

Good morning

Today's forecast:
Cloudy with a chance of light snow. Light winds. Highs 30 to 35 degrees. Lows tonight in the 20s.

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Proponents and opponents of motorboat use near Twin Falls County's Centennial Park on the Snake River voiced their views at a public hearing Wednesday.

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'Untouchable Don' indicted

John Gotti, reputed head of the nation's most powerful crime family, was indicted Wednesday on federal racketeering charges that say he ordered the murder of his predecessor.

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Caavozos steps down

Laura F. Caavozos, the first Hispanic-American to serve in a Cabinet, resigns as secretary of Education. There is a report he was told to quit. The action reportedly came as a result of constant criticism from inside the administration.

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School meeting Year-round classes draw patron support



Maria Scofield, front, was one of several Twin Falls parents at Wednesday's meeting opposing the proposed ninth grade center for District 411.

By Kirk Mitchell
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Several people denounced portions of a proposed \$9.5 million school bond proposal at a town meeting Wednesday night, while others praised the concept of year-round schooling as a solution to Twin Falls' classroom overcrowding.

Almost 100 people attended the meeting sponsored by the Twin Falls School Board to get comment and gauge public sentiment for its plan to put a proposal for a new middle school and a new high school gymnasium and auditorium before the voters next year.

The plan would turn Robert Stuart Junior High School into a ninth-grade center and convert O'Leary Junior High into a second middle school.

Several speakers lambasted the plan for the ninth-grade center.

Some suggested several different ways to improve the plan, including expanding Twin Falls High School so ninth-graders could attend, building a second high school and developing a satellite high school facility with a vocational/technical emphasis.

"Let's do it right this time with two high schools," said Scott Tingey, who lives at 2090 Stadium Blvd.

Twin Falls Superintendent Terrell Donahue said the cost of building a high school would be as high as \$15 million, which wouldn't dramatically affect property taxes. But building a second high school would raise the district's operational bill by up to \$4.2 million.

Some suggested that the whole proposal be rejected.

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Andrus terms endangered salmon request opportunity

The Associated Press

BOISE - Petitions to classify four Idaho salmon species as endangered should be viewed as an opportunity, not a threat to the state's economic well-being, Gov. Cecil Andrus says. It has been clear for some time that our once-productive salmon runs are in serious trouble," the governor said Wednesday. "We have no choice but to reverse that ominous trend."

The state unveiled its new "Strategies for Recovery of Snake River Salmon," a 31-page booklet with salmon-colored covers. It's Idaho's response to the petitions and contains recommendations on how to save the endangered species.

Andrus said Idahoans should accept that it's inevitable that the four species will receive endangered or threatened species protection, which many contend could have enormous economic ramifications for the state.

The state strategy seeks to prevent extinction of the dwindling salmon runs,

but says, "Idaho will not assume total responsibility or the total cost for providing a solution."

It also states Idaho water must be protected, regional hydropower resources and electric ratepayers must be protected and salmon fishing restored in Idaho.

Because of dwindling salmon spawning runs, there hasn't been a general salmon season in Idaho since 1977. The state document says the major problem with salmon is the fact most small migrating downstream are killed when they attempt to go through or over federal power dams. It states the possible solutions are changes in the way the dams are operated, to increase survival rates of migrating salmon.

"To improve minimum passage when juvenile fish are migrating to the ocean, the state recommends the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers operate its four lower Snake River and mainstem Columbia River dams to increase water velocity, decrease migration time to the ocean and get fish past the dams."

Bush discloses summit plan, opens credit line

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush said Wednesday he and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev will meet Feb. 11-13 in Moscow in hopes of signing a treaty slashing their nuclear arsenals.

Bush also opened a credit line that could mean up to \$1 billion in food to help the Soviets through the winter.

In a gesture of friendship, Bush said the credit guarantees and other aid would help the Soviets through "tough times." Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said the Soviet people "will welcome and appreciate that decision."

Although both sides had talked about a superpower summit in Moscow in early 1991, Bush's announcement was the first official word.

Secretary of State James A. Baker III, standing with Bush and Shevardnadze at the White House, made it clear that technical problems still remain to be resolved on the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty to reduce long-range nuclear weapons.

But Bush said, "I'm pleased with the great progress we've made on START and hopeful that we'll be ready to sign a treaty at the Moscow summit."

In the meantime, the president said he was waiving, through June 1991, longstanding trade restrictions against the Soviet Union, enabling the Soviets to buy U.S. "food on credit." Baker said the program would cover from \$500 million to \$1 billion in food shipments.

The president said he was sending technical and medical assistance to help the Soviet Union "cope with immediate shortages."

Idahoans smiling - A2

"The Soviet Union is facing tough times, difficult times. But I believe that this is good reason to act now in order to help the Soviet Union stay the course of democratization and to undertake market reforms," Bush said.

The centerpiece of the economic aid package is the waiver of Jackson-Vanik trade amendments; imposed to penalize the Soviet Union for its once-restrictive emigration policies, especially concerning Jews. In temporarily waiving the trade restrictions, the president opened Soviet access to U.S. credit to help it buy the food it needs to offset severe shortages.

He stopped short of recommending that the Soviet Union also be granted most-favored-nation trade status, but hinted that a complete normalization of trade might come later.

White House officials said earlier this week that economic help to the Soviet Union would be motivated in part by a desire to reward Gorbachev's government for its political support in the Persian Gulf. But Baker said that the aid package was "not ... a payback for the cooperation we've seen on the Gulf crisis" though the United States appreciated Soviet support.

Bush told Shevardnadze he was glad the two nations were standing "shoulder to shoulder on the Gulf."

"I think this is a great achievement," Shevardnadze told him, adding that it was very important for the two nations to continue working together. "We will," Bush told him.

Pet breeding ban receives OK

The Associated Press

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. - Faced with too many stray dogs and cats, San Mateo County officials have tentatively approved the nation's first law that requires nearly all pets to be neutered to prevent unplanned litters.

The ordinance approved Tuesday night would impose a moratorium on all breeding by private dog and cat owners for six months beginning in July.

After Jan. 1, 1992, only dogs and cats owned by professional and hobbyist breeders who hold special permits would be allowed to reproduce. All other cats and dogs in unincorporated areas of the county 15 miles south of San Francisco would have to be neutered.

"We're very, very pleased. We definitely made history tonight and we hope (others) will follow suit around the country," said Sherry Richert, spokeswoman for the Peninsula Humane Society.

Former Twin Falls resident flies to freedom from Baghdad

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls couple is resting easier tonight knowing its son has been allowed to leave the Iraqi capital of Baghdad.

After weeks of anxious waiting, Fred and Betsy Read of Twin Falls received a call from their son, Fred Jr., Tuesday night from London saying he is coming home.

The 37-year-old Read, who has been holed up inside the Canadian embassy in Baghdad since August, was one of the first Americans to leave Baghdad since Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein announced late last week that all Western hostages would be released.

"It's been wonderful to hear from him," said Betsy Read, who said she hopes her son and his family can visit Twin Falls soon.

But Read's first stop when he reaches the states will not doubt be his home in San Mateo, Calif., where his wife Shirley and 29-year-old daughter Jackie are also awaiting his return.

He is expected to arrive in California Saturday, Betsy Read said.

Since Saddam announced the release of foreign hostages, the Reads could only watch television and listen for the best, said Jackie Read from her home in CA 94015.

Jackie and Shirley Read last saw Fred when they were allowed to leave Iraq in September. They arrived in Baghdad for a visit less than 24 hours before Iraqi troops invaded Kuwait Aug. 2 and the borders were closed.

"It's hard to talk about, but it was very scary," Jackie Read said.

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Iraq blocks talks, U.S. contends

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration on Wednesday accused Iraq of blocking any agreement to schedule talks more than a few days before a U.N. deadline for withdrawing Iraqi troops from Kuwait.

Meanwhile, a U.S.-chartered plane was expected to leave Baghdad, Iraq early Thursday with 15 Americans aboard, the last official flight out.

Boucher said the Iraqi government was refusing to budge from its proposal to have Secretary of State James Baker III visit Baghdad on Jan. 12.

The United States has rejected that date, saying it is too close to Jan. 15. The U.N. Security Council has asked the American force of 42,000 troops have not quit Kuwait by then.

President Bush proposed a diplomatic exchange in a final effort to resolve the crisis, and Iraq accepted.

Feds charge Gotti with ordering 4 murders

NEW YORK (AP) — John Gotti, whose acquittals gained him the title "the Untouchable Don," was charged Wednesday with ordering his crime-family boss slaying to take over the nation's most powerful mob organization.



John Gotti

Gotti was charged in a federal racketeering indictment with ordering four murders, including that of reputed Gambino crime family head Paul Castellano and with conspiring to kill a fifth person.

The 11-count indictment also accused Gotti of gambling, loansharking, obstruction of justice and tax evasion.

Gotti was arrested Tuesday night, as were three other reputed crime figures, including the son of the late Mafia Boss of Bosses Carlo Gambino.

Prosecutors called Gotti a danger to the community and said they would seek to have him held without bail.

If convicted, the man also known as "the Dapper Don" for his expensive suits, would face life in prison without parole.

Gotti and his two top associates —

he left the Garment District office of his trucking company, said James M. Fox, head of the FBI's New York office.

"To my knowledge, this is the first time that we have taken down the entire hierarchy of an organized-crime family — the boss, the underboss, the consigliere (counselor)," said Fox.

Gotti, Locascio, 58, and Gravano, 45, each are charged under federal racketeering statutes with murder, gambling, loansharking, obstruction of justice and other crimes.

Gambino, 61, is accused of gambling and loansharking.

If convicted, Gravano also faces life imprisonment without parole. Locascio faces up to 65 years and Gambino a maximum of 40 years.

Federal officials say Gotti took over the leadership of the Gambino crime family with the Dec. 16, 1985, assassination of Castellano on the street outside a Manhattan steak house. A bodyguard also was killed.

Law enforcers believe Castellano was shot by three gunmen — Anthony Rampino, John Carneglia and Gotti's younger brother Gene, a law-

enforcement source said on the condition of anonymity. The three, who have not been charged in the slaying, are in jail on unrelated charges.

Gotti, who allegedly headed a crew of Gambino "soldiers," reportedly had Castellano named down because of "Big Paul's" rule that any member or associate of the Gambino family who was found to be involved in narcotics trafficking would be murdered.

At the time of the killing, Castellano himself was on trial on racketeering charges.

Law enforcement officials say the organization's sources of income include drug dealing, gambling, extortion, loan sharking, union control, airport rip-offs and domination of New York City's garment district.

Gotti's lawyer, Bruce Cutler, maintained his client was the innocent victim of a prosecution vendetta.

Gotti has beaten three government cases since 1986.

Bay area quake patterns may help with predictions

NEW YORK (AP) — Major earthquakes in the San Francisco Bay area appear to follow years of "unusually frequent moderate quakes, a pattern that may help make predictions more precise, a study says.

The relationship showed up for the three biggest quakes of the past 150 years, with the moderate shocks occurring on faults near the one that finally produced the major event, researchers said.

If the pattern proves predictive, scientists may be able to give a percentage risk of a major earthquake occurring within a span of a few years to a decade, said study co-author Lynn Sykes. "That would be more precise than

the 30-year interval frequently used, he said.

Sykes is a professor of geological sciences at Columbia University in New York and a researcher at Columbia's Lamont-Doherty Earth Research Organization and colleague Steven Jaume present their observations in Thursday's issue of the British journal Nature.

"The idea is certainly not new by any means," but the method used by the Columbia researchers is a different way to show the previously recognized pattern in the timing of Bay Area quakes, said Bruce Bolt, professor of seismology at the University of California at Berkeley.

Investigators say hatch failed on DC-9

DETROIT (AP) — Investigators found a broken emergency release in the tail of a Northwest Airlines DC-9 in which eight people died after it collided with another plane on a runway, federal officials said Wednesday.

A flight attendant and a passenger tried to escape through the hatch, but the two died after the release jammed and trapped them inside. The Detroit News reported Wednesday, citing an unidentified source.

A Boeing 727 was racing toward takeoff at Detroit Metropolitan Airport on Dec. 3 when it struck the tail of the DC-9, which had turned in front of it. The Northwest 727's right wing clipped the DC-9 behind the co-pilot's seat and knocked an engine off the DC-9. The ensuing fire moved quickly through the DC-9, which had 39 passengers and four crew members aboard.

The 145 passengers and eight crew on the 727 escaped injury.

"Investigators have found, after extensive testing, that the interior tail cone release mechanism failed to separate the tail cone and deploy the emergency slide," National Trans-

portation Safety Board member John Lauber said.

"The interior release handle was found partially raised from its stowed position during the safety board's initial examination. Investigators inspected the interior release handle and have found the stem of the handle broken," he said.

The source told the newspaper that investigators determined the flight attendant and the passenger made it through one emergency hatch to a catwalk in the plane's tail cone, and one of them pulled a red handle designed to pop off the tail cone and release a slide.

Alan Pollock, an NTSB spokesman, said the board was only reporting the broken handle, and wouldn't speculate on whether the flight attendant or passenger had pulled it. "We can't get into that kind of analysis at this time," he said.

"The NTSB did not interpret the findings," and neither can Northwest, the airline said in a statement. Spokesman Doug Miller said airline officials wouldn't elaborate.

The airline checked the tail-cone release mechanisms on its 139 DC-

9s Sunday night and Monday, said spokesman Bob Gibbons from Northwest headquarters in Eagan, Minn.

The unidentified investigator told the News the bodies of flight attendant Heidi Joss, 43, of Dearborn, and Kingsley Brown, 30, of Pittsburgh, were found a few feet from the tail cone release lever.

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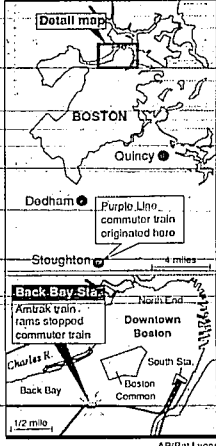
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Underground train derailment injures 264

Train Collision in Boston



BOSTON (AP) — An Amtrak train derailed and slammed into a rush-hour commuter train Wednesday, injuring 264 passengers in an underground crash so violent it jolted cars into the tunnel ceiling and buckled the road above.

"All the lights went out, people started screaming, the place was filled with smoke, a few people were trapped under seats," said Chris Good, a passenger on the suburban Stoughton Line train.

About 1,500 gallons of diesel fuel spilled and ignited after the impact, sending a dense smoke into the cars that passenger Joe Povous said "you could grind with your teeth, you could spit it out."

Many passengers, dazed and covered with soot, wandered out of the station, some crying, many assisted by emergency personnel.

One elderly woman, her face black with soot and wearing no shoes, asked police: "Where's my luggage? Where are my slippers?"

Ten people were in critical condition, including the engineer of Amtrak's Night Owl train from Washington, D.C., said Jon Fasana, director of the city's emergency services. Overall, 264 people, including four rescue workers, were hurt, said Thomas Glynn, general manager of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. The injured passen-



Rescuers pull an unidentified man from the train wreckage.

sults will not be available for several days.

Glynn withheld comment about recorders taken from the cabins of both trains.

The crash left parts of the two trains twisted "like a coat hanger," said Fire Lt. Mike Walsh, who arrived at the scene two minutes after the first alarm.

"There was an eerie calm," Walsh said. He and other firefighters gave their oxygen masks to victims.

The commuter train, which originated in Stoughton south of Boston, was sitting on an adjacent track running in the same direction as the Night Owl when it was hit toward the rear at around 8:30 a.m., said Nancy Sterling Gleason, a transit authority spokeswoman.

Census Bureau finds 750,000

people missed in earlier count

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Census Bureau has found at least 750,000 people it missed during the April 1 national head count, officials said Wednesday.

"At this point we feel we have done a very thorough census," said Barbara Everett Bryant, census director.

More than 6,000 local governments have filed challenges saying the census was inaccurate. They include all of the 51 largest cities.

"Virtually everybody's count will

go up," Bryant said.

New York Mayor David Dinkins and William Altabe, mayor of York, Pa., scheduled a meeting with Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher to discuss correcting the count in major cities. The mayors represent the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Bryant and Michael Darby, under secretary of commerce for economic affairs, said the newly counted people were found through five programs designed to check the census accuracy.

Christmas stamps featured on ornaments

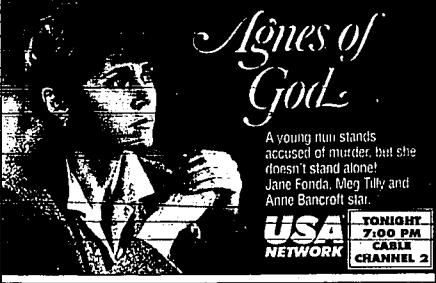
WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's Christmas stamps are being featured in tree ornaments for the second year.

Two ornaments are available, one with a contemporary stamp showing a Christmas tree and the second with a stamp featuring a 15th century Madonna and Child by Antonello da Messina.

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Education secretary resigns amid criticism

WASHINGTON (AP) — Education Secretary Lauro Cavazos, the nation's first Hispanic-American Cabinet member, resigned Wednesday after three years in office.

Bush administration sources say he had tired of criticism from the White House and elsewhere.

Cavazos, 63, gave no reason about why he quit or what his plans do, said Education Department spokeswoman Etta Fielek.

The resignation was announced at a Cabinet meeting, which Cavazos didn't attend.

Fielek said Cavazos didn't attend Wednesday's Cabinet meeting because he's not very good at farewells and he thought this is the most comfortable way to do it.

He is the third major administration official to resign since October. Labor Secretary Elizabeth Dole quit to join the American Red Cross and William Bennett, head of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, stepped down and later was named head of the Republican National Committee.



Cavazos

House Chief of Staff John H. Sununu. Cavazos' critics had considered him an inadequate salesman for the administration's policies, who never mastered television skills.

Basically, it would be hard to tell what would have been different if he hadn't had a secretary of education at all during this period of time," said longtime critic Albert Shanker, president of the American Federation of Teachers. "I hope they don't keep the position vacant for another three years."

But Keith-Geiger, president of the National Education Association, said

Cavazos "proved to be a decent man with the interest of America's children at heart."

The resignation is effective Saturday, with Deputy Education Secretary Ted Sanders serving as acting head of the department.

Sources said that Sanders has been lobbying for Cavazos' position. Also considered to be possible successors are Lynne Cheney, chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities; former New Jersey Gov. Thomas Kean; and Rep. Patricia Sisk, a former schoolteacher who lost

her November bid to unseat Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii.

Cavazos, whose father was a cattle foreman at the King Ranch in Texas, earned a bachelor's degree in zoology and a master's degree in cytology at Texas Technological College, which later became Texas Tech University. He received a doctorate in physiology from Iowa State University in 1954. Cavazos was president of Texas Tech when he became the first Hispanic Cabinet official in the waning days of the Reagan administration. Bush kept him in the job.

Ethics committee privately questions top Keating aide

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Ethics Committee commanded behind closed doors on Wednesday the reluctant testimony of a Charles H. Keating Jr. associate who has extensive knowledge about Keating's role in five senators under investigation.

James Grogan was compelled to answer questions in the executive session under the committee's grant of limited immunity, meaning his testimony before the panel cannot be used against him in a court. He is expected to testify in a public committee session later.

The committee was hoping to pry

Commission says

ex-speaker took

illegal contribution

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Election Commission said Wednesday that two fund-raising committees for former House Speaker Jim Wright accepted an illegal contribution from a Texas businessman later imprisoned in connection with the savings and loan scandal.

FEC spokesman Scott Moxley said Wright's principal fund-raising committee and his leadership political action committee have agreed to pay penalties totaling \$1,500 to settle the case.

At issue was Wright's use of a chartered airplane that crisscrossed Texas between June 30 and July 2, 1985, to promote a Cowtown Jam-boree in Fort Worth. The fund-raiser sought \$1 million for Wright's principal campaign committee, the Wright Appreciation Committee, and his leadership PAC, the Majority Congress Committee.

loose information from a side it hasn't yet heard from — Keating's inner circle — in hearings on five senators who took his campaign contributions and intervened with federal regulators on behalf of his now-failed Lincoln Savings and Loan.

Grogan was vice president of Lincoln and corporate counsel of the thrift's parent company, American Continental Corp. But more importantly, he was Keating's main liaison with Capitol Hill and had extensive dealings with the five senators: Alan Cranston, D-Calif.; John McCain, R-Ariz.; Donald W. Riegle Jr., D-Mich.; John Glenn, D-Ohio and Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz.

Keating and his aides have refused to testify on Fifth Amendment grounds. The committee announced it would not force Keating's testimony, to avoid any interference with outside cases against him, but took that step instead with Grogan.

Grogan's name has surfaced often during 16 days of public hearings. He was the Keating executive who arranged for political donations to lawmakers. Call it was the pitman in soliciting congressional help for Keating's furious battle with thrift regulators in an unsuccessful effort to save Lincoln.

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Gulf

Iraq replaces official, orders bomb shelters

The Associated Press

Saddam Hussein on Wednesday replaced his aging defense minister with a battle hero and ordered building owners to install bomb shelters.

In addition, the Iraqi leader also met with an Arab emissary to discuss ways to avoid war. Western analysts questioned why Saddam Hussein would change defense ministers now, and speculated that the move indicated opposition within the military to Saddam's refusal to leave Kuwait.

The Iraqi announcement came as the evacuation of Western captives nears completion.

Twenty Irish nationals, three

Canadians and two Italians flew from Baghdad to Amman, Jordan on Wednesday and Americans were heading home from London and Frankfurt, Germany, where they flew on Tuesday. A final U.S. evacuation flight from Baghdad was set for Thursday.

At the United Nations, diplomats said the foreign ministers of the United States, Britain, France, and the Soviet Union had agreed to meet in Europe within a month to again demand Iraq's full withdrawal from the emirate it seized Aug. 2.

The chief allies in the anti-Iraq coalition also intend to assure Iraq that it will not be attacked if it leaves Kuwait before the Jan. 15 deadline.

set by the U.N. Security Council, the diplomats said on condition of anonymity.

In Baghdad, state radio said Saddam fired Gen. Abdel-Jaber Khalil Shamsah as defense minister. He was replaced by Maj. Gen. Saadi Torna Abbas, a hero of the 1980-88 war with Iran.

Abbas, who is in his 50s, was credited as the strategist behind the defense of the southern port city of Basra during that war, using formidable defensive lines. The Iraqis, who have an estimated 450,000 troops in and around Kuwait, have built a similar defense around the emirate.

Abbas was the inspector-general of the armed forces and a former deputy chief of staff, the radio said. The radio, quoting a decree from Saddam, said Shamsah, 70, was retiring because of his age. But military analysts questioned the timing behind the firing, which came a month after Saddam sacked his military chief of staff.

"This would tend to underline that

there is opposition to his strategy of holding onto Kuwait," said Paul Rogers, a defense analyst at England's Bradford University and an expert of Middle East military affairs. The appointment of Abbas "could mean that Saddam is less than ready to compromise" on Kuwait, Rogers said.

In a related development, Iraq's ruling Baath party newspaper, Al-Thawra, said civil defense authorities have instructed all owners of buildings with two or more floors to convert their basements into shelters. It ordered the owners to post signs informing people where to take cover.

Under Iraqi law, landlords can be fined or imprisoned for failing to build the shelters and prepare them to receive people in time of war.

Saddam, however, also talked peace on Wednesday, meeting with Algerian President Chadli Bendjedid. Arab officials say Bendjedid is trying to bring Saudi Arabia and Iraq together to negotiate a settlement to the Persian Gulf crisis.

Japan, Germany deny they are lagging in aid

HONN, Germany (AP) — Germany and Japan on Wednesday disputed a U.S. accusation that they have delivered barely one-fifth of the aid they promised to back U.S. military operations in the Persian Gulf.

Cancellation Helmut Kohl's chief spokesman, Hans Klein, said Germany has already made available well over half of the \$2.24-billion it promised. The Defense Ministry said the aid made available includes \$1.09 billion in military equipment and transport.

"Some of the military supplies are waiting at German ports for delivery to the Middle East," said a Defense Ministry spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Klein said Germany "does not know the basis for these calculations" (the Pentagon's). In any event, they do not correspond with facts.

A Japanese Foreign Ministry official said that of \$4 billion pledged for the military effort and to support Arab states affected by the Gulf crisis, \$600 million has been spent.

The process for disbursing another \$600 million in emergency loans for Jordan and Turkey will be completed very soon, said another ministry official. "It is not the case that the Japanese government is delaying disbursement," he said.

From Japanese officials spoke on condition of anonymity under normal briefing rules.

On Tuesday, Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams said Japan had delivered only \$426 million in cash and material support, and Germany only \$332 million.

Neither Japan nor Germany has sent armed forces to the gulf, citing constitutional restrictions.

Of the six countries that offered the largest contributions to Operation Desert Shield at its outset in August, only Kuwait has given all that it promised, Williams said.

He declined to comment on the reasons for the delayed contributions from other allies.

Pledges totaling more than \$6.5 billion were made for calendar year 1990.

Jewish servicemen on duty celebrate quiet Hanukkah

IN EASTERN SAUDI ARABIA (AP) — Jewish servicemen in the U.S.-led multinational force celebrated the first night of Hanukkah on Tuesday shielded from the media to avoid offending Saudi Arabia.

Religion has been a delicate issue for U.S. military forces in Saudi Arabia, where all religions except Islam are banned. Chaplains have been renamed morale officers and all religious services have been conducted in private.

"Hanukkah will be celebrated in Operation Desert Shield," said Army Col. William Mulvey, head of the U.S. military's Joint Information Bureau.

"Hanukkah services are well organized and we anticipate they will be well attended by U.S. military personnel. Of course in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, worship services are being held in a discreet manner," he said.

In addition to Saudi sensitivities, there is concern the Iraqis could use any pictures of Hanukkah celebrations as propaganda against Arab nations contributing to the multinational force deployed in Saudi Arabia.

One Jewish soldier at the U.S. Navy's Fleet No. 5 Hospital-geriatrics last week that candles will be provided for Hanukkah. Each night of the eight-day celebration, another candle is lighted on the menorah. Hanukkah commemorates the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem by the Maccabees after their victory over the Syrians.

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World

Thousands welcome foundation of party

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Thousands of Albanians cheering "democratic democracy" on Wednesday hailed the foundation of the tiny Stalinist country's first non-Communist political party.

Albanians reached by telephone said thousands of people surged into University Square in Tirana, Albania's capital, to support students who won unprecedented concessions from the Communist leadership in several days of protests.

The developments appeared to herald the end of one-party rule not only in the Balkan nation, but in all of Europe. Albania, a country of just over 3 million, has been the last

on the continent to cling to one-party Communist rule.

President Ramiz Alia addressed the nation late Wednesday and asked for calm.

He called on "the political and patriotic conscience of you all to avoid mistakes which could have consequences for the entire country." His taped radio message was monitored by the British Broadcasting Corp. in London.

Alia and his Communist leadership declared Tuesday that they would allow formation of non-Communist parties in Albania, which was isolated for decades by its hard-line rulers.

Kirghizia last of 15 Soviet republics to vote for more autonomy

MOSCOW (AP) — The Central Asian republic of Kirghizia declared itself an "independent and sovereign state" on Wednesday, becoming the last of the 15 republics to seek greater autonomy, Tass reported.

The official Soviet news agency said the Kirghiz parliament also dropped the word "socialist" from the republic's name to become the Republic of Kirghizia.

"The parliament described the republic as an independent and sovereign state with supremacy of republican laws over the union (national) ones," Tass said in its brief report. National laws will in the future be enacted in Kirghizia only after ratification by the republic's parliament, Tass said.

Although Tass quoted the declaration as mentioning independence, the indication that Kirghizia

would still endorse some national laws suggested it has not gone as far as Lithuania, which on March 11 declared outright independence.

Lithuania has since suspended its declaration in exchange for negotiations with the Kremlin and the lifting of a crippling economic embargo.

The other two Baltic republics, Latvia and Estonia, are also seeking independence, but after an unspecified period. The other republics have all said they want some form of greater autonomy or sovereignty, usually defined as republican laws taking precedence over national laws.

The breaking away of the republics has plunged the Soviet government into a constitutional quagmire at a time when President Mikhail S. Gorbachev is seeking approval for a new Union Treaty binding them together.

More spending urged

HONG KONG (AP) — A publication of the China's People's Liberation Army has called for a 250 percent increase in defense spending over the next decade.

Such an increase could substantially strengthen the army at a time when some Asian neighbors have been worrying that Beijing might seek to settle territorial disputes with its neighbors by force.

The call came in the May edition of a Chinese military magazine, Military Economic Research, which is generally restricted to the military and the Communist Party. A copy was obtained by The Associated Press in Hong Kong.

In the report, writer Li Yuan-sheng, an officer in the logistics department of the Chengdu Military Region, argued that China's army has "lived in debt for a long time."

Black leaders call for peace, end of fighting

TOKOZA, South Africa (AP) — Rival black leaders Nelson Mandela and Mangosuthu Buthezi, on Wednesday urged an end to fighting that has claimed 124 lives. But they declined to meet as they toured this township to urge peace.

African National Congress leader Mandela and Zulu leader Buthezi visited different parts of Tokoza, telling followers to end the fighting. Heavily armed soldiers and police in armored vehicles ringed the black township east of Johannesburg and lined the streets to ensure there was no violence.

Police said Wednesday that 124 had been killed since fighting flared in Tokoza on Sunday. No fighting was reported Wednesday, but police were finding bodies of people killed earlier.

Mandela's convoy turned back when it approached some Zulu hostels and about 100 angry Zulu men and women yelled threats, including "Away Mandela." Troops ringed the chanting Zulus and Mandela's group did not appear to be in danger.

Black factional fighting in the Johannesburg area has claimed at least 1,000 lives since August. The fighting pits Xhosas and other blacks loyal to the ANC against Zulus tied to Buthezi's Inkatha Freedom Party.

Deposed Ershad held in Gulshan

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — Deposed President Hussain Muhammad Ershad was placed under house arrest Wednesday while the caretaker government prepared corruption charges against him.

Ershad was moved under heavy guard to a house in the Gulshan district, formerly occupied by the British ambassador and once used by Queen Elizabeth II.

Home Secretary Azimuddin Ahmed said Ershad and his wife, Raushan, were ordered held for 120 days under the "Special Powers" Act, which permits detention without charge.

Acting President Shahabuddin Ahmed said last week he intended to repeal the widely resented law, which Ershad frequently invoked during his eight-year rule.

Police, who earlier arrested Ershad's home minister, were searching for 12 other Cabinet ministers and senior officials of his government.

Rescuers find bodies of missing scientists

GUNBO, Italy (AP) — Nine scientists missing for four days in the Piedmontese Alps were found dead Wednesday, buried under mounds of snow from an avalanche, authorities said.

The bodies were recovered at dawn in a remote valley after a search by 70 rescuers and three helicopter crews.

The victims were part of a group of 12 speleologists, or scientists who study caves, caught in a snowstorm Sunday after exploring caves in the Alps. Three were rescued by helicopter Monday. They reported seeing two of their companions swept away by an avalanche, but authorities had held out hope the others might still be alive.

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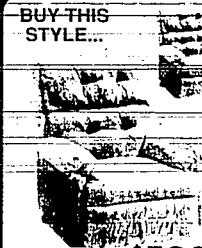
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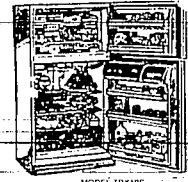


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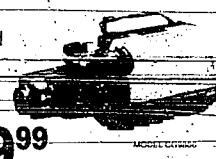
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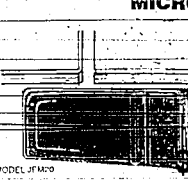
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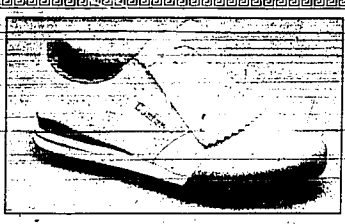
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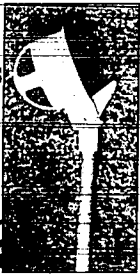


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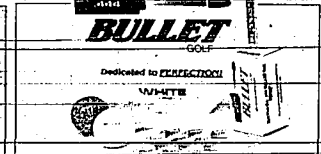
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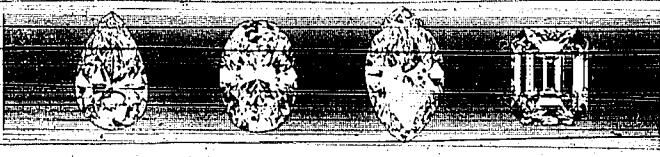
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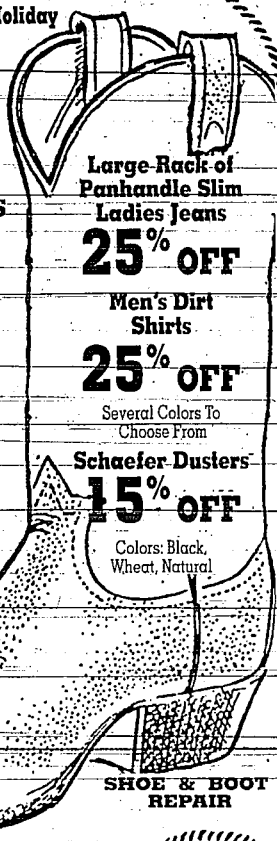
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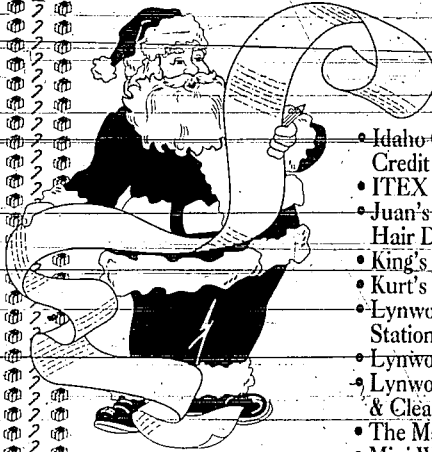
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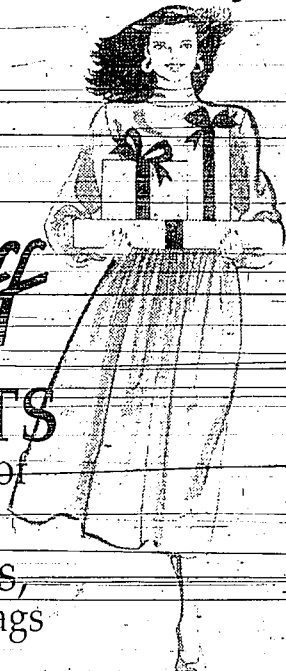
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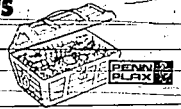


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Shoshones fight for recognition as a tribe

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Western Shoshone Indians living on the Duck Valley Reservation want the federal government to recognize their status as a tribe distinct from all other Indian groups that also live on the reservation.

The tribe filed a suit in U.S. District Court here demanding that the federal government review a contract the tribe drew up with Salt Lake attorney John Kennedy.

The reservation is located on the Nevada-Idaho border, but Kennedy said the lawsuit was filed in Utah because his Salt Lake law firm also is a plaintiff.

The Western Shoshones retained Kennedy to help them regain federal recognition after they

decided that Paiutes — a larger band of Indians that dominate the reservation — were not treating them fairly.

Federal law requires that contracts between Indian tribes and private attorneys be approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Kennedy said.

However, the government declined to review Kennedy's contract with the Western Shoshone, saying that because it did not recognize the Western Shoshone as a tribe, federal approval wasn't necessary to hire Kennedy.

"A tribe's status with the federal government can only be terminated by Congress," Kennedy said. "Congress has never terminated the Western Shoshone's status."

In his suit, Kennedy argued that the government recognized the Western Shoshone in 1803 when it promised to give them their own reservation and again in 1877 when the reservation was created.

But after the Western Shoshone settled the Duck Valley reservation, other Indians moved onto it.

Paiutes now outnumber the Western Shoshone on the reservation, nearly three to one, Kennedy said.

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Peace program receives funds from alumnus

MOSCOW (AP) — A University of Idaho alumnus is donating \$500,000 to the school's new peace-studies program.

"There has been billions of dollars devoted to creating war machines, bombs and other things, and if we can spend this money instead to prevent war and conflict on a global level, it will really be accomplishing something significant," John S. Chapman said in an announcement.

Chapman's endowment to the Martin Institute for Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution is the first outside contribution to the program created earlier this year. It came amid an increasing number of demonstrations around the state against possible war in the Middle East.

About \$1 million in additional donations have come from the institute's namesake, Boyd Martin, and his wife, Mrs. Grace Martin, and professor emeritus of political science, is a former teacher of Chapman.

"Hopefully the Middle East crisis can be peacefully resolved, and I hope that in the future the Martin Peace Institute will be able to avoid global war and conflict," said Chapman, a 1958 UI graduate and Boise attorney, now in his mid-50s.

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148th departs for active duty in Middle East

BOISE (AP) — The 148th National Guard unit has left for Saudi Arabia with a grand send-off from Boise Valley residents.

The 13-member public-affairs detachment left Gowen Field at Boise night on schedule at 1:15 p.m. following a ceremony on the flight line.

The 25th Army Band and Idaho National Guard color guard were part of a ceremony that included addresses by Gov. Cecil Andrus and Idaho Adjutant Gen. Darrell Manning.

The ceremony is for families of the departing unit and other "soldiers at arms," said Guard spokesman Maj. Jim Ball.

On Friday, the detachment went on active duty. It was the first and so far only Idaho National Guard unit to leave during Operation Desert Shield in the Middle East.

The 148th made the short flight to Fort Lewis near Seattle for final preparations for deployment to the Middle East. The unit has been activated for six months, but could be in the Middle East for up to a year, Ball said.

"Everybody has pretty much taken care of all his personal and family needs," Capt. Kim Wortham, the unit commander, said Tuesday night.

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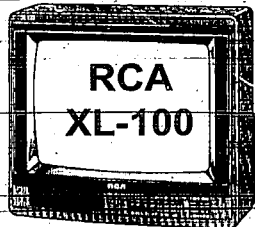
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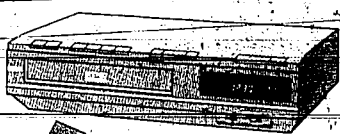


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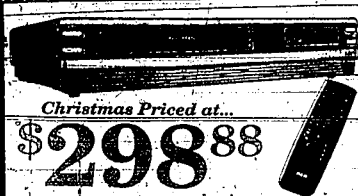


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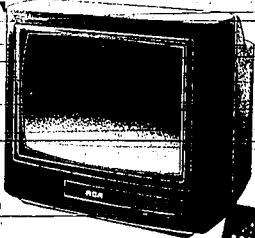
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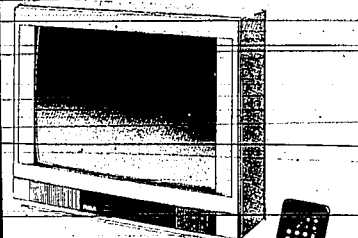
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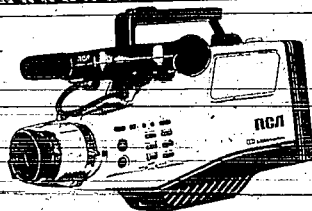


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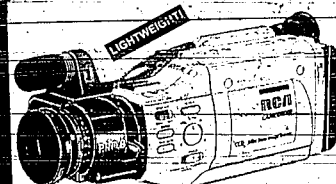
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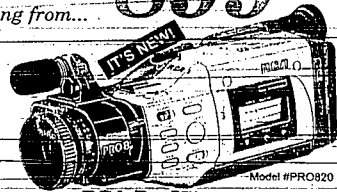


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Around the valley

Police want assistance to keep City Park lights

TWIN FALLS — City police are asking people to be on the lookout for pranksters swiping Christmas lights from the trees in City Park.

Holiday lights are a common target of thieves and vandals, said Twin Falls police Captain Garry Corder. If anyone sees lights being stolen or broken, especially at the park, call the police, Corder said.

One watchful resident helped police nab three would-be light-thieves last week, he said.

Three juveniles smashed several bulbs on the trees in the park and then made off with two strings of lights, Corder said. Someone jotted down the license plate number on the car the youngsters were driving and called the police.

Police officials, in turn traced the plates, which led to the father of at least one of the youths. The father brought the boys to the police station, where they confessed to the crime and returned the lights, Corder said.

BLM asks recreationists not to disturb migrating deer, elk

TWIN FALLS — The Bureau of Land Management has asked winter recreationists to avoid disturbing deer and elk migrating into winter range.

Wildlife moving to lower elevation with the onset of heavy snows increases potential interactions between the big game animals and humans.

The BLM will close some roads to motorized traffic, including snow machines, to protect the winter range. Harassment of the animals can jeopardize their ability to survive the winter.

For information contact Rick Vander Voet at the Shoshone District Office at 886-2206.

Defense Department proposes criteria for next base closures

TWIN FALLS — Military value still is the highest priority in selecting whether specific bases will stay open and or be closed.

The Defense Department has proposed criteria for the next round of base closures aimed at trimming the nation's defense budget and streamlining the nation's military.

The department has proposed criteria for priority consideration, including:

- Current and future mission requirements and impact on operational readiness of military.
- Availability and condition of land and facilities.
- Potential to accommodate contingency, mobilization and future force requirements.
- Potential cost savings, whether the savings from closure or realignment will exceed the cost to close or realign the base.
- Economic impact on the community.
- Community support.
- Environmental impact.

Congress still must approve the criteria. The department must publish the final selection criteria by Feb. 15.

Written comments on the criteria may be sent to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Production and Logistics) at Mr. Douglas Hansen, Director, Base Closure and Utilization, Room 3D-814, The Pentagon, Washington D.C., 20301-8000.

Comments are due by Dec. 30.

Group donates cash, clothes to Volunteers Against Violence

TWIN FALLS — The local chapter of Financial Women International has donated \$300 to \$400 worth of clothes, toys, other items and cash to Volunteers Against Violence.

The group decided to donate to the battered women shelter after hearing a presentation by the shelter's executive director, Janis Quinn.

"A lot of us can't understand that kind of life people lead, and it just breaks your heart to hear," said Betsy Curtis, a spokeswoman for the Snake River group of Financial Women International. "And when it involves children, that gets to us."

The local chapter has 25 members in the financial services industry. They collected adults' and children's clothing, toys, stuffed animals, personal hygiene items, kitchen things and \$50 cash for the shelter to spend as needed.

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Public split over allowing motorboats at park

By Phil Sahm
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Though they agreed they would like to see a park on the Snake River, people at a public hearing Wednesday night split over whether to allow motorboats on the water at the proposed Centennial Waterfront Park.

About 25 of the 80 people at the hearing took the podium to speak at the College of Southern Idaho on the proposed Centennial Waterfront Park.

Local canoeists say that part of the Snake

leading from the proposed park to Pillar Falls is the only stretch without motorboats mainly because it is narrow.

The county has accepted a \$57,000 state Waterways Fund grant to build a boat ramp, and docks for the park. The grant money comes from the state 1-cent gasoline tax on recreational vehicles and cannot be used for projects where motorboats are prohibited.

A number of people complained Wednesday night that the county has not sought public comment on the park and that the hearing was being held too late in the process.

But County Parks Board member Jean

Tumbaugh asked why people did not comment during the initial planning of the park.

The county recently started preliminary bulldozing on some Bureau of Land Management land and is building a road to the proposed park area. But County Parks and Recreation Director Darrell Heider authorized bulldozing without proper BLM notification, and was told this week to stop until the proper permits are acquired.

To open the hearing, County Commissioner Marvin Thompson explained that the county could lose the grant by restricting the types of boats that launch at the park.

One of the first speakers, Cole Johnson, said he owns a ski boat and a canoe and is ambivalent about letting motorboats onto that stretch of river. But he also said he does not like the idea of paying a gasoline tax to fund the boat ramp and dock for the park and then restricting motorboat use.

"If you restrict the boats, I don't intend to pay for the park," he said. "Restrictions on boats are not valid."

He also questioned how boats could be stopped from entering that stretch of water from other parts of the river.

"How can you close that stretch of river?"

Please see PARK/B2

DOE seeks comments on cleanup

By N.S. Nokkented
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The federal Energy Department once thought disposal methods such as dumping radioactive waste in shallow pits in the eastern Idaho desert were "safe and prudent."

That assumption, despite the warnings of scientists at the time, resulted in serious contamination at a number of federal nuclear research and weapons production sites across the country. And it earned Superfund status for the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory.

Now the department plans to produce an environmental impact statement on an integrated, system-wide cleanup program to insure that health risks from cleanup and from future waste management "are at safe levels," according to the Federal Register.

But the department would like to hear from the public about just what this "Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement" ought to cover. Two hearings are planned for Idaho in January.

"These hearings are a perfect opportunity for the people of Idaho to ask the Department of Energy just exactly what risks the department thinks the public should be exposed to," said Kerry Cooke, executive director of the Snake River Alliance, a statewide nuclear disarmament group, which promotes responsible cleanup of nuclear wastes.

The department uses "environmental restoration" as a euphemism for cleanup, but implications are unclear, she said. "It hasn't been clear on how clean, clean is."

"Can we picnic at INEL?" she wondered. "The Department of Energy needs to be more honest," she said. "What can we really hope for?"

The department realizes that cleaning up wastes carries some level of risk of exposure to workers as well as the public, said Fred Lash, Energy Department spokesman in Washington D.C.

Some exposure is allowable, and that level would be determined by environmental

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Reading fun for all



Mary Ott shares a laugh with Lewie Capilla as she reads a book to the Jerome Head Start pupil. The Jerome Kiwanis Club donated books and provided readers to the learning center under the Reading Is Fundamental Jake and the 30 Jerome Head Start children were also given holiday sweaters Wednesday, hand-knit by Jake and Jean Relchhard.

Cassia School Board cites lack of space in deciding against latchkey program

By Christopher Clark
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — The Cassia County School Board has decided that it cannot house or facilitate a latchkey program for various reasons including "lack of space" and "unknown costs."

Rhonda Haynes, who has been working toward instituting a latchkey program through the school district, stood before the board and listened as board members Bruce Bowen and Anne White recommended the latchkey program not be pursued.

White and Bowen, who were assigned to meet with parents and research the feasibility of such a program, spoke about the space problem and discussed some other issues that had arisen over the matter.

"We realize that this is a problem. We just can't house it," White said.

The need to store food and equipment for the program "would require space that we just don't have right now," said Superintendent Norman Hurst.

But Haynes asked about space used by the College of Southern Idaho.

"How do we compete with CSI for this space?" she asked. "The building belongs to everyone."

CSI uses Dworshak Elementary School for some of its dance and gymnastics classes.

Haynes thanked "certain" board members for their help and cooperation over the last several months while she worked to document the need for such a program.

"Where there is a will, there's a way," she said. "But there has to be a will first."

Trustee Kent Fletcher thanked Haynes for her "gallant" effort and expressed a desire to look at the program again at a later date.

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State looks into possible sexual improprieties at Filer care home

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News writer

FILER — Recent complaints of possible sexual improprieties at a residential care home west of Filer have sparked an investigation by state health authorities.

The investigation focused on the Tidforoy residential care facility, a private group home for mentally retarded and developmentally disabled people, said Mary Keltz, public information officer for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

"We have recently investigated some complaints of possible sexual impropriety involving some of the residents," said Keltz, whose agency licenses shelter homes. She would not elaborate on the nature of the alleged incidents, nor would she say if employees or owners of the facility were involved.

"We do not believe the residents are in any danger at this time," Keltz said.

Tidforoy owner Judy Carrol of Filer said the facility, which is licensed for eight residents, currently houses six. She refused to comment further. Her attorney, Dennis Voorhees of Twin Falls, could not be reached Wednesday evening.

The state's investigation was prompted by

a conversation between one of the home's residents and a social worker, Keltz said.

Health and Welfare has reached an agreement with Carrol to make sure no further problems occur, Keltz said. A written agreement will be signed as a "preventive measure."

Any further complaints could result in further action by Health and Welfare, including revocation of Tidforoy's license, Keltz said.

Keltz could not say if the family members of those involved have been notified of the investigation, adding that contacting family members is the responsibility of Tidforoy management, not the state.

Health and Welfare has notified the Twin Falls County prosecutor's office, although there is no definitive evidence that a crime was committed, Keltz said.

"Given the nature of the complaint, we believed it was prudent to notify the prosecutor's office," she said. It is up to the prosecutor's office to determine if criminal charges should be filed.

Twin Falls County Prosecutor K. Ellen Baxter said her office has received word that Health and Welfare was investigating the case, but she could not say if criminal charges will result.

Idaho congressmen's mailbags bulge with letters about gulf

States News Service

WASHINGTON — Angry about the situation in the Persian Gulf, many empty 35mm film canisters lying around the house? Why not throw some postage on them and send them off to Washington as a political statement?

At least that's what a couple of Idaho residents did. Miniature makeshift "oil cans" — actually black film canisters wrapped with the message "No Blood For Oil" — rolled into Democratic Rep. Richard Stallings' office to demon-

strate opposition to President Bush's Middle East policy.

The film canister tactic, launched by a New York anti-war group, is only part of a larger onslaught of letters, postcards and newsy clips sent to Idaho lawmakers in response to the crisis in the Persian Gulf.

Letters have been streaming in by the fistful since August 2, when Iraq invaded Kuwait. The volume increased when President Bush announced a major increase in troops in early November.

Although Idaho lawmakers have received more letters

criticizing stalled budget negotiations than correspondence on the Gulf crisis, staffers said that more people from all walks of life are writing.

From boy scouts to World War II veterans to concerned mothers and fathers, Idahoans have been venting their feelings. A distinct anti-war sentiment dominates, according to staffers.

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Mormon leader's recovery from brain surgery called miraculous

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Mormon Church President Ezra Taft Benson has made what his colleagues believe is a "miraculous" recovery from surgery to remove a clot on his brain, according to a source close to the 91-year-old church leader.

Benson, considered "prophet, seer and revelator" to the church's 7.5 million members, is "very sharp when he is in a restful situation," said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"He is able to speak and sing and understand what is going on," the source said. "He has been in very good spirits."

Benson's health has been the focus of church members worldwide in light of last week's hospitalization for pneumonia of Howard Hunter, As president of the church's Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, Hunter's Benson's replacement.

Hunter, 83, was released from the hospital on Dec. 6 after six days and since has returned to work, said Don LeFevre, spokesman for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. "He is doing well," LeFevre said Wednesday.

Benson, the 13th president of the 160-year-old faith, underwent emergency surgery Sept. 19 in which doctors removed two large "substantive" lesions from his brain. Benson had complained of a severe headache and difficulty swallowing just before he was hospitalized.



Ezra Taft Benson

Reportedly sharp when restful, he made a surprise public appearance Dec. 2 at a Christmas devotion, although he did not address the gathering and is not expected to resume public speaking.

"He's just getting full and the natural consequences of age are so burdensome that he is unable to stand and deliver extended remarks," the source said.

Still, he's doing "remarkably well. He actually is physically and mentally better than he was before the operation," the source said. "It is considered by his colleagues in the Quorum and by the doctors themselves as nothing less than a miracle."

Benson spends most of his time resting in his apartment across the street from the church's world headquarters and a block away from historic Temple Square. He is under a nurse's care around the clock.

The church has guarded information about the president's condition in past months, and LeFevre would say only that Benson "continues to convalesce at home."

He also confirmed that Benson had attended some recent meetings of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, an advisory body to the three-member First Presidency.

Benson's wife of 64 years, Flora, 89, is also under 24-hour care and is in poor health.

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Mormon leader's recovery from brain surgery called miraculous

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Mormon Church President Ezra Taft Benson has made what his colleagues believe is a "miraculous" recovery from surgery to remove clots on his brain, according to a source close to the 91-year-old church leader.

Benson, considered "prophet, seer and revelator" to the church's 7.5 million members, is "very sharp when he is in a restful situation," said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"He is able to speak and sing and understand what is going on," the source said. "He has been in very good spirits."

Benson's health has been the focus of church members worldwide in light of last week's hospitalization for pneumonia of Howard Hunter, As president of the church's Quorum of the Seventy; Hunter is Benson's heir apparent.

Hunter, 83, was released from the hospital on Dec. 6 after six days and since has returned to work, said Don LeFevre, spokesman for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. "He's doing well," LeFevre said Wednesday.

Unless incapacitated, Hunter will be named president of the church upon Benson's death based on a strict tradition of apostolic succession begun following the 1844 murder of church founder Joseph Smith.

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Four days later, he underwent another operation when one of the clots reformed. The incidents fueled speculation that the former U.S. Interior secretary in the administration of Dwight D. Eisenhower had suffered brain damage.

The source, however, said Benson is more alert now than he was before the illness and has been able to attend recent weekly meetings of the Twelve and governing First Presidency in the Salt Lake Temple.

He made a surprise public appearance Dec. 2 at a Christmas devotional, although he did not address the gathering and is not expected to resume public speaking.

"He's just getting by and the natural consequences of age are so burdensome that he is unable to stand and deliver extended remarks," the source said.

Still, he's doing "remarkably well. He actually is physically and mentally better than he was before the operation," the source said. "It is considered by his colleagues in the Quorum and by the doctors themselves as nothing less than a miracle."

Benson spends most of his time resting in his apartment across the street from the church's world headquarters and a block away from historic Temple Square. He is under nurse's care around the clock.

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Idaho

Trooper who clarified policy attends hearing

BOISE (AP) — An Idaho State Police trooper, who helped expose statewide practices of selective traffic enforcement after a disciplinary action against him has taken his case to a grievance hearing.

Cpl. Elias Leija, a four-year State Police veteran from Mountain Home, contends he was wrongly disciplined for issuing speeding tickets in September to Bonneville County Sheriff Richard Ackerman

and the sheriff's daughter. Leija is awaiting the decision of a three-member review panel of state employees, which heard 2½ hours of testimony Monday in Boise.

The panel's recommendation will be considered by acting Idaho Law Enforcement Director Richard Cade. "We focused on the fact that the only reason I received a letter of reprimand was because I had violated this unwritten policy: I wrote a citation

to another police officer," Leija said Tuesday.

But State Police Superintendent Rich Humpherys, who attended the hearing, said earlier he issued the reprimand because Leija was "rude" and "unprofessional" during the traffic stop.

Law Enforcement Director Mack Richardson was forced to resign Nov. 8 after Gov. Cecil Andrus concluded he was responsible for ordering troopers to go easy on legislators, top state administrators and other police officers.

Humpherys was asked by Andrus to close out his 32-year career with the agency after a successor is named. Leija and other troopers exposed the mandated practice of selective enforcement.

During Monday's hearing, Leija and his union representative, Warren Lundquist of the Service Employees Union, called two state police troopers as witnesses.

Cpls. Dan Tiller of Hailey and Kevin Clark of Kuna each said they ran afoul of superiors after issuing

traffic citations to other law enforcement officers.

Humpherys, who could not be reached for comment this week, elected not to call Ackerman as a witness. The sheriff and his daughter, Brenda Jo Gruel, were caught speeding Sept. 29 on U.S. 20 near Hill City.

Ackerman later complained to Humpherys about Leija's conduct during the traffic stop.

Leija filed a grievance, maintaining that bucking his agency's selective-enforcement practices is what sparked the reprimand.

When Ackerman told the trooper he was employed by the sheriff's office, Leija said he reluctantly made up his mind not to issue the citation.

The frustrated officer later was disciplined for asking Ackerman to explain to the second speeding motorist why he was getting a break, and she was not. "That's my daughter. She was following me," Ackerman responded, Leija said. "If you're going to give her one, give me one."

Reserve finds advocate for board

BOISE (AP) — Boise community advocate Connie Hogland has been appointed a director of the Salt Lake City branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

The three-year term begins Jan. 1. She will join six other members of the board of directors, including Gary Michael, vice chairman and chief financial officer of Boise-based Albartson's Inc.

CEOs (chief executive officers)," she said Tuesday.

Ms. Hogland is executive director of Boise Neighborhood Housing Services Inc., a non-profit group working to improve the quality of life in Boise neighborhoods.

As a member of the branch board of directors, Hogland will offer her assessment of economic activity in southern Idaho at monthly meetings.

"I'm sure I'm there because I offer a different perspective than the leaders in the community and the

board spokesman Paul Morley said. "We like to think of it as grassroots economic input," Morley said

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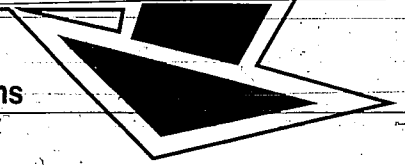
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Law not on squatter's side, but sympathy was

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The state did not earn her gratitude when it decided to let her stay on the land. Gagnon said she believed the state wanted to avoid a showdown so it did not have to prosecute her with the home she still claims is her right.

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City and state officials also feared that Gagnon would face even bigger problems if she moved into her Toyota Tercel hatchback, as she had vowed.

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"This is another cruel tactic to keep this case going until I'm dead," she said.

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Aging Department to poll Ohio's 'older' population

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The Ohio Department of Aging wants to find out how the older residents are getting along and what the government should be doing to help them.

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Federal funds will be used to pay the \$145,637 cost of the poll.

I see it basically as a planning tool. (Before) we go in and try to design systems of care for the future to serve the needs of the elderly, I think the first step is to listen," Lewis said.

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The agency hired the Survey Research Center at the University of Akron to conduct a telephone poll of people 60 and older. About 4,200 residents will be questioned in 25-minute interviews in January, with an additional 1,500 polled in a second phase, said Susan Lewis, chief of the department's division of communications.

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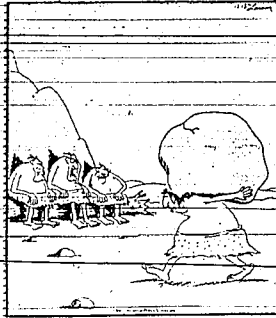
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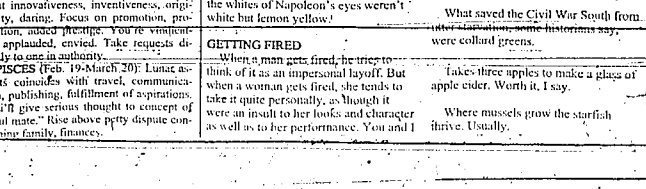
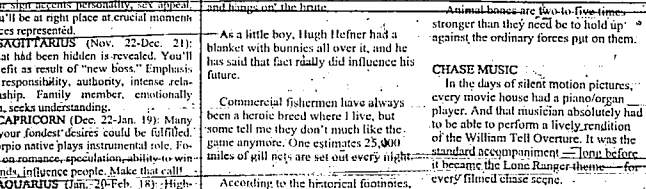
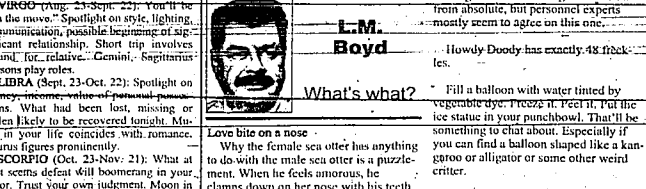
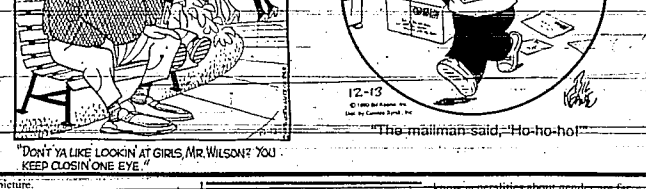
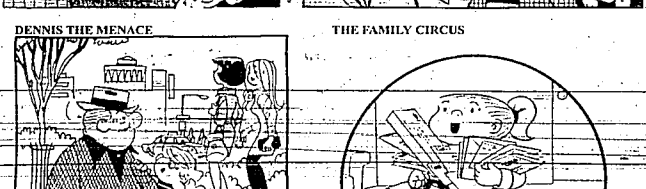
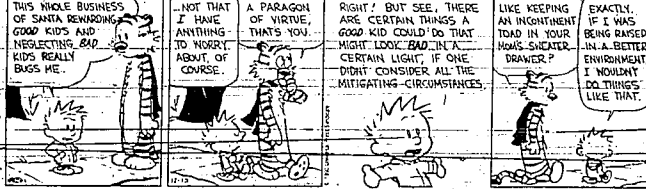
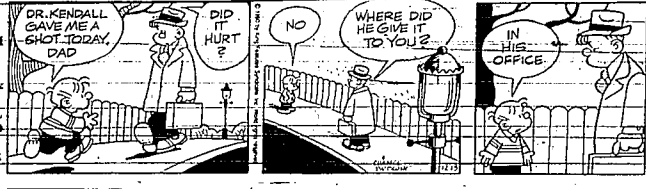
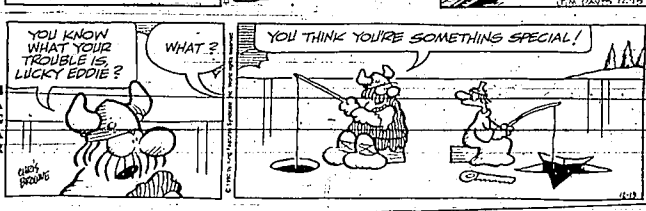
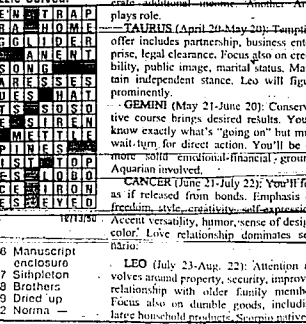
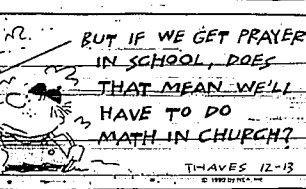
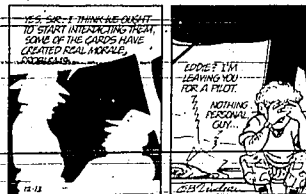
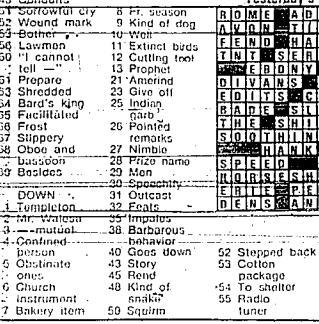
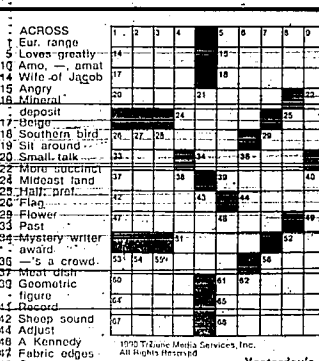
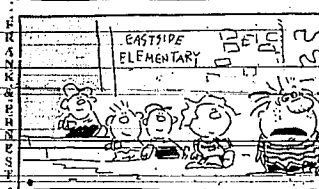
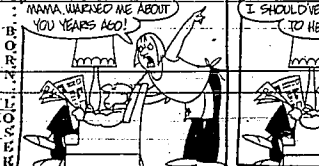
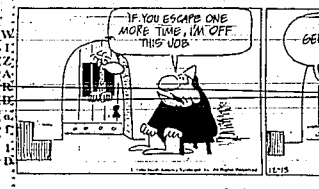
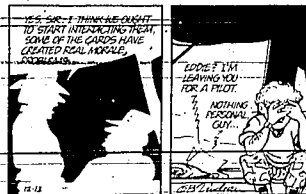
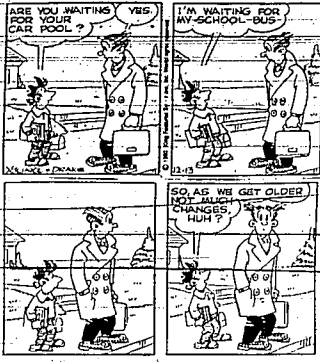
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Sydney Omarr

Astrological Forecasts

DECEMBER 13-19: YOUR BIRTHDAY
 You never did and should never "follow crowd." Stand tall as individual, create your own traditions. It is likely you were separated psychologically or actually from one or both parents at early age. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons are attracted to you. What you "invented" recently could bring recognition, profit before this month is finished. You'll travel in 1991, will be popular, social activities will accelerate. May will be most memorable month.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll no longer be under the "control" of one who talks about money, favors, obligations. Focus on freedom, creativity, ability to generate income.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Tempting offer includes partnership, business enterprise, legal clearance. Focus also on credibility, public image, marital status. Maintain independent stance. Leo will figure prominently.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Conservative course brings desired results. You'll know exactly what's "going on" but must wait turn for direct action. You'll be from a more solid emotional-financial ground. Aquarian involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll feel as if released from bonds. Emphasis on freedom, style, creativity, self-expression. Accent versatility, humor, sense of design, color. Love relationship dominates scenario.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Attention revolves around property, security, improved relationship with older family member. Focus also on durable goods, including large household products. Scorpio notice in picture.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll be "on the move." Spotlight on style, lighting, communication, possible beginning of significant relationship. Short trip involves errand, for relative. Gemini, Sagittarius persons play roles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Spotlight on monetary matters, nature of personal possessions. What had been lost, missing or stolen likely to be recovered tonight. Music in your life coincides with romance. Taurus figures prominently.

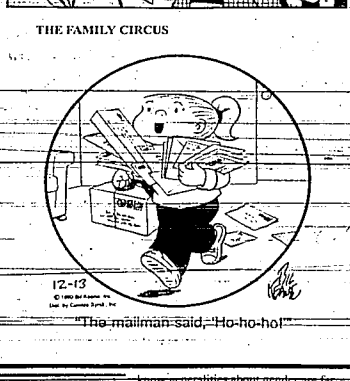
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): What at first seems defeat will boomarang in your favor. Trust your own judgment. Moon in your sign accentuates personality, sex appeal. You'll be at eight place at crucial moments. Pisces represented.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): What had been hidden is revealed. You'll benefit as result of "new boss." Emphasis on responsibility, authority, intense relationship. Family member, emotionally torn, tech understanding.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Many of your fondest desires could be fulfilled. Scorpio native plays instrumental role. Focus on romance, speculation, ability to win favor, influence people. Make that call!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): High-light innovativeness, inventiveness, originality, daring. Focus on promotion, production, applied research. You're someone directly to one in authority.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Lunatic coincides with travel, communication, publishing, fulfillment of aspirations. You'll give serious thought to concept of "soul mate." Rise above petty dispute concerning family, finances.



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Idaho

Admission standards improve Idaho grades

MOSCOW (AP) — University of Idaho's first-year students are performing significantly better in the classroom since college admission standards were raised a year ago.

Meanwhile, the academic performance of Lewis-Clark State College's freshmen has remained about the same since the standards changed.

Five years ago, the state Board of Education approved new admission standards for Idaho's four-year schools.

Before the fall of 1989, the state required Idaho residents to be high school graduates and out-of-state graduates to be ranked in the upper 75 percent of their graduating class.

For the past two school years, UI has mandated in-state and out-of-state residents to graduate from accredited high school and complete college preparatory courses in six years with at least a 2.0 average for admission.

In addition, the school also wants Idaho and out-of-state students to either graduate in the upper 75 percent of their graduating class, have a Scholastic Aptitude Test score of 830, an American College Test score of 16 or have an enhanced ACT score of 19.

UI also may provisionally admit other high school graduates or General Educational Development certificate recipients whose test scores predict a 2.0 average in college or who deserve special consideration.

UI Admissions director Matt Tolin said the average grade point average for the school's freshmen rose from 2.26 to 2.42 from the fall of 1988 to the same period in 1989.

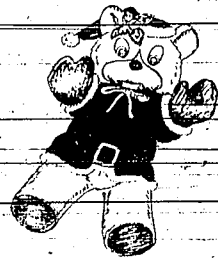
And the cumulative grade point average for the freshmen increased from 2.42 to 2.52 in the 1989-1990 academic year from the previous one, he said.

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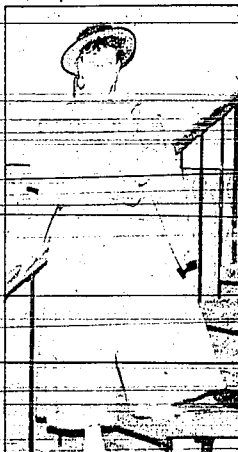
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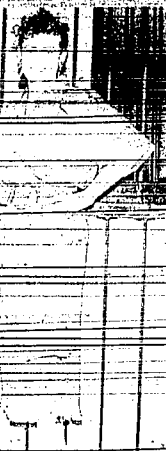


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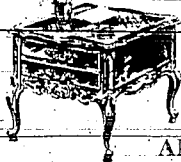
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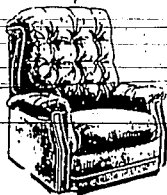
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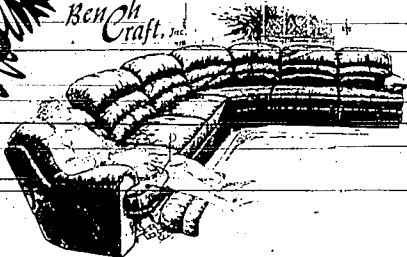


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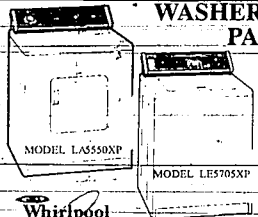


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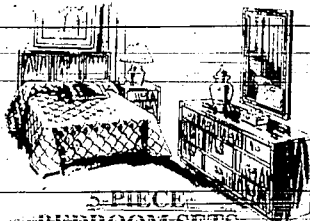


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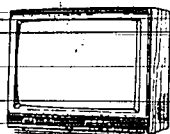
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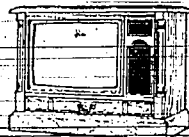
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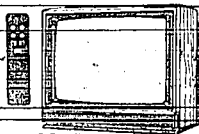
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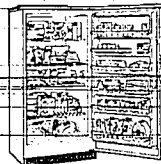
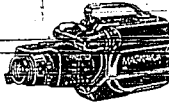
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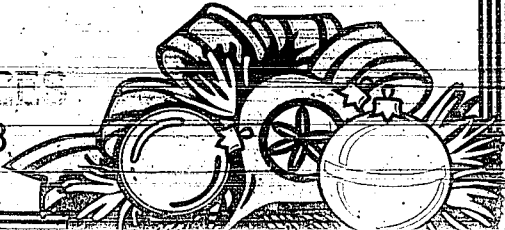
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Make sure your charitable dollars do good

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Sylvia Porter
Finances

Americans are generous people. We are proud of our giving. But as our donations increase (we now give more than \$125 billion a year), the number of abuses of public trust by poor management or outright fraud also increases.

Helen, like most of you, believes it is better to give than to receive. Although her salary is small, she sends \$2 in response to every request for a charitable gift that is sent her. She is so sure that it is better not to give than to be duped: Helen's donations may do little more than pay for the cost of soliciting her. Yet, even if she sent larger amounts, in many cases little of it would help the causes that touch her emotions.

But how do you find out whether your charity meets widely accepted standards in its operations? It's easier than you might think. The Council of Better Business Bureaus (CBBB) can help you make informed decisions. Its Philanthropic Advisory Service will send you up to three reports on specific nonprofit organizations. Send a self-addressed, business-size envelope (stamped with 50 cents postage) and indicate the reports you want to: Council of Better Business Bureaus, 4200 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va. 22203.

For 52 CBBB will send you its guide to charitable giving, "Give But Give Wisely," providing current ratings. For \$295 you can receive the Annual Charity Index which describes more than 200 national charities. The National Charities Information Bureau (NCIB), Dept. DB, 19 Union Square West, New York, N.Y. 10003 will send you its free "Wise Giving Guide," rating 100 charities. For \$295 you can receive the systems of the two organizations are not identical, so it's useful to have both.

There are hundreds of thousands of other organizations engaged in fund-raising. Check with your local Better Business Bureau for ones not listed by the national watchdogs. If you are a member of your state's attorney general, it may maintain a charity registration office in your community. United Way, the donations committee of the company for which you work, your local welfare department or police department may have information. Check to determine if your city has a Contributors Information Bureau.

A sometimes overlooked source of information is the organization itself. Ask for written information about the charity's programs and finances, including a copy of its annual report, its budget, an audited financial statement and a list of directors. Don't give up until you're satisfied with the answers," advises the CBBB. "Charities with nothing to hide will encourage your interest. Be wary of reluctance to answer reasonable questions."

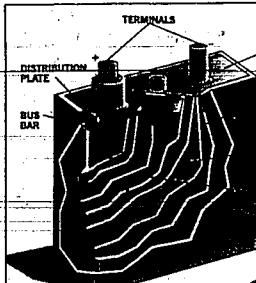
Be skeptical of newly formed organizations and those appealing for support for popular current issues such as the environment, relief for the homeless, animal rights and the like. They may be legitimate, or they may be the creation of a promoter.

Both the CBBB and NCIB recommend that you not rely wholly on their ratings. An organization may appear to be efficient, but may lose its rating in a short period of time. If a charity you favor has a low rating, you may want to ask the organization itself why it does not meet the standard and what it is doing to correct the deficiency.

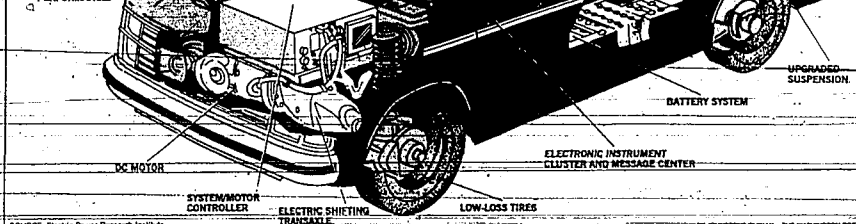
Many of you volunteer your services as fund-raisers or directors of charitable groups. In either case, you should familiarize yourself with the operation. Some paid organization executives do not keep their volunteer staffs fully informed of the operations. If you are a prominent citizen or a celebrity, all the more reason to act with care.

Most people give to worthy causes because they want to help. But for others decisions of what and when to give are influenced by tax considerations. You will want to take a close look at the 1990 tax legislation. It changes the rules on deductions if you are in what Congress considers a high income bracket. Be aware also that when an organization says it is tax-exempt, that does not tell you whether a donation to it qualifies as a tax deduction.

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



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HOW ELECTRIC VEHICLES WORK

Electric cars are quiet, non-polluting and use no oil. The example shown below is a minivan, a glider that came off the traditional assembly line without an engine. It was then fitted with an electric motor, batteries and the necessary controller. It uses from 10 to 20 lead batteries like the ones found in gasoline-powered cars. It takes 1,000 pounds of lead batteries to produce the same amount of BTUs as two gallons of gas. The minivan can go 110-120 miles on a charge. Batteries take six to eight hours to recharge.

Events conspire to push electric cars back on the fast track

By William Booth
The Washington Post

It is an appealing vision: the city of electric vehicles, whispering down the streets; each quieter than a blender set on pure. No tailpipes. No smog. No oil from foreign shores.

At the mall, each parking spot comes with a coin-operated power meter. Downtown, in zones where internal combustion engines are frowned upon, electric cars park for free. Driving to New England? No problem. Service stations swap a battery pack in the time it takes to fill a gas tank. This has been the dream of electric car enthusiasts for almost two decades. But like the vehicles themselves, the evolution of the electric car has been poky and limited by the mind-bending difficulty of building a better battery.

Yet events have conspired to push electric cars forward. Southern California, in an attempt to scrub its yellow air, has called for tens of thou-

sands of electric cars over the next decade. Other cities may emulate the Los Angeles experiment.

Moreover, the automotive industry and the Energy Department are pressing for a major new initiative to develop a commercial battery for electric cars, a goal that has so far eluded engineers.

Over the last decade, the electric vehicle itself has improved. While most electric cars look like clunkers, General Motors earlier this year countered that when it unveiled a prototype E-car with the unfortunate name "Impact," a sporty teardrop-shaped two-seater that goes from 0 to 60 mph in eight seconds and has a range of 120 miles.

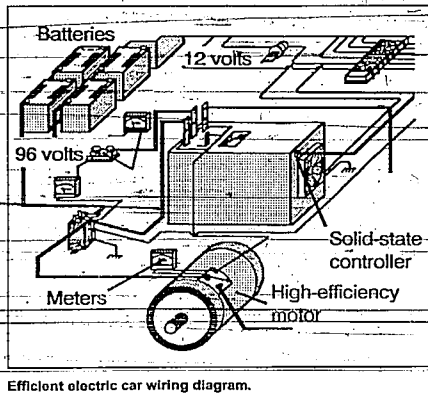
"They're not golf cars anymore," said Paul Brown, executive director of the Electric Vehicle Association of the Americas and a former Energy Department official who oversaw electric car research. "There has been a revival of interest in what electric cars can do."

"I think it's real. I think we're going down the road to electric vehicles," said Larry O'Connell of the Electric Power Research Institute's (EPRI) Electric Transportation Program. EPRI is the research wing of the electric utility industry, which loves the idea of electric cars, since most of them would be charged at night, when utilities are off-peak and eager to self-energize.

There is a long way to go, however, before parking lots are wired for E-cars. Today only a few thousand electric vehicles are on the road. In present form, electric vehicles are about as sexy as the family wagon. Most now in use are stripped-down vans or retrofitted gliders. (They are called gliders because the body and chassis of the auto glide off the assembly line without an engine, and then are fitted with batteries, electric motors and various controllers.)

Big and bulky, the current generation of elec-

Please see FAST/C2



Efficient electric car wiring diagram.

Some electric cars give 50 to 60 miles of driving per charge

Q. I always liked the idea of electric cars, but I wondered how much one would increase my utility bills to charge it at night. Are there any electric cars available today or any kits to build one myself? D.P.



James Duley
Cut your utility bill

A. The new electric passenger cars are an excellent form of transportation. They have acceleration and performance similar to standard gasoline-powered cars. Other than no noise and the smooth low-end torque, many people would not realize they are driving an electric car.

Some electric cars, converted from Toyotas or Hondas for example, are powered by 16 standard six-volt lead-acid batteries. These give about 50 to 60 miles of driving per charge. You plug the charger into a wall outlet in your garage and plug the leads into the car for a nighttime recharge.

At an electric rate of 9 cents per kilowatt-hour, it costs less than \$1.70 per recharge for

each 60 miles of driving. Although you must also include the replacement cost of batteries every several years, you won't have the expense of oil changes, tune-ups and tire wear, etc. Always consider the total long-term operating cost before buying an electric car.

Today, it is possible to buy completely finished electric cars. These can be ordinary compact, full-size, and mini-vans that have been converted to electric power. They attain top speeds of 65 mph and have ranges of 60 miles per charge. This is adequate for the majority of daily driving. You can extend the driving range. Please see DULLEY/C2

Retailers try sales to get shoppers in the spirit

By Kam Swisher
The Washington Post

If you have eyes, ears or a mailbox, it's nearly impossible to avoid the blizzard of promotions that have been inundating shoppers and trumpeting a wide array of holiday sales — Cold Snap, Red Carpet, Gold Dot, Three-Hour and Midnight Madness, to name only a few.

Many consumers find themselves wondering whether to put off Christmas shopping a bit longer and wait for better bargains. The answer depends on which matters more to those shoppers: price or selection.

"You face a trade-off: the longer you wait," said Carl Steidman, chief economist for Management Horizons, a retail consulting division of Price Waterhouse. "You can hope for a better bargain that might come or get just what you want now before leaner-than-usual inventories are depleted."

Many retailers, wary of being stuck with merchandise after Christmas, started out the Christmas season with 5 percent to 15

percent less merchandise on their shelves. The hope was that they could get through the season without having to resort to hefty discounts to clear their shelves. But for some merchants it hasn't worked out as planned.

Last week, the nation's largest retailer, Sears, Roebuck & Co., announced its "biggest pre-Christmas sale ever," in response to sluggish retail activity in its stores.

Also last week, both Toys R Us Inc. and financially strapped Child World Inc., the nation's two largest toy-store chains, are reporting more than 40 percent of the market — initiated huge discounts of up to 75 percent to jump-start reticent consumers. These price cuts from powerhouse retailers might prompt others to follow, retail experts said. Or they might not.

David J. Rachman, professor of marketing and teaching at Baruch College in New York City, pointed out recently that many of the discounts now showing up in circulation and newspaper ads had been planned well in advance by retailers who foresaw a bad Christmas early on and prepared ac-

cordingly. And with average prices starting out the season 6 percent higher this year than last, Rachman said, those discounts have been easier to make.

Tom Saquella, president of the Annapolis-based Maryland Retail Merchants Association, agrees. "Most retailers I talk to are pleased with their low inventories and plan to react to their own sales rather than each other," he said.

Stores locally seem to support that on-cost strategy, hoping to avoid the price wars of last Christmas.

Officials at the Hecht Co. said they will not change their holiday promotional plans — in place since summer — in response to the Sears markdown or anything else.

"The time for the consumer to buy is right now," said Hecht Chairman J. Warren Harris. "Everything is priced aggressively." Nordstrom Inc. has not had any holiday sales and doesn't plan any, following the Seattle-based department store's operating procedure of only a few planned sales a year, said John Whitener, Nordstrom's regional manager.

"It's not a party we want to join, because our profit margins are already razor thin," said Ross Richardson of catalogue showroom chain Best Products Co. in Richmond.

Penney Co. already has been cutting heavily by 20 percent to 40 percent, said spokesman J. Duncan Muir, but not nationally like Sears. "We discount depending on the market and its performance," said Muir.

Sears said its aggressive strategy, prompted by dull sales, was necessary. "We had a plan in place, but with the slow consumer spending and the warm weather, we had to move the calendar up, so we are having after-Christmas sales now," said Sears spokesman Gordon Jones, who noted that sales were stronger over the weekend following the price cuts.

Child World, in desperate need of cash, started the discount toy battle with Toys R Us when the 182-store chain said last week that it was discounting up to 50 percent on more than \$100 million of its \$525 million stock of toys, dolls and games. "This is the year Santa Claus came early," said Child World President Peter Hayes.

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Feline furniture provides boost for old cats

Care Stairs for cats are a good way to prevent injuries to older felines with back problems. They permit cats easy access to windowsills or can be set up next to a bed or couch.

The six stairsteps are circular and measure 18 1/2 inches high and 18 inches wide. They are already assembled and made of unfinished white pine. To order, for \$59, including postage and handling, contact Fine Feline Furniture, 4828 W. Mountain View Drive, No. 7, San Diego, Calif. 92116.

Lynn Simross

Aqua Blox, purified drinking water in boxes, similar to fruit juice in cartons, will come in handy for earthquake preparedness, camping and hiking, RVs and boats, bicycling, or even school lunches.

New from St. Thomas Beverage in Downey, Calif., the 8.45-ounce containers do not need refrigeration and have a five-year shelf life. They have an extra liner in the corrosion-resistant box which, the manufacturer says, keeps the water tasting fresh for long periods. Each carton comes with a straw.

Recommended by the California State Fireman's Association, Aqua Blox also can be frozen for use as first-aid cold packs, lasting for hours. Cartons come three to a sealed package and cost about \$1 per pack.

If you can't find Aqua Blox in your area, contact Aqua Blox, St. Thomas Beverage Inc., 12124 Woodruff Ave., Downey, Calif. 90241.

Murphy Oil Soap has been around for 75 years. But if you are searching for environmentally safe products, do not overlook this one. It is all-natural, 100 percent biodegradable, non-toxic and phosphate-free. It now comes in a 22-ounce spray bottle, for small spills and touch-up cleaning on wood, floors, tile, patio furniture, leather and vinyl. Murphy representatives say it is also effective as a laundry soap and for shampooing pets.

Murphy Oil Soap can be found in groceries, hardware stores, and home-center chains nationwide. If you cannot find it in your area, contact Murphy-Phoenix, P.O. Box 22939, Beachwood, Ohio 44122; (800) 486-7627.

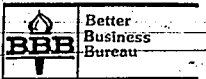
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Care Stairs give cats with back problems easy access to windowsills.

'Tis the season to be wary of unethical holiday scams

By BBB Staff



Q. I've enjoyed your column this past year. You have saved me from some foolish mistakes. Are there some special pitfalls to avoid while Christmas Shopping?

A. The holiday season is the perfect setting for unethical businesses to take advantage of trusting consumers, thus giving all businesses a "black eye." Many such businesses are fly-by-night, out-of-state operations that arrive to take the shoppers' money and run. These operations generally sell low-quality merchandise that has no warranty. Other unethical holiday scams are the telephone or door-to-door sales or charity solicitations which are not licensed and won't give a street address. Never pay with cash and always call the Better Business Bureau before buying. We offer these shopping tips to help the public:

- Before purchasing, know the store's policies regarding credit, interest rates, returns, layaways and exchanges.

- Refunds are not a customer's right, but a courtesy of business. Ask about refunds before buying. Not all businesses offer them.

- Do as much comparative shopping over the telephone as possible. This will save you time and gas and help you avoid the wear-and-tear on your Christmas spirit.

Q. I'd like a history of my family genealogy. Do you have any information on a solicitation from Mary Wherry of Ottsville, Penn., for a charge of \$35?

A. Yes, we sure do! Mary

Whitney has an unsatisfactory business performance record with our Bureau due to their misleading selling and advertising practices. The same general information is sent to everyone. All you'll receive are lists of your family name taken from the phone directories in various U.S. cities. There is no tracing of your particular family line and the crests are not authentic. Do not waste your money.

Q. I heard from a friend who was wanting me to send for an anti-aging product called Gerovital. I told her I'd wait to see if you had any information on this company out of Kansas City, Mo.

A. Yes, we have a file with Vita Industries, which uses a Reno mail-forwarding firm as well as the address given. They mail countless reproductions of a full-page ad offering an "anti-aging" product called Gyro Vita G13. The ad mentions Gerovital prominently, but the product is apparently nothing more than Vitamin B. Why spend \$39.95 for a month's supply of Vitamin B?

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Electric vehicles is best represented by the workhorse G-van, which uses a General Motors van body and is fitted out by EPRI and its partner, VEHMA International.

Designed to be used as an urban delivery vehicle, the G-van has a range for stop-and-go city traffic of 40 to 60 miles between charges. Flat-out, the van could do 52 mph. Half-loaded, it accelerates from 0 to 30 mph in 13 seconds. Its price is \$50,000, without air conditioning, but O'Connell said the cost would be more competitive if orders increased. EPRI currently has orders for about 100 vans, mostly from utility companies.

The idea, according to O'Connell, was to demonstrate quickly that electric vehicles work. The easiest place to start vans, which make lots of stops but don't travel many miles. The city also is the last place anyone wants internal combustion engines.

"We felt it was important to get electric vehicles on the road," O'Connell said. "It's one thing to show pictures and do the analysis, it's another to drive one. The auto and utility industries and the politicians have to be convinced they're real."

E-car enthusiasts are excited by the recent development of hybrid cars, which run on electricity but also contain small gas-powered generators or motors. A company called Umpire Mobility in Englewood, Colo., for example, plans to supply Southern California with a van that runs mostly on electric batteries, but contains a small generator

that recharges the batteries as the van is driven. On batteries alone, the van could go 35 to 50 miles. But with the generator aboard and a couple of gallons of gasoline, the range could extend to 100 miles.

Still, even the biggest boosters acknowledge that electric cars will never take off until they are able to drive farther and faster.

"The biggest problem is the battery," Period, said James MacKenzie of the World Resources Institute in Washington, who has been tracking the development of electric cars.

"Since 1973, I've always read that in three to five years, we'll have a better battery," said John Gould, president of Unique Mobility. "But when they say three to five years, I almost believe them."

The battery of choice today is a jazzed-up lead-acid cell, which uses the same lead electrodes and acid solution as an ordinary car battery but in a different configuration. These batteries offer limited range and cost between \$75 and \$250 each. Development of more powerful, maintenance-free batteries will not last the life of the vehicle, but must be replaced after a few years of driving.

Other batteries are being developed with more exotic metals and electrolytes, such as nickel-iron, lithium-sulfide and sodium-sulfur. These are expected to increase range to about 150 miles in this decade, but will cost more than the batteries now in use.

What good is all this? It is true that electric cars themselves are clean and non-polluting. But the energy must come from somewhere, and in

the United States, it more than likely comes from a coal-fired electricity plant, which produces sulfur dioxide and other gases that contribute to smog, acid rain and possible global warming.

However, an analysis of the environmental effects of electric cars versus gasoline-powered vehicles shows that electric vehicles are, in many cases, more benign. Mark DeLuchi of Princeton University's Center for Energy and Environmental Studies found that electric cars produce much smaller quantities of hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide, even after emissions at the power plant are taken into account. And electric cars and the power plants would produce less ozone — the main ingredient in smog — than gasoline engines.

The figures for other emissions are less clear. Electric cars would produce more sulfur gases, largely because many power plants burn coal. But DeLuchi found that overall, the use of electric vehicles would not greatly increase sulfur emissions, which contribute to acid rain. As for greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, which contribute to climate warming, electric cars would produce about 25 percent less per mile than their internal combustion counterparts.

"Electric cars do pretty good," DeLuchi said. "Not perfect, but pretty good."

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by adding more batteries.

You can also buy do-it-yourself electric car conversion kits. These contain all the electronic controls, motors, chargers, adapter plates, etc., to convert a standard car to electric power. The old gas engine is removed from the car and the electric motor and batteries are mounted in its place. This is ideal for a car with a worn-out engine.

For maximum energy efficiency, you can use sun-powered solar cell panels to charge the batteries during the day when you are not using it. Although these alone can not provide a full charge in one day, they reduce total electric costs and overall pollution. Some electric minivans have solar cells built into the roof so they charge while you are driving.

Electric cars are also very friendly to the environment. It is much more effective to control pollution at a remote electric generating plant than at the tailpipes of thousands of cars. They also don't run on imported oil and they are usually charged up at night when the electric utility companies have excess capacity anyway.

You can write to me for UTILITY BILL'S UPDATE No. 062 showing a list of suppliers of completed electric cars, information and prices of some complete electric cars and

components of a do-it-yourself electric car conversion kit, and recharging costs at various electric rates. Please include \$1.00 and a self-addressed STAMPED BUSINESS SIZED envelope to James Dulley, The Times-News, 6906 Royalgreen Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45244.

Q. I am building a new house and I want to make it as airtight as possible. In my old house, I often felt drafts coming from the electrical outlets. What can I do to eliminate the drafts in my new house? H.C.

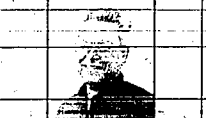
A. Electrical wall outlets are a primary location for outdoor air leakage into your house. It gets into your walls through cracks and gaps on the outside and leaks out through the electrical outlets.

In your new house, make sure that all exterior gaps and cracks are sealed. Wrap the outside with air barrier material before adding the siding. You can also buy special outlet conduit boxes that are airtight and designed to seal against the vapor-barrier film or drywall.

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Richard G. Irwin

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Stock market climbs to 2,622 as year-end rally surges ahead

NEW YORK — The stock market pushed almost to a three-month high Wednesday, reviving its year-end rally. The Dow Jones average of 30 in-

dustrials climbed 36.14 points to 2,622.28, its highest close since it stood at 2,625.74 on Sept. 12.

Voluntarism on the floor of the Big Board came to 182.7 million shares, up from 155.3 million in the previous session. Nationwide, consolidated volume in NYSE-listed issues, including trades in those

stocks on regional exchanges and in the over-the-counter market, totaled 219.28 million shares.

Over the past week the market has run into resistance from sellers. From last Wednesday through Tuesday's close, the Dow Jones industri-

al average dropped 24.26 points. But analysts noted that the pull-back proved to be shallow, suggesting that stocks were still benefiting from solid support not far behind their recent levels. Brokers also seem convinced that the Federal Re-

serve will continue to cushion the effects of the economic slump. With assistance from the Fed, many optimists in the financial world believe, the economy could begin to show renewed signs of vigor as early as mid-1991.

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Table listing prices for various grades of cattle, including feeder cattle and steers.

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Business Boards approve merger

NEW YORK (AP) — Shareholders for Contel Corp. and GTE Corp. Tuesday overwhelmingly approved a \$6.2 billion merger that will create the nation's second largest mobile-cellular telephone company.

GTE said about 98 percent of shareholders at its meeting in Stamford, Conn., or voting by proxy approved the merger. Atlanta-based Contel said about 97 percent of its shareholders at a meeting in New York or voting by proxy approved the merger.

The strong vote of confidence by our shareholders reinforces my conviction that this merger is the right move at the right time for all the right reasons," GTE Chairman James L. "Rocky" Johnson said.

The combined company would be second in size to McCaw Cellular Communications Inc., the nation's top cellular phone operation, and has been called an ideal match. Remaining regulatory hurdles are expected to delay completion of the merger until the second quarter of 1991.

"It's a logical, natural, normal merger that should benefit both companies," said Herschel Schostek, a Silver Springs, Md., telecommunications industry consultant. "GTE brings capital, Contel brings a nice operational system."

The deal calls for Contel shareholders to receive 1.27 shares of GTE common stock for each share of Contel common stock. Contel will become a wholly owned subsidiary of GTE, based in Stamford.

Contel, which provides a broad range of telecommunications products and services, had more than \$3 billion in revenues last year. GTE, the nation's largest independent phone company, had revenues of \$17.4 billion.

Contel Chairman Charles Wohlstetter called the merger "a tax-free exchange for shares in a company that will be financially stronger and more competitive and have greatly enhanced marketing and technological resources."

The merger comes at a time of growth in the cellular phone business. Joel D. Gross, an analyst with Donaldson Lufkin & Jenrette in New York, said subscriber rates industrywide are up 50 percent this year.

"The cellular industry has a tremendous outlook over the next five to 10 years," he said. "It's been growing for some time — it's not like a cyclical business."

Czech brewery to pay millions to make switch
PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) — The Imperial Brewery brewery will pay \$6.5 million to leave government control next year and link with its U.S. counterpart, a news agency said Tuesday.

Budvar, the small brewery in the southern Bohemian town of Ceske Budejovice, has brewed its namesake beer since the 19th century.

Adolf Busch, a Bavarian native, acquired the rights to sell the beer in North America early this century.

Busch-based Anheuser-Busch Co. Inc., the world's largest beer producer, tried to set up a joint venture with Budvar in 1988, but Communist authorities axed the deal at the time.

Rule changes could make it more difficult to get mortgages

WASHINGTON (AP) — Both first-time home buyers and move-up buyers may find it somewhat more difficult to obtain a mortgage under rule changes announced Wednesday by a major government-sponsored purchaser of loans.

The Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., known as Freddie Mac, said it would phase out its purchases of low-documentation mortgages and of adjustable-rate mortgages with less than a 10-percent down payment.

Purchases of those types of loans, both considered somewhat riskier than standard mortgages, will be eliminated entirely after

March 31. In a low-documentation or no-documentation loan, the lender, in order to speed the loan approval, waives some of the usual proof demanded of the borrower's financial condition, sometimes including income and employment verification.

Typically, so-called no-doc or low-doc mortgages are used by people with substantial equity in a home they are selling and who want to get fast approval on a mortgage for a new home.

Low-downpayment, adjustable-rate mortgages are most popular with renters who

barely have enough money to buy a home. The Federal National Mortgage Association, Fannie Mae, which announced two months ago that it was tightening its low-documentation loan program, lauded Freddie Mac's decision as "a prudent and positive step."

Both will continue to purchase alternative-documentation mortgages in which a borrower's financial standing is verified with more easily-obtainable documents, such as paychecks stubs.

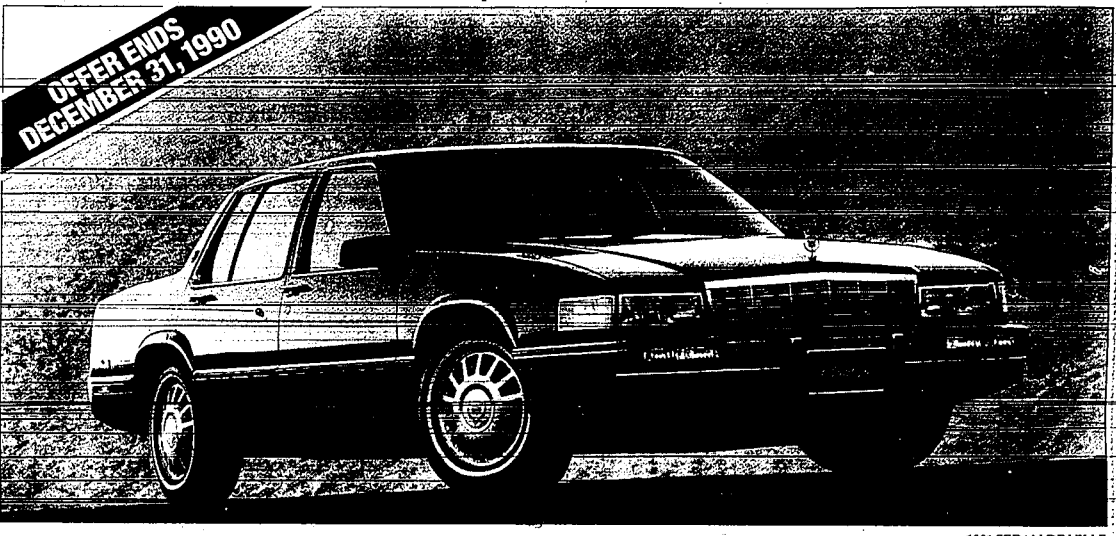
Freddie Mac estimates about 25 percent of the loans it is purchasing this year will be

low-documentation mortgages. It said 9 percent of the adjustable-rate loans in its portfolio are low-downpayment mortgages.

James Nelson, president of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America, a trade group, conceded that the changes will lengthen the loan processing time for some move-up buyers and pinch some first-time home buyers. But, he said they were desirable because of the deterioration of the economy nationally and of home prices in some areas.

"It's a sound move, given the times we are in," he said.

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NURSES! Active 8-bed ICU/CCU Seeking ACLS Certified RN's, 11:7 Shift... Also RN's & LPN's openings. Call: Nancy Montgomery, DNS ext 234. Clinic Nurse Wanted: Call Sherman Hansen 733-3700. IFC&H: Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

BOBBY WOLFF

"Valor is a gift. Those having it never know for sure whether they have it till the test comes. And those having it in one test never know for sure if they will have it when the next test comes."

— Carl Sandburg

NORTH 12-3-A

- ♥ K 10 8 6 5
- ♠ Q 7 5 2
- ♦ J 10 9 7

EAST 10

- ♥ A J 9 7 4 3
- ♠ A 10 8 4
- ♦ A 4 2

SOUTH 4-A 7 4 3 2

- ♥ J 9 3
- ♠ A K 8 6

At duplicate bridge it doesn't take too much courage to double South's rescue attempt at three clubs, since your pocketbook is not involved. Finding the best lead is another matter. What would you lead from the West collection?

At the table, West led a "safe" heart queen, and he's still reeling from the effects of South's cross-ruff. Dummy covered, as did East, and South ruffed. The spade ace was cashed, and a spade was ruffed in dummy, East being unable to overtake. A second heart ruff with South's eight survived, and South scrambled to distribute. Announcing that South's main source of tricks—would be through ruffs. Therefore, West should lead a trump instead of a heart. The lead is not as risky as it appears; it removes two of declarer's trump winners at the possible loss of a void suit in today's layout, in spite of a limit suit. South is bound to lead trumps.

Where did West err? In his choice of opening leads. The bidding seemed a distribution, announcing that South's main source of tricks—would be through ruffs. Therefore, West should lead a trump instead of a heart. The lead is not as risky as it appears; it removes two of declarer's trump winners at the possible loss of a void suit in today's layout, in spite of a limit suit. South is bound to lead trumps.

ANSWER: Three hearts—An aggressive invitational bid in a try to reach game.

Send bridge questions to The Aces, P.O. Box 1234, Twin Falls, Idaho 83421, with self-addressed, stamped return envelope.

West	North	East	South
♥ K 10 8 6 5	♥ A J 9 7 4 3	♥ A 10 8 4	♥ J 9 3
♠ Q 7 5 2	♠ A 10 8 4	♠ A K 8 6	♠ A K 8 6
♦ J 10 9 7	♦ A 4 2		♦ A 4 2

- 083 Garage Sales**
 - Banta's Shop 5001 Lumbee Blvd. 11 years old, 2000 sq. ft. of floor space, all new lighting, bedroom set, snow blower, lawn mower, etc. Call 858-8400.
- 084 Tools**
 - For sale: Carolina metal cutting band saw, heavy duty blower, brush cutters, etc. Call 738-4444.
- 085 Bicycles**
 - 21 10 speed, \$45 ea. 3) 20", \$35. 35, \$35-73-1193

097 Hay, Grain & Feed

Hay and straw for sale, 2nd crop hay, 1 1/2 tons, 1st and 2nd crop hay, 2 1/2 tons, etc. Call 204-374-9393.

104 Horses

2, 5 year old geldings, \$750 each. Call 324-5368.

114-Farm Implements

Case IH 13 6' bok pick-up, used on 1000's, perfect condition. Call 224-5444.

123 Guns & Rifles

Smith & Wesson, .357 and .22 stainless. Perfect condition. Call 324-5444.

132 Auto Parts

Roll bar for 1st hand Ford pickup, 84 black 5x7 KC pipe, 5200 or 4845. Call 224-5444.

141 Vans

1981 Ford conversion van, 1 ton, loaded with extra, low mileage. Call 655-4411.

- 090 Pats & Supplies**
 - AKC registered German Shepherd puppies, wormed & had 1st shots, 2 males, \$200 each. Call 788-2878.
- 096 Farm Seed**
 - Centrifuge virus tested, early generation potato seed from Idaho seed farms. Call 585-5617 early or free.

098 Farms For Rent

80 acre farm in SW of Filer, on 2nd terraces, P.O. Box 1422, Twin Falls, ID 83403.

TOP RENT PAID

Wanted to rent 30-120 acre under cropland. Call 224-5444.

102 Cattle

120 acres of pasture land with water and sprinkler. Call 324-5066.

109 Sheep/Goats

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120' well, 2" dia., 40' depth. Call 224-5444.

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<p>52 Autos-Buick</p> <p>1989 Thunderbird 2 door, 2.8, rebuilt transmission, new upholstery, must sell \$1800. Call 734-3414.</p> <p>1983 Buick Regal coupe, V-6, fully loaded, excellent condition. Call 324-3127 or 324-1252.</p>	<p>156 Autos-Chrysler</p> <p>1988 Chrysler Newport, low miles, PS, PB, good engine, \$3500. Call 734-1374.</p> <p>1977 blue Chrysler Newport, runs good in real good shape, \$500. Call 654-9284.</p> <p>1987 Chrysler LaBaron GTS, loaded, \$4500. Call 542-5818 after 6 pm.</p> <p>Classified readers are looking for items they want to buy. Place your ad today for quick response. 733-8608.</p>	<p>158 Autos-Chevrolet</p> <p>1974 Nova SS, new paint, new engine, factory sunroof, \$1800 cash offer. Call 733-5805 after 6 p.m.</p> <p>1977 Chevy Lum, good tires, new paint, good engine, \$1500 or best offer. Call 326-4665.</p> <p>1978 Chevy Blazer, new paint & interior, loaded, 30,000 miles on new engine, \$3500. 324-4652 ask for Anita. 324-8268 after 6 pm.</p> <p>1988 Chevrolet Caprice Classic, good condition, AC, AM/FM cassette, tilt wheel, cruise control. \$3200. Call 734-9389.</p>	<p>162 Autos-Ford</p> <p>1965 Mustang, 6 cylinder, 3 speed, good condition, \$3500. Call 733-4551.</p> <p>1969 Thunderbird, 2 door, 429 engine, very good condition, \$1600. Call 543-5270 evenings.</p> <p>People who want to sell and people who want to buy... here's what classified advertising is all about.</p> <p>1978 Ford Van, 400 engine with 30,000 on new engine and trans, new tires, custom tire interior, minor front end damage. Needs power steering pump. \$700. Call 543-9338.</p>	<p>162 Autos-Ford</p> <p>1971 Ford Galaxy 500, good running cond. Moving need to sell. \$600/make offer. 543-4909 before 5 pm.</p> <p>1972 Ford Grand Torino, 2 door, 2 door white top, low mileage, well-cared for, reasonable. Call 733-1625.</p>	<p>162 Autos-Ford</p> <p>1981 Ford Courier, \$1200 offer. 734-5053</p> <p>1984 Ford Mustang, 2 door, \$3200. Call 733-4193.</p> <p>1984 Thunderbird, loaded, runs great, fancy rims. Call 543-5972 after 5.</p> <p>For sale: 1973 Ford Torino, mint condition, low mileage, \$1000. Call 734-7023.</p>	<p>162 Autos-Ford</p> <p>1988 Mercury Topaz GS, excellent condition. Take over payments. Owned by older woman. Call 733-1925 or 733-1829.</p> <p>166 Autos- Mercury & Lincoln</p> <p>1981 Mercury Capri, 3 door hatchback, 2-tone silver metallic, 2.9 liter 4 cyl engine, 5 speed, PS, PB, sun roof. Call 324-4227 evenings.</p> <p>1988 Mercury Topaz GS, excellent condition. Take over payments. Owned by older person. Call 733-1925 or 733-1829.</p>	<p>166 Autos- Mercury & Lincoln</p> <p>1977 Mercury Marquis, runs good, body in good condition, \$700. Call 423-5362.</p>	<p>168 Autos-Oldsmobile</p> <p>1981 Olds Cutlass 4-door, low miles, good shape! \$1695 offer. Call 536-2566 or 538-2563.</p> <p>1984 Olds Cutlass Cabrio, 1994, great condition, \$5500 offer. Call 734-6970.</p> <p>1990 Olds Cutlass Circa-5, 4 door, V-6 engine, AC, cruise, factory warranty, \$9,995. Call 324-3127 or 324-1252.</p>	<p>172 Autos-Pontiac</p> <p>1975 Grand LeMans, runs great, 350 V-8, AT, AC, PS, good tires. \$950. 352-4627.</p> <p>1988 Pontiac Grand LeMans, good tires. 733-2038.</p> <p>173 Autos-Plymouth</p> <p>1989 Plymouth Voyager, 1600 motor, no money down, take over payments. Must qualify thru Chrysler Motor Co. Call 326-4216.</p>	<p>174 Autos-Other</p> <p>1986 Jeep Cherokee 4 door, low miles, 734-1100, evenings.</p>
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1983 MERCURY LYNX 2 DOOR, WHITE, #31821	1988 CHEV. CORSICA 4 DOOR, RED & SILVER, #31595	1989 FORD F250 4X4, WHITE, #41384	1990 FORD F150 4X4, BROWN & TAN, #40333
1985 CHEVY CAVALIER WAGON, GOLD, #41318	1989 FORD ESCORT 4X4, RED, #41324	1990 FORD F250 4X4, BROWN, LOW MILES, #49289	1989 FORD BRONCO 4X4, TAN, LOW MILES, #49295
1977 INT. SCOUT II RED, 4X4, #41342	1985 JEEP GRAND WAGONER, 4X4, #41175	1990 FORD F250 4X4, BROWN, LOW MILES, #49295	1989 FORD BRONCO 4X4, RED, #48326
1982 FORD F150 PICKUP, BLUE, #41358	1988 THUNDERBIRD 2 DOOR, ROSE, #39342	1990 FORD F250 4X4, TAN, LOW MILES, #49295	1990 FORD BRONCO 4X4, TAN, #49327
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1984 FORD F150 PICKUP, 4X4, #41372	1986 FORD F150 4X4 PICKUP, RED, #41341	1990 FORD F250 4X4, BROWN, LOW MILES, #49289	1990 FORD BRONCO 4X4, TAN, #49327
1987 FORD TEMPO 4X4, BLUE, #31547	1988 FORD F150 4X4, BROWN, #41388	1990 FORD F250 4X4, WHITE & BROWN, #49334	1990 FORD F250 4X4, RED, #40318
1975 CHEV. CORVETTE WHITE, 2 DOOR, #31543	1989 FORD F150 WHITE 2WD, #41315	1990 FORD F250 4X4, WHITE & BROWN, #49334	1990 FORD F250 4X4, RED, #40318

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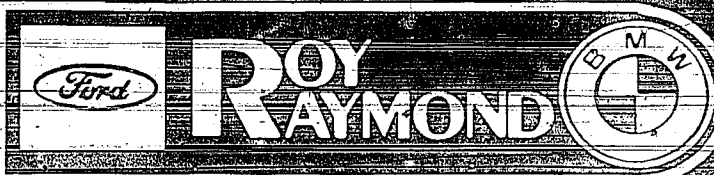
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1983 MERCURY LYNX 2 DOOR, WHITE, #13521 WAS \$2995 NOW \$1695	1988 CHEV. CORSICA 4 DOOR, RED & SILVER, #31505 WAS \$8495 NOW \$6995	1990 FORD F250 4X4, RED, LOW MILES, #49305 WAS \$16,495 NOW \$13,495
1985 CHEVY CAVALIER WAGON, GOLD, #31485 WAS \$3695 NOW \$1695	1989 FORD ESCORT WAGON, BLUE, #30355 WAS \$8995 NOW \$6995	1989 FORD F250 4X4, WHITE, #41364 WAS \$15,995 NOW \$13,995
1977 INT. SCOUT II RED, 4X4, #41342 WAS \$3995 NOW \$1995	1985 JEEP GRAND WAGONER, 4X4, #41175 WAS \$9995 NOW \$6995	1990 FORD F150 4X4, BROWN & TAN, #49333 WAS \$15,995 NOW \$13,995
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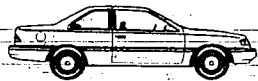
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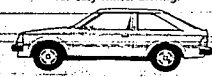
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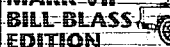
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PHILADELPHIA — Seton Hall has become the Ellis Island of college basketball.

While the presence of foreign basketball stars continues to increase in the United States — including 13 players from 10 countries in the Big East alone — Seton Hall has been on the cutting edge of that recruiting phenomenon and has enjoyed continuing dividends.

Building on a tradition that began with Australian Andrew Gaze and Puerto Rican star Ramon Ramos, both of whom had significant roles in helping the Pirates to the Final Four in 1983-84, Seton Hall coach P.J. Carlesimo hired a foreign contingent this season that consists of an Italian, an Israeli and a Lithuanian.

"There are more and better foreign players out there today than there ever have been before," Carlesimo said. "We have three excellent ones."

Their names are sophomore guard Marco Lokar (of Trieste, Italy)

freshman forward Arturas Karnishovas (of Vilnius, Lithuania) and freshman forward Asaf Barnea (of Haifa, Israel).

Carlesimo has been pleased with the development of his foreign recruits and had special praise for the 6-8, 205-pound Karnishovas, who laughed and conceded that he never had seen the skilled Lithuanian in person, but the Seton Hall coach observed:

"He has more than lived up to his reputation. He has been the best of them."

Credit the 1989 Final Four appearance and the success of Gaze and Ramos with attracting Karnishovas and his foreign teammates to Seton Hall. Karnishovas was a rising star on the Soviet Junior National Team when he sat in front of a television and watched the Pirates lose to Michigan in the championship game in Seattle.

While he had been exposed to the NBA (he saw some 30 NBA games each season), Karnishovas never had seen a college game and

Seton Hall intrigued him. Fellow Lithuanian, and current Golden State Warrior Sarunas Marcinkevicius, recommended him to Carlesimo, and the Seton Hall coach offered Karnishovas a scholarship.

"I am excited to come here," Karnishovas said in broken English. "Seton Hall had Gaze and Ramos and people I speak to say, 'P.J. is good coach.' He wanted me, but I wanted them more. I am not disappointed."

Nor are Lokar and Barnea. (Carlesimo) has had experience with foreign players and it has been helpful," observed Lokar, a 6-1, 175-pounder who scored a Big East freshman record 41 points against Pittsburgh a year ago. "This is a special place."

Barnea concurred.

"The whole atmosphere is enthusiastic," said the 6-8 forward. "There has been a transition for me, but it has not been as hard as some would expect."

Adjustments have been required on and off the court. In the case of

Lokar, who did not join the Seton Hall team last January, the adjustment was made quickly, according to Carlesimo. — the transition from international to American basketball has demanded a closer adherence to the rules.

"Europeans," Lokar said, "tend to be a little dirtier on the court. A defensive player can get away with grabbing your jersey."

Barnea echoed that.

"The referees call a tighter game over here," he said. "The American game is played with greater finesse." Signs have been encouraging that the three will adapt well. While Barnea still has not seen action because of an injury, Carlesimo praised both Lokar and Karnishovas as "excellent shooters" and described Lokar as a "skilled and rebounder." Karnishovas is averaging 8.8 points and 6.8 rebounds. Lokar is averaging 4.6 points.

"Experience will be a factor here," Carlesimo observed. "Each should only do better and better as he becomes more comfortable with our

system."

Carlesimo has said that the court has been more of a delightful challenge than a problem. While Karnishovas spoke no English when he came here and still only has a scant grasp of it (both Lokar and Barnea speak the language well), he and his teammates have enjoyed their exposure to American culture and claim to be doing well in their classes. Karnishovas majors in economics, Lokar in business and Barnea in political science. All three hope to pursue pro basketball careers at some point, but Barnea added that he also had other plans.

"All of us would like to play in the NBA," Barnea said. "But I also hope to attend law school."

Added Carlesimo: "These are just excellent college kids. I am happy to have them."

He would be equally happy to have others. A close observer of international basketball during back some 20 years — and who came under criticism during his Final Four season for bringing in Gaze from

Australia when he had just one year of eligibility — Carlesimo has seen tremendous growth in basketball overseas.

Evidence of that is the success foreign teams have had over United States teams in international competition.

"Our teams used to step on (foreign teams)," Carlesimo said. "Now some of these teams are on a par with us. No longer are they happy with just being competitive with us; now they want to win the gold (medals)."

The Seton Hall coach attributed that growth to two things.

"One," he said, "is that the quality of (basketball) teaching overseas has just gotten better and better."

"Second," he continued, "the top athletes are no longer going straight into soccer. Basketball is starting to get some of them."

Which is why Carlesimo will keep his passport updated.

"The door is open to foreign players," he observed, "and that opening is getting wider every year."

Jensen's hide worth a price, he thinks

MIAMI (AP) — Jim Jensen, already the most experienced and most versatile Miami Dolphin, apparently has become the most wanted.

Jensen said he may have been the target of a \$100 bounty in Sunday's victory over the Philadelphia Eagles.

The Dolphins' utility man said teammate Jeff Cross was told by a Philadelphia player that Eagles coach Buddy Ryan put out the bounty for the best hit on Jensen.

The Eagles supposedly were still sore about an argument during an off-season basketball game against the Dolphins in Jamaica.

Jensen was accused of rough play, and the incident ended up involving players' wives.

Last year, Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson accused Ryan of putting a bounty on Cowboys kicker Larry Zendejas but an NFL investigation found no evidence of wrongdoing.

Ryan and an Eagles spokesman denied the existence of a bounty on Jensen. But suspicions that Wednesday was a target of the Eagles made him a target of the kidding Jensen was in the Dolphins' locker room.

"Hey, 'Hit Man,' is there a contract on you?" guard Roy Foster shouted. "When they get you, can I use your locker?"

Cross declined to discuss the matter, and Jensen dismissed it by saying, "That's water over the dam."

Jensen preferred to discuss the future, which will include the Dolphins' first playoff appearance since 1985. Miami, 10-3, going into Sunday's game against Seattle, clinched at least a wild-card berth by beating the Eagles.

Jensen, 32, is the senior Dolphin; his 10 years in the NFL have all been spent in Miami. After suffering through four consecutive seasons of mediocrity, he didn't expect another crack at postseason play.

Arkansas' Nolan Richardson dares to dream big

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — He has dared always to envision himself soaring to the top.

Back in El Paso, Texas, where he grew up, he did this on the playground and while deflating Oscar Robertson or Wilt Chamberlain in games of one-on-one. Then he did it again years later, when asked this while interviewing for the head job at Western Texas Junior College.

"What's your ultimate goal?"

"To be the first black coach at a Southwest-Confidence school," he said.

"Which one?"

"I don't care. I just want one of them, and I'm coming here to prove I can get the job done."

He got it done there, taking his team to three straight national tournaments and one national title, and then he was off again, shooting higher and signing on at Tulsa.

He had been the first black junior-college coach in Texas, now he was the first black major-college coach in Oklahoma. Once more he succeeded, leading the Golden Hurricanes to four appearances in each of his five years there.

He was set there, established and unassailable, but still he had one more "flight" to take. This one to Arkansas, where, in character, he would be the first black head coach in the SWC.

"I've always admired and respected Jackie Robinson. I've always been a pioneer to myself," Nolan Richardson will say at one point, trying to explain his singular history.

"I've always been a fantasist. I believe if you can fantasize things, you can make them reality."

"I am dreaming now. I'm dreaming of what I'll say when we win the national championship. I visualize it, visualize it, visualize it. Yes, I'm a fantasy dreamer. But I ask you, why can't it be true?"

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He has dared always to envision himself soaring to the stars, has dared to do that even while censured in life marked by tragedy and racism. His mom died when he was 3 and his father nine years later, and that left him to a grandmother in her 60s and with 11 children of her own. This was in west Texas in the dark 1950s.

At that age when he could not even attend movies with his first-skinned teammates, yet neither death nor an amoral society was enough to deter him. His grandmother's words, marked him instead, and he ardently embraced them — uttered — preached —

"That's something special about you," she always told him. "Some things are going to happen to you that you won't like, but you've got to keep moving."

"Sickness is not death."

"What she was saying," recalls

Richardson, "was you may be down today, but you're not dead. You gotta keep working."

He worked his way from his home in El Paso, Texas, to Tulsa, Okla., where he integrated and then he continued working after he moved onto Texas-El Paso (then Texas Western), where he played for the legendary Don Haskins. "The skepticism that greeted him at both Western Texas and Tulsa, he worked through that too, yet none of this, not all these hardships overcome, could compare to what confronted him when he finally arrived in Fayetteville, Ark., in 1985. He did not apply for this job, it came in search of him; and the night he took it, he didn't sleep it down. But then, around midnight, he was sitting with his family, and there heard his daughter, Yvonne, say, 'You've got to go.'"

She was 13 then and suffering from leukemia, and Richardson said he would always encourage him to get back to his job, and when she died in early 1987 at 15, Nolan Richardson packed away her memory, and did just that.

"I got slapped down," he now says. "Not only did I get slapped down in my profession, but I lost my kid. I don't know if anyone can get lower. I've been there, and I didn't like it. I hope and pray I never have to go through that again."

his mind, but when he arrived at Arkansas he merely found himself buffeted by more hardship. He was not only succeeding Eddie Sutton, a legend at the school, but he also was introducing a style that stood in stark contrast to his predecessor's walk-off, half-court game. The players he inherited were not capable of dancing to Richardson's beat, and as they stumbled to a 12-16 record in their first season under him, a vocal minority started questioning his qualifications as a coach.

But all the questioning — all the criticism, all the ridicule he encountered — all of it was ignored, and he concentrated instead on his "young daughter's" future.

He also remembers that he thought of taking a leave of absence, that he thought of quitting his profession all together, that he thought, "Why the hell did I come here?" But his daughter would have none of this, instead would always encourage him to get back to his job, and when she died in early 1987 at 15, Nolan Richardson packed away her memory, and did just that.

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In March of 1989, in Dallas' Reunion Arena, Richardson's fourth Arkansas team won the SWC tourney title, and celebrated by cutting down the nets. But he was not with it.

He was in the Atlanta-Fulton County room with thoughts churning through his brainpan, and tears coursing down his cheeks.

"Those tears, they were for her," he remembers.

"As a matter of fact, every win we get for her. She so wanted us to be successful."

A year later, his Razorbacks succeeded even more magnificently, cutting through the Midwest Regional and to the Final Four. Now they're ranked No. 2 and are 8-1 following Tuesday night's 101-91 victory over South Alabama.

They're talented enough to transform Richardson's latest fantasy into reality.

They are experienced, and blessed in the backcourt (with Lee McLeberry and Todd Day), underneath (with Oliver Miller), and on the bench (which is anchored by San Justino JC transfer Isaiah "Butch" Morris).

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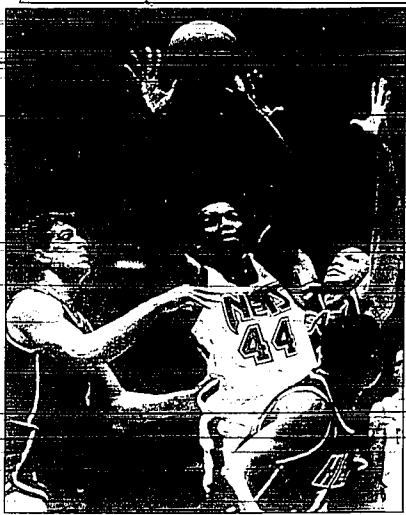
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Patriots' defensive coordinator quits

Charlie Sumner's resignation the latest incident in a turbulent football season



New Jersey's Derrick Coleman (44) passes the ball.

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — At times, the New England Patriots played like they had no defense. Now they have no defensive coordinator.

With three games left in the worst season in the club's 31-year history, Charlie Sumner resigned Wednesday from the team that has given up more points than all but one NFL team.

Coach Rod Rust said Sumner's duties, which included coaching the defensive backs, would be handled by current assistants.

Sumner refused comment except to say, "I hope to stay in coaching."

The resignation, coming three days before the Patriots' game against Washington, is the latest distraction in a season filled with them. "I'm not happy about it," Rust said, "but I'm not mad about it."

Asked if Sumner's resignation had been requested, general manager Patrick Sullivan said, "I'd rather not comment on that."

Sumner, 60, had a two-year contract running through the end of the 1991 season, but Rust said, "the club was very fair to him."

Sullivan said the team treated Sumner that way "because sometimes there is the right way to do things and the wrong way to do things."

The Patriots have been doing things the wrong way all season. They are 1-12 and have lost a team record 11 consecutive games.

Last month, the NFL fined the club and three players for the alleged sexual harassment of reporter Lisa Olson on Sept. 17. On Oct. 10, wide receivers Irving Fryar and Hart Lee Dykes were involved in a fight outside a bar.

Sumner's resignation "is just another thing that adds on to this season," free safety Fred Marion said.

Sumner and Rust's other assistants had no assurance of keeping their jobs after this dismal season. The Patriots have allowed 28.2 points and 357.7 yards per game, both next to last in the league.

Reactions from Sumner's former players ranged from understanding to criticism.

"I think it's a copout," cornerback

Maurice Hurst said. "We all stuck together since training camp and he just ups and leaves on us. You have to look at it also in the best of his interests."

"He has to try to get another job because probably after the season he was going to be fired anyway. Maybe he thought he'd get a head start."

Linebacker Andre Tippett said he was surprised and speculated that Sumner, whom he characterized as a highly competitive person, was frustrated by the team's failures.

"All of us are frustrated," Tippett said.

Like Sumner, offensive coordinator Jimmy Raye has been criticized. The Patriots are last in the NFL with 11.8 points per game and next to last with 238.3 yards per game.

Unlike Sumner, Raye went off to practice Wednesday.

"It's a natural human emotion (to be frustrated). People handle these things differently," said Raye, whose job is far from safe. "I figure if I make it past lunch I'm OK. If they run me off, they run me off."

Sumner left after overseeing a defense that had:

—allowed opponents to score on the opening possession in 9 of 13 games

—allowed seven opposing rushers to gain at least 100 yards in the last seven games.

—gave up 95 points in its last three games.

Sumner informed Rust of his resignation plans on Monday, as he told to think about it but hadn't changed his mind by Tuesday, Rust said. He said he tried to talk Sumner out of leaving.

Rust, in his first year as head coach, was defensive coordinator for four teams the previous 12 years. Sumner was out of football last year after spending the previous two seasons as an assistant with the Los Angeles Raiders.

From 1973 through 1978 he was the Patriots' linebackers and secondary coach. He became an assistant with the Raiders in 1979, then became head coach of the Oakland Invaders of the USFL in 1983.

Syracuse coach has kind words for Coleman

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Syracuse coach Jim Boehm still has only praise for Derrick Coleman despite the harsh words the New Jersey Nets' fans have for his alma mater.

Coleman, the top pick in the NBA draft, told the New York Times in a story published Monday that his career at Syracuse was so sour that if the school decided to retire his jersey, he probably wouldn't attend the ceremony.

Coleman complained of his stormy relationship with Boehm and the media coverage given to some of his off-court legal problems while he was at Syracuse.

Boehm said no player in Syracuse's basketball history had more impact than the 6-foot-10 Coleman, who finished as the NCAA's top modern-day rebounder and the school's all-time scoring leader.

"He helped us get places we'd never been as a freshman, and he continued that for four years," Boehm said Tuesday.

"I can't say enough good things about Derrick Coleman. I never had a problem with Derrick on the basketball court. He always did what I asked."

Coleman was a mainstay of Syracuse's 1987 team, which came within a point of the national championship.

The team was nationally ranked throughout his four years at Syracuse and it played in the NCAA tournament each season.

Coleman told the Times that he and Boehm rarely communicated well at Syracuse.

"Coaches tend to go off the deep end about nothing," Coleman said. "He really didn't say too much to me when I was there because we would always end up in an argument."

Boehm admitted that his star player often questioned his instructions.

"Derrick has his own opinion about things, just like Billy Owens has his own opinions," he said of Syracuse's current top player.

Black excited at prospects of 4-year Giants contract

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Bud Black is anxious to see how the other half lives.

After nine seasons in the American League, Black is ready for a change of scenery with the San Francisco Giants.

"One thing I thought about with this free agency was that maybe I was going to get a chance to play in a new league," Black said. "A lot of players I've played with who have played in both leagues said that the National League was much better as far as enjoyment was concerned."

Black, a mediocre career record of 83-82 and a 3.74 ERA, signed a four-year, \$10 million contract with the Giants last month. The deal created quite a commotion and kicked off another year of escalating free-agent spending.

"I think I was second after Strawberry signed, first," Black said. "Somebody has to be signed first. If that's the market, that's the market."

The market for left-handed pitchers may have been pretty bare, but team president Al Rosen is sure he has the starting pitcher the Giants so badly needed in 1990.

"He certainly did not get the support (in Cleveland), either defensively or offensively, that he will here," Rosen said. "I look for him to win more games than any other free-agent pitcher this year."

Black won 25 games over the last two seasons, pitching for Cleveland until the last month of last season when he was traded to Toronto. That's one less than Toronto's Jimmy Key or San Diego's Bruce Hurst, but Black is lumped in with those pitchers.

"My goal is to go out to the mound 35 times," Black said. "With this team if I pitch like I'm capable, I'll win my share. ... With this team, and Dave (Righetti) in the bullpen and the guys we have on this team I should win. If I don't, it's my fault."

Black was born in San Mateo, Calif., a suburb 10 miles south of San Francisco, before growing up in Washington.

"The Giants were a team I could faintly get on the radio," Black said.

"When I was growing up in the late '60s and '70s there wasn't a team in the northwest. The Giants were geographically the nearest team."

"Willie McCovey and Willie Mays were my favorite players. Juan Marchal was my favorite pitcher. I always wanted him to beat Sandy Koufax."

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Maryland, Louisiana Tech square off in Independence Bowl on Saturday

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — The road to national recognition takes Maryland and Louisiana Tech to the Independence Bowl.

The Terrapins (6-5), winners of three ACC titles in the mid-1980s, make their first postseason appearance in five years, in Saturday's Independence Bowl. The Bulldogs (8-2) are in a bowl game in just their second year back in Division I-A.

Naturally, both coaches view the game as a surprise.

"We will use this as a springboard," Maryland coach Joe Krivak, his contract recently extended, said. "We are not there yet as consistent winners. Year in and year out, we play one of the toughest schedules in the nation and this team was able to accomplish its goal of bowl game."

The Terrapins finished above .500 for the first time since 1985. And it took a 35-30 upset of then No. 8 Virginia to pull off the feat. The game against the Cavaliers was Maryland's sixth against a team ranked in the Top 25.

And when the Terps did win, it wasn't in convincing fashion: Four victories came in the final two minutes.

"This season has been like a roller coaster," Krivak said. "But the criticism they've received in every game to be able to make those big late plays."

Krivak wants the Terps to return to days when a postseason trip was almost a certainty, and making its 17th bowl appearance, played in six consecutive bowl games in the mid-1970s, and in 11 bowls from 1973 to 1985.

Losing three games by four points and tying Penn State, Maryland finished 3-7-1 a year ago. Its worst record since 1970-71.

Louisiana Tech, best known for running Perry Bradshaw as its quarterback in the late 1960s, made the postseason only after Baylor turned down an Independence Bowl invitation and several SEC teams suffered late-season losses.

Tech, located in nearby Ruston, returned to Division I-A last season after 11 years in Division II and I-AA.

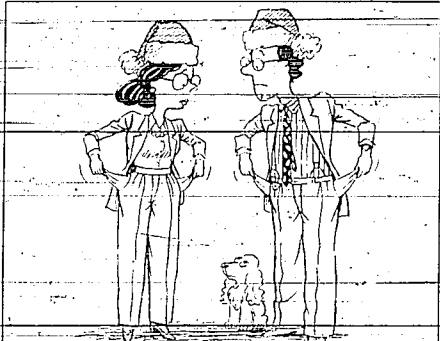
They've been to the Independence Bowl twice before.

"The bowl game is a big step for our program as far as moving back into Division I," said Tech coach Joe Raymond Pence. "We have tried to sell that we have a solid football team and a winning tradition and would be where we are given time."

In 1988, the Bulldogs played eight

Division I opponents and finished 4-7, and last year were 5-4,1, even though they had seven road games.

Tech, which has won five straight, dropped its three games by a total of 18 points. The last win was 6-14 in early October to then No. 5 Auburn when the Tigers' Jim Von Wyl kicked a 30-yard field goal with 3 seconds left.



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F&G OKs 5-year management plans for bears, mountain lions

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Fish and Game Commission has approved five-year bear and mountain lion management plans including a ban on using bait to hunt bears but steering clear of a staff recommendation to end the use of radio-tracking equipment on dogs used to hunt lions.

Hunters also may be required to salvage carcasses of both bears and lions, if state lawmakers approve another provision in the management plans for 1991-95.

Only the skull of bears and the skull and hide of lions must be salvaged under current regulations.

Idaho Department of Fish and Game spokesman Bill Goodnight said Friday agency officials included a ban on radio-tracking equipment in their draft lion management plan, but an outcry from hunting groups convinced the commission to scrap the idea without consideration at its two-day meeting.

The bear-baiting restriction was

adopted after hunter surveys and written comment on the management plan indicated widespread opposition to the practice.

Goodnight said 73 percent of the 1,565 elk hunters surveyed responded that they could accept a ban on bear baiting while 52 percent gave a ban their outright support.

Among the 1,794 deer hunters surveyed, Goodnight said, 70 percent indicated they could accept a bait and 50 percent supported one.

In addition, Fish and Game received 105 letters commenting on the bear management plan opposing the practice of baiting and only 19 supporting it.

A Blaine County petition calling for the restriction was signed by 826 people, and most of those testifying at a Wednesday night's public hearing in Boise backed the plan, Goodnight said.

Boise National Forest Supervisor Dave Rittersbacher summed up opposition to bear baiting in a letter to

the Fish and Game Commission.

He said since salt licks may not be used to attract elk or other game animals, similar restrictions should apply to bear hunters.

The use of dead animals and animal parts for bear bait, as well as the use of elevated platforms, perches in trees and barrels for holding bait also harm views and endanger public safety and water quality, Rittersbacher wrote.

Another provision of the bear management plan opens Unit 1 in northern Idaho to hunting with dogs on a limited permit basis.

Dog hunting previously was closed in Unit 1 out of concern for a recovering grizzly bear population, but the proposed hunt area is outside the grizzly bear recovery zone.

The Fish and Game Commission also amended its previous action setting a quota of 55 nonresident hunter permits for bear, exempting outfitters from the limit.



Steve Agte, F&G regional enforcement officer, shows falcon that was shot.

F&G shifts hunter emphasis toward geese, away from ducks

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Fish and Game Commission has approved a five-year waterfowl management plan aimed at shifting some of the hunting pressure from beleaguered duck populations to healthier Canada goose flocks.

Gary Hill, state waterfowl manager for the Department of Fish and Game, said Friday that the plan approved during the commission's two-day meeting in Boise sets a 93-day statewide goose season from the first Saturday in October through the first Sunday in January.

It also relaxes possession limits and extends the periods when higher limits are allowed for goose hunters in southwestern Idaho and the Magic Valley while increasing Fish and Game's emphasis on resident duck hunting and maintaining and improving wetland habitat through acquisition or development.



in southwestern Idaho, from Adams County south through the southwestern corner of Elmore County and western half of Owyhee County. Will said hunters will be limited to one goose in the bag and two in possession for the first and last 14 days of the season. Bag and possession limits of two and four, respectively, will be in effect the rest of the season.

Current bag and possession limits

in southwestern Idaho are one and one for the first 27 and last 21 days of the season, and two and four in between.

In the Magic Valley, from the eastern half of Owyhee County and southeastern corner of Elmore County east through the southern half of Blaine County, Will said the new bag and possession limits will

be one and two for the first 14 days of the season and two and four for the remainder. They currently are one and one for the first 37 days, then two and four.

Goose limits will remain three in the bag and six in possession throughout the season in Idaho's five northernmost counties, and two and four throughout the season in

Reward offered in falcon shooting

By Stu Murrell
Idaho Fish and Game

JEROME — An endangered peregrine falcon was found shot six miles south of Kimberly and turned into the Jerome regional office by a concerned sportsman last week.

Bands were on both legs which identified it as a male peregrine released by the World Center for Birds of Prey as part of its re-introduction program.

Officials at the World Center said it costs about \$4,000 per bird to raise and release this endangered species into the wild.

This one was first released in southeast Washington but was rescued from a mis-landing in a creek about two days later.

This is a common problem for raptors since they

take a considerable length of time to learn how to fly.

The falcon was then transported to Market Lake Wildlife Management Area in eastern Idaho and released on July 23 of this year. It was last seen at the wildlife management area on Aug. 22, 1990.

X-rays showed it had a large bullet hole through the wing and breast which indicated it had been shot with a rifle or pistol.

It is estimated to have been killed sometime in the first week of November, according to Steve Agte, regional enforcement officer in Jerome.

The department would appreciate any information pertaining to this incident. There is a reward available for the information and conviction involving an endangered species in Idaho. The Jerome office number is 324-4350.

Wild trout gain increased protection with new plan

BOISE (AP) — Wild trout will get more protection after next season under a five-year fisheries management plan adopted by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission.

At its two-day meeting in Boise this week, the commission approved a plan calling for a reduction in the bag limit for wild trout from six to two and maintaining two-fish bag limits with size restrictions, or catch-and-release requirements, on designated "quality" or "trophy" trout streams.

Steve Huffaker, state fisheries manager for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, said Friday that exactly which streams will carry the restrictions will be decided when new two-year fishing regulations are adopted next year.

The daily limit for trout will remain at six on most lakes, reservoirs, streams and rivers, not specifically managed by Fish and Game, as well as on "put-and-take" waters stocked with catchable hatchery fish.

Huffaker said 600 complete or partial copies of the draft fisheries management plan were sent out for review by state and federal agencies, sportsmen's groups, Fish and Game personnel and individual anglers. The department also conducted 24 public meetings and open houses to gather comments on the plan, and received 47 written comments.

On Friday, the Fish and Game Commission also adopted Huffaker's recommendations for limits on the spring steelhead season that opens Jan. 1. As was the case for this year's fall season, commissioners approved a daily limit

of one, possession limit of one and season limit of two on the Snake, Salmon, Little Salmon and Lower reaches of the Clearwater rivers. On the Clearwater River upstream from the Memorial Bridge on U.S. Highway 12 at Lewiston, the spring season's daily limit will be two, possession limit three and overall limit six, Huffaker said. The season will extend through March on the Salmon River and through April elsewhere.

A larger-than-expected "B-run" of steelhead contributed to the continued higher limits on the Clearwater River, Huffaker said more than 48,000 of the ongoing trout have crossed Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River since Nov. 1, and as many as 20,000 are expected to return to the Clearwater.

But to maintain some consistency in the regulations, the Fish and Game Commission also extended to the Clearwater's spring season a restriction already in place on the Snake and Salmon banning catch-and-release fishing in areas with daily limits of two or more.

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to give that day.

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One way to solve the problem is with a marking pen and a favorite outdoors catalog. A very enjoyable evening can be spent walking my way through the pages, marking the numerous items I would be glad to find under my tree. I am careful to mark all information including the ordering number. By the time I have wished my way to the last page, I have a list of several items in a variety of price ranges from which my family shoppers can choose.

Another good idea is to take my spouse on a guided tour of my favorite sporting goods stores

and departments carefully pointing out the precise potential gifts.

Though I sincerely like to be surprised on Christmas morning, I also find it a challenge to try and figure out what my family members are getting me.

So, last year as I took my wife through a favorite store identifying those items I had a special interest in, I noted the number of each item on the shelf. Later I slipped back to that store to see if any of the items had been purchased. It didn't work as my wife purchased one of the items but from a different store.

Friends can also be helpful in getting the right gift under the tree. Several years ago my wife asked one of my friends to help her select a shotgun for me. It was just what I wanted and it was a total surprise because it was an item I knew she would not dare try to buy without my help.

A final successful method for easy gift buying can be borrowed from the wedding gift industry in which

the bride and groom go to one of several stores and make a selection of gifts they need.

The same could be done at a local gun shop or sporting goods store. Spend a "painful" hour selecting items from the store you can't live without. Go over the list with the owner so he will be able to assist your spouse in selecting exactly what you want when the purchase is made. I am sure any store-owner, with the possible exception of the big chain stores, would be glad to boost their business by offering such a service. I hope I have not left you with the idea that receiving is the most important part of my Christmas season because it isn't.

But I have found that family members who consider me the hardest person in the world to buy for are both relieved and grateful for the help in selecting a gift they know I need and will enjoy.

Dave Hocklander is a teacher at Gooding High School.

Pheasants

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One picked the worst possible site — a pine — and that nest was predictably abandoned.

One picked a potato field and brought off the brood.

Mueder said four hens were killed on the nest during the incubation period because of the abandonments were caused by observer disturbance and the other for an unknown reason.

The majority of the dead, documented deaths occurred during June, which is the peak nesting and hatching month. Three died in May, two from canine predation and the other an unknown predation.

Predation claimed three more in May.

Of the eight deaths in June, half were caught up in hay swathers, the deceased birds were found and canine predation claimed another.

Annexed with the number of retrieved transmitters used last year and bolstered by a new shipment, Mueder is hopeful of collaring as many as 80 hens this year.

"That would be a very significant collaring number," statistical variances of percentage studies, the use of custom of individual

traps plus driving birds out of cover into mist nets. Two drives Tuesday morning netted four birds — a big day in the region of trying to collect live birds. Unfortunately, one of those was a rooster, which was simply weighed and tagged.

While these figures give you an idea of how difficult life for a pheasant in the wild can be, the other point is that these facts are taken perhaps from the best conditions in Region 4.

Gooding County has the greatest number of habitat improvements under the department's HIP plus the most vigorous Pheasants Forever chapter. Most of the trapping and ob-

serving occurs on these specially shaped tracts designed. At this time of year, most come out of food plots and winter cover tracts, that are.

"It is liable to be even bleaker in less cultivated areas in Magic Valley, Meanwhile, Region 4 Wildlife Manager Craig Kvale says he is more than pleased with the performance of the Montana transplants. Their success indicates translocation of wild-tagged birds is a very viable tool in rebuilding populations.

He notes that Mueder's report shows the 19 transplant hens initiated one more nest than the 21 locals. They had half the known broods and

three of the five missing broods.

"Just this week we received notification that one of the transmitters moved here from Montana was taken by a local hunter late in this fall's season. He turned the band in," said Kvale.

"That means he was a 2-plus year old," he pointed out, "that means they have added to the maturity of our brood stock."

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Utah auction features warehouse full of illegally taken pelts

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The allure of money and the thrill of the hunt — without regard for the law — has filled a warehouse behind the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources with the pelts of wild animals.

"This one was just a cub," said Craig Miyagishima, holding up one hide. Gazing out over the pelt-covered floor, he spots an even smaller hide and shakes his head. "Another cub."

Miyagishima, assistant chief of law enforcement for Wildlife Resources, said the pelts represent dozens of successful investigations into illegal hunting in Utah over the

past couple of years. But he suspects they also represent only the tip of the iceberg.

The confiscated pelts include 20 mountain lions, 18 bobcats, 15 black bears, 10 fox, four beaver and a ringtail cat. "It's my gut feeling that this is probably no more than 20 percent of what's been taken," Miyagishima said.

Most of the bear and cougar hides are from mature animals and were probably hunted for trophies. Some of the bobcats and fox may have been shot for the value of their fur. A few, especially the young, were probably the victims of "joy

shootings."

The pelts were expected to fetch about \$10,000 at auction Saturday, about as much as some affluent, out-of-state hunters are willing to pay. No questions asked — to bag just one of Utah's legendary black bears.

This year's auction has drawn much interest from potential buyers since last year's sale was canceled. Miyagishima explained that the pelts scheduled for the auction block in 1989 spoiled when the division's storage freezer malfunctioned. The amount of poaching, not the calendar, determines the interval between auctions, he said.

Potential buyers include taxidermists, trophy enthusiasts, fur dealers, and even the individuals from whom the hides were seized, Miyagishima said. Animals shot in self-defense are especially prized.

"Some people who've been involved in those situations like to tell the story and then point to the hide up on the wall and say, 'There it is,'" Miyagishima said. "Of course, in most cases, they could have avoided shooting it by just walking away."

In Utah, it is unlawful to possess certain animal hides without a permit, and violators face stiff penalties.

A year in jail and a \$2,500 fine for bear and cougar, six months and \$1,000 for the others.

The judges are sentencing violators to jail, which we think is important because serving time in jail is a big deterrent," Miyagishima said. "Another big deterrent is our ability to seize all of the equipment used in the taking and transportation of the animal. That includes the firearm and the vehicle. And we also revoke their licenses."

But even those penalties are not enough to scare away some individuals.

"They become obsessed with the

hunt, and if they get caught poaching in Utah, they'll just go do their shooting in another state."

To stop that practice, a number of Western states have entered into a compact that strips poachers of their hunting licenses regardless of where the violation occurred.

Colorado and Oregon have taken the lead in the effort, with Idaho, Nevada and Arizona following suit, Miyagishima said.

Three other states are hoping to join the compact in 1991. We've been considering the possibility of presenting the idea to the Legislature here in January," he added.

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