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Today's forecast:
Fair with light winds. Highs 30 to 35 degrees. Lows tonight 10 to 15.
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Burger wars simmering

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Bighorns on the Bruncau

Sixteen California bighorn have been moved to the West Fork of the Bruncau River as the effort continues to establish a habitat population of the animals in that area.
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Baghdad says to U.S., 'Let's talk'

Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Iraq formally agreed Wednesday to hold high-level diplomatic talks with the United States on resolving the Persian Gulf crisis, even as President Bush and a platoon of his top advisers underscored their pessimistic outlook for a peaceful resolution of the standoff.

Bush vowed that no attempt would be made to give Iraqi President Saddam Hussein an easy way out of the crisis, while both Secretary of State James A. Baker III and Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, warned of the massive military retaliation that would take

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place if no diplomatic solution is found.

"I'm not optimistic. I see no evidence that Saddam Hussein is ready to comply fully without conditions to the U.N. resolutions," Bush said at a joint press conference in Buenos Aires with President Carlos Menem of Argentina.

"When talked aggression takes place, it's not a question of finding face for the aggressor," said Bush, who is in the midst of a six-day swing through five South American nations.

State Department officials said Wednesday that Joseph Wilson, the charge d'affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, was told by Iraqi officials that Bush's proposal to send Baker to Baghdad for a meeting with Saddam had been approved.

Administration sources said Iraq proposed that Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz meet with Bush at the White House Dec. 17, but Baker is scheduled to be in Belgium on that date. Bush has proposed the meeting take place Dec. 13 or 14.

A date for Baker's visit to Baghdad would be set during the meeting here with Aziz, the administration sources said.

Saddam kept Bush waiting five days before accepting his offer to hold formal talks

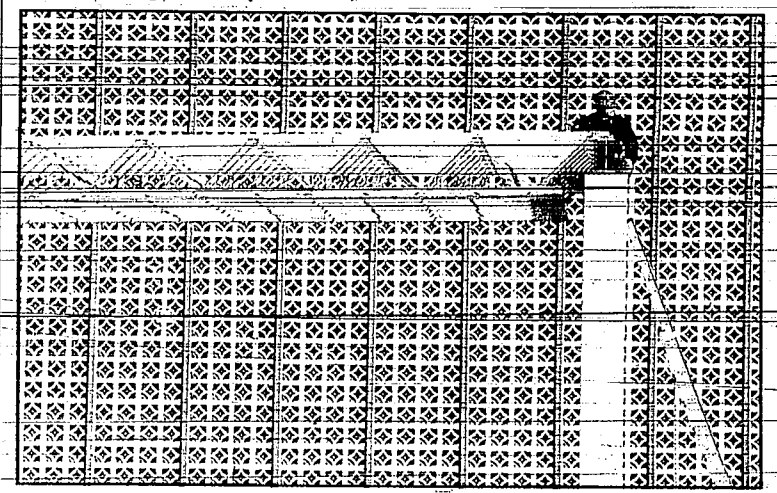
with the U.S. leaders.

Although the scheduling of the talks might have been viewed as a diplomatic breakthrough earlier in the crisis, the ready-to-fight rhetoric of Bush and his top advisers Wednesday offered little hope the talks will lead to a diplomatic resolution of the crisis.

In London, Powell vowed that the United States stands ready to unleash its military superiority to force Saddam out of Kuwait if diplomacy fails.

"If it comes to that... the United States intends to use overwhelming force to win decisively as quickly as possible with as few casualties as possible," Powell said.

Going up



The patterns of new construction present a contrast against the First Security Bank Building in Twin Falls. Construction worker Phil Facer of Ellor begins work on the roof of a new drive-thru banking structure at the downtown location Wednesday afternoon.

Officer says court's slap uncalled for

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls police officer who was singled out for criticism by the Idaho Supreme Court in a recent decision says he is proud of his record and doesn't plan to change the way he does his job.

"I was very surprised," Twin Falls police Lt. Ronald Axtman said when Justice Stephen Bistline, in a written opinion for the court majority, cautioned Axtman against appearing before the court in future cases involving possible police misconduct.

"I felt I had done my job the way the community expects me to do it," Axtman said.

Through a court spokesman, Bistline declined to comment beyond his written opinion.

The court's decision revolved around a search warrant obtained by Axtman in 1987 that led to the arrest and conviction of Twin Falls drug dealer Jose Guzman.

A confidential informant provided information to Axtman, then a detective, which he used to obtain the search warrant. The warrant was later ruled invalid because Axtman had not provided enough information on the affidavit requesting the warrant.

The conviction was not overturned, however, because 5th District Judge Daniel Hurlbutt determined Axtman acted in good faith in applying for the warrant and did not intentionally withhold pertinent information.

The Supreme Court upheld that decision making the "good faith exception" law in Idaho.

But the court's decision written by Bistline warned that "a long pattern of practice of negligent misrepresentation may be an indication of 'knowing and intelligent omission or falsification of information.'"

Although they were directed at Axtman, Bistline's comments were probably intended to speak to police officers in general, Hurlbutt said.

"More personalized comments and use of specifics in descriptions of legal principles is not a technique that's used very often," he said. "It doesn't seem to me to serve the purpose very well."

"In recent years," Bistline wrote, "this court has had to grapple with a number of issues involving Detective Axtman, concerning warrants supported by affidavits in which the detective relied on information supplied by a confidential informant, and issues concerning unlawful police conduct."

Axtman points out that, in both cases cited in the decision, the court has stood on his side.

"The criticism 'hasn't harmed me one bit,' Axtman said. "In fact, it's made me stronger to know that the Supreme Court upheld my case."

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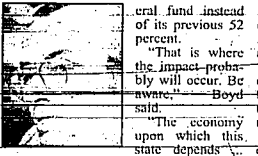
Tighten belt, Boyd tells schools

By Anita Dennis
Times-News writer

BOISE — The Idaho Legislature isn't likely to be as generous in its spending for education as it has the last two years.

That was the message presented at the Associated Taxpayers of Idaho annual conference Wednesday.

Idaho House Speaker Tom Boyd said a pending recession coupled with pressure from federal mandates designed to ease the budget deficit means the state's spending belt will have to be tightened, and he warned that education will be hit first.



Boyd

Public education has already been affected, the Genesee Republican said, and now receives only 49 percent of the general fund instead of its previous 52 percent.

"That is where the impact probably will occur. Be aware," Boyd said.

"The economy upon which this state depends is, in a very, very unpredictable situation," said House Assistant Majority Leader Michael Simpson, who sits on the Revenue and Taxation Committee. "It is a time for caution and it is time for some fiscal prudence."

Two factors make it difficult to assess

Idaho's economy in the near future, according to the Blackfoot Republican, the Persian Gulf crisis and the federal budget and deficit.

But Rep. Kitty Gurnsey, R-Boise, who chairs the House Appropriations Committee, predicted state tax revenues going to the general fund will exceed the \$1 billion mark for the first time in history.

Nonetheless, the budget will not be easy to balance, Gurnsey said. State agencies have requested a 26 percent increase in funding over last year, which amounts to a \$236 million more than last year's \$910 million general fund.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare has asked for the greatest increase, Gurnsey said, of more than 60 percent.

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Senate organization tops today's agenda

The Associated Press

BOISE — Facing uncertainty over who will be in charge in the Senate, the 126 members of the Idaho Legislature will be sworn in to two-year terms today to begin a two-day organizing session.

It appeared until Wednesday morning that there might be only 125 state legislators to be sworn in. But Gov. Cecil Andrus appointed Betty Benson of Moscow to replace Craig Mosman as the District 5 state senator, and she will be on hand today with the others.

That preserves the 21-21 tie the Democrats forged in the election last

month, amid uncertainty how that chamber would proceed in the face of a tie between the parties.

Republicans contended Lt. Gov. CT "Butch" Otter can cast tie-breaking votes and plan to organize on that basis. Some Democrats talked about a possible court challenge.

Senate Democrats and Republicans planned caucuses Wednesday night to pick their leaders. In the House, members will be sworn in, and then immediately go into party caucuses to select leaders.

Heading into the party meetings, Mike Hoyer, father of the Simpson family and an employee of the fictitious Springfield nuclear plant, Homer, perpetually in need of a slave, seems to care less about safety than about naps, doughnuts and having enough tartar sauce for his fish sticks.

pro-tem, presuming the GOP uses Otter's vote to forge a majority in the organizing session.

Jerry Twigg, of Blackfoot, seeks the majority leader post held by Rod Beck of Boise last session. Beck was defeated by Democrat Sally Snodgrass.

Joyce Matthews of Twin Falls said she was running for assistant floor leader, and some Republicans mentioned Lynn Tominga of Paul as a possibility. He was caucus chairman last session.

Mary Harburg of Payette said she was running for caucus chairwoman, and George Vance of Parma was mentioned as a possible

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Nuclear industry glowing red hot over 'Simpsons'

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nuclear power industry is having a meltdown over "The Simpsons."

The prime-time cartoon show's evil power-plant owner with overbite, the dozing employees and a three-eyed fish named Blinky all have contributed to driving industry officials into a critical mass. But more than anything, Homer Simpson has them glowing under the collar.

The U.S. Council for Energy Awareness, an industry information group, told "Simpsons" producers in a February letter it was horrified to see nuclear plant workers portrayed as "bungling idiots."

Top "idiot" on the council's list was Homer, father of the Simpson family and an employee of the fictitious Springfield nuclear plant. Homer, perpetually in need of a slave, seems to care less about safety than about naps, doughnuts and having enough tartar sauce for his fish sticks.

In various episodes, Homer gives away the plant's blueprints to a foreign exchange student, his boss tries to bribe a plant inspector with a basket of cash, and three-eyed "Blinky" is found swimming near the plant.

"I am sorry that the Simpsons has offended a lot of people in the energy industry," Executive Producer Sam Simon said in a Feb. 5 letter to Carl Goldstein, a vice president of Energy Group. "I agree with you that in real life Homer Simpson would

not be employed at a nuclear power plant. "On the other hand, he probably wouldn't be employed anywhere."

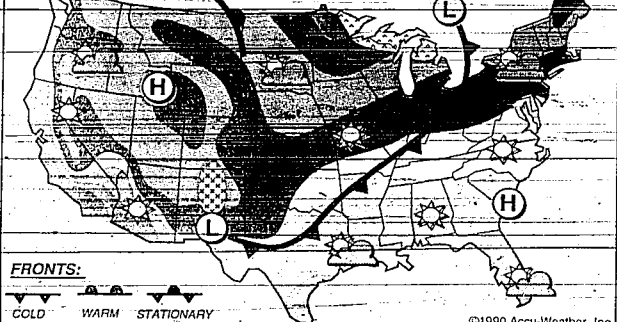
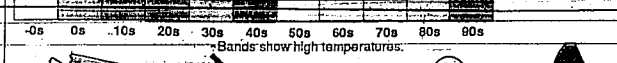
After they exchanged a few more letters, Simon finally suggested he and other Fox Broadcasting Co. executives tour a real nuclear power plant.

Simon said the tour also "changed a lot of people's minds. I think it's a clean, safe and important source of energy. While some shows were in the works before, we backed off that as a source of comedy."

Weather

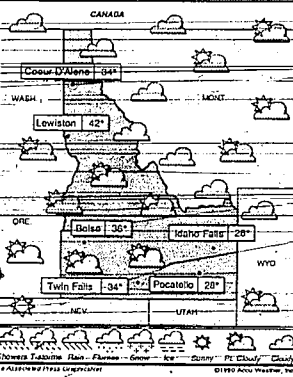
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The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Dec. 6.



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Temperatures

Albuquerque	50	18
Atlanta	52	30
Boston	37	31
Chicago	42	15
Dallas	58	30
Denver	55	33
Los Angeles	41	24
New York	40	34
San Francisco	42	35
Seattle	48	40
Spokane	50	26
Washington	41	32

Twin Falls

Yesterday	42°-35°
Last year	48°-29°
Normal	43°-24°
Sunset today	5:05 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:54 a.m.

Idaho

Boise	43	24
Burley	40	32
Hagerman	48	28
Idaho Falls	36	23
Lewiston	51	39
Moscow	52	46
Pocatello	42	29
Salmon	44	21

Weather summary

National Weather Service says high pressure was building over Idaho Wednesday, behind a cold front that moved across the north on Tuesday and out of the state early Wednesday morning.

High pressure and dry conditions are expected to continue until the weekend.

Winds of 20 to 30 mph with local stronger gusts were blowing in the south-central and southern. Elsewhere, they were generally less than 15 mph. The winds were decreasing Wednesday evening.

Variable clouds were moving across Idaho Wednesday afternoon with only a few snow showers in the northern mountains.

Afternoon temperatures were about 10 degrees cooler with most readings in the 30s and 40s. The extremes varied from 31 at Lewiston to 10 at Moscow.

The warmest temperature in the state Wednesday was 54 degrees at Emmett. Stanley reported the coldest at 5 degrees.

Elsewhere in the nation Wednesday, the highest temperature was 82 degrees at Oceanside, Calif. The lowest was 3 below zero at Gunnison, Colo.

Evening stars

Saturn, Mercury

Forecasts

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding: Today fair—light winds. Highs in the low to mid-30s. Tonight fair. Lows 10 to 15. Friday fair. Highs in the mid-30s to near 40.

Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley: Today fair. Highs near 30. Tonight and Friday fair. Lows in the single digits. Highs in the low 30s.

Extended forecast: Southern Idaho Fair. Saturday partly cloudy Sunday and Monday with a slight chance of rain or snow showers. Highs in the 30s and 40s. Lows in the teens and 20s.

Northern Utah and Nevada: Today through Friday fair. Daytime highs mid-30s to low 40s. Lows at night near 20.

Nevada — Mostly sunny and warmer today and Friday. Lows 5 to 15 except 15 to 20 west and central. Highs today in the 40s to mid-low 50s, warming to the mid-40s to mid-50s Friday.

Snow swirls around Great Lakes; Gulf Coast shivers

The Associated Press

Freezing temperatures dipped into the western Gulf of Mexico coast and snow fell in the lower Great Lakes region and in the West on Wednesday.

It was a chilly 29 degrees in Houston, which broke the previous low of 30 for the date set in 1950. Lake Charles, La., also registered 29 degrees to break a nine-year-old record of 32.

Snow squalls blizzared through northwestern New York, where Syracuse received 3 inches of snow in the six-hour period ending at 1 p.m. EST. An hour later, it had accumulated 2 more inches. Bradford, Pa., got 2 inches of snow in six hours.

Snow also fell at midday over northern Maine, northern

central Montana and across the Idaho Panhandle, northern Nevada, the Maryland Panhandle, and western and central Pennsylvania. Snow changed to rain in parts of central North Dakota, and rain also fell over northwest Washington.

A thick layer of snow and ice covered roads in Kodiak, Alaska. Drivers were advised not to drive more than 25 mph and walkers were warned to wear cleats or studded boots.

High wind watches were posted through the evening for the mountains and valleys of Southern California.

The morning low for the nation was 6 below zero at Gunnison, Colo. Temperatures around the nation at 3 p.m. EST ranged from 15 degrees at Saratoga Lake, N.Y., to 76 at Homestead, Fla.

Enola Gay log on sale

NEW YORK (AP) — High over Hiroshima, a navigator in a B-29 recorded the world's intrusion to the power and terror of nuclear weapons.

"Bomb Away — 09:15" reads the simple entry from the navigator's log on Aug. 6, 1945.

The log, often the top secret mission of the Enola Gay goes on the auction block Friday — Pearl Harbor Day. Christie's auction house expects it will attract a price of \$100,000 to \$150,000.

"I think, in looking at the log, you see in effect the world moving from the pre-atomic into the atomic era. You see humanity crossing a very profound boundary," said Chris Coover, a manuscript specialist at Christie's.

He said the timing of the sale — on the 49th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor — is a coincidence.

But he said there was a "historical symmetry" in the attacks on Pearl Harbor and Hiroshima, "one marking the beginning of hostilities and the other effectively the end of hostilities."

Christie's is selling the log for the widow of Capt. Robert A. Lewis, co-pilot of the Enola Gay. Eileen Lewis hopes she can retire on the sale price and wants no publicity herself, Coover said.

Scientists back smoke hazard

WASHINGTON — Second-hand cigarette smoke should be declared a known cause of lung cancer and workplace smoking policies should reflect that hazard, said a panel of scientists who concurred with two Environmental Protection Agency reports Wednesday.

The professional advisory board agreed with a draft EPA report which concluded that cigarette smoke causes 3,800 lung-cancer cases per year in non-smokers, and in fact said that the EPA understated the dangers of respiratory illness among children whose parents smoke.

After reading about the decision and the justice's comments in the press, Axtman said "I was depressed for about a week. I didn't understand why integrity would be attacked."

Axtman's credibility will not likely be damaged by the comments, at least not among judges, said Hurlbut, who presided over the Guzman case before it was appealed.

"Judges are pretty independent," Hurlbut said. "I don't take directions from the Supreme Court or anybody when it comes to deciding whether to issue a search warrant."

Du Fresno said he worries officers may get the wrong message from Bistline's opinion.

"The court clearly upheld what the officer did. But did so with some backhanded comments that can put a chill on law enforcement officers' afraid of crossing the justices," he said.

Court

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In *Idaho vs. Diaz Axtman* was asked to disclose a confidential source within a confidential informant's arrest and conviction of Jivana Diaz for possession of marijuana. The Supreme Court refused to overturn the conviction and the source was not revealed.

Confidential sources commonly provide information to drug investigators without them it would be much more difficult to catch drug dealers, police say.

"We have a responsibility to the people to stop this illegal activity," Axtman said. "But we also have a responsibility to protect ourselves from harm."

The second case, *Grant vs. City of Twin Falls*, was a civil suit alleging that Axtman and other officers beat several people after bringing them to the police station.

After six years of appeals, Axtman and other officers were exonerated by the Idaho-Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court.

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Idaho road report Organize

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation reported icy spots on a number of highways across the state Wednesday night, with snow in eastern Idaho and in the higher elevations.

Road conditions:

- U.S. 95 — Riggs-Whitebird Hill, dry; Whitebird Hill, dry; Grangeville, dry; sp. spots; Lewiston-Moscow, dry; Wentez-New Meadows, dry; Marsing-Oregon line, dry.
- I-12 — Lewiston-Kooskia, dry.
- Interstate 84 — Oregon line-Burley, dry; Burley-Utah line, dry, road closed from Salt Lake City interchange to Utah line by high winds.
- Idaho 55 — Hargrave Bend-New Meadows, icy spots.
- Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, icy spots; Idaho City-Danner Summit, icy spots; broken snow floor.
- U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, icy spots; Fairfield-Ashton, dry; Ashton-Montana line, icy spots.
- U.S. 26 — Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, icy spots; Blackfoot-INEL, dry.
- Idaho 93 — Nevada's line-Arco, dry.
- Arco-Salmon, broken snow floor; Lost Trail Pass, broken snow floor, snow floor, snowing.
- Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, dry; Galena Summit, broken snow floor.
- Interstate 86 — Dry.
- Interstate 15 — Utah line-Monida Springs, dry.
- U.S. 97 — McAnemon-Soda Springs, dry; snowing; Soda Springs-Wyoming line, wet, snowing, drifts.
- U.S. 91 — Dry.
- Idaho 28 — Dry.

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felt the moderate Boyd is not conservative enough.

Gary Montgomery of Meridian is running for another term as majority floor leader and Bruce Newcomb of Burley, caucus chairman the last two years, seeks the assistant majority leader job. Con Mahoney of Idaho Falls faced no apparent opposition for caucus chairman.

After organizing, the president pro-tem in the Senate and speaker in the House will make committee assignments.

Belt

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Senate President Pro Tem Michael Crapo, R-Idaho Falls, said another burden on the state comes from federal mandates. States, are being forced to pay for increased health care and the cost of safe solid waste disposal, for example.

Idaho's budget in the next year and next decade, Crapo said, will be dominated by education, which already receives about 75 percent of

General fund money, the environment and health care.

Approach next year's budget process frugally. Crapo said, so an economic downturn does not prohibit future spending.

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Idaho lottery

BOISE (AP) — The winning numbers drawn Wednesday night in the Idaho Super Lotto-Lo to America game are:

(1) 10, 16, 24, 32 (one, four, ten, sixteen, twenty-four, thirty-two).

The estimated jackpot is \$10.3 million, lottery officials said.

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Baker asks support to send Saddam message: Get out or risk all

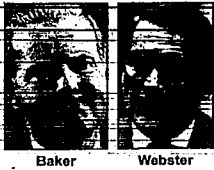
WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State James A. Baker III appealed Wednesday for broad support of the administration's Persian Gulf policy so he can credibly tell Saddam Hussein when they meet: "Get out of Kuwait or risk all."

He said he would not negotiate with Saddam on the trip and added a new warning: "If force must be used, it will be used suddenly, massively and decisively."

Meanwhile, President Bush said in a news conference during his South American trip that the United States would make no effort to give Saddam a face-saving way out.

"When naked aggression takes place, it's not a question of finding face for the aggressor," Bush said in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He asked, "When a country is literally raped and pillaged, should the world go out and try to find a way to save face for the who has raped and pillaged that country?"

Baker, laying out a hard U.S. line before the Senate Foreign Relations



Baker Webster

Committee, ... international sanctions against Iraq have not worked.

He added that he was "very pessimistic" they would if given more time, as some congressional Democrats have strongly recommended, and said the threat of attack now holds the best chance for peace.

But a congressional debate that led to an equivocal message would

be counterproductive, he added. "Congress and the American people must tell Saddam Hussein in unmistakable actions and words: 'Get out of Kuwait now or risk all,'" Baker said.

"But bluntly, this is the last best chance for a peaceful solution," Baker said of his upcoming trip to Iraq, which Baghdad has accepted in principle but details of which remained to be worked out.

"If (Saddam) is not stopped now, if his aggressive designs are not frustrated — peacefully if possible, or if necessary by force — we will all pay a much higher price later on," Baker said.

Responding to a growing chorus on Capitol Hill calling for patience and more reliance on sanctions, Baker said, "Nobody can ever tell you that sanctions alone can force Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait. I am personally very pessimistic that they will."

Citing "intelligence" assessments, Baker said four months of a well-en-

forced embargo have so far produced no glimmer of change in Saddam's position. "Instead, he seems to be doubling his bets," Baker told the committee.

At the same time, CIA Director William Webster was delivering a similar message to the House Armed Services Committee.

"Our judgment has been, and continues to be, that there is no assurance or guarantee that economic hardships will compel Saddam to change his policies or lead to internal unrest that would threaten his regime," Webster said.

If Baker made any converts on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, they were not evident. Committee Chairman Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., said sanctions have not been given adequate time to work. His staff is running "eight or nine to one-to-five-down-the-pipe-toward military action, Pell said.

"There is little evidence of ... impatience or of a popular clamoring for war."

And Sen. Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., said "This is a time for the qualities of the long-distance runner, perseverance, stamina, determination. Lashing out may be less courageous than to stick the course, particularly when you're talking about a significant loss of life."

But Baker, echoing the pessimism voiced earlier by Bush and by De-

lense Secretary Dick Cheney, said waiting "not only gives Saddam time to break the sanctions, but it imposes costs on us. ... As we wait, Saddam will continue torturing Kuwait, killing it as a nation. ... He will continue to fortify Kuwait to build chemical and biological weapons, and to acquire a nuclear weapons capability."

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Briefly

Gene may to help fight cystic fibrosis

NEW YORK — Scientists have cloned a gene that helps the electric ray deliver its stunning shocks, an advance that may help in development of drugs to fight cystic fibrosis.

The gene tells cells how to make a protein called the chloride channel, which transports electrically charged particles through the cell membrane. In the rays, that transport process is used to build up the voltage needed to stun enemies or prey.

Human cells use the same chloride channel for other purposes, and in cystic fibrosis it fails to work properly. That promotes development of a thick, sticky mucus that sets the stage for fatal lung infections.

Scientists may be able to use the newly cloned gene to isolate and purify a human chloride channel, said Robert Heall, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's executive vice president for medical affairs.

Radioactive steam is not threatening

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. — Radioactive steam escaped from a leaky pipe in a reactor at the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant but posed no threat to the public, a utility spokesman said Wednesday.

The leak occurred in Unit 3, along a weld in a pipe that carries cooling ocean water between the reactor and a purifying system, said Brad Thomas, spokesman for Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

Repairs on the pipe were expected to take a week to 10 days.

Taylor to tell of ex-boyfriend's crimes

LOS ANGELES — Elizabeth Taylor won permission Wednesday to tell jurors about her ex-boyfriend's criminal record after her lawyers said it would explain her decision to keep him out of her perfume business.

The ruling came as a panel of prospective jurors was summoned for the trial of the multimillion-dollar lawsuit involving Miss Taylor's best-selling perfume, "Passion."

Lawyers for Henry Wynnberg sought to prevent jurors from hearing that Wynnberg — who counted Miss Taylor between her two marriages to Richard Burton — once pleaded guilty to statutory rape, providing drugs to underage high school girls in return for sex and taking pornographic photos of young girls. They called the evidence "irrelevant, inflammatory and prejudicial."

Scientists advance fight against cancer

NEW YORK — Scientists have identified and analyzed an animal version of a gene that can promote human cancer, an advance that could define new targets for anti-cancer therapy, researchers say.

The work revealed a normal role for the gene in a type of worm that lends itself to powerful research techniques, which may lead to insights into the cellular processes behind several human cancers, scientists said. The research provides the first chance to use a living animal to determine the details of what a gene does in cells, and how it is controlled, commented Princeton University scientist James Broach, who is familiar with the advances.

Compiled from wire service reports

Regulator: Lincoln Savings perhaps worst

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Banking Committee on Wednesday pressed brief regulators on behalf of probing the worst institution in America, and caused enforcement delays that initiated the cost of the eventual federal bailout, the Senate Ethics Committee was told Wednesday.

William K. Black's criticism was the strongest the committee has heard of the senators' intervention with thrift regulators. Black was the first witness in 12 days of hearings to blame the senators for delays in the government's seizing of Charles Keating Jr.'s Lincoln Savings and Loan.

The regulators were criticized by the committee's chief prosecutor, who said the regulators were "permitted to blame the delay on senators because he had no direct knowledge they were responsible. He was permitted to give the testimony."

Black said political pressure by all the senators generally played a role in delaying the seizure from 1987 to April 1989.

It may now cost taxpayers more than \$2 billion to cover the losses of the Irvine, Calif., thrift.

The regulator specifically linked pressure from an aide to Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., in May 1988 to delaying decisions by regulators that "greatly increased losses" for taxpayers.

At an April 9, 1987 meeting between the five senators and four regulators, Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., "kept coming at us" on Lincoln's behalf even after the regulators said they were making criminal referrals to the Justice Department.

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Stumbling blocks falling as nuclear arms treaty signing nears

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. and Soviet negotiators have resolved three big stumbling blocks as they work to complete a nuclear arms pact for President Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev to sign in Moscow early next year, U.S. officials said.

The two sides, in meetings over the last month, have agreed to limit Soviet Backfire bombers outside the treaty, to allow U.S. nuclear programs with Great Britain to continue and to restrict the launch and payload weight of the Soviets' modernized, ground-based SS-18 missiles, said an official who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Plans for Bush's trip to Moscow are on hold while the negotiators try to reach agreement on other technical matters involving inspection of weapons systems and interpretation of missile data.

The White House has said Bush will go to Moscow only if the treaty — which aims to curtail U.S. and Soviet arsenals of long-range nuclear weapons by 30 percent — is ready for signing. The pact will call for scrapping hundreds of warheads under close supervision.

Experts from both sides will meet Friday in Washington to work on the remaining

technical matters. The session is a precursor to the meeting between Secretary of State James A. Baker III and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze in Houston on Monday or Tuesday.

The two are expected to thrash out their remaining differences and set a date for the Moscow summit. Shevardnadze is to then fly to Washington to see Bush on Wednesday.

Recent negotiating sessions produced agreement on three of the outstanding differences holding up the pact, known as START, for Strategic Arms Reduction

Treaty, officials said.

Specifically:

- The United States agreed that the Soviet Backfire bomber can be counted separately from other strategic weapons under the agreement, officials said. A separate letter, outside the actual START treaty, would limit the number of Backfires.
- Initially the United States had maintained the bombers had to be included in the overall START limits of 1,600 heavy bombers and other ballistic missiles the Soviets can retain, said an official close to the talks.
- The Soviets agreed to continued U.S.

nuclear programs with Great Britain as long as those programs do not pose as upsetting the overall strategic balance. The cooperation primarily involves submarine technology and missiles the United States provides for British subs.

- The negotiators have agreed that any modernized SS-18 could not have the capability to carry heavier payloads, including warheads, than the current SS-18. The treaty, however, would not limit modernization such as improved accuracy or fuel efficiency, or alteration in the types of warheads.

Study shows X-rays used if profitable

BOSTON (AP) — Doctors take four times as many X-rays when they own X-ray machines and make money on them, according to a study that provides new evidence of how profits may influence the way physicians practice medicine.

Doctors make a profit on every picture they take with their own equipment. But they earn nothing when they send patients to other specialists for X-rays.

In recent years, many doctors have purchased X-ray and ultrasound machines so they can take diagnostic images in their offices. While they argue that this is convenient for them and their patients, critics suspect that the chance to make more money is also a big incentive to buy and operate these machines.

The new study provides circumstantial evidence that doctors who own their own imaging machines may overuse the equipment, simply to collect fees. Compared to those who send their patients to radiologists, those who own X-ray and ultrasound machines take four times as many diagnostic images for such common complaints as colds and backaches, according to the study published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Dr. Bruce L. Hillman of the University of Arizona, who directed the study, cautioned that it couldn't determine whether the extra X-rays were needed. It also couldn't delve into doctors' reasons for taking them.

However, he said: "Almost certainly one has to wonder whether it's an issue of having these machines and realizing that incomes can be increased by their utilization. That doesn't mean I believe that physicians are sinisterly abusing imaging. But when they come to the crossroads of making the decision and they have the machine in the office, it's awfully easy to decide that the patient needs it."

Ethical guidelines agree that doctors' decisions should be based solely on what is best for patients' health, not physician's finances.

An editorial last year in the Journal of the American Medical Association said that while doctors are free to own equipment, "the patient's interest must always be paramount. Exploitation for any reason is reprehensible."

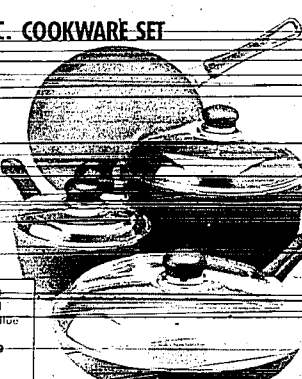
E. Husni Merrim, a philosopher at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine, said there may be other explanations for the higher X-ray use "aside from the obvious possibility that frankly there is money to be made in them there hills."

"There is the simple fact that when something is available, it's easy to use it often," she said. "When you have a hammer, everything looks like a nail." Primary care physicians who own X-ray machines were critical of the study and its implications.


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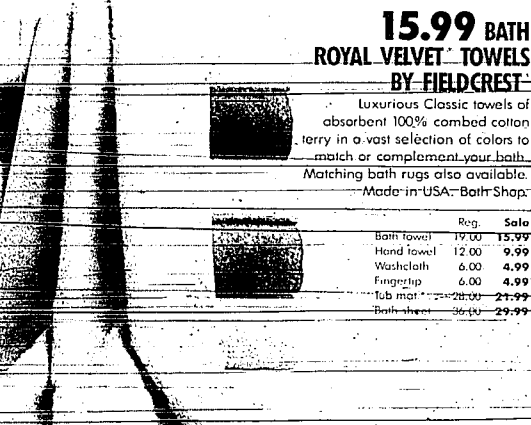


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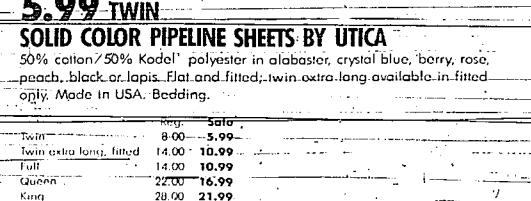


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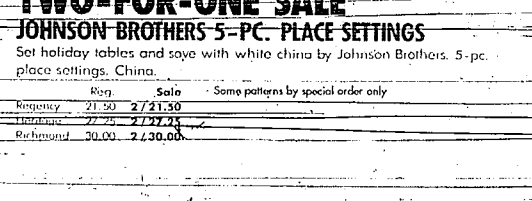
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Opinion

Editorial

Donovan's diluted apology for DUI sets poor example

The worst thing about Richard Donovan's drunken driving case wasn't that he was driving drunk, but what he said about it later.

Donovan, director of Idaho's Department of Health and Welfare, pleaded guilty this week to driving under the influence in Blaine County, Gov. Cecil Andrus will let him keep his job, but the judge ordered a whole shopping list of penalties, including a fine, probation, a mostly suspended jail sentence, community service and 16 hours of alcohol counseling.

The punishment seems about right. Along with the judicial sanctions, Donovan was publicly embarrassed and spent a couple of months on suspension from work. You can't be spent that time alternately sobbing and kicking himself.

In the end, he had to write a penitent letter to Andrus, apologizing recently to the governor but to the people of Idaho.

All that would have been a fitting resolution to the case - except for a couple of statements made by Donovan and his lawyer.

Donovan's letter to Andrus should have ended with his apology, but it didn't. It went on to say, "My guilt remains debatable."

Monday, his lawyer elaborated on that remark. Even though police recorded a .14 percent blood-alcohol level for Dono-

van (10 is legally drunk), and even though he pleaded guilty, Donovan believes he was "not impaired," the lawyer said.

Those statements reveal either ignorance or bravado, maybe both.

Donovan's tune is an all-time favorite in the drunken drivers' jukebox: "I can handle it," the drunks say. "Sure I had a few, but it didn't affect my driving."

Uniformly, the drunks are wrong. Drinking does affect their driving. Oh, maybe they can wander home OK under normal circumstances. But if a hazard pops up in the road, an alcohol-numbed brain cannot react quickly enough, or judge surely enough.

That's why we have the .10 limit.

Someone in Donovan's position should know that his statement to the contrary was irresponsible - it implied that driving with a .14 load is OK if you don't get caught.

Coming from the head of Health and Welfare, that implication is a setback for alcohol awareness. People in Donovan's department who have to deal with problem drinkers must have cringed.

We hope that Donovan comes out of his alcohol counseling with an adjusted attitude - and that he says so publicly.

It's tough waiting on the big quake

When I talked to Mother on the phone last week, she said she wasn't doing much, just "sitting on the New Madrid Fault waiting for something to happen."

That's the way it has been for quite a while, ever since climatologist Iben Browning predicted the likelihood of a major earthquake in early December somewhere along the fault line that extends from Marked Tree, Ark., to my hometown of Cairo, Ill.

Most of the time, I try to joke with my mother. "Remember how Great-Grandmother always said trouble comes in threes?" I reminded her at one point. "So, when something bad happened, she would sit down in her rocking chair and wait for the other two events."

Or, "Don't be like that negative-thinking man who would always walk by the TV set, glance at the football game in progress, and ask 'Who's losing?'"

But it's only normal to be anxious when you're sitting on a supposedly unstable fault line. In Cairo, several businesses closed up shop, surrounding schools shut down and the TV and newspapers were flooded with quakelike news. Several people left town. By Sunday, the stories were rampant.

According to one story, a hitchhiker suddenly appeared and then disappeared in Cairo. "It's going to happen at 2 o'clock this afternoon," he reportedly told several people.



Denise Turner Staff Writer

Then there was the counting system. "Just count to 10, and you have it," the locals were advising each other. One, two, three was the date (12/3); 4, 5, 6 the time; 7, 8 (on the Richter scale), and '90 the year.

According to those calculations, my mother figured that everyone in the little town of Cairo would be watching "Jeopardy" on TV when the quake hit.

Of course, some people were too busy to watch TV. Like the insurance sales executives, for example, who sold plenty of earthquake policies, and the people peddling souveniers and T-shirts.

The gas company employees kept busy, too, installing emergency shut-off valves. And the churchies fared exceptionally well, most offering standing room only last Sunday morning.

Residents stayed busy preparing their earthquake kits, complete with blankets, radios, flashlights and can openers. They packed suitcases with first-aid boxes, and

they put duplicates in their cars. On Tuesday night, everyone was calling neighbors, trying to decide how to keep the jugs of distilled water in their cars from freezing.

By Wednesday, at least one of my mother's friends was exhausted. She was wearing all her rings to bed every night, and her hands were so weighted down that she couldn't get any rest.

It reminded me of my friend Sarah, who always refused to read "Gone with the Wind" in bed because she was afraid she would fall asleep and the book would fall on her head and kill her.

On Wednesday night, my mother called again. "They're saying on TV that the earthquake might not happen until Dec. 31," she groaned. "Or, maybe in the next 10 to 50 years." If the predictions keep going, they're bound to be right someday.

"I guess the only lesson we can learn from all this is to remember that some things in life are simply beyond our control," I told Mother.

"I think I'll unpack my suitcase and go to bed," she said.

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Letters

Thanks for TREE success

Many thanks to all the students, presenters and advisors who made the Teens for the Restoration of the Earth's Environmental Fall Festival in Jerome a resounding success. This overnight workshop (Nov. 30 and Dec. 1) was a fast-paced series of speakers, brainstorming sessions and fun-filled activities to turnier develop group cohesiveness.

TREE is the first state student environmental organization in the nation. It all began a year ago at Jerome High School as a simple idea and has grown to include branches at both High School, Jerome Junior High School, O'Leary Junior High School, Twin Falls High School and Wendell High School. In the last year, we have helped coordinate Magic Valley's Earth Day activities 1990, raised over \$1,000 to buy and protect rain forest property in Costa Rica, made presentations to school, church and civic groups, distributed and planted over 500 seedlings as part of the Billion-Pound Diet, recycled tons of paper and aluminum and pushed for the establishment of conservation policies within our local districts and our city, county and state governments. And we're just getting started.

It's encouraging to see the ever-growing corps of young people eager to educate themselves about environmental issues and willing to accept the responsibility to realize their subsequent resolutions. These young leaders refuse to take a back seat to anyone because of their age. They fully understand the need for change. They fully intend to mobilize the others to act. I applaud their youthful enthusiasm and intense commitment for making their dreams a reality.

Despite invitations to attend the Fall Festival, the media was unable to cover this momentous occasion. Yet, in a recent article, The Times-News saw nothing wrong with promoting the sale of an exotic reptile (namely, a \$600 brown python) in a full-color photograph. As a biology teacher, I have several exotic pets in my classrooms, but they are all orphans, having been abandoned by owners who tired of the responsibility of their long-term care and maintenance.

Hopefully, TREE will receive the coverage it deserves at its Spring Festival in March.

Any student or teacher interested in joining TREE or forming their own branch is urged to contact either me or the TREE Branch nearest you. Just remember, if you're not part of the ecological solution, you're part of the problem.

DICK JORDAN Jerome

Postal Service kept the money

About five months ago, I found a pair of glasses in a case in the Hansen Post Office. I gave it to the postmistress to see if they could find the owner. She opened it up and found three \$20 bills and a \$1 bill inside the case. She posted a notice on the bulletin board asking the owner to identify.

After two or three months with no response, I asked her what she would do. She told me she would have to find out from the Boise office. She received word that the post office would keep the money. It would go into a trust fund.

I don't think I would use this as an example for kids as "honesty is the best policy." TED VAUX Hansen

True wilderness a necessity

I think the reason why we are having so much trouble trying to figure out what to do with Idaho's wilderness is basically twofold.

One major problem is that so few have really experienced it. I mean without the rifle or chainsaw in hand. I mean without the horse, snowmobile or motorcycle under "butt."

Take a hike sometime from Adams to Stanley by way of the Queens River to Iron Creek. Try Pole Creek to Järlidige. How about Frog Lake through the White Clouds to Boulder City. In one week, your opinion of the human experience can be drastically altered.

I don't think one acre of wilderness is worth sacrificing for our material gluttony (logging, grazing, etc.) or our insatiable entertainment demands (recreation?).

The other side of this problem is the natives of the regions. They don't speak our language. They live and die by laws that are beyond most present-day humans' ability to grasp. If they stood on two legs instead of trunks and four legs, we would have declared them heathens and destroyed them or their culture long ago.

God's design is most obvious in the wild lands. Simply, the lack of humans is the only thing that will save the "seed stock" from which our spirit was created.

KIRK CHARLSON Buhl

Choice not part of the issue

I would like to direct my letter to those of you that are against abortion but are pro-choice.

First of all, I am pro-choice. I think we all are. It is not a woman's choice that is at stake. If a woman wants to choose to cut off her arm, hey, it's her body, let her. She has the right to choose to shave her head or have a sex change or have her tubes tied or be pregnant, she gets to choose. But the people who advocate abortion are out there to mislead the public by confusing the issues.

To begin with, there is a third person to consider. Yes, the woman has the choice, but who is the choice of the baby? The fact is that what a person is now was completely and genetically determined at six weeks gestation. The majority of doctors out there will tell you "scientifically speaking" that this is life. How dare these people deny scientific knowledge in their crusade for a non-Christian nation.

Well, if they can't convince you on the ethics, then the pro-abortionists twist the issue with "every baby a wanted baby." Aren't you people listening? People are going to Korea, Romania, Mexico, Vietnam, Africa and the list goes on and on to get babies. Hey, all you want to give out there just into any lawyer who handles adoptions and find out how wanted your baby really is.

And now, we get into the last issue that the pro-abortionists have found to deceive the women: "Don't bring morality into it."

Well, this government was based on morality! Our Constitution was written on the intent that the American people would remain a moral people. You see, our laws were designed on the fact that as long as people were living a moral life, it could function properly. A quote Jack Kemp, "Democracy without morality is impossible."

So put morality, available adoptions and the fact that there is life in those babies

back into the issue of abortion and you find that choice is not part of the issue at all. A woman's free choice comes before conception occurs. Pro-abortionists have confused all of this. They don't care about morality; they don't care that the baby is denied its choice; they don't care about the hurt and the pain and the nightmares girls have as a result. Don't be a victim of this unethical force that is out in the name of choice to deceive our country.

KARYN BLOXHAM Gooding

Jobs sorely missed in Gooding

Having been a resident and property owner in Gooding from 1962 through 1978, the recent flap about the cheese plant brings about sad memories.

The No. 1 problem in Gooding is lack of employment. I lived in Gooding 16 years and never worked one day in Gooding - I worked in Twin Falls.

During the mid-70s, we Goodingites had an opportunity to create from 60 to 100 jobs - jobs that at this time would be in excess of \$20,000 per year. One hundred employees would amount to \$2 million per year directly into the Gooding economy.

That opportunity was when the state of Idaho wanted to open a women's prison in the old tuberculosis hospital in Gooding.

That was at a time when the grounds were well kept and the property was very attractive and not the eyesore it is today.

That effort and intent was destroyed by a very small but very vocal group led by one individual who had a scheme to own the property himself under the guise of a "non-profit" drug rehab facility. He was joined in that effort by "Ma and Pa" Brown, who published a little rinky-dink newspaper at Gooding, and Karen Arkoosh and her sister.

The theme of this opposition was "the quality of life" in Gooding, as the current rub seems to be. Actually, all of the opponents had personal axes to grind. Karen Arkoosh and her sister are "big" in Gooding, in farming and the restaurant business. They have a lot of interest in keeping jobs at the minimum wage level or less - 2,000 hours a year at \$3.35 is \$6,700, not \$20,000.

Many of the signatures on the petition gathered by the opponents of the women's prison in 1978 were gained from teenagers children attending the free teen disco on Sundays at the bar in Gooding operated by Karen Arkoosh's family. Those same children who were 15, 16 or 17 years old at that time would be 27 to 29 now. I wonder if they ever think about that when they are out job hunting now.

RICHARD F. BYRD Jerome

True church exists within

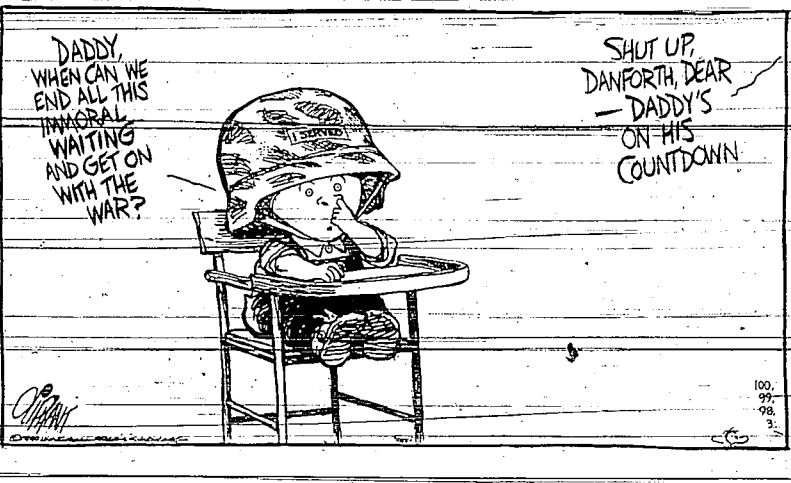
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So, we invite you in to worship with us and get the peace and love that only God can give.

BIGGY-GULL Jerome



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Seattle area apartment projects delayed by mismarked lumber

SEATTLE (AP) — A mismarked piece of lumber was a warning to city officials that something was amiss in the closely guarded business of grading wood for the construction industry.

An angry Seattle lumber wholesaler telephoned Clarke's MacDonald Inspection Services in Vancouver, British Columbia, early last month.

"We found spruce lumber that was marked as hemlock," Clarke said. "The next day, we were down there."

Since then, a search for substandard lumber carrying higher-grade marks has resulted in the closure of apartment-building construction projects in the Puget Sound area. Up to 60 projects have been shut down.

While builders, inspectors and engineers have worked to ferret out low-quality lumber and resume projects, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police has started an investigation in British Columbia to find the source of the mismarked wood.

Costs to fix buildings are expected to run into the millions of dollars. However, inspectors and builders said there were no safety problems and the buildings would be built to code.

"We're not looking at this as a significant structural problem right now," said Mike Dykeman, commercial inspection supervisor for King County Building and Land Development.

"Whether this is a health and safety issue, I think what we have is a consumer fraud issue," Colin Quinn, Lincoln Property Co. vice president,

said Tuesday. Mislabeled studs were found in a new, 192-unit Lincoln apartment complex.

Clarke and Tom Searles, executive vice president of the American Lumber Standards Committee in Germantown, Md., said the mismatched lumber appeared to be limited to the Seattle area and to larger construction jobs.

The problem is with framing lumber generally considered No. 3 quality, but graded to indicate it is of No. 1 or No. 2 quality, and with spruce marked as more desirable hemlock or fir.

The lumber carries the MacDonald grading stamp, which is registered and licensed to mills. Marking lower-quality wood a higher grade can double its price.

Searles said the case was the biggest he could remember.

"People have copied grade stamps before, but it's never been this blatant," he said, adding that the international lumber-grading system is zealously guarded and there have been few cases of fraud.

The most recent he could recall involved a truss plant in south Florida several years ago, where the manufacturer had illegally copied a stamp.

Searles said the mismarked wood was "a very small percentage in the overall picture of things."

The United States building industry imports 12 billion to 14 billion board feet of lumber a year from Canada, Searles said. Estimates of the mismarked timber involved range from 140,000 board feet to millions of board feet.

Dykeman said inspection agencies have asked builders to check records, inspect buildings and dig through waste-wood piles in search of suspect wood.

In some instances, plumbing, electric wiring and wallboard have had to be torn out to brace or replace mismarked lumber. The biggest problems arise with joists, horizontal beams that support floors or ceilings.

Dykeman said some projects have been shut down for six weeks and could be shut down eight more weeks.

Quinn said the apartment builders would go to court to push the losses they have sustained further up the chain of suppliers.

In Canada, the Mounted Police has said little about its search for culprits.

Chris Perkins, investigating officer, declined to provide details of the investigation, except to say it would be lengthy.

MacDonald Inspection Services has retrieved its grading stamps from two firms — Moga Timber Mill Ltd. and A.P. Timber Co., which market lumber from a single mill in Surrey.

The operations are owned by the Moga or A.P. Timber," he said.

Lumber carrying stamps licensed view Lumber Ltd. of Surrey, which denied any wrongdoing. "We will not tolerate any claims made against in the Puget Sound area. However, it Seattle."

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Al Clarko, project supervisor for Summerwalk apartments near Issaquah, Wa., examines improperly graded studs found in the building.

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Small quake hits Montana with no damage

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — An earthquake measuring 3.5 on the Richter scale shook the Helena area early Wednesday, but apparently caused no damage, officials said.

Mike Stickney, head of the Montana Earthquake Studies Center in Butte, said the epicenter of the tremor was located in the Garnet Mountain Range southwest of Avon, about 40 miles west of Helena.

The quake struck at 6:18 a.m. MST, Stickney said, and some residents in Helena, Elliston and Clancy reported feeling the tremor.

Stickney said 3.5-magnitude earthquakes rarely cause any damage, unless the epicenter is directly under a populated area.

The tremor was apparently preceded by two smaller foreshocks.

"I would estimate that the largest of those was in the 2 to 2.5 range," he said. "That's really too small to even feel."

Stickney said he was surprised that so many people even felt the 3.5 tremor.

"We've had a larger earthquake in the last week that wasn't felt at all," he said, referring to a 4.0-tremor centered in the Basin and Range Wilderness north of Helena last Friday. Stickney said officials weren't expecting any aftershocks from the tremor, but will be monitoring seismology equipment closely for the next several days.

Man dies in crash

NEWDALE (AP) — A 20-year-old Rigby man was killed when the pickup truck he was driving left Idaho Highway 33 about seven miles east of Newdale.

An Idaho State Police report said Rickie Hansen died at the scene of the crash Tuesday morning. A passenger, Damon R. Dalley, 21, of St. Anthony, was treated and released from Madison Memorial Hospital in Rexburg.

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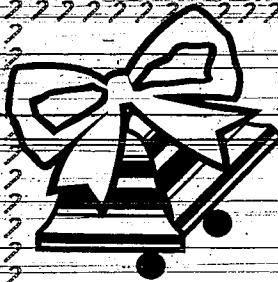
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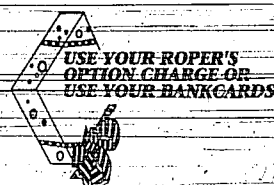


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Around the valley

Burley man charged with aggravated assault

RUPERT — A 36-year-old Burley man was arrested early Wednesday morning and later charged with aggravated assault after his girlfriend was taken to the hospital.

Larry D. Kennedy was apparently involved in an argument with his girlfriend when the Rupert Police Department received a call at about 2:30 a.m. Wednesday, Rupert Police Chief Paul Fries said. Officers found Kennedy hiding in a canal about half a mile from his home, Fries said. Kennedy was served with two outstanding warrants for court warrants and taken to the Minidoka County Jail, Fries said.

The woman involved was taken to Cassia Memorial Hospital where she remained Wednesday, he said.

Jerome Senior Center addition nears completion

JEROME — An addition to Jerome Senior Center is 80 to 90 percent complete. Gerald Martin of EHM Engineers Inc. said Tuesday that the 900-square-foot building expansion and accompanying parking lot will cost approximately \$69,800. Of that, \$53,800 will come from a block grant and \$16,000 from seniors using the center.

The building is enclosed and the parking lot is completed, though some repairs to the asphalt will be done next spring.

Remaining to be completed are hooking up the heating system, completing the painting and carpeting and putting in the volleyball and basketball areas that were removed to make room for the expansion. Grass will be reseeded next spring, Martin said. The seniors will pay for the replacement of the volleyball court and basketball hoop from sales of crafts and other items at the center, Director Kathleen Wilson said.

Sun Valley Co. announces speed limits for some ski areas

SUN VALLEY — High-speed hot-doggers will have to slow down on certain runs at Bald Mountain this winter.

Starting this month, some runs, including Sun Valley Co. announced they will introduce a new concept to encourage and enforce safe skiing.

Five new "family skiing" zones for slow skiers will be started to strictly enforce slow skiing. Violators skiing too fast in these designated areas will have their skiing privileges revoked.

By designating family skiing areas on Bald Mountain, Sun Valley Co. hopes to significantly reduce the perceived threat among some skiers that they may be "harmed" while skiing, a press release said.

"Respecting the slow skier is simply a common sense thing," said Bruce Malone, Sun Valley Ski Patrol director. "We will not tolerate a few rule breakers ruining the skiing experience of others."

The new controlled "family skiing" areas are at Mid- and Lower Warm Springs, Upper and Lower Sun Valley, Middle and Lower River Run, all of Scenic Ridge and Olympic Ridge. This new policy is supported by the U.S. Forest Service, the Ketchum Ranger District and the Blaine County sheriff's office.

4-vehicle collision leaves 2 women hurt, 1 hospitalized

TWIN FALLS — Four cars tangled on Blue Lakes Boulevard Tuesday, injuring two women and sending one to the hospital.

Richard H. Swanson, 48, of Paul, was driving his Chevrolet van north on Blue Lakes near the intersection of North College Road when he tried to change from the inside to the outside lane, according to a police report.

Swanson hit Sharon Cutler, 53, of Stanley, who was in the next lane. Cutler lost control of her Volkswagen Golf and spun into the lane of oncoming traffic, where she was hit by Zina Lee Hultsmith, 78, of Jerome, who was southbound, the report says. The impact knocked Cutler's car into the other southbound lane, where she hit a brand-new Mercury-Tracer driven by Sylvester Heston, 71, of Gooding.

Hultsmith was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, and later released. Cutler received minor injuries but was not hospitalized, according to the report. No citations were issued, according to the report.

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Quarter Pounder may be the best economic index

By Craig Lincoln
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — What does a McDonald's Quarter Pounder have to do with quality of life?

The Alaska Department of Labor thinks it has the answer. The Idaho Department of Employment agrees.

"Do we put a price on lower crime rates, on air quality, etc., or is it possible to use some simple, easy-to-quantify means of comparison?" the Idaho Employment Department asked in its October "Idaho Employment" publication.

Alaska and Idaho chose a simple unit of measurement: a McDonald's Quarter Pounder.

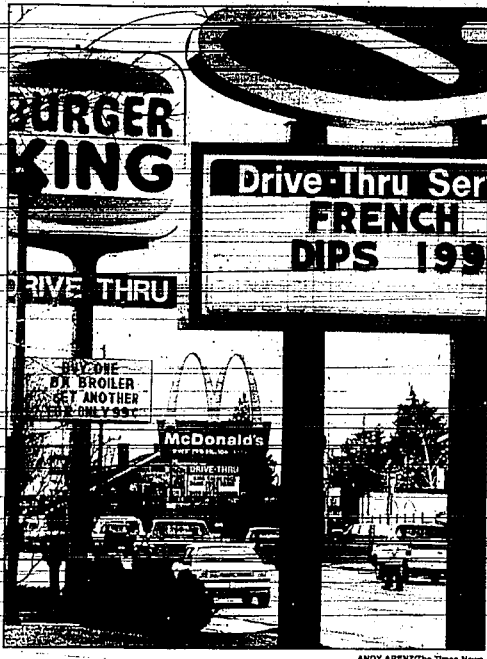
The Idaho Employment Department, tongue half in cheek, released its second Quarter Pounder Index in October.

It works like this: The department compared the price of a McDonald's Quarter Pounder with cheese, a large order of french fries and a medium drink in several Idaho and Northwest cities with per-capita income in those cities.

"Although it may seem frivolous, the Quarter Pounder Index does give us an idea of cost-of-living variations between different parts of the region," the department said.

In Twin Falls, the cost of the fast-food package increased 30 percent between the department's first index in 1982 and 1990, to \$4.03. That's 5 percent higher than the department's benchmark city, Boise.

And Burley, with a per-capita income, \$12,327, was 22.5 percent lower than Boise, meaning the city's residents are a



Trying to lure hungry customers, local fast food restaurants advertise specials on the street.

Cheeseburger paradise?

Price war signals good times for fast-food patrons

The Times-News
and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS — Three hamburgers for a buck was common in Twin Falls this summer, but the area is bucking a national trend. The fast-food industry is getting chubbier.

With McDonald's, Taco Bell and Burger King outlets on many street corners and retail strips, industry analysts say price is slipping convenience as the main selling point.

In Twin Falls, many fast-food outlets serve hamburgers at three for \$1 in November. Don't look for the battle to end.

Some call it a price war, but McDonald's Restaurant Owner Bill Kyle says, "Some may call it aggressive marketing."

But nationally, many chains are making a new twist. Their new approach is to add a discount store with everyday low prices.

Wendy's and Wendy's are at the front of the price-cutting movement known in the industry as "value pricing." But the discounts are bound to spread rapidly when McDonald's joins the game, probably early next year.

"Once the industry leader does it, the others have no choice. This will bring the whole new wave of reduced prices," says Michael Mueller, who follows the fast-food industry for Montgomery Securities in San Francisco.

Consumers increasingly can find bargains at McDonald's franchisees, which offer up to nearly 80 percent of the chain's stores and are free to set their own prices.

"We're looking for all year long and will continue doing it," Kyle said.

"It's the discount store concept... they're going to everyday low pricing," said Ron Platt, president of Technomic Inc., a Chicago-based restaurant consulting firm.

count trail in 1987 when it began a price-cutting program that culminated this October in the introduction of its nearly 3,300 restaurants of new price-conscious menus.

Instead of categorizing its offerings under such headings as burritos, tacos and side price categories, 59 cents, 79 cents and 99 cents.

The strategy has been wildly successful. Taco Bell reported a 27 percent increase in sales in 1989 to \$2 billion and projects sales of \$2.6 billion this year.

Wendy's International Inc. is "very, very pleased" with its year-end Super Value Menu, which contains seven items each costing 99 cents, said spokesman Denny Lynch in Dublin, Ohio. For the baked potato and garden salad, the price represents a 56-cent reduction from the full price.

"I think it goes on in any store," Twin Falls Wendy's Assistant Manager Cindy Mueller said. "Everybody looks at everybody else's price."

Rather than discounting its hamburgers, Wendy's created a 99-cent bacon cheeseburger for the new menu.

The selective discounting brings in more customers but has not cut into the thin profit margins on which all fast-food restaurants operate, Lynch said.

Analysts say McDonald's likely will follow Wendy's example in devising a value strategy to combat its current sales slowdown.

Jack Greenberg, McDonald's chief financial officer, declined to discuss the company's options.

But he said McDonald's is strongly opposed to temporary discounts and is working with its franchisees to develop "a value strategy for 1991 and beyond."

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Legislative leaders want reapportionment pact this year

By Anita Dennis
Times-News writer

BOISE — State legislators have barely arrived in Boise to organize their new leadership and the next decade of Idaho's political representation — reapportionment — is already a hot topic.

Sen. Marguerite McLaughlin, D-Orofino, told the audience at the Associated Taxpayers of Idaho's annual conference Wednesday that she drove for 24 hours toward Boise and was still in her district.

McLaughlin, the assistant Democratic leader in the Senate, represents sprawling legislative District 7, which includes Clear-

water, Lewis and Idaho counties — 26,900 people living in a district that totals 11,021 square miles.

Saying that everyone should be able to easily reach their representatives, McLaughlin said, "When you have to drive 24 hours, you don't have reasonable access."

"Fairness should be the utmost concern as Idaho's legislative districts are redrawn in the wake of the 1990 U.S. census," she said.

Speaker of the House Tom Boyd, a Genesee Republican, recommended legislators tackle the issue early in the 1991 session and devise a reapportionment plan to take home in March, giving Idaho citizens

plenty of time to consider it and give feedback to their representatives.

Although there is no fixed deadline for reapportionment, a plan needs to be implemented before candidates can file for candidacy in the May 1992 primary.

Boyd suggested a special summer session of the Legislature might be held to finalize a plan.

"I would expect a short, interim session when we would all come back and work something out," he said.

Democratic Sen. Karl Brooks of Boise proposed an alternative: Form a task force of academicians, political scientists, lawyers and demographers to study reapportion-

ment.

Have them develop ideas which can be taken before the public to ponder, Brooks said, and settle the issue "fairly and quickly" in the 1992 Legislature.

The parties leaders of Idaho's current government bodies well for a fair resolution, Brooks said.

Republicans control the House, the governor is a Democrat and the Senate has an equal number of members from each party.

"That triangle... may well produce a reapportionment solution that is just, that is fair, and will meet constitutional requirements," Brooks said.

BLM panel at odds over public input on grazing

By N.S. Norkentved
Times-News writer

BURLEY — An advisory council to the Bureau of Land Management Wednesday rejected a proposal to increase public involvement in the council's recommendations on grazing regulations.

"I was shot down by Ennis Pickens and the livestock industry," said Lloyd Smith, the council member who introduced the proposal.

Smith, a Rupert truck parts salesman, suggested the Burley District Advisory Council form a subcommittee along with ranchers, biologists and other interested persons to study riparian problems on

Goose Creek south of Oakley.

Riparian areas are green and wet areas along streams and lakes.

Pickett, a council member who owns a large livestock operation in the Oakley area, said the subcommittee proposal was premature because ranchers who run livestock on the Goose Creek Allotment are to meet with the BLM Monday to discuss grazing issues.

They might come up with a solution, he said.

Smith, however, said other public land users besides the livestock industry ought to be involved in public land use decisions.

Smith recommended fencing off one or

more stream segments, but an area large enough to give a good indication of the potential for the riparian areas to regenerate themselves.

"Let's give it a chance," Smith said. "Let's see what it looks like."

Smith and others are concerned about the condition of riparian areas along Goose Creek and elsewhere in Idaho.

The 12 million acres of Bureau of Land Management land in Idaho includes 6,800 acres of riparian areas.

"They're critical to water quality, to water availability," said Dietz Van Zandt, director of the Bureau of Land Management Idaho state office, at a meeting several

weeks ago.

The bureau's goal is to have 75 percent of those riparian areas in good to excellent condition by 1997. Now 80 percent are "less than good," Van Zandt said.

Too much grazing, or grazing at the wrong time of year, can damage vegetation to the point that it no longer can hold the soil of the stream banks. The stream banks erode during the spring snowmelt and summer storms.

The streams are then cut deeper, and the lower stream level drains the surrounding area. The result over a period of time is a wide shallow stream with poor fish habitat. Wet meadows in turn dry out to become sagebrush flats and many

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Twin Falls seeking exception to 20:1 pupil-teacher ratio rule

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The School District is seeking an exception to the state-mandated 20-to-1 student-teacher ratio for kindergarten through third grade. Without an exemption, the district's top administrators says, Twin Falls will need another 13 to 14 teachers in the lower grades — as well as classrooms to put them in.

The Legislature early this year allocated funds to Idaho school districts to relieve overcrowding. Along with the money came the 20-to-1 ratio.

Twin Falls schools met the requirement until last month. But then the Idaho Education Association won a lawsuit forcing a change in the state's class-size formula.

The formal had allowed districts to count physical education instructors, music teachers and other specialized teachers in figuring the 20-to-1 ratio. Last month's court ruling says only regular classroom teachers can be counted.

Under the new guidelines, Twin Falls' kindergarten through third-grade classes stand at 22 students per teacher.

So the district is preparing reports for the state, outlining how the \$300,000 allocated by the Legislature to reduce Twin Falls class sizes was spent, Superintendent Terrell Donicht said Wednesday.

He said he hopes State Superintendent Jerry Evans will grant Twin Falls an exemption from the 20-to-1 rule.

If not, the district would have to add 13 or 14 classes for kindergarten through third-grade students. "Finding enough teachers isn't the main problem," Donicht said. The district could move some of the "specialized" teachers and others from higher grades into regular K-3 duty.

But Donicht said he doesn't know where additional classrooms could be found.

About half the \$300,000 earmarked for class-size reduction was used for grades K-3, with the rest going to grades 4-6 and to the junior high schools, Donicht said.

The exemption request and reports will be submitted to Evans by Dec. 14, but Donicht said he has no idea when Evans will act on the request.

Local IEA officials couldn't be reached for comment.

Sho-Ban tribes plan to expand bingo operations

FORT HALL (AP) — Now that they have overcome state opposition, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes hope to triple the size of their bingo operation on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation next year.

Nathan Small, tribal bingo manager, said Sho-Ban officials plan to expand the six-month-old operation by building a bingo hall near the existing Post-Complex off Interstate 15 to receive some 200 players.

The Fort Hall Business Council already has approved funding, but the project still must be approved by the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs.

A public hearing also is scheduled Monday on a request for a special use permit from the tribal land use Commission.

"We had hoped we would be moved in or have the building up by February or March, but it might be longer," Small said.

Jerome residents facing higher costs for sewer, water service

By H.R. Weixel Times-News correspondent

JEROME — With Jerome residents facing a 5 percent rate increase in their sewer bills and a cost of \$50,000 to \$85,000 to upgrade the water system at the Spears Manufacturing Plant, the Jerome City Council tackled sewer and water problems Tuesday night.

"The city is spending a lot of money on the system at Spears, and we need to address that," Councilman Daryl Cameron said at a Tuesday council meeting.

The city hired an engineering firm for \$8,900 to design a system that would allow use of the Spears water system. Bringing the system up to standard could cost as much as \$85,000, the city estimates.

Use of water at the Spears plant is limited to fire protection because of soil contamination left by Tupperware, owned by Dart Industries which formerly operated the plant.

"If EPA is satisfied and if Spears gives us the system, we'll still come out," said Mayor Gerald Ostler. "We don't have to use the Hanford system, but we need that water for the industrial park."

Spears has told Jerome City Attorney

Robert Williams III it will reimburse the city for any costs to refurbish the water system if the city doesn't take the system.

But the council agreed a verbal commitment was not enough.

"We need something in writing," Councilman Tom Hall said.

The city administrator will continue to work with the attorney and Spears on the problem.

The second reading of a bill that will increase city residents' sewer bills by 5 percent was heard. The increased rate is required to purchase a sewer jet system and truck for about \$60,000 to keep sewer lines clear.

Based on revenue from sewer bills in 1989-1990, about \$19,000 would be generated each year, according to Glen Capps of Jerome.

Two damage claims totaling \$2,482.69 for sewer backup were submitted to the city's insurance company.

In other business, the council:

- Approved \$615 to purchase a dot matrix printer for the police department from Focus Computer Co. of New York.
- Heard a report that Ray Raymond, head of Twin Falls-based subsidiary, had submitted a low bid of \$6,749 for a 1991 pickup truck for use by the city's waste water treatment plant staff.

and the second bid of \$6,877.29 from Con Paulos GMC of Jerome should be accepted. "We're not obligated to take the low bid," Hall said.

The council decided to get legal advice before accepting either bid.

- Awarded a bid for \$21,088 for a 1991 car and chassis for the street department.
- Approved purchase of a 1989 Chevrolet sedan for \$6,445 from Con Paulos to be used by the police department detective.
- Approved purchase of hydraulic rescue equipment for the fire department at a total cost of \$8,700. The city will pay \$4,000 as budgeted, and the volunteer firemen will pay the balance.
- Heard a report from Police Chief George Silver that an auction of bicycles will be held Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. at City Hall.
- Heard a report that the fire department has been responding to 20 calls a month. Between \$40,000 and \$50,000 in fire damage was incurred last month, Fire Chief Jim Auelnein said.
- Decided to close City Hall at noon on Monday, Dec. 24.
- Approved a request from the fire department to purchase two radio headsets at a total cost of \$772.

INEL waste problems unlike those at Hanford

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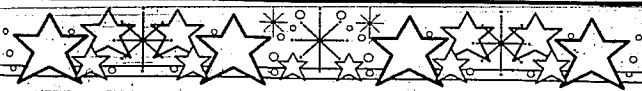
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"Money became less available" in attempts to keep the businesses afloat, Hansen said.

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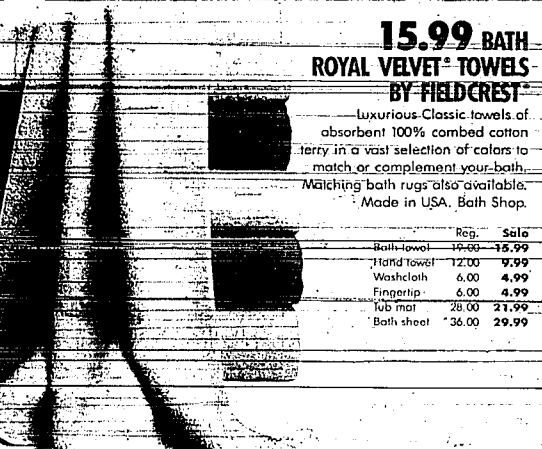
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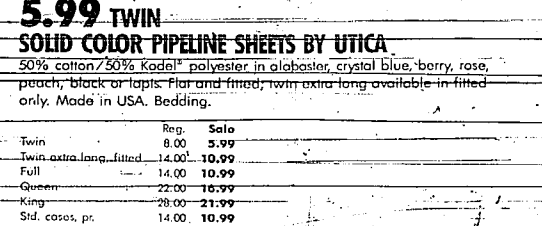
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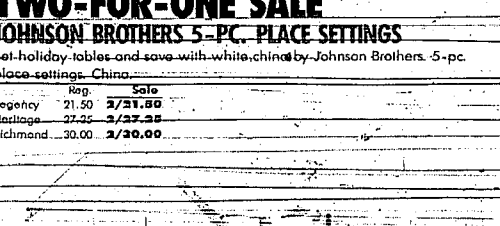
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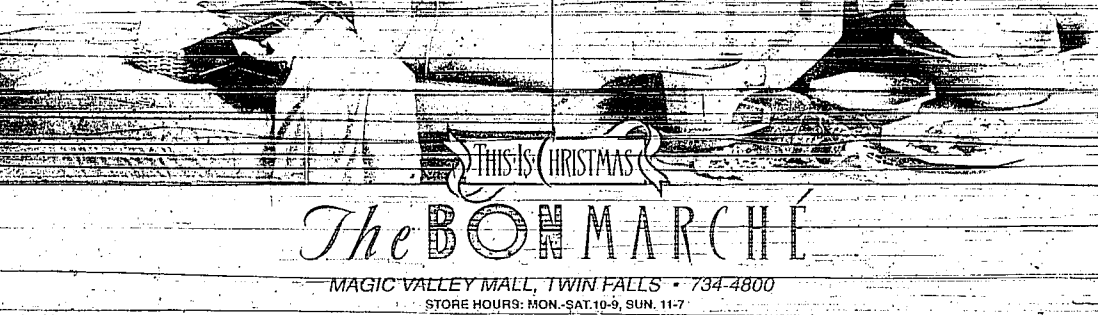
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Under Chapter 11, debts are automatically frozen and the debtor is given time to devise a payment plan that must win court approval.

Hansen told Frankel he expected to submit such a plan within four months.

Hansen's Chapter 11 petition was filed Oct. 31.

When asked by Frankel what led to the Chapter 11 filing, Hansen said it resulted when several key projects took longer than anticipated to get off the ground.

"Money became less available" in attempts to keep the businesses afloat, Hansen said.

Connie Hansen told Frankel she knows very little about her husband's consulting business and primarily has been involved with Poentello Copycat, which employs seven full-time employees and one part-time worker.

Money owed to the top 20 creditors in the Chapter 11 petition — 16 of whom are from Idaho — totals almost \$8.7 million.

The 99 creditors include individuals, businesses and churches stretching from Idaho to Indiana, Texas and Florida.

George Hansen served almost a year in prison in 1987 for filing false financial statements.


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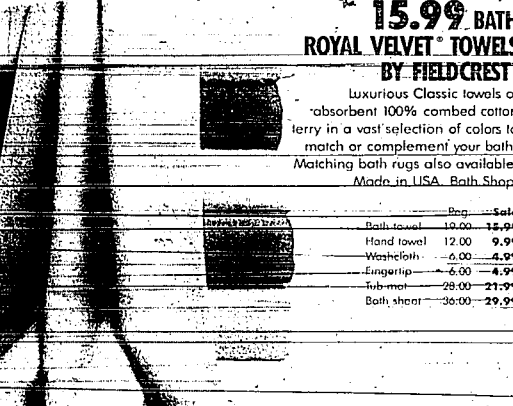
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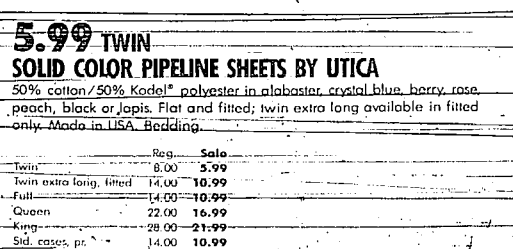
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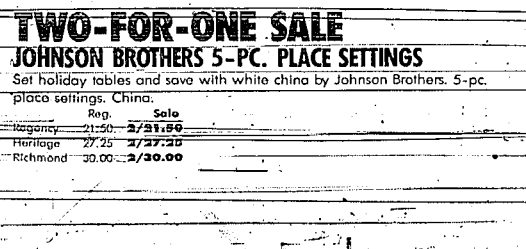
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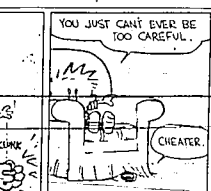
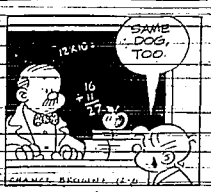
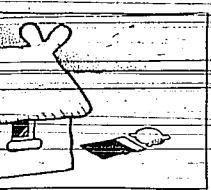
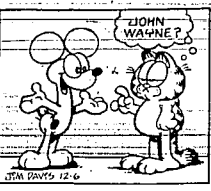
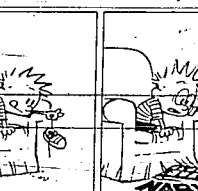
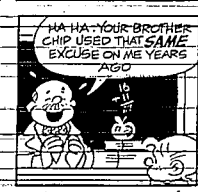
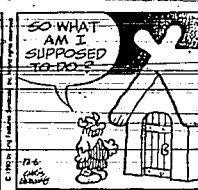
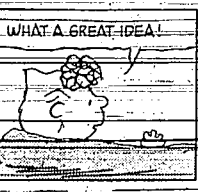
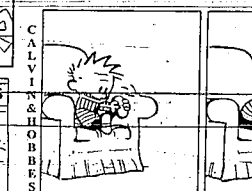
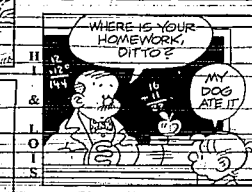
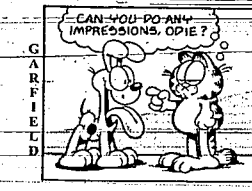
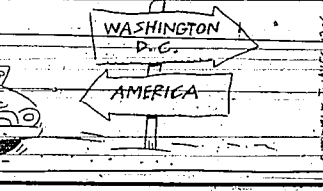
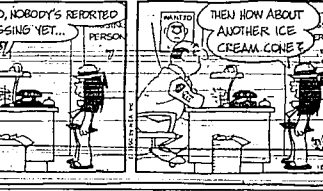
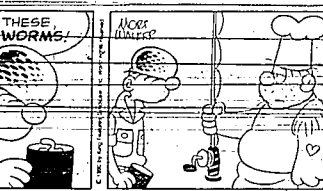
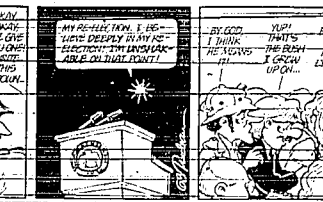
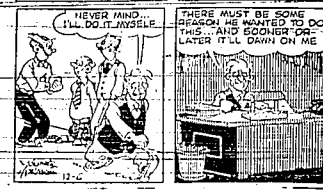
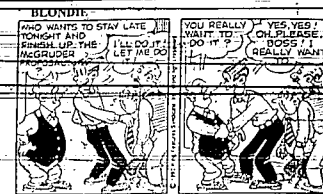
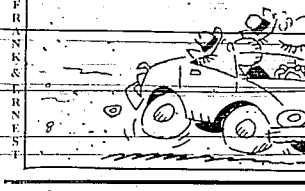
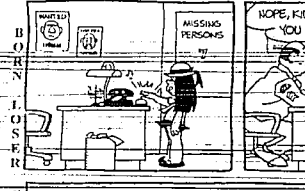
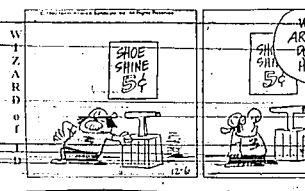
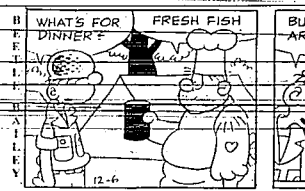
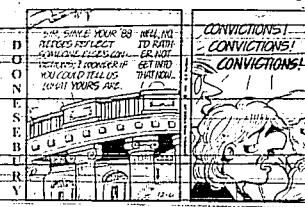
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Sydney Omarr
Astrological Forecasts

IF DECEMBER 6 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have unusual, since talent for drama, music, design. You are attractive, can be self-indulgent to point of having "sweet tooth." You attract Taurus, Libra, Scorpio individuals. Current highlights "second chance" to succeed. During 1991, emphasis on marital status, possible business enterprise, serious consideration regarding addition to family. In January you travel; are popular; could win contest. June is likely to be your most powerful, productive month of the year.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Finally you get cooperation for display of product, talents. You'll be saying, "I'll certainly celebrate this Thursday night" focus on "achievement, creativity, style, physical attraction."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Accent versatility, humor, intellectual curiosity. You'll be asked to take charge of entertainment program. Accept; you will do just fine.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Build an "old structure - Get rid of safety hazards! You'll receive assistance from individual you hold in high regard. Taurus, Scorpio persons play roles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Ideas check; money is involved; you'll get credit deserved thanks to "Scorpio-futures-vicinity, discovery, flirtation, added spice to your life. Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius in picture."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Wear bright colors, including yellow, gold, red and orange. You'll receive success in creative, style, challenge, taught features (romance, reassurance that indeed you are cherished).

L.M. Boyd
What's what?

INSURANCE
When the farmer's barn burnt down, the insurance company refused to pay him for the loss, offering instead to build him a new barn. He immediately canceled the policy on his wife. That's all to the oldest insurance policy of record.

Q. In a trenchery, what's the anchor point?
A. Where the arrow is drawn back to there and no farther.

Q. Men nag, too, don't they?
A. Indeed. Our Love and War man's file on the subject reveals: "Husbands nag their wives for what they do. Wives nag their husbands for what they don't do."

BREAKUP
When college-age couples break up, how long does it take the disenchanted partners to recover? Researchers have studied that, too.

A third of such split pairs appear to get over it in less than a month. Another third, in one to six months. The final third, in six to 12 months, if ever.

FISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Attention revolves around basic issues, chores previously neglected. Health report better than originally anticipated. Focus on sincerity, design, durability. Taurus, Scorpio persons in picture.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): What had been dark, mysterious receives benefit of greater light. You could be invited to tour art gallery, museum, home, hospital. Different kind of love on horizon. You'll understand.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus on fulfillment, excitement, sensuality, speculation, sex appeal. Deadline exists, you'll meet and be rewarded accordingly. Relationship stormy but durable. Capricorn, Cancer persons in scenario.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Long-standing project, obligation finished. Emphasis on career, achievement, prestige, promotion. You'll overcome distance, language barrier. You'll be dealing with determined individuals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 22): Emphasis on freedom, creativity, style, ability to get to heart of matter. Focus also on communication, explanations, ability to articulate feelings. Leo, Aquarius persons play roles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 19): Sense of direction challenged. Family member declares, "I don't think you know where you're going!" Scenario highlights family, reunion, business enterprise, improved financial prospects.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Capricorn individual could become valuable ally. Focus on diversity, humor, speculation, long-distance communication. You're concerned with image, partnership, marital status. You'll prevail!

THE FAMILY CIRCUS
"I have just run out of patience!"
"Don't worry, Mommy - I'll be your mommy."

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"MY DAD HAD TO LEARN HOW TO TIE HIS SHOES, THEY DIDN'T HAVE VELCRO WHEN HE WAS LITTLE."

People



Steve Malarkey watches as his two cats, Sugar and Spiko, react to a bird on the TV screen at his home in Morgantown, W. Va.

Garfield may be in luck this year: Here's a gift for cat who has it all

HERNDON, Va. (AP) — Steve Malarkey was a disgruntled computer technician looking for a career change when his cat leaped forward with an idea.

"I was sitting in front of the TV with my wife, watching a National Geographic special on birds of the Cayman Islands or somewhere," he said.

"Our cat Stick, who never even glanced at TV before, came out of his box like a shot and sat right in front of the screen, growling and meowing."

Malarkey borrowed a friend's video camera and tripod, scattered birdseed and popcorn in his wooded backyard and recorded the antics of neighborhood birds, squirrels and chipmunks that gathered for a noisy feast.

"When I brought the tape back to the house and showed it to Stick, he went ballistic," Malarkey said. "He was in front of the TV, knocking things over and swiping at the screen." Nice kitty.

Malarkey went into the "cat business" in a big way. His "Video Catnip," a professional, 25-minute version of the same backyard scene, is one of the hottest gift items to appear on pet store shelves this Christmas season.

Malarkey says he's sold 7,000 copies since his video hit the market in September 1989, most of them in the past couple of months. Fewer than 10 tapes have been returned on behalf of dissatisfied Teline viewers, he said.

"Human viewers might find 'Video Catnip' boring after a while. There's just so much excitement in watching a pair of blue jays squabbling or a squirrel snitching a peanut from a bowl."

But Malarkey, who recently moved from this Washington suburb to Morgantown, W. Va., says it's the purr-fect stocking stuffer for the indoor cat who has everything.

"Steven Spielberg it ain't," he said, "but we haven't gotten any complaints yet from the cats."

The tape, which retails for \$19.95,

promises "some cat-clysmic fun with no paws in the action." It starts with this warning:

"While watching this video, your cat may become excited and attempt to get inside your television set to get at the birds. ... We strongly suggest that you remove all breakables from on top or around your TV set. No kitting."

The live action is divided into segments titled "Cheep Thrills: Mews and Feather Report" and "A Stalk in the Park," which features plenty of close-up shots of kitty's favorite creatures cavorting on the TV screen. Cats can't really "see" a TV video?

Veterinarians agree with Malarkey that although cats don't discern shapes and colors as distinctly as humans, they are acutely aware of moving figures and sounds that excite them.

Malarkey says he's plowing the profits from "Video Catnip" into a series of sequels with "bigger birds, bigger squirrels, maybe some sea gulls thrown in."

Crayola's crayon maker is blue-green colorblind

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Crayola company officials might be turning a little red, make that fuchsia, with news that its top crayon maker is colorblind.

Emerson Moser, who is retiring next week after 35 years, isn't a colorblind in the sense that he can't see color at all. It's just that some colors are confusing to him.

That means trying to spot the difference between a cadet blue and a blue green can make him feel, well, like a shrinking violet.

"If you have a serious case of it, you could foul up a lot of materials," said Moser, 63, who has made a record 1.4 billion crayons.

As far as Moser and the company can tell, there's been no threat of children coloring the sky green and the grass blue.

Moser made yards of yellow and Wednesday, it was oodles of orange colors that give Moser no trouble.

"When you have shades of one color, you get a little doubt about it. Before you go do anything, you double-check yourself," said Moser.

It's the second technician shock to come out of the Crayola plant this year. In August, it retired eight traditional colors into the Crayola Hall of Fame.

The company is asking Moser to donate his final pair of ankle-high boots, splashed with the waxy colorful remains of his time on the job, for inclusion in the hall.

"The colors splash a little bit when it comes out of the kettle into the bucket," said Moser. "People daily clean their shoes, but I don't. I have a multicolored pair of shoes. It's probably made them water-proof. This pair I have now ... there's yellow on them, because I worked yellow today, and some orange and some red," Moser said in a telephone interview Tuesday.

The company doctor detected Moser's slight vision problem during a physical conducted when he was hired Oct. 12, 1953, as a floor boy in the packing department.

"It's so slight that if the doctor wouldn't have tested me, I probably would have never noticed it," Moser said.

Less than two years later, Moser graduated to the most colorful job in the world, pouring molten wax into 2,400-crayon molds nearly 100 times a day. Once the wax is set, crayons are flicked out of the racks and stacked in a bin for a conveyor belt to carry them to a labeling machine.

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No Texas handshake for Prince

LONDON (AP) — Prince Charles, who is still recovering from a broken right arm, said Wednesday he's wary of shaking hands with Americans, especially Texans.

He told a patient at a west London clinic that his arm, badly broken in a June polo accident, continues to heal.

"But he said don't shake hands with anyone from America — especially Texans — because they shake your hand too hard," said Mabel Newton, 79, who met the heir to the British throne at St. Dunstan's Community Leg Ulcer Clinic.

The prince's arm was broken in two places above the elbow when he fell off his horse during a polo match. The arm did not heal properly and the 42-year-old son of Queen Elizabeth II had surgery.

"I think we all want to know why," she said. "We want to know why people commit heinous crimes. We want to know why they commit suicide. Everything we don't understand about ... you know, 'There but for the grace of God go I.'"

"So, just in case it happens, you'll recognize it!"

He'll be taping a television special next month to mark his birthday, and a fourth "Oh, God!" movie is being written for him.

'Guns N' Roses' singer won't be going next door

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Guns N' Roses singer Axel Rose and his next-door neighbor agreed to avoid each other to chill a simmering feud marked by the rocker's arrest on an assault complaint, Rose's lawyer said.

Rose, 28, and Gabriella Kantor, 37, entered an agreement stating that she stays away from him and he stays away from her, attorney Jell E. Scott said on Tuesday.

The agreement was filed with Santa Monica Superior Court on Nov. 29, Scott said.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies arrested Rose at his West Hollywood apartment Oct. 30, following a dispute with Kantor, who said the musician was blaring his music.

Bates in creepy company to get ready for 'Misery'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Misery" star Kathy Bates dug up some pretty creepy company to prepare for her role as a psychotic nurse in director Rob Reiner's latest film.

Bates said she read about some psychotics before taking on the role of Annie Wilkes, an obsessive nurse who keeps her idol, a romance novelist played by James Caan, a virtual prisoner in her mountain cabin.

"I was to help me understand in detail what was happening to her, and your hopes that it trickles down to the viscera," she said.

Her subjects included a Texas nurse accused of killing babies and serial killer Ted Bundy. But Miss Bates said there was another reason for her studies: a fascination with people who go over the edge.

George Burns preparing for birthday number 95

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Caesars Palace is planning a gala birthday bash next month to honor this city's most senior member of the entertainment set, comedian George Burns.

Burns will celebrate his 95th birthday at a private party for invited guests Jan. 18 and a public performance Jan. 19.

Until then, the entertainer, born Nathan Bimbaum on Jan. 20, 1896, is celebrating his 94th birthday with his birthday candles.

He appears several times a year at Caesars resorts in Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe, Nev., and Atlantic City, and has just released his eighth book.

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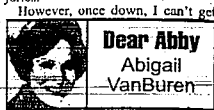
Well-placed telephone helps those who fall

Valley happenings

DEAR ABBY: This letter is about an experience that I and several people I know have endured. We are old, and sometimes we fall. I have "mini-strokes" and never know when they will happen.

But you make an "excellent point," Peggy. People of all ages fall, but older people are more vulnerable. Thanks for a possibly lifesaving letter.

So far, I have been fortunate in that there have been no serious injuries.



Dear Abby
Abigail VanBuren

However, once down, I can't get up without help. I am very independent and prefer to live alone in my own house.

When I come to, I can wiggle and crawl - which is how I got help the last time. My phone is on a low table by my favorite chair. I reached it and dialed 911. They came right out and helped me.

One of my neighbors fell and broke her leg. She did the same thing (her phone is also low).

Another woman fell and broke her hip. Even if she could have reached the phone, she couldn't have used it because it was mounted high on a wall.

She laid on the floor for 16 hours before anyone came.

My point is this: Anyone who lives alone should have a phone that is low enough to be reached from the floor. We are all in our late 70s, but I'm the only one who had a stroke. The other two just "fell." People can fall at any age.

Most of the people I mention this to say they aren't going to fall. I hope that you can get through to them. God bless you for your concern for others.

—PEGGY

DEAR PEGGY: To deny that something can go wrong is a common human frailty. (If I don't think

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are preparing to buy our first house. (We now live in a mobile home.) My mother is mad because she thinks the neighborhood we chose is too far from her.

I will be living near my sister-in-law, but she'll be my mother-in-law (her father) is lending us the money to buy the house. (He can well afford it.)

My stepchildren are upset because now we won't have quite as much money to spend on them.

And, last night, my husband's ex-wife told him if we could afford to buy a house, she's taking us back to court to raise the amount of child support we pay her each month. (We have never missed a payment.)

Abby, I am very hurt. I thought buying a house would be a happy experience, but it's not. I'm not happy for us. Is it selfish of me to want a nice home?

—KEEP ME ANONYMOUS

DEAR KEEB: Certainly not! Turn a deaf ear to the whining of your mother, your sister-in-law and your stepchildren. Jealousy frequently brings out the greed and pettiness in some people.

However, she or your wife is not whining; she's threatening.

Your husband should discuss this with his attorney. He needs to be prepared should she make good her threat.

Wendell church bazaar and dinner set for Friday
WENDLELL — The Wendell United Methodist Church on East Main Street will hold its annual bazaar, cooked food sale and dinner Friday. The bazaar will open at 11 a.m., and the dinner of chili, soup, salad, coffee and punch will be served from noon to 7 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken for the meal.

Women of the Moose plan annual holiday bazaar
TWIN FALLS — The Women of the Moose's annual holiday bazaar is set from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Moose Lodge, 835 Falls Ave. Tables are still available for \$10 each. Call 733-8258, 733-8147 or 733-6637 for information.

Snowmobile club to meet in Pine on Saturday
PINE — The Idaho Snowriders Snowmobile Club will gather at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Pine School for a general meeting followed by a family Christmas party and dinner. Participants are asked to bring a covered dish, and anyone bringing youngsters is asked to bring a gift for each child to put into Santa's bag. For more information on this event or the club, call 653-2454.

Multiple Sclerosis group sets afternoon meeting
TWIN FALLS — The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group will meet at 2 p.m. Saturday for a Christmas get-together at 808 Capri Drive. Participants are asked to bring a finger food. For more information, call George at 734-6519 or Kathryn at 734-6027.

Daughters of American Revolution to hold tea
TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at 2 p.m. Saturday for a Silver Tea at the home of Maureen Williams on Canyon Place east of Twin Falls. Members are urged to bring guests and goodies. For more information, call 733-8415 or 423-5364.

McKays to celebrate anniversary at open house
TWIN FALLS — George and Hazel McKay will be honored at an open house to mark their 25th anniversary. Family and friends are invited to the event, set for 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the couple's home, 700 Carriage Lane. George E. Butch McKay and Hazel Johnson Lapp were married Dec. 24, 1965, in Twin Falls. They lived in Hailey and Bellevue until 1989 before returning to Twin Falls. George currently works at DuBus, and Hazel is employed by Magle Valley Skiing. They have 10 children, 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

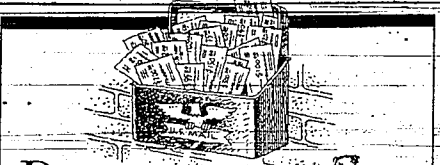
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NBA standings

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New York	9-3
New Jersey	8-4
Indiana	7-5
Charlotte	6-6
Orlando	5-7
Atlanta	4-8
Washington	3-9
Philadelphia	2-10
New York	1-11
New Jersey	0-12

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College scores

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Remaining free agents

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Outland Trophy winners

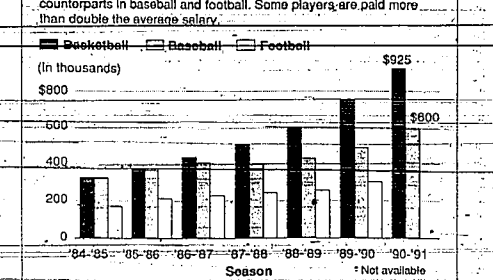
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Basketball players paid the most

Basketball players, on the average, make far more than their counterparts in baseball and football. Some players are paid more than double the average salary.



The millionaires club

National Basketball Association caps players' salaries; this season's cap is \$11.9 million. There are no limits for football, baseball salaries. Not all salaries are publicized, but here are the top-paid players:

Player	Team	Salary
John "Hot Rod" Williams	Cleveland	\$27 million for five years
Joe Montana	San Francisco	\$23.5 million for five years
Jon Conners	Chicago	\$20 million for five years

NBA box scores

Game	Final Score
Atlanta vs. Washington	108-84
Philadelphia vs. New York	108-84
New Jersey vs. Indiana	108-84
Charlotte vs. Orlando	108-84
Atlanta vs. Washington	108-84

NFL standings

Conference	Team	Record
AFC	Pittsburgh	11-0
	San Diego	10-1
	Denver	9-2
	Indianapolis	8-3
	San Francisco	7-4
	Los Angeles	6-5
	Seattle	5-6
NFC	San Francisco	11-0
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	Pittsburgh	5-6

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New OSU coach Jim Pettibone replaces Dave Krugthorpe.

Oregon State recruits coach from Midwest

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — Jerry Pettibone, who built a winning team at Northern Illinois and served as recruiting coordinator for some of the nation's top college football programs, was named head coach at Oregon State on Wednesday.

Pettibone, who had been on the Oregon State campus since Tuesday, said he looked forward to rebuilding a program that has not had a winning season in 20 years.

"It's the opportunity and it's the challenge," he said. "This is an excellent opportunity."

The length of Pettibone's contract and his salary still are being negotiated, but Pettibone said he

Cotton Bowl gets lucky break on lineup

NEW YORK (AP) — Jim Brock got an early Christmas present this year — a Cotton Bowl that could produce the national champion.

After years of drab games and declining television ratings, the Cotton Bowl landed a marquee matchup between mid-ranked Texas and No. 4 Miami. If top-ranked Colorado and No. 2 Georgia Tech lose on New Year's Day, the Cotton could have its first national champion in 12 years.

"I'd rather be lucky than good, and this year we were lucky," says Brock, the bowl's executive vice president. "Everything has fallen into place for us."

Miami would have preferred to

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— Jim Brock, Cotton Bowl official

play Colorado in the Orange Bowl because that would have given the Hurricanes a clearer path to the national championship. But the Orange Bowl invited Notre Dame because

the Irish were No. 1 when the matchup was set several weeks before the official announcement date.

Notre Dame then lost to Penn State and fell below Miami in the rankings, but it was too late to change the matchups.

The Orange Bowl ended up with No. 1 vs. No. 5 and the Cotton got No. 3 vs. No. 4.

"I think we have a good chance to have the national champion come out of Dallas on Jan. 1," Brock says.

For a change, that's not just talk.

Texas (10-1) is seeking its first national championship since 1969, while Miami (9-2) is trying to win its second in a row and third in the last four seasons.

If the Hurricanes win the national title, they'll be the first team to do it with two losses.

"I guess we have a chance, but a lot of things have to happen," Miami coach Dennis Erickson says.

"When you have two losses, you need a little luck to win the national title."

Like Erickson, Texas coach David McWilliams doesn't like to speculate about who will finish No. 1.

"It's hard to predict anything this season," he says.

"Whoever wins (the national title), I don't think it's going to be a runaway. There doesn't seem to be a groundswell out there for any one team."

Seattle group withdraws from NHL consideration

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The communications company that submitted Seattle's bid for an NHL expansion team formally withdrew the application Wednesday because it couldn't meet the \$50 million entry fee.

Seattle's struggle to find financial backing had been well-publicized; a request four weeks ago for someone to "step forward" received no response, said Susan Mortenson, spokeswoman for Akerley Communications.

The city has been among eight vying for teams. The NHL wants to add six more teams by the end of the decade, and the board of governors

this week might award two franchises to begin play in 1992-93.

Applications began presentations Wednesday before the board at its annual meeting. The announcement of Seattle's withdrawal was made by Bill Akerley, whose father owns Akerley Communications and will finance construction of an arena.

"We formally withdrew," Akerley said. "We were not able to locate an ownership group that was able to meet both the requirements of the NHL and our own requirements as arena operators to demonstrate the wherewithal to finance a team successfully."

Two unidentified Seattle-based in-

vestors who had been involved in the bid met with the board to present a proposal which is very different from what the NHL originally requested, Akerley said. He said the proposal was not viable from his standpoint.

NHL president John Ziegler said the unidentified investors were "a group without an application." The board met with them as a courtesy, he said.

"Since they had come a great distance and had participated in the process up to now, we felt it only appropriate that we hear them," Ziegler said. "And that's what we did."

The unidentified group likely was seeking a lower application fee. Groups from other cities have complained that \$50 million is too high.

"If (the NHL) can get \$50 million from two groups, it's not too high," Akerley said.

"He said the new arena would continue to work with the league in an effort to bring hockey to Seattle."

The remaining applicant groups are Miami, St. Petersburg, Ft. Tampa, Fla.; San Diego; Anaheim, Calif.; Ottawa; and Hamilton, Ontario. The governments are not obligated to award a franchise to any of the groups.

Chicagoan stars in Hungarian basketball league

KOERMEND, Hungary (AP) — When Harry Bell goes in for a "zak" — party and cheer — "American" or "Chicago" — Bell is doing a lot of "asking" Hungarian for dunking — in this small city about 140 miles from Budapest. He's the only American in the Hungarian basketball league and, until recently, the only one in Eastern Europe.

"Sometimes it's nice being the only American around," Bell said.

The 6-foot-4 guard-forward is averaging more than 30 points a game for his first place Koermend Hunor team.

The road from south Chicago to Koermend ran through Valparaiso University, where Bell said he averaged about 20 points and 10 rebounds in his last two seasons at the Indiana school.

"After that I took a year off to

work in Chicago," Bell said. "But I still wanted to play basketball. I talked to my old college coach and wrote lots of letters to the NBA, the CBA, everyone."

The response wasn't overwhelming.

"I got one," Bell said. "A guy from Tennessee had some friends in Austria where he played. I sent a video cassette and my stats and he showed them around. A team in Hungary showed some interest."

So in August 1989, Bell arrived in Koermend. The town of about 10,000 is quite a difference from Chicago but the fans liked Bell's play.

"I guess everyone wants to see the American style of play," Bell said. "They like to see me go in for a dunk. When I start approaching the basket, they begin to go crazy."

Bell's exciting play has brought in

the crowds and made him a local hero.

"They put me on a T-shirt once," Bell said. "I came to a game and about half the gym had these shirts on." He also has been in TV ads.

Bell had to learn speak some Hungarian in order to get around. He is on a year-to-year contract and gets paid in Western currency by the German sponsor, which puts it in an account in his name in Austria.

"I thought at first there would be some tension about that," Bell said about his teammates' reactions. "But they were nice. They are very good people. The Hungarian players are quick shooters. In the States the players are quicker and good leapers. In Europe the players are good shooters, and fundamentally sound."

Still Bell's skills have helped his team win the Hungarian Cup last

year and qualify for the European tournament where they lost to Moscow Dynamo.

"It was very exciting," Bell said. "I had leading the way. Kuznetsov currently is 32.2. Bell has also averaged about 10 rebounds, five steals and five assists per game."

He plans to visit home for Christmas.

"I went back for two months last June. It was very exciting," Bell said.

"Here there is not very much to do. I try to sleep very late. Then maybe take a drive to Austria and then come to practice. If it's nice to see a small town like Koermend — but speaking as a Hungarian I might be better if I were in a bigger city."

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Outdoors

Bruneau's West Fork receives 40 bighorn sheep

By Larry Hovey
Times-News writer

JEROME — Another surge in the continuing effort to establish huntable populations of California bighorn sheep in Region 4 is underway.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game took 40 California bighorns out of their Owyhee habitat and located 16 of them on the West Fork of the Bruneau River, supplementing earlier stockings. The remainder were sent to North Dakota in exchange for wild turkeys.

Randy Smith, Region 4 biologist, said the regional population of bighorns in the Jarbridge-Bruneau canyon complex is "a guesstimate" of 150. "We still have a lot of habitat in that complex" for future expansion," he said.

Hunting may be offered as early as next fall, Smith noting "our recommendation will be for two permits."

He said the proposal is based on aerial and ground observations, that the herd includes a good ratio of "legal" rams those reaching the horn curl requirement and four years of age.

Smith said there was every indication that the herd was growing and thus supplemental planting should help accelerate that growth.

The department remains ambivalent on the Big Cottonwood Canyon experiment. Two batches of bighorns have been relocated from Owyhee County but the signals being received remain mixed.

He said the early departure of some rams, a couple being sighted topping over into Utah before the following fall. There is another case of a collared ram getting away as far as Almo before a mountain lion made supper of him.

Two years ago, lamb mortality was heavy, Melany Steinkamp, a Utah graduate, established the presence of 16 lambs, which was considered good production. But aerial censusing the next spring indicated only five or six of the young animals had survived the rigors of winter.

At the same time, the department found a high number of radio-collared ewes had died, leaving the herd at a net loss.

There was suspicion that despite the

glowing appraisal everyone had given Big Cottonwood as sheep habitat, the herd was dwindling.

However, several instances of sheep sightings were reported by deer hunters at department checking stations, giving rise to hopes the herd was at least holding its own, simply moving to a new habitat.

"Typically big horns are not great at pioneering new areas," Smith said. "It is not unusual for lone, young rams to wander around. But it is for bands of sheep."

Still, Smith said he was encouraged by hunter reports that little bands of bighorns were spotted from Trapper Creek into the Dry Creek drainage, which would span a large section of the South Hills.

"There is a tremendous amount of canyon habitat for them throughout the area," Smith said. "We still have a good nucleus of bighorns in Big Cottonwood so we feel that we selected the right site for the original release."

But since the department cannot say with certainty what is happening with the South Hill experiment, it will launch a tighter scrutiny on the herd.

Smith said this would include a helicopter census at the next two to three months. It also might lead to some net-gun capturing of a few animals for another telemetry study. The next radios would have an altered pulse if the animal wearing it would die.

"With the other radios, it was impossible to know for a while whether the animals were alive and moving or not. It would be a while before we could establish that there had been no movement and go in. By then, some predators and deterioration made it impossible to establish what killed the animal," he said.

"With these new radios, we will know within a couple hours that the sheep has died and we can get in and get the autopsy results we would need. That would help in establishing if the herd is having any disease problems. Short of the new radios, we could simply capture some animals and take blood samples."

Smith said that now the South Hills relocation would have to be called uncertain but because of the hunter reports of sheep dispersion over such a wide area, "I've optimistic about its eventual success."



File photo

Slow but steady increases of bighorn sheep populations are allowing it to reclaim some historic range through relocations.

Used firearms a less costly gift idea

With Christmas just around the corner, it is time to take a serious look at your Christmas shopping list. If someone on that list, either a family member or yourself, has requested a new firearm, you may be in for some high stress when you hear the price tag with many of the new firearms carry. But do not panic yet.



David Hocklander Hunting

There may be an acceptable compromise in the purchase of a used pistol, rifle or shotgun.

There are a lot of used firearms on the market and with a little dickering they can often be had for a very reasonable price. But many people avoid the used gun market because they are afraid of buying a defective product — not unlike the used car phobia most of us experience.

No purchase, even a new gun, is a sure thing, but here are a few tips which may help you select a used firearm that will serve your needs and be worth the hard earned dollars you must surrender.

Check the bore first. Many parts of a firearm can be repaired, some with little expense or effort, but the bad bore leaves the owner only two choices: using a gun

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Briefly

Hunters in Idaho may be called about details

BOISE — People who hunted in Idaho during 1990 may soon be called to report the details of their hunts.

Low Nelson, Idaho Department of Fish and Game staff biometrician, said department callers currently are talking to people who held permits in controlled deer, elk and antelope hunts. From about mid-January through March, the callers will be working on upland game, waterfowl and any remaining surveys.

Phone lines will be operating from 5:30 to 9 p.m., weeknights. A total of 35,000 residents and non-residents will be called.

Authorities arrange killing of deer to clear airport runways

ORLANDO, Fla. — Forty-three deer were shot and killed in the past two months in an effort to keep the animals off the runways at Orlando International Airport, authorities say.

Three commercial airlines have hit free roaming deer this fall, but there have been no injuries to people or damage to the planes.

The airport hired a consultant in early October to trap and move deer because the animals were a hazard when they wandered onto runways from nearby woods. But when a Delta jet struck a deer on takeoff Oct. 7, the consultant was paid \$5,000 a deer to kill the animals.

On Oct. 26, a Midway Airlines jet struck a deer while taking off. It completed its flight to Chicago without problems. A Northwest Airlines plane struck a deer Nov. 16, again without major damage.

Animal rights activists have protested the killings.

Way cleared for Yellowstone Park rangers to kill bison

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. — Yellowstone National Park rangers will help Montana officials kill bison that wander out of the park, according to a park bison management plan that will take effect Dec. 10.

Yellowstone Superintendent Bob Barber announced Monday that an environmental assessment of the plan revealed that it should have no significant environmental impact, clearing the way for its use.

Montana officials have decided to allow hunters to kill bull bison leaving the park to prevent the spread of brucellosis to domestic cattle herds.

Bison in the park are believed to carry the disease and it can cause domestic cattle to spontaneously abort their calves.

Under the management plan, park rangers, at the request of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, will kill cow bison.

Bison calves that leave the park will be immobilized and taken to a holding facility where they will be neutered, Barber said. The calves will then be sold at a public auction.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Game official: Sportsmen should be alert to Idaho anti-hunting movement

The Associated Press

REMBURG —

The anti-hunting movement in Idaho may be small compared to similar movements in California and some eastern states, but Gem State sportsmen shouldn't dismiss the threat a state game official says.

Ken Norrie, assistant director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, spoke Saturday at the Idaho Wildlife Council Region 5 Wildlife Conference.

"Understand, while the movement is here, it is a weak movement," Norrie told the group, which promotes wildlife preservation and hunting interests. But, he said, "You can't close your eyes and forget about it."

Norrie said anti-hunters or animals rights activists recently waged a demonstration in front of a Boise department store, protesting the sale of fur coats.

"They're out of the closet so to speak," he said.

Norrie showed various nationally televised video segments of hunters being harassed and even physically assaulted by anti-hunting activists in other states.

In one segment, a sportsman hunting bison near the Yellowstone National Park boundary last year was jabbed with a ski pole by a hostile activist who accused the hunter of wanting to "stick another head on the wall."

Another video segment showed anti-hunting activists following a deer hunter through a wooded area, jeering and shouting.

Sportsmen in Maryland were faced

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Commission to consider new 5-year wildlife plan

The Associated Press

BOISE —

Lions and bears will be on the agenda when the Idaho Fish and Game Commission meets today and tomorrow to discuss a new five-year wildlife management plan.

The state Department of Fish and Game has recommended several changes to management plans for black bears and mountain lions. Agency officials said they hoped the proposals, if adopted, would cut down over-harvesting of lions and bears, reduce the number of non-resident hound hunters and provide better information and control on black bear and mountain lion harvests.

Among the proposed changes for 1991-95 are banning the use of baits to attract bears, requiring hunters to salvage the carcasses of all harvested black bears and establishing a quota on the female mountain lion harvest in each management area.

Fish and Game officials said bears are too easily attracted to bait, which has led to over-harvesting in many areas of the state. Also, current rules require hunters to salvage the

carcasses of all harvested game animals except mountain lions and black bears. A salvage requirement would make it easier to validate sex and age information reported through a mandatory check program, the agency said.

The agency also wants to prohibit radio tracking equipment on dogs while hunting mountain lions and black bears.

Other changes being considered include a three-day waiting period after buying a mountain lion tag before a lion can be harvested. The commission also will consider limiting hound hunting to 25 non-resident permits with a \$10 fee for residents who hunt with hounds and a \$100 fee for non-residents.

Region 5 Supervisor Tracey Trent said, "Hunters should bear in mind these changes are recommended by the department to the commission, but are not yet included in the five-year plan."

The commission had a public hearing on the management plan Wednesday, and will consider written comments at their meeting Dec. 10 today and Friday.

Emergency program aims at saving rare trumpeter swans

The Associated Press

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"The odds of them being alive at the end of the winter would not be very high," said Ruth Shea, an Idaho Department of Fish and Game regional biologist who has tracked the Yellowstone trumpeters for 14 years. "This is not the normal way you would do range expansion."

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Eventually, Shea would like to see the swans transplanted as far as the Midwest. But for this winter, biologists are settling for warmer locations in Idaho, Utah and Wyoming.

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Last winter, more than 700 swans wintered at Harriman, or about one-third of the wintering population in the greater Yellowstone ecosystem. But this year, experts estimate there is only enough winter forage at Harriman for 100 swans. By mid-November, before the trapping got under way, more than 300 already had arrived, park manager Gene Ebraud said.

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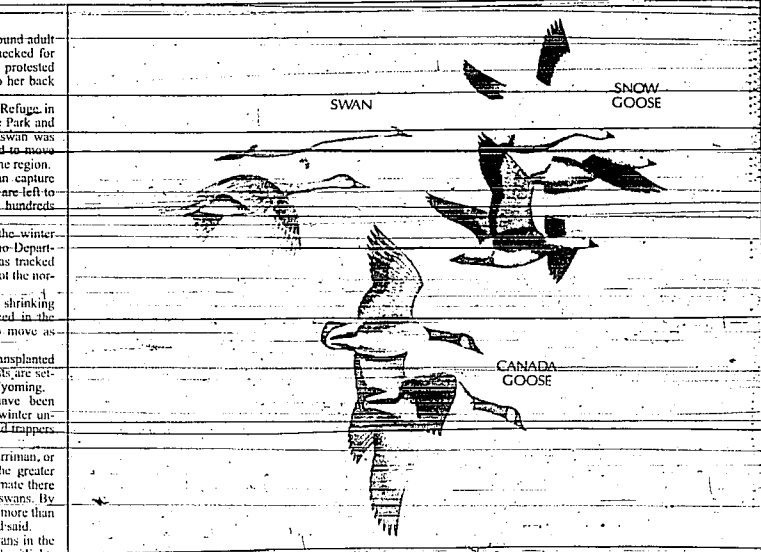
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Please see SWANS/C7 Hunters need to know the difference between swans and geese to avoid accidental shooting.

Steady steelhead count recorded through Lower Granite Dam last month

LEWISTON (AP)—The numbers remain disturbingly low, but counts at the Columbia River's Lower Granite Dam of migrating steelhead returning to Idaho waters were remarkably steady throughout the month of November.

The total through Tuesday at the dam—35 miles west of Lewiston—reached 48,409, nearly 50 percent more than some early season predictions of about 32,000 by fishery biologists.

And even though the 1990 fall run is the lowest since 1981, when 36,238 steelhead crossed Lower Granite Dam, it still may be enough to convince the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to recommend a spring fishing season.

The current Idaho limits of two fish for the season on the Snake and Salmon rivers and six on the Clearwater River, are likely to be repeated in the department's recommendation to the state Fish and Game Commission when it meets next week in Boise.

"We're probably going to have pretty close to what we had this fall," said Steve Yundt, Fish and Game aquadromous fisheries coordinator.

Idaho officials remain worried that too few hatchery-reared steelhead will migrate up the Salmon River and back to the Sawtooth and Pahsimeroi hatcheries.

"I don't think the situation has changed in relation to that part of the run," Yundt said.

Fish and Game estimates the fall run contains about 24,000. "A run" of steelhead bound for the Snake and Salmon rivers is a roughly equal number of "B run" fish returning to the Clearwater.

About 15,000 of the Clearwater fish are from Dworshak National Fish Hatchery, meaning they are fair game for anglers. Yundt said those fish are largely responsible for the consistent November counts at Lower Granite Dam.

At the Dworshak hatchery, officials have predicted that enough steelhead will return to supply the eggs needed for the next generation. The hatchery opened its fish ladder in mid-October to allow fall fish to return to the river.

The fish ladder was closed for the season Wednesday, when 444 steelhead were counted in the hatchery's holding tank. The fish ladder will remain closed until Feb. 15.

Birds of prey help researchers study environment

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—Human meddling appears to be helping some birds of prey and hurting others along three Western flyways that researchers are watching to gain insight on the environment.

"Our main purpose in this is long-term. What we really want to know is environmental trends," said Steve Hoffman, founder, president and director of Albuquerque-based HawkWatch International.

Birds of prey make fine environmental barometers because they feed at the top of the food pyramid, making them sensitive to environmental changes.

Fewer birds of prey might signal ecological damage that could threaten the quality of life for other species, including man, Hoffman said.

Raptors "are not only worth preserving as an environmental barometer, but also for their intrinsic value. They're part of our national heritage," he said Thursday.

The birds also are part of the complex ecosystem, "and for the ecosystem to function in a healthy manner all these components need to be in place," Hoffman said.

"HawkWatch's primary concern is a tremendous challenge, he said.

Conservationists are concerned with securing food and habitats over the birds' massive migration area, their breeding grounds and their wintering grounds, Hoffman said.

HawkWatch, formerly the Western Foundation for Applied Conservation, has been counting birds of prey along the Rocky Mountain, Intermountain and Pacific flyways.

It has three monitoring sites in the Rocky Mountain Flyway—one near Denver, one in the Manzano Mountains northwest of Albuquerque and one in the Sandia Mountains east of Albuquerque.

The Intermountain Flyway is monitored in the Goobee Mountains west of the Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah, and the Wellsville Mountains northeast of the Great Salt Lake.

The Pacific Flyway is monitored near the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco by the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory, which shares its counts with HawkWatch.



Steve Hoffman, president of Hawkwatch International, holds a red-tailed hawk during a press conference last Friday.

Hoffman said. The northern goshawk, the prairie falcon and the golden eagle appear to be in trouble in the West, he said.

"With the northern goshawk, the loss of forest habitat is our main concern," Hoffman said.

"With the prairie falcon, our main hypothesis is the increase of the common raven," he said. "Human

activities—road kills, dump sites—make food very available to ravens. They also nest on cliffs, which is where prairie falcons nest. Ravens nest first in many cases, and they tend to defend the area around the nest. If it's a small cliff face, that may prevent the falcon from nesting."

But interactions between falcons and ravens need to be researched, Hoffman said.

Lead poisoning appears to be hurting golden eagles, he said.

The eagles can accumulate toxic levels of lead in their blood during their lifespan of 20 to 30 years in the wild, Hoffman said.

"Another factor affecting the golden eagle might be the deterioration of kangaroo conditions, which makes it less likely for rabbit populations to do well," he said, emphasizing this is speculation.

Populations of turkey vultures, merlins, peregrine falcons, ospreys, bald eagles and red-tailed hawks appear to be on the rise in the West, Hoffman said.

Convenient food sources seem to help turkey vultures, he said.

"Like the ravens, we do things that make food available to them in the short-term," Hoffman said.

"But global warming also might tend to help turkey vultures, which like warm weather and might be expanding their range northward, he said.

Merlins, peregrine falcons and ospreys were affected by DDT, a pesticide used extensively for controlling insects on various crops and malaria in tropical regions, Hoffman said.

DDT use started in the late 1940s but was banned in the United States in 1972 "because of its threat to humans and because of the havoc it caused to the environment," he said.

The ban appears to have helped the birds, as well as bald eagles, which primarily feed on fish and water fowl, Hoffman said.

"DDT and other pesticides are really being cleaned up in the bald eagle environment," he said.

Fund for animals sued over bison hunt

HELENA, Mont. (AP)—The Fund for Animals filed suit Wednesday against the state of Montana and the National Park Service, seeking to stop the killing of bison that wander into Montana from Yellowstone National Park.

The bison have been killed so far this winter after they left the park's boundaries and moved into Montana to graze. The latest hunt was Sunday.

The hunts, ordered by the Legislature to control the spread of disease to Montana cattle-herds from the bison, have raised public furor since the winter of 1989, when 569

bison were shot.

"The American public has rendered its decision that the hunt is wrong," said Cleveland Amory, president of the New York-based Fund. "Now we will await a similar decision from the courts."

Raymond J. Fink, attorney in Missoula, said the suit was filed in U.S. District Court there last Wednesday afternoon.

It contends the interim bison management plan, under which bison entering Montana from Yellowstone National Park are hunted, violates the National Environmental Policy Act.

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There have been no reported incidents of hunters being harassed in Idaho, Norris said.

Although a state Fish and Game officer said a deer hunter in the Salmon area had complained about someone in a vehicle trying to herd game out of the area where he was hunting, the incident was never verified.

Many anti-hunting groups use the national media and mail campaigns to get their message out, and these groups have had success, Norris said.

In California, where only 4 per-

cent of the population hunts, mountain lion hunting was stopped, as well as the 1990 bow season for bear. California Fish and Game officials could not demonstrate how many of these animals were in the wild, and so could not prove the species weren't threatened by the hunts.

And the fate of waterfowl hunting in California is "hanging by a thread," Norris said.

"Don't make the mistake of confusing anti-hunters with non-hunters," he cautioned. "They are two entirely different things."

Hocklander

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which shoots poorly or taking the expensive remedy of rebarreling.

Look for pitting and wear. The bore must be clean for the inspection to be accurate. Pitting usually appears as darkened areas. Minor pitting usually is not a serious problem, but severe pitting in the chamber may cause the case to stick when fired.

Look for wear at the muzzle and the throat. Badly worn rifling tells of heavy use, sometimes referred to as a "shot out" barrel. Wear or damage at the muzzle, often the result of poor cleaning techniques, can adversely affect accuracy.

Take a close look at the finish. A worn blue job may diminish the value of the gun but does not affect its function. A rebarreled or rusted interior to the firearm if it is not a collectible. One way to tell if a gun has been rebarreled is to check if any nicks or scratches are blued. If so, it is not the original finish.

Operate the mechanism. All parts should function properly. Work the action and dry-fire if possible. Pay

attention to the safety and trigger operations. A very light or erratic trigger can be dangerous and often means that the mechanisms have been modified or poorly adjusted.

In shotgun look for dents and bulges in the barrel by looking through the bore. Some used shotguns have barrels which have been shortened. If this has occurred the choke may not be appropriate for the use you have in mind.

In revolvers, check for excessive cylinder gap or a forcing cone which is not even. The cylinder should not have excessive play either in the front or back. Check the cylinder play with the hammer in the cocked position. Next check the timing. The cylinder bolt should engage the cylinder just before the hammerlocks into full lock position. Check on chambers. If the timing is off look at another revolver.

Semi-automatic pistols rely heavily on the various safeties for safe operation. Test them by engaging the safeties and pulling hard on the trigger. Then release the trigger and take the safeties off. If the hammer falls any time during this process,

the gun has serious mechanical problems. Also take a look at the clip. A bent or worn clip can cause malfunctions in feeding ammunition.

Military arms are a very popular item these days, especially older bolt actions for conversion into hunting rifles. The quality of these arms can be exceptional but it is important to check that the gun's parts match. Military arms often have numbered parts which make it easy to determine if a bolt belongs in a given action.

If the bolt is a mismatch there may be functioning problems and improper head space. If possible, check below the stock for pitting and rust.

Few used guns are actually worn out mechanically. Most of the wear is superficial—scratches, dings, worn finish, etc. A shotgun carried in the field without hunting may show years of wear on the finish but may have been fired very little.

David Hocklander, is a teacher at Gooding High School.

Swans

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Using a loud portable generator and a light attached to a football helmet, a biologist flouts the Henry's Fork at the Snake River late at night and approaches a swan at close range. The light and noise stun the swan, which is collected in a salmon net.

But spotlighting does not work when the skies are clear and the moon is bright. Long before trappers can get in range, the swans see them and fly away.

"Basically, we're just trying techniques," said Rod Drewen of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "We don't know what will work and what will not work."

Other techniques may include using infrared and night-vision goggles. Biologists also are unsure how the birds will react to new visual range, or if they will return to Harriman. One swan, released at Bruneau Dunes State Park in southwestern Idaho, returned to Harriman within four days.

"It may not be a total negative," Shea said. "That bird now knows a whole lot of habitat 250 miles south of here."

Biologists say it will be tough to break older swans of the habit of wintering at Harriman. They are more optimistic about cygnets and young waterfowl.

So far, the captured swans are in

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Company helps bring water to Utah animals in hospitable areas

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — When male deer or antelope take a drink in Utah's desert, the water may be courtesy of the same technology that captures water for cities.

Hercules Corp. has donated more than 100 rocket motor cases to the Division of Wildlife Resources since 1978 in a program aimed at making water available to animals in otherwise inhospitable areas.

Jay Roberson, unpaid game program coordinator for the division, said that by using the so-called "guzzlers" in desert areas that receive only 6-8 inches of rain a year, biologists can capture water that otherwise would evaporate. They then could open land that wildlife may avoid in favor of land along streams or rivers.

"They've opened up millions of acres," he said, adding that the tanks also nourish animals seen by "non-consumptive" users, including bird watchers, hikers, photographers and campers. "At least half the state is involved in this program."

Roberson said game managers often will assess parcels of land and conclude that it would be good wildlife habitat, but the only commodity missing is water.

"A lot of times that's one of our major criteria," he said. "We've never seen many here."

"We'll do what we've all available holes in an area and then find major holes where we need to put them," he said. "We've got a general idea of where we want to put it, and ownership determines."

Each guzler, generally buried on federal or state land, consists of a tank buried in the ground and a funnel or catch basin above the ground that captures the water. A line from the funnel runs into the tank and a second line runs downhill to a trough.

The state still has to pay the costs of other materials and install the guzzlers, but officials say the tanks generally are the most costly part. The price can exceed \$10,000.

The state has saved over \$400,000 by using the cases instead of buying new materials," said biologist Dean Mitchell.

In the past, the company would cut up many of the motors and send them to a landfill, said company engineer Richard Cloward, who also is vice president of the Utah Wildlife Leadership Coalition.

It was through his involvement in the coalition that Cloward learned of the need for tanks. Through his work at Hercules, he discovered that the company was spending money just to send the tanks to the landfill.

University will modify design on fish lab

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But he said after the meeting that he's satisfied that the lab won't hurt water quality.

"It's crazy to spend money to cut those things up just to facilitate burying them," he said.

John Waugman, environmental engineer at Hercules, said the cases generally are made of fiberglass, graphite or kevlar, a material used in bulletproof vests. He said usually they're stronger than steel and do not rust, another reason the tanks are so useful.

"It doesn't deteriorate," Cloward said. "It's almost impervious to some of those hoodlums out there. You can't shoot through them and it's been a win-win program for everyone."

Waugman said the tanks have been filled with inert material and Hercules never donates tanks that have been loaded with rocket propellant. He and Cloward also said the company has run tests to ensure that nothing from the tanks gets into the water or leaches into the ground.

"I'd be like putting a graphite tennis racket in the ground," Waugman said. "It will be there long after you and I are gone."

Roberson is unable to document whether the tanks have been responsible for increased populations of animals, but his general impression is that the tanks improve animals because there is more water.

"That's our belief and that's our observation," he said. "We believe it enough that we are willing to continue maintaining the guzzlers."

At a recent workshop in Las Vegas, he said, he and other Nevada, California and Arizona also reported similar benefits from their guzzlers.

"There are the skeptics who say 'show me the data,'" Roberson said. "But when we say how much money it would take to do the study ... you could put in a lot of water to research that."

Cloward said so far, Hercules has donated its spare casings only to Utah, but he said similar tanks eventually may be donated to other states as they become available.

"We probably wouldn't have a problem with that," he said. "We want to remember that many of these vessels were built during development programs, and we don't get too many of them. Fish and Game would like to get rid of many more than we have."

Roberson said the state is thankful for those tanks. "We're really fortunate to have corporations like Hercules donate materials for water development," he said. "It benefits the hunters in terms of game animals, but it also benefits the non-consumptive users. A great share of the species to benefit are not game animals."

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Sylvia Porter
Finances

Despite the efforts of law enforcement officials and watchdog groups, charity scams continue to proliferate and profit.

This year, Americans will give an estimated \$125 billion to the nation's 600,000 plus charities. The billions come from many sources, including corporations and foundations, but almost 90 percent comes from individuals such as you. Most charitable enterprises are honest, yet the enormous amounts involved in charitable giving at times lead to abuses of the public's trust.

Some groups take your hard-earned money and run. At least it appears that way. Doris Day's Animal League, now 3 years old, has raised more than \$7 million, according to the Wall Street Journal. That's great, except it is reported that 90 percent of the \$7 million was spent on more mail asking for more money.

According to Internal Revenue Service filings, of \$1.3 million used by the Doris Day group for public advocacy, 96 percent went to the direct-mailer. Of another \$1.3 million, this time for public education, the direct-mailer got 71 percent. Then, the same company was paid 75 percent of the language-management expenses.

Some people think they're giving to a good cause, and they may well be as far as what they're told by mail or by phone. But in reality the charity is spending much, if not most, of what it raises for list rentals, mailing costs and telemarketing operations, says Kenneth Albrecht, president of the National Charity Information Center (NCIC), an independent watchdog agency that monitors and evaluates the program activities and performance of national charities. "You can be sure that's not where givers want their money to go."

Another news story reports that United Citizens Against Drugs (UCAD), a California-based group, was founded by Nancy Reagan, William Bennett and Dan Quayle to raise some \$318,000 for drug abuse education based largely on the distribution of coloring books and posters to grade-school children. Of the money raised \$28,000, or about 9 percent, went to the printing of coloring books, a hot line and miscellaneous services. But more than \$440,000 went for the fund-raiser's fees, and \$296,000 went for promotional literature and advertising. Moreover, UCAD used the famous names without authorization.

Stories like these make headlines because they are so flagrant. But even the best charities need to maintain their credibility and accountability - keeping proper financial records, avoiding conflicts of interest and the like.

The NCIC is guided by the Roper Organization, nearly 10 by contributors said they feel it is becoming more and more difficult to know what is and isn't a legitimate charitable organization. Moreover, seven in 10 wish someone other than the charity itself could tell them whether the organization is responsible.

Before you make your gift, wait (however long it takes) to find out whatever you need to know in order to keep from being ripped off. Reputable charities will be happy to take your contribution later on.

Consult your local Better Business Bureau. Check your local library. An informative source is NCIC's "Giving Guide," which covers some 400 charitable organizations. Included are the NCIC's standards for charities. Under these standards, the charity must apply at least 60 percent of what it spends for program activities, as opposed to fund-raising and management. Single copies of the guide are free from the National Charities Information Bureau, Dept. D11, 49 Union Square West, New York, N.Y. 10003, (212) 929-6300. Guides and guidelines are available also from the better business bureaus.

The NCIC has a useful list of "Tips for Giving." Their advice: "Nowadays, charities are contribute-to, not where their money goes, be wary of strangers asking for donations by telephone and disregard unordered merchandise that you receive from charities or other groups. By law, you can keep the merchandise and you don't have to pay for it."

Next: To give your charity measure up?

Sylvia Porter writes on matters of Interest to consumers. Her columns appear in the consumer/finance and business sections of The Times-News.

Procter & Gamble introduces Ultra 'soaps of the future'

Procter & Gamble Co. has introduced a new line of laundry soaps that it says are "detergents of the future." Under the brand names of Tide, Cheer, Oxydol and Gain, the new detergents are called Ultra and will eventually replace the existing line.

Lynn Simross

"Using what company representatives call 'compact granule' technology, the detergents can clean a wash load with one small scoop of the granules. Ultra detergents - so concentrated that about half as much per load is needed - compared to regular detergents - are packaged in lighter, smaller boxes that have reclosable lids and a measuring scoop."

Ultra comes in various sizes: 10-wash for \$3.50, 30-wash, \$7; 42-wash, \$9.50. For plemics or tulle parties, there's the Chill Factor, a portable beverage cooler that keeps a whole soda bottle cold for hours with an inside gel pack that slips over the bottle and an outside quilted bag with a drawstring and handle for pouring. Chill Factor's manufacturer recommends that you fill the gel pack in the freezer for "minutes minimum" and chilling the bottle to "achieve maximum length of refrigeration."

The chill bag costs \$12.95. If you can't find it in your area, you can order it from CF Manufacturing, 11900 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.

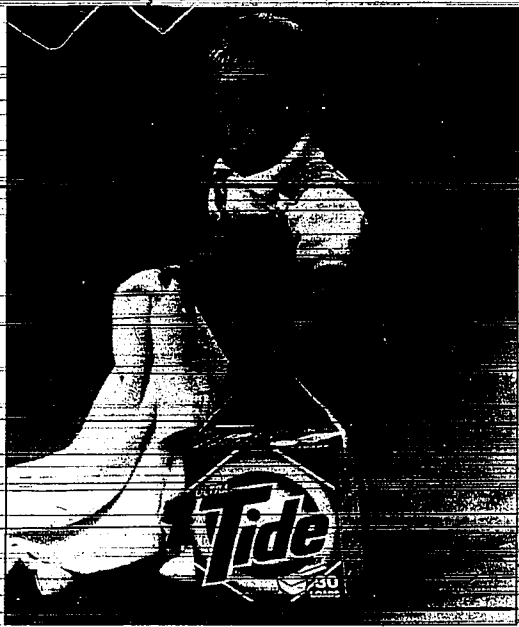
90025. Add \$2.50 for shipping and handling.

Baby's First Year is a new wall calendar designed to make it unique to every mother. The top portion features hand-colored photographs of babies and baby moments. The bottom portion is a traditional calendar, except it leaves the days and dates blank, allowing the new mother to start the calendar on any month, depending on the birth date of her baby.

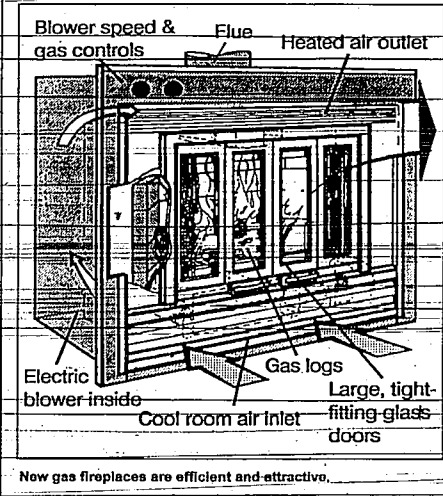
In addition to having daily squares, each month sets aside space for important dates such as Baby's Sleeping Pattern, Feeding Schedule, etc.

Designed by photographer Kim Tucker, the calendar also has a place for the baby's first photo. To order - for \$8, plus \$1.50 shipping and handling - contact Kim Tucker Enterprises, P.O. Box 5376, Sherman Oaks, Calif. 91413.

Lynn Simross welcomes readers' comments and suggestions for columns. But because of their volume, she regrets that she cannot respond individually to calls and letters. Write to Lynn Simross, Consumer Column, Los Angeles Times, Times Mirror Square, Los Angeles, Calif. 90033.



A toddler totes one of the laundry soaps that use 'compact granule' technology.



Now gas fireplaces are efficient and attractive.

Gas fireplaces may be more efficient than some furnaces

Q. I want to install an attractive, clean-burning gas fireplace to help heat my living room. Will the new high-efficiency ones provide much heat? Can I also install one in an old fireplace in my bedroom? F.W.



James Dudley
Cut your utility bill

A. There are new high-efficiency gas fireplaces available that can heat your living room if not your entire house. With the high price of firewood today, a gas fireplace is a cheaper source of heat. The efficiency of these is as high as 75 percent, probably higher than your central gas furnace.

The new gas fireplaces have larger, tight sealing glass doors and attractive trim. Other than the lack of the crackling sound, it is often difficult to distinguish the flames of modern gas logs from real logs. Although they operate most efficiently with the glass doors closed, you can burn them with the doors open. They are also much cleaner and safer to burn.

Most new high-efficiency gas fireplaces are "zero-clearance" designs. This means that the firebox is insulated and protected so it can be installed directly against common building materials. You don't necessarily need a chimney with a gas fireplace. Some even have forced draft exhaust vents.

The heating input rating for these gas fireplaces ranges from about 15,000 Btu/h (one hour) to 40,000 Btu/h. You can manually adjust the heat output and blower speed depending on the heating needs on a given day. An optional wall thermostat allows you to control it just like your furnace.

Room air is drawn in vent openings in the bottom of the gas fireplace by a built-in blower. Then it circulates around the hot firebox and blows out upper vents into your room. Some have additional optional heat outlets so you can duct it to adjacent rooms or to your furnace duct system.

For the highest efficiency, you can purchase an optional outdoor combustion air inlet option. This minimizes the amount of heated room air lost out the flue and provides better heat distribution throughout your house. Most have electric draft exhaust vents.

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Time is right to get head start with next year's taxes

By Jonathan Lanner
Orange County Register

'Even if you can't accelerate income ... or do something else, at least starting now allows you to start budgeting for what is coming ahead.'

Craig Murrell, accountant with Link Murrell & Co. in Irvine, Calif.

After turkey and trimmings comes taxes? It may not be as the Pilgrims planned it, but tax professionals say that the tax year ends on Dec. 31, so it's time to get your head start with next year's tax season.

"Believe it or not, December is a busy month for us," said Richard Holmgren of the Holmgren and Hawkins accounting firm in Newport Beach, Calif.

Despite the hoopla and headlines earlier this autumn, tax rates have not changed so radically that many taxpayers would benefit from trying to juggle things either this year or next year.

"Nevertheless, accountants say that tax planning can pay off. Certain year-end strategies can lower your tax bill in some ways, or can help plan for an upcoming tax bill or a deposit in a tax-sheltering savings account. Planning can help get the paperwork ready to speed the way for a quick refund."

For taxpayers who can juggle income - such as small-business owners, self-employed or commission-based workers - the timing of year-end payments should be watched this year, accountants say.

New tax rules lower the tax bite slightly for middle-class taxpayers and raise them for the wealthy. By either accelerating or delaying income, a taxpayer may be able to save some tax dollars if he or she correctly plans the year-end.

For example, a couple with taxable income of between \$75,000 and \$155,000 might want to defer as much income as possible. Their tax rate will fall to 31 percent in tax year 1991 from 33 percent this tax year, Holmgren says.

Meanwhile, wealthy taxpayers may want to take as many deductions as possible since they will be hit with certain limits on these breaks come tax year 1991.

If not, penalties of up to 11 percent of the underpayment can be tacked on.

"Taxpayers should check whether their payroll deductions and/or quarterly estimated payments will meet these standards. If not, they can make additional payments by Jan. 15 to avoid the penalty."

Pay off company debt. Come Dec. 31, interest paid on anything but mortgages and investment borrowing is not deductible. For 1990, the last year of a five-year phase-out period, only 10 percent of consumer debt payments are deductible. For homeowners with large con-

sumer debts, some advisers recommend a home equity loan if one can be obtained. These payments are deductible up to \$100,000 of second-mortgage borrowings. Be warned that home-equity loans are secured by property. It can be foreclosed upon if payments are missed.

Open retirement plans: Many employment-related, tax-deferred savings plans need to be started by Dec. 31 to have contributions qualify for 1990 tax-break status. Such plans include 401-k, Keogh and 529 IRAs.

Opening a plan with a small contribution then adding to it before taxes are filed next year still gets a 1990 tax break in many cases. The traditional individual retirement accounts do not need to be open or funded until tax forms are filed next year for a 1990 tax break.

Medical expenses: Payments for doctor or dental bills must be greater than 7.5 percent of one's adjusted gross income to be deductible. For a household with \$50,000 in such income, only costs above \$3,750 are deductible.

Health expenses may be deductible for 1990. On the other hand, if expenses were \$1,000 this year and may be larger in 1991, schedule the activity for after New Year's. The 1991 tax bill may be smaller.

Bunch other expenses: Other potentially deductible expenses - from professional uniforms or journals to tax-preparation fees to unreimbursed busi-

ness expenses - should get a similar review. Costs in excess of 2 percent of adjusted gross income (or \$1,000 for a household with \$50,000 in income) qualify for a tax break. Again, bunching these expenses in one year can save money. Check to see if 1990 miscellaneous deductions will exceed the 2 percent threshold and if so, consider prepaying any 1991 costs now.

Capital losses: A taxpayer can get up to \$3,000 a year in tax breaks for losses that eclipse all gains on stocks, bonds or mutual funds in a given year. Any excess loss is carried over to the following tax year. Selling money-losing investments before year end will bring in cash and either lower the tax bill on gains or reap a lower tax bill (or larger refund) when forms are filed next spring.

Security swaps: If paring with a favorite (but depressed) investment is too painful, planners suggest thinking about trading it for a similar play. Tax rules prohibit deducting a loss on a security if within 30 days of the sale you buy the same thing. But subtle differences in security swaps can avoid this rule. A stock bought in January has fallen in value by \$2,000. Switching to another stock fund by year's end will legally create a tax break for 1990.

Such swaps are easy to contemplate with bonds or mutual funds, where like choices are common. It's trickier with stocks where finding issues with identical economics are rare.

Stock fund payouts: Stock funds typically pay capital-gains distribution in December. If you're thinking about buying stock-oriented funds, check the distribution date first. In many cases, you can avoid a tax bill for that dividend next April. The same is true when dealing to create a loss. Think about making the sale before the distribution is made.

Pay local taxes early: Please see TAXES/D2

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Some stores offer layaway refunds

By BBB Staff



Better Business Bureau

Q. If I layaway gifts for Christmas, can I change my mind on some of them and get my money back?

A. I'm glad you asked about layaways, and this is a good season to discuss them. Yes, you could get a refund at certain stores; not at other stores. Layaway plans vary. Each store determines the time limit allowed for total payment and whether to give refunds.

Many layaway complaints received by the Better Business Bureau, especially over the holiday season, relate to refunds. Not all stores offer refunds or they may keep the initial down payment. Others will issue a credit for a customer to apply to other merchandise.

Sometimes, a store may offer a special "layaway sale." In this case, the usual deposit may be less, i.e., "nothing down" or "I will hold nothing" policy. Instead of the usual 60- to 90-day time limit, however, the bill may have to be paid within 30 days.

Some stores require a 20 percent down payment and a payment on a strict schedule. Others let customers make payments of any amount whenever they want, as long as the total price is paid by a certain date.

It's important to read the store's policy and to get any agreements in writing down.

Be a satisfied customer this Christmas.

Q. I would like to know if there are any guarantees that a dry cleaner will do a good job on my matching dresses and slip covers?

A. The dry cleaner's legal liability is limited to the use of ordinary care in handling your merchandise. If you have any stains, a good cleaner will know that to do it you will talk to them about your problem and tell them what you want. A good cleaner will know that to do it you will talk to them about your problem and tell them what you want.

There is a nationally accepted guide of standards and life expectancy for consumer textiles. The amount of the adjustment is used to determine the amount of the adjustment.

When you bring your things to the dry cleaner, identify what caused any stains by either telling him or pinning a note to the garment. After they have been cleaned, inspect them - don't wait several weeks. If you find something wrong, go back to your cleaner right away and discuss it.

Q. What are the most important things to do to a home to discourage burglars?

A. Burglars look forward to holidays - it's their high season. We have some inexpensive and effective ways to keep intruders out.

One easy way to deter burglars - Replace easily-defeated locks on doors and windows. Use a strong deadbolt lock and a reinforced strikeplate on the door jamb or replace the existing screws in the strikeplate with three-inch screws.

On windows and sliding doors, drill a hole through the sashes where they overlap and insert a sturdy eyebolt.

If you leave even for a little while, make the house look lived in. Try to have a car in the driveway. Leave two lights on and also the radio. These won't cost but a few cents a day and may discourage someone from getting away with your valuable possessions.

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Professional shopper suggests taking Polaroids

By Donna Lareen
The Hartford Courant

We are now going to tell you the two essentials of successful holiday shopping: deep breathing and a Polaroid camera.

Stay with us now; this is not kinky, just useful. "Before you go to the mall, sit down, take a deep breath, relax," says Bonnie Roseman, a professional shopper who works with celebrity clients such as Farrah Fawcett, Burr Reynolds, Melanie Griffith, and Don Johnson. "Doing that clears your head and allows you to get organized." But first you need visuals. So get out the camera.

"Say you want to buy some shirts and ties for your husband," Roseman says. "Take an instant picture of his favorite suit. Then clip a piece of fabric from the suit and the lining. Take it with you to the store. 'You'll have no problem with salesclerks, and you don't have to describe anything,' she says.

This method will prevent you from giving dad that horrible tie that does not match anything. "Men hate to return things, so your goody purchase will sit in his closet and remind him that you picked out the wrong thing," she says.

This works well for mom, too. Take a picture of her favorite dress before you go jewelry shopping.

The camera trick also works if you're trying to buy some art or a special kitchen item.

"If your mother is a particularly good cook, take some pictures of her kitchen," says Roseman. "But showing an art dealer photos gives him an idea of your decorating style."

Polaroids of the living room will help in art selection. "When I first started my business I sold a lot of this-matches-my-coach" art," Roseman says. "But showing an art dealer photos gives him an idea of your decorating style."

Roseman, 37, and her husband Alan, 38, started the special shopping business 10 years ago. "My grandfather pushed a cart in Philadelphia," Roseman says. "I'm doing the same thing, bringing the cart to my clients."

The cart is jammed full of clothing, garments, accessories and notebooks full of 5- by 7-inch glossy photos of home goods to clients in 26 cities in the United States. Her client list tops 6,000.

"This is not for the bargain shopper," she says. "I offer high quality goods, some custom made."

The average sale is \$1,000 to \$2,000. She says she offers undivided attention, convenience and a variety of goods "that have taken me 10 years to assemble."

She has had her best year to date, despite the soft economy.

"It's all word-of-mouth," she says. "But it's not for the penny pincher."

For those who don't have the money for a personal shopper, there are ways to make holiday gift buying less tortuous. "Make a list, check it twice," Roseman says. "People would rather get a present than money, so give it a little thought."

A bottle of whiskey is not the automatically safe present it once was, she says. "There are too many people going to AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)," she says. "Don't give that any more."

Instead, find out about their hobbies or special interests. "It just means more to them if you can rip open the wrapping paper and find a dozen golf balls or a pot of homemade strawberry jam," she says.

Little luxury food items such as a special balsamic vinegar in an attractive bottle, an exotic mustard, gourmet olives or handmade chocolates can make an attractive yet personal gift.

Roseman says she thinks "the economy is going to force people to give a lot more thought about what they will buy this season. The days of luxury toy buying are gone for most people."

Home buyers should exercise caution in choosing a bank

By Ellen L. James
The Baltimore Sun

For young couples or singles in pursuit of a first home, the headlines in their local business sections about the problems besetting banks have suddenly taken on new meaning. The question that looms: If my bank fails, what will happen to my savings?

Issues related to bank failure are no longer academic. In light of the savings and loan debacle, prospective home buyers and other Americans are willing to believe the worst about the country's financial institutions and the federal insurance programs that back them.

They are beginning to cast a skeptical eye on banks they once trusted unquestionably and news reports seem to justify their worry. They read recently, for instance, about the failure of New York's Freedom National Bank and how the bank's depositors bundled themselves in thick coats, hats and scarves - braving the chill of November to collect their money.

What if that had been your bank? Would you have to wait in line to get your money back or apply through some bureaucratic mechanism? Worse, would you lose your savings altogether? Financial specialists say that prospective home buyers can spare themselves the stress of wondering if their savings will be lost. As long as you have a few basic guidelines, your funds should be secure even if the bank you've selected should fail, they say.

If you're not confident in any individual institution being solvent. But I am confident that the government will pay deposits off when an institution fails," says Edmund Mierwinski, an official of the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, a national consumer organization. At the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in Washington, D.C., which insures deposits at 12,900 U.S. financial institutions, the message of depositor safety is underlined by spokesman David Heller. "The government puts its full faith and credit behind the deposit insurance system," he says.

Still, financial specialists say that there are good reasons why you as a home buyer should exercise caution in selecting a bank to entrust with your nest egg. And they say that you should be careful to heed guidelines from the FDIC about which accounts are insured by the government and to what extent.

It's very important to stay abreast of what's happening to your institution and the bank can include asset government forms and complications if you are not able to readily provide a couple forms of identification and some records of your account.

Once you've retrieved your funds from the failed bank, you have the hassle of finding a new home for your savings. "It doesn't matter if you're the president of a company or a secretary, you don't want to be changing banks," says Richard Wolfe, head of his own financial planning company.

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Another, offered by Ms. Heller, is to seek a written statement that your deposits at a bank are FDIC-insured from a senior manager at the bank.

Although the manager's statement is unlikely to carry much weight legally if the institution fails, it is more likely to provide an accurate reflection of FDIC coverage than information provided by lower-level employees, Ms. Heller says.

While the chance of losing funds that are kept in a bona fide FDIC-insured bank is remote, Ms. Heller says that there are still good reasons for you to be concerned about the financial condition of the institution where you put your money.

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Group warns of 'slap-wrist' injuries

WASHINGTON (AP) - A popular toy known as the "slap-wrist" bracelet may cause hand and wrist injuries to children, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said Monday.

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The wrist bracelet is a thin strip of metal covered by woven fabric or paper. The toy wraps into the bracelet when the wrist is struck with it.

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reigns ignition, so within a minute, you have a raging fire.

Although it is easy to install a self-clearance gas fireplace yourself, be sure to get the proper permits and inspections. The \$40 for the permit and inspection money well spent. You probably will have to hire a plumber or experienced serviceman to hook up the gas line for you.

Complete high-efficiency gas fireplace inserts are also available for old existing woodburning fireplaces. Another option is "just installing modern gas logs. Although the heat output is significantly less, you may not have to make expensive chim-

ney repairs as you would if you plan to burn wood. You can write me for UTILITY BILLS UPDATE No. 166 showing a list of addresses and telephone numbers of manufacturers of the new high-efficiency gas fireplaces and detailed specifications on several of the most efficient ones.

Please include \$1.00 and a self-addressed STAMPED BUSINESS SIZE envelope to James Dulley, The Times-News, 6906 Royalgreen Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45244.

Q. I just bought an old electric range that I am going to put in my son's apartment. Is there anything we can do to make it use the least amount of electricity? D.R.

A. Electric ranges are very simple devices. Check to make sure that all of the burner (element) controls work properly and actually adjust from low to high. Also clean the chrome reflector drip pans or buy new ones. They are very inexpensive and can improve the efficiency.

The only other spot to check is the gasket around the oven door. Your son may occasionally bake a frozen pizza - and a leaky gasket - wastes electricity.

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REAL ESTATE UPDATE

Richard G. Irwin
DEPRECIATION CHANGE

QUESTION: Has the latest Tax Reform Act changed the depreciation schedule for real estate?

ANSWER: Under prior rules, both commercial and residential real estate were depreciable over a 19-year period. On top of that, real estate could be written off at an accelerated rate that produced bigger deductions in the early years of ownership than in later years.

The Tax Reform Act increases the depreciation period to 27 1/2 years for residential property and 31 1/2 years for commercial property. Accelerated depreciation has been eliminated. All types of property must now be written off using straight-line depreciation resulting in equal yearly deductions.

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Business

Dow industrials reach highest level in 11 weeks as Iraq backs talks, bank issues surge

Knight-Ridder News Service

NEW YORK — The Dow Industrials closed Wednesday at 2610, its highest level since Oct. 11, after a 30-point gain. The gain was the largest in 11 weeks.

The afternoon rally was prompted by continued aggressive buying in financial issues, particularly money-center banks and news for the first time, undistorted by futures expiration since Oct. 18.

Volume was heavy, expanding from Tuesday's pace and topping 200 million shares. Around 2:30 p.m. EST, the State Department announced Iraq had officially agreed to unilateral talks with the United States over the Gulf crisis — talks proposed initially by President Bush in a televised address on Nov. 30, a day after received U.N. authorization for military action against Iraq. The original Bush suggestion for unilateral talks sparked a 41-point rally in Dow 4.

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Boeing 2,700,000 +14
General Electric 2,500,000 +14
Johnson & Johnson 2,400,000 +14
Merck 2,300,000 +14
Procter & Gamble 2,200,000 +14

Beans

NEW YORK (AP) — Beans closed weak by Bear Market News. U.S. Department of Agriculture prices added to concerns about U.S. bean supply.
Contract Month High Low Close Change
Dec. Soybeans 10.00 10.00 10.00 +0.00
Dec. Soybean Meal 30.00 30.00 30.00 +0.00
Dec. Soybean Oil 20.00 20.00 20.00 +0.00

Spokane stocks

SPokane (AP) — Spokane stock market closed mixed.
Symbol Price Change
Adelphi 1.50 +0.05
BankAmerica 1.25 +0.05
Boeing 1.50 +0.05
Chrysler 1.00 +0.05
Coca-Cola 1.25 +0.05
Gold Reserve 1.00 +0.05
IBM 1.50 +0.05
Microsoft 1.25 +0.05
Procter & Gamble 1.00 +0.05
Walmart 1.25 +0.05

Grains

NEW YORK (AP) — Grains closed mixed by Bear Market News. U.S. Department of Agriculture prices added to concerns about U.S. grain supply.
Contract Month High Low Close Change
Dec. Wheat 24.00 24.00 24.00 +0.00
Dec. Corn 3.00 3.00 3.00 +0.00
Dec. Soybeans 10.00 10.00 10.00 +0.00

Local interest

NEW YORK (AP) — Local interest rates.
Contract Month High Low Close Change
Dec. Treasury 10.00 10.00 10.00 +0.00
Dec. Municipal 10.00 10.00 10.00 +0.00
Dec. Commercial 10.00 10.00 10.00 +0.00

Potatoes

NEW YORK (AP) — Potatoes closed mixed.
Contract Month High Low Close Change
Dec. Potatoes 10.00 10.00 10.00 +0.00

Sugar

NEW YORK (AP) — Sugar closed mixed.
Contract Month High Low Close Change
Dec. Sugar 20.00 20.00 20.00 +0.00

Commodities

NEW YORK (AP) — Commodities closed mixed.
Contract Month High Low Close Change
Dec. Oil 18.00 18.00 18.00 +0.00
Dec. Natural Gas 1.00 1.00 1.00 +0.00
Dec. Copper 1.00 1.00 1.00 +0.00

Metals

NEW YORK (AP) — Metals closed mixed.
Contract Month High Low Close Change
Dec. Aluminum 1.00 1.00 1.00 +0.00
Dec. Zinc 1.00 1.00 1.00 +0.00
Dec. Lead 1.00 1.00 1.00 +0.00

Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks closed mixed.
Contract Month High Low Close Change
Dec. S&P 500 10.00 10.00 10.00 +0.00
Dec. NYSE 10.00 10.00 10.00 +0.00

Options

NEW YORK (AP) — Options closed mixed.
Contract Month High Low Close Change
Dec. Call 1.00 1.00 1.00 +0.00
Dec. Put 1.00 1.00 1.00 +0.00

Foreign

NEW YORK (AP) — Foreign closed mixed.
Contract Month High Low Close Change
Dec. Euro 1.00 1.00 1.00 +0.00
Dec. Yen 1.00 1.00 1.00 +0.00

Energy

NEW YORK (AP) — Energy closed mixed.
Contract Month High Low Close Change
Dec. Oil 18.00 18.00 18.00 +0.00
Dec. Natural Gas 1.00 1.00 1.00 +0.00

Stock listings

New York

NEW YORK (AP) — NYSE listing.
Symbol Price Change
IBM 145.00 +1.00
Microsoft 115.00 +1.00
AT&T 48.00 +0.50
Boeing 75.00 +1.00
General Electric 35.00 +0.50
Johnson & Johnson 25.00 +0.50
Merck 45.00 +1.00
Procter & Gamble 30.00 +0.50
Walmart 40.00 +1.00

Over-the-counter

NEW YORK (AP) — OTC listing.
Symbol Price Change
Amgen 120.00 +2.00
Biogen 150.00 +3.00
Novartis 180.00 +4.00
Pfizer 100.00 +1.50
Schering-Plough 90.00 +1.00
Upjohn 80.00 +1.00
Wyeth 70.00 +1.00

Regional

NEW YORK (AP) — Regional listing.
Symbol Price Change
BankAmerica 45.00 +1.00
Bojiac 30.00 +0.50
Bojiac Bancorp 25.00 +0.50
Bojiac Bancorp II 20.00 +0.50
Bojiac Bancorp III 15.00 +0.50
Bojiac Bancorp IV 10.00 +0.50

Foreign

NEW YORK (AP) — Foreign listing.
Symbol Price Change
London 1.00 +0.05
Paris 1.00 +0.05
Tokyo 1.00 +0.05
Hong Kong 1.00 +0.05
Singapore 1.00 +0.05

Options

NEW YORK (AP) — Options listing.
Symbol Price Change
IBM Call 1.00 +0.05
IBM Put 1.00 +0.05
Microsoft Call 1.00 +0.05
Microsoft Put 1.00 +0.05

Energy

NEW YORK (AP) — Energy listing.
Symbol Price Change
Oil 18.00 +0.50
Natural Gas 1.00 +0.05
Copper 1.00 +0.05
Aluminum 1.00 +0.05

Commodities

NEW YORK (AP) — Commodities listing.
Symbol Price Change
Wheat 24.00 +0.50
Corn 3.00 +0.10
Soybeans 10.00 +0.20
Soybean Meal 30.00 +0.50
Soybean Oil 20.00 +0.50

Metals

NEW YORK (AP) — Metals listing.
Symbol Price Change
Aluminum 1.00 +0.05
Zinc 1.00 +0.05
Lead 1.00 +0.05
Copper 1.00 +0.05

Business

Dow

Continued from D3
The Dow finished on Monday in a session high near 2601 at mid-afternoon, but a further rally and a battery of buy-on-close orders propped the Dow to finish at a session high over 9 points above that level.

The blue-chip index has not been above the 2600 number mark since Sept. 13, just before the last leg of the August-October decline. That leg of the decline swept the Dow from current levels to roughly 2550 in four weeks.

The Dow has now retraced about 40 percent of the entire decline from the July-16 all-time closing high of 2999.75.

At the close, the Dow stood at 2610.40, up 30.70, while advances

far outpaced declines on the Big Board by 1,064 to 488 on heavy volume of 705 million shares, expanding from an active 185 million on Tuesday.

Although the afternoon rally was not as heavy as the morning's, it was heavily bid, index-futures markets as on Tuesday afternoon traders said.

Among Dow components, American Express took up the mantle of leadership, posting a full-point gain throughout the afternoon — in line with an extremely strong financial sector — and closing up 1/4 at 225 1/4.

Alcoa finished up 1/4 at 56 3/4, General Electric up 1/4 at 57 1/4, Minnesota Mining up 1 at 83 1/4, Union Carbide up 1 at 16 1/4, and Westinghouse up 1/4 at 28 1/4.

Productivity grows slowly in 3rd quarter

WASHINGTON (AP) — American workers' productivity grew at a mediocre annual rate of 0.2 percent in the July-September period, while the nation's businesses trimmed the working hours of their employees, the government said Wednesday.

Analysis took the 0.2 percent gain in hours the first such decline since 1986 as a sign that American businesses had been reacting over the summer for a recession, which many economists think has taken hold.

The Labor Department's report did not come as a surprise, economists said, because many American businesses have implemented large-scale layoffs in recent months.

Generally, productivity — defined as output per hour of work — should increase if hours are cut. But that didn't have much of an impact in the third quarter, largely because the sluggish economy kept output unchanged, analysts said.

Increased productivity, or getting each worker to produce more during each hour of work, is considered vital to boosting the nation's standard of living without inflation.

The 0.2 percent third quarter increase in non-farm productivity followed an equally anemic 0.3 percent rise in the second quarter of 1990. Still, it was better than the 1.9 percent annual productivity during the first quarter of 1990.

So far this year, productivity has fallen at an annual rate of 0.2 percent.

During all of 1989, productivity fell 0.7 percent. Before that decline, productivity growth had averaged around 1.4 percent a year for the past several years, better than the 1.2 percent average of the 1970s, but far worse than the 3.3 percent annual gain posted in the two decades after World War II.

Wednesday's report provided revised figures on the third quarter of 1990. The 0.2 percent revised increase was not nearly as big an improvement as the 1.6 percent rise first reported by the Labor Department.

During the July-September period, the number of hours worked by non-farm sectors edged down 0.2 percent, a slightly bigger decline than the 0.1 percent decrease first reported. It was the first fall-off in hours worked since 1986.

Hourly labor costs, a major measure of inflation for businesses, shot up 4.6 percent in the third quarter, compared with 2.5 percent rise in the second quarter of 1989.

Unit labor costs, a key gauge of future price inflation, rose 4.4 percent in the third quarter, compared with 4.7 percent in the second quarter. Last year, unit labor costs increased 3.9 percent for the year.

Mutual funds

NEW YORK (AP) — The following are the top 100 mutual funds as ranked by assets as of Oct. 31, 1990, according to the Investment Company Institute. Assets are in millions of dollars.					
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Food arriving from across globe is private effort to ease shortage

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Israeli fruit, German sausages, Italian cheese and American medical supplies are among the products arriving in the Soviet Union as part of a worldwide private effort to ease winter shortages.

While the governments of the United States, Sweden and other countries have no formal plans yet to organize food aid, private groups and individuals are rallying to rush food to the Soviets.

Relief organizations have chartered planes, used Aeroflot flights and organized truck convoys to get past the vast country's

transportation bottlenecks. Several organizations have sent staff members to ensure that food and medicine reach their destinations.

The Soviet government, which blames food problems on the collapse of its central distribution system, has not officially asked for the food.

But the chronic shortages have worsened dramatically this winter. Consumers must wait in long lines — of such as butter. Sometimes pushing and showing breaks out over a scarce item.

or refrigerated trucks to transport food from the fields to markets, nor are there sufficient storage facilities. There has been widespread theft and diversion to the black market.

The European Community has drafted an aid package, to be adopted next week, providing about \$2 billion in food and transportation over the year.

Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, meanwhile, has made deals involving loans and export credits to buy basic foods and consumer products to fill empty store shelves.

have gone ahead on their own to help orphanages, hospitals and pensioners.

Tore Waerness, a Norwegian slaughterhouse owner, is driving a truck carrying three tons of sausages to the Soviet city of Murmansk.

"I'm a bit suspicious of the mafia in Murmansk. But people from the church have promised to help us so that it will be families with children who get the Christmas gift," he said.

The first aid to reach Moscow — a plane-load of food from German charities — arrived on Nov. 29. Trucks met the Aeroflot

flight and took 22,000 packages of flour, sugar, sausage and hard to children's hospitals and orphanages.

The German Red Cross and the Caritas organization sent convoys of trucks, vans and buses, stuffed with food packages last week. More convoys are planned for this month.

And Soviet soldiers on Wednesday unloaded an emergency 10-ton shipment of Israeli watermelons, tomatoes and oranges that Israeli leaders said were a gesture of thanks for allowing thousands of Soviet Jews to emigrate.

Soviets get fruit basket from Israel

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet soldiers on Wednesday unloaded an emergency food shipment of Israeli watermelons, tomatoes and oranges that Israeli leaders said was a gesture of thanks for allowing thousands of Soviet Jews to emigrate.

Soviet troops shook hands with Israelis on the airport tarmac after 10 tons of the produce was unloaded from an Israeli passenger plane.

The shipment, destined for a Moscow hospital, was organized by the quasi-governmental Jewish Agency, which helps settle Jewish immigrants in Israel.

The Boeing 767 of the national carrier, El Al, then returned to Tel Aviv for another cargo of 250 Soviet Jewish immigrants to Israel.

A record number of 150,000 Jews from the Soviet Union have arrived in Israel this year.

"The food shipment is a gesture of gratitude to the Soviet government for permitting Jews to return to their homeland," said Jewish Agency spokesman Yehuda Weinrub.

He said another 15 tons of powdered milk would be sent Thursday to children's hospitals in Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev.

The El Al jet landed at Moscow airport's cargo terminal before dawn on Wednesday and was met by soldiers and seven army trucks.

The soldiers, who did not speak English or Hebrew, worked silently for an hour unloading the crates onto trucks.

When they were finished, several approached the Israelis to shake hands.

At Bucharest's airport, the departure terminal was packed with Soviet Jews who had traveled overland by bus, most from Odessa, to board planes to Israel.

The Soviet Union does not permit direct flights between Moscow and Tel Aviv, and the immigrants are routed through transit stations in Poland, Hungary and Romania.

Some of the immigrants, tired from the long bus trip, complained they were forced to wait hours at the airport in Bucharest to get a seat on an El Al plane. Many clutched possessions as they waited, including a cello, a small dog and a bundle of brooms.

Matvey Rabinovich, 85, of Odessa, wore a jacket covered with Soviet military medals. He said he planned to stay with a nephew, who is a doctor in the Israeli town of Holon.

Governments have not talked about Honecker

BONN, Germany (AP) — The German and Soviet governments have not discussed what to do with deposed East German Communist leader Erich Honecker, who is in a Soviet military hospital outside Berlin, an official said Wednesday.

Hans Klein, chief spokesman for Chancellor Helmut Kohl's government, told reporters the matter was being handled by authorities in Berlin. They brought manslaughter charges against Honecker last week for the shoot-to-kill orders once directed at East Germans trying to flee to the West.

Honecker's fate is one of the first thorny issues facing Bonn and Moscow since the two governments signed new treaties on Soviet troop withdrawals, German-Soviet cooperation and non-aggression.

Klein insisted the federal government had no role in Honecker's case.

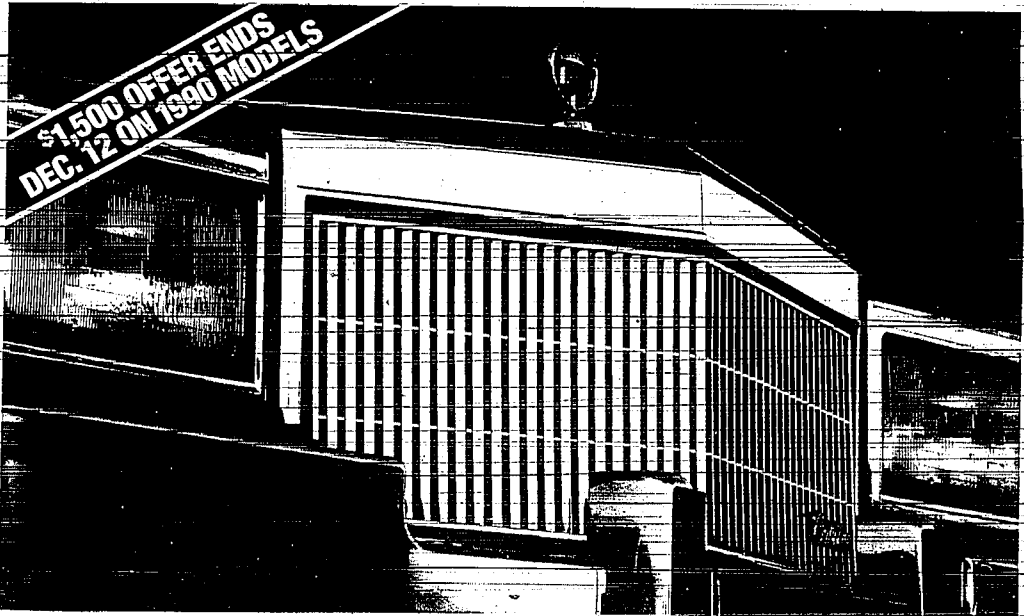
"We have a united German law, and the justice senator in Berlin and the justice minister in Brandenburg are in charge," he said. "The government never puts pressure on the administration of justice."

The spokesman also ducked a question on whether the Soviet military had any legal right in the new, united Germany to hide a German citizen from German authorities.

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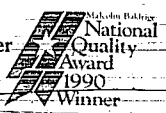
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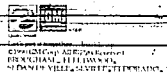
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World

Soviets ask emergency be declared

MOSCOW (AP) — A group of conservative and liberal legislators demanded Wednesday that President Mikhail S. Gorbachev impose a state of emergency to pull the nation out of its political and economic crisis.

It also demanded that Gorbachev suspend the activities of political parties and the parliaments of four republics.

The group, called the National Salvation Committee, demanded that the armed forces be asked to help halt the nation's slide into chaos. But Gorbachev's main rival, Boris Yeltsin, said he was opposed to using the military to resolve the crisis.

The Salvation Committee's members included the hard-line Soyuz group of parliamentarians as well as the reformist Liberal-Democratic Party.

There are many fascist elements emerging in many parts of the country, and this process should be stopped before it is too late, said Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, a leader of the Liberal-Democratic Party and a spokesman for the National Salvation Committee.

The committee called the military the sole force still resisting the disintegration of the state, the independent Interfax news agency reported.

Leaders demanded shifting power to the committee if Gorbachev did not act, Interfax and the state news agency Tass reported.

"Gorbachev must assume this responsibility or we should find an alternative," said Vladimir Voronin, leader of the Sakharov Democratic Union and a committee member.

He said in a telephone interview that the committee wanted a strengthening of presidential power.

The group is calling for suspension of the parliaments of Lithuania, Latvia, Georgia and Russia, because they are seen as the strongest challenge to the central government, Zhirinovskiy said in a telephone interview. Other committee members seemed inclined to suspend all legislative bodies.

"If the presidential decrees are not obeyed in a region, that region's representative bodies should be dissolved, and a plenipotentiary representative of the central government should be sent to replace it," said Voronin.

The Lithuanian parliament declared independence on March 11 and the newly elected non-Communist parliament of Georgia is moving in that direction, Moldavia is split among opposing ethnic groups.

The Russian republic issued the strongest challenge by declaring its self-sovereignty with the right to overturn national laws on its territory.

Three-quarters of the Soviet land mass.

Zhirinovskiy said the coalition represented 400 of the 2,250 members of the Congress of Peoples' Deputies.



Col. Eduardo Herrera Hassan, right, was caught by U.S. troops.

Arrest stops attempt at Panama takeover

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — U.S. troops arrested a former senior Panamanian police official Wednesday after he escaped from prison and took over national police headquarters in what the president called a coup attempt.

About 50 armed supporters of former Col. Eduardo Herrera gave up after several shots were fired, wounding one of the supporters.

Herrera and the supporters were turned over to Panamanian authorities.

It was the first challenge to the government by Guillermo Endara, who was installed after the United States invaded Panama last December and toppled Gen. Antonio Manuel Noriega.

Herrera, a former Noriega associate, said he did not want to overthrow the government, but to gain more respect and better pay and benefits for police.

Endara said it was a coup attempt. Herrera was awaiting trial on conspiracy charges when he escaped Tuesday afternoon from prison on the Pacific island of Nao aboard a private helicopter.

He and his backers then took over police headquarters in Panama City early Wednesday after spending several hours in a vain attempt to get support from police units near the capital.

Panamanian troops surrounded the

building and were joined by U.S. soldiers at Panama's request, the U.S. Embassy said.

The United States maintains about 12,000 troops in Panama to protect the Panama Canal until Panama takes it over at the end of the century.

Herrera met at the police headquarters with U.S. and Panamanian officials, but it was not known what they discussed.

He walked out of the headquarters at midday, surrounded by armed supporters and journalists who were trying to ask him questions.

In the confusion, Herrera slipped past a barricade manned by U.S. troops and into a car, and made a brief getaway.

But U.S. troops captured him and his supporters at a building nearby.

Herrera was a member of Noriega's Panama Defense Forces. But he had been on the outs with Noriega, who forced Herrera to leave the country by naming him ambassador to Israel prior to the U.S. invasion.

Herrera returned to Panama after Noriega was jailed in Miami on drug charges, and he became deputy police chief in January.

He was fired in August and jailed in October on charges of conspiring against Endara's government.

Endara won elections that Noriega then annulled; the government was installed after the U.S. invasion.

Karpov beats Kasparov in 17th chess game

LYON, France (AP) — Anatoly Karpov pulled even in the world chess championship with a victory Wednesday after reigning champion Garry Kasparov resigned on the 40th move of Game 17.

The two Soviet grandmasters are now tied 8.5 points each with the next game scheduled for Saturday.

Kasparov had gone one point ahead on Tuesday when he won the marathon 18th game after 102 moves played over four days.

But Karpov, with the white pieces on Wednesday, evened the match.

The first player to gain 12.5 points wins the championship and \$1.7 million of a \$3 million purse. In the event of a tie, Kasparov retains the title.

Bangladesh interim government head-nominated

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — Opposition parties, gearing up for the imminent resignation of President Hussain Muhammad Ershad, on Wednesday nominated the chief justice of the Supreme Court to head a caretaker government.

The news that Ershad would step down was greeted with noisy celebrations by thousands of people, many of whom ran from their homes

in pajamas to dance in the streets and set off firecrackers.

Ershad said Tuesday that he would resign as soon as his replacement was chosen. His announcement ended an often-violent campaign for his ouster, which continued despite his declaration of a state of emergency and the deployment of the army to quell street protests.

The opposition claims at least 100 people were killed by security forces since the emergency was declared Nov. 27. The government says only six people died.

The choice of Chief Justice Shuhuddin Ahmed was announced by opposition leaders Sheikh Hasina and Khaleda Zia, who led the seven-week campaign to oust Ershad, a former army general who took power by coup in 1982.

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Boy drowns as pool fenced

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — A man building a safety fence around his swimming pool did not notice his young son fall into the deep end, and the 19-month-old boy drowned, police said.

Police Capt. Hendrick Bester said the family had lived in the house only three days when the tragedy occurred Monday. It was reported Wednesday in The Citizen newspaper.

Bester said Mathews Mulder was putting up the fence around the pool when his wife told him she could not find their son, Jaco.

Mulder found the boy in the pool and administered first aid while waiting for an ambulance, but Jaco was pronounced dead on arrival at a hospital.

The incident occurred in Witpoort, a town southwest of Johannesburg.

Cholera outbreak

LUSAKA: 46 in Zambia

LUSAKA, Zambia (AP) — At least 46 people have died and 412 others have been hospitalized since a cholera outbreak in November, news reports said Wednesday.

Since one patient was receiving medical treatment in the Copperbelt districts and northern provinces bordering Zaire, the official Zambian Daily Mail reported.

Zambia's Health Ministry, in a statement issued Tuesday, urged people to avoid traveling near the affected areas in seven districts across the country.

Earlier this year, cholera killed more than 200 people in the densely populated urban areas of Lusaka, Gaborone and Kabwe.

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East Germans asked to bring a Soviet soldier home for holidays

BERLIN (AP) — Forget the bitter past. Remember the less fortunate. Have a heart. Invite a Red Army soldier home for the holidays.

A German friendship society is asking east Germans to make life a little easier for the Soviet force that occupied their former nation for 40 years. The message? Set an extra place at the table this Christmas.

Pour another glass of champagne on New Year's Eve. Call the Soviet command and ask them to send over a soldier.

The inclination to help is very strong. Horst Grutzke, spokesman for the Berlin-

based German Society, said Wednesday.

The society's nationwide appeal is the latest demonstration of gratitude to the Soviet Union for giving up its claim to East Germany and allowing German unification.

The society said it has scale and remarkably popular effort by German relief groups, labor unions and companies to ship hundreds of tons of food and other necessities to ease the Soviet Union's chaotic food situation.

"This appeal is in keeping with the relief efforts," said Grutzke. "We want to thank the Soviets for our sovereignty."

The German Society was formed in January with the goal of improving relations between East and West Germany. Its members include former Chancellor Willy Brandt.

The government of eastern Brandenburg state said Tuesday it would try to send holiday food packages to Soviets on their bases and also sponsor an invite-a-soldier program.

Once feared and reviled, the Soviet army is drawing mostly pity these days as it prepares to pack up and leave what used to be East Germany.

Its mystique as a formidable fighting force has been replaced by images of low-paid, unskilled young men heading back to a homeland struggling with shortages and social turmoil.

A news photographer recently caught two soldiers poking through a western German garbage dump for something valuable to salvage.

Reinhardt Luschert, spokesman for the eastern German forces based in Strausberg, said he welcomed efforts by Germans to share holiday dinners with Soviet soldiers. "We are glad about such activities be-

cause we know the problems of the Soviet soldiers," he said.

There have been widespread reports of desertions and suicides by Soviet soldiers and assaults upon them by eastern Germans.

Lt. Gen. Michael Kallinin, commander of Soviet forces in eastern Germany, told a news conference in Potsdam on Wednesday that about 80 Soviet soldiers have deserted this year, and that 24 of them fled to the West.

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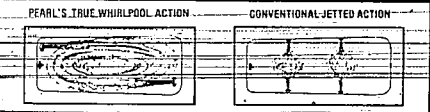
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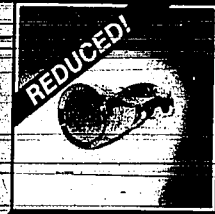
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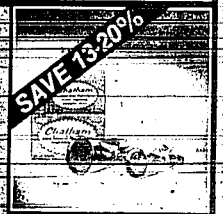


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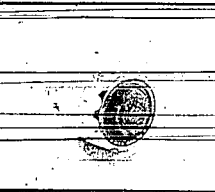
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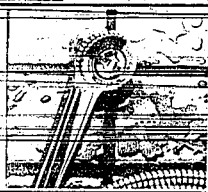
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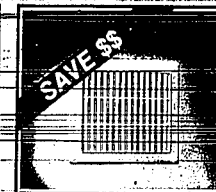
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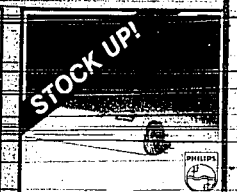
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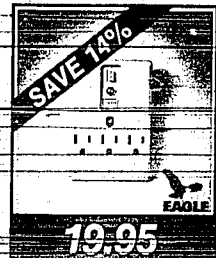
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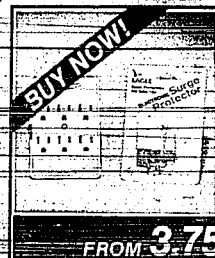
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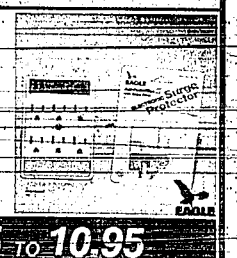
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Gulf

Troops make Christmas video messages for folks back home

IN EASTERN SAUDI ARABIA (AP) — Troops getting a rare break from desert duty made Christmas messages on videotape Tuesday for loved ones back home.

One Marine donned a Santa cap. Another put on his gas mask.

And one homesick soldier mouthed a tender "I love you" for his wife before getting up from his chair to kiss the camera lens.

The taping takes place daily at a Marine Corps Rest and Relaxation Center, better known as Desert World. Troops sit in front of one of eight video cameras to make 15-minute messages called "Data" than A Letter.

Chief Warrant Officer Randall Anderson, 33, of Swanton, Ga., put on a pair of Santa Claus suspenders and a red-and-white stocking cap his wife sent him. The only other things he wore were his Marine Corps gym shorts and shower shoes.

"It was the perfect time to lay down a Merry Christmas message that I'm doing fine and that I'll be home some day," said Anderson, who blew a kiss to his wife and daughter. He serves with the Headquarters and Support Company of the 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment.

Lance Cpl. Will French, 24, of Johnston, Va., showed his folks back home how he puts on his gas mask during alerts.

"I just wanted to show them things were all right and I'm safe," said French, who serves with a Marine tank unit.

A number of the messages began with "Hi, Mom."

One said longingly, "Don't forget me."

Another said reassuringly, "I'll be home as soon as I can."

One Marine did a segment of his message in sign language for a deaf relative.

More than a few Marines spilled their souls in their 15-minute segments. These video messages are a technological leap over the audio cassettes of Vietnam and the crumpled letters of Korea and wars past.

Since the video service began operating Nov. 14, more than 100 people have recorded messages on cameras donated by Montgomery Ward. They are sent home by the USO.

It's just one of the amenities of the desert world, which was originally built by the Saudi Royal Commission for oilfield workers. It was unused for six years before being turned over to the Marine.

About 1,200 servicemen and women come to swim in an Olympic-sized pool, play volleyball and basketball, sunbathe in the rooms donated by Arnold Schwarzenegger, toss a Frisbee,



Chief Warrant Officer Randall Anderson tapes holiday greeting.

'It was the perfect time to lay down a Merry Christmas message that I'm doing fine and that I'll be home someday.'

-Randall Anderson, chief warrant officer

catch a movie, play video games, use one of 21 phones to call home, read books or browse in a store.

After checking their weapons with a guard, they trade their battle dress uniforms for gym clothes and their combat boots for sneakers.

Some just stretch out in the shade or sun themselves on an irrigated lawn adorned with date palm trees and shrubs. The grass is enough to make an impression.

The green almost hurts his eyes, said Cpl. Michael Flaga, 25, of Mellenry, Ill., who serves with the 3rd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment.

"We're used to seeing no colors in the desert. I couldn't believe they had something like this."

"It's as close as you're going to come to a piece of America," said

Lance Cpl. Anthony Uhler, 20, of Pontiac, Mich. He came to tape a message to his wife, who is expecting their first child in January.

"After being out there in the endless sand, it's good to see grass," said Lance Cpl. Michael Duell, 21, of Sioux City, Iowa.

Desert City is run by the Marines, but U.S. Navy nurses, British troops from the 7th Armored Brigade and some members of the U.S. Army 2nd Airborne Division use the facilities.

"The Marines and Navy know how to live. We're wasting our money on parachutes and bullets," said Lt. Richard Ballard, 29, of the 82nd Airborne Division out of Fort Bragg, N.C.

He had only been able to call home twice since he arrived in August.

"This is the first day I had off in 119 days. This is the first time I've seen anything that resembles grass," said Staff Sgt. Craig Colberg, 29, of Aurora, Ohio, also of the 82nd Airborne.

Since Desert World opened Nov. 4, it has entertained 20,292 service members. A total of 19,378 have watched movies and 15,055 have called home, said Master Gunnery Sgt. John Kulick of Pawtucket, R.I.

"It's got the atmosphere of Hawaii. It's one of the biggest morale boosters I've seen," Kulick said.

Idaho reservists, National Guard members called to duty

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Gerald Steed looked at the items spread out on the bed in his house south of Rigby and wondered how he would get his Army uniforms and civilian clothing into a duffel bag and a suitcase.

"How do you pack one year of living in two bags?" he asked Wednesday.

The Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center pharmacist was preparing to become Lt. Gerald Steed of the Army Reserve, ready for active duty.

He is one of 700 members of the 328th General Hospital Unit whose lives became very hectic after the unit's activation Monday. Steed and others from eastern Idaho were preparing to board a bus Thursday morning bound for the unit's headquarters at Fort Douglas in Salt Lake City.

Maj. Bill Auer, public information officer with the 96th Army Reserve Command, said 328th will be sent to Germany to fill positions held by active Army medical personnel who have been sent to the Persian Gulf.

Steed was told he will be flown to Fort Carson, Colo., on Monday, and will stay there for "an extended period" before being sent to Germany. Auer said the unit will end up in a tank port.

If war breaks out in the Persian Gulf, the 328th must treat some of the casualties, Auer said. Military casualties from the Middle East typically are evacuated to Europe after receiving initial treatment.

Steed, 40, has talked with his wife, Holly, and their seven children about how their life will be different if his activation lasts, as he expects, a full year.

"If he is overseas a long time, he said he wants them to sell the horses, his diesel truck and the house trailer, since he has been primarily responsible for the ani-

mal packing — at the stacks of clothes, he wondered aloud, "Is it going to be a year, or is it going to be another Vietnam?"

Steed, a four-year Navy veteran, also wondered if the draft will be reinstated while he is on active duty.

His 20-year-old son, who left college for a semester to work, would be eligible for the draft.

In Blackfoot, Larry Johnson also got the call to active duty Monday.

"I'm not sleeping much at night," said Johnson, an assistant nursing director at State Hospital South. "There's a lot of things on my mind, making sure there's security for my family."

Johnson will report for officer's training in San Antonio, Texas, on Saturday, leaving his wife and seven children behind in Blackfoot. He said he is not sure how his family will absorb the pay cut, where he is going or how long he will be there.

"If it really turns out to be a full-blown war, I could be there for a long time," he said. "I'm hoping not, but I don't know."

Johnson joined the Army Reserve in 1972, during the Vietnam War. He worked in stateside medical units, treating patients who had just returned from combat.

While the Reserves have helped him pay for his nursing education, Johnson also knew he might be assigned overseas someday.

Meanwhile, 10 eastern Idaho reservists left home a week ago after being called to duty with the 539th Signal Company, said Army Sgt. Tommy Ramos, a full-time active reservist in charge of the unit based in Rexburg.

Exiled Kuwaitis plan to return

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kuwait exiles said Wednesday they have formed a group that is drawing up plans to rebuild their country if the Iraqi invaders are expelled.

"The assumption is that everything has been looted," said Ibrahim Al-Shalheh, who was director general of Kuwait's housing authority before the Aug. 2 invasion.

He said the Kuwaiti committee, based in Washington, has spent the last six weeks examining matters that will need to be addressed presuming that the Kuwaitis regain possession of their country.

"The Kuwaitis say they are braced for the worse" in terms of damage. They believe they will have to replace items ranging from hospital incubators to office computers.

At Kuwait University, for instance, furniture, equipment, books, administrative files and research projects have been removed or destroyed.

As an example of their planning, the exiles said they are finding out where to buy generators, which will be needed to provide electricity.

Similar plans are being made for health, public welfare and cultural facilities and for roads. Al-Shalheh said at a press conference.

"The World Bank is also playing a role in planning for rebuilding Kuwait."

While Kuwaitis have been in contact with U.S. agencies to find out where to obtain technical assistance, they said they don't need money.

The oil-rich emirate is financing his operations in exile with the revenue from investments that had been made abroad before the invasion.


Mohammed Al-Sabah, chairman of the economics committee of the Higher Planning Council of Kuwait, said the Kuwaitis are prepared to spend "billions of dollars" in the rebuilding effort.

Fawzi Al-Sultan, executive director of the World Bank, estimates that \$20 billion to \$25 billion has been lost as Kuwait's economy has ground to a halt and the country was stripped of its resources.

"Iraq has destroyed the nation's banking and financial system," he said.

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New FAA seating rule, plane rider who acted fast saved lives

ROMULUS, Mich. (AP) — Bill Trappen was struck that his seat wouldn't recline on Northwest Airlines' Flight 1482. But when the plane collided with another jet at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, his seat assignment made him a hero.

Because of a new Federal Aviation Administration regulation, the 21-year-old University of Pittsburgh student was assigned a seat near an emergency exit through which he helped several passengers flee the burning DC-9.

On Oct. 5, the FAA began requiring airlines to assign exit row seats to passengers strong enough to open exit doors in the event of an emergency. The passengers are asked before being given the seats if they are willing to help evacuate others. If they say no, they are assigned another seat.

"In an emergency situation, it's vital the sheer quickness of a person who is able-bodied and can get the exit door open in time to help other people," FAA spokesman Mort Feldstein said Tuesday from his office.



Trappen

At Northwest, gate agents are charged with recruiting passengers for emergency exit seats, said spokesman Kevin White. "Trappen... returned to Pittsburgh after a weekend in Florida... he had nodded off when the wingtip of a Memphis-bound 727 jet... took off clipped the DC-9, which had turned in front of it on the fog-shrouded runway."

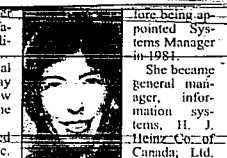
The DC-9's engine was tipped off and fuel started streaming from the jet, which held 39 passengers and crew members. Eight people died, and 20 were injured.

With the aisle jammed with people trying to get off at the front of the plane, Trappen turned to the emergency exit by his seat in row 8. He and another passenger, John

Boisean was among the eight fatalities in Monday's jetliner collision with the Detroit-Maryland airport.

The Wayne County medical examiner confirmed Tuesday Mary Ellen Blankenship, 37, now of Windsor, Canada, died in the fiery crash on a foggy runway.

Ms. Blankenship, who worked 15 years for Ore-Ida Foods, Inc. in Boise, recently moved to accept a position with H.J. Heinz Co. of Canada, Ltd. She was on her way to a Heinz Corporate Information Technology meeting in Pittsburgh at the time of the crash.



Blankenship

Ms. Blankenship is survived by her children, Benjamin, 9, and Lucas, 5, both of Windsor, Canada; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hughes of Denver, Colo.; and a sister and three brothers.

Funeral and memorial arrangements will be announced at a later date. Gerhart said.

All 8 victims' names known

DETROIT (AP) — All eight people killed in the collision of two Northwest Airlines jets at Detroit Metropolitan Airport have been identified, authorities said Wednesday.

The Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office used dental records to identify the burned remains of those killed Monday afternoon aboard Flight 1482, which was struck by a larger jet taking off.

Flight 1482, a DC-9 carrying 39 people to Pittsburgh, was gutted by flames in the collision. No one aboard Flight 299, carrying 153 people to Memphis, Tenn., was injured.

The victims were identified as: Mary Blankenship, 37, of Windsor, Ontario; Monty Blightome, 23, of Caracas, Venezuela, native temporarily working in Pittsburgh; Kingsley Brown, 30, of Pittsburgh; John Burke, 30, of Houston; Heidi Judd, 43, of Decatur, Ala.; Thomas Knight-attendant; Thomas Koptiva, 50, of Memphis, Tenn.; Daniel Loughnane, 44, of Memphis; and Fred Zitto, 59, of Memphis.

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LEGAL NOTICE

CORRECTED ORDINANCE NO. 2298 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, REZONING REAL PROPERTY BELOW DESCRIBED, PROVIDING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION THEREOF, AND ORDERING THE NECESSARY AMENDMENTS TO THE AREA OF IMPACT AND ZONING DISTRICTS, AND THE REVISED AREA OF IMPACT-AND-COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND USE MAP.

WEST CRANE, RIGGING & TRANSPORT COMPANY ATTEST: 7/2/2007 Filed: 12/06/1990. WHEREAS, the City Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, held a Public Hearing on November 19, 1989, to consider the Zoning District, Rezone and Planning Map amendment upon a REZONE of the real property below described, and an amendment to the Revised Area of Impact and Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map.

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SECTION 1. That the following described real property located in the County of Teton, State of Idaho, to-wit: Parcel 1, Township 10 North, Range 17 East, Boise Meridian, more particularly described as follows:

THENCE North on a line parallel to and 25.00 foot west of the west line of Section 7, T-10 S, R-17 E, a distance of 406.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

THENCE South 89°42'00" East 644.70 feet to the corner of the SW 1/4 Section 7, Township 10 North, Range 17 East, Boise Meridian, more particularly described as follows:

LEGAL NOTICE

SECTION 4. That the Area of Impact and Zoning Districts Map and the Revised Area of Impact and Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, be and the same are hereby amended to reflect the rezoning and changes in Comprehensive Plan design of the real property above described.

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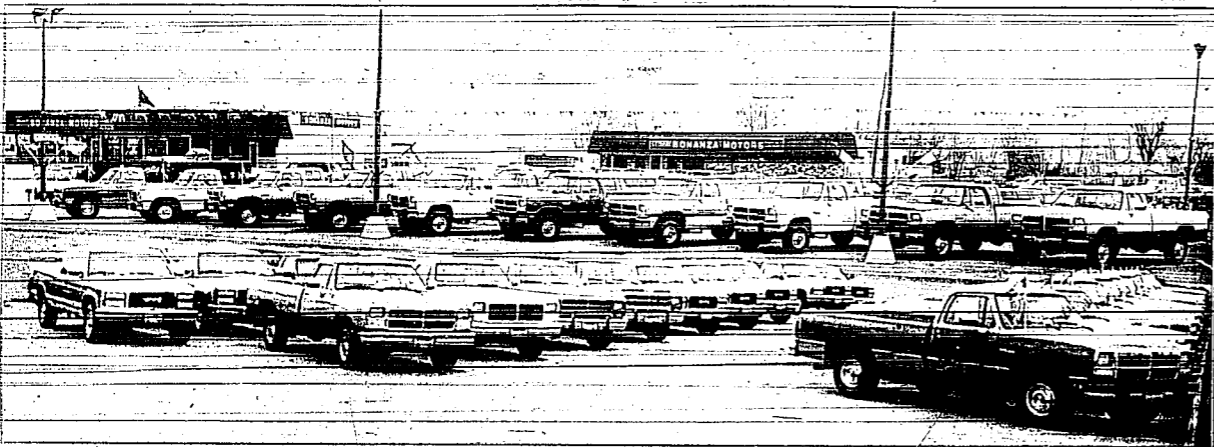
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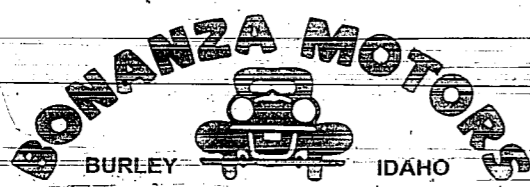
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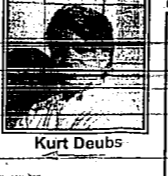
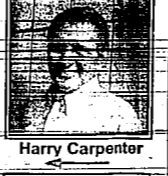
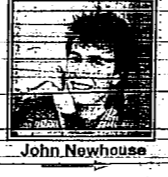
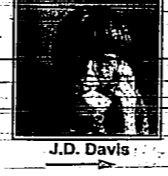
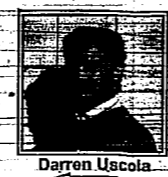


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