordinator) with the Saints, so I know a little bit about their offense."

It's the 49ers' diversity that makes them so difficult to defend. Double-cover Rice and, as the Rams discovered, Taylor will have a big day. Craig, Rathman and tight end Brent Jones are all excellent receivers underneath. Jones hurt the Rams a handful of times with catches over the middle in the NFC Championship Game.

"They've got three excellent tight ends. You put that with Joe Montana's ability and the other tools they can put on the field and you've got a problem," Rams defensive coordinator Fritz Shurmur said. "The last three games they've used the multiple-tight-end scheme. They can power run. They can finesse the passing game. I'm not so sure I've seen an offense more complete when you factor in that additional dimension."

Rathman, who was primarily a blocking back at Nebraska, is a good example of how the 49ers continue to strengthen their offense.

Rathman caught five passes during his four seasons with the Cornhuskers. This season he caught 73 passes.

"Yeah, he's the perfect example," wide receiver Mike Wilson said. "Tom Rathman is usually the third or fourth guy in pass routes and he's caught 70-something passes; that means Joe's reading his progressions better than ever."

The 49ers also can grind out yards when they choose to. Craig has 213 yards rushing in the playoffs, and Rathman gained 93 yards against the Rams.

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Outdoors

Briefly

Region 4 bowhunters slate banquet Feb. 2

WINFALLS — Region 4 of the Idaho State Bowhunters will conduct its annual winter awards banquet and photography contest Feb. 2 at the Turf Club.

Best of species and mountaineering of the year awards will be presented. Any member may enter framed, enlarged hunting pictures in the photography contest.

Lonn Kuck of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, will speak on his elk mortality research project in northern Idaho.

Advance tickets are available at Carey Archery, Taco John's, Bird's Shake Out and Kirk Reese. The event will open with a cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m. with dinner served at 7:30 p.m.

New conservation group focusing on Idaho rivers

BOISE — A new statewide conservation group has been formed to work for improved planning and management of Idaho's rivers.

The Idaho Rivers Conservation Foundation was inaugurated in Boise Jan. 13, following a two-day river seminar organized by the Northern Rockies Rivers Project.

The new foundation's missions is to "protect and enhance the diverse scenic, recreation and biological values of Idaho's rivers and streams."

The foundation will address river-oriented issues such as hydroelectric development, wild and scenic river management plans, fisheries management and state comprehensive water planning.

The foundation's initial activities will include soliciting individual citizen group memberships, electing a board of directors and developing an operations plan.

More information may be obtained by calling Wendy Wilson at 343-7481 or 345-3689.

Magic ice fishing only fair; Big Wood fishing only hot

JEROME — Ice perch fishing has been hot on Magic and whitefish success on the Big Wood River has been fair, according to Les Corsi, Region 4 fishery manager.

"Corsi said Magic is covered by ice 'a foot or more thick' and anglers have been taking a lot of perch and had reasonable success on trout.

Valley big game feeding stations inoperable for now

JEROME — All of the Magic Valley's big game feeding stations remain inoperative as recent storms added some snow to accumulations in the South Hills but very little in the northern mountains.

Craig Kvalie, Region 4 wildlife manager for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, said a trip into the Boise River south fork country "gave us a tough time finding enough snow in some places to run the machines.

He said the flats may have had 12-18 inches of snow with the south and west slopes basically snow free and a maximum of 30 inches on the north slope.

The group says the elk but all were well up the slopes on the ridge.

"Bullwhacker (just outside Keichum) is traditionally the first feeding site in operation and nothing is going on there," he said. "There apparently is no problem for deer in the Snowville country. We're not getting any landowner complaints. It's a very quiet winter."

Valley elk herd loses 1 elk to utility company shaft

JEROME — The Magic Valley's desert elk herd has lost one of its two known southern residents.

A five-point bull, which had been spotted along and in the Snake River Canyon between Hansen and Perrine bridges earlier this month, found its way to the Idaho Power facilities at Shoshone Falls — and fell down the elevator shaft.

It took four men and a lot of equipment nearly a day to extract the carcass.

Steve Agte, regional enforcement officer for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, said there evidently is another bull wandering the area as a sighting has been reported since the bull was taken from the elevator shaft.

Author Gilchrist tracks Montana's giant rams

By JAMES KRUNICH
Times-News correspondent

ANACONDA, Mont. — As we drove toward the peaks above this mountaineering smelter town in the Montana Rockies, Duncan Gilchrist detailed information about the big-horn sheep population in the immediate area.

"We should see quite a few sheep but the big-horns in unit 208 don't generally have enough mass to produce many Boone & Crockett records."

I listened as Gilchrist, author of *Montana: Land of Giant Rams*, spoke. After all, Duncan's book is a detailed account. Trophy potential, physical descriptions of each unit, facts on sheep populations, current regulations, comparisons of sheep units by horn growth potential and an explanation of what Montana and the Foundation For North American Wild Sheep have jointly accomplished are only parts of the contents.

"In February of 1989, I could count 142 sheep from one spot and all but eight were rams," Gilchrist said. "Since it's earlier in the year we won't see that many sheep but we should be able to see a few rams still in the rut."

Luckily, the Forest Service hadn't closed one of the roads that led directly into a primary rutting area. Instead of a strenuous uphill walk made more difficult with the added burden of cameras and tripods, we drove until we spotted sheep grazing along the side of the road.

Gilchrist pulled the vehicle to the side and said "move slowly and don't disappear from the sheep's sight. They'll spook if they see you and then you disappear."

When we left the vehicle, the sheep

seemed somewhat anxious. Heads jerked upward every few seconds while the flock fed slowly up the grassy slope.

Observing Gilchrist's instructions, we constantly remained in clear view and began to narrow the distance to the flock. Within 30 minutes the big-horns relaxed and fed at 20 yards while the camera shutters clicked.

The day wasn't over. Next stop, a visit with Tim Magness, one of Montana's best sheep guides.

Magness is one of the proponents of the volleyball theory.

"If a hunter has spotted what appears to be a trophy ram, he should distantly observe the ram for a long period of time (up to an hour) so the horns can be viewed from varying angles. Never try to judge a trophy animal from behind because this perspective gives no indication of the true dimensions. If the horns appear large from the side, try to imagine room for a volleyball in the curl of the horn. If the volleyball would fit, move closer and shoot," he said.

Entry into the Boone & Crockett book mandates that a ram must score a minimum of 180 points.

The points are accumulated by adding several measurements. These include:

• The bases of both horns are measured and recorded.

• The length of each horn is measured from the base to the tip.

• The length of the longest horn is divided by four but this number is not recorded. An example is a 36-inch horn would be divided to nine.

The nine-inch designation establishes the circumference of both horns will be measured at 9-inch intervals and those

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Montana sportsman Duncan Gilchrist sits among a lifetime of big-game trophies

Hagerman monument hunt closure causes controversy

By DAVID HOCKLANDER
Special to The Times-News

Hunting has always had its fair share of human critics. Now it seems that the cause of a famous horse has, perhaps unintentionally, taken away another piece of public hunting from Idaho sportsmen.

The establishment of the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument will close for hunting approximately six miles along the west bank of the Snake River.

The section affected runs from the transmission lines just below Lower Salmon Falls nearly six miles upriver. This west bank has long been a favorite for duck hunters in the Magic Valley.

The close proximity of the Hagerman Wildlife Management Area has made that section of the river an convenient alternative to ducks and geese. The establishment of several private hunting preserves in the area has also contributed to the amount of game using this stretch of the Snake.

Several duck blinds can be found along the west bank and on "any given weekend the river is busy with hunters moving in and out of the area by water and by land.

What makes the west side so important to local hunters and fishermen is the lack of public land on the east side of the river along these six miles. It seems the establishment of a national monument automatically precludes hunting of any type unless a special amendment is added stating that

hunting will be allowed. The net establishes the high water mark as the boundary on the river side which may allow some hunting from boats moored next to the west bank.

But even this scenario raises some questions. Will shooting be tolerated close to the restricted areas? Would a hunter be in violation of monument restrictions if he shot a duck which landed on the west bank? Could he legally retrieve the duck? Would a hunter be able to shoot toward the west bank from any part of the river?

With a full-time ranger on duty many of these situations may be up for interpretation.

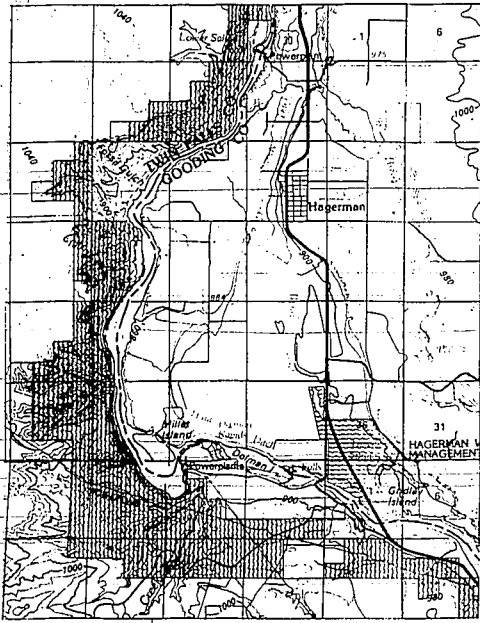
It is not clear if the lack of consideration of hunting and fishing rights was simple oversight or intentional. In either case the sportsmen of the valley have been caught with their guns empty.

Now the door has been slammed and repairing the damage may be impossible. Since the monument was established by an act of Congress, any adjustment in the use plan of the area would also require an act of Congress; not a very optimistic thought.

The loss of this valuable public hunting has prompted some concerned Hagerman residents to investigate what actions might be taken to reinstate hunting along the west bank.

The Region 4 Wildlife Council, at the request of a council member and Hagerman resident Dan Yore, is in the process of con-

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Map shows reservoir of Snake River and area affected by hunting closure

Extended red fox season part of new plan

The Times-News

BOISE — The draft five-year plan for furbearer management in Idaho has been released by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission and will be distributed to gather public comment in the next several days. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game

believes the final printout will be available at regional Fish and Game offices late next week.

Major changes considered in the draft are the need for legislation require trapper education, a uniform statewide beaver trapping season, closure of trapping and pursuit seasons for lynx and an expanded red fox season.

The legislation proposal would establish a program similar to hunter education, funded with federal dollars and income from the sale of furs accidentally or illegally harvested. The education proposal, which is supported by the Idaho Trappers

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Grizzly hunt decision due in month

CODY, Wyo. (AP) — A decision by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on whether grizzlies will be allowed to stalk nuisance grizzlies near Yellowstone National Park should be made by late February or early March.

Chris Servheen, who coordinates the agency's Grizzly Bear Recovery Program,

told The Cody Enterprise he is currently analyzing public comment on the proposal.

Published back in October, the proposal would give management agencies greater leeway in dealing with grizzlies.

A public comment period on the plan recently ended, and Servheen said 68 percent of the respondents opposed the hunting of

grizzlies.

"There were a number of different concerns. Some think there will be more pressure to designate a bear a nuisance," he said. "Others felt we're not doing enough now to minimize factors that create conflicts between humans and bears, such as keeping clean camps.

Upland game increase called for in draft plan

The Times-News

BOISE — An increase of all upland game in Idaho through emphasis of the Habitat Improvement program is called for under the proposed 1991-95 upland game draft plan. The state Fish and Game Commission authorized the final draft of the plan at its meeting last week and it currently is being printed for distribution to regional offices late next week. The public is invited to review the plan and provide comment.

Changes proposed in the plan for upland game include alteration of seasons and limits for pheasants, quail, grouse, partridge and turkey. No changes have been proposed in management programs for mourning doves or rabbits.

Among the significant proposed changes are options which would increase sage grouse limits to three daily and six in possession and increase the season length statewide to 30 days.

Limits are presently two and four while seasons are 14 or 21 days, depending on the

additional weeks.

Limits on quail would either remain as they are or be reduced statewide by two birds to 8 and 16 with bobwhites included as part of the aggregate bag.

This would put all hunter species of partridge and quail under uniform bag and possession limits.

Forest grouse seasons would be lengthened by three weeks, running through December. If proposals are adopted, minor changes in turkey season opening dates and length are proposed.

Moose permits increased

The Times-News

BOISE — The number of moose permits was increased while turkey tags were reduced by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission at its quarterly meeting in Boise Jan. 24.

The Commission approved an increase of 31 moose permits to a total of 503 and chopped turkey control hunting from 271 to 226.

No changes were made from the 1989 moose permit permits which will number 203 in a season framework.

Permits were established in units 8, 10 and 21-21A with seven total permits. Hunts 360 and 363A were changed from reduced-only to allow sex hunts.

Year 376 permit numbers will increase from 20 to 25 permit numbers to increase the number of moose hunters who can hunt in Idaho this winter.

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Mid-winter Region 4 waterfowl count results pleasant surprise

JEROME — The recent mid-winter waterfowl count in Region 4 showed more than double the number of ducks and almost twice as many geese as compared to last year.

A total of 77,400 ducks and 6,600 Canada geese were observed.

Last year's totals were 30,400 ducks and 4,500 Canada geese.

About 210 miles of the Snake River, from Brunau upstream to Massacre Rocks were counted by fixed-wing aircraft and ground counts were taken at Hagerman Wildlife Management Area and the Skaggs Ranch.

Craig Kvale, Region 4 wildlife manager, attributed the greater numbers to the increase in local production of ducks and geese and the more open winter that held birds here.

The ground count at Hagerman was most impressive with 46,700



Stu Murrell

ducks and 3,427 geese. It provides habitat for a great variety of species and makes a super bird watch area.

Land manager Cole observed over 6,000 ring-necked ducks, 3,750 scaup and numerous canvasbacks and redheads in addition to 31,250 mallards.

Waterfowl hunters can attest to the value of this management area since the ducks and geese that flew out to feed on surrounding areas provided excellent hunting this fall.

The mid-winter inventory is taken on the same routes throughout the U.S. each January and provides trend information on waterfowl pop-

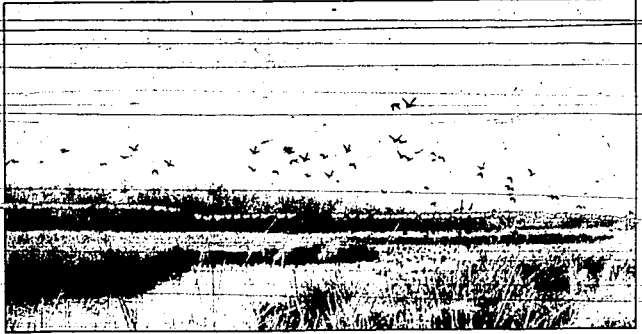
ulations after the waterfowl hunting season.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service assigns the routes and compiles the data from each state.

Trend counts in most of the U.S. have shown a serious decline in our continental duck population the past few years and have resulted in hunting seasons and bag limits.

Much of this reduction is attributed to the long-term drought on their nesting grounds in Canada and the northern prairies. Canada geese, on the other hand, have been a real success story in most localities with static or increasing populations.

Bald eagle trend routes also are counted during this same period. Only three bald eagles were observed during this count compared to 17 last year. However, several eagles had been seen on the river section prior to the flight and nine bald eagles were located in one group



Times-News photo by STU MURRELL

Wildfowl take to the air near Hagerman, where a winter bird count showed a large increase from last year.

near Box Canyon right after the census. It appears they were out feeding somewhere on the actual day of the counting flight.

Bald eagles are an endangered species in Idaho, based on the nesting population of 47 known pairs in 1989. However, the number of nesting pairs is almost double that of four years ago.

This is very encouraging and indicates the Bald Eagle recovery plan for Idaho has been successful. The winter count normally shows about 60-700 bald eagles that migrate into the state for our "balmy" weather.

Stu Murrell is the Region 4 conservation education officer for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Avalanche hazard still low in Sawtooth National Forest

By The Times-News



TWIN FALLS — Avalanche hazard in the Sawtooth National Forest currently is rated as low to moderate but that could change if predictions for late week storms materialize. Snow showers and strong winds could re-deposit snow, creating danger conditions on certain exposures.

Avalanche danger at downhill ski areas is lessened as ski patrol and ski area crews conduct avalanche reduction programs during and following snow storms.

However, skiers should always stay within designated ski boundaries for their own safety.

Those traveling into the backcountry for snowmobiling or cross country skiing should check with the nearest Forest Service office for conditions. Information is available on a 24-hour information message in Ketchum at 622-8027. The recording is updated each morning.

Sun Valley reports the Seattle Ridge area is now open on Bald Mountain. About 80 percent of the terrain is available with seven lifts operating on Baldy and three on Dollar Mountain.

Soldier Mountain ski area is currently running lift No. 1 on Thursday and Fridays with both lifts operating Saturday and Sunday.

Conditions for cross country skiing on the Fairfield Ranger District are reported very good on groomed trails on the north fork of Soldier Creek (8 kilometers round trip) and Lawrence Creek (4 kilometers). Nordic skiing off-trails is rated marginal. Snowmobilers are currently using the Couch and Wells Summit roads. The lower trails will be groomed after additional snowfall is received.

Grooming efforts on the Twin Falls Ranger District are continuing with all Nordic and snowmobile

trails expected to be groomed by the weekend. Magic Mountain resort reports a current top base of 36 inches. The area is open Thursday through Sunday.

Pomerelle Ski Area has 55 inches of snow on top and 48 inches at the lodge. The Howell Canyon Road has been graded but snow tires or chains are advised. New speed limits of 25 miles per hour uphill and 15 downhill are being enforced. Snowmobiling on the district remains marginal.

The Burley Ranger District will host a free cross-country ski day Saturday at the Connor Flat Trail System on Mount Harrison. Free lessons and use of equipment will be offered to anyone wishing to try this Nordic sport. The course begins near the Pomerelle ski lodge. This event is sponsored by the Sawtooth National Forest and the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

Snow depths on the Sawtooth National Recreation area range from 13 inches at North Fork to 34 inches at Galeana Summit. Groomed snowmobile trails on the SNRA include Stanley to Smiley Creek and Dagger Falls Forks Junction to Standley.

The Forest Service has groomed the North Fork Nordic trail and packed the Prairie Creek complex including Vista to Owl Creek and the Billy's Bridge trail. Commercial areas at Busterback Ranch, Galena Lodge, Sun Valley Nordic Center, Elkhorn and Idaho Rocky Mountain Ranch also offer a variety of touring and skating trails for beginner to advanced Nordic skiers.

The annual winterfest will be held in the Wood River Valley Jan. 24-27. Activities include an around the block cross country race, ethnic food fair, hockey game and parade. More information may be obtained from the Ketchum/Sun Valley Chamber of Commerce at 726-3423.

Permits

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creating to 1,395 in 1988 from the previous year's record high of 814. Sales in 1989 were 1,333 with 271 of the total purchased by successful controlled-hunt applicants. The harvest in those hunts was 91 and gen-

eral-season harvest was 137.

Regulations and controlled hunt applications will be available for spring turkey hunts in early February with March 2 the deadline for returns. Moose, goat and sheep regulations will be available in late March.

Applicants in all controlled hunts should pay special attention to the new format for entering license numbers. Inaccurate entries on applications may cause them to be rejected by the computerized drawing system.

Rams

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numbers recorded.

When all of the numbers have been recorded from the bases, length and interval measurements, the ram qualifies if the total is 180 or more points.

Magness' volleyball theory simplifies the Boone & Crockett scoring process because it quickly identifies one of the primary factors — the

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tion for hunters.

Montana: Land of Giant Rams explains the scoring system in much more details than is briefly stated here.

This book is Gilchrist's seventh on the topic of big game hunting.

Closure

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tacting Sen. James McClure, R-Idaho, about possible procedures which might lead to the passage of an amendment to the monument act which would allow hunting along the river and in more remote areas of the monument.

Those sportsmen concerned with this issue may wish to attend one of two a scoping meetings to collect public input on the development of the Hagerman monument. These hearings will be held Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 7:30 in the Hagerman Senior Citizen Center and Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 7:30 in Room 108 of the Aspen Building on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

Perhaps nothing can be done to restore hunting to this part of the Snake River but perhaps now that we have seen how easily our public hunting can disappear we will be more alert to similar threats such as proposed designation changes in-

volving the Craters of the Moon. The sportsmen of Idaho must present a clear message to Federal and State government that further loss of public hunting will not be tolerated.

If you can not attend one of the hearings, you can communicate your concerns by writing the David Hugh Monument Superintendent, 2647 Kimberly Road East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

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Association, is similar to legislation already approved in other states.

The plan also proposes a uniform beaver trapping season statewide, rather than the present system with two closing dates.

The season would open two weeks earlier and beaver would be managed to improve habitat for other species rather than limiting the management program to complaint

service as in the past.

Restriction on lynx harvest is proposed due to low numbers although they will still be listed as furbearers.

Red foxes, believed to be increasing in number, will provide more trapper-hunter opportunity under one of two proposals.

A plan for increasing the season by 15 days will be considered along with one to open it year-round.

Three proposals are being considered for management of river otter,

including plans which would place the species under the state non-game program, make changes in the existing furbearer program while keeping the option for a future trapping season or implementing seasons on a controlled-permit basis.

The public is urged to obtain copies at the Jerome regional office. Comments are due by March 1 to John Beecham, Box 25, Boise, 83707 or may be directed to regional offices.

Owl regurgitation study gags some

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Researchers are combing the fields and forests of Illinois in search of what owls spit up; but some state lawmakers are gagging over the projected \$180,000 cost of studying the birds' diets.

"Apparently the owl was wiser than we were," said Rep. Ted Levrenz, who wants to end funding for the project.

The researchers involved say their work could provide valuable information on how changes in the environment affect animals.

"They will be the most vulnerable of any of the animals if there are significant changes in their prey as a result of man's activities — habitat destruction, politics, or even natural changes, climatic changes," said

Russell Graham, an Illinois State Museum geologist and bone expert overseeing the study.

Owls spit up pellets of hair, bone and teeth — indigestible leftovers from what they've eaten — at least once or twice a day. Since the study began in July 1988, about 3,000 pellets have been collected.

The pellets have revealed that owls eat rabbits, opossums, ducks, pheasants, cardinals, shrews, fish and mice and other rodents.

Pam Fortado Gibson, field coordinator for the study, said the information would eventually be used to help farmers reduce their dependence on pesticides.

"We have no knowledge of our natural pest control," she said. "It would help farmers move away from

using carcinogenic chemicals that pollute our streams."

Levrenz believes money for the study "should be shifted to the Department of Conservation's efforts to prevent poaching, according to legislative aide Mary Rissling.

"Maybe it's legitimate, but should it be us paying for it?" said Rep. Woods Bowman. "Can't we get the information elsewhere?"

Carol Knowles, a spokeswoman for the Department of Conservation, said the department backs the study, on which it has already spent almost \$94,000.

"The study is one of the important studies that we carry out to see if wildlife will be around in future years," she said. "It has implications for humans, too."

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Your Money

Income tax write-offs harder to come by

As a taxpayer earning ordinary income, you could deduct most of your "losses" against that income. But no more. New provisions of the tax law now in effect significantly limit tax write-offs that were previously available.

Particularly hard-hit are professionals (stockbrokers, insurance brokers, consultants, physicians, lawyers, etc.) who have new limitations on how their business income and investments are taxed, says Robert E. Reetz, Jr., an Austin, TX, tax attorney associated with Matthew Bender & Co., publishers of tax manuals for lawyers and tax preparers.



Sylvia Porter

This means your 1989 tax return due in mid-April will be considerably more complicated and that you should begin now to plan for calendar 1990, taking the new rules into consideration.

The intention of lawmakers was to end the abuse of tax shelters. The new rules do that, and also unintentionally saddle anyone with business or rental activities with a mountain of paper work — and higher taxes.

"Tax professionals now will focus on what the law calls an activity — this means all money that is earned — and determined whether each activity is passive or active," says Reetz.

"Don't try to apply dictionary definitions to any of these terms. The law and regulations define them at length. There are 300 pages of regulations that try to attack every loophole that ever existed," Reetz points out. "Tax planning opportunities for business have been curtailed greatly. This was meant to enhance tax revenues and was written to comply with President Reagan's intention — to remove tax planning as a subsidy to business."

While this sounds fair and simple, it's certainly not simple, says Reetz. Every time a business makes a financial decision, he or she has to thumb through complicated regulations, including many which keep changing. One consequence: Fewer individuals are seeking socially useful investments like low-income housing credits which previously attracted investors and helped provide housing for the poor.

If you are self-employed or have money to invest, your financial counselor presumably already has warned you of pitfalls in the return you are preparing for the 1989 tax year. What do you need to keep in mind for your future planning? Here's what Reetz advises.

• Under the Tax Reform Act of 1986, most passive losses can be deducted only against passive income.

• You need to read the new regulations and categorize all your activities as either passive or active.

• The "single location rule" is one guiding principle. If you own a business in a mall, for example, and own a second store in the same mall but not in the same building, they are considered one activity because they are in close proximity. You need to factor this kind of detail into your business plan.

• Previously, losses from real estate activities could offset other gains in income. Now, unless you have a material

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Space heaters can ease heating bills

By CHARLYNE VARKONI
The Baltimore Sun

Only a polar bear could love the worst of this winter. Days with windchill factors of minus 20 degrees, snow, sleet and more snow. Heating oil and propane heating prices escalating like the stock market on a buying frenzy.

After the past two mild winters, energy conservation was a fading memory. But now a chill wind is blowing through our bank accounts. And conservation is chic once again.

When the weather outside is frigid, more and more people turn to space heaters to help lower their heating bills. Instead of heating the whole house or whole apartment, you can turn the thermostat down to a cool 65 degrees and heat only the area your family is using.

A convection heater is the best choice if you want to warm a room quickly and keep it warm. Select a radiant heater if your goal is to keep yourself warm without raising the temperature of the whole room.

But knowing which space heater is the right one to choose can be about as easy as trying to figure out Rubik's Cube. During

the past couple of years, manufacturers have gone on a technological binge. The standard electric-element convection heaters and radiant heaters have been replaced by glowing quartz heaters and compact ceramic heaters.

This season the hot new item is a parabolic electric heater, which resembles a portable fan with a reflector that focuses the heat way a satellite dish concentrates TV signals. And next season DeLonghi is planning to introduce a sleek black, white and gray convection model with a Eurostyle design that is sure to tempt design-conscious consumers, according to industry sources.

The relatively new ceramic heater has been a favorite with consumers the past couple of years because the styling is attractive and the size is compact. Ceramic heaters doubled in sales last season to about 750,000 units and are expected to leap past 1 million units this year, says HFD, a trade publication for the home furnishings industry. Although the ceramics have been good sellers, they may not be the best buy, according to product tests conducted by Consumers Union, publisher of Consumer Re-

ports. And ceramics may not be as safe as they seem either. Although manufacturers claim a safety advantage because the ceramic element can get hot enough to ignite anything, two companies have been involved in product recalls because of a potential safety hazard.

"Some of the simplest, cheapest heaters maintained room temperature and distributed heat just as well as or better than most of the pricier, large, liquid-filled heaters," according to the November 1989 issue of Consumer Reports. "As a class, the ceramic heaters performed the worst." (The parabolic heaters were too new to be included in the tests.)

Here are the top-rated heaters out of 42 electric-heater models tested by Consumer Reports:

The best-rated convection heaters include the Holmes HFH-895 (\$99) and the Arvin 29114004 (\$35). The magazine rated the Arvin model a "Best Buy" because of good performance and low price.

In the large convection heater category, testers favored the baseboard style because they cannot be tipped over easily. The Slant

Fin AQ 1500 (\$157) was rated well, but the Patton FL-40A (\$70) was considered a better value.

In the radiant heater category, the Arvin 40150 (\$80) was selected.

Both Consumer Reports magazine and representatives of Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. warn shoppers that claims of one heater being more energy efficient than another just aren't true. Unlike air-conditioning units and refrigerators, heaters don't have different energy efficiency ratios. If a heater uses less power to heat a room, experts say, it is delivering less heat.

Wayne Wolff, residential representative in marketing and energy services for BG&E, says that all heaters are considered 100 percent efficient. There is no energy loss because these devices are not vented to the outside and don't have ducts like a central heating system.

"Whether you use quartz or baseboard or ceramic or oil-filled or you are going to use the same amount of energy," he says.

Typically, most of the units have two or three settings with a maximum rating of 1,500 watts. At the top setting, the heaters use 1.5 kilowatts per hour. At the BG&E

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Various companies forced to recall space heaters

By The Baltimore Sun

The following list of recalls from the past three years comes from a Nexis computerized search of newspapers, magazines and federal publications, and a source within the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Recall information is also available by calling the CPSC toll-free hot line at (800) 638-2772. Callers can select prerecorded messages dealing with recent recalls and pending petitions for rule making on product safety.

Micromar Manufacturing Corp. recalled all Heat Machine models HME2000c or HMB2000c ceramic portable electric space heaters that were sold between September and December 1989 because the heaters contain a potentially defective component that could cause a fire. The model number is located on the bottom of the heater on a silver-colored label. If you have one of these heaters, stop using it and call the company toll-free at (800) 387-8971 24

hours a day for instructions on returning the heater for free repairs. (Recalled December 1989.)

Pelonis Disc Furnace portable electric space heaters have been recalled to correct a possible fire hazard with the electric plug. Consumers with Model P861-TC or Model P861-TC-VHC with a serial number ranging from 10,001US through 119,004US should discontinue using the heater. The manufacturer, Del-Rain Corp., is offering a free repair program through R. E. Chapin Manufacturing Works Inc. Call Chapin toll-free at (800) 444-3140 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for repair information. (Recalled March 1989.)

True Value-brand portable electric heaters, manufactured by the General Power Equipment Co. between Sept. 22, 1987, and December 1987 were recalled because they could present a severe electric shock hazard after a limited period of use. Includ-

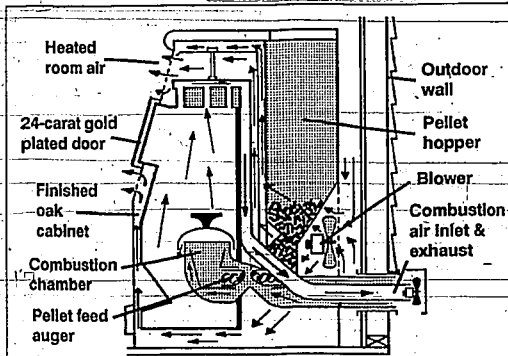
ed in the recall are 350 model MH21F (with an additional date code of 13F or 15F) and 350 model MH22F (with a date code of 11F or 12F). The heaters are brown, rectangular upright metal space heaters rated at 1,500 watts. The model number and date code can be found on the back of each heater in the lower left corner. Warning signs of heater failure include a clattering, clanking or other unusual sound from the fan, failure of the heater to blow air, element coils changing from black to red and sagging coils. Return the heaters to a True Value Hardware store for a full refund. (Recalled December 1987.)

Benzomatic is offering 550 refunds for the return of its model TX-900A or TX-900 portable, propane gas, radiant heaters because of a possible problem with carbon monoxide poisoning in poorly ventilated areas. The heaters, sold from 1962 to 1966, are housed in a green metal cabinet about 9 inches wide, 14 inches high and 7 inches

deep. Look for the model number inside the rear door. Call the company at (800) 828-7611 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for more information on how to return the heater and receive a refund. (Recalled September 1987.)

Patton Electric Company recalled Patton model HF-8 and HF-12W and Sears, Roebuck and Co. model 201.362010 portable, plastic-body, electric space heaters to correct manufacturing defects that could result in the heaters catching fire. Look for the label located on the base of the unit. The units were manufactured in 1984 and bear the date codes 8407- to 8412-. The Patton units have a black grill and either a white or wood-grain plastic body. The Sears units have a black grill and a brown plastic body. If you have one of these heaters, discontinue manufacturing defects that could result in the heaters catching fire. Call the company at (800) 348-1775 between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for instructions. (Recalled February 1987.)

Cut your utility bill



Pellet stoves are efficient, attractive, and convenient to use

Wood pellets make fine energy source

Q. I have heard a lot about the very energy-efficient and environmentally-clean pellet stoves for heating a house. Are they really energy-efficient and how do they work? W.B.



James Dullea

A. Pellet stoves are one of the most exciting recent innovations in home heating. In addition to being very energy-efficient and convenient to operate, they use a renewable fuel source — waste wood from lumber mills. The cost to operate them compares favorably with typical house furnaces.

Waste wood scraps at a mill are compressed into small, high-energy pellets. These pellets are sold in 40-pound bags. With low moisture content and high-temperature combustion of the pellets, very little pollution is produced. Also, only one percent remains as ash in the pellet

stove. Since pellet stoves are extremely energy-efficient, you don't need a chimney. The exhaust gases are forced outdoors (by a fan) through a small flexible stainless pipe through the wall. The inlet combustion air is also drawn in from outdoors, so none of your heated room air is wasted.

A pellet storage hopper is built into the back of the stove. You just pour a bag of pellets into the hopper. A special auger automatically feeds in the pellets. See **DULLEY** on Page D7

It's wrong to have children when you can't support them

Minneapolis millionaire Percy Ross is internationally known for his philanthropic work and likes to encourage others to help solve problems for those in need. He has earned a fortune and a wealth of knowledge during his lifetime and wants to share both before his death. His motto is: "He who gives while he lives... also knows where it goes."



Percy Ross

with me and change your judgmental view about women who choose to have children outside of marriage.

— Ms. R.L., Shreveport, La.

Dear Ms. L.: Due to the number of letters I received similar to yours, I decided to clarify my view in print. To start with, it doesn't bother me if a woman has a child each year of her childbearing years out of wedlock, provided she can maintain a modest income to support all those children.

Second, we all make mistakes. If a woman becomes pregnant and chooses not to marry the father, that is her decision. However, if that woman cannot support her children, doesn't learn from her actions and repeats this again and again, then I do have a problem with it. In fact, I have a problem with married couples who have more children than means to support them.

With all the education and free availability of birth control, I rule out ignorance as a contributing factor in this problem. I say it's just plain selfish to repeatedly get pregnant when you can't afford to give your children even the basic necessities. It's a burden on society, and even worse, it's unfair to the child. In my opinion, it's irresponsible "let it wait" form. As for my understanding and my point of view after reading the following letters I've received from the innocent victims — the children.

Dear Mr. Percy: I read that you grew up real poor. Maybe if you haven't forgotten what that was like, you will help me. I've got eight brothers and sisters and a mom. I'm 14 and the oldest and have no dad. None of us kids do, because our mom never got married. Her girlfriends live with us for a while and then take off.

There's all kinds of stuff I wish for that other kids have got — a bike, computer games, nice clothes. But I'd settle for some new shoes and a warm jacket. By the time I get to school, I'm frozen solid, and the holes in my shoes make my feet wet until lunch time.

If it wouldn't be asking for too much, could you also get my little sister a pair of glasses? Somebody stole her old ones, and now she can't see to read. She's 13, and we want to get some kind of job, so our other brothers and sisters can have new shoes and coats. Please, Mr. Percy, send us some money.

— D.A., Bronx, N.Y.

Dear D.: I'm making arrangements for you to receive a gift certificate at a local clothing store. A sales clerk will help you make some good choices so you get the most for your money. I'm also contacting your school, and the staff will see that your sister is properly fitted for glasses with my forthcoming check. I hope you don't think I mistrust you by not sending you the money — I just want to make sure you get what you need.

Dear Mr. Ross: I'm 11 years old and want you to help my grandpa. He's making me and my two brothers. We do have enough money to eat sometimes, except for beans and potatoes.

Our mom gets cross when we ask for new clothes and school stuff. If it weren't

for my aunt, we would be living at the shelter again. I never want to go back, because there are old men there that scare me. Maybe if you helped my mom, she would be nicer to us. She says our dad didn't love us, and that's why he never married her. It makes me sad, because maybe if our dad had loved us just a little, he would have married her. Can you help our mom be happy?

— R.O., St. Louis, Mo.

Dear R.: I'm not sure I can make your mom happy, but I can help make your life a little better. I'm sure you and your sister agreed to spend the check I'm sending on some much needed clothes for you and your two brothers. Study hard in school and remain in God's good graces, because I want you to have a better life beyond the help I'm giving you.

You may write to Percy Ross c/o The Times-News, P.O. Box 35300, Minneapolis, Minn. 55435. Include a telephone number if you wish. All letters sent to Mr. Ross are read. Only a few are answered in this column, although others may be acknowledged privately.

Thanks a million

Alternative-operator services can yield huge phone bills

Q. I used my telephone credit card to call home long distance from a motel. To my surprise, when I got my bill, that call was three times as much as similar calls from that town. Shouldn't I have been told about this from the phone company?

A. You unknowingly used an alternative-operator service (ADS). These services lease long-distance lines and can charge ten times as much as regular service. The public should always ask a pay phone long-distance operator which company will be billing you and



what the charge is for a three-minute call.

You file interstate complaints with the Federal Communications Commission, and within-state calls with the state public utility commission. You may get a full or partial

refund.

Q. Are junk bonds legal?

A. Yes. Junk bonds are below investment-grade securities. You can buy them through stockbrokers. They pay higher yields because they are extra risky. If you have the money to speculate, buy bonds issued by more than one company so you can spread the risk. There are junk bond mutual funds for the small investor (initial investment minimum of \$200). I would look very carefully and consider the advice of a rep-

utable investment firm before taking the plunge.

Q. Do you recommend any health spas in the area?

A. No, but you can name a spa and we can check our files for a good or poor performance record. Of course, we don't have records on all spas.

Because it's that time of year when we want to avoid the holiday pounds, we have some points you should remember:

- A complete written contract, de-

tailing the entire agreement, must be furnished to the consumer. No contract shall be valid which is longer than 36 months.

All payments under the contract must be made monthly or at the end of the contract.

- Health spa members have a right to cancel the contract within seven business days after the date of signing a contract.
- If the health spa no longer offers a substantial service which was offered at the time the contract was

signed or if a spa becomes co-ed (or vice-versa), members have 30 days from the time they know to cancel membership and receive a refund for the remaining contract time.

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Punch converts normal floppy disk to high-density model

By CRAIG CROSSMAN
Knight-Ridder News Service

Q. I recently purchased a second external 3.5-inch floppy disk drive for my computer. It is one of those high-density disk drives that allow me to store more data on my disks.

Even though this new drive will use my current disks, I am told that for me to take advantage of the high-density capabilities, I must purchase special high-density (and more expensive) disks.

My first thought was that I had been ripped off since I was under the impression that I would be saving money purchasing fewer disks. I'm buying fewer disks, but those disks cost more. I have a large supply of the older lower-density disks. Is

there anything I could do to convert them into the higher-capacity versions?

A. The way most multiple-density disk drives determine a disk's density is by checking to see if there is a notch or hole at a particular location in the disk's cover or jacket.

In your case, the high-density 3.5-inch disks have a little rectangular hole in them. The regular ones do not. If there was a way for you to punch an identical rectangular hole at the correct location in the hard plastic jacket of your disk, you would fool your disk drive into thinking it had a high-density disk in it.

Technically speaking, the magnetic surface of the higher-density disk itself is supposed to be a superior product. In most cases, though, the standard-density material can meet the higher-density demands. It's just the absence of that little hole that forces you to pay a lot for the high-density disks.

Given that the disk's jacket is made of a thick, extremely tough and brittle plastic, trying to cut a hole in it would probably prove futile. Fortunately, however, it's little frustrations like this that inspire the innovative person to invent clever solutions.

Enter Cajun Edge. This Louisiana company has invented a 3.5-inch steel punch that bangs a high-density hole into the disk's jacket. It looks like a hand-held paper-hole puncher, is about the same size and works in the same way.

The money you save with the first

box of disks you convert pays for this little gem, which costs \$39.95, plus \$3.50 for shipping and handling. To order, call (800) 448-2970.

Q. Given all the progress being made today with computers, do you think that eventually we will see the "paperless" office?

A. I think that it has about the same chance of occurring as the "paperless" bathroom. No matter how much we can make computers and their programs do for us, there will always be a need for pen and paper.

Q. I've been reading ads for "knowledge-based" software. Please explain.

A. Simply put, knowledge-based software consists of programs that emulate an expert in a specialized area. Basically, these programs ask a

series of questions that can lead a nonexpert to the solution of a problem.

Designers of these programs work closely with the experts they are emulating, trying to determine what questions an expert would ask to solve a stipulated problem. Those questions would vary, of course, based upon the replies given. Given this complexity, you should begin to see how involving these programs can become and why they usually cover a narrow subject.

For example, your computer could have an auto-mechanic program that helps you figure out why your car doesn't start. You would select a problem, and the program doesn't start" from an opening list of problems so the program doesn't later suggest

that you check your tire pressure. Lists of symptoms would be presented for you to choose until the program narrowed your problem down to its smallest component. During this process, it might even suggest alternatives.

Knowledge-based programs can and are being applied to virtually every area of expertise.

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IRS backs off on enforcement of ruling affecting IRA accounts

By ALBERT B. CRENSHAW
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service has turned down the heat on a dispute that has been simmering among the Labor Department, the banking industry and holders of individual retirement accounts.

At issue has been a Labor Department advisory opinion issued last summer concluding that if an IRA holder receives some extra services or benefits from a bank because he or she has an IRA account there, that

is a "prohibited transaction" under federal pension law.

This appeared to mean that a person who gets, say, free checking from a bank for keeping an IRA there could lose all the tax benefits associated with the IRA and be subject to early withdrawal penalties as well.

The American Bankers Association (ABA), calling the Labor Department letter "a misguided technical interpretation of the law," asked the department to exempt banking services of this sort from the pension law, a request that is still pending.

Now the IRS, which would have to enforce any tax consequences of Labor Department rulings, says it won't do anything until the issue is resolved at Labor.

In a "nonenforcement letter" earlier this month, the service said it would not raise the issue of tax liabilities as long as the question remains pending at Labor, meaning that holders of IRAs and Keogh plans (another type of retirement account) have nothing to fear for the moment.

Since banks have some \$104 billion in IRA and Keogh plan de-

posits, the letter is of major importance to the banks and to a large number of account holders.

"We are very pleased," an ABA spokesman said. "This is a very strong plus for the banking industry."

Bankers are concerned not only because of the volume of deposits involved but because the Labor letter would strike at the heart of the type of "relationship banking" that the industry is trying hard to foster.

The bankers' goal is to establish a relationship within which a bank cuts or waives certain fees and provides extra services for the customer who brings it a substantial amount of business. IRA accounts, because they are long-term deposits, are a highly desirable component of such

relationship.

Dominion Bank in Virginia, for example, in its Premier Banking accounts offers reduced-cost services to customers whose combined balance of loans and/or deposits exceeds \$10,000. Included in Dominion's balance calculations are checking, savings and IRA deposits as well as installment loans and amounts charged on Dominion-issued credit cards.

Both the ABA and individual bankers took the IRS's action as a favorable omen of future Labor Department action.

"Since IRS ruled favorably, with Labor Department agreement, it seems to indicate that the Labor Department is going to act positively when it gets around to settling this,"

said the ABA spokesman.

There were a few restrictions in the IRS announcement, but the ABA spokesman called them "routine" and indicated that most banks and IRA holders would not be affected by them.

Among them are requirements that any special services that an IRA customer gets must be available to other bank customers and that the services must not result in a reduced yield on the IRA. In the closing days of the session, Congress, without so much as a quip, slipped into the budget reconciliation bill a change in the Social Security wage base formula. The result, not unexpectedly, is a tax increase for some people.

Dulley

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lets at the proper rate to provide as much heat as you want. You can add a computerized room thermostat to control the burn rate.

The computerized electronic controls on these stoves are very sophisticated. Like those on pellet stoves and furnaces. Depending on pellet size and type of wood, you make the initial auger speed setting. Then you have several heat ranges which you can manually get or have thermostatically-controlled.

Your room air is circulated through and heated in the heat exchanger by a multi-speed blower. Once you start the fire and adjust it, you just fill the hopper with a bag of pellets each day and forget about it. The combustion air is forced by a fan to circulate around the small burning pellets, so they burn very completely. You can get from 20 to 30 hours of heat from each bag of pellets you pour into the hopper.

The heat output from a pellet stove, up to about 35,000 Btu per hour, is adequate to heat a small energy-efficient house. Since it doesn't need a chimney, it's ideal to use in combination with a heat pump or electrically-guzzling back-up resistance elements from coming on.

Pellet stoves are about the same size as a typical wood burning stove and are available as free-standing or fireplace inserts. One manufacturer even makes one with a furniture-quality wood cabinet and a 24K gold-plated door.

You can write to me for UTILITY BILLS UPDATE No. 129 showing a list of manufacturers of pellet stoves, operating cost comparison with gas, oil, and electric furnaces, and information on the wood cabinet model. Please include \$1 and a self-addressed business-sized envelope.

James Dulley, The Times-News,

6906 Royalgreen Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio 45244.

Q. Does it really save any energy to use pressure cookers instead of a regular pot on my stove? K. M.

A. Using a pressure cooker can save energy because it cooks foods much faster. Since less total heat is given off into your house, the savings is greatest in the summer when you are air conditioning.

Pressure cookers can cook faster because the temperature of the food and water in the cooker gets hotter than the normal boiling point of water. Always follow the user instructions, especially when opening the hot cooker.

"Cut Your Utility Bill" appears in The Times-News every Thursday. Please address questions to James Dulley, The Times-News, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244.

Heaters

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rate of 2.5 cents per kilowatt-hour, one space heater running for eight hours a day every day will cost you about \$27 more on your monthly electric bill.

Assuming you turn down your central heating when you use a space heater, these appliances can lower your heating bills. But they can also be extremely dangerous if not handled properly.

Supplementary heating appliances were associated with an estimated 105,800 residential fires and 600 deaths nationwide in 1987, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. In addition, thousands of people are injured from contact burns and about 100 people die every year from carbon monoxide poisoning.

A number of fires occur because people hang their clothes near the heater to dry, says Jamie Haines, director of public affairs for the National Fire Protection Association. Other fires are caused because people put the heater in a high traffic area and turn it all the way up. Some bumps the heater and it tips, setting fire to a carpet or drape.

Make sure the electric heater you select has an automatic shut-off switch, which turns off the power if the heater accidentally tips over. Gas-fired heaters should have an oxygen depletion sensor, which detects a reduced level of oxygen and automatically shuts off the heater before a hazardous level of carbon monoxide accumulates.

Shoppers should also look for an Underwriters Laboratory listing.

Look for the U.L. mark—a circle with the letters U.L. inside. Be wary if the mark is not on the product and promotional literature uses terms such as "tested in accordance with U.L. requirements." That may mean the product has not been tested by U.L., an independent testing laboratory which checks heaters and other appliances for electric shock, fire, tip-over problems and other hazards.

Four radiant heaters—the Arvin 60H8106, the Presto 07892, the Robeson OS-2701A and Sears 36013—were judged "Not Acceptable" by Consumer Reports because they set a cloth ablaze in less than 12 minutes. In the safety test, a folded piece of terry cloth was draped over one end of the heater and the unit was run at its highest setting for 30 minutes. The heaters all had automatic shut-off switches and all were U.L.-listed.

If it seems strange that the U.L.-listed products failed the Consumer Reports test, it is because the two agencies used different test materials. Cheseceloth was used in the fire test conducted by U.L. New laboratory standards, which go into effect in 1991, would more closely resemble the Consumer Reports test. U.L. also will use terry cloth because it more closely simulates the fabrics found in the home.

Write-offs

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role other than as an investor, your real estate activities are "passive" and subject to the new limitations.

There are other special rules governing the owning and managing of real estate, which Reetz says is "one of the few remaining tax shelters to offset active income." If you are an active participant in a rental real estate investment, and if your income is less than \$100,000, you may deduct up to \$25,000 of your losses from these investments. However, if you make over \$150,000, Congress says, "You are rich enough; we will not allow you to shelter income by offsetting passive losses against active income."

Reetz warns that these rules are strict and you must be certain to comply with the regulations. You must maintain at least 10-percent ownership, you cannot be a limited partner, and you must materially participate in managing the property.

It may be advantageous to consider selling your interest in passive activities if you have accumulated losses over prior years.

New regulations are tough on professionals. It once was useful for physicians to form limited partnerships for laboratory or other services to generate passive income. The new definition of activity penalizes these

activities.

If you set up a separate business that involves consulting (in pension planning, labor relations, or management, for example) and you have more than 20 percent of the same customers as your regular professional practice, your secondary activity is considered active.

The bottom line for most taxpayers: expect your tax liability to increase. Losses may not offset income, as in the past.

Sylvia Porter writes on matters of interest to consumers. Her column appears every Thursday in The Times-News.

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THE LIGHT TOUCH
by Curtis Smith

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REAL ESTATE UPDATE
Richard G. Irwin

THAT BEAUTIFUL LEVERAGE

QUESTION: What is meant by the word "leverage" when used in conjunction with investing in real estate?

ANSWER: Leverage arises because ALL of the income and ALL of the appreciation belongs to the property holder regardless of the amount of the loan. To illustrate, assume a \$100,000 investment is purchased with \$10,000 cash and a \$90,000 mortgage loan. Five years later, the same property is sold for \$150,000 (a 50% gain in value). After paying off the \$90,000 mortgage, the investor would realize a 50% gain, but rather a 500% gain on his initial cash investment because he only invested \$10,000 for the property. That's leverage!

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