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Good morning

Today's forecast:
Partly cloudy and windy with a chance of snow showers. Highs 40 to 45 degrees. Lows near 20. Winds 20 to 30 miles an hour.
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Magic Valley

Threatens lawsuit
The mother of a Robert Stuart Junior High School student has threatened to sue for Twin Falls School District because her son was hypnotized during a school assembly last week.
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Tax bonus
The new 3-cent Idaho gasoline tax will be a boon to the city of Rupert, its mayor says.
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Augusta fixed
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NCAA looks inward
A former supreme court chief justice will be part of a panel to study NCAA rules enforcement.
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Sturgeon sting
Federal investigators successfully ran a sting operation to nab groups illegally catching and selling sturgeon and salmon in Washington.
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Now in 3-D
For those hunters trying to fool a turkey, 3-D camouflage is available.
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A local woman's rise
The Twin Falls native who will head Idaho's Employment Department was a good choice, today's editorial says. Connie Ryals has a solid record of achievement in private and state jobs.
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Rural fire district idea gains support

By Phil Sahn
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If Ora and Victor Deahl ever doubted the need for a Twin Falls County fire district, those doubts went up in smoke on the night of March 16, 1987. A fire destroyed their 2,800-square-foot home just outside the northeast city limits as Ora Deahl stood by waiting for firefighters.

She said by the time the Kimberly Fire Department arrived, the blaze had spread from a mobile home to the Deahls' garage, destroying their new Mercury, and into the house.

"If they had gotten here sooner, we

might have lost only the garage," she said. "As it was, we lost everything."

Deahl and her husband supported forming a rural fire district before their home burned down, but an attempt to create one failed with rural Twin Falls County residents in 1987. Now a petition drive seeks to persuade the County Commission to put the proposal up for a vote again.

Supporters expected to present the commissioners with petitions this week bearing the signatures of more than 100 county residents who support the idea. Before the commission can hold a public hearing, it must receive petitions containing the signatures of at least 25 people who

collectively own at least \$500,000 worth of property.

If the commissioners hold a hearing and decide enough people support the plan, they can approve a vote.

Twin Falls insurance agent James Bieri said the proposal, defeated in 1976 and 1987, seems to have less opposition this time. Need for a fire district is growing, he said.

"Fire protection in the county is gradually degrading," Bieri said.

Both the Kimberly and Twin Falls fire departments responded to the Deahls' fire that night, but the Kimberly truck had too small a water tank and the crew had to

return to Kimberly to refill it, Ora Deahl said.

When Twin Falls firefighters saw the home was not in the city limits, they delayed action, she said. They eventually ran a hose across a field from a city hydrant, but it was too late, she said.

The Deahls rebuilt their house on the same site, and Ora Deahl does not blame anyone for negligence. There are risks in living in an area that does not have fire protection.

As those risks are increasing, Population growth in Twin Falls County is straining the ability to provide fire protection, Bieri said.

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Liquid lessons



From the banks of the Little Wood River, students from Richfield and Dietrich receive a lesson on water quality from Chris LaVell of the Department of Environmental Quality. Officials with four agencies, including the Bureau of Land Management, Idaho Fish and Game and the Wood River Soil Conservation District, combined to give Lincoln County fourth, fifth and sixth graders a one-day course in river appreciation. The students circulated through five education stations set up along the river at Richfield.

Gem chancellor proposal creates storm of protest

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — House Speaker Tom Boyd and other lawmakers say if the state Board of Education creates a chancellor system, which they oppose, it should conduct a national search for the person filling the position.

Boyd, R-Geneseo, called the proposal a "misdirected monstrosity" that could weaken the University of Idaho's role as the flagship institution of Idaho's higher education system.

"For heaven's sake, the size of Idaho doesn't warrant another layer of officials," Boyd said. "It's not necessary to have that extra layer of fat to go through."

Sen. John Hansen, R-Idaho Falls, chairman of the Education Committee, said if the board has the unilateral right to create a chancellor position, as board President Gary Fay suggests, it should be filled through a national search. And the Legislature probably should confirm the selection, Hansen said.

Boyd said he would look into legislative control over the creation of a chancellor system. But in any case, the Legislature holds the purse strings, he said.

Rayburn Barton is executive director for the board. The board will consider a rule change elevating the position to chancellor with direct authority over the university and college presidents.

Fay said the board will decide whether a national search is necessary when deciding the proposal. But he strongly indicated he doesn't believe a national search is necessary for what he is calling a revised job description for Barton.

University of Idaho faculty also were uneasy when the chancellor proposal was announced at Tuesday's Faculty Council meeting. Faculty Secretary Diane LeFourneau expressed the sentiment of many UI faculty, concern that a chancellor system could diminish UI's dominant role and mission as Idaho's research, doctoral and land-grant university.

Please see CHANCELLOR/A2

Scientists push plan to combat warming

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Concluding that the threat of global warming is serious enough to warrant prompt national action, a panel of the National Academy of Sciences said Wednesday that the United States could reduce its production of "greenhouse" pollution as much as 40 percent with little or no economic cost.

It recommended that the nation pursue a series of steps to provide an insurance policy against expensive mitigation efforts should the more dire predictions of man-made climate change be borne out in the future.

The academy panel Wednesday recommended that the United States adopt a new energy pricing system, taking into account the social and environmental costs of energy production. It also called for energy-efficient building codes, improved efficiency of the nation's automobile fleet through regulation and tax incentives, increased support for mass transit, improved efficiency standards for electrical appliances and studies aimed at measures to slow deforestation of the country.

Hispanics still low on ladder

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Large segments of the nation's fast-growing Hispanic population are still poor, unemployed, uneducated and shut out of the best jobs, the Census Bureau reported Wednesday.

The nation's 22.4 million Hispanics made small steps out of poverty and the unemployment lines and toward a better-educated population during the past decade.

But when compared with the non-Hispanic population, the picture for Hispanics is one of large gaps in the race of life: 21 percent of Hispanic children are poor, compared with 11 percent of all U.S. children; 26.6 percent of the total Hispanic population is poor, compared with 11.6 percent of non-Hispanics.

Please see HISPANIC/A2

U.S. draws another line Iraq cease-fire in effect today

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States, drawing a new line in Iraq, said Wednesday it had told the government there not to use "ground or air forces" that might be a threat to fleeing Kurds or to relief operations.

"We are simply saying that we do not expect the humanitarian efforts to be interrupted or thwarted by Iraqi military," said presidential spokesman Martin Fitzwater.

He said the warning covering much of northern Iraq was delivered over the weekend through the United Nations and the Iraqi Embassy here.

His announcement implied — though stopped short of stating — that any Iraqi combat helicopters or other aircraft used against the Kurds would be shot down.

Fitzwater also voiced new enthusiasm, but no specific plans, for the idea of a sanctuary for Kurdish refugees who are fleeing Saddam Hussein's army by the hundreds of thousands.

The spokesman said Wednesday evening that Bush had called British Prime Minister John Major and U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to discuss ways a sanctuary for the Kurds could be set up and the effort under way to provide them humanitarian aid.

"Everyone agrees on the need for a sanctuary," Fitzwater said. "The concept of some location has to be considered." He had said a day earlier that the administration had not made a judgment yet on whether we think it's a good idea overall.

Major and Turkish President Turgut Ozal have proposed a U.N.-protected sanctuary be established for the Kurds in northern Iraq.

The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Officers from the five permanent Security Council nations will give together for the first time in the new 1,440-member U.N. force that will monitor the Iraq-Kuwait border, officials said Wednesday.

Twenty-seven other nations will join the United States, Britain, France, China and Soviet Union in the patrolling force, whose advance guard, led by an Austrian commander, is to arrive in Kuwait City on Friday.

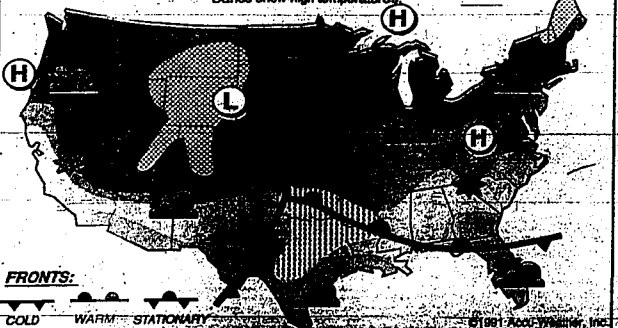
An official cease-fire in the Gulf War will take effect Thursday at 10 a.m. EDT, diplomats said, as long as council members have no last-minute objection.

Weather

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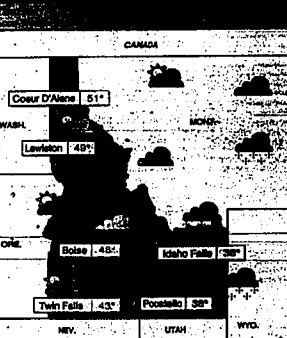
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Washington	76	51	
Twin Falls	53	33	
Boise	43	27	
Normal	63	33	
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Apr 21: Full			
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Scores die in Kurdish refugee camps



UZUMLU, Turkey (AP) - Scores of Iraqi refugees are dying every day at this makeshift camp on the Turkish-Iraqi border, with cold and diarrhea devastating people who trekked for days to evade feared reprisals by Saddam Hussein's forces, a doctor said Wednesday.

"In two or three days, thousands of children will die of gastroenteritis (diarrhea) and pneumonia," predicted Major Sadi Sadeq al-Maruyati, an Iraqi army doctor with the refugees.

He was the only doctor at the Uzulmu refugee camp 35 miles west of Cukurea, where about 100,000 refugees have taken shelter the past 10 days. Hundreds more were reaching the remote area each day.

The doctor said about 1,000 adult refugees had succumbed to cold and disease since their arrival and 20 children were dying every day.

He said children and adults with diarrhea had no hope of being treated at the camp, because most were in the final stages of dehydration and needed intravenous fluids and serum at hospitals.

The doctor said it was likely more serious epidemics like typhoid, fever or cholera could begin taking a toll. "Water is contaminated with dirt, mud and human refuse; the air is contaminated with smoke from thousands of fires; the food is contaminated due to lack of hygiene and is so little that it causes anemia," he said.

His immediate worry was his own children. "Perhaps my daughter is dying now," he said grimly, explaining that his family was living in the open, suffering from the constant rain and that morning's sleet.

"Like most of the camp's inhabitants, they were huddling around campfires and trying to keep warm under the few blankets available. His daughter had severe diarrhea, he said.

The camp's "hospital" was a large

white tent containing nothing but some mats to serve as beds. The two Turkish doctors who were appointed by the government the day before had gone back to the provincial center of Hakkari to find medicine.

The Iraqi doctor said the military outpost in the camp had only a small amount of medicine for adults.

Uzulmu is reachable only by a narrow road that turns into a sea of hub-cup-deep mud in rainy periods. "Little or no international aid has arrived.

Al-Maruyati said he and his family fled from northern Iraq because they feared persecution. He is a Shi'ite, the minority that staged an ill-fated uprising in southern Iraq after the Gulf War.

"If I return to Iraq, Saddam will kill me and my family. If I live here, I will get killed by malnutrition, cold and disease," he said.

Although incomparably better off, the Cukurea camp was not well-supplied either. There were five hospital tents in which doctors were attending to queues of refugees. A fleet of Land Rover ambulances transported the wounded and seriously ill to Hakkari hospital.

Persian Gulf

Iranian claims U.S. manipulating hostages

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) - The commander of Iran's Revolutionary Guards in Lebanon said in a newspaper interview published Wednesday that the United States is manipulating the plight of Western hostages for political gains.

well as Palestinian and Lebanese prisoners held by Israel," Hadi Riza Askan told the leftist Beirut newspaper *As-Safir*.

"Iran has a desire to help gain the release of the Western hostages as

"But the United States refuses to enter into this issue through a humanitarian window. It wants only to manipulate political interests from this issue," Askan said.

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Two fathers carry their children through a muddy field in a refugee camp on the Iraqi border as snow and rain worsened conditions.

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Nation

Briefly

Nintendo will offer coupon refunds

WASHINGTON — Nintendo will give \$5 coupons to owners of its popular home video games to settle price-fixing allegations under an agreement with federal and state authorities announced Wednesday. "Nintendo was not satisfied" with its 80 percent share of the market, and coerced some of the nation's biggest retailers into keeping the price of its basic video game system at \$99.99, New York Attorney General Robert Abrams said during a news conference to announce the settlement.

Nintendo of America, the U.S. division of a Japanese electronics giant, denied the price-fixing allegations. An official said the company agreed to the settlement to "get the matter behind us."

Nintendo owners who purchased their systems between June 1, 1988 and Dec. 1, 1990, will automatically receive the \$5 coupon if they returned the warranty registration card. Those who did not return the card, may receive a coupon by calling 1-800-255-3700 and supplying the game's serial number.

Woman tries suicide using AIDS virus

BOSTON — A woman became infected with the AIDS virus after she injected herself with AIDS-tainted blood in an attempt to commit suicide, doctors report.

The 41-year-old woman injected herself with two to three milliliters of blood from a former male friend who was dying from AIDS, but "she came to the emergency room in a panic two hours later," the doctors wrote in Thursday's *New England Journal of Medicine*.

She was given the AIDS drug AZT for five weeks in an effort to prevent infection. But three months after the incident, she developed antibodies to the AIDS virus, a sign that the virus had become established in her body.

City edges back from anti-smoking law

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — City Council has backed down from a measure that would have been one of the nation's strictest anti-smoking laws, deciding instead to allow bar patrons to continue to light up.

After three hours of debate Tuesday, the council voted to ban smoking in restaurants and enclosed work places, but to allow smoking in bars and cocktail lounges attached to restaurants. "Just plain banning is not the way to go," said Mayor Gwen Regalia. "I'm not willing to make criminals of adults who want to smoke."

Shuttle stay in space extended a day

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The crew of the shuttle Atlantis got an extra day in space Wednesday because of strong desert wind in California that prevented them from landing and threatened Thursday's touchdown plans.

NASA flight directors said they would decide at the last minute Thursday morning whether the landing would be in California or Florida or to keep the five-member crew up even longer.

Blustery winds whipped across Edwards Air Force Base in California all morning Wednesday, wiping out both possible landing times.

Family sues New Kids after concert

DES MOINES, Iowa — A parent and three girls who attended a New Kids on the Block concert last fall are suing the group for allegedly triggering a stampede that sent 17 concert-goers to the hospital.

The plaintiffs filed suit Tuesday against the band for "pain and suffering" allegedly caused when lead singer Donnie Wahlberg jumped into the crowd during a concert in Ames in November.

The lawsuit was filed in Polk County District Court by Amy Omvig, 12, and her mother, Paula Omvig, 41, of Ames. The lawsuit seeks unspecified compensatory and punitive damages.

Agency considers bid to buy airline

WASHINGTON — The Transportation Department took under consideration on Wednesday a bid by a billionaire investor to purchase and run financially troubled TWA World Airlines.

It did so by reopening the decision-making process on American Airlines' attempt to buy TWA routes to London. The department said it believes the Tracinda Corp., owned by billionaire Kirk Kerkorian, should be given a chance to explain its plan to pump new life into TWA.

Missouri politicians and a bipartisan group of members of Congress, including the chairmen of the House and Senate aviation subcommittees, had urged the department to delay its final decision on the route sale and consider Kerkorian's purchase offer.

Compiled from wire reports

Navy pegs jet research cost at \$10 billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top Navy official told Congress on Wednesday that development of a new attack plane to replace both the A-6 aircraft and the canceled A-12 stealth plane will cost at least \$10 billion.

Adm. Frank Kelso, the chief of Naval Operations, said the AX aircraft, an attack-experimental plane with radar-evading technology, is the only answer to replace the aging fleet of A-6s, which entered the service in the early 1960s.

The AX is also the best alternative following Defense Secretary Dick Cheney's decision to terminate the contract for the futuristic A-12 attack plane, canceled due to billions of dollars in cost overruns and schedule delays, Kelso said.

In testimony to the House Armed Services Committee, Kelso said developing the AX aircraft would cost at least \$10 billion with the first plane ready to operate in the year 2003 or 2004.

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you can touch a wire. Neither is good, but you're more likely to survive the fall.

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Look up before elevating equipment.
Check overhead before elevating augers and other equipment to make

sure no power lines are around... Like pipe, they're good conductors. **Don't move a conveyor or stacker when it's elevated.**

You might pull it into a power line, and the consequences could be fatal.

In general, be as careful around power lines as you would be around any farm equipment. If not, you could be in for the shock of your life.

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Nation



George Bush boards Marine One with 1991 National Teacher of the Year, Rae Ellen McKee.

President borrows top teacher

SEANESVILLE, W.Va. (AP) — The last time President Bush visited an elementary school, one youngster doubted he was really the president. "This time I came prepared," Bush said Wednesday as he whisked the nation's Teacher of the Year back to the White House aboard his Marine helicopter.

The award winner, Rae Ellen McKee, stood beside the president and waved to her excited students and fellow teachers at the Seanesville Elementary School as she boarded Marine One.

Bush's helicopter had landed in a field beside the school so he could deliver this year's award to Mrs. McKee, 33, a remedial-reading instructor in this Appalachian hamlet.

"I hope you won't mind that we're going to borrow Mrs. McKee," Bush told his audience. As teacher of the year, she will be traveling around the nation "to share with all our schools the secrets of her... success... right here in Seanesville."

"We need to learn from her how we can teach all kids just as well as she's taught you," he added.

Bush recalled that "the last time I went to a school... I had a third grader, a boy, ask me to prove that I was the president. I finally showed him my American Express card."

"This time I came prepared," Bush said Wednesday, noting that he had brought along Education Secretary Lamar Alexander. "So there can be no doubt" and had brought Marine One right to the school yard.

"And when we're done here, just to prove it, I'm going to take Mrs. McKee back up to the White House with me."

Back at the White House, after a 45-minute flight, Mrs. McKee was shown around the Oval Office by the president.

Bush presented the teacher a crystal apple at a brief ceremony outside the school, lauded her 11 years of teaching and said her success marked "a proud day... for every hardworking teacher in America."

Debt challenges California solons

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — An unparalleled \$13 billion budget deficit over two years, with roots in the Proposition 13 tax rebellion, means residents of the nation's most populous state will soon be paying more for less.

"We could close all our state universities, we could open all our prisons — eliminate our entire state workforce — and we would still not close this gap," said Gov. Pete Wilson.

The projected shortfall is the largest ever faced by any state, according to the Department of Finance.

Last July, lawmakers thought the current year's \$55 billion budget was balanced with a \$1.4 billion reserve. Instead, there will be a record \$3.6-billion deficit by the time the fiscal year ends June 30.

And next year's proposed budget, a \$55.7 billion spending plan for 1991-92 which Wilson proposed in January and takes effect July 1, is projected to have a deficit of more than \$9 billion.

President threatens veto of handgun bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Dick Thornburgh raised the prospect Wednesday of a presidential veto of a seven-day waiting period for handgun purchases — unless Congress also passes the Bush administration's crime bill.

The veto threat was made public as the waiting-period "Brady Bill" cleared its first legislative hurdle — a 9-4 vote by the House Judiciary crime subcommittee to send the measure to the full committee.

The bill's supporters hailed Thornburgh's letter as representing what they saw as a clear signal that President Bush had embraced the concept of gun control, something that he has long opposed.

In the letter, Thornburgh said that "if the Congress acts favorably on the president's comprehensive crime bill, the president will accept, as part of that bill, appropriate measures to identify felons attempting to purchase handguns."

But such legislation "must be presented to the president as part of, or together with, his crime bill," the attorney general said in a letter delivered on the eve of the markup to the subcommittee's chairman, Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

Otherwise, "the president's senior advisers will recommend that he veto any bill... that is not part of legislation consistent with his Comprehensive Violent Crime Control proposal," the attorney general said. Democrats supporting the Brady

bill dismissed the seriousness of the veto threat and hailed what they called a significant concession by the administration.

"I am pleased that this letter indicates, for the first time, that the president is not opposed to the concept of the bill per se, but rather is in favor of enhancements which he believes would facilitate the identification of felons attempting to purchase handguns," Schumer said.

"While I am happy about this shift in position, I continue to believe that the president should move out of the caboose and become the engineer of the train by clearly and unequivocally endorsing the Brady Bill in its current form."

The bill is named for former White House press secretary James S. Brady who was shot in the head and left paralyzed by a gunman who tried to kill President Reagan in 1981. Reagan last month gave the Brady Bill added momentum with his surprise endorsement of the proposal that he had long opposed.

"The president is looking for political cover on this issue, recognizing that 95 percent of the American people, including Ronald Reagan's support it," said Rep. Edward F. Feighan, D-Ohio, the bill's prime sponsor.

Feighan said he opposed wedding the Brady Bill to the president's crime package and accused the administration of "trying to leverage the support in Congress for the Brady Bill to move their crime package."

Most returns net refunds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly 80 percent of federal tax returns filed so far this year have qualified for refunds, the Internal Revenue Service said Wednesday.

Through Friday, the IRS had processed 57.2 million returns and certified refunds for 45.6 million of them. That 79.7 percent share of filers getting refunds is up slightly from the 79.5 percent at the same time a year ago.

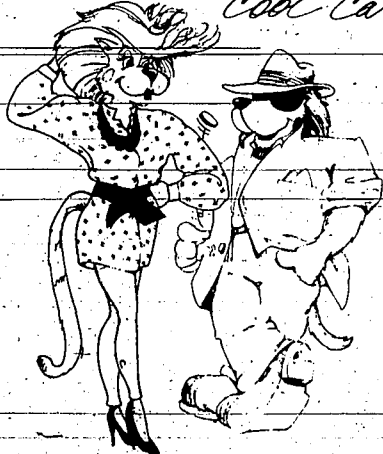
This year's refunds have totaled \$41.2 billion, up 6.7 percent from the \$38.6 billion at the same time last year. The average refund is

\$902, up from \$851 last year. The IRS expects 113 million returns will be filed this year, although several million of them will not meet the midnight Monday filing deadline. About 27 million are expected to arrive at IRS processing centers next week.

One of every 10 — 6.99 million of the 66.7 million filed through Friday were filed electronically, a 79 percent increase from last year. Electronic returns are filed for a fee through computers by thousands of businesses authorized by the IRS.

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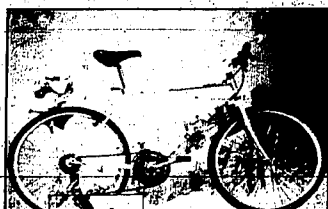
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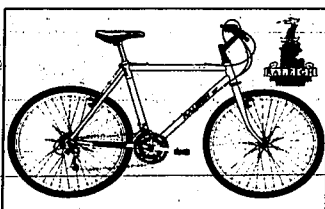
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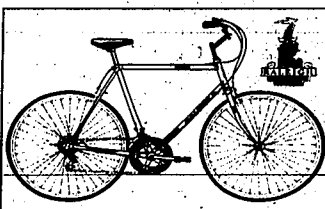
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Opinion

Editorial

Ryals a fine choice to run Department of Employment

Gov. Cecil Andrus appointed a Twin Falls native to occupy the hot seat at the Idaho Department of Employment this week, and he chose well.

Connie Ryals, a 38-year-old former Albertson's executive who has been an administrator with the Idaho Department of Administration for the past four years, is a self-made woman in the truest sense.

She went to work for Albertson's in 1970 after graduating from Twin Falls High School and eventually worked her way up to manager of the sales audit department of the sprawling supermarket chain.

Ryals doesn't have a college degree, but she became successful in a tough, competitive profession by force of her intelligence, enthusiasm and hard work.

She'll need every bit of that at the Employment Department, which has been shaken and riven by the firing of former administrator Julie Kilgrow and her top assistant by Andrus last month. Kilgrow accused Andrus of sexism and political cronyism; Andrus said Kilgrow was incompetent. Ryals is an appealing choice with a

resume, the Legislature is bound to like and a track record of managing well in tough situations. It's gratifying to see someone who has come so far and succeeded so well in the private sector put in charge of a government agency with big problems.

While Ryals' appointment will take the heat off Andrus, it leaves questions about his handling of the Kilgrow situation.

The crisis at the Department of Employment has been building for years, and it should have been solved long ago short of a high-noon shootout in the media.

The governor is the most powerful politician Idaho has seen in a generation, and he tends to personalize political disputes and use that power to channel his displeasure against those with whom is displeased. Ask Kermit Kiebert, Or Mel Morgan, Or Julie Kilgrow.

We wish Connie Ryals better luck. If she is allowed to run her department with the same skill with which she has made herself into one of Idaho's best and brightest, she'll do a fine job.

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Letters

Return to free enterprise ways

Let's all tighten our belts two more notches. Our elected leaders have apparently decided that our personal budgets have too much extra money.

Oh, I know, the legislators figured that there would be a lot of people like Mr. O. Hamilton who said, "Three cents doesn't bother me..." That kind of thinking has allowed our gas taxes (federal and state combined) to grow to 28 cent per gallon. Can you imagine the uproar if they tried to slap that all on at one time? The people wouldn't hear of it! On the other hand, 3 cents here, 3 cents there, and taxes rise with barely any notice. Don't get me wrong, I understand our roads are in need of repair, but let's have our government spenders operate responsibly. How does Joe Average Income Earner pay for his repairs or other things? That come up?

He either saves aside a separate fund; or (even if he borrows the money) he sacrifices something deemed less important. Our leaders are afraid to sacrifice anything for fear of losing votes. If we exercised less apathy, our votes would reflect our feelings on tax increases also.

Onto another issue, but also related to my pocketbook is the new federal minimum wage law. Sen. Kennedy says that even \$4.25 isn't enough and wants to raise it to \$5.85. What a joke!

The reality of a government-imposed increase of pay will result in lost jobs for those people whose positions were borderline affordable, increased prices consumers will pay, and less buying power for those "unaffected" by the increase.

Only an idiot would believe that a business's operating expenses can go up without forcing either work force streamlining or price increases. Ultimately those earning minimum wage will be back to square one, and the rest of us will long suffer the consequences.

So what is the solution? Let's start by allowing the free enterprise system to work on its own. Stop the minimum wages, stop the federal subsidies, stop the artificial stimulation altogether. Let alone the system of supply and demand would take care of itself, and taxes could be significantly lowered.

If taxes were lowered, that would allow more to be spent freely, which in turn would strengthen the economy. A stronger economy means more jobs, higher wages, even more revenues for the tax man to collect, and what? More spending. An even stronger economy...

If any of our elected officials are reading, pay attention. It may even make a senator or representative a respectable occupation.

BILL ARRINGTON
Twin Falls

Craig comments misinformed

The people of Idaho have again been exposed to how a small but powerful pressure group can influence a politician.

When Sen. Larry Craig addressed the ranchers recently in Twin Falls, he must have followed a script that was written by the cowboy welfare committee.

It is inconceivable that a politician like Larry Craig would tell the people of Idaho that the few ranchers who are being supported by taxpayers are more important to Idaho than the tourist industry.

He indicated the tourist industry only benefits minimum wage workers in the industry. He seems to think they aren't important. But it wasn't for all the thousands of minimum-wage workers, who would pay the tax dollars that are handed out to the ranchers?

Where would the money come from that we use subsidize the destruction of our public lands by livestock grazing?

It is no wonder that foreign dictators can fool their people with propaganda. They must have learned how from welfare ranchers on our western public lands.

The ranchers tell us the infestation of noxious weeds is natural, that dry washes in the hills are from drought, that bare dirt looks like grass, that all the wildlife that has been destroyed by predator control and destroyed

habit is good for the country and good for us

After we have paid the ranchers to let their livestock eat and destroy the forage from public land, we have to pay them again when starting wild animals come down to the ranches in winter looking for food.

And the ranchers tell us that cattle guards and barbed wire fences are "improvements" on public land, that destroyed watersheds and silt-filled reservoirs equal good management, that laws against wildlife must be obeyed by some and not others, that cows should live in trout streams instead of trout on our publicly owned lands!

The cowboy's list of "truths" about land owned by the taxpayers goes on and on. It is easy to understand. If the livestock industry that grazes private animals on public land can make the public, the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management believe these things, what chance does Larry Craig have?

After all, he knows to know is what the good of boys all him.

JIM PRUNTY
Twin Falls

Feds' word final on roadwork

There has been considerable interest concerning the Transportation Department's work on the median between the eastbound and westbound lanes as a part of the pavement rehabilitation project on Interstate 84 north of Mountain Home.

The engineers at the department share your concern that the highway dollars would be better spent entirely on pavement improvements. Because we are spending interstate federal money, however, the Federal Highway Administration has the last word. Let me explain.

In order for the department to obtain interstate federal aid funds for the I-84 pavement project at Mountain Home, we were required by the FHWA to include the safety flattening of slopes and removal of rock in the median as part of the pavement project.

The department strenuously objected, but to no avail. The federal code gives no discretionary authority to the state.

I have spoken with individuals from the Twin Falls area who tell me "but you didn't fight hard enough." This couldn't be further from the truth. The department used every means available to argue the state's view. We will continue to fight the battle against federal blackmail.

In the forthcoming Surface Transportation Act, the department is seeking more engineering authority for the states. Idaho's congressional delegation is giving a maximum effort to accomplish that goal. It is a difficult battle for us. Most states don't agree with our view. Only California, Texas and Florida have joined us in arguing for more state control.

I want to assure you that the 3-cent increase in the state fuel tax, which was recently approved by the Legislature and went into effect April 1, will not be spent on federally mandated safety projects.

Idaho's Transportation Department
KERMIT KIEBERT
Director

Ranchers care about the land

To Jim Prunty: I want to acknowledge and thank you for stopping by my Twin Falls' office to share your views on the grazing fee issue.

My staff assistant has been in touch to appreciate your conversation.

Forty-one percent of the state of Idaho is classified as rangeland, mostly owned by the federal government.

Because of this, sheep and cattle operations in the state are highly dependent on available government grazing fees. If an Idaho stockman can't afford to graze on BLM or Forest Service land, he usually can't afford to be a stockman.

Any landowner knows you can't charge more than the market is highly dependent on the formula for calculating grazing fees reflects the stockman's financial abilities. As Congress addresses the issue of grazing fees

this year. I am going to strongly support keeping this formula as determined under the Public Rangelands Improvement Act of 1978.

Environmental organizations have urged my support for other alternatives, claiming that increased grazing fees will help solve the federal deficit. I view their advice with some suspicion, however, considering that impact on the federal treasury has not been one of their major concerns in the past.

To tell the truth, the federal government is such a poor landlord that grazing on public lands cannot be considered a bargain at any price.

Sheepmen and cattlemen are much more interested in the value of range resources than is the government. If it weren't for them, many range improvements would never take place - the resource would deteriorate from non-use.

I regret that we disagree on this issue, but I hope you will consider my views and understand my position.
STEVE SVMMS
U.S. Senator
Washington, D.C.

School committee smells fishy

Times-News or KMTV investigative reporters could make a reputation unraveling the misinformation flowing from District 41's school committee.

In December, they warned that ninth graders needed quarantining. Now they have a \$20 million vaccine enabling a four-year high school. Dan Brizez (411 committee member) noted that year-round schooling requires (by law?) air conditioning and extra busing but ignores the added busing, operating, utilities and maintenance costs for the proposed new schools (in addition to our existing facilities).

Committee member Brizez expressed concern for family scheduling but is blind to family logistical problems with grades segmented and scattered community wide. He argued that year-round schooling prevents summer jobs.

On a quarter system, this need can be met for students for whom it is high priority. Also, this argument only affects students of legal working age, does not preclude work after school (as many do now) and is a woeful distortion of educational priorities. How much overtime will families work to finance the committee's proposal?

Committee member Brizez cites their "poll" showing 45 percent acceptance of year-round schooling. This information was neither damning to the year-round concept nor was it a true poll. A poll must be demographically balanced across the population being sampled and unbiasedly written and presented - not a slanted questionnaire passed among buddies at a club following presentation of the 411 committee propaganda.

Reader, did you get polled? Did the committee's poll get pulled by Mr. Brizez's own official estimate year-round schooling would cost Twin Falls \$2.4 million instead of the proposed \$20 million? Did the poll compare the increase in property taxes for a \$2.4 vs. \$20 million solution? Did it point out that at 8 percent interest, a \$20 million bond will cost between \$41 and \$53 million for a 20-30 year payback? That's as high as \$17,000 per man, woman and child in Twin Falls. Of course, we won't pay on a per capita basis - only property owners will pay.

Unfortunately, Times-News and KMTV managers Steve Hartgen and Lee Widgren are 411 committee members. They have seemingly relegated their news bodies to PRAVDA and ISVESTIA roles for the committee.

We are being overused with the committee's "party line" from our only two local sources of news. They have made neither an effort to report a competent and unbiased comparative cost analysis nor to report the success and growing national acceptance of the year-round concept. District 41's full court press aims to pass a bond before the new state requirements governing local taxation go into effect in July preventing the schools board's "tax and spend" tactics.

The school board seems inclined to follow the federal model of living beyond its means.
BOB SOJKA
Twin Falls

Letters

Welcome home gulf veterans

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you and welcome home to all the returning military personnel that have been protecting me, my family and our American way of life in the recent war in the gulf.

My prayers are that they may never again be asked to serve in that capacity again. I salute you with a big yellow ribbon while I wave my flag of red, white and blue.

Our state Legislature certainly showed their colors (not red, white and blue or the new patriotic yellow) in offering our returning military people free license plates for one year upon returning from the gulf.

This meager gesture in no way is in line with the pay increase they voted for themselves. They did not even have to serve in the gulf or leave their families, jobs and loved ones to receive this increase.

So to the brave men and women who spent time in the gulf; to the ones who are still there, I send my heartfelt thanks, my sincere prayers and my apology that our state Legislature could not do better by you.
MELVIN A. HARMON
Hazelton

Nuclear hazards not imaginary

According to Mr. George Wood from Pocatello, Idahoans should accept nuclear waste for the good of the nation.

Idahoans should jeopardize the welfare of themselves for the good of the nation.

Mr. Wood, that would - as you say - be "patriotic"; but in my opinion, somewhat ludicrous. Your letter equates the handling of nuclear waste with that of beer cans, old cars, paper, etc. I would like it to be that easy; however, my reading on the subject suggests disposal of nuclear wastes is not quite that easy.

I propose that instead of being patriotic by accepting the nuclear waste and its ramifications, we declare ourselves patriotic by questioning the rationale of storing waste at the INEL.

Why should Idahoans jeopardize our health in the name of patriotism? It would seem more in line with what this country is founded if we were to question what is unreasonable and unclear. Accepting waste at the INEL is unreasonable and unclear.

I invite you, Mr. Wood, to celebrate our country's inherent freedom by questioning the group in charge. The group in charge is, not always right. Remember that the group is managed by humans.

I also invite you to add a new line of thinking to the Department of Energy's proposals to express the view of one man from Pocatello. It took a long time, but the DOE finally realized that the public wanted to exercise its right to question authority. If it were not for the public's discontent, then the DOE would have to question what is unreasonable and unclear. Accepting waste at the INEL is unreasonable and unclear.

The state of Idaho could change if people don't question life-affecting proposals. I invite you and the public alike, to question the DOE. We must have the New Production Reactor is necessary.

In mid-May, the public will exercise its constitutional right, that is, freedom of speech.

There will be an opportunity for people in the Pocatello area, the Idaho Falls area, the Boise area, and the Moscow area to question the need for the NPR, to ask how much waste it will produce, how the DOE can satisfy the production of more waste when they have no solution for already existing waste, and most importantly, if the NPR is really needed.

Mr. Wood, please call any Snake River Alliance office for information on the incredible dangers of nuclear waste or call Hanford Education Action League in Hanford, Wash.

Please attend the public hearings on the NPR in Pocatello on May 20 and 21. And for those who wish to learn more about the public hearings in your region, call the Snake River Alliance office.
CLARK H. SHAFER
Ketchum

Bruin supports Astorquia

The locker room is filled with a strong aroma - a not-so-pleasant aroma to some people but to others, it's the greatest. The ball feels like silk sliding across your fingers as you roll it from hand to hand.

The uniform you put on fits snugly as if your mother is hugging you.

The anticipation for the game is building up inside you. Your heart is pounding a million beats a minute. Sweat rolls off your face and you haven't even taken the floor yet.

Your coach comes in to go over the final details for the game. At last, it's time to take the floor.

Basketball, what a wonderful sport! Some people thrive on it and others could care less - I'm one of those people who thrive on it. I love the game with all my heart.

I've played on good teams and not-so-good teams. The best team I have ever been a part of is this year's 1990-91 team. We haven't won a lot of our games - well, let's put it this way: We have only won four games, but the team is the greatest team in the world.

The coach we play for is the world's best. He is also, like me, loves the game with all of his heart. It has been a great experience playing for this coach. I understand that when he yells at you, it means he cares about you.

It's when he stops yelling you should be worried about yourself.

Even though we haven't won many ball games, this year has been my favorite year playing and also the biggest learning year for me.

We have only two more games left in the regular season; but if our gutsy team, Chopper, has anything to say about it, you will see us in the state tournament playing for all the marbles.

"Chopper" is Coach John Astorquia.
BIDDIE TREMKLE
Rennie Venable
Twin Falls High School

World

Workers strike, ignoring Gorbachev appeal

MINSK, U.S.S.R. (AP) — More than 100,000 workers defied an appeal from Mikhail S. Gorbachev for aatorium on protests, pouring out of factories Wednesday in the Byelorussian capital to strike for higher pay.

"The Communist Party Drove Us Head" read the placard held by workers marching in a light rain to Minsk's central Lenin Square. "Put Food from Chernobyl on the Government Table," read another sign.

"The people are waking up!" Sergei Klyachko, a miner from Donetsk in the neighboring Ukraine, told the estimated 40,000 workers and others packed into the square at midday.

Organizers said 64 major businesses, including an automobile plant, electronics factory and tractor works

were on strike in the Minsk area. They said the firms employed at least 100,000 people.

The walkout ignored an impassioned appeal from Gorbachev on a national television Tuesday for a moratorium on strikes and demonstrations. "We face the danger of economic collapse," the Soviet president said, citing "stepped up" challenges to Khrushchev's authority. He also proposed a simultaneous acceleration of the transition to a free-market system.

But Gorbachev's plan for salvaging the union of 15 increasingly fractious republics "comes amid widespread pessimism about his ability to halt a demoralizing economic decline and his seriousness about fundamental democratic reform."

The action in Byelorussia, a western republic of 10.4 million people,

followed a three-hour warning strike Tuesday. "Everything is a mess in Byelorussia, which until recently seemed so stable, sensible and reliable. Now passions are red hot," the Communist Party newspaper Pravda commented Wednesday.

The demonstrators in Lenin Square remained peaceful, while listening to speeches and folk songs, and police did not interfere.

The strike in Minsk was the biggest boost to the country's fledgling independent labor movement since coal miners began a nationwide walkout on March 1 with economic and political demands.

An estimated 300,000 miners from the Ukraine to Siberia are calling for Gorbachev's resignation and new parliamentary elections, among other demands.

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Georgia wants Soviets to recognize autonomy

MOSCOW (AP) — Georgia's national leader appealed Wednesday to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev to accept his southern republic's day-old declaration of independence, news reports said.

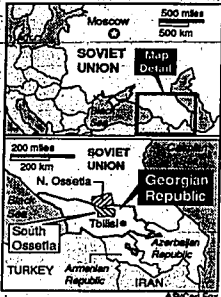
Georgian officials reportedly planned a general strike to protest the presence of Soviet troops in the disputed southern region of South Ossetia, where fighting has claimed dozens of lives in recent months. Talks did not say when the strike would be held or who would take part.

Georgians voted in a March 31 referendum to secede from the Soviet Union, and lawmakers Tuesday unanimously voted to declare independence, based on a 1918 declaration of statehood. Georgia was annexed three years later by the Soviet Union.

Tuesday's move made the republic of 5.3 million the fourth in the Soviet Union to declare independence, following the Baltic states of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia. The 11 other Soviet republics have declared their intention to practice greater self-rule from the Kremlin.

Georgian leader Zviad Gamsakhurdia said in a letter to Gorbachev Wednesday that Georgia was ready to work out new political and economic relations with Soviet officials in Moscow, news reports said.

Gorbachev has not yet responded to the Georgian declaration.



But he has rejected the Baltic independence moves as unconstitutional, and agreed to discuss secession only in terms of Soviet laws requiring a five-year waiting period.

Late Wednesday, Georgian officials in Moscow said Gamsakhurdia's government was considering calling a one-day general strike to protest the presence of Soviet troops in the republic, according to the state news agency Tass.

Gamsakhurdia, in an address Tuesday to the Parliament, accused the Soviet government of massing 1,500 troops in South Ossetia.

Repression role ousts minister

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Serbia's interior minister resigned Wednesday over his role in the harsh repression of street protests last month that shook hard-line President Slobodan Milosevic's grip on power.

The republic's Communist-dominated legislature, however, rejected opposition demands for Serbia's premier and two other ministers to step down.

Pressure continued to build on the Communist leadership of Yugoslavia's most populous republic, where labor unions representing nearly 700,000 metal and textile workers called a mass strike for Tuesday. Interior Minister Radmilo Bogdanovic resigned over his role in the March 9 clashes in Belgrade between Serbian police and anti-Milosevic protesters.

Law would make Koran final say

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — The government introduced legislation Wednesday that would make the Koran the supreme law of Pakistan and subject all aspects of life, from social behavior to civil liberties, to Islamic tenets.

The proposal fulfills Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's election promise to small but powerful Islamic religious parties crucial to the survival of his 6-month-old coalition government. Opponents contend the bill would promote "sectarianism," pay the way for a militant and repressive Muslim theocracy, confine women to their homes and bring the media and the educational system under control of Islamic clerics.

Teacher sentenced

TOKYO (AP) — A teacher who claimed he killed a female pupil to spare her humiliation from his admission that he had fondled her was sentenced to 13 years in prison Wednesday, an official said.

Takeshi Kouchi, 39, said he killed the 12-year-old girl in March 1990 because he believed local gossip about his confession to school officials would make her life unbearable.

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Tax initiative supporters agree to changes

LEWISTON (AP) — Backers of a plan to revive the 1-percent property tax limitation in the 1992 election say they have agreed to changes in their ballot initiative recommended by the attorney general's office.

The changes make the measure stronger than ever, Idaho Property Owners' Association President Ron Rankin of Coeur d'Alene said Tuesday.

In fact, Rankin said, with legal and constitutional conflicts removed, lawmakers will find it more difficult to justify not implementing the measure if voters approve it next year.

"Nobody's going to have any conflict with it," Rankin said during a stop in Lewiston to build art

organization in north-central Idaho. "Nobody can say, 'Well, it's going to be unconstitutional.'" Modeled after California's Proposition 13, the 1 Percent Initiative was approved by Idaho voters in 1978. But lawmakers were unable to implement the measure because it conflicted with much of Idaho's constitutional and statutory tax law.

What emerged in its place was a freeze on property tax increases, followed by a 5-percent yearly cap on increases.

The recently adjourned 1991 session of the Idaho Legislature voted to repeal that 5-percent cap, replacing it with strict requirements for public disclosure and hearings on any property tax increase proposed by local governments.

Advocates of that "Truth in Taxation" plan maintained the 5-percent cap had become a floor routinely used to generate ever-rising property taxes.

Rankin, a maverick Coeur d'Alene conservative, countered that eliminating the cap could lead to an escalation in property taxes, and he pledged to circulate another 1-percent voter initiative if lawmakers passed the plan.

But he followed a new procedure requiring initiative backers to first submit their proposals to the state secretary of state and attorney general for review. Proponents are not obligated to follow the attorney general's advice. But in this case, Rankin decided to take that step.

Tests show Sandpoint's water safe to drink

SANDPOINT (AP) — Sandpoint's drinking water has been given a clean bill of health by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Division of Environmental Quality.

Steve Tanner, a drinking water specialist for the agency, said Tuesday that a chemical analysis of Sandpoint water showed negligible levels of any foreign chemical.

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VA Medical Center boss mulls cuts

BOISE (AP) — A projected \$2 million budget shortfall could force the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Boise to cut outpatient services up to 12 percent, director James Goff says.

"We cannot continue operations at the current level with the current budget," he said Tuesday. "We have to cut back a little bit."

The hospital has requested emergency federal funding to cover the shortfall. And while Goff said he did not expect to get all he requested, cutbacks may be avoided if the hospital gets enough partial funding.

A response to the emergency funding request is expended by month's end.

Last year, the VA hospital's outpatient clinics, which offer the same services as a doctor's office, recorded about 80,000 visits. Goff said 5,000 to 10,000 could be cut.

"We're going to have to make some decisions in the next month or so on where we're headed, and we're working on it."

Some veterans were surprised at the news, while others said they had seen it coming.

Clinton Haakonstad, a World War II prisoner of war, said he expected to be safe because of his priority status as a former POW. However, he was angry that other veterans may lose benefits.

The cutbacks would affect veterans without service-connected injuries or illnesses, Goff said. "Services will not be totally eliminated, but there will be certain veterans that will not be able to obtain those services."

Other veterans would continue to receive priority service, as required by federal law. And Goff said veterans with serious medical needs, service-connected or not, would continue to get help.

Stallings asks \$24 million for Idaho project

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Richard Stallings, D-Idaho, is urging a federal budget of \$24 million for a cancer research project at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory.

"This is a promising and exciting cancer treatment program that deserves full funding," Stallings said Tuesday, in an appearance before a House budget subcommittee.

The Bush administration has recommended spending only \$5 million in the new budget on the Boron Neutron Cancer Treatment project. Scientists are trying to convert the moth-balled Power Burst Facility reactor into a medical facility capable of treating certain types of brain cancer.

Stallings said the project made good progress during the last year. "It has evolved into a national effort with strong scientific and medical support throughout the country," he said.

Legislative log

The Associated Press

Tuesday, April 9

SB1064 (Commerce, Industry and Tourism) — Exempts real estate agents from disclosing information about psychologically negative events like murders that may have taken place in a home being sold unless specifically asked by the buyer.

SB262 (Resources and Conservation) — Required state agencies to assess the impact on constitutional property rights of any regulations or rules.

SB1140 (Resources and Environment) — Sets up a mechanism for the Fish and Game Commission to reimburse counties for property taxes lost when land is removed from the rules for wildlife habitat.

SB1169 (Judiciary and Rules) — Exempts community service workers from worker's compensation coverage.

Signed: Governor

SB1064 (State Affairs) — Brings employers of 5- to 10 people under the purview of the state Commission on Human Rights.
 HB234 (Commerce, Industry and Tourism) — Sets up a special financial assistance program to help small businesses comply with new federal regulations on underground storage tanks.

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Around the valley

Court rules against couple over farm sale

BOISE — An Elmore County couple has lost a long legal battle over the sale of their farm to the Haney Seed Co. of Twin Falls.

The Idaho Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled unanimously against the appeal filed by Ronald and Ethelene Isaak over the 1980 sale of their farm to Haney.

In 1984, the company sold its interest to a group of investors, who renegotiated a note with the Isaaks.

Later, the investors offered to deed the farm back to the Isaaks in lieu of foreclosure. The Isaaks sued to force the original note with Haney, along with \$1 million in punitive damages.

The Supreme Court agreed with lower court rulings that the Isaaks could have started foreclosure proceedings against the group of investors and were not entitled to set aside the renegotiated note because of economic duress or fraud.

INEL moves its Twin Falls office to 2nd Street North

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho National Engineering Laboratory's Twin Falls office has moved to 223 2nd St. N., Unit B.

The new office has a larger public reading room. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For information call 734-0463.

Idaho Tax Commission office will be open Saturday for help

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Tax Commission office in Twin Falls will be open Saturday to help taxpayers meet the April 15 income tax filing deadline.

Office hours Saturday will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. In addition, the office will remain open until 7 p.m. Friday and next Monday.

The office is located at 1038 Blue Lakes Blvd., N., Suite C. The phone number is 736-3040.

Meeting on transportation needs of state set for Friday

TWIN FALLS — A meeting to discuss the state's transportation needs has been scheduled for Friday, April 26.

The public is invited to the 9 a.m. session, scheduled for the Obenchain Building, 264 Main Ave. S., to talk about the transportation needs of the community and of outlying areas.

For further details, call Noel Newhouse at 733-6185.

County sets hearing on grant for Centennial Water Park

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County will conduct a public hearing Monday, April 22, on a Land and Water Conservation Grant for Centennial Water Park.

Commissioner Marvin Hempleman said the place and time of the hearing are not yet final but will be published before the hearing.

The hearing's purpose will be to gather comments on what facilities people would like to see in the green area of the park in the Snake River Canyon outside of Twin Falls. Conducting the hearing will give the county points toward its grant application.

The county already received a \$57,000 grant from the state Waterways Improvement Fund for boating facilities near the park.

The county's grant application is due in May.

Group seeks current, former 2nd Marine Division members

TWIN FALLS — A California-based association is looking for current and former members of the Second Marine Division.

The Second Marine Division Association brings together old friends and maintains a scholarship program for dependents of active and former Second Division Marines. The group is also planning a museum, and will hold its annual reunion in Norfolk, Va., in September.

Any person who is in the Second Marine Division, or anyone who served in or with the division or was attached to it can contact Bill Smith, 21500 Lassen St., No. 168, Chatsworth, Calif., 91311 or phone (818) 341-0504 for more information.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Mother may sue over son's hypnotism at school

By Kirk Mitchell
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The mother of a Robert Stuart Junior High School student says she is angry that her 13-year-old son was hypnotized at a school assembly and she is considering a lawsuit.

"I basically want parental consent," Leslie Day said. "If I would have said no in the matter, I would have said no."

Day and the Rev. Fred Barton of the Magic Valley Baptist Fellowship asked School Board members Tuesday to explain why Day's son Isaiah was hypnotized at a Sturt assembly last week.

The hypnotism demonstration by Jack Lythgoe of Twin Falls, who holds programs around the country, was one of several assemblies Stuart holds for students every year.

Principal Dale Thornberry said. Past topics have included music, pantomime and snake demonstrations, he said.

Lythgoe describes how hypnotism is used and how it shouldn't be used, Thornberry said, and as part of his demonstration Lythgoe hypnotizes about 15 students. It's low-key, Thornberry said.

Lythgoe declined to comment for the record.

Leslie Day said that while her son was hypnotized, he held his hand in the air and made a fist, stared at ceiling lights and put his hands together and tried to take them apart. Isaiah was told by his friends later what he did and came home feeling tired, Leslie Day said.

She does not feel her son was physically or mentally harmed, Day said.

"It could have repercussions we don't know about," Barton said.

Leslie Day said whether Isaiah volunteered is not an issue because he is a minor and the School District is obligated to get her consent.

The board will work with Superintendent Terrell Donicht for a response. School Board chairman Steve Tolman said.

Leslie Day said she is thinking about suing the district.

"We think our children and their minds are at stake," Barton said. "A lot of us in the spiritual domain feel like (hypnotism) is an open door to the occult."

Too much is not known about hypnotism, which is controversial, he said.

Assistant Superintendent Ken Olson said the district will talk to teachers about the

hypnotism assembly, but he did not think parental consent was a big issue.

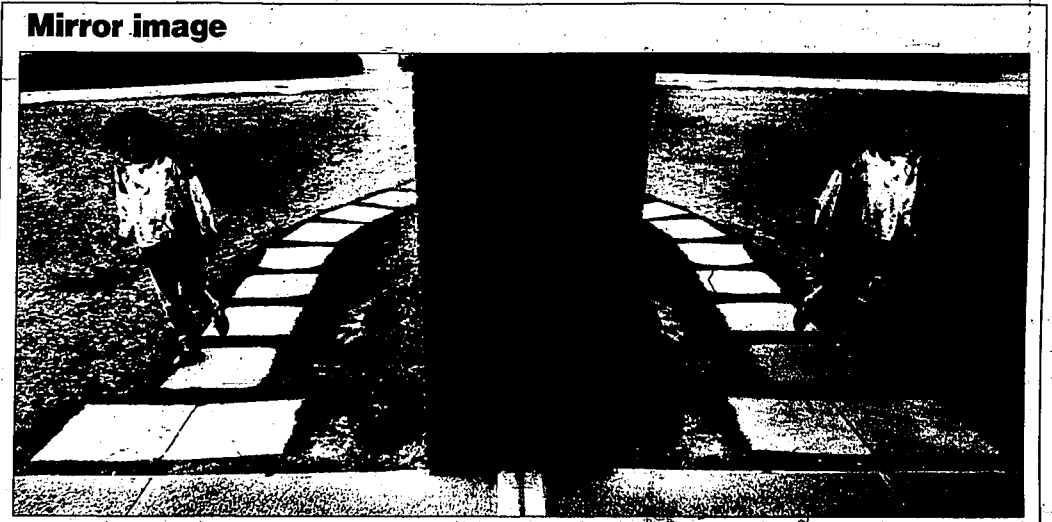
"If parents do a good job raising their kids then those kids will participate in activities that reflect the values they are taught in the home," Olson said.

If the school requested parental consent on everything that may upset parents, it would be doing so every day, Thornberry said.

"It's hard to determine what is controversial," he said. "I don't know how to resolve it."

Barton said he hopes people will not see his and Leslie Day's objection as religious fanaticism.

"Our intent is to come across as thinking people with different mores," Barton said. "Many of us are concerned about what is happening in our schools."



College of Southern Idaho student Filomena Fontes is seen as double as she approaches the Taylor Administration Building Wednesday afternoon. Windows, right, reflect the pre-pharmacy student's image.

Area residents dream big dreams for Dierkes Lake

By Denise Turner
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If area residents have their way, Shoshone Falls and Dierkes Lake Park will eventually have overnight camping facilities, archeological digs, an arboretum, maybe even an outdoor theater.

Thirty people gathered at the O'Leary Junior High School auditorium Wednesday night to share their ideas in the first of three public meetings on the subject held by the

Twin Falls City Parks Commission. "The falls don't fall much, and you have people who read the ads that say come and see the Niagara of the West, and they pay two bucks to see a trickle and a chain link fence," said Danny Sundell, an architect with Beck & Baird, the Boise landscape architecture firm hired to draw up a master plan for park improvements.

Those assembled broke into small groups to brainstorm and rank ways to remedy that situation.

The groups came up with ideas ranging from increasing the size of the parking lot to decreasing the amount of trash at the park. Many want better defined walking trails and improved rest room facilities. There was less agreement on whether or not the area should be locked at night or opened to motorized boats.

Beck & Baird will take the residents' ideas and others generated at future meetings, attach price tags to individual items and then draw up the master plan, hopefully by mid-

June. The City Council will make the final decision on which plans to implement.

"But we want the plan to be the plan of the citizens," said parks commission member Donna Brizze, who added that she was not really disappointed in Wednesday's light turnout.

However, the meeting had been moved from council chambers to the junior high in case large numbers should attend, especially in light of the recently deceased controversy.

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Gas tax means more cash for Rupert

By Tim McAfee
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — The 3-cent gas tax increase will be a boon to the city of Rupert, Mayor Bill Whitton said at the council meeting on Tuesday.

Last year, Rupert received \$135,800 as its share of the Highway User Fund and can expect an additional \$23,000 to \$25,000 this year.

The city's share was increased by the state from 34.5 percent to 35.7 percent of funds gathered locally from vehicle registration fees, license fees and the gas tax increase. The amount that the city receives is based on gas consumption and population.

"When it comes, I think that it should be earmarked for additional street improvements," Whitton said.

In a presentation by Bonneville Power Administration representative Rick Itani, the council was informed of a proposed 4.9 percent rate increase for preference customers such as the city of Rupert.

Rupert buys power from the BPA and then resells it to residents.

The BPA has not raised its rates since 1987, while inflation has risen 16

percent over the same four-year period, Itani said.

Itani explained that the BPA needs to raise rates to be able to develop and maintain the present transmission system, protect the Columbia River Basin wildlife, to provide transmission for future growth, repay its treasury debt on the Washington Public Power Supply System, or WPPSS, and to insure enough money to cover its annual expenses.

A decision will be made by the BPA in July with an effective date of Oct. 1 of this year.

Whitton said that a 4.9 percent raise in power rates would not necessarily be passed on, in total, to the city's customers.

"We have to see what our cost of operations are," he said.

Also at the meeting, Mayor Whitton discussed Rupert's dispute with the Census Bureau over population figures the city claims are too low.

"I have an unofficial comment that they are going to investigate the facts before them to see if it is appropriate to do something," Whitton said.

Whitton has said that the low population count hinders bringing new in-

dusty into the area. He expects official word soon.

In other business:

• Les Hutchinson reported that the city's buried gas and diesel tanks are out of the ground and the soil analysis showed less contamination than projected and no problems.

• Bill Watt, Carlos Roundy, and Jack Bell were reappointed to the city's zoning board. The council will submit three other names for zoning board appointments.

• A new garbage truck will arrive by May 15. Bids will be taken then for financing the truck.

• The Rupert Chamber of Commerce has asked the city to turn on the Christmas lights around the Square for the Fourth of July street dance. The electrical department will look into adding more lights inside the Square, as well.

• All city employees who work 20 hours or more have completed a cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or CPR, course.

• Complaints are beginning to come in from the "A" Street Project, which has disrupted traffic, but is expected to be finished in July.

"It could be a long hot summer," Councilman Joel Rogers said.

Malad Gorge Park seeks help to clean up historical site

By Terrell Williams
Times-News correspondent

BLISS — Wagon wheel ruts worn into rock along the Oregon Trail are buried in trash at the Kelton Stage site by Malad Gorge State Park.

Park officials are asking the public to help clean up the historical site, and restore it for visitors to enjoy.

Volunteers will meet at the Malad Gorge Park picnic area at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

"For the last two weeks we've been cleaning up the big stuff, getting the stumps and wire out of the Oregon Trail remnants," Park Manager Kevin Lynott said. "There was a community dump here that was active until the late '60s. We've hauled truckloads of refuse away."

With the heavy garbage out of the way, now workers are needed to bring wheelbarrows, rakes and pitchforks to lead old bottles and cans into a tractor bucket, which will be used to load trucks to haul the trash to the county landfill.

Beneath the eyes of soaring hawks and eagles, those who volunteer will be doing a worthwhile community service, Lynott said.

"It will be a fun day," he said. "People will be active in bringing the area to the point where we can develop some facilities there."

When the area is clean, plans to build a hiking trail to link the Kelton Stage area with the rest of the park will proceed. Eventually, Lynott said, a bridge will be built across the canyon where the Kelton toll bridge once served thousands of Oregon Trail pioneers.

A loop trail and interpretive signs for self-guided tours will be built through the historical area.

"You can see where the wagon traffic just wore down the rock in several places," Lynott said. "Wagon wheels cut 90-degree angles in the basalt rock. There's a bunch of remnants on both sides of the river there."

By Suzanne Huxhold
Times-News correspondent

BLISS — The School Board went behind closed doors Tuesday to discuss repairing the gym ceiling's insulation.

Trustee Moon Allen said the board would adjourn into executive session from noon when an issue arises that the board does not want published.

Allen made the statement following

her suggestion that the board meet in executive session to talk about the fate of the "hypnotism" subject which has been discussed for the past year.

After a reporter questioned the reason behind closing the meeting to the public, Allen said she objected to a Times-News story last month that reported the board agreed not to work with McClure Engineering, or HOHCO—the two firms responsible for the gym ceiling insulation problem—on a proposed classroom addition project.

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Hearing on NPR environmental impact set for Twin Falls in May

By N.S. Nokkvented
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Roy Eiguren is packing his well-worn suitcase again. He's getting ready to hit the road in May as the federal Energy Department's hearing officer at public meetings on a proposed New Production Reactor.

Eiguren, a Boise attorney, will preside over nine public hearings in Idaho, Oregon and Washington on the department's environmental impact statement for the NPR, which will be issued April 19.

The Idaho National Engineering Laboratory is one of three proposed sites for the reactor that would primarily produce tritium, a radioactive form of hydrogen used to increase the yield of nuclear bombs. The reactor also would produce plutonium for nuclear bombs.

A hearing is scheduled in Twin Falls on May 23 at the Canyon Springs Inn. The meeting time has not been set.

Other Idaho hearings will be May 16 in Idaho Falls; May 20 in Pocatello; May 28 in Boise and May 31 in Moscow.

Eiguren, who has been conducting Energy Department hearings on various DOE projects since 1986, said the public's comments are likely to be taken more seriously than many people may think.

"They really do have an impact on the decision-makers," said in a telephone interview Wednesday.

Eiguren said he has seen dramatic changes in the Energy Department's willingness to conduct its major decisions in the public arena. He at-

tributes the change, at least in part, to pressure brought by public interest groups.

Idahoans are generally better-behaved and better-prepared than those testifying at public hearings in other states, Eiguren said. And that means their testimony may have more effect than the comments of rowdy participants at hearings in other states.

"At an Illinois hearing on the Superconducting Super Collider, nearly 1,000 people assembled in a school gym — and the crowd was evenly divided between supporters and opponents, Eiguren said.

The meeting began with a bomb threat, "but we went ahead anyway," he said. Then opposing sides began yelling at each other, trying to drown out those speaking for the other side. Eiguren explained that the crowd that everyone had a right to be heard. And he would insure everyone had the opportunity to be heard, even if he had to clear the room.

Finally he asked everyone who supported the project to yell. When they were finished, he asked to opponents to yell.

"We had no more problems," Eiguren said.

At a hearing on the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in Santa Fe, N.M., one woman wanted to use her allotted five minutes to conduct a séance. So 150 people focused their psychic energy to the east, hoping to influence decision-makers in Washington.

Despite these shenanigans, Eiguren says the process works.

"It's the only public process available to tell the government their point of view," he said.

And when the show comes to Idaho next month, people here will have their opportunity to say what they think of the government's plan to build the production reactor.

The Energy Department says it is needed because only three of 14 production reactors originally built are still operable. And those three have been so plagued with problems that they have produced no tritium since 1988.

Tritium, however, decays at about 5.5 percent per year, which means half of the nation's tritium stockpile becomes impotent every 12.3 years. To remain viable, the nation's nuclear deterrent needs a continuous supply of the fickle gas.

The department proposes building one of three types of reactors at one of three sites. Public comments on the environmental impact statement will be considered in the final decision of which reactor type will be built at which site.

After April 19, anyone wishing to testify may pre-register by calling 1-800-253-3446 between 8:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday.

Copies of the 2,100-page Draft Environmental Impact Statement are available from the Office of New Production Reactors, U.S. Department of Energy, Attention: NPR Draft EIS, 1000 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585.

The department also will accept written comments until June 17. Comments should be sent to: Office of New Production Reactors, U.S. Department of Energy, Attention: Draft EIS Comments, Call Box 6005, Gaithersburg, Md. 20877-6005.

Then there is the question of available funding for whatever improvements are eventually agreed upon.

"We have the gate receipts, and we will look for matching funds," said Edwina Wilson, director of the park. "We hope to get some money from the city and some from private contributions."

Last year, gate fees totaled \$73,000, but half of that money went to overhead expenses.

park land north of Dierkes.

"Our area is a public range land," he said, "and we are concerned about keeping it that way."

Wilson may not have all of his questions answered right away.

"This is not something we will do in three years or so," said Bill Scelzo, a member of the parks commission. "The park improvement project is a long-range one."

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that surrounded Centennial Water-front Park.

In fact, several members of the Magic Valley Bow Hunters club were in attendance at the Wednesday meeting to make sure their interests are protected.

"We just want to see if this will affect us or not," said Bruce Schulz, a representative from the 200-member club which now uses a portion of

Obituaries



Judy D. Wilcox

TWIN FALLS — Judy Darlene Wilcox, 43, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, April 9, 1991, following a long illness.

She was born February 28, 1948, in Twin Falls, the daughter of Ray and Luella Hine Shope. She attended schools in Filer, Kimberly, Boise, Hansen and the College of Southern Idaho. She married Larry Virgil Brown and they were later divorced. On December 12, 1970, she married Wendell Garth Wilcox in Murtagh. She had been employed by the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office prior to her death. She attended the Calvary United Pentecostal Church where she was the organist.

Survivors include her husband, Wendell Garth Wilcox of Twin Falls; one son, Larry Wilcox of Twin Falls; seven daughters, Jackie Rogiv of Twin Falls, Leann Boazley of Boise, Lori Colwell of Twin Falls, Jennifer Soto of Rupert and Wendy Baker, Linda Peterson and Janet Pierson, all of Twin Falls; 11 grand children; and one on the way; her parents, Ray and Luella Shope, Daphne Gilliland of Casper, Wyo., Donna Killinger of Twin Falls, Dolores Young of Wendover, Nev., and Nancy Weeks of Kimberly. She was preceded in death by one set of twin grandsons.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 13, 1991, at the Calvary United Pentecostal Church, with the Rev. Wayne King officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Wilcox-Memorial Fund in care of the Calvary United Pentecostal Church, 450 Third Ave. W., Twin Falls (ID 83301).

Virginia R. Petzoldt
Twin Falls Memorial Service for Virginia R. (Loavell) Pet-

zoldt, 68, of Issaquah, Wash., was held Wednesday, March 27, at 3 p.m. The service was officiated by Pastor Bob Kroh. She died at home on Sunday, March 24, 1991.

She was born on September 6, 1922, in Holden, Missouri. She was raised in Holden and Washington. The family moved to Buhl and then to Twin Falls where she graduated after four years of high school. In 1942, she married Donald W. Petzoldt in Twin Falls, Idaho, and the couple was looking forward to celebrating their 49th wedding anniversary this spring. They moved to Issaquah in 1985. She was a member of the Interiate Christian Church in Bellevue.

Mrs. Petzoldt is survived by her husband, Donald of Issaquah; two sons, David Alan and his wife, Lindi Lee and Dana Wayne and his wife, Dede Christine, all of Issaquah; one sister, Ellen Benton of Issaquah; and four grandsons, Jason, Paul, Duane and Daniel, all of Issaquah.

Rogelio Maldonado Jr.
RUPERT — Rogelio "Roy" Maldonado Jr., 22-year-old Rupert resident, died Tuesday, April 9, 1991, at his home in Rupert.

He was born February 19, 1969, in Rupert, the son of Rogelio and Maria Lopez Maldonado. He attended schools in Rupert and the Doctoric College in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

He was a member of the Centro Cristiano Spanish Church. He loved skiing and horseback riding. He is survived by his parents, Roy and Rupert; and four sisters, Enedelia (Nellie) Guajardo of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Myrtha Wood and Nefalli Maldonado, both of Rupert and Diana Kidd of Heyburn, Idaho, who preceded in death by his grandparents.

An opening service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11, 1991, at the Centro Cristiano Spanish Church, 8th and B Streets in Rupert. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, April 12, 1991, at the church. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call at the Hansen Mortuary, 716 Sixth Street in Rupert from noon until 2 p.m. Thursday, at the church from 4 p.m. until time-of-the-services on Thursday and one hour prior to the service on Friday.

Moseley Rettig
JEROME — Moseley "Mossy" Rettig, 83, of Jerome, died Tuesday, April 9, 1991, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center, following an extended illness.

He was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina on December 31,

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1907, the daughter of Thomas C. and Anna Sue Pace Ward. She moved to Hendersonville at an early age and was reared and educated there. She married A.E. Grant in Hendersonville on January 13, 1940, and they came to Jerome in 1941 when she was pregnant. She operated Carter Dry Cleaners. Following her husband's death in 1967, she continued to operate the business until 1971. She married Frank Rettig in Reno, Nevada, on December 21, 1979, and he preceded her in death in 1987.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Daughters of the Nile.

Survivors include one daughter, Anna Marie Maestas; and one granddaughter, Kristin Maestas, both of Los Altos, California. She was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

Memorial services for Mossy Rettig will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome, with the Rev. Bob Siebe officiating. Interment of the ashes will follow at Sunset Memorial Cemetery. Cremation preceded the service and no viewing is planned. The family suggests memorials be made to the St. Benedict's Hospital Foundation or to the Prosbystian Church.

Rheta L. Black
POCATELLO — Rheta Lora Black, 80, of Pocatello, died Tuesday, April 9, 1991, at a Pocatello hospital.

She was born April 16, 1910, in Oakley, the daughter of John and Angeline Bates Lovel of Burley. She married Lelan L. Black of Twin Falls on June 15, 1933. They lived in Eden, Twin Falls, Blackfoot and Idaho Falls before moving to Pocatello in 1967. Mr. Black was engaged in the shipping and handling of potatoes until retiring in 1982. Mrs. Black enjoyed reading, golfing, dancing, music and spending time with friends and family.

Survivors include her husband, Lelan L. Black of Pocatello; one son, Dr. Paul L. Black of San Diego; one daughter, Lorla Whitehead of Los Angeles, Calif.; one brother, Jarvis Lovel of Everett, Washington; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Lawrence Black, one sister, Mona Bingham and one brother, Chester Black.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 12, 1991, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, with Elder Kirk Black conducting. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Services

Mildred Eva Pace, of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. today, Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Ide N. Sigall, of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. today, White-Mortuary, Twin Falls.

Marion Browne, of Meridian, 1 p.m. today, Rupert Cemetery.

Ruth Hague Fairchild, of Basin, 2 p.m. today, Oakley LDS Stake Center.

Alberta Hafer, of Twin Falls, 3 p.m. today, Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls.

Janet A. Boden, 4 p.m. today, Veterans' Administration Medical Center.

Chapel, 500 Foothill Blvd., Salt Lake City, Utah.

Jumita Richards, of Twin Falls; 11 a.m. Friday, Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls.

Arabelle L. Peterson, of Buhl, 1 p.m. Friday, Buhl Presbyterian Church.

Melvin William Carter, of Vancouver, Washington, 11 a.m. Saturday, LDS 14th Ward Chapel, Twin Falls.

Eva Vilato Evans Noble, of Rupert, 11 a.m. Saturday, Hansen Mortuary Chapel, Rupert.

Linda Mae Plumer, of Boise, 1:30

p.m. Saturday, Hailey LDS Chapel.

Marilyn Jean Purdon, of Twin Falls, 3 p.m. Saturday, Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls.

Death notice

Max Smith
JEROME — Max Smith, 82, of Jerome, died Tuesday, April 9, 1991, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care Unit.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Hospitals

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Released
Kristin Box and son, Michael Kenneth Hayes, Launa Jayo and son, Lisa Koepnick and daughter, Karen Puckett and Evelyn Tucker, all of Twin Falls; Warren Berry of

Hagerman; and Joel Brady of Kimberly.

Births
A daughter to Monica and Robert Dekruyf of Buhl.

Released
Edwin Anderson, Brandon Blais, Rosella Martin, Evelyn Tilley, Hazel Begwert and Gregory Cade Harris, all of Burley; Raymond Anderson and Glenn Rose, both of Oakley; Carol Fred Doyley of Heyburn; Dan Rowe of Rupert; and Eulah Watson of Colville, Wash.

Released
Elvin Taylor of Rupert; and Zoe Wixom of Paul.

Released
CASSIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Admitted

Elvin Taylor of Rupert; and Zoe Wixom of Paul.

Released
Edwin Anderson, Brandon Blais, Rosella Martin, Evelyn Tilley, Hazel Begwert and Gregory Cade Harris, all of Burley; Raymond Anderson and Glenn Rose, both of Oakley; Carol Fred Doyley of Heyburn; Dan Rowe of Rupert; and Eulah Watson of Colville, Wash.

Molybdenum mine lays off 100 workers

CHALLIS (AP) — Sagging market prices have forced Cyprus Minerals to notify more than 100 workers at its Thompson Creek molybdenum mine they will be laid off in a month, slashing the labor force to under 300.

But plans for a merger involving a proposed open-pit gold mine to the west of Challis were moving ahead.

Thompson Creek General Manager Pat Fitch said on Wednesday that Cyprus will attempt to place as many of the employees as possible with its other mines. A job fair will be scheduled next week so workers laid off Wednesday can interview for jobs at Cyprus' Bagdad, Sierra and Miami mines in Arizona.

"Out-placement services, relocation expenses, and other benefits, will be provided to all affected employees," he said.

The layoffs, effective May 10,

were divided about equally between the mining, milling and administration departments based on seniority and the need to retain essential skills, Fitch said. The workers will remain on the payroll for an additional four weeks.

The price of molybdenum, used to harden steel and as a high-grade industrial lubricant, has plunged to just \$2.50 a pound, and rumors of impending layoffs at Thompson Creek had been circulating for weeks.

And unlike other past layoffs, Fitch said he does not foresee the eventual rehiring of the employees since the scaled-back labor force will translate into a reduced production capacity at the 11-year-old mine.

Meanwhile, the proposed merger agreement between CoCa Mines and Hecla Mining, expected to be completed by the end of June, has been amended to establish the compensation Hecla will give CoCa shareholders for their Grouse Creek gold project in the Yankee Fork of the Salmon River drainage. The proposed open-pit mine is located 19 miles northeast of Stanley.

Based on current Hecla stock prices, the value of the transaction to CoCa shareholders would be approximately \$29.7 million if they accept the deal.

The Grouse Creek project, originally proposed by Geodome Resources Ltd. of Canada in 1987, has been delayed by environmental concerns over the proposed destruction of a four-acre wetland.

Geodome obtained a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit from the Environmental Protection Agency in July of 1988, but that permit was challenged by the

agreed to purchase a used tractor for \$1,800 from E&W Implement in Gooding. The district's current tractor has a cracked frame and is difficult to start. The old tractor will be traded to E&W Implement.

The board is accepting bids from architectural firms for the design of its proposed four-classroom addition. The board discussed cinderblock, steel and modular buildings, but will wait to decide on a design until after an architectural study is done.

The board did not decide how to finance the new building, but both a school bond issue election and a bank loan were suggested.

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pending. Allen went on to say that meetings will be closed "from now on" whenever the board discusses a subject "controversial," or when members think the topic shouldn't be discussed in the newspaper.

The others board members present, Mike Voss, Diane Butler and Chairman Larry Graves did not comment on Allen's statement. They voted to go into executive session.

Trustee Jan Menchaca was not present.

The frequency and duration of the Bliss School Board's executive sessions has been questioned in the past. During the 1990 School Board elections, Wally Tremmeling ran against Mona Allen, and said he felt the board met in executive session too often.

In addition, the board discussed the budget during a closed session in October of 1990 and held a general fund bank account discussion behind closed doors in January of 1990.

Following the 20-minute closed session Tuesday, the board voted to accept HOBCO's suggestion to cov-

er the insulation in the gym ceiling with mineral-board or fiber-board to prevent further disintegration of the material and to improve the insulation factor of the building.

The trustees did not decide whether to partially pay for the cost of the repair.

Chairman Graves said he feels the district should bear some of the \$5,000 cost, but Allen said she feels it is the contractor's responsibility. The sprayed-on ceiling insulation began detaching from the ceiling shortly after it was applied in the summer of 1989. The work will proceed as the gym schedule allows.

In other business, the board

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Public health nurse Sue Laszboffy gives a measles booster shot to Erin Babcock at Wilson Elementary School in Bozeman, Mont. The shots are being recommended for school-age children.

Stafford attorney moves for dismissal of dog case

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News writer



Stafford

TWIN FALLS — An attorney for David J. Stafford, the local veterinarian charged with grand theft a year ago after prosecutors alleged he bilked a local dog owner out of \$427, has filed a motion to dismiss the case.

In the motion, attorney Tim Williams alleges evidence crucial to Stafford's defense has been mishandled, withheld and lost by state prosecutors and that those prosecutors also violated case law requiring them to provide evidence to the defense.

Prosecutors have charged that Stafford, 37, was paid \$427 by Gary Thietten of Twin Falls for repairing a broken leg suffered by Thietten's springer spaniel, Whitney. But the case alleges the dog actually had no broken leg and no surgery was performed.

In January, 5th District Judge Daniel Hurlbut granted a motion by Williams' co-attorney, Greg Fuller, to compel prosecutors to disclose evidence gathered in the case, scheduled for trial on May 28.

Although prosecutors complied with that motion, there still may be more evidence helpful to Stafford's case that hasn't been revealed by prosecutors, Williams said.

"A dismissal would uphold the integrity of the Court's previous Order," the motion says. "Such a dismissal would show a District Court Order may not be lightly taken."

Former Twin Falls County Deputy Prosecutor Greg Swanson, now deputy prosecutor for Nez Perce County, refused to disclose evidence, even after Hurlbut's order and then lost some of that evidence, Williams alleges in the motion to dismiss.

Swanson said he had not seen the motion and declined to comment.

Pastor shoots wife, self on church lawn

WESTMINSTER, Colo. (AP) — A pastor shot his minister wife to death on a church lawn and ignored witnesses screams to stop firing before killing himself, authorities said Wednesday.

The Rev. Martin Drew, a Catholic priest-turned-Congregational-pastor, had been separated from his wife, the Rev. Regina Kokab Drew, since December. He had filed for divorce.

"She had expressed some fears to friends and stuff, but that's fairly common in domestic disputes," said police Sgt. Darrell Tygart. "There wasn't anything that was so serious that she felt she needed to report it to us."

Drew, 51, pastor of Henderson Congregational Church, approached his 40-year-old estranged wife Monday night as she left a Bible class at Westminster United Methodist Church, where she was an associate pastor.

Jake Rivers, 25, said he saw Drew grab his wife's arm, pull out a .357-caliber revolver and shoot her. Mrs. Drew began running and he shot her again. She fell and Drew "stood right over her and shot her," Rivers said. Police said she was shot at least five times.

"We were screaming at him to stop," Rivers said. "He glanced at us and just shot himself in the head."

Longtime friends and members of both congregations said the Drews were hardworking, dedicated ministers.

"They were both beautiful people. With one gunshot, Marty destroyed everything he stood for," said the Rev. Paul Kotke, pastor of Warren United Methodist Church in Denver.

"It's been devastating for our youth because Regina was our youth pastor," said Patty Allison, a member of Westminster United Methodist Church.

The Drews once shared the pulpit at the church. Drew, a native of Joliet, Ill., was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 1965 and served two churches before



Martin Drew Regina Drew

he took a leave of absence in 1969. He moved to Colorado where he became a part-time priest for a non-traditional Catholic church.

His permission to continue functioning as a priest ended in 1978, and "we had no written contact with him after that," said Bob Feeney, a spokesman for the Denver Catholic Archdiocese.

Drew got work as a social worker, ran an unsuccessful campaign for the state legislature and then took several jobs in the social services field.

He and Regina married in August 1986.

"About 1 1/2 years ago, Drew started working as a guest preacher at the state legislature and then took several jobs in the social services field.

Mrs. Drew, from Pittsburg, Kan., earned her degree from the Iliff School of Theology in Denver in 1989, and then became an associate pastor at Westminster United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Drew had two adult sons from a previous marriage.

Friends and colleagues say both Drews were devoted to helping the homeless, the mentally ill, and working for peace and justice.

"Regina was a very warm, caring person," said Allison. "She was just the ultimate of vitality. She was so concerned with everyone around here."

David Eisenach, a member of the Henderson church, said Drew was gun-shy about his ministry. "His enthusiasm just spilled out all over. We were very motivated by him."

Legislative log

The Associated Press

Wednesday, April 10

Signed By Governor

SB1181 (State Affairs) — Authorizes distribution of voter registration material at locations where driver's license examinations are given.

SB1231 (Finance) — Allocates \$38.6 million for 1992 operations of the state Fish and Game Department.

SB1083 (Resources and Environment) — Updates the state law authorizing a Youth Conservation Corps.

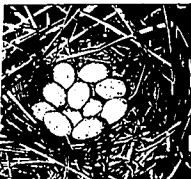
HB189 (Commerce, Industry and Tourism) — Adds to criminal code the crime of credit card factoring or laundering.

HB192 (Education) — Prohibits hazing activities on college campuses.

HB298 (Transportation and Defense) — Replaces excise tax with annual fee on vehicles powered by gaseous fuels.

HB319 (Resources and Conservation) — Sets up a three-year water quality management plan for Priest Lake beginning in mid-1992.

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Navy official claims Washington state base will be recommended for closure

SEATTLE (AP) — Defense Secretary Dick Cheney will recommend that the Pentagon shut down Whidbey Island Naval Air Station in Washington state as part of a military cutback plan, a Navy official told a newspaper.

"We have heard that Whidbey is on the list for closure, not for realignment," Wednesday's Seattle Post-Intelligencer quoted a senior Navy official as saying. The newspaper said the official spoke Tuesday on condition that his name not be used.

"I think it's in trouble and that it's a major cut," a senior member of the state's congressional delegation, who has been in touch with top aides, Cheney, told the P-I. He also spoke on condition he not be identified.

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Comics

THE FAR SIDE

"Curse you, Ahmad! This is a picnic lunch, and I specifically asked you not to bring your work with you!"

DOONESBURY

"IT WAS DELETED AND I HAD TO REWRITE THE FIRST LADY DOWN. I'M SORRY, BUT I HAD TO DO IT. I'M SORRY, BUT I HAD TO DO IT. I'M SORRY, BUT I HAD TO DO IT."

"WHEN HIS AIDS PRESENTED HIM WITH A REWARD FOR HIS FIRST WIVES MURDER, HE WAS AWARDED THE PRESIDENT'S MEDAL OF FREEDOM. HE WAS AWARDED THE PRESIDENT'S MEDAL OF FREEDOM. HE WAS AWARDED THE PRESIDENT'S MEDAL OF FREEDOM."

BEE TEE BAYLEY

"Y'KNOW, BEETLE, SARGE HASN'T YELLED AT US ALL DAY."

"COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS."

"...I'VE NEVER BROKEN A BONE. THAT'S 42%. MY GRANDMOTHER'S STILL ALIVE. THAT'S 43%..."

WZARD O'ID

"WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT OUR OVERCROWDED PRISON."

"I ALREADY TOOK CARE OF IT."

"HOW?"

"I COULDED THEM UP IN SOLITARY."

BORN LOSER

"YOUR ADDRESS, MR. THORNAPPLE?"

"MR. THORNAPPLE?"

"TEN-FIFTY."

"SEASIDE STREET."

FRANK & ERNEST

"OKAY, NUMBER THREE, SAY 'GIVE ME YOUR CURDS AND WHEY!'."

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DOWN:
1 Time of prosperity
2 A Fitzgerald

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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Sydney Omarr

Astrological Forecasts

IF APRIL 11 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You're a natural teacher, psychologist and is fascinated by the manic arts and sciences, including astrology. You are dynamic, at times controversial, always fascinating and completely enthralled with the unconscious. Career: Academic. Acquaintance persons play important roles in your life. Cycle highlights marital status, business enterprise, possible addition to family.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You could be saying, "Mission completed!" Spotlight on museums, homes, hospitals, access to confidential data. You'll learn more about investments, securities, large-scale productions.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Many of your fondest hopes, wishes will be fulfilled. You'll have more freedom, you'll be romantic, will make fresh start in new direction. Popularity zooms upwards. Leo plays major role.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll be saying, "This is my kind of day!" Your personality comes into play, you receive plaquid, promotion comes to pass. Family member asks you to "please make up your mind." Tolerance!

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Scenario highlights movement, travel, curiosity, education. Social activities accelerate, you receive gift that adds to wardrobe. Long-distance call relates to social affair, possible journey.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Fill out proper forms and money will be released. Check details, fine print, be aware of subtle hints. Romantic interlude could arouse controversy. Maintain balance, perspective. Score virginity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Express

BLONDIE

"AND YOU CAN AGREE OR NOT, IT'S A FREE COUNTRY, BUT MY PLAN IS THE ONLY PLAN THAT WILL WORK."

"YOU'RE QUITE A SPEAKER."

"YOU SHOULD LOVE IT -- IT'S POLITICS."

"I CAN ONLY SPEAK IN PAIRS OF SCISSORS IN MY HAND."

HAGAR

"HEY, LOOK! I'VE GOT THAT SIR KNIGHT?"

"WE ALMOST DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU!"

HI & LOIS

"WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH MY BARBIE DOLL?"

"I'M GOING TO TRANSPORT HER INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION BY REARRANGING HER MOLECULAR STRUCTURE."

"MOMMY!"

"DITTO! YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO PLAY WITH THE MICROWAVE!"

CALVIN & HOBBES

"WHAT'S THE MATTER?"

"HOW DO UEN LIKE OCTOPUSES AND HARRY BOGS REPRODUCE AND ARE THEY ACTUALLY ATTRACTED TO EACH OTHER?"

"IT'S 3 AM! GO TO SLEEP!"

"COME TO THINK OF IT, I WONDER HOW PEOPLE ARE ATTRACTED TO EACH OTHER."

"I'LL BET THAT'S WHY THEY CLOSE THEIR EYES WHEN THEY SNOOZE."

GASOILNE ALLEY

"When I was boy, Codavilla was big lumbering camp!"

"Your father Col. Coda died and bad man named Nicholas took over!"

"Mr. Nicholas! Uncle Walt sold him a few acres to pay bills!"

"Few? He took all and left it in ruins!"

"Including my inheritance!"

PEA FLATS

"WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?"

"THIS IS THE FAMOUS FLYING ACE OF WORLD WAR I ..."

"HE COMES TO MY SMALL FRENCH CAFE EVERY NIGHT TO FORGET THE WAR ..."

"YOU'RE REALLY WEIRD MARCIE"

"SO WHAT ARE YOU A SPY?"

"WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE PUT A LITTLE ICE CREAM IN THIS ROOT BEER?"

GRIFFIELD

"ARF! WHAT IS IT BOB?"

"ARF! HE SAYS HE'S HUNGRY."

"YOU SAY TIMMY'S ELL DOWN HIS OLD WINE SHAFF?"

"ARF! HE ... WANTS PIZZA"

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HAGAR

"HEY, LOOK! I'VE GOT THAT SIR KNIGHT?"

"WE ALMOST DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU!"

HI & LOIS

"WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH MY BARBIE DOLL?"

"I'M GOING TO TRANSPORT HER INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION BY REARRANGING HER MOLECULAR STRUCTURE."

"MOMMY!"

"DITTO! YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO PLAY WITH THE MICROWAVE!"

CALVIN & HOBBES

"WHAT'S THE MATTER?"

"HOW DO UEN LIKE OCTOPUSES AND HARRY BOGS REPRODUCE AND ARE THEY ACTUALLY ATTRACTED TO EACH OTHER?"

"IT'S 3 AM! GO TO SLEEP!"

"COME TO THINK OF IT, I WONDER HOW PEOPLE ARE ATTRACTED TO EACH OTHER."

"I'LL BET THAT'S WHY THEY CLOSE THEIR EYES WHEN THEY SNOOZE."

GASOILNE ALLEY

"When I was boy, Codavilla was big lumbering camp!"

"Your father Col. Coda died and bad man named Nicholas took over!"

"Mr. Nicholas! Uncle Walt sold him a few acres to pay bills!"

"Few? He took all and left it in ruins!"

"Including my inheritance!"

DENNIS THE MENACE

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"I let Billy have some of my candy and he took a MEGABITE!"

L.M. Boyd

What's what?

Never mind what "bimbo" means to most. To the Japanese, I'm told, it means "poor man."

Something else Oliver Wendell Holmes said: "Man's mind, stretched to a new idea, never goes back to its original dimension."

TRIVIA

Trivia earns its own way sometimes. Even long after "Psycho" came out, Ford could name that fictional Bates Motel. But it turned up so often in trivia questions everybody now knows it's where Janet Leigh was stabbed in a shower.

If this didn't eat so many beet nuts, it's said, dentists in Thailand wouldn't make so many black face teeth.

Don't know why a client asks how much a million goats would weigh, but the answer is about 9,000 tons.

Q. What's the oldest city in the world?
A: Damascus.

Five-sixths of all the living matter on this planet is said to be in the surface layers of the oceans.

PEA FLATS

"WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?"

"THIS IS THE FAMOUS FLYING ACE OF WORLD WAR I ..."

"HE COMES TO MY SMALL FRENCH CAFE EVERY NIGHT TO FORGET THE WAR ..."

"YOU'RE REALLY WEIRD MARCIE"

"SO WHAT ARE YOU A SPY?"

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Valley life

Time spent buckling up prevents 1st fatal seconds

ISU students, families can bowl at no charge

DEAR ABBY: I've been reading your column for 10 these many years, for information as well as entertainment. I've read many worthwhile articles submitted by your readers, but never has anything startled me as much as the enclosed article from the Ironadack Advertiser in northern New York. Please print it, Abby - it may save a life. It certainly opened my eyes.



Dear Abby
Abigail VanBuren

- FRANCIS BOURASSA, LATHAM, N.Y.
DEAR MR. BOURASSA: It opened my eyes, too. But first a disclaimer to my readers: This is a very graphic description of what happens when an automobile going 55 miles an hour hits a solid object.

Buckle your seat belts by the Georgia Paramedics Against Drunk Drivers (submitted by Lucille Groat)
Do you know what happens in the

first fatal second after a car going 55 miles per hour hits a solid object?

1. In the first 10th of a second, the front bumper and grill collapse.
2. The second 10th finds the hood crumbling, rising and striking the windshield as the spinning rear wheels lift from the ground. Simultaneously, fenders begin wrapping themselves around the solid object. Although the car's frame has been halted, the rest of the car IS STILL GOING 55 MILES PER HOUR. Instant causes the driver to stiffen his legs against the crash, and they snap at the knee joint.

3. During the third 10th of the second, the steering wheel starts to disintegrate and the steering column aims for the driver's chest.

4. The fourth 10th of the second finds two feet of the car's front end wrecked, while the rear end still moves at 35 miles per hour. The driver's body is still traveling at 55 miles per hour.

5. In the fifth 10th of a second, the driver is impaled on the steering column, and blood rushes into his lungs.

6. The sixth 10th of a second, the impact has built up to the point that the driver's feet are ripped out of tightly laced shoes. The brake pedal breaks off. The car frame buckles in the middle. The driver's head smashes into the windshield as the rear wheels, still spinning, fall back to earth.

7. In the seventh 10th of the second, hinges rip loose, doors fly open

and the seats break free, striking the driver from behind.

8. The seat striking the driver does not bother him because HE IS ALREADY DEAD. The last three 10ths of the second mean NOTHING to the driver.

P.S. Readers: I suggest that you make several copies of this grisly piece, and the next time you ask a passenger to please buckle his or her seat belt and said passenger replies, "Oh, we're less than 10 minutes from where we're going," counter with,

"I'm not moving until you buckle your seat belt." Then hand the passenger this piece.

Everything you'll need to know about planning a wedding can be found in Abby's booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." To order, send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Idaho State University students and their families are invited to bowl free from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Bowladrome in Twin Falls and from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Y-Dell Lanes in Burley. Students should bring identification.

The free bowling nights are sponsored by Special Delivery Productions at ISU. For a complete listing of ISU events in the Magic Valley, call the ISU Hotline at 1-800-955-ISU1.

Valley happenings

Blue Lakes Rotary plans breakfast fund-raiser

TWIN FALLS - The Blue Lakes Rotary Club plans a pancake breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Harrison School, 600 Harrison St. Cost is \$3.25 per person, and proceeds will go toward buying audiovisual equipment for Harrison School.

Prison fellowship training set at Assembly of God

TWIN FALLS - Volunteer training for the Prison Fellowship program is set from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at the First Assembly of God, 189 N. Locust St. The session will provide an overview of problems faced by prisoners and their families, and how Prison Fellowship addresses these needs. Interested people are welcome. For more information, call Sue at 734-7334.

Rebekah Lodge plans yard sale in Hagerman

HAGERMAN - The Rebekah Lodge will hold an indoor yard sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Hagerman Oddfellows Hall. The public is welcome.

West Magic Club cook-off planned for Saturday

SHOSHONE - West Magic Lake Recreation Club plans a Men's Cook-Off Saturday at the Rainbow Lodge. Registration begins at 6 p.m., with judging until from 6 to 7 and serving at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited. There is no charge. The club's regular monthly meeting is set for noon Sunday at Magic Lake Resort.

The Times-News welcomes news of community events. Send material to The Times-News Valley Happenings, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Please submit news at least a week in advance and include a phone number where you can be reached.

Weekend program for newly single set for Pocatello

POCATELLO - Beginning Experience, a weekend program for those who have been married and are now single, either because of divorce, separation or death of a spouse, is planned for May 3, 4, and 5 and the St. Joseph's Parish School Building in Pocatello.

Pre-registration is required and must be postmarked by April 22. Beginning Experience is where separated, divorced or widowed persons can come together and care for themselves and their lives and move on to the future with renewed hope.

Although the program was designed by and for Catholics, it is open to persons of all faiths.

For more information, call 356-0894 or 734-6184.

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Idaho Agencies emphasize firearms

BOISE (AP) — Criminals who use firearms to commit felonies could be headed toward big trouble in Idaho.

Federal, local and state officials on Wednesday announced formation of a task force to give top priority to prosecuting criminals who use firearms.

It will be called "Project Triggerlock," a program initiated nationwide by the U.S. Department of Justice.

"In Idaho, the Triggerlock equation will be: 'A gun plus a crime equals hard federal time,'" U.S. Attorney Maurice Ellsworth said. "Idaho already has a firearm sentence law, allowing judges to order extra prison time for felons convicted of serious crimes using weapons."

Ellsworth and the other officials said the new drive could mean federal charges will be filed in some cases which do not qualify for state sentence enhancement.

Ada County Sheriff Vaughn Killen said Idaho's prisons already are overcrowded, and on occasion, "it's possible federal charges will be filed instead of state charges."

Ellsworth said federal law contains a provision covering "armed career criminals" with three prior convictions, arrested for a new crime involving a firearm. A federal prosecutor can ask for a mandatory 15-year prison term under those circumstances.

Attorney General Dick Thornburgh announced Project Triggerlock in Washington, D.C.

"Triggerlock will target the worst crimes, the crimes the public fears most — violent crimes committed at gunpoint," Thornburgh said. "There will be no plea-bargaining in these cases."

The goal is to protect the public by putting the most dangerous offenders in prison for as long as the law allows.

"The Idaho Triggerlock Task Force will focus on major offenders, drug traffickers, gang members and habitual criminals using firearms in violation of federal law. ... we have already identified several potential Triggerlock targets," Ellsworth said.

Killen and the other officials said they had no definite figures whether violent crimes involving firearms are growing in Idaho, but presumed that the Idaho trend is the same as the national increase.

Ellsworth said Idaho has received a \$255,000 federal grant to enhance state criminal record-keeping capability.

Identifying state cases where firearms are involved will target offenders "whose incarceration would help most to raise the level of public safety," he said.

But he said the emphasis would be on drug cases involving firearms. "Firearms are very closely associated with drug traffic," he said.

Warden seeks inmate housing

ST. ANTHONY (AP) — The warden of a state work camp planned at St. Anthony last month may 15 to find a place to temporarily house seven minimum security prisoners.

The state wants to remodel the old Fremont General Hospital into a work camp, but two local residents have blocked the plans with a lawsuit.

The state had 22 inmates assigned to the work camp. All but seven have been transferred to the Salmon National Forest, where they will be assigned work projects. They will remain there two to three months.

Work Camp Warden Jon Lang said he's looking for a home for the other seven prisoners. He's looking for private residences and other facilities but has no firm commitment where they will go.

As of May 15 the state must move the prisoners out of the Porcupine Guard Station east of Ashton, to make room for seasonal Forest Service employees.

DOE official says he didn't kill his wife

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The head of the Occupational Safety Division at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory has pleaded innocent to charges that he killed his wife last month.

Richard McCuskey, 47, entered the plea on Wednesday and 7th District Judge Marvin Smith set Sept. 3 for the trial on voluntary manslaughter charges. McCuskey, who remains free on a \$5,000 bond, is accused of stabbing his wife, Arlene, 45, several times in the abdomen "in the heat of passion, but without malice aforethought and premeditation."

Major wants more time to review any contamination

POCATELLO (AP) — Mayor Peter Angstadt wants up to 60 more days to study alleged water contamination problems before the city begins cleaning up the abandoned Pocatello Creek landfill.

More time is needed to find out who must pay for the state-mandated study and what the cleanup will cost as well as how the city will provide clean water to residents in the Pocatello Creek area, the mayor said.

"We're still sorting through this entire situation to determine what can be done, and what should be done," Angstadt said. "Right now I can't give you a timetable on when the work could start. But we will start moving on this as soon as possible."

A month ago, state officials filed complaints against Pocatello for alleged water contamination problems associated with the landfill. Homeowners have been hauling in drinking wa-

ter. "Given the sensitivity of the issue and the parties that held Pocatello's liability policy at the time, the extension is entirely appropriate," said Wait Poole, field supervisor for the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality.

Angstadt had previously suggested the city may file a claim to recover some of the cost of the cleanup and water line work, estimated at about \$250,000.

McClure Building?

MOSCOW (AP) — Former Idaho senator James McClure, who played a major role in securing funding for a new mining building at his alma mater, the University of Idaho, may have it named after him.

The school says it wants to name the planned structure "James A. McClure Hall." The Republican senator helped the school get \$8.3 million in federal money for the \$11.3 million building.

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Features

Cost of infant deaths is staggering

The figures are tragic, embarrassing and unnecessary. The United States, with the most advanced and expensive health care system in the world, ranks a deplorable 25th in infant deaths. The majority of these deaths are due to premature or low-weight births. Women under 18 or over 35, those who smoke, abuse alcohol or other drugs, or those with chronic illnesses or conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure are at increased risk of delivering prematurely.



Sylvia Porter Finances

Aside from the human toll, the costs associated with treating low-weight babies are staggering. Intensive care nursery costs generally exceed \$1,000 a day and can easily reach \$250,000 for a single case. Premature or low-birthweight infants add about \$2 billion a year to the U.S. health bill. Everyone who buys health insurance or pays taxes shares that bill.

Residents of Massachusetts recently got a clear look at just how expensive this type of care can be. In a study of the state's 50 costliest Medicaid cases for Public Welfare found that half involved infants and toddlers. The expense was mainly for intensive care of premature infants and hospital treatment for birth defects.

To use the word "expensive" greatly understates the situation. The Massachusetts cases involved medical bills in the \$300,000 to \$600,000 range. The highest was \$655,000. Better prenatal care could have prevented untold anguish and saved millions of dollars in health care costs.

When costs of this magnitude are applied to the health insurance plan at your company, it's obvious that one or two low-birthweight infants a year can strain your employer's entire health care budget. But there are ways to combat the problem. Prevention programs that emphasize comprehensive prenatal care appear to be the best bet.

Complicated medical examinations and high-tech wonder machines are not needed. It's as simple as to be sure every woman visits a doctor early in her pregnancy and then continues with prenatal care until delivery.

The state of Mississippi, which once had the nation's worst infant mortality statistics, is a prime example of how a strong prenatal program can turn things around. By providing regular prenatal care to scores of women who couldn't afford it, Mississippi has cut its infant death rate by more than half.

So has the state of Iowa, with a regional program launched at the University of Iowa hospitals by Dr. Herman Hein. It is the largest such program in the nation, yet operates with a budget of \$500,000, less than the cost of one of the Massachusetts states. Dr. Hein believes the problem begins with the lack of a national commitment to reproductive education. Sweden, which has had such a program for 20 years, has unwanted pregnancies and abortions at a fraction of the U.S. rate, he says.

Early and effective prenatal care is the cornerstone of a program developed by Aetna Life & Casualty. Called Healthy Beginnings, the program was introduced in January, 1990. It is a group health benefit designed to help employees reduce their escalating health benefits costs by reducing the number of premature births.

"There is a tremendous need for this kind of program," said Aetna's Dr. John Federico, who developed Healthy Beginnings. "Prematurity or medical conditions associated with prematurity are the leading causes of infant deaths. The most important way to reduce the incidence of premature labor and delivery is for a woman to start receiving her prenatal care on a regular basis during the first three months of pregnancy."

Healthy Beginnings uses a screening process to identify women who are at increased risk of early delivery. A nurse consultant makes sure each woman finds a qualified obstetrician and receives care early in the pregnancy. The nurse also provides support and counseling throughout the pregnancy via a toll-free telephone number.

Medical experts say that better prenatal care could reduce the number of premature births by as much as 40,000 each year. This would translate into fewer infant deaths and strike a blow against escalating health costs. We know how to attack the problem. All that's needed is the commitment to follow through.

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

Electronic collar uses shock to control dogs

By Erich Smith
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — After 10 years of stopping Fido at the edge of the yard, the Invisible Fence Co. is taking its radio-controlled collars indoors to keep the pooch off that expensive carpet.

Its new system, OffLimits, uses hidden wire antennas to mark off parts of the house forbidden to a pet — sofas, beds or entire rooms.

The company says the collar delivers a harmless shock, but animal-rights activists say it's inhumane nonetheless.

"We believe that any training method that produces fear, pain and confusion should be avoided," said Libby Williams, secretary-treasurer of the Pittsburgh-based Mobilization for Animals.

"There are so many alternatives to doing this," she said. "People could put blankets on their furniture. They could use expandable baby gates to block off rooms."

OffLimits works like this: A small transmitter sends a radio signal over a concealed wire. A receiver in the animal's collar picks up the signal if it gets too close and beeps a warning. If the animal ignores the warning, the collar delivers a mild shock.

According to the company, 200,000 dogs "stand behind" outdoor Invisible Fences. After a brief training period to introduce dogs to the regime, most give up the urge to roam, the company says.

Invisible Fence denies the system is cruel. It says the shock is about as strong as the static electricity generated when people walk across a carpet and touch a doorknob.

"Our system does not cause pain or fear," company spokeswoman Mary O'Leary said. "It's a simple conditioning method. It is Pavlovian conditioning, period."

"It's like smacking your dog on the nose and saying 'No!' when it misbehaves, except you're not there to do it," she said.

Hugh Braithwaite, another company spokesman, said the indoor version was developed in response to customer requests.



A German shepherd sits obediently with a collar that gives a mild shock if it ventures into restricted areas. AP Laserphoto

The indoor system costs about \$370. A customer who already has the outdoor system can add it for under \$200, Braithwaite said. The indoor unit has been tested for about two years and is being marketed in the Philadelphia area.

Braithwaite said the collars would work on "any animal that's conditioned — cats, goats, llamas, pigs." But he said they are "not in any way recommended for humans."

"It's never been tested that way. You couldn't condition a child to respond to the small shock the way a dog would," he said.

Officials of the SPCA of Pennsylvania and the Women's Humane Society suggested other, less high-tech ways of keeping an animal away from an off-limits area.

John Foster, managing director for the Humane Society, said training methods such as obedience school are preferable to a shock-inducing collar.

"The trouble is, people don't want to spend the time or they don't have the time," he said. "But if they invest the care, time and effort in obedience training, I think it would eliminate 98 percent of the problems."

"The outdoor Invisible Fence costs about \$1,000, but customers say it's cheaper than a chainlink fence around the yard.

"My little dog used to wander all over the place, and the (invisible) fence stopped it," said Debby Schroeder of Morgantown, W.V.

"With bigger dogs, I've seen them wind up with bolts past the wire," she said. "Then, when they come back, they won't cross the wire, and they sit outside the yard and yelp for you to come get them."

Telephone scams promise loans, overseas jobs

By John Bere
Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Increasing numbers of con artists are capitalizing on recessionary fears to separate consumers from their cash by promising million-dollar loans and jobs overseas, the Federal Trade Commission said Thursday.

The latest scams are built around 900 numbers that require consumers to pay for the sales pitch and the phone call, the FTC said in a warning it issued to consumers.

Recent recession-related telephone frauds promise jobs in Kuwait, large loans, gold card-credit cards and work-at-home opportunities, consumer watchdog groups said at a Washington news conference.

"These con artists are using fear of job loss, fear of bankruptcy, fear of bad credit reporting to get people to turn over their life savings to them," said John Perkins, M/C.

Please see SCAMS/2

Here's how to fight telephone-con artists

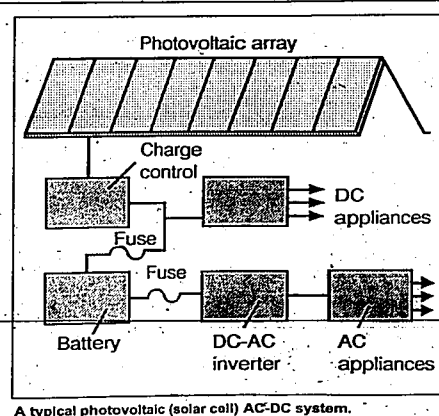
Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Here's how to protect yourself from con artists using 900 numbers:

- Deal only with reputable companies, which state their costs up front. Many well-known companies sponsor 900 lines for weather or sports information at low costs.
- Make sure you know the exact cost before you call, including the cost per minute and the maximum number of minutes the call may last.
- Think twice before calling a 900 number for a "free" gift. TV ads or postcards may urge you to call 900 numbers for a prize, but the gift is not free when you have to pay for the call.
- Do not confuse 800 numbers with 900 numbers. The company pays for toll-free 800 calls. You pay for the 900 calls.
- Look out for 900 numbers advertising information on jobs, housing or credit card services. You may not learn of additional charges and credit limitations until after the call is made.
- Beware of 900 numbers aimed at children, especially those who offer "free" gifts. Some 900 numbers allow teenagers to talk with others, but they usually charge by the minute.
- Check your phone bill carefully for any 900 charges, and make sure any charges are accurate.

If you do have problems with charges on your phone bill for 900-number scans (or 975 or 700-number scans), contact your phone company immediately. They may forgive the charge, but they are not legally obligated to do so. Even if they do, the 900-number company may pursue the debt. AT&T cannot disconnect your phone for failure to pay the 900 charges.

You may want to contact the Federal Trade Commission at 6th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580. You may also want to contact the Better Business Bureau and the attorney general's office in your state.



Solar cell panels should last long time with proper care

Q. I am interested in using solar cells to produce free and clean electricity for my home. I already use them on my camper. What types of solar cell systems are available for home use?



James Dullely
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A. Electricity-generating solar cells (photovoltaics) naturally produce electricity when the sun shines on a panel of many interconnected solar cells. There is no sound, pollution, or waste produced. With no moving parts, a solar cell panel should last a very long time with proper care.

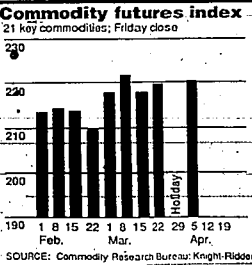
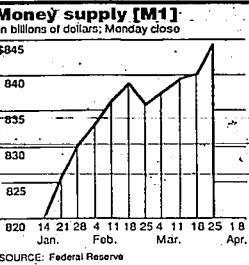
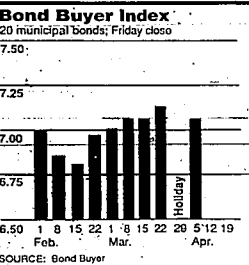
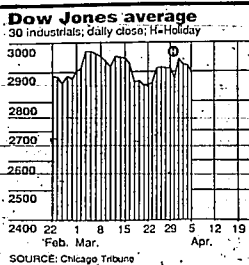
Although it is possible to utilize photovoltaics to provide all the electricity for a house, it is much less expensive to get your electricity from your electric utility company. However, for a remote home or cabin that is a long distance from existing power lines, it may be cheaper to install a photovoltaic system than to extend the electric power lines.

Another application for photovoltaics is to provide light or electricity for operating tools in a backyard work shed. The solar cell panels are connected to batteries that store the charge. The batteries can also be used as an emergency backup system for power outages.

You can buy special tools, refrigerators, lights, that operate on lower-voltage direct current (DC) coming from the batteries. By using an inverter and a more powerful solar cell system, you can also operate standard 110-volt alternating current (AC) power tools.

Small photovoltaic systems are very effective for campers and boats. These are usually used in the warmer weather when the days are longer and the electricity output is greater. Very small

Please see DULLEY/C2



Contact your bank if it chooses to cash any 'stale-dated' checks

Better Business Bureau staff



Boise, ID 83702.

Q I recently went over my grandmother's financial records and found that she had written a check to a service company three years ago. It was only within the past month that we find that the check has been cashed. She has never had the work done by the company and now they have cashed her check. Can a company wait this long to cash a check?

A Our office did some investigating on this since we weren't quite sure of the answer. We found that the check should have been considered "stale dated" and not cashed by the bank. We suggest that you contact the bank and find out what their responsibility is in this situation. Regarding the service company that your grandmother paid to have the work done, I would suggest that you file a written complaint with the bank so we can check into this further and hopefully get a refund for your grandmother.

Q My husband and I are interested in making an investment in our home and buying a hot tub or spa. Can you give us some ideas on how we can get sure we receive what we really want? A. Before deciding on a spa or hot tub, find out about the options avail-

able to you. Spas and hot tubs are similar in that both use swirling water and therapeutic heat to soak and massage sore muscles and painful joints. The difference between the two is simple: In hot tubs, the bubbling water comes from under and around the seats and in most spas, the bubbling water comes up directly through the floor and seats.

While the benefits derived from a hot tub or spa are similar, their construction and appearance are quite different. If you are seriously thinking of buying a hot tub or spa, check with friends, colleagues or neighbors who own or have used them. Ask their impressions and whether you can try out their facilities. Get a recommendation for a professional hot tub/spa dealer, if possible. Always contact your BBB for a reliability report on any dealer you are considering. If you are interested in receiving a brochure entitled "Tips on Buying A Hot Tub or Spa" please send 25 cents and a business size self-addressed stamped envelope to the Better Business Bureau, 1333 W. Jefferson,

Q My daughter who is under 18 bought a car from a local used car dealer. I immediately went down to the car lot and asked them to take the car back since she was not of legal age to sign a contract. The owner did agree to cancel the contract and gave my daughter back her money, but he did not refund the sales tax she paid on the sale. Shouldn't we have also received a refund on the sales tax?

A According to information provided by the State Tax Commission: When a dealer sells a customer a vehicle and later agrees to take it back and refund all of the customer's money, the sale has been "rescinded." The dealer should also refund the customer the sales tax he paid. The dealer can then claim a credit for this refunded tax on his next sales tax return.

The Times-News is a member of the Better Business Bureau of Southwestern Idaho and publishes this weekly column as a community service. General business inquiries or complaints may be made by calling 1-800-339-8737; for inquiries involving automobiles, call 1-800-652-7864.

General Electric recalls millions of drip coffeemakers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The General Electric Co. is voluntarily recalling millions of GE and Universal brand drip coffeemakers, the Consumer Products Safety Commission announced Wednesday.

The commission said in a statement that GE believes the coffeemakers may present a fire hazard. It cited allegations that two persons were killed and eight others injured in a fire caused by failure of a fuse in one of the coffeemakers.

GE is offering to send owners a \$10 check for each unit received. The company will give owners pre-paid mailing cartons containing instruc-

tions on how to arrange for convenient pickup.

The commission said coffeemakers bearing the date code numbers 418 through 600 stamped on one of the metal blades of the electric plug are not involved.

To find the catalog number, owners should unplug the coffeemaker, empty any water in the unit, remove the carafe and carefully turn the unit upside down. The catalog number is printed on a paper label or stamped on the plastic base of the unit.

Catalog numbers being recalled: B4DCM9, B2DCM9, B3DCM10, B4DCM10, B5DCM10, B1DCM14,

B2DCM14, B3DCM15, B4DCM15, B5DCM15, B1DCM17, B2DCM17, B1DCM18, B2DCM18, B3DCM20, B1DCM50, B2DCM50, B3DCM50, B4DCM50, B5DCM50, B13B4-0 (DCM14), B1-3385-0 (DCM10), B2-3385-0 (DCM10), B1-3382-0 (DCM12), B1-3390-0 (DCM15), B2-3390-0 (DCM15), B1-3387-0 (DCM20), B2-3387-0 (DCM20), B1-0018-0 (UDCM100) and B2-0018-0 (UDCM100).

Consumers whose coffeemakers bear numbers indicating that they are being recalled should call 1-800-443-9000 for information about how to return the unit and receive the \$10.



Internal Revenue Service

This year, 13 million taxpayers are expected to file federal income tax returns. Here is what happens to your return once it is filed:

How paper returns are processed

1. You complete your return and mail it to the processing center.
2. Returns are opened, and payments are credited to two years' accounts and deposited in the U.S. Treasury.
3. Returns are sorted, checked for accuracy, edited and coded for computer use only.
4. The data is placed on magnetic tape.
5. Returns are checked by IRS computers for accuracy.
6. Returns are sent to the "master file" processing center in Martinsburg, W.Va.
7. Returns are mailed from regional processing centers or collection notices are sent to taxpayers.

Electronic returns - refund only

1. Bring Form 1040 to a qualified tax preparer. Either completes the form yourself or have the preparer do it.
2. Sign Form 9453, authorizing transmission of the tax data. This form and your W-2 are mailed to the IRS.
3. Preparer enters data into computer and sends it directly to IRS computer.
- 4, 5. Are the same steps as paper returns 5 and 6.
6. Refunds are sent.

Choices for obtaining refund

- **Refund anticipation loan** - Within six days, tax preparer gives taxpayer an advance refund check of \$300 to \$3,000. The IRS sends refund to the tax preparer's bank.
- **Direct deposit** to your bank account, within three or four weeks.
- **Refund check sent directly** to you from IRS, within three or four weeks.

*Master file on the central computer

This confidential file contains all data about taxpayers' accounts. The computer compares this data with the taped information from your return.

- Processes data for notices and refunds
- Checks on late filings and failures to file returns
- Determines whether you owe other taxes
- Classifies returns for auditing

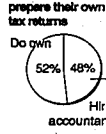
Tips for filing

- **File early.** Refund checks for returns filed in January are sent within four weeks; for returns filed on April 15, they are mailed within eight weeks.
- **Use IRS's bar-coded envelope** and address label.
- **Verify Social Security numbers.**
- **Round off cents to dollars.**
- **Check your math.**
- **Make sure you signed the return.**

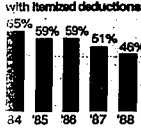
Call this number for information: 1-800-828-1040

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Percent who prepare their own tax returns



Percent of 1040 returns with itemized deductions



Number of 1989 returns audited: 985,000
Number of IRS workers at peak: 120,000

Researcher: PAT GARR and WENDY GOVER
Sources: Internal Revenue Service, H&R Block

Dulley

Continued from C1
solar cell panels can be used to keep the batteries at peak charge. Larger panels can produce enough electricity to power most of the appliances and lights in a camper.

One large whole-house photovoltaic system provides 4 kilowatt-hours per day.

This system could power four 60-watt and two 25-watt light bulbs for four hours per day, a 19-inch color TV and VCR for four hours a day, an automatic clothes washer and dryer five loads a week, a microwave oven used 15 minutes per day, a table saw one hour per week, a water pressure booster pump, and an electric lawn mower used one hour per week.

You will still need natural gas or propane for space and hot water heating, and cooking.

Electric heat-generating devices would consume too much power for the solar cells to produce. You can also get gas- or propane-powered refrigerators so you can get more electrical appliances.

You can write to UTILITY BILLS UPDATE News, showing a list of manufacturers of large photovoltaic solar cell systems and detailed descriptions of eight different size systems from camper-size (100 watt-hours) to whole-house-size

(9600 watt-hours) and a chart showing annual number of hours of sunshine for 150 cities. Please include \$1.00 and a self-addressed STAMPED BUSINESS-SIZE envelope to James Dulley, The Times-News, 6906 Royalgreen Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45244.

Q: I have many houseplants in my home in the cooler weather. Will the higher humidity actually help to lower my utility bills? C.D.

A: The theory is that higher humidity levels improve your comfort and reduce cooling moisture evaporation from your skin. This allows

you to lower your thermostat in the heating season without being uncomfortable.

It absorbs heat when water evaporates, so unless you set your thermostat lower, it actually wastes energy. Also, houseplants may not be your best source of humidity. Many people are allergic to the mold spores given off by houseplants. "When you feel bad, you often set the thermostat higher."

"Cut Your Utility Bill" appears in The Times-News every Thursday. Please address questions to James Dulley, The Times-News, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244.

Scams

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sourt securities commissioner. "During the times that other people are suffering through this recession, these con artists are, in fact, having a boom."

Linda Golder, executive director of the National Consumers League, said bogus telephone schemes cost consumers \$15 billion a year, and "telemarketing fraud is America's fastest growing con game."

In the latest twist, said Dennis Brosan of VISA International, people promising phone credit card ask consumers to give them their checking account numbers supposedly to provide a deposit needed to secure their credit line. But once they have the account number, Brosan said, thieves magically encode the information into a "demand draft," which does not require the customer's signature, and draw money from the signer's bank account.

Phone ads direct people to pay a deposit of up to \$200 to obtain a gold card, Brosan said, but callers who do not require the customer's signature, and draw money from state agencies for a dollar or two, he said.

One company, Brosan said, sent consumers a stamped piece of cardboard that only allowed them to purchase items from an accompanying catalog.

Stephen Jones, vice president of the National Council of Better Business Bureaus, said con artists are promising jobs in Kuwait, but when consumers call the toll-free numbers in the ads they are directed to call expensive 900 numbers. On one 900

line, there was a seven-second delay at the end of the recorded message — during which time most people hung up — before callers learned the call itself cost \$24.

For administrative fees" as high as \$700, job-seekers receive nothing more than a list of companies doing business in Kuwait, which can be obtained through federal or state employment agencies, he said.

Perkins said the advance-fee loan deals require consumers to put up a few hundred dollars, or a percentage of the loan, for the opportunity to borrow huge sums — up to \$500 million in one case. One scheme promised a \$100,000 interest-free loan.

Instead of delivering on the loan, however, the agent takes the fee, sends the loan application to banks and responds that the application was rejected. Perkins said in Florida, the state comptroller is investigating more than 60 advance-fee loan operations, and one suspect is believed to have taken in \$600,000 in three months by targeting families of U.S. military personnel.

"People are suffering through this recession," Perkins said. "There is a lot of fear. People are out of work. But be realistic. Do not think that somebody calling you on the telephone is suddenly going to be able to come up with the money you need to make your payments, to buy your house, to keep you going."

THE LIGHT TOUCH

by Curtia Smith



No one knows the exact age of the world — but I certainly do enough to know

Mother to daughter: "If course you remember our smaller years, dear. That's why you want your house by Tuesday."

Frustration is not having anyone to blame but yourself.

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Customer to computer salesman: "Nothing fancy — I just want one that will predict how the stock market will do."

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REAL ESTATE UPDATE
Richard G. Irwin
REDUCE TAXABLE PROFIT
QUESTION: I am 45 and am about to sell my home for a huge profit and move into an apartment. Is there any way I can reduce the tax on the expected profit.
ANSWER: Since you will be reinvesting your proceeds into another home or opting for the one-in-a-lifetime \$125,000 exemption for those over 55, your profit will be taxable.
You can increase your basis and reduce your taxable profit by deducting from the sales figure expenses such as selling commission, deed preparation, legal and appraisal fees, and any escrow fees.
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000-Homes For Sale By owner: Large 4 bdrm, 3 bath, double garage, patio balcony, 2400 sq. ft. close in on assumable loan, \$75,000. Call 733-4559.

000-Homes For Sale Sharp 4 bedroom, 2 bath, family room, sprinkling system, 2 car garage. Call 733-4545 leave message on machine.

000-Homes For Sale OPEN HOUSE EVERY SAT. 10:30-12:00 \$79,900: Beautiful country home features 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, vinyl siding, carpet, large lot, irrigation, solar water heater, soft water system, 2 car garage. 504 on one acre with 100 year old barn. Call 733-4616.

003 Gooding/Homes Wendell Homes \$200 sq. ft. home, 10 imp acre on Line Wood River! Solar, green-house, orchard, 2 full baths, 2 bedrooms, call \$155,000. At Druggs & Co. 800-622-0234

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010 Professional Services 733-2009 for professional resume services-Roy Slotton Executive Resumes, 733-2028. Affordable, reliable, a friendly, yard care & moving service. Call 733-2532.

015 Babysitter Wanted Loving person to care for 2 girls, ages 2 1/2 & 1 1/2. Available Monday-Friday, in my home. Reference. Call 734-2445.

000-Homes For Sale BY OWNER 8 bdrms, 2 1/2 baths, 3,000 sq. ft. brick home, central AC, 1 1/2 car garage, heat pump, excellent location, near everything. 463 Hillmore. \$75,000. Could be duplex. 423-4373.

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039 Business Property

TEACHERS! Here's an opportunity for your educational supply business located in Magic Valley Mall potential for all kinds of growth & PRICED TO SELL, \$24,900 - \$117,700.

040 Cemetery Lots

3 cemetery lots at Sunset Memorial Park, center section, \$500 each or 3 for \$1,300. Call 737-5629, ask for Don.

041 Unfinished Houses

1 bdrm, above, no roofing, knockdown w/dm. The Management Group, 734-2922.

SHOSHONE: 2 bdrms, wood, approx. carpet, \$350. Tri-Co Prop Mgt, 324-2734.

042 Furnished Apts. & Duplexes

Small apartment, utilities paid, extra a bath, \$175. Call 734-0555.

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044 Vacation Property

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045 Mobile Homes

14' Broadwood, 2 bdrm, 3 yr old, 100% electric, water heater, insulated windows & skirting, built deck, 1/2 acre, refrigerator, stove, place for water, \$7,200/offer, 827-4752.

046 Mobile Home

1990 Westwind 14'x70" w/d 2 bdrms, very good condition, \$14,000-178,544.25.

047 Mobile Home

1983 Broadwood 14'x70, 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, built in appliances, carpet, air conditioning, \$24,243. Stacey, 734-2243.

048 Mobile Home

1983 Sahara 28x60, 3 bdrm, 2 baths, family room, built in appliances, carpet, \$20,000 down, take over payments. \$24,999.

049 Mobile Home

1980 Westwind 14'x70" w/d 2 bdrms, very good condition, \$14,000-178,544.25.

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053 Mobile Home Space

Spaces in adult park, established lawns, driveways & sidewalks. First month free rent. Call 734-2922.

054 Miscellaneous For Sale

14' round trampoline. Call 886-2349 after 6 pm.

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068 Computers

IBM compatible with 80286, 2.5 MEG memory, 40 MEG harddrive. \$1000. 679-4074.

070 Wanted To Buy

Air compressor and 9' x 7' wood garage door or garage doors parts. Call 733-3658.

071 Wanted To Buy

Wanted: MF model 16' in good shape, 2 bottom 2' w/ 16' plow. Call 5178-5998 or 436-8959.

072 Wanted To Buy

Wanted: Old cowboy boots. Call 834-5315.

073 Wanted To Buy

Wanted: Old Ford major diesel tractor for parts. Also other Ford tractors. Call 825-5593.

074 Wanted To Buy

Wanted: Old Mercury Mach 1000 snowblower. Also other snowblowers. Call 825-5593.

075 Wanted To Buy

Wanted: Regular size, clean box springs mattress. Also other mattresses. Call 825-5593.

076 Wanted To Buy

Wanted: Any good used wood cabinets for sale. Call 825-5593.

077 Wanted To Buy

Wanted: Small wood dining room table. Call 825-5593.

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Motorola Privacy Plus 500 phone, 25 watts, 20 channel. Call 825-5593.

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5 year old green broke pure bred Morgan, very gentle, appears average, \$1000. Call 324-3381.

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1980 Yamaha IT 175, \$350. Call 636-4129.
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1990 Honda Cub, Must sell, \$300/best offer. 324-3502.
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Briefly

Area gymnast qualifies for 3rd trip to nationals

BOISE — Twin Falls gymnast James Lewis, who trains at Sage Gymnastics, placed second in the Class I all-around competition at the USGF Northwest Regional Championships.

The meet included the top gymnasts from Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Montana and Alaska.

Lewis' combined all-around score of 99.65 was highlighted by a personal and state record 49.45 optional all-around score. He also placed first in the vault competition with a combined score of 18.30 and third on the horizontal bar and parallel bars.

Lewis advances to the national championships in Fullerton, Calif., May 3.

Lewis became the only Idaho gymnast ever to qualify for nationals as both a Class II and Class I gymnast. He extended his state record consecutive junior Olympic national championship appearances to three.

Soccer Exchange brings teams from around state

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Youth Soccer Association will hold the first area Soccer Exchange Saturday.

Competitive teams from the Magic Valley will meet squads from Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Boise and Payette. Age group levels include under 14, under 16 and under 19.

Matches begin at 10 a.m. at Robert Stuart Junior High and Sawtooth Elementary Schools. The last matches will start at 2:30 p.m. Concessions and T-shirts will be sold at both fields.

Compiled from staff reports

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When I played the players were dumb. Now the owners are.

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— Hall-of-Famer Mickey Mantle, whose highest salary as a baseball player was \$125,000

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The Masters

Faldo returns looking for bigger green jacket

The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — A muscled-up Nick Faldo has outgrown his green jacket and goes shopping for another this week at the Masters.

"The old one doesn't fit. I need a 46-long," Faldo said after a final practice session for the tournament that begins Thursday on the flowered, rolling hills of the Augusta National Golf Club course.

Faldo, the tall Englishman with the elegant swing, will be seeking an unprecedented third consecutive Masters title, and the famed green jacket that goes to the

winner of the first of the year's four major golf championships.

"I'm not thinking of defending, or repeating," Faldo said. "I'm just thinking of playing 72 holes of good golf."

"Of course I want to win. That's what I'll be trying to do. But to do that, I have to play good golf. That's what I was trying to do last year. My approach this year is the same."

But the physique is not the same. Faldo put on 7-10 pounds, reduced his body-fat and, he said, added about 20 pounds of muscle in an off-season conditioning program.

"My legs are stronger, my back is stronger. I'm hitting the ball longer," said Faldo, 6-foot-3 and now about 215 pounds.

"It ruined my wardrobe," he said. "I've thrown away 40-50 pair of trousers and all my jackets."

Faldo, now recognized as the most outstanding player in the world, pointed to five men as the major stumbling blocks in his quest for a replacement.

"Woosie," he said. That's Ian Woosnam, the 5-foot, 49-inch fireplug of a Welshman who scored a recent victory in New Orleans.

"Jose Maria Olazabal," Faldo continued, naming the young Spaniard who put together a record-breaking scoring performance last fall in the World Series of Golf.

"Curtis and Watson have been playing better lately," he said. "And (Steve) Elkington. He played awfully well in the Players Championship."

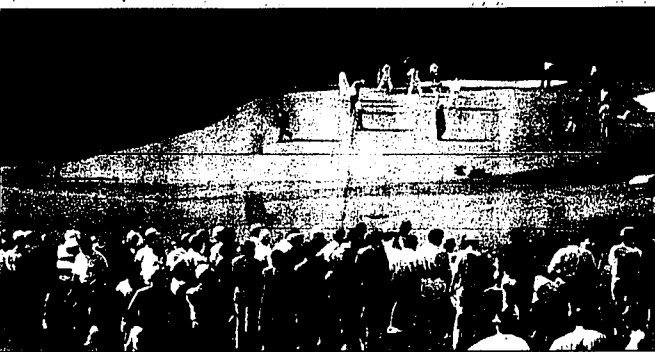
"There's bound to be more," Faldo said. "Some new guys, some young guys."

"This is Augusta. There's always some of those, the guys who have you looking at the leaderboard and saying 'who?'"

Before...



After



The 11th hole at Augusta National was totally destroyed in a flood in October of 1990. A few months and \$275,000 later, the green was repaired and is exactly the same as the original.

Augusta fixes damage to famous No. 11

The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Hord Hardin balanced precariously on a little piece of turf that once was the 11th green and looked at the top of his club manager's head.

"Jim (Armstrong) was standing in this big hole and his feet were in stands over six feet," said Hardin, the club chairman at Augusta National. "I knew right then we had a big problem."

A flood triggered by a 13-inch rainstorm surged down Rae's Creek last Oct. 12, destroying one of The Masters' most famous greens, the 11th, where Nick Faldo won back-to-back playoffs.

The raging waters also covered the 12th green with deep layers of silt and wiped out the members' ice box on 13.

"It was incredible what that water did," Hardin said Wednesday. "It took out a retaining wall. It was just a disaster."

Six months later, the players in the Masters say they can't tell the difference.

"It's absolutely amazing what they did," Faldo said. "I'm very partial to that piece of ground and I can't tell the difference. It might break a little more of the front of the green but that's it."

Topographical maps were used to precisely measure the breaks and contours of the green on the 455-yard hole which was rebuilt in 1982. Every hump and bump was duplicated.

"We don't like to talk about the costs but it took \$275,000 to repair the damage," Hardin said. "It was a massive undertaking."

Faldo birdied the hole in 1989 to defeat Scott Hoch in a playoff then two-putted the green for victory last year after Ray Floyd hit his second into the water.

Four of the five playoffs in the 54-year history of the event have been decided at the green, including Larry Mize's 1987 chip-in to stun Greg Norman.

U.S. Open champion Hale Irwin said the front third of the No. 11 green is faster where it slopes toward the water. However, he said the green is exactly the same.

"It slopes more so that makes a bail out right even more hazardous because you are chipping toward the water," Irwin said. "I guess I should be amazed the way they did it but I'm not because of the way things are done around here. Not many places would keep topography maps like they do at Augusta National."

Par 3 tournament jinx receives testing again

The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Nick Faldo knows about the 30-year curse of Augusta National. So does Ray Floyd. Now, Rocco Mediate will find out.

The jinx around the Masters has been the Par 3 tournament played the Wednesday before the first of golf's grand slams begins. No player has ever won the par-3

and the Masters in the same year.

"I won't win it, I won't finish, and I won't keep score," Faldo said before playing the Par 3 which began in 1960 and has a crystal trophy as a first prize.

Floyd came the closest. He won the Par 3 last year then lost the Masters to Faldo on the second playoff hole.

The tournament is played off the nine-hole course behind the guest ebans.

"It's a pretty little course and it's fun to play," Faldo said. "But believe me I don't want to win it."

Mediate won the this year's Par 3 on the second extra hole in a playoff with Sam Snead, Kenny Knox and Billy Ray Brown.

The jinx gets tested once again.

Payne Stewart, bothered by disc problems in his back which have limited his tour appearances, withdrew from the Mas-

ters on Wednesday after hitting three balls into the water on a nine-hole round.

Stewart said he only had 70 per cent feeling in his left arm because of the problem which could eventually require surgery. He has consulted with Dr. Frank Jobe about the possibility.

Stewart was not replaced, meaning the 55th Masters will tee off with a field of 87.

High school basketball beefs up technical foul penalty

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — High school basketball players will pay a heavier penalty for technical fouls next season, the sport's national rule-making body announced Wednesday.

Technical fouls will be counted along with personal fouls toward disqualifying players from games. And players will be

thrown out of the game after committing only two technical fouls, instead of the current three for expulsion.

The number of team fouls needed to reach the bonus situation in each half will rise to seven from the current five, with both technical and personal fouls counted toward the total.

The rules changes were among several approved by the Basketball Rules Commit-

tee of the National Federation of State High School Associations during a two-day meeting that ended Tuesday.

Other changes relate to fouls committed against a player attempting a 3-point field goal, said Dick Schindler, assistant director of the National Federation and editor of the high school basketball rules.

From now on, three free throws will be awarded to a player who is fouled in the act

of making an unsuccessful 3-point attempt. And if the fouler is intentional, the fouled player will receive three free throws and the team will get the ball out-of-bounds at the spot closest to where the foul occurred.

The new rules received favorable reaction when they were tested during the past high school season by boys' teams in Iowa and boys' and girls' teams in Kentucky, Schindler said.

Early training keeping Stewart on top of pack

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Dave Stewart believes in headstarts.

Stewart arrives at training camp in February ready to pitch a regular season game, and by Opening Day he is ready to dominate hitters.

Twenty victories without a loss in his last 21 April starts makes the Oakland A's pitcher baseball's best headstarter. It has helped carry him to four consecutive 20-

victory seasons.

"It's conditioning, run production, good defense, all the factors you need to win," Stewart said of his April winning streak after recording his first April win of 1991 Tuesday night, 7-2 over the Minnesota Twins.

"I've been getting all of them in April. I arrive at spring training ready to pitch. I'm getting older, or so I'm told, so I adjust accordingly, and I get myself ready."

Stewart arrived in Arizona two weeks before the A's were to open camp. He was throwing long and hard off a mound several days before the other pitchers and catchers arrived.

Expecting to start the A's first exhibition game, Stewart was very antsy to get going when held out of Oakland's first five exhibition games.

"I wanted to get going," he said. Stewart sure got going when it counted, holding Minnesota to one run and three hits over seven innings, striking out four and

walking two.

Other than Greg Gagne's solo home run in the fifth, Stewart did not allow a runner to second. After Gagne's homer, Stewart retired the last seven hitters.

"Stu was ready from the first pitch through the seventh inning," manager Tony La Russa said.

"I thought my early innings were my strongest," Stewart said. "I was hitting my locations, moving the ball in and out. Everything was working well for me."

Bowler Tom Thackery earns ABC 150 award

TWIN FALLS — Monday night at Miller's Magic Bowl, Tom Thackery became the first local bowler to be awarded the ABC 150 pins over average award. The newly created award is given to bowlers who average better than 150 pins over their average for each game in a three-game series.



Brad Warr
Bowling

Thackery, of Jerome carries a 180 average, but on February 17 he exploded for his first 700+ series, rolling games of 224, 244, and 245 to total a 714, 174 pins above his series average.

Also at Miller's The Grand Prix Bowling Series will make a stop April 20th and 21st. Between 90 and 100 competitors are expected to be on hand to battle for cash prizes. A handful of local bowlers are expected to compete.

Across town at the Bowldrome, the Twin Falls Women's Bowling Association will hold its annual Spring Fling Bowling a Friend Day. If a member of the TWBBA brings a friend, that friend bowls free. The event is scheduled to take place

April 28, at 9:00 a.m. Coinciding with the Spring Fling will be the Star Of The Lane Event. The top women scorer from each week over the last year will begin a roll off at 10:00 a.m. that same morning to crown the Bowldrome's "Star of the Lane". Over forty previous winners are expected to compete.

High scores from Miller's Magic Bowl for the ending April 8:
Men's high game: Larry Rhea 268, John Irwin 258, Darin Harper 249, J.V. Mitchell 248, Rick Birrell 247, Kenny Moon 245, Stan Nipp 242, Roger Gruetz 246, David Nipp 235, Fred Star 233.

Men's high series: John Irwin 741, Stan Nipp 674, Larry Rhea 674, Rick Birrell 644, Darin Rhea 642, J.V. Mitchell 634, Bob Lazer

617, Ray Schmidt 607, Jim Riddle 603, Roger Gruetz 602.
Women's high game: Vi Crowshaw 257, Cathy McGowan 244, Wilma Norris 221, June Switzer 216, Gina Jenkins 213, Jean Havenam 210, Carlene Packman 208, Margie Adema 200, Ticia Fontes 199, Diana Leffler 193.

Women's high series: Cathy McGowan 618, Vi Crowshaw 594, Gina Jenkins 584, June Switzer 560, Wilma Norris 558, Betty Langford 543, Jean Havenam 527, Priscilla Fife 526, Margie Adema 518.

High scores from the Bowldrome for the week ending April 5:
Men's high game: Loren Benner 266, Gary Roland 247, Ron Dawson 243, Jerry Marcontonio 242, Rocky Bennet 236, Dave Dana 236, Glenn Besstie 235, Ron Krause 233, Randy Hueher 232, Brian Goffey 231.

Men's high series: Ron Dawson 669, Loren Benner 665, Rocky Bennet 639, Alan Quantance 612, Darrel Cardwell 612, Pat Laughlin 611, Jerry Lorenz 610, Dave Dana 609,

Cliff Hinkle 603.
Women's high game: Charlene Anderson 226, Cathy McGowan 223, Kelly Willis 223, Barbara Reynolds 214, Jana Pulsifer 211, Deann Messersmith 211, Karen Poe 210, Debbie Magge 210, Janie Jones 209, Bessie Willis 206.

Women's high series: Cathy McGowan 623, Karen Poe 595, Charlene Anderson 573, Kristy Packman 564, Linda Anton 557, Jana Pulsifer 543, Cheryl Benner 540, Kathy Sherman 539, Diana Newton 535, Jayne Matsuko 534.

Junior's high game: Steve Sherman 258, Cory Moore 239, Rick Carpenter 203, Margo Marcontonio 193, Patrick Johnson 182, Brooke Clarke 170, Amy Peterson 151, Brandon Perkins 107, Gabrielle Marcontonio 100.

Junior's high series: Steve Sherman 628, Cory Moore 604, Dawn Birrell 500, Margo Marcontonio 497, Brooke Clarke 429, Jan Devries 417, Brett Moore 191, Katie Small 145.

Raft River floats to victory in track

MURTAUGH — Raft River came away with boys and girls victories in a rain-shortened track meet at Murtagh High School Tuesday.
Second place Murtagh had a pair of double winners in Chris Johnson (long jump and triple jump) and Russell Sowles (high hurdles and 100).
For the girls, Angela Boden of Raft River won the 100 hurdles and the 100 dash.

Buhl Indians split twinbill with Blackfoot

BUHL — Playing a 'cold, windy version of baseball, Buhl split a double-header with the Blackfoot JV squad Wednesday.
Mike Mandelkow went 3-for-4 with two RBI, but the Indians fell 11-6 in the opener.
In the second game, Mandelkow came back with a pair of doubles in a 16-6 five-inning win.

Scores and stats

Baseball

AL standings

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Atlanta's Mike Heath slides into home safely as Dodgers' Mike Scioscia gets set to take the throw.

Strawberry makes Dodger debut with 1 error, 2 hits against Braves

ATLANTA (AP) — Darryl Strawberry's RBI cut overcame his glove in his debut with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Strawberry dropped a fly ball in the third inning that led to two Atlanta runs, but went 2-for-4, drove in two runs and scored one as Los Angeles opened its season with a 6-4 victory over the Braves on Wednesday night.

Strawberry, who signed a five-year contract worth more than \$20 million during the off-season after spending eight years with the New York Mets, drove in a first-inning run with a groundout and doubled in the final run in a three-run fifth inning.

He also led off the eighth with a single to start a two-run rally that put the Dodgers ahead 6-2.

Dodgers' starter Tim Lincecum (1-0) allowed four hits and three runs, only one earned, in 7 1-3 innings.

John Cantelero came his first save despite allowing Dave Justice's solo homer in the ninth.

Atlanta's Deion Sanders became only the second player to play two sports in the same city. Sanders, a cornerback for the Falcons, played for the Braves and batted leadoff for the Braves.

Reds 6, Astros 5

CINCINNATI (AP) — Todd Benzenzer drove in four runs and Chris Sabo hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning as Cincinnati overcame a three-run deficit to beat Houston.

Benzenzer, who had failed to get an extra-base hit in spring training, had an RBI single, a two-run double and a run-scoring triple to lead the comeback. Sabo followed Benzenzer's seventh-inning triple with his first homer off Daryl Kile (0-1), to give the Reds a 6-5 lead.

Ted Power (1-0) got the victory

Pro baseball

CHICAGO (AP) — Greg Maddux allowed five hits in eight innings and George Bell and Gary Scott drove in runs as Chicago beat St. Louis.

Maddux struck out five and walked one, allowing only one runner to reach second base. Dave Smith pitched the ninth in his Cubs debut. He allowed two hits and finished for the save.

Jose DeLeon allowed seven hits and both runs in five innings.

Pirates 6, Expos 3

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Bobby Bonilla had three hits and drove in two runs, and winning pitcher Zane Smith doubled and drove in a run.

The Pirates, continuing to break out of a season-opening 15-inning scoreless streak, won twice in three games. The left-hander's first victory at home against Montreal since Aug. 6-9, 1987.

Smith settled down after a shaky start to allow three hits in his last five innings, winning pulled in the eighth. The left-hander is 7-2 since the Expos traded him to Pittsburgh

Pro baseball

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kevin Appier pitched eight shutout innings and Danny Tartabull singled in the only run.

Appier, whose 2.76 ERA last year was fourth-best in the American League, struck out four and walked one. Jeff Montgomery pitched a hitless ninth for the save.

Charles Nagy, the loser, allowed seven hits in eight innings, the longest out of his career.

Yankees 4, Tigers 0

DETROIT (AP) — Scott Sanderson's no-hit bid was broken up by Tony Phillips' leadoff double in the ninth inning Wednesday as the New York Yankees beat the Detroit Tigers 4-0.

Phillips hit Sanderson's first pitch of the inning off the screen in right field, just out of the reach of Jesse Barfield. Greg Cadaret then relieved and retired the side in order.

Sanderson, pitching his first game for the Yankees, struck out four and walked two.

Barfield's two-run double off Walt Terrell gave the Yankees the lead in the sixth inning and New York added two runs in the ninth on Hensley-Meulen's triple-off John Cerutti.

ESTATE AUCTION

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1991

Location

Outdoors

Poaching, illegal sales threaten fish populations

The Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. — The state wildlife agent said he felt deep sadness when he peddled an illegal, decades-old Columbia River steelhead to a Tacoma fish dealer.

"That fish was probably around when Lewis and Clark went down the river," the agent told his superiors at a December meeting. "It broke your heart to see it cut up into chunks."

The Wildlife Department agent, who went by the alias Bill Sutter, briefed his boss, Curt Smith, and other state officials at a year-old undercover sting of Western Washington's illegal fish market drew near its end.

Smith and Fisheries Director Joe Blum were visibly upset as the agent and his colleagues talked about the impact fish thieves

have on the Columbia's fragile sturgeon and chinook salmon populations, and on the wild steelhead run of the Nisqually River.

An Associated Press reporter was permitted to attend the meeting after agreeing that nothing would be written until completion of the probe of Indian poachers and non-Indian buyers of the illegal fish. The first of a series of arrests and searches of fish companies took place Wednesday in four Puget Sound counties.

The agents spent hours on riverbanks waiting to buy illegally caught fish from Indians to sell to non-Indian dealers in Seattle and Tacoma who knew they were buying illegal product. The dealers then would process and sell the fish and eggs to wholesalers and restaurants. Many shipped their product to other parts of the country and

abroad.

"People from all over the world are targeting this state. They are looking at us like we're a gold mine of resources," Smith, who authorized the 14-month undercover sting, said Tuesday.

"We probably did away with less than 10 percent of the business in illegal fish," Sutter told the officials in the December meeting.

The undercover fish brokerage bought and sold illegal salmon, sturgeon and steelhead from the Columbia and illegal salmon and steelhead from the Nisqually River in north Thurston County. The total amount of fish bought and sold came to 11,235 pounds, records show.

"There are no indications that tribal poaching is sanctioned or aided by tribal authorities," Sutter told Smith and Blum.

Smith predicted that leaders of the Yakima, Nisqually and other tribes with members involved in poaching would be shocked at what the team found.

But, he added, the tribes and the state must "get a handle on this, on the fish dealers who buy the illegal product and on the poachers who supply it." With fish resources already dwindling because of habitat destruction and other pressures, poaching "could be the straw that will break the camel's back," he said.

"We just scratched the surface," Sutter added. "We're not even close to having a real grasp of how much fish is being taken illegally, but we're absolutely certain it is far more than we saw."

Last week, Gene DiDonato, assistant director of planning research and harvest management for the Department of Fisheries,

said he was especially disturbed to learn that undercover agents dealt in 1,235 pounds of illegally caught sturgeon, which can be kept only if they are between four and six feet long.

Poaching of oversized or egg-bearing sturgeon has long-term consequences, because sturgeon do not become fertile until they are several decades old, DiDonato said.

He noted that authorities are even considering shutting down commercial sturgeon fishing on the Columbia due to the declining population.

"Many Columbia River Indians catch and kill numerous under- and oversized sturgeon on purpose, knowing there is a ready market. The oversized are the most valuable because of the eggs," the undercover team said in a July 2 report to Smith.

Caviar drives market for illegal fish in Washington

The Associated Press

OLYMPIA — Demand for caviar — that fabled food of the rich — is behind the torrid market for illegal fish in Washington, authorities say.

Fish eggs, from which caviar is made, are anywhere from twice to 10 times as valuable per pound as the fish that bear them, state Wildlife and Fisheries officials said. Caviar made from Columbia River sturgeon sells in stores for nearly \$18 an ounce, more than four times the worth of an ounce of silver.

"The Japanese and European rock markets put a premium price on salmon, steelhead and sturgeon roe. There is, and has been for long time, more money in the roe than there is in the fish," the state Department of Wildlife's Enforcement Division said in a report on a 14-month undercover sting operation.

The sting ended Wednesday with searches and arrests in four counties. More arrests are expected.

In fact, the sting's lesson about fish eggs could make it easier in the future for agents to catch illegal fish and keep track of the illegal catch.

"If we focused on the egg market, we probably could get a better idea of how much illegal product is being taken," said one agent who finally unraveled an informant's cryptic sayings: "Follow the eggs."

"The thing is, you can't freeze eggs, so when you seize them, you can be sure they're no older than 10 days or so," the agent said.

"And you can determine from a bucket of eggs the species of the fish and how much was taken."

Agents operating a fake fish brokerage said they could expect \$10 to \$25 a pound for sturgeon eggs; \$8.75 a pound for chum eggs; \$6 a pound for silver salmon eggs; \$3.50 to \$5 a pound for steelhead eggs; and \$1.50 to \$3 a pound for chinook eggs.

"Sturgeon eggs are worth the most," the agents said in a report. The eggs can fetch 10 times the value per pound that sturgeon meat fetches, they said. Eggs generally are worth twice that of the meat per pound, the agents said.

A survey of retail outlets showed that Columbia River sturgeon caviar was selling this month for nearly \$18 an ounce, and salmon caviar was going for \$3.50 an ounce.

They said the eggs not only go abroad, but find their way into markets from the Russian community in Portland, Ore., to the Jewish communities of New York and New Jersey.

Wildlife Director Curt Smith said his agents determined that the torrid demand for eggs is what makes the illegal fish market profitable "all the way up the line."

Everybody from Indian poachers to the fish companies that buy the stolen catches make hundreds of dollars from a net full of fish; but thousands of dollars from the eggs those fish yield.

"Eggs drive the illegal market," the head of the undercover team said. "You couldn't make it on the fish alone."

In the name of science



A trio of scientists prepare themselves for dissecting a bison shot earlier by a federal warden. Three bison were killed Monday as part of the livestock disease research project. Later a federal judge in Washington D.C. ordered the killing stopped at the request of the Fund for Animals. It is unclear whether the project can resume, even if the court gives the go-ahead next week, a Yellowstone official said Tuesday.

IDFG plans electrofishing operation on Little Salmon

The Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho Department of Fish and Game crews have planned a shock operation this week on the Little Salmon River near Rigby.

To supplement a low supply of eggs from fish returning to hatcheries, the agency on Thursday will conduct an electrofishing operation to collect steelhead broodstock.

Fish and Game said the collection mostly will be from large pools where steelhead tend to concentrate, and that signs will be posted in advance to identify where biologists plan to do their work.

Steve Yundt, the agency's anatomous

fisheries coordinator, said Clearwater River runs are adequate, but there is an "extremely reduced number of A-run steelhead in the Salmon River system."

Yundt blamed the lack of eggs on drought and reduction by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bonneville Power Administration to increase flows to help migrating fish.

Fish and Game said electrofishing is not dangerous to anglers, but may affect fishing near operation.

The department wants people to avoid fishing in marked areas while electrofishing crews are present, so biologists can quickly remove the fish they need.

Fisheries, sea lions, etc. causing decline in Skagit River steelhead

Seattle Times

SEDRÖ-WOOLLEY, Wash. — No one can say today exactly what caused the decline in Skagit River steelhead. Instead of one culprit, there may be dozens.

Likely among them include high-seas driftnet fisheries, burgeoning populations of protected sea lions and seals that prey on adult steelhead at river entrances, mor-

gansers and cormorants that gobble tens of thousands of tiny steelhead in rearing ponds and hatchery raceways, disease and poor water quality, and overfishing in the river.

Some Puget Sound-area hatchery managers say they lose 30 percent or more of their fish to mergansers or cormorants.

"In the old days, it was common practice to shoot the birds if they were a problem," said Howard Miller, 75, a former Skagit

County Commissioner who was Skagit's first licensed fishing guide. "Now, they're protected."

The steelhead decline first was felt shortly after U.S. District Court Judge George Boldt delivered his landmark decision in 1974, which upheld off-reservation fishing rights of certain treaty tribes to half of the harvestable steelhead and salmon.

"So tribal fishing, which started off reservation the next year, was a convenient target

for blame.

Then, in 1976, another finger pointed to the state Game Department for overestimating sports catches, which, in effect, over-allocated steelhead to the tribes who usually get first crack at the fish downriver, while leaving some real, but many more "paper fish" for sportsmen.

"That paper-fish fiasco had to contribute a lot to the decline," said Terry Russell, a past president of Sedro-Woolley's Wildcat Steel-

head Club, whose 500 members have been the driving force behind a proposed \$4.7 million steelhead hatchery along Grandy Creek.

Some say the decline began before the Boldt Decision.

"The decision only compounded a problem that already was there," said Russ Orell, who recently retired after nearly 20 years as a state Department of Fisheries biologist for the Skagit.

Henry's Lake winter kill of fish increases

The Associated Press

The number of fish winter-killed at Henry's Lake in eastern Idaho has increased to more than 6,500 according to Herb Pollard, Regional Supervisor for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

The lake on the headwaters of Henry's Fork of the Snake River yields between 50,000 and 100,000 trout annually to anglers. An internationally famous trophy trout fishery, Henry's Lake is one of the most important in Idaho.

The mortalities were first noticed in early-March and have continued due to oxygen depletion in the water. Fish and Game personnel and equipment from around the state have been moved in to pump and circulate water and air throughout the lake. The apparently successful attempt has increased oxygen levels in the aerated locations. Outside the immediate areas, however, the fate of the 6,000-acre lake remains hidden under three

to four feet of ice and snow.

Warm weather conditions in the past week, including some warm rains, have hastened the melting of ice and snow on the lake. Department employees have installed 21 aeration units at Staley's Springs, Wild Rose Resort, Pittsburgh Creek and the deaeration facilities near Hatchery Creek.

Through mechanical aeration dissolved oxygen (D.O.) levels have risen from 1-2 parts per million (ppm) to 4-5.5 ppm.

"The actions taken have locally reduced the large fish kill we were experiencing as of March 20," said regional fisheries biologist Steve Elz. "However, it is important to realize that even though fish can live in D.O. levels of 3.0 ppm, levels of 4-6 ppm represent a condition of stress for the fish. Under continued long-term stress, we still are observing fish losses, although at a reduced rate."

Salmon Summit working to save runs

The Associated Press

LEWISTON — A pared-down remnant of the Salmon Summit is considering several options for dropping the levels of lower Snake River reservoirs next year to save dwindling salmon runs.

The Friday meeting in Clarkston, Wash., was called to consider ways to test operation changes that could help young salmon find their way downstream to the ocean.

In the end, those at the table had outlined six experiments, ranging from drawing down all four reservoirs to none of them. Another plan called for lowering just Lower Granite Reservoir at Lewiston and Clarkston up to three times.

The meeting was the first of three scheduled by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to hash out a drawdown test for 1992. Sen.

Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., created the Salmon Summit to find ways to save the fish short of an endangered species listing for the fish. But the National Marine Fisheries Service has recommended such a listing for the Snake River sockeye and others may soon be proposed.

Witt Anderson of the corps' North Pacific Division in Portland said the agency wants to have a test outline agreed to by river interests by month's end.

"This is a big piece of work and very important to our future," said Division of Wildlife Resources Chairman Tim Provan.

The options included limiting rifle tags to 150,000 total hunters, with no limit on primitive weapon tags; placing a cap on nonresident deer tags and a nonresident fee increase.

More controversial options, such as allowing hunters to choose their season, splitting the deer season into two hunts and imposing a one deer per year limit.

Provan said the majority of support favors

foreing hunters to choose either the rifle, muzzleloader or archery season.

"A split season would involve dividing the general season, which runs from Oct. 19-29. The first would be a four-day hunt with a cap on the number of hunters; with a two-day break between a second 7-day hunt with an unlimited number of hunters."

Provan said a decision would be deferred pending further studies on the potential impact of the changes. The board has already held six public hearings throughout the state.

Briefly

Pheasants Forever honors IDFG

The national conservation organization Pheasants Forever has selected the Idaho Department of Fish and Game as the first recipient of a Professional Agency of the Year Award. The award will be given annually to the agency which does the most to enhance upland game bird habitat and pheasant populations.

The 1990 season saw the greatest increase in populations and harvest in Idaho since the mid-1980s. Director Jerry Cook accepted the award on behalf of the department during the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference in Edmonton in early April.

Fish, Game Commission meets April 18-19

BOISE — The Idaho Fish and Game Commission will meet at state headquarters, 600 South Walnut, Boise, Thursday and Friday, April 18-19.

The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, April 18 in the Trophy Room. Comments by the public will be taken at a meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17 in Room 112 of the Education Building at Boise State University.

The commission will finalize 1991 big game seasons and regulations, in addition to considering a licensing change on fox in several counties of central southern Idaho. The number of landowner preference permits available for the 1991 season will also be set.

Compiled from staff reports

Aerial gunners seek coyotes in Arizona

PRESCOTT, Ariz. (AP) — Federal hunters will take 20 coyotes on Monday shot another 17 Tuesday in an effort to protect a herd of antelope in the Prescott National Forest.

The goal was removal of 40 coyotes from the New Water area about 18 miles southwest of Seligman, said Roy Aikens, a spokesman for the state Game and Fish Department in Phoenix.

He said only a few more of the canine predators would be killed Wednesday.

The project went off without interruption Tuesday afternoon after a television helicopter crew from Phoenix forced helicopters from the U.S. Agriculture Department's animal damage control program to abandon the hunt in the morning, Aikens said.

Two Phoenix stations had sent helicopters to the area the day before, causing delays because of federal rules against operating with other low-flying aircraft nearby.

Aikens said aerial gunners took 48 coyotes in the 20-acre New Water tract last year and 62 in Hunt Unit 10 between Seligman and the Grand Canyon, for a total of 110.

The animal-damage-control crews were scheduled to move into Unit 10, which is completely free of coyotes, Aikens said, but that project was scratched when the ranching corporation which had requested aerial gunning cancelled last Tuesday.

That left land near St. Johns as the last site in the state where coyote-killing is scheduled, Aikens said. The state had agreed to a \$23,900 contract for the three sites; elimination of the Unit 10 hunt should reduce the cost to the state, because the federal crews charge \$500 per flight hour, he said.

Environmentalists protested the project but did not interfere. They claim overgrazing of range shared by cattle and antelope has more to do with the threat to the New Water herd than coyotes.

Wadding from shotgun shells reportedly polluting beaches

Knight-Ridder News Service

LANSING, Mich. — Two-thirds of the litter on Lake Michigan beaches is plastic wadding from shotgun shells, according to a survey conducted recently by a Lansing environmental group.

The surveyors found 1,800 feet of the 1 1/2-inch wads on 590 feet of beach, or one about every three feet, said Joseph Pagan, executive director of the Michigan Environmental Defense Fund.

The survey was conducted on six stretches of public beach, from Warren Dunes near St. Joseph to the Nordhouse Dunes near Manistee.

Pagan called it a "sad irony that the champions of conservation (hunters) have been turned into polluters by ammunition manufacturers."

The group called for a return to biodegradable wadding for shotgun shells in letters to conservation groups, legislators and ammunition makers.

Pagan said he couldn't tell where

the wadding originated, although none of the beaches surveyed is known as a hunting area. "Other litter that carried identifying marks, such as balloons, appeared to have come from Chicago or Wisconsin, so the wadding might be floating in from elsewhere," he said.

Research is mixed to the charge of hunter-caused pollution.

Thomas Washington, executive director of Michigan United Conservation Clubs, said he was skeptical about the survey. "I've walked miles of Lake Michigan beach and never seen one," he said. "I wouldn't give (the survey) much credibility."

The survey didn't surprise Fred Frost of the television program "Michigan Outdoors." "We all knew plastic wads aren't biodegradable. They sit there forever. I can't believe someone didn't think of it earlier."

Larry Maher, a spokesman for Lilly Corp. in East Alton, Ill., manufacturer of Winchester rifles, said the industry "is trying to develop a biodegradable material" for wads.

3-D camouflage adds new depth to hunting

PICTURE ROCKS, Pa. (AP) — A champion turkey caller who dreamed 15 years ago of making himself invisible to birds of the wild has developed a new camouflage that goes eight steps toward blending with the woods.

Kelly Cooper's camouflage appears to be three-dimensional, and hunters don't even have to track down game to put those silly 3-D glasses on them.

"If you had to get close enough to a turkey to put the glasses on him, you probably could have already killed him," said Gene Sortman, 3-D president of Kelly Cooper, Inc.; which this year is unveiling its Tru-Leaf camouflage.

"Hunters have always been concerned about ballistics and boots, but when it came time to go hunting, they would just say 'Let's put on our camo and let's go hunting,'" Cooper said at his Picture Rocks home and headquarters.

The change of success was always diminished with flat, two- or three-tone clothing, Cooper said.

His Tru-Leaf camouflage has eight tones, each laid on with a rotary silkscreen press. Copies of beech, maple and oak leaves, acorns and twigs blend right in with green or brown of the real woods behind them.

"Bark patterns are OK when you're stationary, but vertical patterns don't move in the woods. Trees can't walk," Cooper said.

The National Wild Turkey Federation of Edgefield, S.C. says turkeys have a keen sense of sight and hearing. Any improvement in hunter technology would be welcomed by Gene Smith, the federation's publications director.

"A turkey makes his living with his eyes and ears," said Smith, the editor of "Turkey Call" magazine.



AP Laserphoto

Kelly Cooper says his eight-toned camouflage blends into the woods better than traditional two or three-toned camouflage.

"Most of the camo patterns I've seen are shadow and bark and some leaves, but this sounds revolutionary," Cooper said.

Cooper first had an idea about a 3-D camouflage in 1976. He said he first approached the fabric industry eight years ago, but couldn't find anyone with the technology to transfer his dream to cloth.

Three others — including two

people with art backgrounds — since bought into Cooper's operation, which previously dealt mostly with a line of game calls. After Cooper's idea was transferred to canvas, they received \$75,000 from the Ben Franklin business partnership in Bethlehem, Pa., to help develop the printing technology.

"Camo is just as important in

turkey hunting as a gun," Cooper said. "This is like dipping yourself in a bucket of glue and rolling around in the leaves."

In fact, Cooper laid out leaves in his kitchen to get the idea across to others. The result was a patented design on yards of silk-screened cloth that, indeed, gives the appearance of three dimensions.

"It was beautiful to watching something come off the press that you've fantasized about for years," Cooper said. "It wasn't perfect at first, but you could still see the physical effects."

"It was like watching my children come out of my wife," he said.

After a handful of tweaking, prototype jackets were made from the fabric and the Cooper men made their way into the woods — just to sit.

"Camouflage is everything to a turkey hunter," said Sortman, from Williamsport. "These are intelligent birds that must be outsmarted."

The new camouflage is more likely to bring success in turkey seasons rather than deer or other seasons, when hunters must wear orange markings, Cooper said.

Cooper's Tru-Leaf design is being used on everything from archery sets and ball caps to jackets and gloves. Catalogue prices range from \$6.99 for mesh caps to \$49.99 for oversized expedition bags.

"Hunters everywhere can use this because oak trees and maples grow nearly everywhere," Cooper said. "The only place it wouldn't work is Saudi Arabia."

The company has granted licenses for the design, and Cooper already is considering widening the market for the fabric.

Federal wildlife agents capture orphaned wolves

RAVALLI, Mont. (AP) — Federal wildlife agents took to the air again today in search of the fourth young wolf of a pack that killed two steers in northwestern Montana.

Three of the pack's four orphaned yearling wolves were captured Saturday after being shot with tranquilizer darts near here. They were taken to a veterinary clinic.

A search on Sunday was fruitless. "We're still looking for the fourth," Steve Fritts of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said in Helena today. "I'm not wearing a radio collar, so we don't know exactly where he is."

He said agents were using a fixed-wing aircraft to locate the wolf, but would switch to a helicopter to shoot it with a tranquilizer dart.

The three captured Saturday were

being held at an undisclosed veterinary clinic and appeared to be in good condition, Fritts said.

The pack is to be relocated to Glacier National Park.

Federal Animal Damage Control officers chased the wolves by helicopter after they were spotted Saturday in a field near the intersection of U.S. Highway 93 and Montana Highway 200 just outside the community of Ravalli.

All four wolves were shot with tranquilizer darts, but one recovered from the drug and escaped before it could be restrained, said Dale Hams, assistant field supervisor for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Helena.

Two members of the radical Wolf Action Group witnessed the capture, and WAG spokesman Steve Leash

later claimed that officials harassed the animals in violation of the federal Endangered Species Act.

The Northern Rocky Mountain gray wolf is an endangered species, protected by federal and state laws.

"I don't see that these wolves have any chance of survival," Leash said. "They won't stay together when they are released and they won't survive on their own. They are just pups. This couldn't possibly help the recovery of the species."

The wolves captured Saturday were born this time last year in the Ninemile Valley northwest of Missoula. They were orphaned as pups and were fed deer carcasses until they taught themselves how to hunt wild game.

For 11 months, the pups lived alongside livestock in the Ninemile,

without incident.

But 10 days ago, they wandered across the mountains and killed two yearling steers on a ranch near Dixon.

Animal Damage Control officers had attempted to tranquilize the animals for nearly a week. But until Saturday, the wolves stayed in the timber and out of range of the tranquilizer darts.

Officials said the wolves were taken to a veterinary clinic for observation and feeding. "All appeared in good condition. He would not say where the clinic is."

Hams said he is "quite optimistic that once we release the wolves back into the wild there will be no additional problems. I expect the relocation to be quite successful."

Once-threatened cormorant now menacing salmon

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal wildlife officials are scratching their heads over an unusual bird, once on its way to extinction, that has developed a voracious appetite for some Northwest salmon that may be headed for the endangered species list.

The double-crested cormorant, a freshwater diving duck, apparently is feeding on juvenile salmon from the Columbia River Basin on their way to the ocean, federal officials say.

Fish and Wildlife Service Director John Turner says the problem is that the bird, which now is abundant, is fully protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. That means anglers and commercial producers are pro-

hibited from taking bird-control measures into their own hands.

"The double-crested cormorant represents one of the most ironic wildlife success stories in the past quarter century," Turner said in announcing new research on the bird.

Concern about the attack on fish populations first surfaced two or three years ago, said John Nickum, the service's national aquaculture coordinator in Arlington, Va.

"The cattish farmers in the South

were the first ones to raise the question about the impact on some of their fish farms," he said.

"In the past year or two it has spread into recreational fishing, especially in Texas and Louisiana and Utah, and some in the Northeast and Northwest, too," he said.

In the Oregon, fishermen use leashed cormorants to catch fish. Webster's New World Dictionary notes that the word cormorant is synonymous with "a greedy person."

But DDT was banned in the 1970s and since the early 1980s the cormorant's population has been increasing by nearly 7 percent annually, he said.

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"The cattish farmers in the South

California drought eases up - a little

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — With four successive weeks of rain and snow, the devastation of California's five-year drought has been tempered. But reservoirs only are 30 percent to 50 percent full, and streams and woods remain immeasurably stressed.

Especially hard hit were coastal rivers where water has been held for years. Some salmon and steelhead strains may be lost, unable to find their natal streams for spawning. Striped bass populations reported to have risen by 95 percent, salmon by 90 and steelhead by 85. Streams that once saw tens of thousands of returning fish now have counts in the hundreds.

Wildlife has been damaged by barren cover and sparse forage, especially deer. California has lost an estimated 60,000 deer annually to the drought since 1986. If 100 does produce 150 fawns each spring, 110

probably died, say state officials. Last year's deer hunter success rate was a lowly 10 percent.

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Splashes of color



Hanging baskets of blooms brighten any room, any day

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

Brimming with brilliant color and swaying in a gentle breeze, hanging flower baskets seem to say "summer" better than almost anything else.

Carolyn Moss, of Moss Greenhouses in Jerome, says creating those mystical visions is easier than it looks. As long as the flowers are compatible, just about anything stuffed into a basket will make a beautiful living bouquet.

"Container gardening requires no weeding, and you can't beat it for instant color and gratification," she says.

Hang on for these simple steps to a beautiful basket:

- Decide whether it will be in the sun or shade.
- Choose healthy, well-rooted plants. As long as you know what colors you are picking out, they don't have to be fully blooming just now.
- Choose a pot. If you are going to use a solid-wall pot, remove the water-catching tray on the bottom. It won't allow for good draining - in fact, it will encourage diseases such as root rot and fungus.

A new pot, called a Beldon pot, comes in two parts: about halfway up it has six indentations for flowers to poke through, then the rest of the pot is snapped on top of that and four more flowers can be added. Fiber pots will last about two years. Wire cages are for moss

baskets.
Bend four wire hangers all at once to make sure they are the same length. Twist them into and around the holes in the top of the basket, making sure that the ends point inward so no one will be scratched.

For a moss basket, you'll need to make the walls of the basket by stuffing moss firmly into the square holes in the basket, best side out. Although some people like the Alaska fern that grows in the moss, others prefer to rip it out so it doesn't compete with the plants inside.

Pack the moss to a depth of about three inches to hold the soil in, and bring it all the way up and over the top edge of the basket.

For all baskets, pack potting soil firmly with your fingers to make sure that all the nooks and crannies are filled. Use good soilless potting medium - never use the dirt out of the back yard. The consistency isn't right and won't allow for proper drainage. Good potting medium consists of peat moss, perlite and vermiculite.

Now stuff the flowers in the basket. For a sunny location, Moss is likely to choose nine to 12 plants consisting of vinca vine or creeping Jenny, drucena for height in the center, yellow button daisies around the edges and lobelia, petunias and verbena to fill in.

A shade basket recipe will contain impatiens and f-

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Roses have history spanning centuries of people, places

By Prudence Heller
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Where do you begin exploring the vast world of roses — a world whose history goes back millennia?

Roses were found in the ancient tombs of Egypt and in fossils in Oregon and Colorado. The rose appears in illustrations of 430 B.C. in China. The Roman naturalist Pliny lists 32 remedies made of rose petals and leaves.

The white rose was the emblem of the England's House of York and the red rose represented the House of Lancaster. Thus, when the two fought, their battles became known as the Wars of the Roses.

The oldest known rose is the gallic rose, also known as the apothecary rose for its medicinal uses.

Roses seem to be everywhere, but experts remind us that they are native only to the northern hemisphere.

The rose known today is the result of an East-West meeting: A blend of the old sweet-smelling European rose that bloomed once a year and the Chinese tea rose that bloomed again and again. The first hybrid rose combining these dates back to 1867.

The hybrid tea is what one sees in the florist shops and in many gardens. But that's just one branch — the biggest — of an immense family. Bev Dobson of Irvington, N.Y., lists more than 7,000 roses in her annual "Combined Rose List" this year and doesn't pretend that's all there are.

Roses come in colors ranging from purple to white to bright red. They climb, ramble and stand tall, have very or barely thorny stems. They can be bushes standing 5 to 7 feet high and

just as wide or plants with just a few stems crowned with flowers. There are miniature roses which do not grow more than about 12 inches high and have flowers an inch or less across.

Rose experts agree that roses will grow in any of the 50 states, inside or outdoors. Public rose gardens can be found from Anchorage, Alaska, to Walt Disney World in Florida. Tyler, Texas; Wasco, Calif.; and Portland, Ore., are just a few of the cities with annual rose festivals.

Roses usually need five to six hours of sun a day — or plant lights if they're grown indoors, experts say. They need well-drained soil and about one inch of water a week. The soil should have a "pH" (acid) reading of 5.5 to 6.5.

Charles Nardozi, horticulturist for the National Gardening Association in Burlington, Vt., says Felicie Parmentier and Great Maiden's Blush, Blaine Double de Coubert, Madame Hardy and Henry Martin are all doing beautifully in his garden.

Stephen Scanniello, co-author with Tania Bayard of "Roses of America: The Brooklyn Botanic Garden's Guide to Our National Flower," has Saffano, a tea rose of a type imported from China in the 1860s, and a miniature rose growing outside in summer and indoors in winter in New York City.

Roses have all sorts of names. Some honor a well-known individual. Barbara Bush, a pink hybrid tea rose, is making her debut this year, courtesy of the Jackson & Perkins nursery in Medford, Ore.

Others mark events: Brandenburg Gate appeared last year to honor the fall of the Berlin Wall. Awakening was found in a garden in Czechoslovakia as

that country was doing away with communism. Awakening is also distinctive because it's a sport of a sport. A sport is a plant that deviates from the normal behavior of its group. Awakening is a sport of the climber New Dawn, because Awakening is solid pink instead of having just a bluish of pink. New Dawn, the first rose ever patented, is a sport of Dr. Van Fleet because new dawn is a repeat bloomer instead of blooming just once a season.

Some roses are touted as All-American selections. This means they have passed a two-year test growing in trial gardens across the country. They're judged for hardiness, disease resistance, flowers, and ability to grow in a variety of climates. Only a small fraction of the plants submitted by amateur and professional growers worldwide pass the test and go on to be displayed in public gardens nationwide before they appear on the market.

Public gardens, rose fanciers agree, are one of the best ways for the average gardener to find out what grows well in a given area. Nursery catalogs and the abundant, lavishly illustrated literature on roses give other clues. So do numerous rose fanciers' organizations.

Lovers of basic, old-fashioned roses could still find the advice of Thomas Christopher, author of "In Search of Lost Roses," and visit old graveyards and home sites in their communities. The south is a treasure trove in this respect, he says. Chances are the searcher will find roses that have survived with little or no care for generations. A cutting from such a rose would make a bush in one's own garden. Just put it in a rooting mixture until it starts to grow.



Most roses in flower shops and home gardens stem from old European, Chinese tea roses.

Some houseplants more adaptable to variety of environments

The Associated Press

Some houseplants are more rugged than others, and they'll survive in modern home environments that are nothing like their native climate.

Some have a wide range of adaptability and will flourish where others will not.

Hardy types include: Cast iron plant (aspidistra). Adaptable to the most of poor light, high temperature, low humidity and irregular watering. Its dark green leathery leaves reach up to 2½ feet long.

You can get new plants by dividing every two to three years. Chinese evergreen (Aglonema). This waxy-leaved plant does well in shady areas. Pot in house plant soil mix or in equal amounts of peat, perlite and sterilized garden soil. It also will grow in water. It may become leggy and lose lower leaves.

Keep soil moist, not soggy. Propagate by stem tip cuttings, seeds, or by dividing.

Snake plant (Sansevieria, mother-in-law tongue). This plant has long, narrow, erect leaves, sometimes mottled or variegated. It does best in good light but endures poor light, low humidity and erratic watering.

Don't overwater this native of Africa, which likes a planting mix of equal parts of vermiculite or perlite, good garden soil, and humus or peat moss. Let plant dry between waterings. Philodendron. It tolerates moisture fluctuations but should be kept fairly moist. Available with leaves of many sizes and shapes. In its native South America it is a tree climber, though not all varieties climb.

Some plants have split leaves. It survives conditions in homes, including low humidity and high tem-

Plants provide natural indoor air purifiers

By Margaret Roach
Newsday

NEW YORK — The best indoor air purifier on the market costs about \$1.79 at the five-and-dime.

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Ken Druse knew none of that when he installed numerous such devices in his New York home. Neither did Elvin McDonald, when he

settled into a Manhattan high-rise 20 years ago. The research report confirming the efficacy of those indoor air purifiers hadn't even been published.

But Druse and McDonald didn't need science: They simply could not live without houseplants.

"They make my environment alive," says Druse, garden editor of House Beautiful magazine and leading garden author and photographer.

"They are living sculpture; I can't imagine a home without them."

"They just make the air seem more alive to me," says McDonald, director of special projects at Brooklyn Botanic Garden. For 15

years he has written the twice-weekly syndicated column "Plants in the Home."

The instincts of such devoted plant people were affirmed recently when more than a decade of research was published by Bill Wolverton, a former National Aeronautics and Space Administration scientist.

Wolverton studied plants to help solve the agency's challenge of cleaning recirculated air in the confines of future space habitats.

What he found was that common foliage houseplants and the soil they are potted in team up to help remove toxins from the air — toxins our lungs and organs would otherwise absorb.

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temperatures. Spray leaves weekly. Feed monthly with complete plant food. Pinching ends will force branching.

• Devil's ivy (Scindapsis, Pothos). Resembling heart-shaped philodendron, it has vine tendencies. Leaves are dark green, usually with

yellow or cream-colored variegations.

It also tolerates poor light and erratic watering. Pothos needs rich humus — or — organic — soil — and good drainage.

• Dracaena (corn plant). Has long, narrow, sword-shaped leaves with a

stalk not quite as thick as corn. The foliage is rich green and arching, with bands of light green and yellow.

— Give it a place above the kitchen sink where it will get moisture. It thrives in full light but is suitable for a northern window. Don't overwater, but keep soil moist. Keep the plant in a saucer of gravel with a little water. This native of tropical Africa enjoys a warm temperature — 80 to 85 degrees by day and 62 to 65 degrees at night.

• Spider plant (Chlorophyllum, airplane plant). Characterized by

long drooping white-striped leaves, it produces small plants on stems after flowering.

Some varieties have yellow or ivory stripes.

Other names for this tropical herb of the lily family are ribbon and plane. It likes lots of light but not direct sunshine. You can divide the roots, but it is easier to propagate by removing the plantlets from the parent.

• Ponytail palm (Beaucarnea, elephant foot). It stores water in the base of its swollen stem. Needs bright light to develop well.

• Wandering jew (Tradescantia, inch plant). Vining plant with small leaves often used in hanging containers.

It is durable, but vines become stringy and occasionally must be renewed by starting new plants from easily-rooted cuttings.

• Fern. There are about 10,000 varieties of this graceful plant. It usually likes a temperature of about 75 degrees.

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Hearty fruit trees possible with some work

By Suzanne Huxhold
Times-News correspondent

BLISS - Caring for fruit trees in a backyard container or a backlot orchard does not have to be shrouded in mystery.

Manning fruit trees does, however, take a little work. The difference between a well-tended apple tree and a forgotten one is not in its appearance, but in its quality and quantity of fruit as well.

Three kinds of fruit trees are available today: standard, semi-dwarf and dwarf. A standard tree, too large for most home gardeners, grows up to 40 feet, though for best yield, they should be kept pruned at 20 feet. Standard trees yield heavy crops at maturity, but may take a few years before bearing. As a bonus, if you have the room, they make for livable edible shade. Plant them about 35 feet apart.

Dwarf and semi-dwarf trees are standards that have been grafted onto rootstocks to control their size. A dwarf tree is easy to prune, spray and

pick and will not grow any higher than 12 feet. In addition, a dwarf will bear fruit the first year, though the yield will be about half that of a standard tree. Plant dwarf trees 10 feet apart.

A semi-dwarf tree will bear after two or three years and will reach between 12 and 16 feet. The yields on a semi-dwarf are about what you'd expect, not so heavy as a standard, but slightly better than a dwarf. Plant them 20 feet apart.

Once you've chosen the right size, decide what type of fruit tree you want. Tender apricots in August may sound delicious, but think about the weather in your area first. What grows great in Hagerman may never bloom out in Halley. Many area orchardists have known the pain of seeing a bounty of blossoming freeze before a single fruit is set.

Learn about the insects in your area. Many local communities spray peach trees in the spring to help control leaf curlers, a pest to watch for. Contact your local Agricultural Extension agent for information on

frost dates and local insect management programs. The agent will also be able to help you identify insects and diseases you don't recognize.

Dormant oil spray will help to control many insects, as will sticky traps hung in the branches of trees. Both are available at most Magic Valley nurseries and by mail order. Spray dormant oil before new growth in the spring at a time when the temperature is expected to be above 40 degrees for 24 hours. Dormant oil spray will also help control leaf curl and scale on many fruits.

Good management of the orchard will keep down the number of insects and pests on your trees. If you mulch your trees for weed control, change the mulch every year, and clear it completely away from tree trunks in August to keep mice from burrowing in and eating the bark during the winter.

If you grow grass around your trees, keep it mowed to reduce the humidity that causes fungal diseases like flyspeck and spiny blotch. Keep grass away from the trunks of dwarf

trees completely. Look around the perimeter of your orchard. Old trees and dead or diseased branches lying around will increase the incidence of coddling moth, as will rotted fruit dropped from the trees.

Thin fruit when fruits are 1/3 in diameter. A general rule of thumb is to thin apples to 8 inches apart; peaches and nectarines to 6 inches; and apricots to 4 inches. Pears, plums and European cherries do not normally require thinning.

Pruning trees is simple once you get the hang of it. Get a good book on pruning, or ask your nursery expert for advice.

A favorite piece of wisdom suggests you prune a tree so that a bird can fly through it without slowing down. That may or may not be true, depending on the size of the tree and the size of the bird. In general though, prune exposed branches and branches that shoot straight up, and try to branch out at a Christmas-tree shape with several tiers of strong, main branches.

Books help successful gardeners

The Associated Press

How to make gardens in a bottle, train indoor bonsai, and select and maintain houseplants will thrive in your home environment are some of subjects covered in "The RD Home Handbook of Houseplants" from Reader's Digest.

An gazetteer of popular houseplants, information about maintenance, propagation, potting, and common plant problems also are included. Illustrations will give indoor gardeners ideas about how to decorate with plants.

Also from Reader's Digest is an updated version of its "Illustrated Guide to Gardening," a comprehensive guide for the home gardener, including step-by-step instructions on growing nearly any plant and controlling pests, diseases and weeds. The book carries a number of charts to help choose, grow, and propagate plants and to learn about new varieties.

"The Simple Art of Planting a Tree: Healing Your Neighborhood, Your City, and Your World" (Greenleaf Publishing, Inc.) by Andy and Katie Lipkin is an activist's guide to improving community life and the environment through tree-planting. A project of Tree People, a Beverly Hills, Calif., activist group, the book includes information about organizing the community and getting attention through events and publicity as well as the practical side of planting trees.

The irritating insect also a vital element of earth's environment

By Earl Aroszon
The Associated Press

Don't go around swatting every insect you see. It may be a friend. Among all the animals in the world, about seven out of 10 are insects, says Dr. Horace Burke, a longtime insect researcher at the Texas Agricultural Station.

Most people, he says, go on a killing rampage when they see insects.

"I don't kill them," Burke says. "Well, maybe if it's a flea, I would. Even for an entomologist, there are certain insects we would rather not be associated with."

Except for the flea, Burke looks for the good in bugs and finds a lot of it. He would argue that except for the flea, humans could not exist without insects pollinating flowers, eating pesky bugs, feeding larger animals, or devouring carrion. Humankind needs insects, he says.

"When you take a group of organisms out, it changes another. Either we couldn't live without them or if we did, it would be a different world."

He estimates there were some 750,000 known species of insects in the world and thinks perhaps another 10 million are yet to be identified. "Regardless of whether they bite, transmit diseases, look pretty or suck the blood of your dog," there is great diversity, says Burke, a taxonomist for Texas A&M University's one-million-specimen insect collection.

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— Horace Burke, insect researcher.

insects, the boll weevils, 'screw-worms and mosquitos. We never hear the other side."

Insects, he points out, pollinate billions of dollars worth of crops every year in the United States.

"Bees and other insects are valued at \$19 billion a year for their pollinating activities. I don't think anyone doubts the value of them."

Many non-crop plants also depend heavily on pollinating insects, he adds. The yucca, for example depends entirely on the yucca moth to reproduce.

No dollar value has been determined for the predator and parasite insects, Burke adds, but such insects act as a natural control for more damaging insects.

Many species of flies and wasps grow up feeding on caterpillar bodies, for example. Control of the citrus blackfly and the sugarcane borer has been accomplished by parasitic insects.

Researchers are seeking an effective parasite for wheat aphids and the boll weevil. Ladybugs are welcome in gardens.

"For some larger animals, Burke says, "insects are a very large percentage of their food."

"Toads are valuable in home gardens for the number of insects they eat," adds Dr. Jim Dixon, wildlife researcher.

Insects also serve as scavengers, according to Burke. "They are disposal units. They reduce carrion and garbage. They break down wood, too, and are decomposers of animal bodies. In this way they serve humans."

Several types of beetles crave animal or vegetative matter. Dung beetles bury cattle manure, and that reduces fly problems, he adds.

"Some insects are simply pretty," Burke notes a trend in for certain plants to attract butterflies. There are butterfly houses (zoos) in several areas.

"Insects are wonderfully complex regardless of what they do," Burke says.

"A little gnat or fly has such a complex life. It's fascinating that they can be very small but unbelievably complicated."

So before you swat or spray, properly identify insects, Burke advises.

"Don't kill your friends. Determine what it is first."

What does it do? What does it feed on? Is it injurious? You might find it's not something you should be concerned about controlling."

Burpee has ideas for constant blooms

The Associated Press

For colorful, continuous blooms from summer to fall, plant marigolds, zinnias and celosia in sunny areas of your garden and impatiens in shady spots.

The people at Burpee Seed suggest that for variety, add some ageratum, allysum, fibrous-rooted begonia, daisy and lobelia for edgings; geranium and petunias for mass plantings and window boxes; or salvia for red and blue accents.

There is a wide selection of sun-loving marigolds, small French varieties, large-flowered Americans and crosses.

Some flower rapidly, starting to bloom five to seven weeks after you sow seeds. The plants will look better if you remove faded flower heads from the triplid hybrid marigolds, but it isn't necessary to keep them blooming. They cannot reproduce, and all the energy used in forming seeds is channeled into more blossoms.

Zinnias, vying in popularity with marigolds for display in the sun, are quite versatile with a wide selection of colors. They

range in size from aptly named humbels, with 1/4 inch flowers, to tall hybrids and jumbos with thick, ruffled flowers 5 to 7 inches across.

They're fine for cutting and for border background.

Newer varieties are mildew- and weather-resistant. Celosia, both crested cockscomb and plumed types, have gained in popularity in recent years, says the company. There are red, apricot, gold, bronze and other shades. Height ranges from 6 inches to 3 feet.

There are cockscombs with heads 10 inches across and varieties with small heads. Cut and dry some in summer and arrange them with your sunflowers.

Impatiens offer luminous flow-ers for less sunny areas and window boxes.

They are attractive in containers on balconies and porches. There are many hybrids, uniform and vigorous. They'll bloom until frost. In southern frost-free areas they'll bloom all winter.

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Druse, the House Beautiful editor, staggers his collections of unusual large-leaved philodendron, cycads and other plants in a series of different heights, extending the arrangement well out from the windows.

Ratatouille 'grows' outside

The Associated Press

The tastiest ratatouille comes from ingredients grown in a kitchen garden near your door.

Most recipes will use these vegetables:

- Zucchini. The summer squash grows green, yellow, gray and black. Pick them as they ripen so the vine can concentrate on new fruit. Many plants use lots of space; trim long runners after the fruit has set.

- Eggplant. Most familiar in purple, this vegetable also comes in sweeter white-fleshed varieties, in white and purple streaks, and even green or red.

They can be as small as an egg or as big as a football. Plant them 10 days after the last frost. Harvest them with clippers while young, tender, and shiny.

- Tomato. They're red, of course, but they're orange-yellow and green, too, in many sizes and shapes. Plant them after the last frost, when evening temperatures hit 55 degrees. Set tall varieties at the side of the garden so they won't shadow other plants.

They should be planted deep into the ground so leaves are just above soil level.

- Peppers. Finger-shaped or bells; green, red,

yellow or orange; sweet or hot, grow these to your tastes. Don't set out transplants until night temperatures are consistently above 55 degrees. Harvest them with pruning shears or a knife.

Onions. They grow beneath the soil as the weather warms, with leafy tops to show their location. Once the tops begin to yellow and fall over, the onions are ready to harvest by pulling up. Dry them in the sun for three or four days, then store in mesh bags in a cool, ventilated place.

- Garlic. A relative of the onion, garlic should be planted in the fall. Harvest clove clusters much the same way as onions.

Vegetables should be planted in a spot which receives at least six hours of sunlight each day. The site should be well drained and close to the house for easy maintenance and harvest.

Canadian Spaghnum Peat Moss recommends soil that is at least one-third organic matter and says its peat moss will hold 20 times its weight in water, releasing it slowly to nourish the plants.

It binds sand, thereby reducing leaching of fertilizers, and aerates clay, giving roots room to grow. Dig the garden bed to a depth of 8 to 12 inches. Mix in a ratio of one part peat moss and two parts soil.

Vegetable gardens should get at least an-inch of



AP Wirephoto

Squash, tomatoes, eggplants, onions and garlic - all ingredients for ratatouille - are basics in a convenient kitchen garden.

water each week. If insufficient rainfall leaves ground dry to the touch, give the garden a deep, penetrating soaking. Organic fertilizers should be added before tilling, so the nutrients will be, well mixed in with the soil.

How sweet they can be: Those tasty cucumbers

The Associated Press

Why are your cucumbers bitter? It could be cool weather, drought conditions or inadequate irrigation during fruit enlargement, low soil fertility, insect damage or disease.

Wild cucumbers contain compounds, called cucurbitacins, that make them very bitter. These occur in leaves, stems and roots and are likely to be concentrated at the stem rather than the blossom end of the fruit. Bitterness usually is found in the skin or directly beneath the skin but not deep in the fleshy portion around the seeds.

Horticulturists say the amount of bitterness in a particular variety of cucumber may vary from year to year, even if grown in the same area. Some varieties seem to have a greater ten-

dency toward bitterness than others. If bitterness has been a problem, try some of the newer cucumbers, like the "burpless," or change the planting location.

Cucumbers like warm temperatures and lots of sun - no less than 6 hours of full sunlight daily.

They need plenty of moisture or the misshapen fruit, called nubbins, will be bitter.

Uniform moisture is essential for good production, form and taste. During dry periods, water thoroughly every two or three days. A side dressing of garden fertilizer around hills after cucumbers begin to flower and set fruit helps keep plants growing and producing actively. Also be sure to control cucumber beetles, which spread bacterial wilt disease.

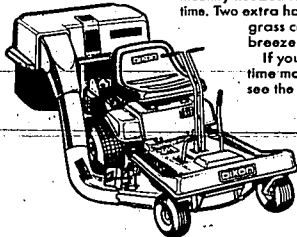
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Sprinkling water saved by device

By Nick Harder
Orange County Register

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Dana Kellenberger of Mission Viejo has invented a device he calls the Limiter. It is a brass fitting installed with a screwdriver into the T or elbow just below the riser. The Limiter helps a homeowner in two ways: It reduces the amount of water escaping from a broken sprinkler head, and it provides for easy removal of a broken head. Perhaps the best aspect of the device is the hassle. It can save when a sprinkler head "does break." If you don't have a special tool to remove the broken sprinkler, you often have to dig around it. Then you try to grab a piece of the stem with a pair of pliers maneuver the stem around and pull it out. Because the Limiter has a deep slot in its top, the broken stem is no problem. Simply insert the screwdriver down through the stem, into the slot, and turn the screwdriver.

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How to start a Vegetable garden indoors

You can gain up to 10 weeks' growing time for some vegetables by starting them indoors.

Planting seeds

1 Fill container with moist soil; level the soil



2 Sprinkle seeds or put in rows; cover seeds with moist soil 3 to 4 times their diameter



3 Cover to keep light out; moisture in; do not water until seeds sprout



4 Keep warm, away from drafts; do not put on windowsill



Options for planting

Soil

- Sterilized potting soil
- Peat moss and sand
- Peat moss and vermiculite

Containers

- Trays and flats
- Fruit cartons
- Dishpans
- Peat pots
- Tin cans
- Foam cups
- Clay or plastic pots

Care of seedlings

Lots of light
Once seeds sprout, put pots by sunny window or under fluorescent lights

Water from the bottom
Prevents damaging seedlings. Fill sink or pan with two inches of water; put seedling container in water until soil is wet

"Harden off" young plants

Indoor plants need to get used to the outdoors gradually.

Put seedlings outdoors for increasing amount of sun each day; take them in at night. After about a week, seedlings can be transplanted.

OR
Put seedlings in cold frame; open it during the day, close lid at night

SOURCE: "Joy of Gardening," by Dick Raymond; "Roadside Digest Illustrated Guide to Gardening," "Better Homes and Gardens New Garden Book"; Research by PAT CARR

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When to sow seeds	Weeks before, last frost	Weeks to sprout	When to plant outside
Leeks	10-12	2-3	Mid to late spring
Peppers	8-10	1-2	Mid to late spring
Eggplant	8-9	2-3	Mid to late spring
Tomatoes	6-8	2-3	Mid to late spring
Onions (globe)	8-9	2-3	Mid to late spring
Cabbage	5-8	1-2	After frost, late summer
Cauliflower	6-8	1-2	After frost, late summer
Broccoli	5-7	1-2	After frost
Brussels sprouts	4-8	1-2	After frost
Head lettuce	3-5	1-2	After frost
Cucumbers	2-3	1-2	Two weeks after frost

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All-season tips for flowers, vegetables

The Associated Press

Winter, when many plants are dormant and leafless, is a good time to prune and shape a number of trees and shrubs. Spring-flowering shrubs should be pruned only after they have flowered to avoid cutting off the flower buds. In pruning, cut only dead wood — gray and dry with no new growth. Look for old wood low and inside on the plant; living wood will have a greenish, moist and yellowish cast. Its buds will be flat and pointed and will open into new growth, or fat and round, later bursting into bloom.

Deep watering is essential one or twice a week when rain is inadequate.

Drip irrigation devices are more efficient than sprinklers for this watering, since it feeds directly into the soil, is precise, uniform and avoids water loss through evaporation. Sprinkling can take two- or more hours to effectively water a 25-foot-square plot.

That crusty white residue on the soil of your house plant is probably a harmful buildup of fertilizer salts. Leach them out by watering the plant heavily and allowing excess water and residues to drain off.

Here are prime times to pick harvest vegetables for best flavor, texture, color and nutritional value:

Lettuce: Early in the day when a loose-leaf variety plant has at least five or six mature leaves or when the center of a head types begins to feel firm.

Sweet corn: About 18 days after silk appears, when it is dried and brown, and the ears feel full and tilts slightly away from the stalk. Kernels should be plump.

Tomatoes: When color is developed but fruit is still firm. Or hold partially ripened fruit at room temperature to complete ripening.

Green beans: In the morning, when pods are about 4 or 5 inches long and developed but before seeds swell. Pods should snap when broken.

Petunias are ideal for containers, such as hanging baskets. Select a variety suitable for vining, such as Cascade or Avalanche. Pinch petunias in mid-summer for better growth and improved fall flowering.

The rutabaga is a cool season crop, grown similarly to turnips. Plant seeds in midsummer in rows 24 to 30 inches apart and space seedlings 6 to 8 inches apart. Roots will reach maturity in September and October. Store them in low temperature and high humidity.

Canning techniques have been improved

The Associated Press

Preserving your own summer produce for winter use is as old as the ages, but new techniques make it a smart, modern practice.

"New varieties of crops and less-er-known vegetables and fruits that are gaining popularity with home gardeners offer a multitude of creative preserving possibilities," says nutritionist Gail L. Becker.

Some tips for home canners:

- Don't change or substitute ingredients in canning recipes.
- Fruits and vegetables differ in their acidity, and reducing acid con-

tent can cause spoilage. Sugar and salt, called for in many recipes, are traditional preservatives.

Use only jars, lids and bands intended for home canning. Make sure they are free of chips, cracks or other defects.

Don't use recipes or procedures from old cookbooks, since safe canning techniques may have been updated since their publication.

A good source of current information is your local cooperative extension agent.

Don't deviate from processing

times specified in recipes. And when processing is completed, remove the jars immediately and let them cool on a rack or dish towel away from drafts.

When jars are completely cool — in about 12 hours — check the seals.

Jars with flat metal lids are sealed if the lid has popped down in the center, does not move when pressed down and gives a clear ring sound when tapped with a spoon.

If the jar isn't properly sealed, refrigerate or freeze the contents. Becker, who serves as a consul-

tant to Sweet 'N Low, says that the diet sweetener is heat stable and can be used to preserve your own low-calorie, sugar-reduced preserves, spreads and relishes.

Recipes and canning, preserving and freezing tips for these are included in "Preserving the Bounty, Conserving the Calories," published by the company and tested by the Pennsylvania State University College of Agriculture.

For a booklet, send \$1.50 to Cumberland Packing Corp., Dept. PTB, 60 Flushing Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11205.

Researchers learn how to measure aroma of tomato

The Associated Press

A vine-ripened tomato begins to lose its aroma about three minutes after you slice it, so don't cut into it unless you plan to eat it right away.

"That why the tomato you put in your sandwich when you're packing your lunch in the morning has little fresh tomato flavor by noon," says Dr. Ronald G. Buttery of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Research Service. He is studying the secrets of fresh tomato aroma.

Buttery confirms the advice not to store tomatoes in the refrigerator.

He says tomatoes kept refrigerated for seven days in laboratory experiments had less of the aroma-imparting chemical than did tomatoes kept at room temperature.

"Even some tomatoes that were originally picked and shipped long before they were ripe, but were later allowed to ripen naturally at room temperature, had about the

same amount of key aroma chemicals as freshly picked, vine-ripened tomatoes," he says.

Buttery's research at the USDA's Albany, Calif., Center could result in new varieties that have the rich, sweet taste of a vine-ripened harvest, yet are hardy enough to withstand shipment from grower to market.

Commercially grown tomatoes typically are picked before they are ripe because that's when they are firm enough to survive shipment.

Scientists have known for at least 15 years the identities of many of the tomato chemicals that play a key role in tomato aroma and flavor, but until now no laboratory technique was available to measure the levels.

"We're looking at aroma chemicals because aroma is the most important part of flavor," Buttery says.

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Catalogs plant the seeds of organization

By Margaret Roach Newsday

When it comes to things horticultural, I lose all restraint. It is time to order seeds, but I don't want to be misled. Between the pages of flashy new pansies and yet another wave of fancy salad subjects, what I see is the stuff. The catalogs are brimming with gadgets and gear I simply cannot garden without... or at least I have somehow convinced myself this is true so that in sending away for every last one I will feel a sense of entitlement, not guilt.

I don't really need any seeds, anyhow — of that much I'm certain. My growing collection of partially used seed packets is certainly welcome some organization, though. There is something decidedly un-together about a refrigerator vegetable crisper full of overstuffed zipper-lock plastic bags.

Catalogs to the rescue, with the introduction of what look like file cabinets for your seeds. For the budget-minded among us, from Thompson & Morgan there is The Seed Organizer, just \$2.95 (or free when you buy 14 packets of T&M seed). This one promises to hold all your seed-starting gear, but in my case, I think I'd better order about a dozen separate cases to accommodate my needs. T&M's version includes labels, a pencil, a reference booklet on germination times and four small domed propagator trays to get you up and growing.

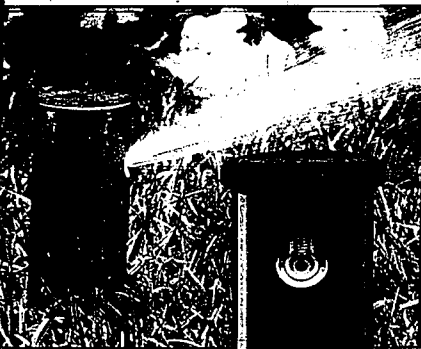
The high end of this concept is embodied by the Seed Saver Seed File, a rugged, letter-sized file box complete with labeled hanging plastic resealable envelopes. The Seed File is \$29.95 postpaid and is big enough to stash reference material and other essential equipment to help you in seed starting, too. It looks big enough for even the most enthusiastic of seed freaks, but maybe I had better order one for vegetables and one for flowers, just to be safe.

I always mean to keep things orderly in my garden, I really do. But somehow there is always some creature that gets neglected and ends up growing horizontally, or worse, I mean to gather brush to hold the sugar peas up, and erect another trellis for the cukes, I really do, but then I don't. Perhaps a clear mental image of my vegetable garden late last August, planted like a manna in my mind, will be enough to prompt me to place an early order for some plant supports. There are endless variations on this theme in the pages of the 1991 catalogs.

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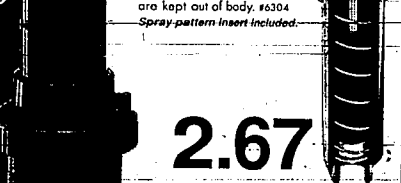
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Marketer: Keep an eye on cactus parts

Cactus fruit and leaves could become popular foods for the 1990s, says a California marketer who helped popularize kiwi fruit.

"Karen Caplan of Los Angeles told the Texas-A&M Cactus Conference that "the fruit of cactus is small, oval-shaped and comes in green, orange and red varieties. It is sweet and has a watermelon-like taste."

"She said taste is "the buzzword" for the 1990s, and advised development of varieties that have unified and tasty leaves.

New Sta-Green turf needs less mowing

A dwarf-type tall fescue turf that requires up to 50 percent less mowing with fewer clippings has been introduced by Sta-Green Plant Food Co.

Called Sta-Green Bonsai, its deep-root system affords it drought tolerance equal to or better than other tall fescues, according to the company. The firm also has a new fertilizer called Green-Kote, which is coated with a thin layer of nutrient.

Aquatic weed killer lethal within days

An aquatic weed killer to deal with more than 60 species of emergent grasses and brush on lakefronts or ponds has been introduced by Monsanto.

Called Pondmaster, it contains glyphosate, used for years by farmers, golf greens professionals and homeowners.

The product is sprayed on emergent grasses, which absorb it through their leafy parts and into their systems. Within days, the weed will wither and die, roots and all.

Company has spray for green lawns

Now there is Lawn Makeup, a biodegradable water-based spray with colorants in shades matching houseplants, ornamentals, plants, hedges, trees and lawns to mask brown spots in the lawn.

The maker, Kord Products of Bromades, Ontario, Can., says the colorants are environmentally safe and won't wash off.

"The concept originated when it was discovered that people were using paint, which killed the grass, to correct brown spots on lawns," a company spokesman says.

Borax great for preserving flowers

You can dry flowers for yearlong enjoyment with borax, according to the makers of 20 Mule Team Borax.

They advise cutting blooms that are fairly free from surface moisture. Then, with stem attached — or removed below the base of the calyx — lower each into a shoe box that has been sprinkled with a mixture of either two parts borax and one part of dry white sand, or one part borax and two parts corn meal (no more than two flowers per box). Gently cover the flower with more mixture, making sure not to crush or distort the petals. If the flower has overlapping petals, sprinkle mixture directly into the blossom before putting it into the box. The flowers should be completely covered, with no air space. Seal the box with tape and store at room temperature for seven to 10 days.

Compiled from wire reports

The big sleep

USDA researcher gassing seeds to boost their ability to survive

The Associated Press

Seeds are being put to sleep with laughing gas, or nitrous oxide, in experiments seeking newer and better ways to preserve them.

Dr. Sharon Sowa of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Research Service describes her work at the National Seed Storage Laboratory in Fort Collins, Colo., as "insurance against seed extinction and keeping them available to breed agricultural plants for drought tolerance, disease resistance and other traits."

Sowa, a chemist, slowed respiration of cell components in snap beans by 35 percent, by anesthetizing them with blown air that was 80 percent nitrous oxide.

Thirty minutes later, she revived them from their nap. She reports they germinated normally.

Her goal is to find a way to safely keep hard-to-store seeds.

That way may be "to treat seeds someday much like doctors treat their patients in surgery," by slowing life processes within the seeds.

She says most seeds can be stored safely either in temperature-controlled rooms or frozen in liquid nitrogen, but not those from tropical and subtropical plants, such as passion fruit and macadamia nuts.

"We also are looking for ways to store seeds for citrus and other tree crops. Currently we must keep trees growing in orchards if we want to preserve their unique genetic traits for future breeding experiments."

The Colorado laboratory keeps and preserves 240,000 accessions in cold storage.

Limited numbers of seeds are sent out on request to plant breeders and scientists throughout the world.

Home-built cold frames give young gardens chance to grow

By Bill Barry
The Baltimore Sun

Building a cold frame is a cheap and clever step to improve your garden in its earliest stages.

Planting flower and vegetable seeds in a cold frame, where they are protected from cold spring winds, helps speed their germination. Also, the cold frame serves as a way station for tender seedlings, started indoors, which cannot stand the shock of going directly from a warm house to a cold garden.

The most valuable element in the cold frame is an old-wooden storm window with its glass intact. Look around your neighborhood, especially if a homeowner has recently added aluminum windows, and beg

or borrow a discarded storm window. (It is even worth it to replace a window's broken glass, considering you will be using the cold frame for years.)

All you need to do is build a wooden frame beneath the storm window, attach a few hinges, and you are ready to go.

The frame itself is a rectangular structure and should be constructed to fit the dimensions of the storm window, leaving a half-inch overhang in the front so you can easily lift the window. The rear wall is a piece of 1-by-10, the front rail is a piece of 1-by-4, while the sides also use 1-by-10, cut at an angle so that the four corners match up.

Scrap lumber will do. For a cold

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Sharon Sowa prepares to anesthetize bean seedling extracts.

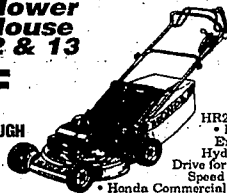
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Use a little tender loving care for successful, easy gardening

By Mike Klingaman
The Baltimore Sun

Starting a garden is a lot like buying a puppy. The whole family wants to help at first, until they learn how much time and effort it involves. Then everyone heels out, leaving mom or dad to do the work.

Like puppies, gardens need to be fed, watered and groomed. Invariably, both grow bigger over the years. And both poach and plot often find a fence to protect them.

In short, planting a vegetable garden is reasonably easy; maintaining it is not. First-time gardeners should

know the challenges — and pitfalls — facing them before digging up the lawn.

But gardening needn't be a discouraging experience. Anyone can enjoy moderate success growing their own food by following a few basic rules.

Prepare the soil. Make it rich and loamy. Be a cheerleader for your vegetable plants. Give them something to root for. Soil preparation is 90 percent of gardening success. Have your soil tested, and follow the fertilizing tips of your local Co-operative Extension Service. Con-

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Tools help seniors in garden

The Associated Press

Senior citizens are gardening longer with the aid of new tools.

Many elderly or handicapped gardeners with creaky joints or physical disabilities can use lightweight and special tools, including stools that balance on wheels so they can ride along garden rows. There are rubber knee pads that ease the strain of kneeling on the ground.

The Burpee Company has developed a line of garden tools especially for senior citizens and people with back problems. Horticulturist Steve Frowine of Burpee said the line was prompted by numerous letters saying things like "You woff't be getting an order from me this year. My arthritis got so bad I can't do any more gardening."

Some of the tools have heads that work at a special angle, anchoring in the soil without the need to lift

with each stroke. Instead of hacking and chopping, wearing out your arms and back, Frowine says, "you just push the tool along the ground, or pull it as you walk, or use an easy push-pull motion."

The handle snaps onto more than a dozen interchangeable tool heads, meaning less weight to carry and less bulk to store. Handles are longer than usual, so most of the gardening is done standing upright, not bending over.

There also are power cultivators — automatic seeders that also make the later task of thinning seedlings easier. A rake attachment helps cover seeds with fine soil. Other work savers are an edge trimmer and a tree trimmer.

Mulching and use of drip irrigation simplify garden tasks. Some other ideas for easier gardening: Choose plants that are easy to grow, including marigolds, cornflowers, zucchini squash and chard. Grow tomatoes in wire cages rather than on stakes.

Sensibility needed in rearranging garden

The Associated Press

You want to rearrange your garden.

Perhaps you want a garden that's smaller or easier to tend. Or you want to install a pond.

"The best place to plan a garden is sitting in it," says Wim Oudshoorn (pronounced Oot-shoorn), a Dutch gardening expert. He suggests:

- Make a scale plan of your garden on paper, including a view of your current and proposed garden. Leave some space in the margins for notes, including plant names.

- Note how the light shifts in your garden. Light requirements of individual plants differ considerably. Plot the sun's path if you are unfamiliar with the garden you are renovating. Consider whether you want your sp-

ring area in a shady or sunny spot.

- Make sensible planting choices. Not everything in the garden must be moved or removed. Build your new plan around the nice points of the existing garden. For example, a beautiful shrub and nice paved path can form the basis for a new plan.

- Consult family members. The garden is a place for the whole family to enjoy.

- Sketches and overlays can be helpful. Include in your sketches large trees or walls as a background. Sketch the elements you plan to add on tracing paper, then lay the sketches over your base drawings to visualize how the elements will work together.

- Make sure plants selected will do well in your climate. Nurseries and responsible mail order nurseries

can recommend proper plants for your climate zone. If in doubt, call your county agricultural extension agent.

- Use trees, shrubs and fences as the framework for your garden. Against that backdrop, lay out your major plantings. Allow bulbs and tubers to dominate in spring, but showcase perennials in summer. Use summer-flowering bulbs to accent, highlight and support the perennials. Annuals are the logical follow up in spring display areas.

- Don't forget the vertical landscape. Tall plants, ivy and flowering vines along walls and fences take up little space and offer big rewards.

- Oudshoorn, a consultant to the Dutch flower bulb industry, also recommends potted plants as accents in gardens, on terraces or decks.

Tender

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sider organic fertilizers, such as bloodmeal and rock phosphate, as an alternative to granular chemical fertilizers. Organic additives are more expensive, but they promote beneficial microorganisms in the soil. Chemicals do not.

Ask neighbors what grows best

for them. Chances are your soils, and garden pests, are similar. Like aphids. And kids.

Start with a small garden. A 10-by-10 foot plot is fine for beginners, particularly if you are digging by hand and the ground has never been worked.

Stick to plants that are easy to grow, such as tomatoes, lettuce and

beans. Forget about finicky crops such as cauliflower, eggplant and celery. Beginners need confidence more than they need cauliflower. And forget about growing corn, unless your garden is big.

Draw up a garden plan and try to stick to it, so you're not overrun with squash and spinach but short of broccoli and beets.

Frame

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frame to match a 4-by-24-foot storm window, you need to salvage 10 feet of 1-by-10 and a 4-foot piece of 1-by-4.

After cutting the boards, secure each of the four corners with a set of 24-inch hinges, with removable pins. Place the hinges on the inside of the frame to keep them from rusting.

Next, staple a strip of felt insulation all around the top edge of the frame, upon which the window sits, to seal the cold frame and protect it from drafts. Attach the storm window to the rear wall with a set of wide strap hinges and weatherproof the frame with a coat of exterior house paint or weatherproofing. The total cost ranges from nothing if you have sufficient scrap material, to about \$25 if you have to buy all the lumber and hinges.

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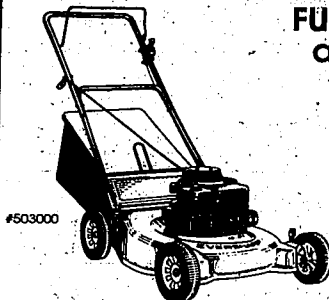
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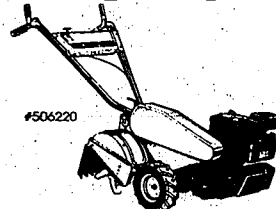
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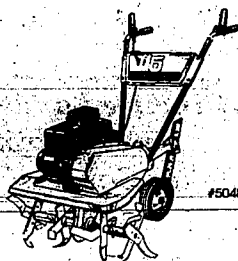
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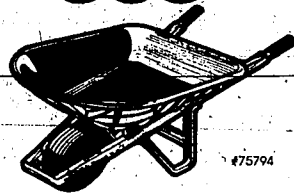
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