

Good morning

Today's forecast:
Light winds, variable high cloudiness and highs in the mid-60s to near 70. Lows in the mid-30s.
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Defends committee

The regional head of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare has defended the composition of a committee he appointed to investigate the circumstances surrounding the beating death of a toddler in January.
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Tradition ends

The Union Pacific Railroad, a part of Shoshone since before statehood, got permission from the Idaho Public Utilities Committee Wednesday to leave town.
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Tyson to be sentenced today

Judge Patricia J. Gifford could suspend all or part of a sentence of as many as 60 years in prison for Mike Tyson, convicted Feb. 10 of three rape-related felonies. The prosecution is asking that the former heavyweight champion serve a six- to 10-year sentence.
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Sutton returns to Lexington

Edgar Sutton, the College of Southern Idaho's first basketball coach, takes Oklahoma State into the Southeast regional at the same site he left in near disgrace three years ago.
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Regulations change

Big game hunters in Region 4 might be facing a change in the way they conduct their approach. Public hearings will address the issue.
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Calling all coyotes

When hunting coyotes, the call used to attract the species is only part of an otherwise deliberate process.
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To do, or not to do

Idaho's lawmakers have an opportunity this year to move boldly forward on restructuring the state's education system, today's editorial says. Or they can have another study.
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Living trusts defended

A man whose company sells "prepaid legal services" takes exception with a *Times-News* story about living trusts. The story unfairly tarred a whole industry, he alleges.
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Nation

Durable goods orders drop

Factory orders for durable goods dropped by 0.1 percent in February, but existing home sales soared as buyers resisted to take advantage of low mortgage rates, reports showed on Wednesday.
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House sustains Bush veto of tax cut

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House on Wednesday sustained President Bush's veto of a Democratic-sponsored middle-income tax cut financed by higher taxes on the well-to-do.

Democratic leaders could not muster even a majority for overriding the veto. The vote was 215-211 against overruling the veto; two-thirds would have been necessary to enact the tax reduction over Bush's veto. The compromise bill had passed Friday by a 211-189 margin.

The veto "is nothing less than a Please see VETO/A2



At a Wednesday conference, Bob Muffley, co-chairman of the Middle Snake River Study Group, invites public comment at a series of upcoming hearings.

Judge frees 2 men after 17 1/2 years

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Two men imprisoned 17 1/2 years for a deputy sheriff's murder were freed Wednesday by a judge who said false evidence was used to convict them. The judge apologized for "gross injustices" the men suffered.

Prosecutors had joined defense lawyers in seeking freedom for the men, saying Los Angeles police coerced witnesses — and suppressed evidence.

Police denied those charges Wednesday and said they still believe the men are guilty.

In an emotional courtroom scene, Superior Court Judge Florence Cooper ordered Clarence Chance, 42, and Benjamin Powell, 44, released.
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Powell

Fixing the Middle Snake

Officials present draft plan to help improve water quality

By N.S. Nokkentved, Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Efforts to save the Snake River from years of abuse may be too late, some say. Even several years of normal or higher than normal flows in the river may not be enough to remove the sediments that the Magic Valley has discharged into the Middle Snake River over the years.

Plants have taken root in those sediments holding them in place so that high flows may not be enough to remove them, scientists said in a videotape shown at a press conference Wednesday.

Undaunted, a group of officials and other interested parties from Twin Falls, Gooding, Jerome and Lincoln counties is working on a plan to fix the river.

Bob Muffley, a Gooding County commissioner and co-chairman of the Middle Snake River Study Group, presented a

draft of that plan at the Wednesday conference. The final version will be written with the public's help, he said.

"The public is the most critical element to the plan," Muffley said. "We want to make sure everybody has a chance to make their concerns known."

Return flows from irrigated agriculture, runoff from dairies and feedlots, fish hatchery effluents, municipal sewage plant discharges — and hydroelectric development have left the river a "weed-choked shadow of its former self," the draft says.

A recent University of Idaho study showed irrigated agriculture as the river's leading sediment contributor.

The plan includes everybody in working out a solution, said Bob Burks, a study group member and Northside Canal Co. board member. People have quit pointing blame at each other and are working together, he said.

But many may have delayed doing anything to clean up the Please see RIVER/A2

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— Bob Muffley, co-chairman of the Middle Snake River Study Group



Soldiers help Russian cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev out of a landing craft near Arkalyk, Kazakhstan, Wednesday after he returned to Earth following 313 days in space.

Cosmonaut returns to changed country

The Associated Press

ARKALYK, Kazakhstan — Cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev needed smelling salts after returning to Earth on Wednesday, and it's no wonder. Not only were his legs wobbly from his 10-month space mission, but he had to cope with the dizzying political upheaval in his homeland.

He and fellow Russian Alexander Volkov — the Soviet Union's last cosmonauts — landed along with a German passenger on the snowy plains of Kazakhstan after being replaced aboard the orbiting Mir space station by a new Russian crew.

Ground workers lifted Krikalev, Volkov and German test pilot Klaus-Dietrich Fiedt from their Soyuz TM-13 capsule, placed

them in chairs, wrapped fur-lined coats around them and gave them hot broth to drink. They wiped their brows and took their blood pressure, and the cosmonauts smiled and waved at photographers.

Krikalev, whose uniform sleeve still bore the letters "U.S.S.R." and the red Soviet flag, emerged last from the capsule.

He was given smelling salts and appeared a bit dizzy as he adjusted to gravity after 313 days in space, although a television report said later he was feeling "marvelous."

When the 34-year-old Krikalev (whose name is pronounced sur-gay kreeck-uh-lawf) blasted off May 18, 1991, the Soviet universe had not yet collapsed. Mikhail S. Gorbachev still was president, the hammer from their Soyuz TM-13 capsule, placed
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Russian scientists offer high-tech goods to members of Congress

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Want to buy the world's biggest rocket? How about a new spacecraft? They're available, cheap, says a group of Russian scientists who made their sales pitch Wednesday to members of the U.S. Congress.

Leaders of the Russian science and engineering community assured the House committee on Science, Space and Technology that, although they once built bombs aimed at the United States, they now seek only cooperation — and business.

"We have stopped being your enemy," said Boris Saltykov, minister of science, advanced education and technology space station Freedom could be accomplished in just a few launches with the Energia, instead of the 17 or 19 missions expected to be required of the Saltykov seemed to bristle when one space shuttle.

congressional question seemed to suggest the Russian scientists were looking to the United States for handouts.

"Russia is not an undeveloped country," he said icily, adding later:

"It is a big mistake to think we are asking for money. This is not a matter of assistance. This is a matter of business."

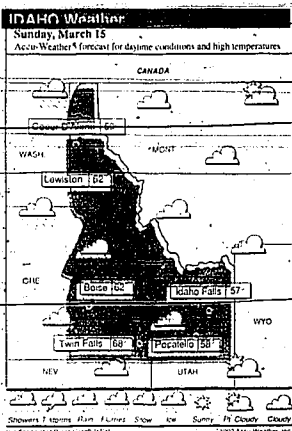
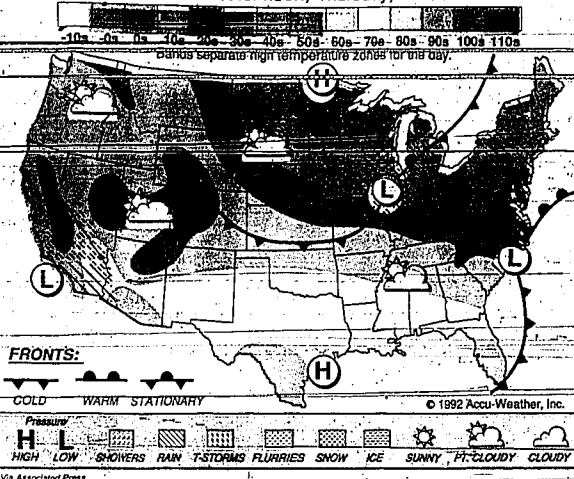
And the Russians said they were ready to deal.

Yuri Koptev, head of the Space Research Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences, said that the Russian launch rocket Energia is the largest in the world, capable of lifting about 105 tons. Putting into orbit the U.S. advanced education and technology space station Freedom could be accomplished in just a few launches with the Energia, instead of the 17 or 19 missions expected to be required of the space shuttle.

Weather

NATIONAL Weather

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Thursday, March 26.



| City | High | Low |
|----------------|------|-------|
| Albuquerque | 66 | 33 |
| Atlanta | 47 | 43.35 |
| Boston | 45 | 27 |
| Chicago | 51 | 42 |
| Dallas | 71 | 45.57 |
| Denver | 59 | 29.05 |
| Des Moines | 57 | 31 |
| Detroit | 45 | 32.09 |
| Honolulu | 82 | 68 |
| Houston | 82 | 58 |
| Indianapolis | 46 | 37.20 |
| Kansas City | 57 | 40.07 |
| Las Vegas | 67 | 46 |
| Los Angeles | 67 | 54 |
| Mamphis | 57 | 50.15 |
| Miami Beach | 73 | 71.06 |
| Milwaukee | 53 | 40.01 |
| Minneapolis | 45 | 32.01 |
| New Orleans | 73 | 54.39 |
| New York | 49 | 32 |
| Oklahoma City | 62 | 40.09 |
| Omaha | 60 | 33.01 |
| Phoenix | 85 | 55 |
| Pittsburgh | 56 | 31 |
| Portland, Me. | 37 | 10 |
| Portland, Ore. | 68 | 40 |
| Reno | 65 | 37 |
| St. Louis | 53 | 45.18 |
| Salt Lake City | 64 | 37 |
| San Francisco | 71 | 57 |
| Seattle | 60 | 41 |
| Spokane | 65 | 35 |
| Washington | 59 | 34 |

Temperatures

Max Min Pcp
 Albuquerque 66 33
 Atlanta 47 43.35
 Boston 45 27
 Chicago 51 42
 Dallas 71 45.57
 Denver 59 29.05
 Des Moines 57 31
 Detroit 45 32.09
 Honolulu 82 68
 Houston 82 58
 Indianapolis 46 37.20
 Kansas City 57 40.07
 Las Vegas 67 46
 Los Angeles 67 54
 Memphis 57 50.15
 Miami Beach 73 71.06
 Milwaukee 53 40.01
 Minneapolis 45 32.01
 New Orleans 73 54.39

Twin Falls

Max Min Pcp
 Boise 62 28
 Burley 68 28
 Hagerman 73 27
 Idaho Falls 59 27
 Lewision 69 37
 McCall 55 21
 Pocatello 61 26
 Salmon 63 25
 Sun Valley 59 15

Forecasts

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding:
 Today and Friday variable high cloudiness. Highs in the mid-60s to near 70. Lows in the low to mid-30s. Light winds today.

Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley:
 Today and Friday mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s to the lower 60s. Lows 20 to 25.

Extended forecast: Southern Idaho - Saturday through Monday, partly cloudy Saturday with only a slight chance of showers west. Mostly cloudy Sunday and Monday with a chance of showers. Highs mid-50s to mid-60s Saturday, cooling to mostly 40s by Monday. Lows in the upper 20s and 30s Saturday, cooling to the mid-20s to mid-30s by Monday.

Northern Utah and Nevada:
 Utah - Today variable clouds with a slight chance of afternoon showers or thunderstorms. Local south winds 10-20 mph. Gusty winds near thunderstorms. Highs in the low to mid-60s. Tonight and Friday mostly cloudy with scattered showers and a few thunderstorms. Gusty winds near thunderstorms. Cooler Friday. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs 55-60. Chance of measurable rain is 20 percent or less today, 30 percent tonight and 50 percent Friday.

Elko County - Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Snow level 6,500 to 7,000 feet. Widely scattered showers and a few thunderstorms today with the snow level 6,500 to 7,000 feet. Chance of showers tonight. Showers ending by Friday. Partly cloudy Friday afternoon. Highs upper 50s to mid-60s west and in the 50s east. Overnight lows mostly in the 30s.

Weather summary

The National Weather Service in Boise says hazy sunshine prevailed once again across the gem state, with the usual fair weather clouds. Scattered light clouds over many locations did not slow solar heating.

Afternoon temperatures still were 10 to 15 degrees warmer than the seasonal normals. The warm weather pattern is expected to hold through today and Friday. But changes on the horizon could bring a few showers and a cooling trend for the weekend.

Temperatures around Idaho Wednesday mostly were from the mid-50s into the 60s. Boise was the hot spot at 68 degrees. Lewiston, Lowell and Mountain Home Air Force Base were all at 66 degrees. Burley had 63, Coeur d'Alene and Mullan 62. Twin Falls and Pocatello at 61 and Idaho Falls and Malad City at 59.

The warmest temperature in the state Wednesday was 73 degrees at Hagerman. Stanley reported the coldest at 13 degrees.

Elsewhere in the nation Wednesday, the highest temperature was 88 degrees at Kingsville, Texas. The lowest was -1 degrees at Houlton, Maine.

Pollen count

27; box elder

Stormy weather hits eastern third of nation

The Associated Press

Rain and storms were scattered over the eastern third of the nation Wednesday, with thunderstorms in the South. Showers and thunderstorms developed in the relatively warm, moist air ahead of an advancing cold front and were scattered from Lower Michigan to the Southeast during the afternoon.

Strong thunderstorms developed over parts of Florida and Louisiana.

Thunderstorms produced large hail at more than half a dozen locations in southeastern Louisiana during the

morning, with hail as big as golf balls reported at Tomas, Zachary, Walker and Prairieville, the National Weather Service said.

Midday thunderstorms over southern Florida produced gust winds to 69 mph at Plantation, the weather service said.

The heaviest rainfall during the six hours up to 1 p.m. EST was 0.87 of an inch at Tallahassee, Fla.

Behind the cold front, strong northwesterly wind ushered cooler air into the north-central part of the nation. Freezing temperatures early Wednesday extended as far south as the Carolinas.

Short, wisecracking actress Walker dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Actress Nancy Walker, the short, wisecracking redhead best known to TV viewers as Rhoda's mother and for hawking 'quicker picker-upper' paper towels, died at her home Wednesday. She was 69 and had battled lung cancer for two years.

Veto

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 declaration of political war against the Congress," said Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., a chief author of the bill. "The real issue is tax fairness" for the middle class, he said.

Bush, in a statement, said the vote indicates broad support for his position in both parties. We don't

tax cut is worth the price of a giant, tax increase."

Earlier Wednesday, in a meeting with Republican congressional leaders, Bush urged "that we go the extra mile to have a strong show of support against this tax and spend legislation."

Bush said he is backed by the American people in his confrontation with the Democratic-dominated Congress. "I don't think there's a single American who feels that I haven't at least tried with the Congress. Every time they turn around they've had something jammed down their throats. But majorities that simply are also aware of politics and want to put in play things that could not help this economy."

River

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 water because to do anything costs money, Burks said.

The four-county plan will give the state Division of Environmental Quality a public mandate as it strives to complete a nutrient management plan to improve the river's water quality. Current water quality violates state law.

"The two will go really well hand in hand," said Tim Litke, director of DEQ's Twin Falls office.

Now the group hopes to stir some interest among all Magic Valley residents with a month-long, four-county publicity campaign kicked off by Wednesday's meeting.

Copies of the draft plan and a 14-minute videotape outlining conditions in the Snake River are available at courthouses, city halls and public libraries in the four counties.

Five public hearings are planned on May 4 in Lincoln County (no time of place set yet); on 7:30 p.m. on May 5 at the Jerome County Courthouse; at 4 and 7:30 p.m. on May 6 at the American Legion Hall in Hagerman; and at 7 p.m. on May 7 in Room 117 of the Shields Building at the College of Southern Idaho, in Twin Falls.

Freed

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 immediately.

Family members embraced the men amid cheers and tears.

"I'm very, very happy. I'm overwhelmed," Powell said as he sorted through a stack of family snapshots.

A weeping Chance said: "It's nice."

The men were convicted in 1975 of murdering off-duty Deputy David Andrews. He was gunned down Dec. 12, 1973, in what police said they believed was a robbery attempt. They were sentenced to life in prison.

Police said in a statement Wednesday that one witness who

said she observed Chance fleeing the scene "remains firm in her conviction today." Three witnesses have recanted their incriminating testimony.

"I absolutely believe they are guilty. I think it is a travesty they will become folk-heroes out of this," said Lt. William Hall, one of two detectives who were in charge of the investigation.

Chief Daryl F. Gates also defended the investigation. "To say there was a frame-up by detectives is absolutely and completely false," Gates, who wasn't chief and wasn't involved in the investigation but was a ranking police official at the time, told a news conference.

Cosmonaut

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 and-sickle still flew proudly over the Kremlin, and the Communist Party still held power. And Krikalev's hometown was still Leningrad - it's since renamed itself St. Petersburg.

Wednesday's Nezavisimaya Gazeta (The Independent Newspaper) said Krikalev had made "a voyage through time."

"Krikalev's return after almost one year's absence is like a favorite story out of Soviet science fiction, in which cosmonauts who have spent a short time in space return to Earth, where ages have gone by and everything - everything - has changed," Russian television said.

Krikalev originally was scheduled to return in October. Then, in order to be allowed to keep using the Baikonur Space Center in now independent Kazakhstan, Russia struck a deal with that country. Russia agreed to send up an inexperienced

Cosmonaut

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 Kazakh cosmonaut in October, meaning that veteran Krikalev could not be replaced until this month.

Volkov also went up on that October launch in a space shuttle designed to keep the Mir operating with a crew of veterans. Flude spent just eight days on Mir, going up with the first Russian space mission since the demise of the Soviet Union.

Krikalev's extended mission was about two months short of the 366-day world record held by fellow cosmonaut Musa Manaryk. Krikalev said he did not regret not breaking Manarov's record.

"I wasn't going after the record. It makes more sense for me to rest and then go back up," he said.

The returning crew was replaced aboard the Mir by Cmdr. Alexander Viktorenko and Flight Engineer Alexander Kaleri. They will be replaced by a joint Russian-French mission in late July.

Written comments also will be accepted for 30 days. Comments may be mailed to the Middle Snake River Study Group, P.O. Box 407, Jerome, Idaho 83338.

Idaho lottery

BOISE (AP) - Here are the winning numbers from Wednesday night's Idaho Super Lotto-Lotto America drawing, worth \$5.8 million: 1-10-17-45-53-54 (one, ten, seventeen, forty-five, fifty-three, fifty-four).

Correction

Girls eating ice cream in a photograph were misidentified. Anna Perkins, who was celebrating a birthday, is third from left in the photograph and Erin Clements is pictured at far right.

The Times-News regrets the error.

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Court approves hold on timber challenges

Krishnas contest ban on airport solicitation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Airports are public places where religious groups must be allowed to hand out leaflets and solicit contributions, a Krishna organization's lawyer told the Supreme Court on Wednesday.

But an airport attorney argued that would cause delays, congestion and set people up as a "captivity audience" for religious groups and others.

"Airports are a non-public forum" whose only purpose is to aid air travel, said Arthur P. Berg, attorney for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Solicitations and leafleting would bother travelers, he said.

"Does it bother you if you say 'no thanks' and keep on walking?" asked Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

What the First Amendment is for, is to bother people," added Justice Anthony Kennedy.

The Port Authority wants to bar the International Society of Krishna Consciousness Inc. from leafleting and soliciting contributions at John F. Kennedy, LaGuardia and Newark airports.

The Krishna group contends that airport terminals are public forums at public streets, sidewalks and parks.

Under a 1988 Port Authority rule, religious and other groups may passersby to sign a petition, but they may not hand out leaflets and "you can't stand there muttering a prayer," said Barry A. Fisher, the Krishna group's lawyer.

The rule also applies to political groups and charities.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the Port Authority's ban on soliciting donations in terminal concourses but struck down the rule banning distribution of literature.

The Port Authority agreed not to enforce the ban pending a decision in the lawsuit. As a result, the Krishnas still may pursue their activities under the authority's previous limits on time and place, and Fisher said there have been few problems.

He argued that since at least the 18th century, transportation ports have been a traditional place for "religious true believers" and others to seek an audience.

"Perhaps with the consent of people who owned these transportation centers," asked Justice Antonin Scalia, who noted that under the Port Authority's rule the Krishnas still could solicit on the sidewalks outside airport terminals.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress temporarily can bar legal challenges to timber harvesting that environmentalists say threatens the northern spotted owl, a unanimous Supreme Court ruled Wednesday.

The justices said Congress, in adopting a law on logging rights that expired in 1990 after one year in effect, did not impermissibly interfere with federal court powers.

The decision was expected to clear the way for some 16 Pacific Northwest timber sales worth more than \$30 million to the industry and the federal government.

In other decisions, the court:

- Made it easier for prosecutors to win multiple convictions against some defendants, particularly those accused of criminal conspiracies.
- Justices unanimously upheld drug convictions of a man tried in related federal cases in Oklahoma and Missouri.
- Ruled, 7-2, in a case from Illinois that children from troubled families may not use federal law to sue state officials who fail to protect them.
- Bolstered the authority of Amtrak, the national passenger railroad, to force private freight railroads to sell portions of their track. The 6-3 decision upheld Amtrak's acquisition of 49 miles of track in Vermont from the Boston and Maine railroad.
- The spotted owl ruling, a victory for the Bush administration, appears to have limited — if not — although environmentalists said it could have a bigger impact in the future.

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environmental protections, said the underlying issue "has the potential to be significant. But as the court ruled, it's very narrow."

A larger battle between loggers and those trying to save the spotted owl from extinction is pending in lower courts.

U.S. District Court Judge William Dwyer in Seattle banned logging across all national forests that are home to spotted owls in March and ordered the U.S. Forest Service to develop a plan to protect the 3,000 remaining pairs of the threatened bird.

The agency then proposed restrictions on logging across 5.9 million acres of national forests in Oregon, Washington, and northern California — prompting a new court challenge by environmentalists.

At issue in the case ruled on Wednesday was a 1989 law, a rider to a congressional appropriations bill, that had the effect of temporarily barring environmental lawsuits against logging in old-growth forests in Washington and Oregon.

The San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in 1990 that Congress unlawfully interfered with the authority of the courts to decide environmental cases.

But Justice Clarence Thomas, writing for the high court, said Congress in 1989 ordered "a change in law, not specific results under old law."

The Bush administration said the appropriation bill rider helped avert a crisis in the timber industry and protected local economies in the Pacific Northwest.

Even though the law expired in 1990, the high court said the case posed a live controversy because some timber sales were at stake.

"Most of the 7.7 billion board feet of timber covered by the 1989 law had been sold before the 9th Circuit court ruling. But some sales had been halted by that ruling."



Workers from medical examiner's office remove body.

Drug retaliation causes 4 deaths

DETROIT (AP) — A firebomb retaliation for a drug deal gone sour killed at least four people, three of them believed to be children, most recently last November, according to a witness who told radio station WJLW.

"From what I know it was about some dummy packs," said a witness, who told radio station WJLW the fire was set by someone in the house sold fake drugs.

The witness, who was not identified by the station, said drugs have been dealt from the house during the seven years he has lived nearby.

"Somebody at the house sold some customers 'dummies,' you know, with no dope in it. And they came back ... and threw a couple of firebombs in the house," he said.

Homicide investigators were aiding the fire department, said police spokesman Sgt. Christopher Buck. About a third of the brick and wood frame house was burned.

Police would not confirm the gender or ages of the victims, only that four bodies were found and authorities were searching for more victims.

Investigators were working to confirm witnesses' accounts the fire was started in revenge for a drug ripoff, Grabowski said.

WDIV-TV reported the house had been raided at least twice for drugs, most recently last November.

Investigators interview jet's co-pilot

NEW YORK (AP) — Federal investigators on Wednesday interviewed the co-pilot of the US jet that crashed at La Guardia Airport while taking off in a snowstorm.

A National Transportation Safety Board crew met with the co-pilot, John J. Rachuba, 30, of Charlotte, N.C., at Booth Memorial Hospital, where he was listed in stable condition.

Reporters were not permitted at the interview and the NTSB said no information would be released before a nighttime briefing.

The board is trying to determine, among other things, why the Cleveland-bound plane had not been de-iced in the half hour before its fatal liftoff attempt Sunday night.

The twin-engine Fokker F-28 had been de-iced at 8:26 p.m. and again at 8:59. It did not take off until about 9:30, missing a queue about whether enough ice and snow had built up on the wings to disrupt take-off.

The plane was de-iced with a type of fluid that manufacturers say normally lasts only about five minutes.

Although Federal Aviation Administration regulations bar planes from leaving the ground with any ice or snow on them, the decision on whether to de-ice is made by the pilot.

The pilot, Wallace Majure, was among 27 people who died in the accident Sunday night. The other 24 aboard Flight 405 were injured when the plane crashed at the end of the runway in a fireball and broke into pieces in Flushing Bay.

One survivor reported that the co-pilot, despite a deep gash in his head, swam ashore after the crash and began helping other passengers.

"He was trying to protect us. He was trying to get us blankets, keep us warm," said Vasseur-Mors, 27, of suburban Huntington.

Once Rachuba and the survivors were loaded into a "gar" for treatment, the co-pilot turned angry, said Mors. He sat silently in the front seat, slamming his hands on the dashboard.

The NTSB said transcripts of the plane's communications with air-traffic controllers will not be available for several weeks, and transcripts of the cockpit voice recorder are expected to take much longer.

But the agency said a quick listen to the tapes did not contain any information that could immediately explain the accident.

Fifteen people remained hospitalized Wednesday, including a husband and wife who were reunited. Helen Ross was moved from Elmhurst Hospital in Queens to New York Hospital in Manhattan to join her husband. Both were listed in critical condition with burns.

Patti Goldman of Public Citizen, one of the groups seeking broader

environmental protections, said the underlying issue "has the potential to be significant. But as the court ruled, it's very narrow."

Resident finds body of man lost in storm

CLOVERTON, Minn. (AP) — The body of a man lost during a big Halloween snowstorm has been found about a half-mile from the spot where he abandoned his pickup, authorities said Wednesday.

The body of Michael Shelton Cramm, 39, of Clovertown was found Tuesday by a resident along a rural road just east of town. Pine County Sheriff Don Faulkner said.

Authorities believe Cramm died of exposure.

The truck was found in a ditch Nov. 2, a day after Cramm was last seen, Faulkner said.

Zoo-bound tiger cub dies during flight

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A cub of an endangered type of tiger that was bound for the San Diego Zoo died during a 24-hour flight from Malaysia because it was shipped in a cramped, poorly ventilated crate without water, authorities said.

"We're outraged about this," zoo spokesman Jeff Jouett said Tuesday. "This is a species that is tragically close to extinction."

The 10-month-old, 100-pound Corbett's tiger, one of about 200 of its kind left in the world, was dead from dehydration or overheating when it arrived at Los Angeles last month, said U.S. Department of Agriculture animal care supervisor Ron DeHaven in Sacramento.

He said there was no room for the cub to stand, and the only ventilation was at one end of the crate and was half covered by plastic.

A female cub seen in a larger crate on the same Feb. 19 Malaysian Airlines flight was dehydrated but has recovered.

The cubs, born at the Melaka Zoo in Kuala Lumpur, were on loan from the Malaysian Wildlife Authority to the San Diego Zoo.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is investigating, said Larry Farnsworth, senior special agent for the agency's Los Angeles office.

Dr. Zainal Zainuddin, veterinarian at the Melaka Zoo, said the crate had been used successfully before.

Showing off called motive for fatal shot

CARSON, Calif. (AP) — A bullet that fatally wounded a 5-year-old boy was fired by a teen-ager a half-mile away who was shooting a gun into the air to impress his friends, police said.

Adrian Benitez was struck in the head on March 11 and died six days later when taken off life support.

A 15-year-old Wilmington boy, whose name was withheld because of his age, was booked Saturday for investigation of murder.

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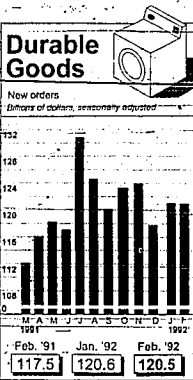
Orders for durable goods drop; sales of existing homes take off

WASHINGTON (AP) — Plunging demand for military equipment reduced factory orders for durable goods by 0.1 percent in February, but existing home sales soared as buyers rushed to take advantage of low mortgage rates, reports showed on Wednesday.

Analysts noted that excluding the 19.4 percent drop in the defense category, durable goods orders rose 1.3 percent.

Gordon Richards, an economist with the National Association of Manufacturers, said the report is consistent with the slow overall course of economic activity.

"It signals a weak and uneven recovery," said economist David Jones of Aubrey G. Lanston & Co., a New York securities dealer. "The real question is: is it sustainable?"



percentage gain was the steepest since a 12.2 percent advance in January 1983.

Sales rose in all regions of the country in February as mortgage rates began climbing from 10.15 percent last month to 11.25 percent.

The Commerce Department report showed military orders had fallen 20.0 percent in January after soaring 89.4 percent a month earlier, illustrating their volatility.

But analysts said the overall trend would be down as the government cuts back expenditures with the end of the Cold War.

"Any region of the country ... that had defense-type activity will continue to be hurt by cutbacks," advised Evelina M. Tamer of Prime Economic Consulting, a Chicago forecasting service.

Unfilled orders fell 1.0 percent, the sixth consecutive decline. These orders, now at their lowest level since September 1989, measure whether production facilities and manpower are sufficient to keep up with demand.

"It suggests there will be no great urgency in hiring new workers," Jones said. "It hints that the employment situation will remain soft."

Shipments of durable goods, a measure of current production, were up 2.0 percent, the 10th increase in 11 months.

Transportation orders rose 1.0 percent after advancing 1.9 percent in January. Demand for automobiles and railroad equipment more than offset decreases in aircraft, shipbuilding and tank orders. Excluding this category, orders fell 0.4 percent.

Asked on Tuesday whether the economy has enough momentum to guarantee a recovery, presidential press secretary Marlin Fitzwater replied that "encouraging signs of recovery. But the economic statistics are still embryonic ... We'll just have to wait and see."

Most analysts project just 3 percent economic growth this year, compared with an average of 6 percent during the first year of recovery from other recessions after World War II.

Overall, orders for durable goods items such as cars and construction equipment expected to last more than three years — fell to a seasonally-adjusted \$120.5 billion, according to the Commerce Department report.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce

After declining 3.0 percent in December, orders had risen 2.4 percent the following month, to \$120.6 billion. The January advance first was estimated to be 2.2 percent. Orders, a gauge of future manufacturing activity, had peaked at \$134.4 billion in December 1988.

The National Association of Realtors, meanwhile, reported that sales of previously owned homes rose 9.3 percent in February to a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of 3.52 million in February.

The rate was up from 3.22 million in January, and was the highest since it rose to 3.62 in January 1989. The

Exports to Third World boom for U.S.; sales to industrialized countries increase

The Baltimore Sun

WASHINGTON — In a rewarding but little-noticed role reversal, the nations of the developing world have quietly been helping the affluent United States through hard times.

The reason: U.S. exports to the developing nations grew almost six times as fast last year as sales to the industrialized world. From 1990 to 1991, exports to developing countries increased 15.2 percent, to \$146.8 billion, while exports to the developed world were up 2.57 percent, to \$263.5 billion.

The increase in sales to the Third World accounted for 55 percent of total U.S. export growth between the third quarter of 1990 and the same quarter of 1991, according to a study by Stephen Roach, senior economist with Morgan Stanley in New York.

Latin America and Southeast Asia, where economic growth has averaged a healthy 5 percent a year, were the boom areas. Demand has been high for machinery and equipment needed to expand economies in those areas.

"There has been a dramatic shift in the mix of our export shipments over the past two years," Roach said. "While Europe, Japan and Canada are still our largest trading partners, the incremental change in our export patterns has been dominated by a striking surge of American-made goods to Latin America and the newly industrialized nations of Asia."

The diversification helps reduce U.S. dependence on traditional trading partners and could help cushion the U.S. economy against the negative impact of the slowdowns in Japan and Germany, two of the rich-

est export outlets. It also reflects improved U.S. competitiveness.

"It is not true to say, 'As the U.S. goes, so goes Latin America' or 'As Japan goes, so goes the rest of Asia.' It just has not panned out that way. Look at the numbers; look at the growth rates," Roach said.

Overall U.S. exports have risen nearly 30 percent during the past three years, but from 1990 to 1991 the rate of increase slowed to 7.1 percent, taking the global total from \$393.8 billion to \$421.8 billion.

Exports to the United States' largest customer, Canada, were 1.5 percent higher in 1991 than in 1990, at \$85.1 billion, while exports to Japan showed a trend-reversing decline of 0.8 percent, to \$48.1 billion.

Exports to the European Community expanded by 5.2 percent, to \$103.2 billion, with the Germans increasing by 14 percent, to \$21.3 billion.

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Dingell's panel on Wednesday looked at two other devices, one a jelly to be injected into the eye to hold it steady for surgery, the other a family of machines to beam radiation at cancerous tumors.

The jelly made some people blind. The radiation machines, troubled by faulty computer software, gave patients such high doses that several died.

"These are sad, sad cases," Dingell said.

FDA faulted on inspecting medical device makers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration neglects inspecting many of the factories that make medical devices and initially took weak action when a faulty radiation machine was killing patients, congressional investigators said Wednesday.

The investigators said the FDA does not even know how many manufacturers it is supposed to be inspecting. The agency puts that figure between 4,000 and 5,500.

"We sympathize with the many problems the FDA has, but even assuming full funding, the most well-intentioned statutes and regulations

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Q-ship sinks with no survivors after German U-boat attack

Editor's note: This is another in a series of articles concerning events of World War II which occurred 50 years ago this week.



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Capt. Reinhard Hardegen's second cruise off the American coast had ended well.

His Type IXB submarine U-123 had already sunk two oil tankers. The Type IXB "Atlantikkboot" was designed for long-range patrols. Their size (about 1100 tons) also allowed room for more torpedoes (as many as 23) for the four bow and two stern tubes. U-123 had won a Knight's Cross for its previous commander. Hardegen would win one too as one of Germany's top U-boat aces.

He had left the fortified U-boat pens at Lorient in France on March 2, 1942. On March 26, 300 miles off Norfolk, Va., lookouts

hit the U-boat's tower. The freighter had dropped its phony bulwarks and hoisted the American flag. Hardegen had sailed into the trap of a Q-ship.

The British had outfitted almost 200 Q-ships in World War I, but without much success. They had sunk only 11 U-boats at the cost of 31 Q-ships lost. The U.S. Navy's

caliber heavy machine guns and six K-guns—for hurling depth charges.

This armament was now in full play. The U-boat was straddled with near-misses from the guns while depth charges shook the German with underwater concussions. Hardegen was afraid that the blasts had weakened the hull, so he dared not submerge. He ran away at full speed on the surface.

Then Atik's captain made a fatal mistake. Instead of pressing his advantage, he came to a dead stop to pick up the "panic party" that had put on the show of abandoning ship. Since these crewmen were all safely in lifeboats, there was no urgent need to take them back aboard, certainly not in the middle of a fight.

Hardegen saw his chance and turned back, his initial surprise and confusion replaced by a determination to destroy the Q-ship.

A torpedo was launched out of the darkness from 500 yards, set to run shallow. Hardegen aimed for and hit the Atik's most vulnerable spot — the engine room. It took almost an hour and a half for Atik to sink for real this time. Hardegen stayed to watch but did nothing to help the survivors. None of the Atik's crew was ever seen again.

The Germans were still winning the Battle of the Atlantic in March 1942 — not Q-ships, since substitutes for the real warships needed to turn the tide for the Allies.

spotted heavy smoke on the horizon. At dusk, Hardegen's boat caught up with its source, a freighter. Running on the surface, U-123 moved into attack position. At 600 yards, a single torpedo was launched, hitting under the merchant's bridge. The freighter immediately slowed. The crew started to abandon ship. Hardegen moved closer to finish his victim off with his deck gun.

Instead, the merchant turned toward the U-boat and picked up speed. A hail of machine-gun fire

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measure taken at a time when anti-submarine defenses were scarce and U-boats were running rampant off the American coast.

This Q-ship was the Atik, a 30-year-old, 3,200-ton cargo ship acquired by the Navy in January from the A.H. Biss Steamship Co. where her name had been the S.S. Carolyn. At the Portsmouth Navy Yard in New Hampshire, her hull was fitted with plywood for extra flotation. Atik was armed with four 4-inch guns, four 50-

These will be women considered at high risk of breast cancer because of such factors as having close relatives with breast cancer, having benign breast lumps removed or having had no children.

The major drawback of tamoxifen is side effects similar to menopause. Women often experience unpleasant hot flashes, racing pulse and sweaty palms.

A major new study is planned that will examine whether healthy women who are at high risk of breast cancer should take tamoxifen. The research to be conducted on 16,000 women will see if the drug prevents first-time breast cancer, heart attacks and broken bones.

Cancer drug helps bones, heart

BOSTON (AP) — A drug widely used to prevent breast cancer also appears to protect women from broken bones and heart attacks, new research has found.

The drug, an estrogen-blocker called tamoxifen, has been given since the 1970s to women treated for breast cancer. It helps prevent recurrence of existing cancer or the development of new cancer and is often given for five to 10 years.

A study in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, suggests that this treatment may carry an important side benefit.

Doctors from the University of Wisconsin found that when women took the medicine after breast cancer, the strength of their bones increased by about half of 1 percent a year.

"Tamoxifen ought to be associated with a reduction of fracture risk of about 30 percent over two to five years," said Dr. Richard R. Love,

who directed the study.

His study, conducted on 140 women, is the latest in a series of recent studies that show multiple benefits of tamoxifen treatment.

Last year, Love published a study showing a dramatic effect on cholesterol. He found that women taking the drug had about a 12 percent drop in their total cholesterol levels. Their LDL, the so-called bad cholesterol, fell 20 percent.

Love said this should result in a 25 percent to 30 percent reduction in heart disease.

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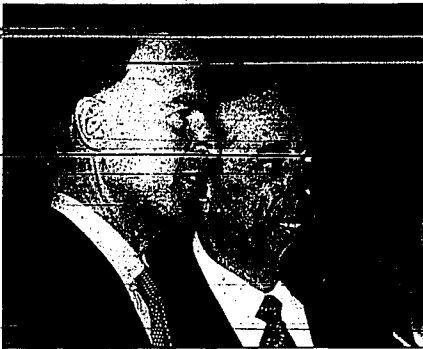
GOP enjoys increased Democratic attacks

NEW YORK (AP) — Democratic front-runner Bill Clinton called Jerry Brown's latest plan a "war on New York tax" Wednesday and Brown launched a savage attack on the Arkansas governor's labor record as New York's presidential primary race heated up.

Clinton will not abandon his attacks on President Bush as he moves to turn Brown's momentum following the former California governor's 1-point upset in Connecticut's presidential primary Tuesday.

At the White House, Bush calmly shrugged off the latest Republican protest votes against him, saying he was "very glad at the size of the win" in Connecticut. Republicans revelled in the escalating fight among the Democrats.

Clinton launched an aggressive attack designed to keep Brown from riding a surge of support out of Connecticut and into the April 7 New York primary.



Democratic candidate Jerry Brown, left, answers questions with New York Gov. Mario Cuomo Wednesday.

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again mentioned the Rev. Jesse Jackson, saying the civil rights leader could help heal racial tensions dividing Americans.

Reached for comment later, Jackson was noncommittal, saying he had "no commitment to any individual on that."

"I am honored to be considered for the ticket, honored that someone would value my service on that level," Jackson said. "But this isn't the time to talk about tickets, it seems to me."

Brown rode a train to Philadelphia on Tuesday morning for an AFL-CIO meeting and painted Clinton's labor record in harsh terms.

"When you look at presidential candidates I want you to compare the record of a right-to-work, union-busting, scab-inviting, wage-depressing, environmental disaster governor versus the labor governor and somebody who's on your side," Brown said. "He was interrupted at times by standing ovations."

He scoffed at Clinton's choice of an H&R Block office to attack his flat-tax proposal, saying it would be so simple that fewer taxpayers would need help in preparing their returns.

"Is he trying to prove a point, that he's trying to protect the jobs of people that are reduced under the flat tax, that could serve other needs like child care?" said Brown.



Salman Rushdie meets with reporters on Capitol Hill.

Senators welcome visiting Rushdie

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators showed their support Wednesday for beleaguered writer Salman Rushdie, who lives under an Iranian death threat, but the Bush administration sought to keep its distance from him.

"It's a private matter," he will not be meeting with this gentleman," she said.

"But the United States" has repeatedly and publicly condemned the death threat against Salman Rushdie, and that policy has not changed, she said.

White members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee lunched with Rushdie to support his freedom to write without fear, White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater pictured him as just another writer "doing interviews and book tours and things that authors do."

The Iranians have offered \$1 million to anyone who kills Rushdie. The bounty was decreed more than three years ago by the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini following publication of Rushdie's novel, "The Satanic Verses." The ayatollah called it the book a blasphemy against Islam.

He said President Bush would not meet with him during his visit to America.

And State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said no high-level meeting would occur because any such session "could and possibly might be misinterpreted."

Pressed to elaborate, she would not.

Later, the Japanese interpreter of the book was killed and the Italian translator wounded.

Rushdie has been living in hiding, emerging only occasionally, always under extraordinary security. Police stopped traffic when he arrived at the Capitol. Dogs sniffed for explosives.

Projects Bush would cut mostly Democratic

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four of every five projects that landed on President Bush's budget-cut list were sponsored or cosponsored by congressional Democrats, but Senate minority leader Bob Dole and other Republicans were also socked, House officials say.

Thirty-nine of the 68 projects Bush has proposed killing were sponsored by Democrats in the House or Senate for their home districts, according to the officials who requested anonymity. Sixteen others were pursued jointly by Democrats and Republicans.

Of the rest, 10 were sought by Re-

publicans and three were either of benefit to no particular district or were initially of unknown sponsorship.

With lawmakers likely to reject the proposed cuts, the whole episode is demonstrating how hard it is to get Congress and the White House to agree to roll back spending.

That was illustrated Wednesday when Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., said his panel would ignore its own list of projects to be killed.

"There is plenty of pork at the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue," meaning the White House, said

Byrd, who had one project on the president's list.

Bush made his election-year call to eliminate the \$3.6 billion worth of projects on Friday. He said the projects he was targeting give Americans "every right to be outraged and disgusted," and promised to propose killing 1,000 projects overall.

Democrats immediately complained that politics was involved at the White House.

"There's no doubt in my mind that the people down there pored over these things and made very calculated political decisions," Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., whose state

would be hit hard by the cuts, said Tuesday.

White House spokeswoman Judy Smith said the list had nothing to do with partisan politics. "The president's goal was to cut wasteful government spending," she said.

But even Republicans were refusing to rule out defending projects they want to bring home.

"We're certainly willing to review the proposed... (cuts) with the administration," said Dole's spokesman, Walt Riker. Dole cosponsored one project on the list for the University of Kansas.

Move to force testimony about leaks fails

WASHINGTON (AP) — Key senators on Wednesday decided against trying to compel reporters to disclose who told them about Anita Hill's allegations of sexual harassment against Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas.

A special Senate counsel investigating news leaks had wanted reporters for Newsday, National Public Radio and the Washington Times to be forced to identify sources for stories on Miss Hill's allegations and on a separate investigation of savings-and-loan owner Charles Keating's dealings with senators.

He also had sought to compel reporters to produce notes and other

documents, and to force C&P Telephone Co. to produce records of reporters' home and office telephone calls.

The chairman of the Rules Committee, Sen. Wendell Ford, D-Ky., and the ranking Republican on the panel, Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska, denied Peter E. Fleming Jr.'s request to enforce subpoenas.

"To grant the requested orders could have a chilling effect on the media and could close a door where many doors need opening," Ford said.

The decision apparently ends the subpoena bid by Fleming, the temporary special independent counsel for the Senate's investigation into embarrassing leaks.

It also appeared to head off a constitutional confrontation pitting freedom of the press against the power of Congress.

The reporters all cited the First Amendment's guarantee of press freedom in refusing to identify sources and answer other questions.

Nina Totenberg, reporter for NPR, said she was glad to see the decision, but she added, "I think it is unfortunate that Mr. Fleming and the Senate ever embarked on this course of action and allowed it to go on so long."

Newsday reporter Timothy Phelps called the senators' move "an extremely important precedent" and a statement by the Senate that the rights of the press are extremely im-

portant and outweigh these kinds of investigations.

Fleming, after learning of the senators' rejection, said simply, "It's their call."

Totenberg and Phelps broke stories of Anita Hill's allegations of sexual harassment against Thomas, her former boss. Their accounts last October, as the Senate was poised to vote on Thomas' nomination to the Supreme Court, prompted the Judiciary Committee to hold hearings into the allegations, which it previously had kept confidential.

Fleming subpoenaed Washington Times reporters Paul Rodriguez and Jerry Seper for information about a July 12, 1992, story about the Keating Five investigation.

INS inspectors in London will seek out aliens

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Immigration and Naturalization Service will place inspectors at London airports to try to weed out undocumented aliens before they arrive in the United States, the head of the agency testified Wednesday.

"It's a done deal," INS Commissioner Gene McNary told a House subcommittee.

Under questioning, McNary said he thought the State Department would object to the congressman's proposal to place inspectors at nine other international airports.

"I can't give you an assessment of the State Department," McNary said, "but they never want anybody overseas because they've got to worry about them."

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Supercomputer helps discover prime

NEW YORK (AP) — Mathematicians cloistered with a supercomputer have advanced the quest of a 17th century French monk by discovering the largest known prime number.

The number begins 174 135 906 820 087 097 325 and goes on and on for 227,832 digits, filling 32 pages of computer paper. It's a prime number because it can be divided evenly only by one and itself. Examples are 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 11.

"It looks like lots and lots of digits," said David Slowinski of Cray Research in Chippewa Falls, Wis., who wrote the program that led to

the discovery.

And this is no ordinary prime number. As Slowinski is quick to point out, this is a Mersenne prime. "There are billions and billions of prime numbers," Slowinski said. But this is only the 32nd Mersenne prime ever found, he said.

Mersenne primes are named after Father Marin Mersenne, who found the first few of them before his death in 1648.

A Mersenne prime is one that fits a particular formula devised by Mersenne, and it comes with a bonus: it can be used to calculate a perfect number.

that's one for which all the numbers' factors add up to the number. An example is six; its factors are 1, 2 and 3, which add up to six.

The perfect number associated with Slowinski's latest prime has 455,633 digits. In Slowinski's words, that's "lots and lots."

"It's exciting to discover one of these numbers," Slowinski said. "Mathematicians all over the world know about these numbers and the one that's the record."

The discovery was made on a Cray supercomputer at the Harwell Laboratory of AEA Technology near Oxford, England.

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World

Ownership of German homes left behind remains uncertain

ZEESEN, Germany (AP) - "Enter at your own risk," warns a sign on the lawn in front of Bernd Drescher's rickety abode. A Dalmatian dog barks out an alert, straining against a chain.

"It's a message to people trying to take this house," says Drescher, one of many eastern Germans defending their homes against claims by former owners, in the West.

The Drescher home sits in a jungle of weeds and refuse. The front part of the half-remodeled home is a crumbling stucco affair with a dirt floor and a bricked-up window.



AP photo
Bernd and Karin Drescher set up a warning sign in front of their house to ward off claims by west Germans.

It's hard to imagine the residence in this little city south of Berlin could be at the center of a major custody battle, but it is.

"My grandfather died in that house in 1964 and my father is giving it to me. I only want what's legally mine," says Regina Hemp of west Berlin.

The Drescher-Hemp home is among about 2 million east German properties claimed by people who were either exiled or moved voluntarily to the west during the decades that the east was a communist nation.

The properties include houses, businesses, and vast tracts of land. The land rush began in 1990 when the two German nations agreed that, after unification, dispossessed east German exiles would have the right to reclaim

their homes instead of accepting government compensation.

Many of the property disputes have turned ugly.

The weekly newspaper Die Zeit told of one east German buying explosives to blow up his house if he is ordered to leave. Another east German has vowed to set his home on fire with gasoline, the newspaper said.

Detlef Dalk, a politician in the east German community of Zepernick, hanged himself after a westerner claimed Dalk's residence and threatened to build a wall around it if necessary.

The federal government claims that under the unity pact most east Germans will not have to give up their homes to the original owners, as long as they can prove they acquired the properties in legal transactions. Renters are also protected as long as they have leases.

Nonetheless, nearly two years after unification, only about 3 percent of the property claims have been settled.

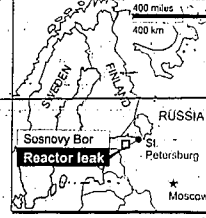
The situation is complicated by court disputes over the legality of Communist-era purchases.

Russians claim radiation levels back to normal at power plant

MOSCOW (AP) - Russia acknowledged Wednesday that a radioactive gas leak has intensified Western fears about the safety of nuclear power plants in the old Soviet Union, but said their electricity is needed too much to shut them down.

Radiation levels at a Chernobyl-style nuclear power reactor near St. Petersburg were normal Wednesday, a day after a small amount of radioactive gas escaped into the atmosphere, Moscow radio said.

The leak from the No. 3 reactor at the Leningradskaya station prompted Western officials to step up pressures for the modification or phase out of similar reactors throughout the old Soviet bloc. Western experts say the plants have unsafe designs, poor maintenance and slipshod operation.



AP photo
spread radiation across much of Europe in 1986.

"We are aware of Western concerns. We are trying to calm them down," said Olga Chernova, a spokeswoman for Russia's Nuclear Safety Agency.

The reactor was among 16 in the former Soviet Union of the RBMK type, the variety at the Chernobyl plant in Ukraine that caught fire and

last fall, gets 50 percent of its electricity from its Ignalina nuclear plant, which also has Chernobyl-type reactors. Officials said Tuesday that a leak at Ignalina in July contaminated three people and areas inside the power station.

Lithuania has been working with nearby Sweden to improve safety at the plant. It hopes the Swedes will provide more money and technical help, said Kestutis Sabaliauskas, an adviser to Lithuania's ministry of energy.

"We encounter lots of problems," he said. "There are so-called safety culture questions to solve and technical problems. We hope Sweden will be more interested in helping us."

Sweden and Finland were among the Western countries most concerned by Tuesday's incident. Swedish experts who visited the Leningradskaya plant last year had urged it be closed immediately because of safety concerns.

On Tuesday, radioactive gas leaked from a defective graphite tube among those used to control the rate of the fission reaction.

Art critics back loincloths on frescoes

ROME (AP) - Loincloths painted in nudes to soothe 16th-century sensibilities will be retained to suit a 20th-century sense of history, restorers of Michelangelo's "Last Judgment" say.

Italian art critics on Wednesday welcomed the decision by Vatican restorers to keep the loincloths in Michelangelo's 16th century Sistine chapel fresco.

"The additions document an episode of history," said Giulio Carlo Argan, a top art historian.

Some 16th century church officials were shocked by the nude fig-

ures in the dramatic fresco on the altar wall of the chapel. In 1564, Pope Pius IV ordered the most "indecent" nudes to be covered up by artist Daniele da Volterra.

Fabrizio Mancinelli, who has directed the Vatican team restoring the Michelangelo frescoes since the project's beginning in 1980, announced earlier this week that restorers would not remove da Volterra's loincloths.

But loincloths added later by other artists may be removed at some future date.

Mancinelli said visitors noted artists working on the nudes as late as the 18th century. The later addi-

tions, he said, are less in harmony with the painting and probably more easily removed.

Asked whether Pope John Paul II had expressed a preference, Mancinelli said that while the pontiff has been very interested in the project, they had never discussed the issue of the loincloths.

"I don't think he's very interested," Mancinelli said in a telephone interview.

The leading Milan newspaper Corriere della Sera said it polled critics and found them in agreement with the Vatican's decision to keep some loincloths.

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Burdened Rio buses migrants back home with hope, change

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Jose Silva de Oliveira arrived on a bus from Brazil's northeastern backwoods with a dream of prosperity and not much else: no money, no job, no roof for his wife and 8-month-old son.

For two nights we slept sitting up in the bus station, holding onto the chairs," he said.

Unable to find work, Oliveira turned to begging. His family slept on the street or in a filthy, state-run shelter.

Now Rio is sending Oliveira and hundreds like him home, with money in his pocket and a chance to start anew.



Domingos Ferreira da Silva and his wife Lillian are waiting in a city-run farm for a chance to return to their home.

Return to the Homeland is a city program to help down-and-out migrants who bet the farm on a chance at a better life in Rio, and lose.

The first group of 45 went home in February, and 72 were to return in March. The city hopes to send 1,200 migrants back by the end of the year.

The program is a response to an exodus from the countryside that has burdened cities and changed the face of Brazil.

In recent decades, millions have fled the dying interior, only to wind up on the streets of cities. Today about 70 percent of Brazil's 150 million people live in cities.

"Rio has no more room and no more jobs," said Pedro Porfirio, the city's secretary of social development and head of the return home program. "People come here chasing an illusion."

Many come from the 210-acre spread, located between the green hills and the sea in Campo Grande, on Rio's western outskirts.

Domingos Ferreira da Silva sat outside his tidy brick cabin on the farm, recalling the shack he lived in with his wife and two small children before joining the program.

"It was built over an open sewage ditch," he said. "At night we got rats, big rats, I had to keep watch so the children could sleep. It was no life."

Returning migrants spend up to three months on the farm, getting their documents in order and receiving medical and psychological care.

Roh flags reforms in face of defeat

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — President Roh Tae-woo pledged new efforts Wednesday to revive South Korea's flagging economy following a major defeat by his governing party in parliamentary elections.

Roh's Democratic Liberal Party lost its parliamentary majority in Tuesday's vote, a result especially damaging in the face of presidential elections to replace Roh later this year.

"We must humbly accept the people's will," said Roh, whose single five-year term ends in February. He is barred by Korean law from seeking re-election.

"The government will step up its efforts to revive economic strength, which is the most important state task," Roh said in a meeting with aides.

South Korea's economic woes, including high inflation and a huge trade deficit, were the major factors cited by voters for not supporting the ruling party.

In final returns, Roh's party won

110 of the 299 National Assembly seats, one seat short of a majority and 66 seats less than the 215 seats it held previously.

The main opposition Democratic Party led by Kim Dae-jung won 97 seats and a nywerick new party led by millionaire tycoon Chung Ju-yung won 73 seats.

The election marked the first time a leading industrialist broke ranks with the government and challenged the monopoly of government, military and business interests that has run the republic since its birth in 1948.

The defeat is also likely to intensify factional strife within Roh's governing party within two months before it is to nominate a presidential candidate.

The Liberal Democratic Party acted hurriedly Wednesday to endorse pro-government independents

into its fold. Information Minister Choi Chang-yoon said the government would easily win the support it needed because many independents had originally hoped to be nominated by Roh's party.

Choi added that the results were not as bad as they appeared for the government because the Democratic Liberal Party won 38.5 percent of the total vote, up from 33.9 percent in the previous parliamentary elections.

The election results are not expected to affect the government dialogue with rival North Korea or other areas of foreign policy.

But they did show a weakening of the government's traditional support from big business. Chung and his newly formed Unification National Party harshly criticized Roh's economic policy in the runup to the election.

Chung, 76, formed the party a month ago with promises of real leadership and new faces.

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Idaho

Abandoned Alzheimer patient returns home

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — An Oregon nursing home prepared a "Welcome Home" banner Wednesday for an 82-year-old Alzheimer's patient who was abandoned at an Idaho dog-saw his picture on television.

Post Falls is 365 miles from Portland. Kootenai County Prosecutor Bill Douglas said he could find no Idaho law against abandoning an adult. Hayes and Douglas issued a joint statement that they had determined who took Kingery to Idaho, and that the case would be referred to the state attorney general.

Laurelhurst Care Center to Regency Park Living Center, both in Portland, the police chief and Elliott said. "Regency Park employees told investigators the daughter had removed Kingery on Saturday morning."

Kingery's daughter, Sue Gifford of Portland, was not cooperating in the investigation, Hayes said.

The case drew responses from around-the-world. "I guess it's because of the fact the man was abandoned in a state where it's not against the law to do that," Elliott said. "You can go to jail for abandoning a horse or a dog but not for abandoning a person."

The case drew international attention to the plight of Alzheimer's victims and their families. As plans were being made Tuesday for Kingery's future care, a joint House-Senate panel on aging issues was discussing the disease that affects an estimated 4 million Americans.

He was to be taken to the Laurelhurst Care Center, the Portland nursing home where he lived for about a year and a half.

Deputies were trying to find out how the man got from Oregon to Idaho, and who removed labels from his clothes and wrote a partially inaccurate note that was taped to his wheelchair, Hayes said.

Acress Shelley Fabares, costar of the ABC-TV series "Coach," said many relatives of Alzheimer's patients have gone bankrupt trying to care for their loved ones.

"He should be quite comfortable here. Everybody's excited," Laurelhurst administrator Hal Elliott said. "We've hung a banner that says: 'Welcome Home, John.'"

"Maybe it was frustration, who knows?" police Detective Harlen Fritsche said. "It's despicable. There are other ways to handle things like this."

But that was not the case with Kingery, Elliott said. Kingery's care costs, estimated at \$30,000-\$35,000 a year, were covered by Oregon's Medicaid system, as well as Social Security payments and Ford Motor Co. retirement benefits, Elliott said.

A public guardian was appointed to manage Kingery's care and finances, Elliott said.

"In this particular case, it was different," Elliott said. "The man was in a safe environment. He was being taken care of until a family member decided to take him somewhere else."

Elliott said the nursing home was owed \$3,500 from the non-Medicaid portion of Kingery's benefits before he left.

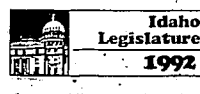
He had been checked out of another Portland nursing home Saturday morning by a daughter, said Post Falls Idaho Police Chief Cliff Hayes.

Kingery was identified when officials at two Portland nursing homes where he had stayed in recent weeks saw his picture on television news coverage, Hayes said.

Kingery was moved three weeks ago from the

House rejects Henry's Fork protection plan

BOISE (AP) — In the fiercest environmental battle of the legislative session, the Idaho House on Wednesday rejected an attempt to protect rivers and streams in the Henry's Fork Basin.



The measure would have made it extremely hard for two proposed hydroelectric projects to win state approval. But the debate centered on water rights, and that issue appeared to swing a few votes.

Sponsors of the legislation said they had up to 50 votes last week, but the bill was delayed by a huge backlog of bills on the House calendar and didn't come up for a final vote until 12 days after it was ready for final action.

After a debate of nearly three hours, the House voted 14-10 against a protection plan which cleared the Senate 32-10 more than a month ago. The floor vote mirrored the division in the House Resources and Conservation Committee, which cleared the legislation by a simple vote.

The Farm Bureau used the time to good advantage, launching what lobbyist James Yost said was its most intensive lobbying effort of the session. Yost said up to several

hundred local Farm Bureau lawmakers worked against the bill. The measure was opposed by 43 Republicans, with 13 in favor. Rep. Claud Judd, D-Orfino, was the only Democrat to vote against the plan.

Both sides complained about "misinformation" spread by others, but the key debate may have been given by Rep. Freeman Duncan, R-Coeur d'Alene.

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of years while a new river plan is prepared. The Idaho Farm Bureau led opposition to the proposal, which eastern Idaho lawmakers claimed would "lock up" a huge section of the state from future development.

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Patrons OK funding measure

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Idaho Falls School District patrons have approved a one-year, \$4.179 million supplemental tax levy to help cover maintenance and operating costs.

The final count in Tuesday's voting was 2,675 to 1,929, or 58 percent approval for the funding measure. A simple majority was needed for approval.

School officials got 51-percent support from patrons for the same size supplemental levy last year, and voters approved a \$14.9 million bond issue for three new schools two years ago.

"I think voters appreciated that we've held the line and that is a big relief," board Chairman Ray Hart said. This year's levy will cost taxpayers \$3.87 in property tax on each \$1,000 of assessed value, including the homeowner's tax exemption. Hart said the supplemental funding will make up about 13 percent of the district's total budget for the spending year that begins July 1.

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Idaho Falls man's death likely suicide

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — An Idaho Falls man whose body was found in a canal near Kirta appears to have killed himself, authorities say, but they are still conducting an autopsy.

Venid Rydalah said. He said he thinks Muir's death was a suicide because he was depressed before his death. But Rydalah has not made a final ruling. The autopsy probably won't answer all the questions, Rydalah said, but it will give Muir's family peace of mind.

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Idaho

Investor, east Gem towns fear loss of loan if Hansen heads for jail

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Idaho Falls businessman Boyd Wecker is among eastern Idaho residents who fear the loss of millions of dollars in loans if former congressman George Hansen goes to prison. Hansen faces trial May 5 in Pocatello after pleading innocent Tuesday to bank fraud charges in a 49-count federal grand jury indictment alleging he and an associate ran a massive check-kiting scheme.

But Wecker said the former seven-term lawmaker has been assuring the 187 people who loaned him money that he's been arranging business deals to earn money to pay them back.



Hansen

According to court records, Wecker loaned Hansen \$167,500. He said Hansen offered to pay him 8-percent to 10-percent interest per month on the loans.

"I can't be very happy because that

represents a good share of my retirement fund's gone up in smoke," Wecker said.

Hansen lost a 1984 reelection bid in Idaho's 2nd Congressional District by only 170 votes—just six months after being convicted on four felony counts of submitting false financial disclosure forms to Congress.

He later served more than a year in a federal prison camp.

John Scoresby, a former congressional aide to Hansen and currently the state Republican Party's eastern Idaho chairman, also is named in the new grand jury indictment. He is scheduled to be arraigned

Tuesday in Pocatello.

Both men face up to 30 years in prison and a \$1-million fine on each count if convicted. They remain free on their own recognizance.

The 49 specific instances of check kiting detailed in the indictment involved checks to Rupert-area farmer Brad Neibaur and other individuals and businesses in Paul, Burley, Idaho Falls and Rexburg ranging from \$5,000 to \$404,000 between March 14, 1990, and Jan. 15, 1991.

But the indictment contends Hansen and Scoresby exchanged 201 checks with Neibaur alone between March 1, 1990, and

Nov. 1, 1990, totaling more than \$21 million. It alleges that Hansen and Scoresby exchanged 109 more checks with an Idaho Falls man totaling more than \$8 million during the same period.

Neibaur pleaded guilty on Jan. 8 to writing bad checks to help finance Hansen's investment scheme. He's scheduled to be sentenced April 6 in Tipton before 3rd District Judge J. William Hart.

As part of a plea agreement, Neibaur agreed to cooperate with state and federal investigations of Hansen and Scoresby.

On Tuesday, Scoresby said he was a middleman in Hansen's operation.

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Opinion

Editorial

What'll it be on education system: Action or more delay?

State Rep. Ron Black, R-Twin Falls, says voters keep asking him, "When are you going to stop studying education and do something about it?"

Good question. The Idaho Legislature is within reach of doing something about restructuring the state's education system, if it chooses to get off the time. Or it could appoint another study committee and (yawn) think about it some more.

This week—the House Education approved a constitutional amendment to split Idaho's cumbersome Education Board in two. The proposal by Rep. Pam Bengson Ahrens, R-Boise, would let the existing board run higher education, while a new board would take over public schools.

The basic concept is one that a lot of us in Idaho have admired for a long time. My differ on details, but a broad consensus is growing that a part-time, eight-member board cannot properly oversee everything from kindergartens to universities.

Ahrens' proposal is one of several

before the Legislature this year. Hers is appealing, because it offers only a general outline of a split system. If it wins approval from Idaho voters, it will give the Legislature time to work out the specifics — but not too much time.

Under Ahrens' plan, the amendment would go on the ballot this November and then, (if approved), take effect in 1995. That puts the Legislature on a firm, two-year timetable to do the job.

Contrast that with the resolution passed by the state Senate last week. The Senate plan would create an interim study committee. Then, if the committee came up with something attractive, the Legislature would think about putting it on the ballot in 1994.

While everyone appreciates the need for calm and deliberate action, the Senate's schedule seems like a long time to wait for something that might not happen. Idaho's taxpayers and students deserve a quicker response on this issue.

Unless lawmakers uncover some serious flaw in Ahrens' plan, let's get it on the ballot.

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Letters

Papers gave good coverage

This is not intended to change an opinion, only to encourage thinking.

Accolades are in order for The Times-News and the North Side News. We in the Jerome School District, in my opinion, owe them both many thanks for the interest they both generated in the recent school bond election.

Both papers provided more column inches on the bond election in articles and letters to the editor than I have seen in previous bond elections for the schools. I could be wrong, as I am not a lifetime resident of the area.

The result of this exposure was that people started discussing and thinking about existing conditions and the students. They became interested and kicked around the pros and cons and did some investigating. Getting involved is healthy and a credit to the community. The bond issue being passed by a healthy margin is a plus.

If this community interest can be maintained, progress in education will result. Other school districts might glean some pointers by analyzing what went on in Jerome. For my part, thanks again to the editors for their community service.

E. PAUL LIEBERG
Jerome

Keep facts straight in race

In your Saturday, March 21, edition in the Magic Valley section, was an article concerning the candidates for Jerome County sheriff. I am not a voter in Jerome County, so it would not be proper for me to comment on the candidates, but there are a number of comments in the article which make reference to events outside of Jerome County. Some of those comments are inaccurate.

The article states that Terry Gold is a member of a "committee investigating the death of Twin Falls child Amanda

Hostler." This death is being investigated by the Twin Falls Police and Mr. Gold is not involved in this investigation.

He may be involved in an investigation of the Department of Health and Welfare and its child protection practices, but he is not involved in any ongoing death investigation in the city of Twin Falls.

The article also states that Mr. Gold's resignation from the Magic Valley Drug Task Force was "designed to force members to reevaluate their thinking," so that the task force would reorganize.

This is also inaccurate. Months before Mr. Gold resigned from the task force, the Idaho Criminal Justice Commission had taken formal action that required all the drug task forces in the state to re-evaluate their efforts, and efforts were well under way at the time Mr. Gold quit.

Mr. Gold was well aware of these facts. I understand the need to put the proper "spin" on actions and comments during a political campaign, but basic statements should still be accurate and factual.

PAUL L. DU FRESNE
Public Service Director
Twin Falls

Thanks for backing schools

To the patrons of the Wendell School District:

We would like to thank you for your support in helping to pass the bond issue for the new high school and remodeling on the existing buildings.

It gives us great joy to see the community pull together for the betterment of the children.

We would also like to thank the people who worked so hard and diligently on the committee and all the volunteers who made this possible.

SCOTT AND KATIE CUTLER
Wendell

Story painted unfairly negative picture of living trust industry

The article in Sunday's business section, "State targets living trust firms," once again shows your bias. By slanting the facts and by virtually ignoring the numerous positive aspects of a living trust, many of your readers received a very negative opinion of an entire industry.

Additionally, I found it interesting how you enlisted the assistance of

Kent L. Cramer Reader comment

"neutral" sources for your story, attorneys Paula Brown Sinclair and Tom Kershaw. After all, no member of the legal profession, as shown by your statement attributed to the Idaho Bar, has anything to lose by

individuals establishing a living trust through alternate sources.

I admit there are a number of issues I support Ms. Sinclair on:

• "There is nothing illegal about a living trust... but it is a fairly sophisticated form of legal planning."

• "The benefits of a living trust have been touted in business publications, including "The Wall

Street Journal," "Modern Maturity" and "Fortune" magazines.

• That a living trust is not for

• "Kryew, let us examine a few of the specific comments attributed to your living trust experts."

Ms. Sinclair's comment that, "a living trust is singularly inappropriate for self-help legal services," is singularly inappropriate. I believe if any thinking individual is given all the facts concerning a living trust, they will make an informed, correct

decision.

• After all, Ms. Sinclair stated that "An estate measured in the hundreds of thousands of dollars might be appropriate... If you have a 320-acre farm, do you have an estate worth hundreds of thousands of dollars? And would it be worth examining all the facts pertaining to estate planning?"

• And what about costs? Since Mr. Kershaw, it is implied, only addresses "attorney's fees," it would

appear that those are the only "costs" associated with a will.

Mr. Kershaw, have you ever heard of an Internal Revenue Service Form 706? Estate taxes can run up to 35 percent of the estate, not counting Idaho estate taxes. And what about the required publication of the notice to creditors and court costs? Exactly where do you derive your \$500 figure and what else are you leaving out?

Even if we ignore the financial questions surrounding a will vs. a living trust, what about the time frame to probate the will? And the public's ability to invade the "private records" maintained at the probate court? Should people ignore these facts?

Both Ms. Sinclair and Mr. Kershaw should concede that a living trust addresses these problems, whereas a will does not.

It is the way these concerns are ignored that leads me to question you "experts": True interest—perhaps their interests are influenced by the

effect living trust firms have on their bank balances.

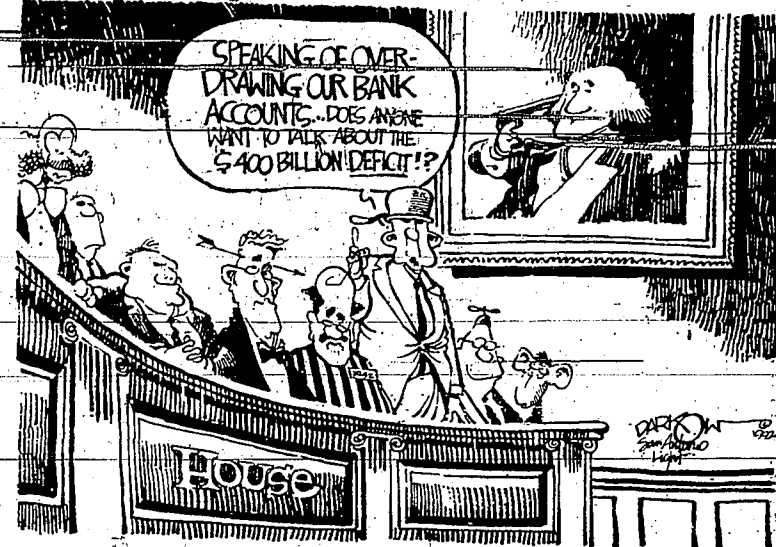
Your implication that the living trust industry is a fraud is naive. Like all industries, the living trust industry has firms which strive to

assure that the products and services they offer are above reproach and firms which are in business solely for the money. For anyone to put forth a blanket condemnation of the industry is unconscionable.

I'm certain that by now you and your readers think our firm, American Prepaid Legal Services, sells living trusts. We do not. But we do derive a portion of our income from the sales of a prepaid legal service package containing the drafting by a licensed attorney, of a living trust.

Unlike Ms. Sinclair and Mr. Kershaw, I am willing to admit that to you and your readers.

Kent L. Cramer of Twin Falls is the president of American Prepaid Legal Services.



Letters

U.S. shortchanges vets

I am writing this letter out of concern because I see our veterans getting the shaft. I am the wife of a Vietnam vet and on Monday, March 23, was into a situation that is real hard to understand.

My husband went to Boise to the Veterans Administration Hospital to get a checkup. Upon arriving, we had to go through a briefing with a financial adviser only to find that my husband can no longer receive VA medical due to his finances.

But if we have the insurance coverage that's OK. When these men went into the service, it's their understanding that medical services would be provided along with other benefits.

My question is why is the government taking these benefits away from men who have fought so hard for their country? The government spends how many thousands of dollars on bombs and helping other countries. Well, what about our own country? What about the men that have put their lives on the line for this country.

Makes me wonder what kind of government we really have. My husband is not looking for a handout, he is just wondering why the things that were promised are no longer there.

DARLENE POWELL
Twin Falls

Give Sheriff Gold credit

Thank goodness Sheriff Larry Gold was keeping his own set of employee payroll records, or things could have been much worse for the Jerome County commissioners. I know, I was there.

During the report given by the representative of the Labor Department, it was stated more than once, "If you (Jerome County) had been keeping payroll like the sheriff, everything would have been OK."

Why weren't our records the same? We have spent many hours arguing this point with them, but they wanted it done their way.

The investigator has told us that the policy regarding law enforcement personnel must change to the way the sheriff has been keeping records. But, since the commissioners have the ultimate say and write the checks, they could go right on doing things their way and the sheriff will end up paying the price for it.

The commissioners seem to have a short memory. Not long ago, a sheriff's deputy filed a complaint when his overtime didn't add up the way he thought it should.

A hearing was held with the man, his lawyer and all the commissioners. Sheriff Gold presented his case based on his record keeping, and the commissioners ruled unanimously in his favor—complaint denied. Now the commissioners are trying to say he doesn't know what he is doing—they want it their way.

When the jail exercise yard was built, the sheriff wasn't consulted. The commissioners built it their way. Now if we have any problems with it, they want to know what the sheriff is going to do about it.

The commissioners are glossing over the information they revealed in an earlier news article—the fact that they pay county courthouse employees for 40 hours when they work only 37 and a half. Let's see, if we calculate this at \$4 per hour, that's \$10 per week per employee. There are approximately 60 courthouse employees, so that's \$600 per week times 52 weeks adds up to \$31,200 per year.

They've spent more than \$109,200 since the sheriff was elected. Makes me wonder just how much it really costs for the Jerome County commissioners to have their own way.

Just for the record, I'm one of the employees Sheriff Larry Gold inherited from Elza Hall. He has earned my respect.

KATHLEEN HANSING
Jerome

Unhappy with library

In regard to the article in the March 24 edition, "How well does Twin Falls Public Library serve you?" my answer is that it doesn't.

Our family recently moved to Twin Falls from California and is renting a house here. At the time of our move, there were not a lot of houses available, so we took the first one available to fit our needs. Since that time, we have found that we live in the county of Twin Falls—I think.

One day, I took my daughter to the public library to get some books for her, and when we went to check them out, we were told that the library wasn't public to us—that since we live in the county, we had to pay \$60 a year. That upset me, but I just shook it off.

Now I read this article where Mr. Call states, "The library mission is to provide free access to information and cultural and recreational materials to all members of the community." I called Mr. Call that morning and asked him about this and he told me that since I don't live in the city of Twin Falls that I'm not a member of this community.

Well then, will someone please tell where I live?

Living in the county, we are charged and we pay monthly to use city water, city sewer system and city sanitation. Why must I pay this when I'm not a member of this community?

I think this whole thing is terrible and should be changed. I hate to see where I live, especially being renters! It's simply not fair, and tell me how to explain to a 4-year old why she cannot check out books from the public library in the Twin Falls City Residents Only Public Library.

LISA M. WILKES
Twin Falls

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



Letters

Obey sunshine rules

The March 11 *Times-News* editorial, "Don't let government fight beneath a bushel," is timely and hopefully will stimulate our legislators to strengthen Idaho's Sunshine Law and provide penalties for infractions.

We need not look beyond Twin Falls County for justification. Our own county commissioners have engaged in some of the existing Sunshine Law as they proceed awkwardly and perhaps illegally on the Centennial Waterfall Park.

On Feb. 21, 1992, Community Parks and Recreation and Waterways Advisory boards met to take further action related to the proposed park, which at that time became a hot issue because of illegal earth moving, lack of archeological, historical and environmental studies and serious questions on how the area should be developed and used.

A steering committee had presented recommendations. The boards apparently preferred not to publicly indicate their position and voted secretly on the matter. Ballots had been prepared prior to the meeting so the decision to vote secretly was made prior to the public meeting, also an infraction of the law.

Many county residents and at least one state official witnessed this secret vote. This illegal procedure was brought to the attention of two of the three county commissioners in 1991. It was again brought to the commissioners' attention by letter dated March 1, 1991, with a request for information on action the commissioners planned to take related to the boards' circumventing the state's Sunshine Law.

The commissioners have taken no action, nor have they bothered to answer the letter. After waiting some 365 days for a reply, the matter has been sent to the attorney general's office for appropriate action.

If our elected officials refuse to abide by existing law, then it's obvious some penalties must be placed in the law to ensure compliance other than to declare the vote null and void as the law now provides.

Our local legislators have hometown proof of the need to strengthen the law. Let's support Sen. Joyce McRoberts and others in their efforts to keep our appointed and elected officials from hiding government actions beneath a bushel.

ROBERT T. LUNTEY
Buhl

Nelson is fine candidate

A good contest seems to be brewing in the race for county prosecutor for Twin Falls County. Initial editorials and comments seem to have underestimated both the importance of the job and Lynn Nelson's qualifications.

Nelson is an unassuming person, but this should not be misunderstood. Nelson is an ex-Marine captain, Vietnam veteran, who has chosen to make prosecuting a career.

Many young attorneys seem to think being a county attorney is a big step to a bigger job, but

Twin Falls is outgrowing that type of prosecutor. We need experience. Lynn Nelson has eight years as a prosecutor. We need someone not afraid of controversy. Nelson not only prosecuted a judge but has ruffled the feathers of some people, even in our county, who think they or their friends are immune from scrutiny.

Nelson is a career prosecutor with family ties who will be around in 10 years when others will be looking for opportunities to climb. Lynn knows how to advise a county and how to be a prosecutor and has done so very well.

Let's not get trapped into thinking we must go for someone handpicked by the establishment in the county. Lynn Nelson is and will stay independent and tough.

MARK D. STUBBS
Twin Falls

Needs more information

An article in the Saturday, March 21, edition of *The Times-News* has left me a little puzzled.

The article detailing the candidates running for the Jerome County sheriff's position seemed a little hard to follow. While the article on Mr. Brooks and Mr. Webb gave some biographical data,

the article on Sheriff Larry Gold gave very little information as to his age, training, time he has lived in Idaho and career as a law enforcement officer.

May I also say that the article on Mr. Brooks was very well done—much to his and your credit.

However, I can also see that Mr. Webb seems to be placing most of his emphasis on the fact that other (unnamed) people have asked him to run for a position and not on his personal qualifications as outlined other than by *The Times-News*. I would like to see more information about these candidates, particularly Gold and Brooks, in the

future so that I might make a more informed choice.

In addition, I would like to add that I have had occasion on the last few years to call the Jerome County Sheriff's Office.

They have always responded when I needed them and been able to follow up on the reports I have given.

I have an employment with the current sheriff and his people. They seem to be doing a fine job with the *Days of Our Lives* program.

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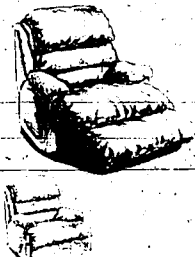



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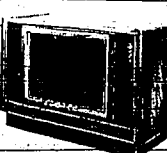
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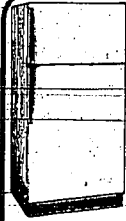
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Valley life

Husband looks for story behind wife's hard-core books

DEAR ABBY: I am concerned about my wife's hard-core books that are very hard-core pornography. I have hidden them in my fireplace. The books are novels, not picture-type magazines. They describe women having sexual encounters with men who come to their door, and similar fantasies. I came upon them accidentally.

The books are very descriptive and are causing me a great deal of concern. I have not mentioned this to my wife since she has hidden them from me. I did not go looking for them, but found them under "her" side of the bed while I was painting the room during a week of vacation.

These books cannot be purchased in a regular bookstore, but can be

purchased in an adult bookstore. We have a very good sex life and do not have any problems other than the ordinary problems of money and raising two children for the past 25 years that we have been married. I subscribe to Playboy magazine, but she reads it and it is in our home without being hidden.

I thought that we were open with each other about issues, but this has thrown me for a loop. She reads these books sometimes at night before bed, and as soon as I enter the room, she covers them up and hides them.

I do not know where else she reads them, but while washing her car, I found some when I cleaned the interior.

Why is she hiding these books



Dear Abby
Abigail VanBuren

from me? Why is she all of a sudden reading this? What should I do about this? The deception has me rather uneasy.

We both read novels with sexual activities as part of the story line, but not the entire body of the book.

— CONCERNED LOUISIANA HUSBAND

DEAR CONCERNED HUSBAND: Since you and your wife have no problems other than the "usual" after 25 years of marriage,

perhaps your wife has hidden the books because she is not as comfortable discussing sexual fantasies as you had supposed.

Men are usually more stimulated by the visual — your Playboy magazine is a good example.

Women, however, are sometimes more aroused by the written word. If you feel deceived, talk to her

about what you have discovered. But I don't think the books are a threat to your marriage, any more than her wanting to keep some of her fantasies to herself.

DEAR ABBY: If I wanted to complain about my husband, I could find a lot to write about. I can tolerate my husband's faults. What I cannot tolerate is his attitude

about smoke alarms!

I always can vegetables and fruit in the summer and make pickles, ketchup and jelly. To do this, I have to boil a lot of water. When the steam starts billowing into the room, the smoke alarms go off.

My husband knows nothing about cooking; he's never even tried an egg.

Yet suddenly he becomes an expert and says I'm burning something.

When I point out that I'm not cooking anything but water, he says, "Smoke is coming from the greasy burners." (They are NOT greasy!) He says only smoke sets off smoke alarms, not steam. Will you tell the old goat differently? — STEAMED IN INDIANA

DEAR STEAMED: According to the Los Angeles Fire Department, both insects and rising steam will set off a smoke detector. Some smoke alarms are heat-sensitive. In the interest of family harmony, tell your "old goat" to "butt out."

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Ricks adopts new standards

REXBURG (AP) — A glut of applicants has prompted Ricks College to drop its first-come, first-served admission policy in favor of additional enrollment requirements focusing on "character and spiritual preparation."

Requirements for admission to the two-year REXBURG school, owned by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, had included high school graduation, a predicted college grade average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, taking the American College Test and getting a bishop's recommendation.

The added requirements, adopted by the college's board of trustees, include a personal essay on the student's reasons for wanting to attend Ricks and an evaluation from their seminary or LDS Institute teacher.

The college will now admit students based on their ability to profit from the religious and academic climate at Ricks College, Ricks President Steven Bennion said.

"Church activity and values will be assessed by seminary involvement, church attendance, bishop and seminary teacher's recommendations and personal essays."

In selecting a class of 4,000 new students, Bennion said officials also would consider personal commitment to living the Ricks "Code of Honor," geographic location, gender, ethnicity and special accomplishments and needs to "provide for a balanced and diversified student body."

Ricks also has changed its application deadlines. The new deadline for fall 1993 semester enrollment is March 1, 1993, but students may begin applying as early as September 1992.

Admissions officials will begin implementing the new policy within the next two months.

Registration for CSI adult courses begins

TWIN FALLS — Registration is being taken now for several adult enrichment classes offered by the College of Southern Idaho Continuing Education Division.

Portrait Painting, an eight-session course, will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays, March 30 to May 18, in Aspen 143. Michael Smith will be the instructor and the cost is \$129.

Contemporary Portraiture is set for 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, April 2 to May 7, in Aspen 149. Kim Crichtfield will teach the six-session course designed to improve photography portrait skills. The fee is \$44.

A Calligraphy class will be offered for beginning and advanced students from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, April 9 to April 23, in Aspen 149. Cost for the three-session class is \$14. Part of the lesson taught will be accessing the right brain hemisphere.

Reed Basket Making will be offered in a one-day session from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 11 in Aspen 143. Students will have a choice of making one of several baskets in the make-it-and-take-it class. Cost is \$16 plus materials.

For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 270, or register in the Taylor Building Records Office.

Hagerman Senior Citizens dinner set

HAGERMAN — The Hagerman Senior Citizens dinner and bingo night is set for 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Hagerman Senior Citizens Center. Cost is \$5. The evening is open to the public.

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Around the valley

Jerome jail escapee remains free man

JEROME — A man who escaped from the Jerome County Jail Saturday night after authorities had been tipped off to a potential jailbreak remained at large Wednesday night.

Gilbert Cisneros, 23, has not been seen since he saved bolts off a metal window grating in the jail and escaped.

His girlfriend, who prosecutors say supplied him with hacksaw blades, remained in the Twin Falls County jail Wednesday night.

Theresa Sanchez, 23, has been charged with assisting and aiding the escape by one charged with or convicted a felony and with carrying things to a prisoner to aid escape.

Gasoline pumps back on line in Fairfield; probe starts

FAIRFIELD — The gasoline pumps went back on here Wednesday, but state investigators were still searching for the cause of a fire that destroyed Camas County's only supermarket and gas station Tuesday afternoon.

The Market Basket's owner, Bill Stewart, transferred his gasoline supplies to Stewart-Service, a station he owns in Fairfield but closed last year because of the high cost of meeting Federal Environmental Protection Agency regulations on underground gas tanks.

The city of Fairfield is seeking permission from the EPA to keep the station open, at least temporarily.

Meanwhile, Camas County residents were looking for alternative sources for groceries. There are convenience stores in Fairfield and Corral, but the nearest supermarket is 36 miles away in Gooding.

Smoky fire stirs sheriff's office from Cassia jail

BURLEY — A small smoky fire at the old Cassia County jail forced most of the sheriff's department into the streets Wednesday.

The fire started when a demolition worker, using a torch to cut metal near an air duct, caught debris inside the duct on fire. Sheriff Billy Crystal said that apparently inmates had stuffed papers, pencils and cigarette butts into the air duct over the years.

"I told one of the guys he misunderstood what he was supposed to do," Crystal said in jest. "He was supposed to tear it down, not burn it down."

Minidoka and Cassia counties opened a new 110-bed jail last year after voters approved a \$55.6-million bond issue to pay for it and to remodel Minidoka County's jail into a juvenile-detention facility.

Dispatchers were able to stay in the building, Crystal said.

Incumbent trio from valley file petitions for re-election

BOISE — Three incumbent Magic Valley legislators filed petitions for re-election Wednesday.

Sen. Joyce McRoberts, R-Twin Falls; Rep. Steve Antone, R-Rupert, and Rep. Patric Nafziger, D-Welland, added their names to six other incumbent Magic Valley lawmakers who already filed nominating petitions with the Idaho secretary of state's office Monday.

McRoberts, serving her second term in the Senate; Antone, in his 12th term in the House; and Nafziger, serving his first term in the House, will be on the May 26 primary election ballot.

Information meeting on proposed Hansen landfill set

HANSEN — Area residents are invited to an information meeting tonight about a proposed landfill near Hansen Butte.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the Hansen Elementary School gymnasium, said Terry Schultz of the South Central District Health Department.

At a February meeting, residents raised concerns about the road access to the landfill; traffic that the facility will generate and the landfill gate entrance. Those topics will be discussed at tonight's meeting, Schultz said.

Engineers also will share information about the soil in the area, he said.

Six Magic Valley counties plan to build a regional landfill to meet new federal rules regarding trash disposal. They like a 2,300-acre site five miles east of Hansen but to build the landfill there the counties must get a conditional-use permit from Twin Falls County.

The county planning and zoning commission will hold a public hearing on the matter.

Compiled from staff reports

Chief defends makeup of Amanda committee

By Kirk Mitchell
Times-News writer

Wednesday. "We're not trying to cover up. That is why we've brought these other people in. They are concerned, capable individuals."

Jim Kistler of the Twin Falls police department.

because it has too many connections with the department itself to be unbiased.

confidential, he said. "He chose Henderson because he wanted a state official on the committee."

TWIN FALLS — The chief of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Magic Valley region says he wasn't trying to hide anything when he appointed a committee to look into the agency's handling of the case of Amanda Hostetler.

Amanda, 2, died Jan. 20 of internal injuries. Police said she was beaten to death at home.

"This is an honest effort on our part," Steve Woodworth said

Wednesday. "We're not trying to cover up. That is why we've brought these other people in. They are concerned, capable individuals."

On Jan. 29, a Twin Falls County grand jury indicted Amanda's mother's live-in boyfriend, Donnell "Bud" Smalley, on charges of first-degree murder, and Amanda's mother, Jodie Hostetler, for felony child abuse.

Health and Welfare workers visited Amanda's home four times in a year and a half, and "didn't see anything unusual," according to Lt.

Woodworth appointed the 11-member committee, chaired by Benavente County Sheriff Larry Gold, to look into the department's actions in the case and to review the agency's handling of child welfare cases. It is expected to release its findings later this month, Gold said Wednesday.

An ad hoc anti-child abuse organization, the Friends of Amanda, says it objects to the composition of Gold's committee

Henderson, chief of Health and Welfare's family services bureau in Boise; Cathy Jackson, who heads the local Guardian Ad Litem program; and Anita Henna, a recorder and administrative assistant for Health and Welfare.

The reason Woodworth selected the committee members was because of the sensitive nature of the case and the need to keep it

state policy and procedures to see what actually happens in the trenches, Woodworth said.

Henderson is in a position to make significant changes based on his findings, he said.

"It's an opportunity to let someone from Boise view first hand the pressures of how policies work," Woodworth said.

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PUC backs UP's plan to close office

The Associated Press

BOISE — State utility regulators have approved Union Pacific Railroad's plans to close its one-man freight agency in Shoshone and transfer its operations to a computer center in St. Louis.

The closure will mark the end of UP's official presence in Shoshone that dates from the founding of the town as a rail center before statehood.

The commission said no shippers or public officials specifically objected to closing the Shoshone on April 21. But the PUC found some continued concern over how the railroad will provide public service at its computerized National Customer Service Center.

Union Pacific asked the commission last August for authority to close its one-man freight agencies in Aberdeen, Ashton, Boise, Nampa, Shoshone and Montpelier.

But local officials, shippers and farm producers protested the Nampa, Aberdeen and Montpelier closures. The railroad withdrew its request to close the Montpelier office in December in favor of a Soda Springs shutdown, and the PUC announced last week that it would accept public comment on the Boise and Soda Springs closure plans until April 9.

Dates and locations for hearings on the Nampa and Aberdeen closures will be scheduled after the close of that comment period, the commission said. At the hearings, Union Pacific will be required to respond to questions raised by the Idaho Wheat Commission and the Joint Rail Labor Board about the impact of shifting services to the St. Louis facility.

Bevan wades into prosecutor's race

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Saying the Twin Falls County prosecutor's office needs an effective manager, Twin Falls attorney G. Richard Bevan joined the crowded race for the Republican nomination Wednesday.

"I think have the knowledge and experience to run it efficiently," he said. "I'd like to see it operate like a law office, rather than a group of people who work for a prosecuting attorney."

The 32-year-old Bevan, a partner in the Twin Falls law firm of Hollifield, Tolman and Bevan, will join Deputy Twin Falls County Prosecutor Frank Nichols, Gooding County Prosecutor Lynn Nelson and Twin Falls attorney Joe Stanzak on the May 26 Republican primary election ballot.

They're vying for the nomination to succeed Republican incumbent C. Ellen Baxter, who is not seeking re-election. No Democrat has filed for the office.

A former deputy prosecutor who has practiced law in Twin Falls since 1987, Bevan said he considers his experience in civil law to be one of his strengths.

"You're called the prosecuting attorney, but the other side of the job is often overlooked," he said. "I want to be available to the commissioners when they make decisions on things like medical indigency."

In other issues, Bevan said he'd:

- Bring the prosecution of drug cases back into the prosecutor's office and cut official ties with the Magic Valley Drug Task Force or its successor agency. The drug task force pays Nichols' salary through property seized in drug cases.

- Avoid using the grand jury, a frequent practice of Baxter's, to get criminal indictments. "If you can't produce the standard of proof to convince a judge that a defendant should be brought to trial, you should consider whether you have the evidence," he said.

- Better supervise assistant prosecutors, many of whom are just out of law school, especially on tough assignments like sex-abuse cases.

- Raise the standards of the office, so that young lawyers would be eager to work in the Twin Falls prosecutor. "When I was in law school, people wanted to work in the Ada County prosecutor's office," he said. "It had the reputation of being a great place to practice law."

- Make the prosecutor more accessible to the public. "I don't think that's the case now," he said.

Bevan, an alumnus of Twin Falls High School, graduated from Brigham Young University and received his law degree there in 1987. He is married and has three children.

Hang time



ANDY ARENZ/The Times-News

Chrls Lukenbill, 9, takes advantage of the late afternoon sunshine to romp through the playground at Perrine Elementary School in Twin Falls Wednesday. The Boise youngster is visiting his grandmother, Max White, during spring break vacation.

Sun Valley cop expands beat - to Prague

By Barbara Neiwert
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — What does the police force in Sun Valley have in common with law enforcement agencies in Prague?

They may be worlds apart, but both cities have to contend with criminals. That's why Sgt. Mark Lockland of the Sun Valley Police Department is going to the former communist nations of Eastern Europe to lend a hand.

"I don't think in the past they've had so many hi-tech tools, we have access to, but they still have the same problems we have," said Lockwood, who has been chosen as one of a dozen cops from across the United States to be a delegate in the People to People Ambassadors' International program.

This July, Lockwood will spend two weeks in Frankfurt, Budapest and Prague working with local law enforcement agencies and sharing his expertise in firearms handling, repair and training.

While the technical sophistication of law enforcement agencies in Eastern Europe does not equal that available in the United States, Lockwood believes there is much to be learned by both parties in this goodwill exchange.

In the former East Bloc nations, for example, national police have had no forensic help available to solve crimes, Lockwood said.

Officers instead must rely on good "down home" basics, which may be of value to American officers as well, he said.

This, coupled with the skills of German cops, promises to make the exchange a rewarding experience, he said.

With nearly 12 years of law enforcement experience, Lockwood has amassed more than 4,000 hours of firearms

training, including completion of several academies. He has received his Post Advanced and Supervisory Certificate and he is a certified fire arms instructor through Idaho's National Rifle Association organization.

"It is our hope to find common issues with our counterparts over there, professionals who we have very seldom had any chance to interact with," said John Lappert, Director of Science and Technology projects with the People to People program.

Lappert has high hopes for this particular delegation.

He believes as these countries move from a very closed society to a more open form of government, the impact of the restructuring of their entire police force will be significant.

"The concept of being innocent until proven guilty is going to be a new way of doing things for them," Lappert said.

In Germany the delegation will focus on such issues as airport security, counter-terrorism, SWAT tactics and executive protection.

Lockwood will concentrate on his handgun training and repair skills, as well as emphasizing the importance of continued on-the-job training, police tactics, investigative procedures and public interaction.

Established in 1956 by President Eisenhower, the People to People Ambassadors is now run privately without government assistance.

Lockwood is trying to raise the money to fund his trip, since the Sun Valley Police Department did not budget the unexpected expense.

Lappert said the program administrators believe the delegates have had a "powerful influence in bringing about some of the changes that have occurred in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union."

What it is only one of many factors which have led to recent changes, "citizen diplomacy has played an important part in that change," he said.

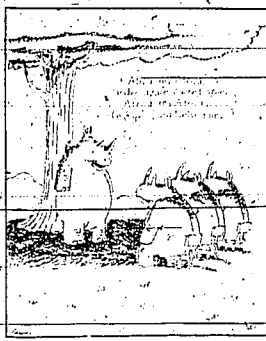


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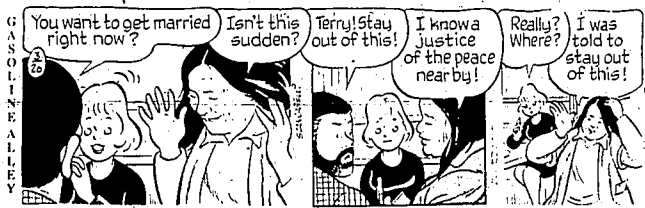
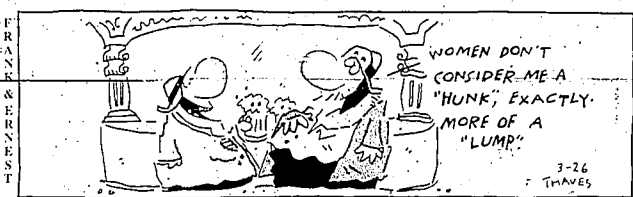
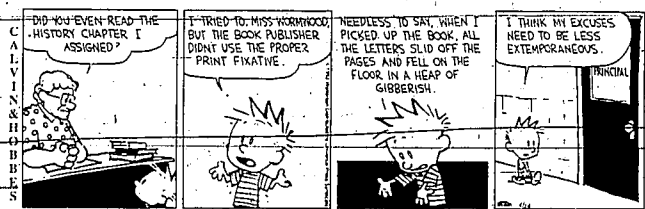
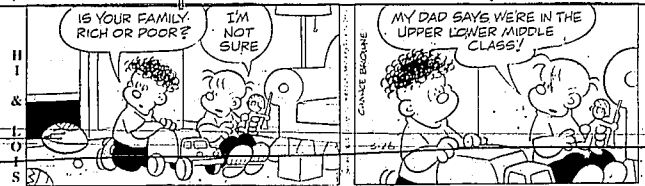
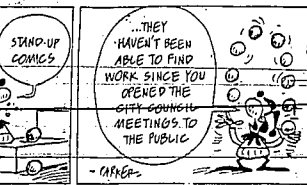
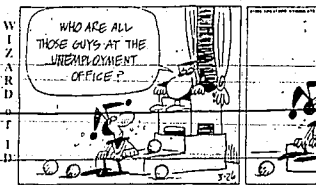
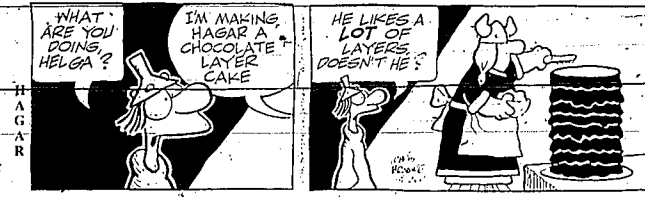
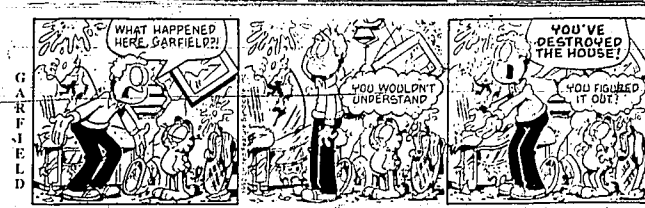
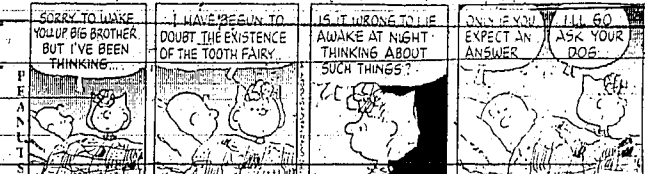
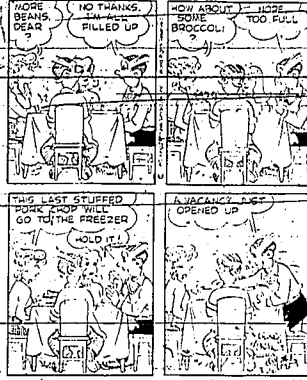
Sgt. Mark Lockland heads to former communist nations of Eastern Europe soon.

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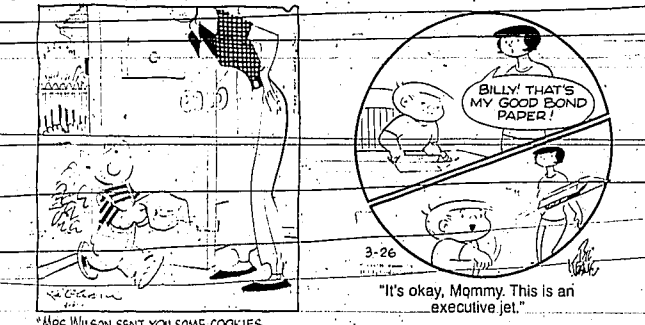


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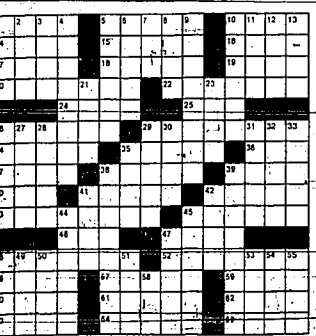


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ARIES (March 21-April 19): What you had long sought will practically be handed you at that proverbial silver-platter. Includes credit previously withheld, praise, promotion.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Lunar aspect coincides with ability to perceive future prospects. You'll "wake up" with answers. Focus on meditation, ability to be quiet within.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Attention revolves around commercial enterprise, time limitation, decision regarding controversial relationship.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll display unique talent of being able to

Horoscope

overcome distance, language barriers. You'll "unite" those who previously "clashed."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Emphasize independence, during initiative, willingness to participate in pioneering project. Attention revolves around employment, basic issues, fitness, meeting with one destined to play key role.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Emphasis on drama, psychic impressions, separation and almost immediate reunion with one who means much to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Those who thought you would give up easily will be dining on crow tonight. You'll be celebrating, you'll also be lucky in money and love - congratulations!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Answer: Wait, check details, be sure key

fits. Short trip involves search, relative who panics because, "I don't know where I really belong!"

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Obtain hint from Scorpio message. Read and write; disseminate information. Attention also revolves around income, return of lost article.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Attention revolves around home, flowers, music, color coordination, reconciliation with loved one. You'll be at right place at crucial moment - from inner feelings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look beyond the immediate, call on "mysterious" person who recently stated, "Don't hesitate to ask me for assistance." Secret meeting will take place, you'll benefit as result.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Check Aquarian message. Let others know you are serious, dedicated, determined, not without allies.

L.M. Boyd

up in the morning?"

Are you a "teacher" when you talk? probably not if you're British. Americans in conversation touch one another about twice an hour, typically. The French, approximately 10 times an hour. The Puerto Ricans, as frequently as 180 times an hour. Or so say the hidden-camera researchers.

Porcupines never attack.

"Coco" means "skull" in Latin. What the Portuguese traders brought they saw in the South Pacific islands, named ap

propane enough. Eventually, Q. Do England's roads have rest stops? A. They do. Signs for them read "Lay By."

What we think of George Washington depends on the current economy. So contends an historian. In boom, we deify George. In slumps, we disparage him. Only scholars know something of the man. To the rest of us, he's just a variation of Uncle Sam.

That hair styled called "bangs" started out as stable talk. An allusion to how early groom cut horses' tails, said bangs thereafter being called bangtail.

Outdoors

Trio of buffalo tests positive for brucellosis

The Associated Press

ANTELOPE ISLAND, Utah — Three buffalo on Antelope Island will be destroyed after testing positive for brucellosis, while six other animals suspected of having the disease will be isolated from the herd.

State officials say they are encouraged by the low number of animals that may have contracted the ailment, which often causes buffalo and cattle to abort in late months of pregnancy and can spread to other grazing animals as well as humans.

Three confirmed cases "is a manageable number if it does not show up in anything else," said state veterinarian Michael Marshall. "At this time, it does not look like the entire herd has a problem."

The herd was tested during a special roundup March 12 after a male buffalo was found to have the disease following the annual November roundup.

Mary Tullius, spokeswoman for the state parks department, said tissues from the three infected animals will be sent to the National Animal Disease Laboratory in Iowa for further testing.

The six suspected animals will be tested again in 30 days.

Officials said they still do not know how the isolated island herd was infected. However, they suspect nine bulls imported from Nebraska and Montana in recent years may have brought the disease with them.

"There is just no way to tell at this time what caused it," Tullius said.

But with the low number of suspect cases, Tullius said, the disease is no threat to the herd's strong gene pool.

It also should not threaten the state's profitable business of selling Utah buffalo to outside interests, she said. Last year, the state made \$74,000 from the sale of bison.

Marshall said the state will begin "trace back testing" of animals that have left the herd during the last few years to see if they took the disease with them.

"This disease is very slow. It's a very slow growing organism. It can incubate up to two years in an animal before there is any indication of a problem," the veterinarian said.

Since 1987, the island buffalo herd has been rounded up every fall and the female calves inoculated against brucellosis.

The cost of the additional roundup was about \$15,000.

Outdoor Line

The Times-News

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Ricochets must be understood

One of the paramount responsibilities of those who participate in shooting sports is to calculate, within a reasonable degree of certainty, where the bullet is going to stop once released with a pull of the trigger.

David Hocklander
Hunting

The ideal scenario provides for a high bank of soft dirt behind an intended target, be it wild game or a paper bullseye, to safely capture the bullet once it has completed its intended task. But conditions are seldom perfect, forcing the conscientious shooter to evaluate every shooting opportunity as to the chance of setting loose a runaway bullet known as a "ricochet."

There are few things more unnerving for a rifle or handgun enthusiast than the whine of a rogue bullet as it deflects off of its intended target and escapes in a direction of its own choosing. The danger is apparent. The bullet will eventually strike something. Not all ricochets can be avoided, but most can be eliminated by understanding the basic conditions which increase the chances of a ricochet.

A ricochet is a simply one object rebounding off of another. Many a golfer has experienced the feeling of terror as an errant golf shot strikes a nearby tree and ricochets in an unknown direction. Every kid has attempted to skip a rock across a pond. The variables which enable the rock to strike the water and then bounce back into the air are the same variables which create a ricochet.

First, the hardness and durability of the two objects is critical. It is tough to bounce a snowball off a house or a ball off a sand dune. But fire a full metal jacketed rifle bullet at some rocks and

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Big game hunters face changes

Public comment to determine fate of latest proposals

A number of changes in Big Game hunting seasons are being considered for Region 4 this fall. The public will have an opportunity to comment on these proposals at meetings at the KMYT-TV Community Room in Twin Falls Monday, at the Burley Law Enforcement Building Tuesday and at the old courthouse in Bailey April 2. All three meetings will start at 7:30 p.m.

Discussion at the meetings will include a change to a two-year format, which will mean regulations for 1992 and 1993.

Deer hunters will have additional opportunity in an expanded shotgun-only hunt which includes that portion of Unit 53 south of I-84 and west of Highway 93. The previous area included a section within the Snake River Canyon only.

Changes would increase antlerless deer tags in controlled hunts 44, 45, 47, 54, 55 and 57. Mild winters have produced excellent carry over and growing populations of deer in these units and the additional harvest will help to maintain them within the carrying capacity of their winter ranges.

The late deer buck hunts in Unit 43 and 48 would have a reduced number of permits. Antlered permits would also be reduced in a number of controlled hunts in Region 4 but would be added to the antlerless numbers for the same totals as last year.

The proposed deer season for Region 4 would run from Oct. 5 to Oct. 29 in most general and controlled hunts. This is the same season as last year and is an



Big game hunters in Region 4 face a number of regulations changes in the coming seasons.

attempt to increase the buck population by reducing pressure during the vulnerable rut period in November.

Elk hunters will have additional opportunity with the opening of Unit 56 (Sublett) for the first time with 15 permits.

Elk controlled hunts 245-3 and 245-4 would be expanded to include all of Unit 52 east of State Highway 75 and all of Unit 52A. The increased size would allow elk hunters to hunt from Bliss to

Arco and help control the numbers of this highly mobile elk herd.

If the public accepts the concept, five new bulls-only elk hunts would be established in Units 43, 44, 45, 48 and 49 with five permits each. These would not begin until 1992 and would run from Sept. 25 through Oct. 10. They would provide a chance to hunt during the rut.

The numbers of permits for antelope would be increased in most units, which is again the reflection of the mild winters

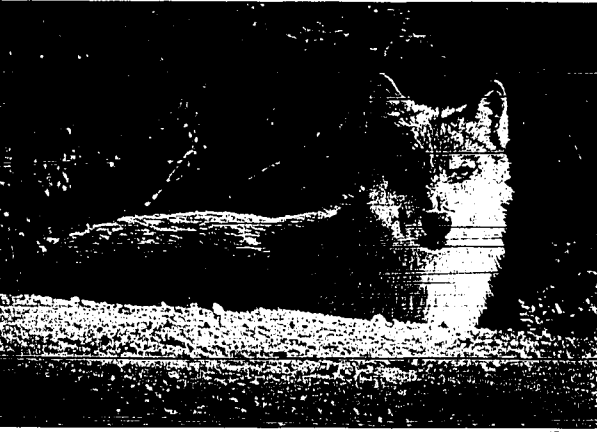
and good carry over. A new area west of the Little Wood River in Unit 49 would be added with 25 permits.

There are no changes proposed for black bear in 1992, but the 1993 seasons would follow the five-year plan.

The commission will approve this in July.

Unit 56 would be opened to mountain lion hunting since studies have shown it to have a population similar to open units nearby.

Hearings focus on wolf's return to Yellowstone



The gray wolf is at the center of an environmental impact statement in Washington, Idaho and Montana.

The Associated Press

A series of meetings in Wyoming, Idaho and Montana next month will launch work on an environmental impact statement on the gray wolf's return to Yellowstone National Park.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will schedule open houses in nine Wyoming communities as part of the process federal officials hope to wrap up by fall of 1994. They hope to issue the final EIS by October 1994.

"The main thing we want to do (at the open houses) is introduce the process," said Ed Bangs, the project leader on the EIS for the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The EIS will address returning the gray wolf to Yellowstone and central Idaho. Issues to be covered are those raised by previous studies and work on the federal Wolf Management Committee last year.

The issues include:

- Preying on livestock and pets and compensation for losses.
- Wolf control.
- Human life and health.
- Land-use policy and possible restrictions.

- Private property rights
- Disease and parasite transmission
- Economics and the recreational value of wolves

- The ecological completeness of Yellowstone

The alternatives suggested so far range from no wolves, changing the wolf's designation from "endangered" to "experimental," which proponents say will give more flexibility in managing the animal, to retaining the wolf's status as an endangered species in Yellowstone.

Bangs said the open houses will give people a chance to hear about the EIS process.

"People can probably come to these open houses and find out what's going on and be out the door in 15 minutes or less," he said.

Congress directed the Fish and Wildlife Service to prepare a draft EIS by May 13, 1993. John Tabbutt, the assistant chief game warden for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, said a comment period of 60 to 90 days will follow the EIS.

Public hearings probably will be scheduled after the comment period, he added.

Briefly

BLM seeks volunteers to plant Bitterbrush

The Bureau of Land Management has purchased 14,000 Bitterbrush seedlings and requests volunteer assistance in planting them in the Indian Springs area.

Volunteers will meet at 8 a.m. Saturday approximately eight miles south of Kimberly where the road "T" goes into the foothills Road. Bring a lunch, drinks and work gloves. All tools will be provided.

This project was started March 7 and will take 50 to 100 people participating to complete it. Children under 18 must have a parental permission slip signed.

For more information or permission slips, contact Chris Ketchum at 678-5514.

Bowhunter education course is refresher for instructors

A Bowhunter Education Instructors Class has been set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Spini's Archery in Mountain Home. This course is intended for certified bowhunter education instructors who need it as a refresher course and for new instructors.

The class seeks individuals who care enough about bowhunting to volunteer their time for the future of bowhunting. These individuals should have a positive attitude and be able to communicate in an intelligent and skillful manner.

Interested persons are asked to call Clayton Nielson at 423-5287 or 733-9231.

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Coyote call only part of luring the species

By James J. Kruttschnitt
Times-News correspondent

Few outdoor experiences surpass the thrill of a coyote responding to a call. Much of the excitement lies in the unpredictable nature of these creatures — some animals run full speed in the direction of the call while others stand at long distance and peer suspiciously through the sagebrush.

While coyote responses are unpredictable, hunters must operate in a deliberate fashion if they expect to lure a coyote within rifle range. A quiet approach, wind direction and, most certainly, camouflage are fundamental to hunter success.

begins with concealing the vehicle. Many times, this means parking the truck and walking, but long treks can be reduced by parking the vehicle behind elevated terrain or using bushes and trees for concealment. Once the vehicle is stowed, remember an often overlooked matter — don't slam the doors! Coyotes respond to calls from long distances. Doubtless, the sound from a metal door will carry farther.

Calling sites should be approached as stealthily as possible. Walk slowly around brush that might scrape against a rifle stock, boots or equipment that could possibly alert a coyote that you're in the area.

Wind direction plays a major role in the art of bringing a coyote to the call.

Ideally, call sites should be approached with the hunter walking directly into the wind. If a hunter walks into the wind, his scent travels behind and not ahead of his approach. This tactic prevents frightening the quarry before reaching the stand.

(Wind also helps to muffle the sound of footsteps, snapping twigs, etc.)

Concealment is a must for coyote callers. Head-to-toe camouflage isn't always necessary, but the upper portion of the body must always be camouflaged since the arms move when rifle or binoculars are raised. Remember: When a coyote comes to the call of an injured rabbit, he is intent. The sound might be dinner. A whitish, moving object in the brush signals anything but a meal, probably danger.

Camouflage for the upper torso must include disguising the head and hands. At bare minimum, a hat should be worn. Hats do more than just cover the head; the hat produces a shadow which darkens a whitish forehead.

Hands must also be considered. When a hunter moves the call to his lips, the first movement comes from the hands. When binoculars are raised, when the rifle is positioned, the hands must be camouflaged.

Coyotes, by nature, are wary creatures requiring a hunter to employ all of his skills of deception. Hunters must consider a quiet approach, wind direction and camouflage if they intend to be successful. And these items are only the basics.

Avalanche hazard rated low in rec areas

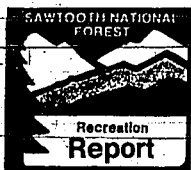
Avalanche hazard is generally rated low at all elevations with some moderate danger possible during afternoon rise in temperatures. Since avalanche hazard can change quickly, be aware of changing conditions and call the Ketchum recorded information number, 622-8027, for a daily update.

The Ketchum Ranger District reports that while some roads and trails are closed due to spring thawing, the best places available to recreate are on the Big Wood River Bike Path and Trail System or further south on Bureau of Land Management roads and trails.

Recreationists are again reminded that special orders placed on temporary seasonal road and trail closures are still in effect.

This includes the Twin Falls, Fairfield and Ketchum Ranger Districts on the Sawtooth National Forest. Signs are posted in these areas. Violations of the closure are punishable by a fine.

Campgrounds on the Sawtooth National Forest remain closed for



the season and will open around mid May.

Nordic skiers may find Prairie Creek trail on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area in surprisingly good condition. Skiers are advised to watch out for sink holes near trees. For off-trail skiing, Alturas Lake is reported the best.

Trail of Gaiena Lodge are reported in excellent groomed condition. March 29 is the closing date for the season.

The Sawtooth NRA Headquarters Visitor Center will be closed weekends during the month of April and will resume the seven-day-a-week schedule the first part of May.

Wherever you hunt for turkey, safety comes first

General turkey hunting season in Idaho begins April 13 in 15 of the state's management units. Controlled hunts for a variety of units and dates will begin as early as April 20. Turkey hunting is the fastest-growing hunting sport in the state, with 1,558 tags sold in 1991, compared to 379 tags 10 years earlier. Harvest in 1991 was 495; up from 33 a decade before.

There has never been a hunting accident involving turkey hunters in Idaho, although nationwide, there are about 70 accidents for every 100,000 hunters, according to a survey done by the Virginia Wildlife Agency. Pennsylvania figures show that during the past eight years, 261 hunters have

been shot when mistaken for game; and in 177 of those accidents, hunters were mistaken for turkeys. Of 246 recorded turkey hunting accidents in that state, 17 have been fatal.

Whether there are 200,000 turkey hunters, like Pennsylvania, or 2,500, like Idaho, the same safety protocols should be followed:

- Positively identify your target.
- Make your position known to other hunters.
- Never stalk a turkey or turkey sound.
- Assume every noise and movement is another hunter.
- Protect your back.
- Pre-select a zone of fire.

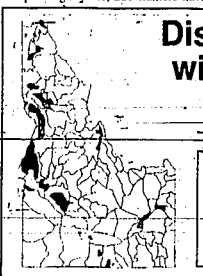
• Shout "Stop!" to alert approaching hunters.

• Don't wear red, white or blue (not even underwear).

• Choose safe, ethical hunting companions.

• Practice courtesy and self-control at all times.

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listen for the tell-tale sound of the ricochet.

Just changing from full metal jacket to a lead-tipped bullet can reduce the chance of ricochets. Soft lead bullets are more likely to splatter or break apart on impact.

Bullets with thin jackets and soft lead cores are designed to "explode" or shatter upon striking an object.

Even the air gun can be a prolific producer of ricochets when loaded with the traditional steel BB's.

Second, the speed of the projectile contributes to the possibilities of a ricochet. "A fast bullet increases the chance that it will come apart on its initial impact.

In the case of the relatively slow .22 rimfire, the lead bullet is soft but its speed is insufficient to destroy the bullet on impact.

The result is that the .22 rimfire produces more ricochets than all other cartridges put together.

The report and impact of a high powered rifle may be more startling than the mild crack of a .22 rimfire, but the faster bullet is certainly safer to use on rockchucks in a farmers rock pile.

Third, the angle of contact is critical to producing ricochets. Simply stated, the flatter the angle, the greater the chance of a ricochet.

This is the key to skipping rocks across the water.

Low, flat angles will create ricochets even off of soft surfaces such as water and dirt.

The closer the back stop to perpendicular, the greater is the

chance that it will be able to retain the bullet.

An example of the critical nature the angle of impact can play is found in the metallic silhouette sports.

Here, high powered rifles and pistols fire target bullets, often full metal jacketed, at steel targets. But the targets are flat and set perpendicular to the line of flight of the bullets. As a result, the bullets splash harmlessly on the target. (Since the bullets are actually dropping, because of their trajectory, into the targets on impact, if any ricochet were to occur it would be down into the soil.)

And fourth, smooth surfaces enhance ricochet possibilities. Even a rock can be skipped at least one off a glassy smooth lake. But add small waves and the task becomes nearly impossible.

The occurrence of ricochets can be greatly reduced by taking into consideration these four factors before firing.

No one can accurately predict when a ricochet will occur or how far a ricochet will travel. Certainly, any loss of speed from the initial impact will reduce its maximum range.

Also any deformation as a result of the impact will cause the bullet to decelerate more rapidly. Perhaps it will only survive long enough to travel a few yards. But it is also possible for a bullet to ricochet while retaining enough of its velocity to travel a mile or more.

The fact is that no one knows how a ricochet will act and that is

what makes it a dangerous phenomena of shooting to be avoided.

I hope we all will cringe the next time we hear the sound of a ricochet, and may the few that get away all land harmlessly.

David Hocklander is a teacher at Gooding High School.

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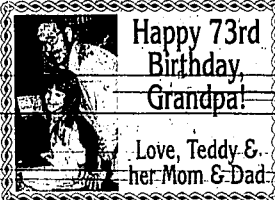
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Want to buy in town? Older, well kept home in the SE section...

518 MOBILE HOMES
14x70 Broadens, 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, swamp cook, appliances...

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705 FARM MACHINERY
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710 HORSES
2 Reg. miniature donkey for sale. \$500 to good home...

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2 purebred Duroc gilts, ready to breed. \$300. Call 734-6714.

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13 ton carrier heat pump with horizontal radiator...

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New wedding gown & veil, size 10. Call 734-4469.

512 FARMS/RANCHES AND DAIRIES
102 acre farm, Blms, 4 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath home...

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4 bdrm house - \$200-2500. Call 734-3253.

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44-100 acres, sandy sprinkler ground, in alfalfa...

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12000 gallon Sluor grain tanks. To be moved...

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1066 International tractor, 1975 model, now rebuilt...

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2 horses trailer, excellent shape. Call 324-2166.

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Antique oak parlor table with glass ball top...

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Garden rototilling, Reasonable rates, experienced...

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All electric studio apartment, minutes from Ft. T. quiet...

613 WANT TO RENT
Idaho Housing Center looking for unfurnished house...

708 FARM MACHINERY
1991 alfalfa seed, Wrangler, Baker, Vermeer, Ranger...

712 IRRIGATION
10' Hasting gated aluminum pipe, 10' Hasting...

804 BUILDING MATERIALS
2x4x10 pine - 1000 lbs. Call 324-4914.

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175,000 BTU gas furnace used five years - good condition...

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IBM 206, 204 hard disk, 640K RAM, 5 1/4" floppy...

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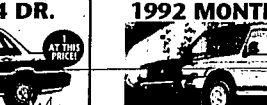
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Good bridge teachers advise defenders to follow a simple principle: "When a declarer adopts a losing line of play, do nothing that will steer him away from his plan."

South refused the first diamond and took West's continuation with his ace. Choosing to start the hearts instead of the spades, South led a low heart to dummy's nine and East foolishly won his 10. A third round of diamonds knocked out dummy's king, and South saw little hope left in hearts. So he switched to spades and he found luck there.

When East's 11 and queen dropped under the king and ace, South led a third spade to establish his suit. This gave him nine tricks without dummy's long hearts, and he was happy to settle for that.

East should have heeded the teacher's advice. When South led a heart to dummy's nine, East should have encouraged him to proceed with his plan by winning with the king instead of the 10. If South was naive enough to fall into this trap, he would neglect the spades to persist in hearts, losing his game in the process.

What's bad for declarer must be good for the defenders.

NORTH ♠16-A
♥K 6
♦A J 9 5 2
♣K 6 3
♦K 8 5

WEST ♠J 5 4 3
♥8 6
♦10 9 8
♣Q 10 7 3

EAST ♠Q 10
♥K Q 10 7
♦K Q J 5 4
♣J 9 2

SOUTH ♠A 9 8 7 2
♥4 3
♦A 7 2
♣A 6 4

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South
The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ Pass 2♥ Pass
2NT Pass 3NT All pass
Opening lead: Diamond 10

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
♠Q 10
♥K Q 10 7
♦Q J 5 4
♣J 9 2

North South
1♦ ANSWER: Two diamonds. Too strong for one no-trump and should have five hearts to bid two hearts (unless prepared to support spades later).

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Briefly

UConn coach denies he is UNLV candidate

STORRS, Conn. — Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said Wednesday he is not a candidate for the UNLV coaching job.

Northern Championship races set for Pomerelle

ALBION — The U.S. Ski Association Northern Championship races will be held in Pomerelle Sat. and Sun., Mar. 28 and 29.

Hospital settles suit charging delay resulted in star's death

CHICAGO — Lawyers settled a lawsuit Wednesday that claimed botched medical care cost a high school basketball star his life after a shooting.

Sportsquote

I'm just a caraway seed in the bakery of life.

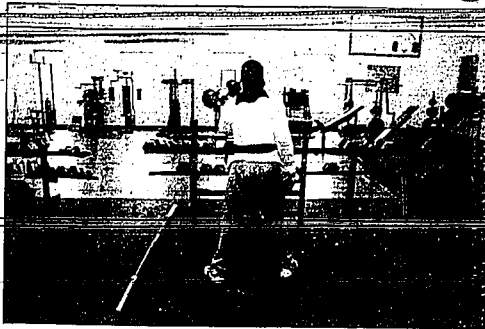
Xavier basketball coach Pete Gillen, on his role in society

Scores and stats D2
Pro baseball D4

Judge decides Tyson's fate today at sentencing

The Associated Press
INDIANAPOLIS — A judge scheduled to sentence Mike Tyson today for raping a teen-age beauty contestant...

three hours, said Rob Smith, a spokesman for the county prosecutor. "It's a very informal proceeding," Smith said.



A prisoner works out in a weight room at the Correctional Industrial Complex in Pendleton, Ind., Wednesday. Mike Tyson could end up here.

Sweet 16 teams brace for battles



Indiana Coach Bobby Knight carries a whip as he watches practice Wednesday. More NCAA Tournament coverage is on Page D3.

The Associated Press

Massachusetts' trip to the Sweet 16 was a lot shorter than the one it took last time the Minutemen played Kentucky. This time, they hope to stick around a little longer, though.

East Regional

Kentucky is making its first NCAA postseason appearance since 1983, and that holds some meaning for the team's seniors.

Couples preps for championship

The Associated Press

PONTE-VEDRA, Fla. — Fred Couples has a way of putting things in perspective. Riding the hottest streak in golf in more than a decade, Couples was besieged by questions Wednesday after a practice round for the Players Championship.

"As a star, people want to know more about you, your personal life, what you do away from the tour," he was asked. "Another ready answer from Couples. 'When I'm out here, I play golf,' he said. 'When I go home, I don't play golf.'"

Figure skating title wide open

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — It was unprecedented last year. It is almost predictable this year. The same three American women who are in this week's world championships swept the medals in 1991, a first in the 71-year history of the event.

to what order the three U.S. skaters will stand on the medals podium. "There are a number of very good skaters here," said Yamaguchi, a strong favorite after her 12-month golden hat trick. "You really can't predict anything like that, but I think there is a good chance of another sweep."

The Associated Press

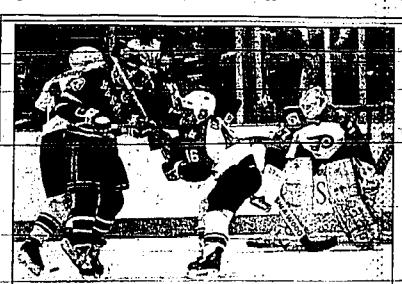
key matchup could be Seton Hall forward Jerry Walker on Duke's All-American, Christian Lactner. Walker knows Lactner by reputation, if nothing else.

West Regional

Point guard Charlie Ward is a doubtful starter for Florida State against Indiana. Ward sustained a pinched nerve cuff in his left shoulder in the first round of the tournament last Thursday.

Midwest Regional

Memphis State coach Larry Finch also has a young team, which includes four first-time starters. "I've tried to buffer them as much as I can, but they're still going to feel a little pressure," Finch said.



New York's Tony Amonte runs into the stick of Philadelphia defenseman Al Conroy Wednesday night.

Rangers clinch Patrick Division

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — For the second time in three years, the New York Rangers got to raise a NHL championship banner at Madison Square Garden.

Gooden hurls Mets past Astros

KISSIMEEHEE, Fla. (AP) — Dwight Gooden, taking another step in his recovery from shoulder surgery, pitched five strong innings...

Expos (ss) 3, Dodgers 2
Strong winds and opposing hitters continued to play havoc with Greg Herhiser's sinkerball as a Montreal split squad beat Los Angeles.

Groden (1-0) allowed just three hits and a walk. He struck out three. Of his 57 pitches, 36 were strikes.

Herhiser suffered his second straight loss as he gave up three runs in six innings, including a two-run homer by Mark Gissirini in the third that put the Expos ahead.

With Daryl Boston on first base and the score 1-1 in the sixth, Mauckey Saver singled. Pete Incaevig's throw to the infield went in front to the photographer's box...

from second base for the winning run as San Diego beat a San Francisco split squad, scoring five times in the ninth inning to tie the score 7-7.

Pirates 11, Twins 7
GRADENTON, Fla. — Mike Huyler, a minor leaguer called up to play only one game, hit a grand slam in the 12th inning...

Brothers 9, Indians 4
TUCSON, Ariz. — Jeff Shaw balked in the go-ahead run in the fifth inning, and Mario Diaz hit a two-run triple in the eighth to lead Milwaukee over Cleveland.

Figers 2, Reds 1
PEASANT CITY, Fla. — Tony Phillips drove in both Detroit runs with a homer and a single as Cincinnati ended Greg Swindell's perfect spring training.

Angels 4, Cubs 2
PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — Eric Grahe won a spot in California's starting rotation by pitching six strong innings to help the Angels beat Chicago.

Expos 4 (ss), Braves 0
WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Five Montreal pitchers combined on a two-hitter and the Expos pounded Steve Avery to beat Atlanta, scoring nine runs...

Angels 4, Cubs 2
PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — Eric Grahe won a spot in California's starting rotation by pitching six strong innings to help the Angels beat Chicago.

Lack of experience dims outlook for local prep tennis teams

By Jeff Hoskinson
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Tennis team is the experience of tomorrow.

Engberg along with sophomores Jonathan Fitzhugh and Cole Smeek will play the pool of youth.

Wood River
How the Wood River tennis team will do is anybody's guess but you can bet that when the season ends the Wolverines will be taking part in the state tournament.

Sans 'The Admirals,' Spurs sunk by Hornets

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Kendall Gill scored 28 points as the Charlotte Hornets took advantage of the absence of All-Star center David 'The Admiral' Robinson Wednesday night...

Pro basketball
Golden State's final 20 points in the first 7:14 against Detroit.

Florida, Notre Dame
advance in tourney
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Reserve Brian Hogan, playing in his home state for the first time, scored his career high with 18 points as Florida defeated Purdue 74-67.

Orlando's magical comebacks worth worrying about

NEW YORK (AP) — Opponents of the Orlando Magic are duly warned. Don't relax against these guys, even when you have a huge lead.

Cavs 106, Magic 96
ORLANDO, Fla. — Mark Price matched his season high with 30 points, six of them during a crucial fourth-quarter stretch when Cleveland held on to beat Orlando.

Tark heads to the booth
SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Love basketball, so it's just great to stay involved in some way. I'm looking forward to going to practices and to doing a few games.

Scores and stats

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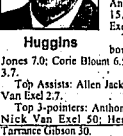
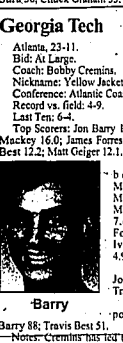
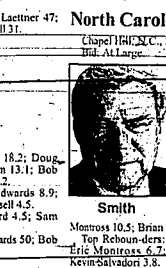
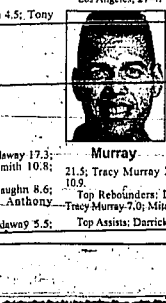
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Team capsules

The Associated Press
A look at the 16 teams remaining in the 1992 NCAA basketball championship:**Cincinnati**
Cincinnati, 27-4.
Bid: At Large.
Coach: Bob Huggins.
Nickname: Bearcats.**Huggins**
Top Scorers: Herb Jones 17.0; Corie Blount 6.5; Erik Martin 3.7.
Top Assists: Allen Jackson 2.8; Nick Van Exel 2.7.
Top 3-pointers: Anthony Buford 5.1; Nick Van Exel 5.0; Herb Jones 3.0.**Duke**
Durham, N.C., 30-2.
Bid: ACC champion.
Coach: Mike Krzyzewski.
Nickname: Blue Devils.
Conference: Atlantic Coast.
Record vs. field: 19-2.
Last Ten: 7-3.**Smith**
Top Scorers: Christian Laettner 21.9; Grant Hill 14.5; Thomas Hill 14.5; Bobby Hurley 13.1; Brian Davis 11.2.
Top Re-bouncers: Christian Laettner 7.9; Grant Hill 5.3; Brian Davis 4.6.
Top Assists: Bobby Hurley 7.6; Grant Hill 4.0.
Top 3-pointers: Christian Laettner 4.7; Bobby Hurley 4.4; Thomas Hill 3.1.**Georgia Tech**
Atlanta, 23-11.
Bid: At Large.
Coach: Bobby Cremins.
Nickname: Yellow Jackets.
Conference: Atlantic Coast.
Record vs. field: 4-9.
Last Ten: 6-4.**Barry**
Top Scorers: Jon Barry 16.7; Malcolm Mackey 16.0; James Forrest 13.4; Matt Geiger 12.1.
Top Re-bouncers: Malcolm Mackey 12.1; Matt Geiger 7.6; James Forrest 6.3; Ivano Novitski 4.9.
Top Assists: Jon Barry 5.9; Travis Best 5.8.
Top 3-pointers: Jon Barry 8.8; Travis Best 5.1.
Notes: Cremins has led the Jackets to seven straight NCAA tournaments, including one Final Four.**Indiana**
Bloomington, Ind., 25-6.
Bid: At Large.
Coach: Bob Knight.
Nickname: Hoosiers.
Conference: Big Ten.
Record vs. field: 8-2.
Last Ten: 7-3.**Kentucky**
Lexington, Ky., 28-6.
Bid: SEC champion.
Coach: Rick Pitino.
Nickname: Wildcats.
Conference: Southeastern.
Record vs. field: 7-3.
Last Ten: 9-1.**Massachusetts**
Amherst, Mass., 30-4.
Bid: Atlantic 10 champion.
Coach: Wilfong.
Nickname: Minutemen.
Conference: Atlantic 10.
Record vs. field: 8-3.
Last Ten: 7-0.**Memphis St.**
Memphis, Tenn., 22-10.
Bid: At Large.
Coach: Lurry Finch.
Nickname: Tigers.
Conference: Midwestern.
Record vs. field: 7-7.
Last Ten: 7-3.**Murray**
Top Scorers: Don MacLean 21.5; Tracy Murray 21.1; Shon-Tarver 10.9.
Top Re-bouncers: Don MacLean 7.8; Tracy Murray 7.0; Mitchell Butler 4.3.
Top Assists: Don MacLean 5.5.**Michigan**
Ann Arbor, Mich., 22-8.
Bid: Big West champion.
Coach: Steve Fisher.
Nickname: Wolverine.
Conference: Big Ten.
Record vs. field: 5-3.
Last Ten: 7-3.**New Mexico St.**
Las Cruces, N.M., 25-7.
Bid: Big West champion.
Coach: Neil McCarthy.
Nickname: Aggies.
Conference: Big West.
Record vs. field: 1-1.
Last Ten: 7-3.**North Carolina**
Chapel Hill, N.C., 23-9.
Bid: At Large.
Coach: Dean Smith.
Nickname: Tar Heels.
Conference: Atlantic Coast.
Record vs. field: 9-4.
Last Ten: 4-6.**Jackson**
Top Scorers: Jamal Brown 12.0; Lawrence Funderburke 11.5; Jamal Brown 10.0.
Top Re-bouncers: Jim Jackson 6.8; Lawrence Funderburke 6.1; Chris Jent 5.1.**Oklahoma St.**
Stillwater, Okla., 28-7.
Bid: At Large.
Coach: Eddie Sutton.
Nickname: Cowboys.
Conference: Big Eight.
Record vs. field: 8-6.
Last Ten: 5-5.**Seton Hall**
South Orange, N.J., 23-8.
Bid: At Large.
Coach: P.J. Carlesimo.
Nickname: Pirates.
Conference: Big East.
Record vs. field: 6-5.
Last Ten: 8-2.**Texas-EI Paso**
El Paso, Texas, 27-6.
Bid: At Large.
Coach: Don Hawkins.
Nickname: Miners.
Conference: WAC.
Record vs. field: 3-3.
Last Ten: 6-4.**UCLA**
Los Angeles, 27-4.
Bid: Pac 10 champion.
Coach: Jim Harlick.
Nickname: Bruins.
Conference: Pac 10.
Record vs. field: 7-3.
Last Ten: 3-3.**Murray**
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'The Dance' makes Seminoles happy

By Skip Mylenicki
Chicago Tribune

The gesture was typical of Dean Smith, North Carolina's gentleman-assassin. Florida State was about to play its first game as a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference in that building named after him, and to honor the occasion, the Tar Heels' coach delayed its start to present a game ball to Seminoles coach Pat Kennedy.



"Now I guess we have something to write on the game ball," Kennedy later said with a smile, and after his team upset Carolina by a dozen.

There is nothing bashful about Florida State, which on Thursday faced Indiana in a West Regional semifinal. These 'Notes walk the walk and talk the talk and play always with an alacrity that recalls the memorable comment of Brazilian Oscar Schmidt: 'Every shot is a good shot,' he declared after strafing the U.S. at the 1987 Pan Am Games.

Florida State Coach Pat Kennedy discussed strategy with Bob Sura during practice in Albuquerque, N.M., Wednesday.

They have a lot of fun playing the game," says De Paul's Joe Meyer, whose Blue Demons defeated them last month. "They're free and easy. Everybody says a halfway team wins in the NCAA tournament. But this team is very relaxed, very confident and shoots a lot of threes. When they're shooting well, watch out."

They won six of eight road games on their first trek through the ACC, that is one measure of just how unashamed the Seminoles are, and swept Carolina, Georgia Tech, Wake Forest and N.C. State. Five of their players average in double figures, which is also tallie, but even more revealing is that each of that quintet scored 25 or more points in at least one game.

Three-pointers off a fast break are not uncommon for them, nor is a fast break that ends with a dunk off a dangerous, between-the-legs runny pass. The 110 points they ran up against North Carolina at home matched the most ever surrendered by the Tar Heels, and their surprising second-place finish in the ACC was as shocking to that traditional league as it was impressive.

The choreographer of this entertaining madness is the 40-year-old Kennedy, a legendary laborer who grew up poor in the small clammy town of Keyport, N.J. He began his scrambling back then, learned the necessity of hard work, and when his older brother Bobby opened the Pecono Invitational Sport Camp, he also began listening to every lecture of every coach who passed through. One of them, after delivering his talk, wandered over to watch Kennedy put

some young campers through drills, and was impressed. "Hey, good job, son," Bob Knight yelled out. "Someday you'll be a good coach."

He heard 300 talks by the time he was 18, Kennedy figures, but before putting that accumulated knowledge to work, he first wanted to play. He was just good enough to hook on as a reserve for King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. but in his junior year, his career ended as he left the team because of a game at Philadelphia's Palestra. He had dreamed of performing in this storied arena while growing up, but here his coach, Ed Donohue, pulled him aside and asked if he would like to replace a recently fired assistant.

"What the heck, I might as well," replied Kennedy, and right there Donohue handed him \$30 and directed him to Jersey City to scout St. Peter's, the Monarchs' next opponent. That season, at 21, he recruited and coached the school's junior varsity, and while a senior and finishing up his degree, he served as Donohue's full-time assistant.

Laettner must deal with an adoring public

By Joe Juliano
Knight-Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — The Duke-Blue Devils are here for the NCAA East Regional.
Try to control yourself, OK?
When this college basketball team from rather sedate Durham, N.C., made its grand march through the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament, in neighboring Greensboro last week, you would have thought the Rolling Stones had learned to dunk.



Embarrassing? Possibly. Amazing? No question.
At the center of this concert-tour experience is the certified matinee idol, Christian Laettner, the star of the Blue Devils, a combination of smooth shooting and bare-knuckled elegance, the Atlantic Coast Conference's player of the year and a unanimous all-American.

Christian Laettner's prowess as a dominating ACC center has forced him to cope with the pressures of stardom.

But you tend to forget about basketball sometimes as you witness the pandemonium that trails Laettner and his team. A few snapshots from last week: —A bus marked "Blue Devils" squeezes into a driveway at the Greensboro Coliseum, where it is met by a crowd of a dozen people toting camcorders to record Duke's historic arrival — for practice. "I just had to get Christian," one camera-toting woman of post-college age said.

—About 6,000 North Carolinians came inside to watch Duke practice. Some jump up and down at their seats. Some squeal. Others yell "Chrissess-chennnn" pleadingly, hoping he will answer with a glance.

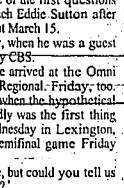
—One day, the sellout crowd jams the arena for Duke's NCAA game, and cheers wildly when the Blue Devils take the court for warm-ups. As the roar starts to die down, a new chorus of screaming accompanies the last player out of the locker room, that 6-foot-11 Laettner again.

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski was asked last week about the celebrity status enjoyed by Laettner and his teammates, who will play Seton Hall on Thursday in the East Regional at the Philadelphia Spectrum.
He immediately shot a glance over at Laettner and quipped, "I'm not the center." "You handle that any way you can," Laettner said. "There's no written rules to follow. There's no one really guiding me. If I make a big mistake, someone will tell me. The best way I think I've approached it is that I realize that it's a job that needs to be done and I'm the person that people are focusing on this year."

Sutton returns to Rupp Arena

By Mike Kern
Knight-Ridder News Service

ATLANTA — Predictably, it was one of the first questions posed to Oklahoma State basketball coach Eddie Sutton after the NCAA Tournament pairings came out March 15.
"The same thing happened last Tuesday, when he was a guest on a national teleconference conducted by CBS.
And again last Thursday, when he arrived at the Omni for the opening round of the Southeast Regional Friday night Sunday. And especially Sunday, when he had finally become reality. And undoubtedly was the first thing Sutton was asked when he arrived Wednesday in Lexington, Ky., where his team plays a regional semifinal game Friday night against Michigan.



I know you've talked about this before, but could you tell us how it feels to come back to Rupp Arena?
And once more, Sutton will try to explain what it's like returning to the home floor of the University of Kentucky, which he left three years ago with a massive black cloud over his head.

Sutton

"I have a lot of wonderful memories of that place," Sutton said over the weekend. "It's one of the great facilities we have in the country. I'm looking forward to it.
We had some difficult times my last year there. All of us went through it. But everybody's picked up the pieces. We've all learned some things. Most of the people treated me well. I still have a lot of friends."

Sutton was the head man at Kentucky for four seasons starting in 1985-86. Came from Arkansas, where he went to the national semifinals in 1978. Took the Wildcats to the Final Eight his first season there and the Sweet 16 in 1987-88.

Then came that controversial period Sutton referred to. There were reports of recruiting infractions. Those reports led to an NCAA investigation, which resulted in the program getting slapped with a two-year ban on NCAA Tournament play. By the time the sanctions went into effect, Sutton was gone. Under heavy fire, he abruptly stepped down after suffering through a losing (13-19) season, the first one at the school in six decades. He resumed last season at OSU, his alma mater, and took the Cowboys to the Sweet 16.

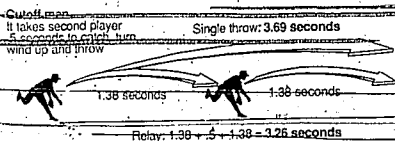
And now, he's taken them right back.
Of course, Kentucky remains very much alive, too, under Sutton's replacement Rick Pitino. But while his former team will be in Philadelphia on Thursday night to face Massachusetts, Sutton is going back to a former life in one of the ironic subplots of this tournament.

Actually, the story line could have been even juicier. Chris Mills, the subject of some of the charges that got Kentucky in trouble, now plays at Arizona. And if those Wildcats hadn't been upset in the first round by East Tennessee State, guess who the Cowboys' next opponent could have been?

Coincidence?
"I would hope the selection committee never allows that to enter into the decision," said Sutton, who never was directly linked to any of the violations at Kentucky. "...I hope we will be well received. I think it'll be about 99 percent positive. The only thing I hope is that the media and the fans understand we're playing in the NCAA Tournament."

THE ART OF THROWING FROM THE OUTFIELD

Flight times for a 300-foot single throw vs. a 300-foot relay.

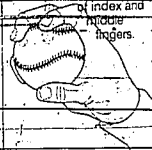


The throw in flight

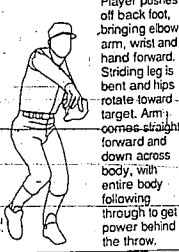
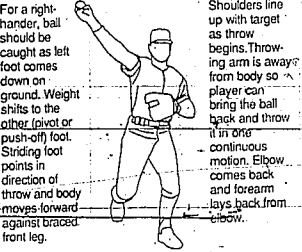
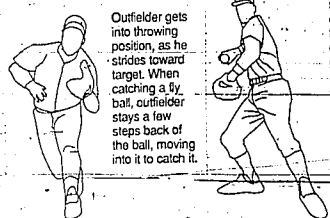
from the outfield, the use of a relay sequence of two throws gets the ball to its target quicker than a single throw. Fielders try to make the ball travel a specific distance in the shortest time possible, rather than making it go as far as possible.

The grip

Overhand delivery, with fingers across seams, provides carry and accuracy. This also causes backspin so ball will not veer sideways. Ball should be released with a downward snap of wrist and downward pull of index and middle fingers.



Setting up the throw

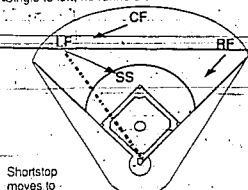


Cutoffs and relays

Below are simple cutoff plays, illustrating fielders' responsibilities on singles to left, center and right fields. The first throw of a relay, to shortstop or second baseman, is usually the shortest.

Left field

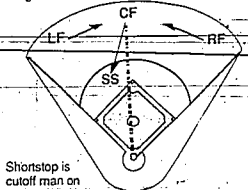
Single to left, no runners on base



Usually left-fielder has weaker arm than other two outfielders since his throws to home, second and third are relatively short. Good speed is required to cut off base hits down the line and hold batter to single.

Center field

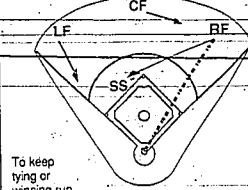
Single to center, runner on first base



With more ground to cover and more balls hit to him, center-fielder is usually fastest of outfielders. From his territory 400 feet out, his throws to third and home are often the longest.

Right field

Single to right, runners on first and second



Right-fielder usually has best arm in outfield since his throws to third can prevent runner from advancing with fewer than two outs.

SOURCE: Chicago Tribune, "The Complete Baseball Handbook," "The Complete Baseball Player" and Sports Illustrated's "Baseball: Play the Winning Way" KRI Infographic/VASIN OMER D., DENNIS ODOM, JULIE SHEER and RICK TUMA

Big seats mean more room

Knight-Ridder News Service

DETROIT — Blame it on the hot dogs and beer. Atlas, the typical baseball fan's fanny appears to be going, going, gone to pot.

American Seating Co. of Grand Rapids, Mich., which has been making chairs for major league ballparks since the days of Babe Ruth and is putting in the ones at the new Baltimore stadium, said the seats have grown several inches wider and are still expanding, with no end in sight.

One reason: The biggest squeeze play at the old ballpark nowadays consists of 40,000 fans struggling to rise for the national anthem in seats as narrow as 17 inches, built for their slimmer grandparents.

"People's whole bodies are larger than they were 50 years ago," said Edwin Yates, an American Seating marketing manager. "But 50 years ago, people were doing more physical work than your average person — to do it — not sitting behind desks all day."

The latest case in point is the Baltimore Orioles' new ballpark, where American Seating is installing 47,000 chairs of varying widths, from 19 to 22 inches, in time for the April 6 opening day. The new chairs replace seats at the Orioles' former ballpark, built in 1953, that averaged 18 inches wide. Some were as narrow as 17 inches.

The mathematically inclined baseball fan will quickly calculate the difference between the narrowest and widest seats at the two parks at 29 percent — nearly one-third bigger.

No need for fans of the theater, the symphony or the ballet to fret snug, Yates said those seats also were in the 17- to 18-inch range 50 years ago, but have grown to up to 22 inches as new definitions of "comfortable" have expanded with hips.

If patrons go to a ballpark and fidget in their chairs during the three-hour game and are uncomfortable the whole time, they're not going to come back," Yates said. "The customers are basically dictating the size of the chairs."

American Seating, a private company that has about 1,000 employees and estimated annual sales of more than \$100 million, is an all-star in the ballpark seating arena. Since the 1920s, it has replaced all or a majority of the seats in 42 of the nation's 26 major-league ballparks. That's a lifetime batting average of .730, twice as good as Ty Cobb.

The customers include the Detroit Tigers, which exchanged its old stadium chairs in 1978-79 for new ones ranging from 18 to 22 inches wide.

Yates said the company rarely installs anything as narrow as 18 inches anymore.

In the outfield, accuracy wins out over strength

By Alan Solomon
Chicago Tribune

BRADENTON, Fla. — It is, like running, a natural thing. An infant sitting in a high chair flings spoons halfway across the kitchen long before the kid is introduced to an outfield coach.

At the major-league level, it isn't that simple — though some players' development seems to stop at 14 months. "I'd hate to name names there," said Joe Nosske, who coaches the Chicago White Sox outfielders when he isn't whispering things to manager Gene Lamont as bench coach. Then he did name a name, a veteran player — "a guy with a strong arm who never hit the cutoff man."

Anyway, the point is that throwing a baseball effectively is, for outfielders, more than the ability to throw that baseball 480 feet on the fly.

"It's sure be nice to have it," Nosske said, "but if you don't, I don't think it'll cost you."

"A guy can make up for lack of arm in a lot of ways." Most obvious is charging the ball. There isn't an outfield coach in all of baseball who doesn't drill his outfielders on going aggressively at the ball.

"When you're in closer from charging, you've got a shorter throw and can be more accurate," Nosske said.

And there are other ways. "Getting rid of the ball a little quicker," Nosske said.

But nothing can take a weak arm and turn it into a weapon of destruction.

"Most of it's what you're born with," Nosske said. "You can improve mechanics and get a little more out of a guy, as far as keeping the ball down and accuracy, but it's very difficult to improve arm strength."

"Pitching is a pretty good indication of that. Pitchers are signed because they can throw good, not because scouts think you can make them throw another 5 or 10 mph."

It's what you do with what you're born with that separates the quality outfielder from the 14-month-old brat.

Lance Johnson, an exceptional outfielder, has an average arm.

"It's not bad," he said. "How many guys do you throw out anyway?"

"It's not many. As far as hitting the cutoff man — I don't think I missed one cutoff man last year."

"There's the thing. One of the key ingredients to playing a winning outfield is hitting the cutoff and relay men," Nosske said. "Now you give yourself an opportunity for an out. If the relay man's got a strong arm, you may get the guy if you hit him. If you hit the cutoff man, he's got a chance to get an out by cutting it off and going to another base, getting you out of an inning."

"If you don't hit him, you've got no chance. Players recognize that. Ask Tim Lincecum which man comes to mind as, all around, the best outfielder he has seen, and he comes up with a name that might surprise you."

"Ellis Valentine," Raines said. "He had a strong, accurate arm. He could throw it on the line, he could throw it all the way, he could do anything he wanted to do with the ball."

"I mean, no one would run on him. Always, it's accuracy as much as power."

"Accuracy is the most important thing," Raines said. "The guy that hits the cutoff man and doesn't think he has a chance to throw the guy out when he actually doesn't and throws the ball where it's supposed to be thrown."

"The ones that have the strong arms tend to rely on their arm too much, and they make mistakes that way. If you don't have a strong arm, it's hard to make mistakes."

And Raines makes no mistakes. "Because I can't throw at all."

"The big arms? Those are the guys who throw the ball up high, and then the runners get extra bases," Johnson said.

"The stronger arms are the guys who are going to throw the guy out at the plate more often," said Dan Pasqua, whose arm strength among White outfielders probably trails only Sammy Sosa's sometimes loose cannon. "The guy that can consistently hit the cutoff man and has a good arm, but not an extremely strong arm, has a chance to throw the guy out. But if he doesn't throw him out, he still hits the cutoff man, who can do something else with it."

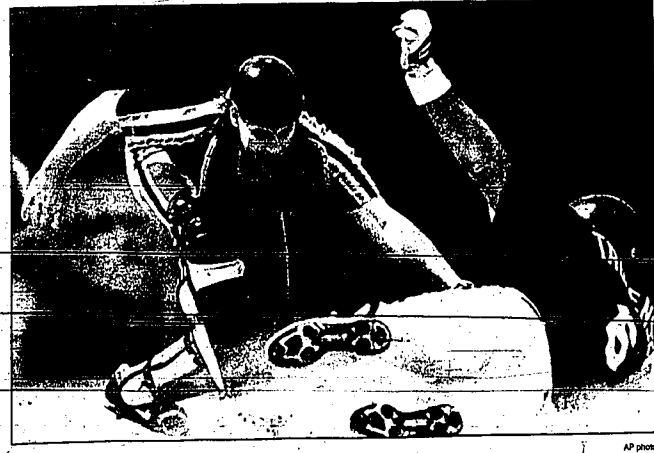
"In the long run, it's more important to be accurate than strong. Which can be hard for the average fan to appreciate. The guy with the great arm is going to make the exciting play that brings the people up to their feet," Pasqua said. "But if you're looking over the long haul, the guy that's consistent and keeps the ball low and hits the cutoff man all the time, that's the guy that's more valuable to your team."

There are subtle skills to be taught and learned. "A third-base coach looks for the position an outfielder gets before he makes a decision on whether to send a runner or not," Nosske said. "He probably won't have a chance to see if the guy gets good position and makes a good throw."

"The way you field the ball has a bearing on the type of throw that'll be made, more on the release time — the quickness of getting rid of it."

Ultimately, the quality outfielder — the winning outfielder — throws as much with his head as with his arm.

As spring training winds down, teams shuffle injured players



New York Mets catcher Mackey Sasser misses the tag on Houston's Edie Taborisco Wednesday.

The Associated Press

The Cincinnati Reds expect reliever Rob Dibble to miss about a month because of tendinitis in his right shoulder.

Dibble will stay at team's Florida spring training site when the club heads north to open the season April 6. Manager Lou Piniella expects Dibble to rejoin the team later in the month.

"I think a good target date is the first of May," Piniella said Wednesday. "We don't want to rush him."

A magnetic resonance imaging test Tuesday found no serious damage to Dibble's right shoulder, which has given him problems all spring. He was put on a conditioning program for the next 10 days to two weeks to strengthen the shoulder and arm, and then will resume throwing. Piniella expects Dibble to start the season on the disabled list. Dibble said earlier he hopes to be back by mid-April.

"I feel great," he said after getting the test results. "With the last three days off, my shoulder feels tremendous. For precautionary reasons, I can't pick up a ball for two weeks."

General manager Bob Quinn was relieved Tuesday after talking to doctors who examined Dibble and dictated the test results.

"There's certainly peace of mind that it was not as serious as initially painted," Quinn said.

Left-hander Norm Charlton will be the Reds' primary closer for the first month of the season while Dibble rehabilitates his shoulder.

Charlton, the left-handed set-up man for Dibble, will assume his role. The shift leaves one more bullpen opening and sets up competition among right-handers Ted Power and Dwayne Henry and left-hander Scott Ruskin for the set-up and part-time closer roles.

Power had three saves for the Reds last year, Henry had two for Houston, and Ruskin had six for Montreal.

"I don't know what's going to happen," Piniella said. "How we do depends on how everybody's pitching. Ruskin's closed. Henry's done some closing. Power's done some closing. We'll give Charlton people a chance to close, but Dibble should be the main guy."

Meanwhile, Barry Bonds, Pittsburgh's All-Star left fielder, suffered an abrasion to the cornea of his right eye when he was struck by a batted ball during batting practice on Wednesday.

The injury isn't believed serious and Bonds is expected to return to the lineup this week.

The 1990 National League Most Valuable Player and last year's MVP runner-up will wear a patch for a day or two to protect the eye. Bonds probably will be sidelined for two to three days, Pirates trainer Kent Biggerstaff said.

"It's scary when a guy gets hit in the eye," Pirates manager Jim Leyland said. "You never know. About 90 minutes before the Pirates-Twins exhibition game, Bonds was standing behind the batting cage to the right of home plate when Jay Bell lined a pitch into the cage's protective netting, striking Bonds in the eye."

Bonds immediately fell to the ground, clutching his face. Moments before being struck, Bonds was wrestling playfully with ESPN college basketball analyst Dick Vitale, so Pirates' players and team officials thought Bonds was joking. "I thought he was kidding around, as usual," Leyland said. "Then it hit us that he was serious."