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Batt draws line on nuke waste



Batt

The Associated Press

BOISE — Republican Gov. Phil Batt, politically buffeted by controversy over additional nuclear waste storage, told President Clinton and top members of his administration Tuesday in no uncertain words that Idaho is off limits to further shipments of radioactive material. "Our citizenry will no longer tolerate this action," Batt said in extremely strongly worded letters to the president and Vice President Al

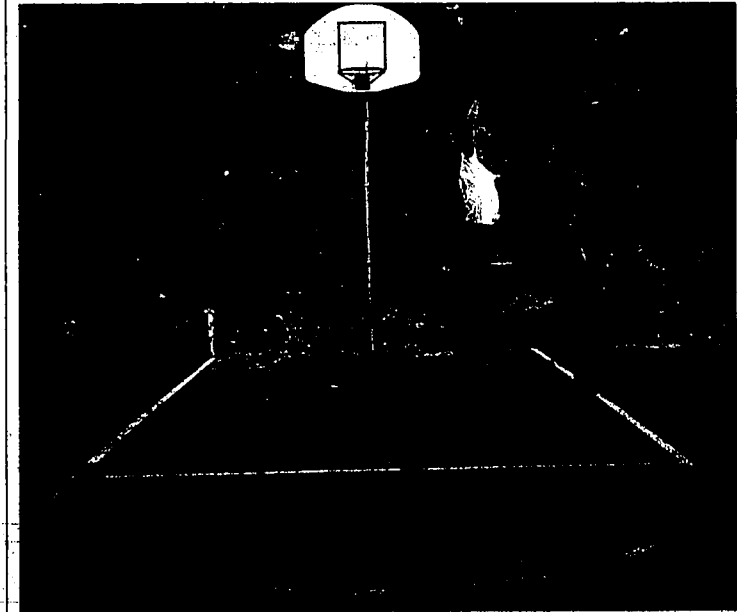
Gore. "It is time for other states to step up to the plate. Furthermore, it is past time to adequately plan for permanent storage and to move construction along." Since the second week of his administration, Batt has been hounded by questions over his decision to allow the Navy to ship another eight loads of radioactive waste allowed under the 1993 court agreement signed by retired Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus. He has repeatedly tried to assure Idahoans that he will

resist any shipments not included in the Andrus deal. And with 600 loads of Navy waste stored at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory over the past four decades, Batt told Adm. Bruce DeMars, head of nuclear propulsion for the Navy, in a separate letter that "Idaho is no longer available." "We have been abused by the imposition of far more waste than could be fairly allotted to us," the governor told DeMars. "I want to state, unequivocally, that we will resist, with

every means at our command, additional shipments of waste to Idaho." Batt was especially exercised over Clinton's new budget that proposes cutting the federal financial commitment to cleaning up 260 tons of highly-radioactive waste and millions of cubic feet of other radioactive or hazardous waste at INEL at the same time the Energy Department wants to ship even more waste to INEL if it can legally do so. The governor was particularly of

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Up for the shot



Scott Kaas, left, and Dannis Niedrich, both of Twin Falls, go one-on-one at Rock Creek Park Tuesday.

Staffer: Fox aides 'don't have a clue'

By Frank E. Lockwood
Times-News writer

BOISE — Warning that trouble lies ahead for the state Education Department, a key employee is leaving her job, despite pleas from her boss to stay on. Evelyn "Eve" Kiser, coordinator in the Bureau of Public School Finance, submitted her resignation to state Schools Superintendent Anne C. Fox, Monday. Fox indicated Tuesday evening that she wants Kiser to remain, but Kiser told *The Times-News* she isn't interested in the offer.

Kiser said Fox's firing of key staffers — including Bureau of Finance Chief Marian Hylan — has left the department demoralized and unable to cope with massive challenges. "There are too few of us left to do the job we think needs to be done," Kiser said in a telephone interview. During Superintendent Jerry Evans' tenure, Kiser says there were six or seven people on staff knowledgeable in Idaho school funding. Now, that number is down to one or two department officials, according to Kiser. She blames Fox for firing her co-workers and then leaving their positions vacant, while two accountants tackled a mountain of work.

Kiser — who worked nights and weekends to prepare for state disbursements to school districts — said Fox has hired "old, retired, out-of-work (people who) weren't doing anything until they came into his administration." She faulted Fox for not hiring school-funding experts. "We need experienced people that have experience in school finance or government accounting — something close to what we do," Kiser said.

Kiser — and members of the House and Senate Education Committees — were told Hylan's spot would be filled by a financial manager from the Parma School District, Larry Maupin. But Maupin showed up for half a day and then vanished, and no explanation for his absence was ever given, Kiser said.

Late Tuesday, department officials confirmed Maupin is no longer interested in the position, and the search for his replacement is underway. "While she doesn't yet have a job, Kiser said she can't stand to remain at the department beyond Feb. 24, predicting it will continue to be "one crisis after another."

Earlier Tuesday, Fox had praised Kiser, despite the letter of resignation. "She's a

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Chronic drunken driver due for early release from Idaho's prison system

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Despite the protests of an accident victim's mother, a chronic drunken driver will be released early from the Idaho prison system — two years after he nearly killed a Jerome motorist.

As a condition of his parole, Chris Lee Kiser, of Jerome, cannot ask for permission to drive for at least six months, said Olivia Craven, Commission of Pardons and Parole executive director. "We do want Chris watched," Craven said. Kiser will be paroled within six to eight weeks — about 21 months after he was sentenced to three to five years in

prison for drunken driving, she said. The state parole board voted Tuesday to release Kiser, as long as he doesn't drive or drink, register a vehicle in his name, or visit bars, Craven said. Kiser could spend four to six months under daily supervision, Craven said. He must either check in daily with a parole officer or wear an electronic bracelet to monitor his whereabouts, she said. Kiser must also seek counseling and attend Alcoholics Anonymous, Craven said. The specifics of his parole will be determined by the Department of Corrections, she said.

Kiser smashed his car into a car driven by 25-year-old pre-med student Kathleen McKay on Jan. 28, 1993. Kiser has been arrested at least seven times over the past 15 years, and has pleaded guilty or been convicted at least six times. Kiser was a good candidate for parole, despite arguments to the contrary by the victim's mother, Betty Jean. Kiser has a good track record at the Twin Falls Community Work Center, and has actively participated in their programs, Craven said.

Many of his previous charges had been reduced to inattentive driving and other lesser offenses, she noted. After a period of a "perfect parole," the commission could decide whether to allow

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Powell in '96? Only he knows but isn't saying

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Colin Powell is talking about global politics and rattles off the attributes of Italy's new prime minister: Never ran for office, isn't wedded to a political party, wants to form a government of pragmatists.

Powell's big, almost sinister smile suggests he likes this idea. So do many in his audience, including dozens wearing "Powell '96" buttons. And Powell only piques the interest by suggesting an independent candidacy in 1996 might "throw some more fun into the game."

How long will this flirtation go on? The central player in America's most intriguing current-day political story says he doesn't have the answer, and won't at least until he finishes his autobiography, due to be published in September.

"There is no particular passion in me for politics," Powell told a Kennedy Center audience Monday night after a speech recounting his 35 years in the Army, which ended in September 1993 when he stepped down as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. But then he added, concerning a political effort, "I don't feel any need to rule it out."

That disclaimer, which Powell has repeated over and over on the lecture circuit, is the thread of hope for those who believe the retired general belongs in the White House, sooner rather than later.

At the Federal Election Committee, the "Draft Committee for Colin Powell's Army" and the "Exploratory Draft Powell Committee" have been registered, although neither organization has reported any fund-raising activities. Another draft-Powell group re-

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That extra 10 pounds could endanger the heart

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Middle-aged women should weigh far less than most people think, and that the government recommends, in order to have healthy hearts, Harvard researchers say.

New findings from a study of more than 115,000 nurses strongly indicate that U.S. weight guidelines are too lax and encourage obesity in both men and women, the researchers say. "We found that about 40 percent of all heart attacks that occur in middle-aged women are due to overweight," said Dr. JoAnn E. Manson, co-director of women's health at Harvard-affiliated Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. She said similar results are found in men.

The study showed that women of average weight had about a 50 percent higher risk of heart attack than women

who were 15 percent less than average U.S. weights.

And women who gained 10 or fewer pounds in early to middle adulthood had the lowest risk of heart attacks, the researchers reported in Wednesday's issue of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*. For instance, a 5-foot-6-inch woman had the lowest risk if she weighed less than 130 pounds. At the same height, a weight of 130 to 142 pounds carried a 20 percent higher risk. At 142 to 155 pounds, it was 50 percent higher; at 155 to 180 pounds, it was double; and at more than 180 pounds, it was 3½ times higher than for the 130-pound woman.

"I don't want to be scaring people with these findings, but we have been overly complacent about obesity and weight gain in adults," Manson said by telephone Monday.

Weather

IDAHO Weather

Wednesday, Feb. 8
Accu-Weather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

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| COEUR D'ALENE | 50 |
| Lewiston | 46 |
| Boise | 47 |
| Idaho Falls | 43 |
| Twin Falls | 47 |
| Pocatello | 44 |

Shows: S, F, R, Fl, S, I, SN, PT, CL, D, C

Idaho forecasts

Magic Valley

Partly cloudy today. Highs in the upper 40s. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph with locally higher gusts. Tonight partly cloudy. Lows in the 20s. Thursday mostly sunny. Highs in the mid-40s.

Extended regional forecast

Friday partly cloudy. Lows 15 to 25. Highs in the 30s to lower 40s.
Saturday mostly cloudy with a chance of snow. Lows in the lower teens to lower 20s. Highs in the upper 20s and 30s.
Sunday mostly cloudy and cold with a chance of snow. Lows 10 to 20. Highs 25 to 35.

Wood River Valley

Partly cloudy today. Highs 35 to 45. Tonight partly cloudy. Lows 10 to 15. Thursday mostly sunny. Highs in the 30s.

Treasure Valley

Partly cloudy today. Patchy morning fog. Highs in the upper 40s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Thursday mostly sunny. Highs in the mid-40s.

Northern Nevada

Cooler and mostly cloudy with a chance of snow showers today. Highs mostly in the 40s north. Tonight partly cloudy with a slight chance of snow showers. Lows in the mid-teens to mid-20s except locally near 10 east. Thursday mostly sunny. Highs in the mid-40s to low 50s.

NATIONAL Weather

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Wednesday, Feb. 8.

FRONTS: COL, W, S, ST, L, H

Temperature extremes: HIGH, LOW, SHOWERS, RAIN, STORMS, FLURRIES, SNOW, ICE, SUNNY, PT. CLOUDY, CLOUDY

National temperatures

| City | Max | Min | Pcp |
|----------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Albuquerque | 58 | 35 | ..... |
| Albany | 47 | 31 | .04 |
| Boston | 27 | 17 | ..... |
| Chicago | 20 | 12 | ..... |
| Dallas | 52 | 41 | ..... |
| Denver | 46 | 18 | ..... |
| Des Moines | 17 | 12 | .01 |
| Detroit | 24 | 10 | ..... |
| Honolulu | 77 | 71 | ..... |
| Houston | 71 | 47 | .30 |
| Indianapolis | 25 | 5 | .06 |
| Kansas City | 22 | 2 | ..... |
| Kansas | 58 | 44 | ..... |
| Las Vegas | 68 | 44 | ..... |
| Los Angeles | 66 | 56 | ..... |
| Memphis | 38 | 28 | ..... |
| Miami Beach | 70 | 53 | ..... |
| Milwaukee | 24 | 9 | .01 |
| Minneapolis | 15 | 9 | ..... |
| New Orleans | 59 | 39 | ..... |
| New York | 27 | 13 | ..... |
| Oklahoma City | 47 | 40 | ..... |
| Omaha | 24 | 20 | .02 |
| Phoenix | 76 | 49 | ..... |
| Pittsburgh | 19 | 4 | ..... |
| Portland, Me. | 13 | -10 | ..... |
| Portland, Ore. | 60 | 39 | ..... |
| Reno | 64 | 32 | ..... |
| St. Louis | 28 | 20 | .06 |
| Salt Lake City | 50 | 32 | ..... |
| San Francisco | 62 | 53 | ..... |
| Seattle | 54 | 45 | ..... |
| Spokane | 51 | 38 | ..... |
| Washington | 51 | 13 | ..... |

Almanac

Idaho

| Max | Min | Pcp |
|-------------|-----|-----|
| Bolse | 48 | 33 |
| Burley | 55 | 34 |
| Fairfield | 39 | 27 |
| Gooding | 54 | 33 |
| Hagerman | 53 | 27 |
| Idaho Falls | 51 | 27 |
| Jerome | 51 | 35 |
| Lewiston | 43 | 39 |
| Malden | 51 | 27 |
| Malia | 53 | 26 |
| McCall | 43 | 24 |
| Pocatello | 53 | 28 |
| Salmon | 45 | 25 |
| Stanley | 47 | 19 |
| Sun Valley | 46 | 19 |

Twin Falls

| Max | Min | Pcp |
|-----------|-----|-----|
| Yesterday | 54 | 29 |
| Last year | 48 | 21 |
| Normal | 41 | 22 |

Precipitation

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| Month to date: | .17 |
| Normal mo. to date: | .24 |
| Water year to date: | 6.32 |
| Normal year to date: | 4.38 |

Comfort factors

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| Humidity at 6 p.m.: | 61 pct. |
| Barometer at 6 p.m.: | 29.95 F |

Skywatch

Sunset today 6:01 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:43 a.m.
Lunar phase: First quarter, Feb. 7; full, Feb. 15; last quarter, Feb. 22; new, March 1.
Visible planets: Morning, Mars, Venus, Jupiter. Evening: Saturn.

Up-to-the-minute weather information

Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz or call 423-4423.

Temperature extremes

Idaho: High, 55 degrees at Burley, Low, 7 degrees at Fairfield.
Nation: High, 84 at McAllen and Lajitas, Texas. Low, 24 below at Glens Falls, N.Y.

For road conditions

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N. Korea balks at reactor deal

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration confirmed Tuesday that North Korea has balked at accepting South Korean-designed reactors as part of the deal to stop its nuclear weapons program but said the Pyongyang government can have the South Korean reactor or none at all.

"Our position remains ... that the South Korean model is the only option for this project," State Department spokeswoman Christine Shelly said.

She said the United States is confident the dispute can be resolved when talks resume in March.

House starts revamping crime bill provisions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Methodically recasting last year's crime bill, the House voted unanimously Tuesday to entitle victims to restitution.

Then it looked ahead to more contentious measures to strengthen the hand of prosecutors and curb death row appeals.

President Clinton tried to head off another element of the Republican "Contract With America" that would have planned to put 100,000 new police officers on the streets.

Lots of shivering and shaking all through the East

The Associated Press

A cold wave continued over the eastern half of the nation Tuesday with lows down to 12 as far south as the Carolinas, and snow dusted parts of the South.

A cold front extended from southeast New Mexico through southern Texas and southern Louisiana to northwest Georgia.

Elsewhere, a weak low-pressure system was pushing into California and another was sliding through Washington and Oregon, creating a chance of rain and snow showers during the night over parts of the West.

The morning low at Raleigh, N.C., was 12 degrees above zero, tying the city's record for the date.

Tuesday morning's low temperatures in the Lower 48 states dipped to 38 below zero at New Hampshire's Mount Washington; 32 below at Shoreham, Vt., and 29 below at Newcomb, N.Y.

By midafternoon, wind chills made it feel like it was below zero from the east-central Plains to New England, including 49 below at Worcester, Mass., and 34 below zero at both Grand Forks, N.D., and Houlton, Maine.

Light snow was scattered across the South during the night with up to 3 inches in parts of Tennessee, about an inch in Georgia and lesser amounts in northern Mississippi and northern Alabama.

Slippery roads led to scattered school closings in parts of Georgia and Tennessee, and three traffic deaths in Georgia were blamed on icy pavement. A fourth person died when a fire started in a plywood shack that was being heated by a kerosene stove.

Snow showers were scattered around the Great Lakes and the Upper Midwest, moving on a track expected to take the precipitation to the East Coast during the night.

Muskegon, Mich., got 2 inches of snow during the middle of the day, bringing the snow depth there to 9 inches. Two to 5 inches of snow was possible elsewhere along the eastern and southeastern shores of the Great Lakes.

Idaho road report

BOISE (AP) — Only a few patches of fog-and-ice-hampered travel on state highways Tuesday afternoon, the Idaho Department of Transportation said.

Road conditions:

- U.S. 95 — Riggin-Whitebird Hill, dry; Grangeville-Winchester, wet; Winchester-Lewiston, wet; Lewiston-Moscow, dry; Weiser-New Meadows, icy spots.
- Interstate 84 — Oregon-Caldwell, dry; Caldwell-Nampa area, dry, fog; Boise-Burley-Idaho line, dry.
- Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend-Donnelly, dry, fog; Donnelly-New Meadows, icy spots.
- Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, dry, rock warning; Idaho City-Lowman, dry, wet, broken snow flow, rock warning; Lowman-Banner Summit, icy spots, avalanche warning.
- U.S. 20 — Dry; Ashton-Montana line, dry, icy spots.
- U.S. 26 — Dry.
- Idaho 51 — Dry.
- U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Arpa, dry; Arco-Salmon, wet, dry, icy spots; Lost Trail Pass, dry, broken snow flow.
- Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, dry; Galena Summit, icy spots.
- Interstate 86 — Dry.
- Interstate 15 — Dry.
- U.S. 30 — Dry.

Powell

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ports coordinators in more than 20 states.

Some organizers claim, but have not offered any evidence, that Powell has sent encouraging signals.

"That is not correct," said Powell spokesman Bill Smullen. "They certainly have every right to do what they are doing. But it is not sanctioned by General Powell or by this office."

Most of those involved in the efforts want Powell to continue the 1996 Republican primaries, a prospect that appears more remote by the day. For all his personal appeal, Powell has no proven political base in the GOP, and other candidates are busy gobbling up contributions and endorsements.

"If he is going to run in the Republican primary, he has about 60 days left," said GOP pollster Bill McInturf.

Powell says he is a proud independent, still developing a political philosophy after sticking to military training that urges officers to avoid partisan political activities.

"I don't know if it would ever fit

Release

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Kiser to have limited driving privileges, Craven said. He would probably only be allowed to drive to work and treatment programs, she said.

"He's dealing with his problem and we expect him to continue dealing with it when he gets out," Craven said.

Any violations of his parole could result in prison for the remainder of his original five-year sentence, Craven said. After the first months of Kiser's supervision, the parole officer whether to continue daily supervision, she said.

"He's in for a very serious offense, we do not want anything to happen to anyone else," Craven said.

Powell seems acutely aware of this possibility.

"I'd rather be president than a presidential candidate when you look at what is required to win the election," Powell said Monday night.

"Of course, Powell could get a chance to learn more about campaigns in a supporting role," was Clinton's first choice for a running mate in 1992, but disavowed any interest. He now sits atop the list of potential GOP vice presidential nominees, assuming he doesn't run for president.

"Oh, yes," Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole said quickly over the weekend when asked if he would consider Powell as a vice presidential prospect. Dole said the subject didn't come up at a recent meeting he had with Powell. But, laughing, he said Powell appeared to be closely following the polls. "In fact, he knew he was running ahead of me."

Batt

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fended by the failure of Assistant Energy Secretary Thomas Grumbly to mention during their meeting in Washington last week that Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary was ready to sign the document designating the INEL as one of three national sites for government waste storage.

"I am chagrined that no mention of this was made to me during our meeting," Batt wrote in a fourth letter to Grumbly. "We will no longer tolerate the designation of Idaho as a nuclear waste repository."

Batt has previously said his administration was investigating options for resisting future shipments that include court action as well as possible imposition of regulatory roadblocks.

In separate letters to the state's four-member Republican congressional delegation, Batt reiterated his belief that the national policy toward nuclear waste disposal has been neglected.

And, he added: "Although I have taken a real beating on this subject, I believe that it has resulted in putting a focus on the need to open a final repository for nuclear waste."

Idaho lottery

BOISE (AP) — Winning numbers drawn Tuesday in the Bank of America lottery are:

- B3-B4-A12-N20-O31 (B uses B four, A twelve, N twenty, O thirty-one).
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Nation

General tapped to head CIA

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton has chosen a recently retired Air Force general with a reputation as a strong manager to take over the CIA in one of its most turbulent periods, administration and congressional officials said Tuesday.

The selection of Gen. Michael P.C. Carns, 57, as director of central intelligence is to be announced this week, said an administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Congressional committees that oversee the CIA have been notified of the White House's choice, said a congressional official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity.

Carns would replace R. James Woolsey, who abruptly announced his resignation last December and left the post in early January.

Carns, if confirmed by the Senate, would be the first military officer to head the CIA since Stansfield Turner, a retired Navy admiral, held the post during the Carter administration, and only the third in the past 30 years.

People who worked with Carns during his 35-year Air Force career said Tuesday they believed he would do well even though he never worked for an intelligence agency.

"I think he's a terrific appointment," said Robert Gates, who was CIA director during the Bush administration and has known Carns since Carns was at U.S. Pacific Command in Hawaii in the mid-1980s.

"He's been a user of intelligence, and he understands a good deal about how intelligence is prepared," Gates said.

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Gingrich blames attacks on liberals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defending his ethics and those of his wife, House Speaker Newt Gingrich complained Tuesday he's been "investigated, scrutinized, smeared and attacked" by liberals who detest his conservative ideas.



Gingrich

"They hate the idea that we're winning," a bristling Gingrich asserted. Although he was responding to questions from reporters, Gingrich clearly was poised to strike back at his critics. He identified them as "tax and spend liberals" who were trying to put him through "Chinese water torture."

"Every other day somebody on the left launches a new attack," Gingrich said. His comments came as the House ethics committee prepared to meet to decide how to proceed on complaints against him.

Gingrich defended his wife's job with a company seeking a

free trade zone in Israel; his book deals; his assistance to a company in his district, and his featured appearance Tuesday night at a \$50,000 per couple dinner to benefit National Empowerment Television — which carries his lectures. Gingrich's broadside had no apparent effect on liberal Democrats, who have been making floor speeches every day to attack his ethics and conservative beliefs. "This lavish dinner speaks volumes about who Republicans represent," said Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., one of several lawmakers who make daily demands for an outside ethics probe of the speaker.

Tests set for man in assassination attempt

WASHINGTON (AP) — Francisco Martin Duran, who plans to present an insanity defense next month when he goes on trial for attempting to assassinate President Clinton, will undergo a brain scan on Thursday.

The examination, to be conducted at St. Elizabeths Hospital, was requested by Assistant U.S. attorney Eric Dubellier who said in a court petition that Duran's lawyer had agreed.

Duran is charged with shooting at the White House from the Pennsylvania Avenue sidewalk on Oct. 29.

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Logging rules may be eased

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration, bracing for a congressional fight over the Endangered Species Act, moved Tuesday toward easing logging restrictions on private lands where northern spotted owls live in Washington and California.

"It is not a secret that the Endangered Species Act is likely to be under great stress in Congress over the next two years," Assistant Interior Secretary George Frampton Jr. said in unveiling the proposed rule change.

"What the Clinton administration is trying to do across the country is to demonstrate we can make the Endangered Species Act work," Frampton said from Seattle in a teleconference with reporters.

Frampton, who oversees the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Park Service, said dramatic cut-

backs in logging on national forests and other federal lands in the region in recent years has made it possible to relax protection of the threatened bird on most private lands.

The proposed rule would "for the first time under the Endangered Species Act provide special relief for small and medium-sized land owners," he said.

About 80 percent of the private forests in Washington state would enjoy relief from existing owl protection under the proposed rule change — a total of about 5 million acres, Frampton said.

The more stringent protection would remain in effect on six areas of special importance to the owl, including much of Washington's Olympic Peninsula, home to the only temperate rain forest in North America.

No confirmation hearings set for Glickman

WASHINGTON (AP) — Six weeks after President Clinton nominated him for agriculture secretary, no Senate confirmation hearings have been scheduled for former Rep. Dan Glickman of Kansas.

Administration officials and Capitol Hill sources insist there is no cause for concern and that it could take up to eight weeks for FBI background checks to be completed.



Karen Lee Crawford
Saw victims at restaurant

Neighbor describes dog's howl

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Prosecutors in the O.J. Simpson case Tuesday laid out a timeline for murder, centered around a dog's "plaintive wail" in the night.

Pablo Fenjves, whose home is across an alley from Ms. Simpson's, testified that about 15 to 20 minutes into the 10 p.m. news June 12, he heard "a very distinctive barking" coming from the area of Nicole Brown Simpson's home.

"It was at a significant pitch, and as you may recall I described it at the time as a plaintive wail," said Fenjves, who like most of the day's witnesses had testified last summer at Simpson's preliminary hearing. "It sounded like a very unhappy animal."

Prosecutors contend that Ms. Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman were slashed to death about 10:15 p.m. outside her condo and that the barking came from Ms. Simpson's Akita, which left bloody pawprints around the murder scene.

The timing is important: The defense has said Simpson was home at the time, practicing his golf swing in the yard before leaving for the airport for a business trip to Chicago.

With large, color photos of the victims' faces displayed on a courtroom case, the jury also heard testimony from employees at Mezzaluna, the restaurant where Goldman worked as a waiter and where Ms. Simpson ate her final meal hours before their slayings.

Karen Lee Crawford, who was working as a manager that Sunday night, described a lost pair of glasses that led Goldman to his death, and began to cry when Prosecutor Marcia Clark showed black slacks and a white dress shirt.

"It's Ron's shirt and pants," Crawford said.

In the audience, Goldman's stepmother and sister also broke into tears. Crawford said she received a call at about 9:37 p.m. on June 12 from Ms. Simpson's mother asking about her glasses, which she had dropped in the gutter outside. Crawford said she put the glasses in a white envelope, marked it "Nicole Simpson prescription glasses" and sealed it.

Less than 10 minutes later, Ms. Simpson called and asked to talk to Goldman, Crawford said. A few minutes later, Goldman asked Crawford to give him the glasses, she said. Ms. Simpson's condo is about a 10-minute walk from Mezzaluna.

"He told me he was going to drop the glasses off at Nicole's," Crawford said. "He left at about 10 minutes to 10."

Crawford identified a picture of the bloody envelope found at Goldman's feet, and in court she identified the glasses. Clark displayed Goldman's pants and shirts to show that he had stopped by his house nearby and changed clothes on the way to Ms. Simpson's.

Earlier Tuesday, another juror in the case was replaced. And the day ended with a bitter argument between Clark and defense attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. over a small magnet pin the prosecutor had on her lapel.

Cochran complained that the pin violated Judge Lance Ito's order that no one in the courtroom could display symbols of support for one side or the other. Ms. Simpson's family has adopted angels as a symbol for her.

Ito told Clark the pin was inappropriate in court.

Ito's office said a juror was removed because her arthritis doctor may be called as a witness for Simpson, who claims bad knees and arthritis rendered him incapable of carrying out the slayings.

The 63-year-old white juror, a retired legal secretary, was replaced by an alternate, a 54-year-old black man and postal operations manager.

The anonymous, 12-person jury now has nine blacks, one white and two mixed-race members; there are seven women and five men. Nine alternates remain.

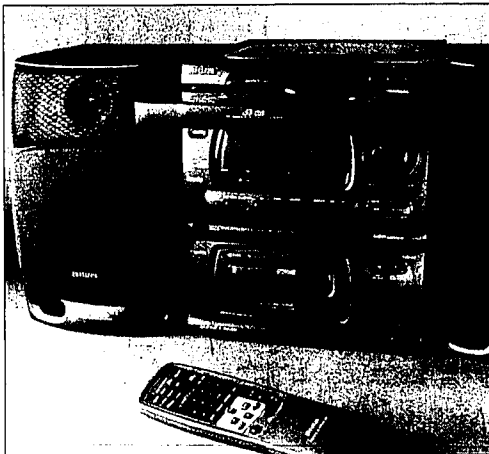
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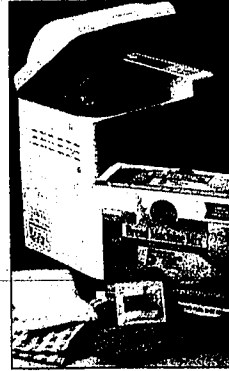
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Editorial

Fox needs to get control of department — and fast

After a month in office, state schools superintendent Anne Fox is in a free fall, with no one to blame but herself.

The latest revelation is that her architectural design director, Bill Stanley, was hired on the basis of an inflated resume. It demonstrates that Fox still doesn't have a handle on her problems — or control of her department, which overruns the spending of four out of five state tax dollars.

Stanley is a friend of Fox's cashiered chief aide Terry Haws. Fox hired him (at \$40,000 a year) to carry out her ambitious program of standardizing school-design plans. While Stanley advertised himself as a "sales and construction contractor," he was conceded on Monday that he had never built a school.

He also has no college degree, though his resume claims otherwise.

Fox apparently never checked on Stanley's background before she hired him to oversee a \$745,000 architectural design budget. That's inexcusable.

This is a woman who campaigned for change in the Department of Education, which had grown inbred, lazy and self-serving under the control of career school administrators and Idaho Education Association spear-carriers. Fox said she had a better way to do things and would find better people to get it done. So far she has proven neither.

Haws, who was fired two weeks ago after he plea-bargained a drunken-driving charge, evidently picked many of Fox's other top deputies. Maybe that's why Fox's budget came in \$18 million higher than the governor's.

Fox's building-standardization program was a centerpiece of her campaign. Why Fox would entrust it to someone like Stanley, whose references she never bothered to check, is baffling.

Her lack of administrative experience was an issue in the campaign, and it has become painfully apparent

since she took office. After she cleaned out former Superintendent Jerry Evans' staff last month, she started over with a gang that can't shoot straight — people like former state legislator Bob Forrey, who thinks the IEA is Marxist.

As a result, Fox's credibility with the Legislature and the state's teachers and administrators is on the critical list. If she can't get her act together, it's inevitable that her agency will be pushed to the margins of policy discussions.

The tragedy amid this comedy of errors is that Fox is squandering a genuine opportunity for change.

The electorate that put her in office with 60 percent of the vote in November was reacting to decades of growing power and arrogance by the IEA. Last fall, Idahoans voted for accountability, fiscal responsibility, classroom discipline and a return to basic skills. Fox, as an outsider, was in a good position to act on that mandate.

She still may be, but only if she gets her act together. Every misstep — the mole-hunts, the big-ticket lease on a luxury car, the new cherrywood office furniture, the budget pratfalls — is fresh ammunition for her critics.

Those critics, including the IEA, the state's largest labor union, would dearly love to see her fail. But plenty of other people, including many legislators and educators, genuinely want to see her succeed. To keep those people as allies, Fox needs to demonstrate — soon — that she has command of her problems and a vision for something more than crisis management.

She can start by getting rid of Stanley and replacing him with an experienced contractor, architect or school-construction specialist. That should be the first of many new hires of people who know what they're doing.

The alternative is four years of chaos in education in Idaho, and the victims will be the very children whom Fox got into politics to help.

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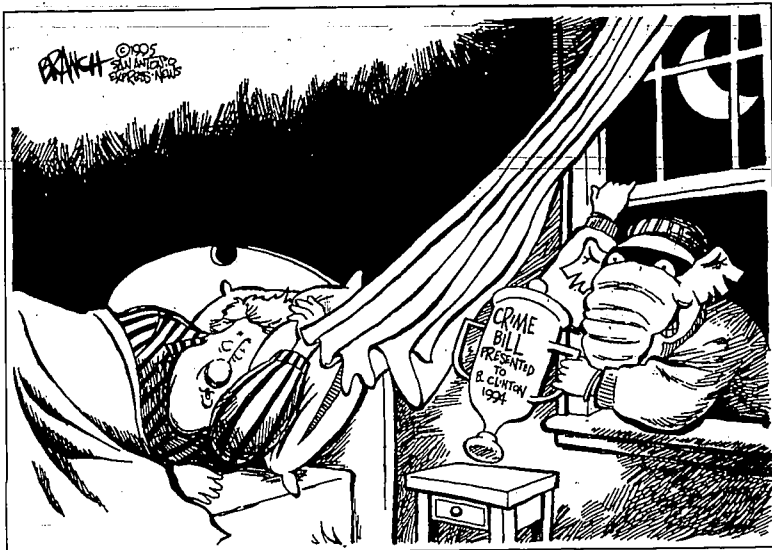
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Jerome school stories receive poor marks

I have become increasingly concerned over *The Times-News* portrayal of the Jerome community and, more specifically, the Jerome School District. Many articles seem to lack balance and perspective with intent to harm or injure rather than help or inform.

Within the last year, three specific instances have been reported by *The Times-News*. These have distorted the image of the Jerome School District in the minds of your readers. Hopefully, Magic Valley residents are astute enough to realize that *The Times-News* "divides" on the negative and "occasionally" overlooks the facts. Credibility with the reader requires accurate reporting and an honest attempt to obtain all the facts in an unbiased manner.

Last year, an article was published that led *Times-News* readers to believe that Jerome High School was besieged with violence when, in reality, an overwhelming majority of our high school students are responsible young adults. They attend our schools with the intent of getting a good education. Violence in the Jerome School District is no more or no less than that experienced by other Idaho school districts.

Just over a year ago, *The Times-News* was heavily involved in a Jerome School District personnel issue. I understand that an editorial opinion is nothing more than opinion, yet it puzzles me why *The Times-News* would make a judgment regarding a personnel decision without knowledge about the specifics of the case. You do have an obligation to print letters to the editor, but I would recommend the use of bet-

Reader Comment Jim Cobble

ter judgment with your own opinion/editorials.

The latest insult to the students, parents, patrons and staff members of the Jerome School District 261 occurred in your Feb. 1 issue and was titled "Study: Jerome leads Gem drop-out rate." Your article refers to the conclusions of a new report released Tuesday by the Idaho Office for Children, Boise State University and the Idaho Kids Count Advisory Council. The report bases its claims on the 1990 U.S. Census and says that 24.8 percent of Jerome County teenagers aged 16 through 19 have not graduated from high school and are not attending school.

Did the census report indicate these 16- to 19-year-old teens were Jerome School District dropouts? Your article seems to insinuate that premise. Was this by accident or was it intentional? Does the census indicate how many of these nonstudents might be home-schooled, migrant, emancipated, or have just moved in from other areas? Did it include other demographic information about Jerome County? At the very least, Jerome School District should be able to expect interaction between school officials and *The Times-News* in an honest attempt to analyze existing data before information is published as fact.

According to your article, State Department of Education statistics indicate that

during the 1993-94 school year, only 78 percent of 12th-graders in the Jerome Joint School District received their diplomas. In case you haven't noticed, the state department is having a little difficulty analyzing data lately.

Enrollment data is compiled on a weekly basis in the Jerome School District and is reported to the state department quarterly. Our records indicate that, during the 1993-94 school year, the beginning fall enrollment was 151 seniors and the ending spring enrollment was 143. Of course, this does not track the exact number of dropouts, but I can assure you that the number is far short of 22 percent. Enrollment figures indicate that we began the 1994-95 school year with 187 seniors, and, as of Jan. 27, 1995, we still had 187 seniors enrolled.

Regarding school dropouts, Jerome School District believes that one dropout from our school system is one too many. There is no question the dropout rate is higher than we would prefer. The Jerome School District is diligently working to improve educational opportunities for all students. At the same time, there is some community sentiment and a strong argument in favor of removing students who endanger other students or are disruptive to the educational rights of others.

In closing, I would like to ask one question. Where are you when we ask you to come over and report on the positive aspects of our schools?

Jim Cobble is the superintendent of Jerome School District 261.

Letters

Discover truth about water use

I read in the Jan. 7 edition of *The Times-News* where Mr. Austin Saunders of Jerome challenged Mr. Eilers of the United Dairyman to jump on the water-metering program to prove to the public that they aren't stealing water like so many people are accusing them of doing. It's been almost a month, and there has been no response. To me, that is, at the very least, someone saying, "I sure hope no one brings this up again, or, at the most, an admission that they are I can't hear you, Mr. Eilers. How about it?" Someone told me that, since October of 1988, a dairy in Twin Falls County has admitted on public record at water resources to using 115,000 gallons a day on a domestic well permit. That's 102,000 gallons a day more than is legal. Even though water resources was aware of it, nothing was done. (Micron uses only 10 times more than a dairy?) Here are the figures: 102,000 times 365 times seven equals 260 million gallons of stolen water. I sure hope this isn't true. If the manager of a store helps me shoplift, doesn't that mean he's an accessory and also guilty of the crime? Would someone in authority please check this out and get back to me? Bottled water at 25 cents a gallon times 260 million? I want to thank Gov. Batty for letting the Department of Energy salesman get his foot in the door that Cecil had closed. We'll now have 220 new jobs shoveling radioactive waste down an injection well. When that waste mixes with the nitrates that the dairies are pumping into the aquifer ... water raspberries with well water and hang them on your Christmas tree. No lights necessary. You won't need a gallon to pick up the popcorn you spill at the theater. Drop a bag of potatoes in your Chevy's nuclear 350 and drive to New York nonstop. Progress through technology.

A friendly note to agriculture: Exemption is a word whose life expectancy is finite. Like Congress, the day is coming where y'all will have to live by the same rules as the rest of us. Be prepared by changing to sustainable and organic and no one can touch you.

LEE HALPER
Jerome

Micron carries many positives

With all the negative talk going around about Micron, I have yet to hear any true facts. If you

like negativity, here are some real facts for you.

The Magic Valley is going to lose approximately 1,200 manufacturing jobs over the next two years due to layoffs and closures. Our streets and our schools are going to remain overcrowded for the next 10 years. Our children and grandchildren will leave this town and state to find employment that will pay decent wages and benefits.

Let's talk about the positive! Micron will hire a large percentage of its work force right out of high school and will pay for training and college education. Farmers and non-working mothers will benefit greatly from the job opportunities at Micron. Approximately 75 percent of the jobs will come from here in the Magic Valley. You've heard about the Micron wage scale of \$7.50 to \$12 per hour, what you haven't heard is that it only represents a little more than half of the pay package. The other half (approximately a 90 percent match) comes in form of bonuses, health insurance and retirement benefits.

What about those crowded roads and schools? Our tax base will go up. The state of Idaho has committed \$200 million for road development for the community that receives Micron. Micron's projected payroll of \$200 million is more than all the manufacturing jobs in the surrounding eight counties combined.

Let's talk about pollution. Micron is a clean company — no smoke stacks or raw sewage. Micron will need water for cooling its equipment and will recycle up to 90 percent of the water it uses.

Will we grow without Micron? Yes, but wouldn't it be great to have good jobs for people rather than a bunch of \$5-per-hour, no-benefits jobs? The impact will most likely be 10,000 new people rather than the 20,000 that "I've got mine" anti-Micron types keep throwing around. Don't let the selfish, non-progressive "I've got mine" anti-Micron people influence you about what is best for Twin Falls. Their motives are obvious. They don't want to pay their people better or offer health insurance or compete in new business that will come to Twin Falls. It is sad these few people could ruin such a great opportunity for so many. Stand up and shout your enthusiasm for Micron!

JM BOYD
KEITH OWEN
DEANNA MAGAW
Twin Falls

Letters

Reporter misread history

While the situation in Chechnya, Russia, looks dim for the rebels given current news reports, I still believe that this article is appropriate.

Recently, on Dec. 30, 1994, your paper ran an article on the Russian breakaway Republic of Chechnya. The Associated Press reporter (if she chose the title): Deborah Seward, once again illustrated ignorance of history and its lessons — something the media seems to do more and more every day. My point is "Chechnya can become Yeltsin's Waterloo" does not convey the true sense of the political and military situation in Russia today. The Russian move on Chechnya is far more similar to Czechoslovakia and Hungary and the Communist totalitarian Dictatorship's suppression of freedom in those two countries in the '50s and '60s.

Boris Yeltsin has as much in common with Napoleon Bonaparte as Howard Stern does with Queen Elizabeth II. Chechnya may be Yeltsin's Vietnam or Afghanistan, but in no way is it a shape or form does it resemble Napoleon fighting the British and Prussians at Waterloo.

Metaphors, when used in journalism, must make some sense. This is important when

one is trying to convey a message about life and history. Whoever chose that title for the Dec. 30 article obviously understands neither.

And finally, even after Waterloo, Napoleon lost but had an intact army and more than 200,000 more troops assembling in Paris. If he had wanted to, he could have retreated further.

For Wellington said, "It was a near thing."

So once again, Chechnya does not resemble the historical battle of Waterloo at all. Plus, the title is not even referred to in the body of the article. Perhaps the reporter needs a lesson on historical metaphors.

The reporter's lack of knowledge, even about recent historical events, is also readily apparent. Economic conditions, Gorbachev's positive policies, coupled with the attempted coup d'etat of Gorbachev government had more to do with the Soviet Union's breakup. Russia was an empire before 1917, an empire after 1917 and now attempts to remain an empire. Only the players and names change.

Russia's experience with democracy has been extremely short-lived historically.

Yeltsin's military actions against the Russian parliament in 1993 and now may be an indication that it will be ending soon. Russia historically had one of the

most detailed constitutions in the world, and yet its people had no freedoms. It would seem that we should be more concerned with what Yeltsin might do to stay in power. Or the other possibility is another coup attempt by the military, given their continued military action against Chechnya when it had supposedly been ordered stopped by Yeltsin. Is it possible that Yeltsin may only be a figurehead now? That also has been a historical form of Russian governmental structure. But the AP reporter obviously would not understand such a basic story.

DAVE COOPER
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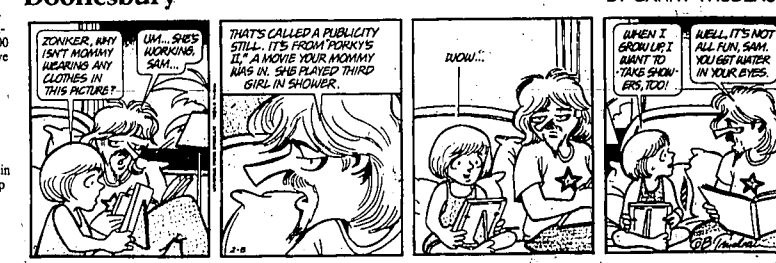
The Atomic Energy Commission, Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Department of Energy have been found to be lying to "we the people" for the past 50 years.

I believe that they are lying to us now. Temporary storage means this waste will be here when we all die, and our children will have to deal with the problem.

Idahoans, don't let our state become famous for its nuclear waste dump.

WILLIAM BESS
Halley

Doonesbury



BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Chechen prisoners tell of Russian atrocities

MALGOBEK, Russia (AP) — At the end of December, he left his home in Siberia to try to rescue his aunt from the war in Chechnya.

Abdul-Vagap Chitayev, 41, director of a small construction company, never made it to his aunt's place in Grozny. Instead, he was taken prisoner by Russian soldiers during their New Year's Eve attack on the Chechen capital.

Now recovering in a hospital in Malgobek, 75 miles northwest of the Chechen capital, Chitayev is pale and exhausted. The Chechen's legs had been stabbed, his ribs were broken, his lungs and kidneys injured — and he can't walk.

"The soldiers told us they were trying to protect us from bombing and would soon let us go," said Chitayev. Instead, he said he was kept in the basement of a furniture shop in Grozny for three weeks.

Random detentions and rough searches of Chechens by Russians at checkpoints occur daily, and Chechens interviewed in different parts of the breakaway republic say they have been brutally interrogated at a detention center at the Russian army headquarters at Mozdok, about 70 miles northwest of Grozny. "They said that they would kill me if they found out I spoke with journalists. Let them kill me. I would rather die and let people know about this horror," Chitayev said.

The head of the surgery department at the Chechen hospital in Malgobek said several patients told him they had been abused by Russian soldiers in Mozdok.

"They are all very pale and exhausted, with serious wounds, psychic disorders. They are frightened, do not sleep and cry in their sleep," said Magomet Katsushadz.

Chitayev said a Russian army major stole more than \$2,000 from him.

Then, a half-hour after his release on Jan. 23 he was arrested by troops wearing black masks, the trademark of the dreaded OMON, the special police force of the Interior Ministry.

Medical group pulls out of refugee camp

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Doctors Without Borders announced Tuesday it was withdrawing from a refugee camp for 200,000 Rwandans because of fraud and threats against its staff.

The international medical aid agency was pulling out from the Kibumba camp, near Goma in eastern Zaire, because Rwandan leaders there tried to trick the census-takers into exaggerating the number of refugees to obtain more aid.



Briefly

U.N. starts withdrawal from Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somalia — The United Nations begins the final phase of its withdrawal from Somalia today.

Kofi Annan, the chief of U.N. peacekeeping operations, arrives to review plans for the pullout of 7,900 troops, mostly Pakistanis.

Two warships from Italy and France have arrived off Mogadishu's Indian Ocean coast as part of a U.S.-led multinational effort to withdraw the peacekeepers safely. Four American warships carrying 3,000 Marines are to join the flotilla later this month. Britain also is sending a destroyer. The troops are expected to withdraw in the first week of March, three weeks ahead of the deadline the United Nations has given itself for getting out.

Palestinian police arrest militants

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Retaliating for an attack on Israeli security guards, Yasser Arafat's troops Tuesday rounded up dozens of followers of a radical Syrian-based faction suspected in the deadly ambush.

Arafat is under pressure from Israeli leaders who have told him they would not agree to expanding Palestinian self-rule to the West Bank unless he foiled attacks on Israelis.

Signaling that he was serious this time about reining in the militants, an angry Arafat said Tuesday that he wouldn't let anyone spoil his peace agreement with Israel.

Tuesday's sweep targeted the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a Damascus-based group that claimed responsibility for Monday's ambush in Gaza in which one Israeli security guard was killed and another wounded.

U.N.: Food shortage threatens Bosnia

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Tens of thousands of civilians are increasingly short of food in northwestern Bosnia, U.N. officials said Tuesday, because Serb allies are blocking aid convoys.

A spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees played down Bosnian government reports that people were starving in the Bihac pocket. "We would not talk about starvation at the moment," Kris Janowski said.

But food shortages were getting worse for the 180,000 people in the region. The 340 tons of food the agency was able to deliver in January "falls very short" of the 2,100 tons needed a month, Janowski said.

Austrians protest fatal bombings

VIENNA, Austria — Thousands protested in a downtown square Tuesday, outraged at bombings that killed four Gypsies and injured garbage collector in Austria's deadliest domestic terrorism since World War II.

Police said the two explosions were caused by pipe bombs of similar construction. The methods — and a leaflet found nearby — linked them to right-wing extremists blamed for a wave of terrorism dating to December 1993. Four Gypsies were killed Saturday at Oberwart in eastern Austria when they tried to dislodge an anti-Gypsy sign. The pole where the sign hung was stuffed with explosives, police said.

Japan warmly welcomes Princess Di

TOKYO — Police held back hundreds of Japanese fans Tuesday as Princess Diana visited a senior citizens' center and a cemetery for British soldiers who died in World War II.

The 33-year-old British princess is on a trip to Japan that marks her return to public life. She stepped out of the limelight in 1993 after the breakup of her marriage to Prince Charles.

Residents at the Kitamachi senior citizens' center in Tokyo sang to Diana this morning. In the afternoon, she laid a wreath at the Hodogaya Commonwealth Cemetery in Yokohama, southwest of Tokyo. Most of the 1,738 soldiers buried there died as prisoners of war or were killed en route to Japan.

Compiled from wire reports

Chess match at draw

SANGHINAGAR, India (AP) — Anatoly Karpov of Russia played to a draw against Boris Gelfand of Belarus Tuesday after missing several chances in the World Chess Championship semifinals.

The game, the second of 10 in the tournament held in southern India, was drawn after the 46th move. The two grandmasters also played to a draw in their opening match Monday.

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Dear Survey Respondents and Citizens of Magic Valley,

We at **CROSSROADS RANCH** want to Thank You for your help in attracting MICRON to the Magic Valley. The idea for this Employment Survey was conceived in cooperation with the MICRON IN THE MAGIC VALLEY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, who told us about an "Under-Employed Silent Majority" in their communities. These are the people who work hard to make ends meet and simply do not have time to participate in events covered by the media. These are our neighbors who genuinely believe their quality of life will vastly improve by having access to good paying jobs with real benefits.

We extend our thanks to MICRON for allowing us to disclose the results of this Employment Survey. Names and addresses included on the Survey Forms have been delivered to MICRON and will remain confidential.

Through this Employment Survey you sent a clear message. The "Under-Employed Silent Majority" from across this region overwhelmingly supports the idea of MICRON as their new friend and neighbor. They recognize a partnership with MICRON will enrich the quality of their Western Americana life-style without forsaking the environmental sensitivity of their region - good jobs, clean industry! And because the Survey shows you are so widely dispersed in the region, the impact on any one community will be minimal.

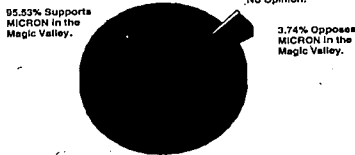
Again, thank you for your participation in this important process. We know this step will be a deciding factor in attracting MICRON to the Magic Valley and CROSSROADS RANCH.

Sincerely Yours,
Steven L. Thorson, Project Manager



1. Survey Results*

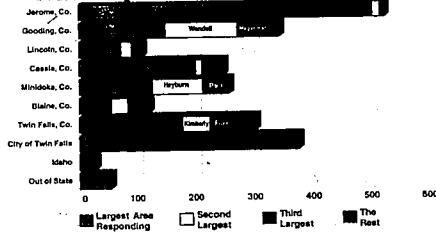
- The positive response to MICRON in the region is overwhelming.
- MICRON received the names and addresses of 88.8% of the respondents.
- Response indicates 44.42% had family or friends that would return home if MICRON jobs were available.



- Local people are eager to have high quality job opportunities.
- The region's residents are anxious to be among the first considered for MICRON jobs.
- Former residents have been forced to leave the region due to the lack of quality jobs.

2. Who Responded?

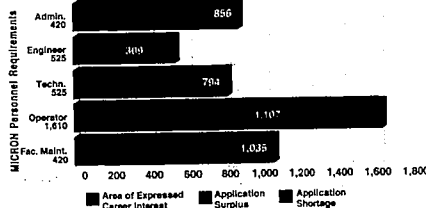
- The response was widely dispersed among all the Counties of the region.
- The most significant response came from the rural communities.
- Employment statistics indicate the work force in rural communities already commute for employment opportunities.



- There is a substantial quality work force already in place.
- Solid career opportunities in rural communities are limited.
- Residents in rural communities are willing to commute for a good job.

3. Areas of Career Interest

- A pool of talent is already available from throughout the region.
- Rural respondents consider MICRON's entry level jobs attractive.
- There is already a surplus of interested applicants in 3 of 5 MICRON job categories.

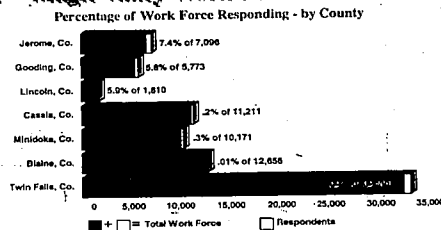


- MICRON training programs allow local people to make career improvement changes.
- MICRON will have to recruit only a small percentage of the work force from outside the region.
- There is an under-employed segment in the region ready to move into higher quality jobs.

4. Magic Valley Work Force

- MICRON's maximum employment requirement, phased in over 3 1/2 years, is 3,500.
- The response from this survey alone would supply nearly two-thirds of MICRON's employment requirements.

* These are the results of an Employment Survey that was distributed through five regional newspapers on January 11, 1995. The sample was collected from 2,463 questionnaires which were returned on or before January 18, 1995.



- At full capacity MICRON would employ only 4.2% of the region's work force.
- If all the respondents to the survey were employed by MICRON the impact on the total regional work force would be minimal.
- This distribution of the work force would mean that the impact on any individual county or community would also be minimized.

CROSSROADS RANCH would also like to express its appreciation to the members of the MICRON IN MAGIC VALLEY COMMITTEE who generously committed their time and energy in representing your community.

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Additionally, we would like to thank the numerous other public officials and private citizens who participated in this cooperative and beneficial process.



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Gulf vet pleads guilty to beating woman, 90

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls man pleaded guilty to beating 90-year-old Alice Adams into a coma with a metal bar when she awoke to find him burglarizing her house.

Under a plea bargain, Steve Montoya Jr. won't face a charge of grand theft in connection with the attempted theft of a car,

according to court documents.

Montoya Jr., a 28-year-old unemployed Persian Gulf War veteran who supports two children, pleaded guilty on Monday to attempted second-degree murder and burglary, court documents said. He is being held in the Twin Falls County Jail.

Twin Falls County Prosecutor Richard Bevan said Tuesday he hasn't recommended a sentence yet. Montoya Jr. could

face a combined maximum of 35 years in prison.

Police said Montoya Jr. confessed to breaking through a bedroom window of Adams' home on Sept. 3, 1994. When Adams, grandmother, woke up in her bed, Montoya Jr. struck her repeatedly on and about the head with a square, hollow bar, according to a police affidavit.

Montoya Jr. told police he continued to search the house for valuables, but gave up

when he didn't find anything worth stealing, and left through a rear door, according to the affidavit of Detective Sgt. Gary Rinehart of the Twin Falls Police Department.

Police found Adams unconscious amid blood-soaked sheets and pillows at her home on 494 Altair Drive, Twin Falls. Adams was in a coma after the beating, and was flown to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise for surgery.

Around the valley

Corn train derails on nuclear-waste route

SHOSHONE — Eight grain cars in a slow-moving train derailed Monday about six miles west of Shoshone on one of Idaho's nuclear-waste rail corridors.

The cars in the middle of a 100-car train slid off the tracks at about 4:15 p.m. while moving about 20 miles per hour. They were being switched onto a side track to allow another train to pass, said John Bromley, spokesman for Union Pacific Railroad in Omaha, Neb.

No one was hurt, and the derailment caused brief rail delays, Bromley said.

Tuesday, workers were repairing the damaged sidetracks and picking up corn; the company is investigating why the train derailed, he said.

Several weeks ago, a cask of spent nuclear fuel traveled that same route to the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, said Ellen Glacum, central Idaho area coordinator of the Snake River Alliance.

Glacum said she's concerned that a train will derail while carrying something more hazardous to the environment than corn.

"Nuclear waste is a problem, and we're not solving it, we're moving it around," Glacum said.

Forest officials plan to conduct analysis before permit renewal

TWIN FALLS — More than a fifth of the grazing permits in the Sawtooth National Forest will expire at the end of the year and forest officials plan to conduct an environmental analysis before any permits are reissued.

Anyone who wants to get involved in the environmental analysis is urged to contact forest officials in Twin Falls, Burley, Ketchum, Fairfield and Stanley.

There are 148 grazing permits on the Sawtooth National Forest — and 33 will expire on Dec. 31. Of those, 10 are in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, eight on the Burley District, seven on the Ketchum District, seven on the Twin Falls District, and one on the Fairfield District. Most grazing permits are issued for a 10-year period. A total of 43,174 cows and 21,995 sheep are permitted to graze on Sawtooth National Forest rangelands every year.

Twin Falls man charged with sexual abuse of girl, 9

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls man has been charged with sexual abuse of a 9-year-old girl.

Ricky Alan Coates, 29, appeared in court Monday and his bail was set at \$50,000, according to court documents. Coates requested a Feb. 17 preliminary hearing to determine whether there is enough evidence to prosecute him, court documents said.

Coates was appointed a public defender. According to the affidavit of Detective Sgt. Gary Rinehart of the Twin Falls Police Department, the girl ran to a neighbor's house Saturday and told two men that Coates had kissed her on the mouth, chest and breast.

Coates had been supervising the child that afternoon while the girl's baby-sitter took a nap, Rinehart's affidavit said. The girl told her mother a similar story, adding that Coates told her not to tell anyone or he would be mad, the affidavit said.

When confronted by police, Coates denied the charges, the affidavit said.

Crossroads developer claims 2,000 would try for Micron jobs

JEROME — The land developer of Crossroads Ranch says 2,097 Magic Valley residents want to work at Micron Technology Inc.

Steve Thorson, project manager, sent 60,000 fliers to newspaper subscribers around the region, asking for responses from people who would apply for jobs at Micron or whose friends or family members would move back to the Magic Valley if Micron had jobs here.

Back came 2,463 of the fliers. About 85 percent of the fliers indicated that the person who filled it out would apply for a job at Micron if the Boise-based company builds a 3,500-employee, \$1.3 billion computer-chip factory in the Magic Valley, Thorson said in a news release Tuesday.

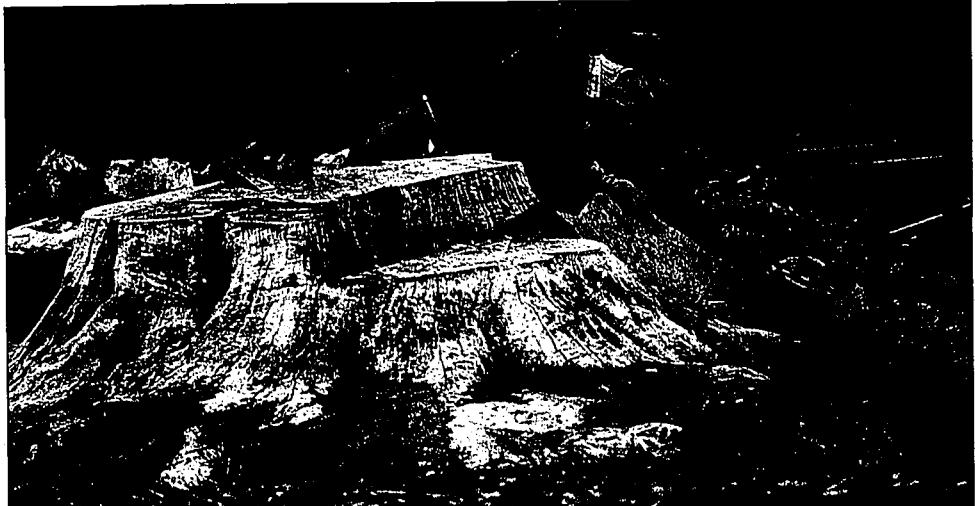
The solicitation did not attempt to determine whether the respondents were qualified for Micron jobs.

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Fuel for the fire



MIKE SALSBERY/The Times-News

With plenty of usable wood available, Art White of Twin Falls is able to gather some fuel for his fireplace while removing a cottonwood tree trunk and its roots from his front yard on Tuesday. He expected more of the wood to be rotted and easier to remove when he began the project under sunny skies on Saturday, he said.

Ag research, extension budgets cut

The Associated Press

BOISE — House members said Tuesday that if the goal this year is "lean" government, there must be cuts, even in agricultural research and extension services.

They voted 56-11 for a \$735,900 spending cutback and sent the legislation to the Senate.

"Those of you who want a lean, efficient government... will be happy to know that's exactly what we did," said Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome.

'I'm convinced this is an error on the part of this body.'

— Rep. Maynard Miller, R-Moscow

She and other members of the Legislature's budget committee defended the reduction for University of Idaho programs in the face of opposition from Moscow Republicans James Lucas and Maynard Miller.

"My concern is for agriculture," said Lucas. "Not to recognize that agriculture is our number one industry is a mistake. To cut funds from research activity is a major error."

"I'm sick and tired of agriculture being made a whipping in this situation," Miller said. "No industry needs it more."

Rep. Bob Geddes, R-Preston, said that in keeping with guidelines laid down by Gov. Phil Batt, the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee is eliminating funding for positions vacant at least six months.

Also, he said, some of the groups' funding in the current budget was to cover a 27th pay period, and there was no 27th pay period this year. Opponents of the cut argued the administration transferred that money into other programs.

"If the administration took it away, that's their problem," Geddes said. "They had the money. It was appropriated to them."

Miller said the Legislature's budget panel had an admirable goal — cutting spending — but it shouldn't be at the expense of important programs.

"You need to look at selective cutting, not across-the-board cutting," he said. "I'm convinced this is an error on the part of this body."

Lucas said \$300,000 of the cutback would be permanent, hurting research on farm problems. "It will be damage that will be carried forward for years to come," he said.

Hispanics do fine in Jerome schools

By Karen Tokkison
Times-News writer

JEROME — Despite an assistant principal's comments that "non-natives" are responsible for problems with graduation rates, Jerome's migrant and limited-English students appear to be doing as well as their classmates.

Jerome High School Assistant Principal Ed Peterson last week said while the district is growing there has been "zero percent white growth," and that people who have lived in the district all their lives are "the ones winning the speech contests."

According to a study conducted by state researchers and at Boise State University, Jerome School District had one of the lowest graduation rates in the state. Seventy-eight percent of high school seniors enrolled in both the high school and the district's alternative school on Oct. 1, 1993 received diplomas by the following August.

But if anything, the newcomers, including students identified as migrant or with limited English proficiency — mostly Hispanic — are on par with the rest of the school.

Hispanic kids also have a 78 percent graduation rate. Of 22 Hispanic seniors, 17 will graduate in the spring, students. Many of those qualify for migrant status or have limited English proficiency, said Chris Gibson, migrant education director.

The dropout rate so far this year is lower, he said — only 10.5 percent. More than half the Hispanic students who were freshman four years ago are still in Jerome High School. Most of the others have transferred to other schools, he said. Some have dropped out.

Nationally, Hispanic students face a 50 to 60 percent dropout rate, said Jane

Howell, coordinator of the English as a Second Language program for the district.

"With the counselors' help and making sure everyone has the credits they need, it's looking very good," she said.

"We make a real effort here to meet the needs of these students," Gibson said. "There are teachers who report the kids are doing quite well. They're seeing a lot of growth in the kids."

He said it's difficult to track success rates for migrant programs. "We know we're keeping more students in school," he said. "We know we're graduating more students than we ever have before. We know we're serving more students than we ever have before."

Peterson said on Tuesday that his comments had been taken out of context — that he was talking only about demographics.

"It made me look like I was a pure racist and that's not how I want to come out," he said. "You could not come over here and find any Hispanic kid who has been mistreated by any teacher because of their race in this school. Not one."

He said since his comments appeared in print, he's heard from one parent, the principal and the Jerome School District superintendent.

"You want to try to write a story that's going to get you some headlines, that's what I think," he said. "I would really love you to try to find where we have a race problem in Jerome."

Gibson, a veteran administrator from Los Angeles schools with high minority enrollment, said he hasn't witnessed much racism in the schools.

But, "I'm not going to be naive," he added. "I know there must be racism in the community. I will not tolerate it."

Boy, 16, sentenced to adult prison

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A 16-year-old boy will spend at least one year in adult prison for breaking into a home through the skylight and trashing the house.

Seth Adam Larson, of Twin Falls, was sentenced on Monday to spend one to four years in prison by 5th District Judge Roger Burdick. After his release from prison, Larson must spend three years on probation, Burdick ruled.

Larson agreed to a plea bargain in January, in which he pleaded guilty to felony burglary. In exchange, the prosecutor dismissed a charge of malicious injury to property.

According to an affidavit written by Sgt. Donald Newman of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department, Larson and an 18-year-old man broke into a Twin Falls home on Sept. 13. They fled from police, but were later caught.

Police discovered that the roof skylight of the house had been shattered and a pile of cabinets ripped from the walls.

Larson confessed to police, saying he used the cabinets as a ladder to climb out of the roof. He indicated that the pair wanted to steal a portable air compressor.

The 18-year-old, Jason Smith, is charged with burglary.

Twin Falls County Prosecutor G. Richard Bevan said that youths are charged as adults if their criminal records are extensive or violent, or if the charge is especially serious. He declined to say why Larson was charged as an adult.

Plan's foes would prefer voluntary comp law

By Frank E. Lockwood
Times-News writer

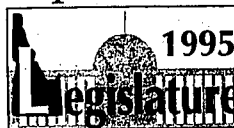
BOISE — The sponsor of legislation that would expand workers compensation to farm workers says he is carrying a "consensus plan."

But others say lack of consensus may derail the bill and any hope of eliminating the agriculture exemption in 1995.

State Rep. William Deal, R-Nampa, wants lawmakers to support a plan that was largely hammered out by an interim legislative committee on workers compensation.

That committee included half a dozen legislators, plus four representatives each of food producers and agricultural laborers.

Deal said the committee — and a majority of the food producers — backed the plan, which exempts many small, family farms, but forces larger farms to purchase workers compensation for their laborers.



"This is the very best piece of legislation we could get," Deal said Tuesday.

But one group that has refused to sign on is the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation. The committee's efforts weren't enough to win its support, the Farm Bureau said.

"This group certainly worked hard on it to reach a total compromise," Farm Bureau President Greg Nelson said, but insisted areas of disagreement remain.

"The major thing is it's mandatory. We prefer a voluntary one that has enough incentives built into it that our farmers

would want to switch," Nelson added.

Many farmers now carry \$5,000 liability policies on their workers and pay about \$4,000 for every \$100,000 worth of payroll. Nelson predicts those premiums could soar from \$4,000 to \$28,000 if a workers compensation law wins approval. Deal and others dispute those figures, predicting premiums would increase by less than \$500 for farmers who now provide liability coverage.

In order to get backing, Nelson said the legislation would need to make it clear that workers compensation is the "exclusive remedy" for injured workers. Citing an obscure Florida case, Nelson speculated that farmers might have to carry liability insurance and workers compensation if the legislation passes.

Such objections will surface later this month. The House Human Resources Committee is expected to hold hearings on the bill. Please see LAW/B2

Department reviews Haws' record

The Associated Press

BOISE — The Department of Education's Professional Standards Commission has opened an investigation into the status of ousted Chief Deputy Superintendent Terry Haws' teaching certificate.

Haws was fired from the agency on Jan. 27, just before a report that he had been accused of soliciting sex from a minor in exchange for drugs in the early 1980s when he was teaching in Alaska.

Sixteen days earlier, he had pleaded guilty to inattentive driving after Boise prosecutors agreed to drop drunken driving charges.

Commission Director Jim Smith said he began his review last week

after a signed formal complaint was submitted to his office. He would not identify the complainant but said the review was filed in light of the charges lodged in Alaska.

Haws eventually pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor charge of consent to the delinquency of a minor and was fined \$350, sentenced to 60 days in jail, all suspended, and was put on probation for three years.

He holds a valid Idaho teaching certificate and was living in the Boise when he became Fox's campaign manager last year and was named her chief deputy when she took office.

According to state law, teaching certificates can be reviewed any time new evidence of ethical misconduct is revealed.

The goal at this point is to have the investigation done by March 17 so it can be submitted to the Executive Committee of the PSC," Smith said.

That committee would decide whether to pursue a hearing to revoke Haws' certificate. Haws could opt to relinquish his certificate to avoid the possibility of his case being turned over to a hearing panel.

Haws has been an adjunct professor at Gonzaga University in Spokane and was principal of the Alternative High School in Kansas, an assistant principal in Denver, a music teacher at an Alaska community college and a principal in western Washington.

Records show he also still holds a valid teaching certificate in Washington.

Craig fights for balanced budget

By Stephen Morison
States News Service



Craig

WASHINGTON — During an unusual bipartisan meeting, Democratic leaders to blast efforts to protect Social Security from the balanced budget debate.

"It is embarrassing to be a Democrat and watch a Democratic president raise the scare tactic of Social Security," said former Democratic presidential hopeful and former senator Paul Tsongas.

The balanced budget, which was passed by the House Jan. 26, is facing a close vote in the Senate.

Supporters say that they are close to having the 67 votes necessary for passage of a constitutional amendment, and they charged efforts to exempt Social Security as Democratic attempts to cloud the issue and split support.

"This is our effort to preempt the president's push to defeat the balanced budget amendment using Social Security as a scare tactic," Craig said.

Craig said support for the amendment crosses traditional political lines and is popular among Americans.

Bill Turnbull, an Idaho Falls businessman, traveled to Washington to show support from Idaho. Turnbull is the Idaho representative of a bipartisan group that supports a balanced federal budget.

Opponents of the amendment say that they cannot support an attempt to balance the budget if it threatens Social Security. "I believe that is not an honest way to balance the budget," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., in a speech to the Senate Feb. 1.

"Workers young and old pay into the FICA tax and expect those funds to be there," said Bill Chandler, a spokesman for Feinstein.

"The reality is that Sen. Tsongas would like to raise \$3 billion reserved for Social Security to balance the budget," Chandler said. "If the balanced budget goes forward as is, there are some serious questions as to whether the Social Security

system will still be intact after 2015." But supporters of the amendment say that a balanced budget is the best way to protect Social Security. "The long-term threat to Social Security is the debt that we now have," said Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill. "Mr. President, the debt is the threat," Craig retorted.

Robert Myers, a 37-year veteran of the Social Security Administration and a one-time director of the National Commission on Social Security Reform, agreed that a balanced budget is vital to the future of Social Security. Myers supports a balanced budget amendment that does not protect Social Security.

"If taking Social Security out is going to endanger passage of the bill then I'm against it," Myers said.

Craig emphasized that there is still a fight to be approved by the Senate and by 38 states.

"The feedback I've been getting from Talk Show Hosts is that most people think that the balanced budget amendment has passed," Craig said.

Gooding airport may receive new look

By Sharon Metcalf
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — The Gooding Municipal Airport may get a face lift with a little federal help.

During Monday's City Council meeting, Mayor David Adair signed a pre-application to the Federal Aviation Administration for airport improvement funding.

Gooding is one of many airports considered to be of national importance and eligible for funds. Estimated costs for airport improvement is \$377,000. The city would be responsible for \$18,900 of the estimated cost should the project be approved. The project could include removal of buried tanks, a new runway lighting

system, seal coating, rebuilding an apron and a taxi way.

Meanwhile, the city lost out on a Department of Commerce grant for water system improvements. Several other cities came in with 50 percent bond issues up front. But the Department of Commerce agreed that money spent by Gooding this year for chlorination units, rebuilding of the south side and a pipeline to the new school will be credited on next year's application.

In the past few months, public meetings were held and questionnaires sent out regarding mandates from the Federal Environmental Protection Agency on drinking and waste water. Poor public response has led the council to schedule another meeting at 7 p.m. Feb. 15.

The planning and zoning commission issued a special-use permit for Ridley's to build storage sheds under county ordinance. The council has been asked for its ideas and will meet in an executive session to discuss its objections to this situation and find ways to prevent its recurrence.

In other business, the council approved city purchases. The fire department will buy a gas meter to help locate reported leaks. The city office will buy a new computer, and the police department will buy three bulb-proof vests.

The council also approved a \$500 traffic study of the industrial area. An irrigation rights meeting was scheduled for 7 p.m. Feb. 15.

The council declared an emergency, allowing Police Chief Paul Brown to hire another officer.

Services

Ethel Lucille Caton, of Twin Falls, graveside service, 11 a.m. today, Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Wanda Oall Rencounter, of Twin Falls, 2:30 p.m. today, White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

Lola M. Johnson, of Nampa and formerly of Buhl, graveside service, 10 a.m. Thursday, West End Cemetery, Buhl, (Moffett's Memorial Chapel in Buhl).

Orville Connor, of Shoshone, graveside service, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Shoshone Cemetery, (Demary's Bergin Chapel in Shoshone).

Zira Jean Belnap Emerson, of Paul, 11 a.m. Thursday, Hansen LDS Church, Viewing, 6 to 8 p.m. today, Hansen Mortuary, Rupert and from 10

to 10:45 a.m. on Thursday at the church.

Ray Floyd, of Gooding, 1 p.m. Thursday, Demary's Gooding Chapel, Viewing, 1 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Dorothy Evelyn Schoolcraft, of

Burley, 2 p.m. Thursday, First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 N. Washington, Twin Falls. Viewing, 4 to 8 p.m. today, White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

Martha Thelma Harper, of Cherry Valley, Calif., graveside service, 11 a.m. Saturday, Rupert Cemetery, (Hansen Mortuary in Rupert).

Death notices

TWIN FALLS — Julian Hernandez, 76, of Bellwood, Ill., and formerly of Twin Falls and San Ygnacio, Texas, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 1995, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Hines, Ill.

Burial will be held today at the Bormann Funeral Home, 1600 W. Chicago Ave., in Ketchikan, Alaska. The funeral will be held at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 1101 N. 23rd Ave. in Melrose Park.

Joseph P. Bowers

RICHFIELD — Joseph P. Bowers, 85, of Richfield, died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1995, at his residence. Arrangements are pending and will be announced at the Demary's Bergin Chapel in Shoshone.

Hospitals

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Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted
Shawna Baltazor of Twin Falls; and Kirk Vanlecween of Filer.

Released
Shawna Baltazor of Twin Falls; Justin Rickett and Conley Malone, both of Murtaugh; and William Green of Kimberly.

CASSIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Admitted
Leopoldo Armenta, Terrell Gonzales, Penny Russell and Marilyn White, all of Burley; Shirley Cammerer, Tina Lee and Helen Price, all of Heyburn; Polly Carney and Lisa Diaz, both of Paul; and Ladonna Gardner of Rupert.

Released

Colleen Herbert of Burley; Tina Lee and Rebecca Young, both of Heyburn; Elina Silveira and Collette Marie, both of Rupert; and Barbara Richardson of Oakley.

Birth

A baby was born to Ladonna Gardner of Rupert.

MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Admitted
Maureen Blake of Heyburn; Alicia Quintana of Burley; Marlene Marie of Malheur; Warren McAlister and Halyna Tappi, both of Rupert; and Roy Wright of Paul.

Released
Luneta Hansen, Jessa Belman, Marlyce Tuma, Dennis Hyton and Warren McAlister, all of Rupert; and Alicia Quintana and baby girl of Burley.

Birth

A daughter was born to Alicia and Micheal Quintana of Burley.

Obituaries



Leland H. Slater
TWIN FALLS — Leland H. Slater, 77, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1995, at the Twin Falls Clinic Hospital.

He was born May 11, 1917, in Stafford County, Kan., the son of James Harvey and Estella Maizo Slater. At the age of 17, he moved to Colorado for a brief time and then to Rupert. He worked sorting potatoes and picking fruit. In 1969, he moved to Twin Falls and managed Culler's Cabins with his second wife, Margarete. She died in 1971. On Aug. 11, 1978, he married Geraldine Idaho Elk, Nov. Mr. Slater worked for Idaho Frozen foods until his retirement in 1985. He enjoyed hunting and fishing until his emphysema slowed him down.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldine Slater of Twin Falls; two sons, Raymond Slater of Las Vegas, and Leroy (Army) Slater of Rupert; five stepchildren; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and one sister, Azalee Waswood of Kaysville, Utah. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Melvin.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 1995, at the Twin Falls Cemetery, with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Harold W. Smith

KIMBERLY — Harold Winston Smith, 73, of Kimberly, died Monday, Feb. 6, 1995, at his home after an extended illness with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). He was born Oct. 10, 1921, in Botton, Md. the son of John Edward and Hattie Mary Bender Smith. He served his country as an Army sergeant during World War II. He married Wilma Alwina Ruppert Aug. 20, 1950, in Wichita, Kan. They homesteaded north of Rupert where he farmed until 1973. They

then moved to Hagerman and he worked for the State of Idaho Department of Highway Maintenance. He retired and moved to Kimberly in 1990.

He was a member of the Paul Lodge No. 77 AF & AM and the Hagerman Valley Grange No. 218. He was also a member of the Hagerman Methodist Church and the American Legion Post in Paul. Harold is survived by his wife, Wilma of Kimberly; two sons, John E. (Renée) Smith of Junior, Mo.; Paul; James P. (Janet) Smith of Cannon AFB, New Mexico; a daughter, Julie Marie (Kevin) Thornburg of Arizona; a brother, Kenneth Smith of Guthrie, Mo.; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded by an infant daughter, Jane Ann Smith. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, 1995, at Blay Colonial Funeral Home, 255 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, with the Rev. Brian Livermore officiating. Masonic services will be conducted by Paul Lodge No. 77. Interment will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. The family will gather to meet with friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested: Association 21021 Ventura Blvd., Suite 321, Woodland Hills CA 91364.

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New lottery director likely to cancel costly ads with Van Dyke

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Lottery will probably end its advertising relationship with television star Jerry Van Dyke and use local people in promoting the game, the new director says.

"I just think that with an expense we don't need to make," Jackson said.

Hedrick when Gov. Phil Batt took office last month, told budget writers on Tuesday that the decision was part of the new administration's attempt to become more efficient and cost-effective.

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Spillway director calls at Troy reservoir

TROY (AP) — The Troy City Council has declared a state of emergency following a spillway collapse at the town's 8.5-million-gallon reservoir.

More than half of the water was lost and a portion of the earthen dam was destroyed, threatening Troy's drinking water.

Mayor Marie Vogel said the city must act quickly to correct the situation.

"There is still water for domestic use

but we cannot have the rest of the dam broken, we would be in a serious situation for water," he said.

The break was discovered Sunday by an snowmobile on Moscow Mountain.

Engineers have determined the situation is not correctable without rebuilding the spillway and dam. Crews spent Tuesday clearing the snow which is blocking the road to the reservoir.

Law

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Committee has agreed to discuss the issue further — and hold a hearing Feb. 21. Representatives of the Farm Bureau, lobbyists, farm workers, and others will have their say before the committee decides whether to send the legislation to the floor.

State Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, said that the legislation has a "fair chance of passage," but he isn't predicting victory.

"It may be that it's still a year or two away, but I expect the legislation in some form will pass before (Gov.) Phil Batt leaves office," Noh said.

Batt, an union farmer and the author of Idaho's civil rights laws, has said he backs workers compensation. He's encouraged both sides to pass compromise legislation, promising to sign a new workers compensation law if it's brought to his desk.

State Rep. Ron Black, R-Twin Falls, doubts that legislation will cross Batt's desk in 1995.

"I'd say the odds of passage are nil if the Farm Bureau's fighting it tooth and nail. I was hoping Farm Bureau and the farming organizations could find common

ground," he said.

State Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, isn't looking for common ground on the matter. Bell supports those who oppose extending compensation to farm workers.

"Farming is a unique industry and this is basically an unfunded mandate," she said.

"With depressed prices — just one more cost can kill you," Bell said, vowing to oppose an end to the agriculture exemption.

But state Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchikan, said the agriculture exemption is unfair to farm workers — who are denied coverage extended to most Idahoans. Jaquet also claims the exemption is unfair to Idaho taxpayers, who end up footing the bill when injured indigent farm workers seek medical care.

Deal said his proposal is really about fairness — to farm workers and Idaho's non-agricultural employers.

"If you take a look at any other industry in Idaho, from the biggest corporation to the mom and pop grocery operation, all of these people provide workers compensation for their employees."

Agriculture, Deal insists, should be held to the same standard.

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- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 11am Filer School District - Excess & Surplus - Tools Advertisement - February 9 MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1995 Rubin Hayes Estate - Household Farm Miscellaneous - Buhl Advertisement - February 10 MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE
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Mini-Cassia

Report: D.L. Evans grows fastest

By Jennifer Bunch
Times-News writer



Evans

BURLEY - The family-owned D.L. Evans Bank, catering chiefly to the agricultural community, surpassed major corporations as the fastest growing established bank in Idaho during the third quarter of 1994, according to the state's Finance Department.

As of September, D.L. Evans Bank had grown by 27.2 percent, according to Gavin Gee, acting finance department director. Year-end reports have not yet been tallied, he said.

Only Idaho Independent Bank in northern Idaho and U.S. Bank topped D.L. Evans, and those numbers are skewed, Gee said. Both banks opened in Idaho within the last two years and so only have had room to grow, he explained.

D.L. Evans growth is significant,

Gee said, noting it's the most rapid growth by an established bank.

"Independent banks showed strong growth, which is a reflection of Idaho's strong economy. Banking tends to reflect what the local economy is doing," Gee said.

Behind D.L. Evans came independent Farmers and Merchants State Bank at 20 percent and Ireland Bank in Malad at 10.9 percent, Gee said. The next highest was Key Bank at 9.7 percent, he said. West One Bank, worth more than \$4 billion and Idaho's largest, grew by 4.4 percent in comparison, Gee said.

D.L. Evans's 1994 assets totaled \$93.8 million, according to its annual

report, almost doubling in size since 1990.

The bank's Rupert and new Twin Falls branch account for much of its growth, said John V. Evans Jr., the bank's chief financial officer.

The Twin Falls branch opened in December of 1993 and brought in \$10 million last year, while Rupert nearly doubled in size by drawing more than \$7 million, Evans said. The Burley and Albion branches had good growth rates, but nothing near Rupert and Twin Falls, he said.

Evans attributes success in Twin Falls to the Magic Valley's conservative and independent spirit and to a market left wide-open by the January 1990 merger of the independent Twin Falls Bank of Trust with First Security Bank.

"People like an independent, community-minded bank. Decisions are made locally and more rapidly. I think people are getting tired of only

being a humber. They like personal service," Evans said.

D.L. Evans Bank was founded in Albion in 1904 with a \$25,000 investment by a five men, according to former Gov. John V. Evans, bank president. D.L. Evans, the governor's grandfather, was selected bank president, Evans said.

The bank was the only in Cassia County to survive the Great Depression, a time when historical ledgers reveal stories about how the bank couldn't afford to risk lending \$10 for a farmer to buy his children shoes, Evans said. He contributes conservative management to its longevity.

The conservatism that brought it through financial hardship also kept it in Albion until 1979, when a second branch was opened in Burley, Evans said.

The bank plans to continue to expand in the Magic Valley, he said.

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Briefly

Jailed man breaks guard's nose

BURLEY - An Oakley man arrested for drunken driving Tuesday broke a jailer's nose at the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center about 2 a.m., according to a Cassia County Sheriff's Department report. Carey Lyle Hunting, 35, has been charged with aggravated battery, the report said.

Police say that Hunting hit jailer Todd Lee Secord, 26, in the face. The assault occurred just after the arresting officer had turned Hunting over to the jailer, the report said.

Man steals woman's car at gunpoint

HEYBURN - A man stole a woman's 1994 Ford Mustang after tying her up at gunpoint with a telephone cord at her Heyburn apartment Sunday about 5:30 p.m., according to a Heyburn police report. Sherrie Hill, who was not physically harmed, managed to free herself from the telephone cord and call 911 after the man left with her car, the report said.

The suspect remains at large, according to police. He is described as a white male in his early 20s with a scarred face and dark hair and was last seen wearing a red baseball cap and carrying a green army-type bag, according to the report. The Mustang has Utah plates, 549 GYS, the report said. Anyone with information about the suspect should call police at 678-8158.

Heyburn man attends aging conference

HEYBURN - Adam Ramirez of Heyburn was one of approximately 90 other delegates from 14 western states who recently attended a White House

Conference on Aging Rural Mini-Conference convened by Green Thumb Inc. in Portland, Ore.

The delegates called on President Clinton and other elected officials to establish a universal health-care system, expand employment and training opportunities and improve and increase funding for rural transportation. They made recommendations for new policies and programs to be considered at the May 1995 White House Conference on Aging.

Green Thumb Inc. is a nonprofit organization that provides community service and employment and training opportunities for older Americans. Rural mini-conferences are funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging.

Open house honors man's birthday

BURLEY - Henry Meyer will celebrate his 90th birthday at an open house from 2 to 5 p.m., Saturday at the Burley Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave.

Meyer was born Feb. 10, 1905 in Sweet Springs, Mo. He came to Idaho in 1938, farmed at Unity until 1955, then moved to Burley and worked for Case Tractor in Rupert and Burley. He also worked at John Deere Co. in Burley for approximately 20 years.

The event is hosted by his son Harry Meyer of Blackfoot; and three stepchildren, Burt Satchwell of Bountiful, Utah, Billy Satchwell of Pocatello and Betty Adams of Gooding. No gifts please.

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Idaho Fox urges caution on Batt plan

BOISE (AP) — Republican State Schools Superintendent Anne Fox called on lawmakers Tuesday to take a much harder look at the state aid package GOP Gov. Phil Batt proposes for public schools.

She said the governor's plan offers little to meet what she sees as major needs in the education system.

"Please don't go too fast here," Fox told members of the Senate Education Committee. "There's a number of things that are at stake."

Budget writers, however, are ready to start next week diving up the \$1.35 billion in general tax revenue the passage of Batt's \$40 million property tax reduction package. And elimination of the \$40 million for tax relief leaves them little room to deviate from the new governor's tightfisted spending blueprint.

For public education, Batt has proposed spending \$664 million in the 1995-1996 school year, up 7 percent from the current state allotment.

But legislative budget analyst Gordon Fisher said his calculations indicate Batt's proposal will provide nothing more than the basics; the 5 percent pay increase the governor proposed for all employees, help for over 6,000 students with limited proficiency in English and \$7 million for school technology.

There would be no money for continuation of the \$2 million school reform effort and no additional cash for districts to spend as they see fit — many using it for basic operating costs like supplies, books, utilities. Some tap the discretionary money, which will total over \$500 per classroom this year, for curricular improvement or other so-called reform programs.

And Fox, who has proposed spending \$18 million more than Batt, pointed out that the governor also did not provide for maintaining minimum state aid to a half dozen districts that would otherwise see state support decline or disappear.

Nor, she said, did he include the \$4 million she wants for academic testing of every student in every grade, greater student discipline and developing techniques to improve reading.

Bad day for California in Legislature

BOISE (AP) — Raising California as a bad example seems to work in the Idaho Legislature.

Three times on Tuesday Rep. Jim Stoicheff, D-Sandpoint, went before legislative committees with proposed constitutional amendments. He struck out all three times after expressions of concern that Idaho could run into the same problems as the Golden State.

The House State Affairs Committee voted down Stoicheff's proposal to give people the right to amend the Idaho Constitution by initiative. Opponents said California's system results in dozens of proposed amendments on the ballot every election.

Later, the House Revenue and Taxation Committee killed a Stoicheff resolution to amend the Constitution to limit property tax in proxy valuations for tax purposes to 4 percent per year. A companion measure, which would have allowed local option non-property taxes after approval by the voters, got the same treatment. "I think there are times when the Legislature is reluctant to act and the people want to do something," Stoicheff told State Affairs. "This is a part of what happened Nov. 8. The people want to have more voice in their government."

Steve Ahrens, president of an industry organization, said the "Constitution should be an enduring guide for government" not subject to change every time political power shifts.

Stoicheff countered, "It's time we started letting go of the apron strings and let the people do what they want."

Rep. Jesse Berrin, R-Boise, cited California's Proposition 13, which cut off state-funded medical benefits for nonresidents. He said the lawsuits over the proposition will cost far more than the new law is supposed to save.

In the tax committee, Stoicheff and Rep. D. W. Ketchum urged a limit on increasing property values. As an example, Jaquet said she and her husband paid \$65,000 for a Ketchum house now valued at \$207,000. With the average home in her area valued at nearly \$300,000, she said, "People can't afford to live there."

Senators object to road closures in grizzly plan

The Associated Press

Idaho's Republican senators are lobbying the federal government to reconsider a grizzly bear recovery plan that requires road closures in Panhandle forest land.

In letters to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Mollie Beattie and Idaho Panhandle Forest Supervisor Dave Wright, Sens. Larry Craig and

Dirk Kempthorne urge them to open a public comment period for the grizzly plan, and to consider an alternate one by a Priest Lake group. The document calls for the closure of 125 miles of road on 85,000 acres of forest, used primarily for logging. The Kalspell-Granite Forest area surrounding Priest River is one of four Idaho recovery zones to recover the habitat. The closures were de-

vised to ensure at least 70 percent habitat security from man as required by the Fish and Wildlife Service. The senators argue that "state and federal biologists familiar with the guidelines have acknowledged the 70 percent security standard is outdated, has a questionable biological basis, and will soon be replaced by new Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee standards."

Group: BSU needs engineering school

BOISE (AP) — A Boise-based group has hired one of former House Speaker Tom Boyd's lieutenants to lobby the Idaho Legislature for an independent Boise-State-University college of engineering.

Industry for Engineering Education is primarily composed of contractors who want growth and engineering education in the Treasure Valley, according to one of the group's lobbyists, Jerry Deekard. Deekard, a Boyd lieutenant in the House several years ago, said the new group is operating independently of Micron Technology and Boise State officials.

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Productivity rises in 1994, labor costs hit 30-year low

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — American business productivity improved in 1994 for a fifth straight year, boosted by the largest output growth since 1984.

At the same time, businesses held labor costs to the smallest gain in 30 years. Productivity — defined as output per hour worked — jumped 2.2 percent last year, faster than the 1.5 percent advance in 1993.

Businesses held growth in unit labor costs to the smallest decline since 1987 when it plunged 3.9 percent.

Another sign of muted inflationary pressure was a 1.9 percent drop in manufacturing unit labor costs last year, the first annual decline since 1987 when it plunged 3.9 percent.

Total business productivity, including farming, increased 2.3 percent, up from 1.5 percent in 1993.

It says there is very little risk of inflationary pressures building," said Stephen S. Roach, an economist with Morgan Stanley & Co. in New York.

Economists watch growth in productivity for insights into long-term economic trends.

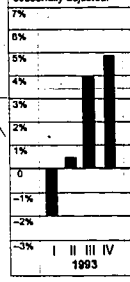
Productivity growth slowed to a 1.8 percent seasonally adjusted annualized advance in the final three months of 1994, from a strong 3.2 percent during the previous quarter.

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Productivity

Non-farm business productivity percent change from previous quarter at annual rate, seasonally adjusted.



Survey: Top managers rank profits 1st, employees near last

The Washington Post

When it comes to putting employees first, corporate executives talk the talk, but they don't always walk the walk.

The majority of executives put profits first and people somewhere near the bottom of their list of priorities, according to a survey by Towers Perrin Co., the New York-based management consulting firm.

Interviews with 300 executives from medium and large-sized firms found that 98 percent of them agreed that improving employee performance would significantly improve their company's productivity.

In addition, 73 percent claimed employees were their company's most important investment.

But when those executives were asked to rank their business priorities, investing in people ranked fifth on a six-item list, just ahead of quality of marketing. The top three priorities listed by the executives

were customer satisfaction, financial performance and competition. Only 25 percent of the executives surveyed said their company's human-resources department had any real say in the company's strategic business planning process and 31 percent said they did not view the deployment of people within the company as a strategic issue.

David Rhodes of Towers Perrin said he wasn't surprised by the survey results. "It's politically correct to talk this way. A number of CEOs have bought the conventional wisdom that people are the most important assets. Lots of them believe that's the way they should talk," Rhodes said.

Patricia Milligan, another Towers Perrin official, said executives' attitudes toward their employees are hurting overall corporate performance. "What companies seem to be overlooking," she said, "is the crucial connection between customer satisfaction and employee performance."

Markets

Dow Jones

Table with columns for various market indices: NYSE, S&P 500, NASDAQ, etc. Includes values for 1994 and 1993.

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Table listing most active stocks with columns for stock name, volume, and price change.

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Table listing local interest stocks with columns for description, price, and change.

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Table listing closing futures prices for various commodities like corn, soybeans, etc.

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Table listing New York stock market data including various stock prices and volume.

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Table listing bean prices: Soybean, Soybean meal, etc.

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Sports

Hansen upends Murtaugh

10-0 run in 2nd quarter keys Huskies' victory

By Larry Hovey
Times-News writer

MURTAUGH - Hansen took away Murtaugh's edge in quickness to beat the Devils 62-47 and remain in sole possession of the Magic Valley Conference lead Tuesday night.

Coach Stacy Behrens put his Huskies in an assortment of zones, which, coupled with Hansen's decided size edge, limited inside scoring opportunities and the outside shot wasn't falling.

On offense, the Huskies handled the Devils' pressure with a minimum of turnovers, again reducing Murtaugh's usual transition scoring.

The Huskies had a couple of scoring lulls in the early second and third quarters but protected the lead throughout the game. After seeing Murtaugh cut a lead to 17-14 in the second period, Chad Lee sparked an 10-0 run that led to a 30-21 lead at halftime.

In the third quarter the Huskies went three minutes without a score but Murtaugh wasn't able to get closer than seven. Through the final period, Hansen hit most of his free throws to foil any comeback hopes.

"We just didn't seem to be able to get locked up tight enough on them" to cause the turnovers or stop the offense, Murtaugh Coach Keith Adams said.

On offense, Adams agreed the zone held the Murtaugh offense in check. The Devils managed just two three-pointers after several tries.

And the coach pointed out "but the inside shot wasn't going either and the free throws weren't going either. It was just a frustrating night for our shooters," he said.

Murtaugh actually outscored Hansen 21-17 from the field but the Huskies, with Lee going 10-12 and Wright 11-14, were 28-37 from the line. Murtaugh was just 3-11.

The Huskies had to play without 6-5 senior Ryan Gunnell but Brad Myers, Bryan Wright and Trenton Stanger controlled the inside pretty well.

"I knew they'd play tough," said Adams. "Having Gunnell out didn't hurt them. Someone always steps up for a team in a situation like that."

Behrens said he was pleased with his team's all-around game.

"We're not as quick as they are so we can't play man against them," he said.



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Above, Hansen's Brad Myers, left, takes the ball down court against Murtaugh's Justin Sperry. Right, plagued by mistakes early on, Murtaugh Coach Keith Adams benched all his starters in the first quarter.

"But I thought we did a good job against their defensive quickness as well."

Hansen, which lost 61-58 to Murtaugh Jan. 17, has won five of six league outings since for a 7-2 record. Murtaugh, which was 2-0 at that time, absorbed its fourth loss in its last five league tries and stands 5-4.

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Clinton tosses strike into hands of Congress

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - President Clinton, after failing in his last-gasp effort to get baseball's team owners and striking players to reach an agreement on their own, said Tuesday night he will ask Congress to pass legislation that would force the two sides into binding arbitration.

"Clearly, they are not capable of settling this strike without an umpire," Clinton said during a news conference Tuesday night, adding that unless Congress steps in, "we may not have baseball in 1995."

Congressional leaders, however, have spent the past few days expressing their opposition to a government-imposed settlement to the players' nearly-six-month-old strike.

"I'm not sure Congress is the right place to try to organize the national pastime," House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said Tuesday. "It'd be very, very cautious. This is a straight-out labor-management struggle. It's not a matter of national survival. I'm not sure what the national interest is in having the Congress start to micro-manage baseball."

In a speech on the Senate floor early Tuesday, Majority Leader Robert Dole,

R-Kan., urged the parties to find their own solution immediately, saying, "Neither party, player or owner, should be looking to Congress for any magic solutions. The magic solution can only be found at the bargaining table."

White House spokesman Mike McCurry, during a White House briefing, criticized the Republican leaders in Congress for their stand against legislation to end the longest and most costly work stoppage in professional sports history. "Why would anyone who loves baseball want to take a tool off the table that might be used to order the owners and players to try harder to settle their strike?" he said.

But even Democrats were expressing no support for a settlement imposed from Capitol Hill. House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt (D-Mo.) said "right now there is not a role" for Congress to intervene in the dispute.

Clinton called the two sides to the White House last night for several hours of meetings beginning around 6 p.m. He had hoped the two sides would reach an

agreement or voluntarily submit to binding arbitration. But shortly before 11, he gave up and announced that his intention to send the

bill to Congress today.

The administration will make the case that regional financial crisis exists in Florida and Arizona. The 28 major league teams are scheduled to open spring training camps in those two states in eight days. According to a report by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, each spring training city would lose \$1 million in potential revenues from any exhibition games canceled.

Five players-Cecil Fielder, David Cone, Jay Bell, Tom Glavine and Scott Sanderson-joined Major League Baseball Players Association chief Donald Fehr and Gene Orza, the union's second-ranking official, for Tuesday night's meeting in the White House's Roosevelt Room.

Milwaukee Brewers owner and acting commissioner Bud Selig was joined by Boston Red Sox general partner John Harrington, Colorado Rockies Chairman

Jerry McMorris, former St. Louis Cardinals president Stuart Meyer and attorneys Chuck O'Connor and Rob Manfred, representing the management side.

Vice President Al Gore, Secretary of Labor Robert Reich and special mediator W.J. Usery represented the administration at the meeting, which began at 6:05 p.m. The negotiators had taken three breaks for each side to caucus. Clinton left the meeting then to attend a reception for new members of Congress. The briefing by the president was scheduled for 9:15, but was delayed as talks continued.

McCurry said earlier in the day that the president was exasperated with the failure of the owners and players to bridge on the issues and make a concerted effort to compromise.

According to sources, Usery's suggestions for settlement leaned heavily toward the owners' point of view of some salary-cost containment, and the union contingent went to the White House afraid that the owners would accept the terms in front of the president.

Usery, the former labor secretary enlisted by the administration in October to mediate the dispute, was to recommend

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Maryland downs newly-crowned No. 1 North Carolina

The Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. - Guards Duane Simpkins and Johnny Rhodes each scored 21 points, and center Joe Smith had 14 points and 16 rebounds as No. 8 Maryland upset top-ranked North Carolina 86-73 Tuesday night.

Maryland (18-4, 8-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) registered its first win over a No. 1 team since beating North Carolina 77-70 on Feb. 20, 1986.

The Tar Heels (18-2, 8-2), who had a nine-game winning streak snapped, had just taken over the No. 1 spot Monday from Massachusetts.

Rhodes' 3-pointer with 15:59 to play started a 7-0 run that gave the Terrapins a 54-44 lead.

Men's college basketball

Rutgers 31, No. 4 Massachusetts 29 (halftime; game suspended)

PISCATAWAY, N.J. - Students protesting racially inflammatory comments by Rutgers president Francis Lawrence staged a halfcourt sit-in, causing the suspension of the game Tuesday night.

The protest started with a black female student sitting at the jump ball circle just before the second half was to begin.

Security guards came out to talk to her, but the protest escalated after two minutes and more than 450 students, nearly all black, eventually sat on the floor.

No. 2 Purdue 78, No. 7 Michigan State 69

EAST LANSING, Mich. - Cuonzo Martin scored six of his 28 points in the final 1:21, leading Purdue over Michigan State.

The Spartans, who lead the Big Ten with an 8-2 record, remained a half-game ahead of the 7-2 Boilermakers.

Michigan State is 16-3 overall and Purdue is 16-5.

Purdue, which led by two points at halftime, outscored Michigan State 10-2 in the last 2:37 after the Spartans had gone ahead 67-66 on a layup by Eric Snow.

Miami (9-9, 4-7) couldn't follow up on its 67-61 upset of No. 20 Georgetown on Saturday. Miami committed 16 turnovers in the first half and fell behind 37-25 at halftime.

No. 23 Alabama 65, Southern Miss 60

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - Marvin Orange scored 15 points, including four late free throws for Alabama.

The Crimson Tide (16-5) went on an 8-2 run over the last 4:45 to break a 56-56 tie.

The rally included a 3-pointer by Argie Griffin and Orange's free throws.

Southern Miss (12-7) still had a chance after Damien Smith made it 64-60 on a layup with 10 seconds remaining. Griffin missed two free throws, but Jamal Faulkner hit one of two foul shots with two seconds remaining to seal it for Alabama.

Morning line

Sportsquote

"We're not going to win any beauty contests. When we walk down the apron, we're not in the top three."

-Garry St. Jean, Sacramento King coach, on the aesthetic qualities of his team

Briefly

Schultz, Svendsen grab Big Sky weekly honors

BOISE - Boise State's Michelle Schultz and Montana State's Brooke Svendsen have been named the Big Sky Conference women's basketball players of the week.

Schultz, a junior guard from Post Falls, provided 26 points while shooting 52 percent from the field and 40 percent from the line. She also managed six rebounds, four assists, two blocked shots and three steals in the Bronco victory over Idaho State.

Svendsen, a junior guard from Churchill, Mont., carried her team to a two-game home court sweep over Western Washington and Idaho. For the weekend she averaged 15.5 points, made 48 percent of her shots and connected 91 percent of the time from the free-throw line. Svendsen also tallied nine rebounds, six assists and three steals.

Snow College taps former NFL lineman for head coaching job

EPHRAIM, Utah - Former NFL lineman Keith Uperesa on Monday was appointed head football coach at Snow College.

Uperesa, who played for Brigham Young from 1974-77, replaces Paul Tidwell, named head coach at Eastern Arizona Community College.

Uperesa has been the offensive line and special teams coordinator at Snow since 1987. Uperesa played for the Oakland Raiders from 1978-79 and the Denver Broncos from 1979-81.

Utah State players will stay with team despite guilty plea

LOGAN, Utah - Two Utah State football players who pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges in a fraternity brawl will remain on the team, while a player who stole beer from a convenience store and beat up a clerk has been kicked off the team.

Junior linebacker David Gill, 20, pleaded guilty Friday to misdemeanor assault and being a minor in possession of alcohol. Senior offensive lineman Robert Holmes, 21, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct. Jack Roxas, 23, a linebacker who used up his eligibility last season, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor assault.

Sentencing was set for March 17.

Fox expects to lose a bundle with NFL television contract

NEW YORK - The Fox network expects to lose \$350 million on its \$1.58 billion contract to broadcast NFL games for four years.

Fox's parent, Australia-based News Corp., disclosed the anticipated loss on Monday when it reported its earnings for the latest six-month period. News Corp. took \$350 million in charges against its earnings for the expected shortfall between what the network will generate in advertising revenue for the NFL and the cost of license fees, production and marketing of the NFL.

The charge fails to reflect the benefits from the NFL contract to Fox's owned and operated stations, which can charge higher ad rates for football than they probably would have gotten for their regular programs.

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Briefly in sports

Cañes QB sues Miami Beach police

MIAMI — Miami Hurricanes quarterback Ryan Collins filed a lawsuit accusing Miami Beach police of violating his civil rights by arresting him without probable cause.

Collins was arrested at a nightclub last August on a charge of disorderly conduct. The charge was dropped in December.

The suit filed Monday in Dade County Circuit Court names the city of Miami Beach and the two arresting officers as defendants. Collins seeks unspecified damages.

According to a police report, officers were trying to clear an entrance at the club because of a large crowd. Collins was instructed to move from the entrance several times but refused, and his actions incited the crowd.

The suit disputes that version, saying that Collins was arrested and thrown against a police car while trying to leave the area. He was handcuffed and spent two hours in jail before posting bond.

The 21-year-old quarterback is favored to win a starting job next fall as a senior.

Becker advances in Marseille Open

MARSEILLE, France — Top-seeded Boris Becker won his opening round match in the Marseille Open on Tuesday, beating Juan Albert Viloca of Spain, 6-2, 6-4.

It was Becker's first appearance since being eliminated from the Australian Open the first round by Patrick McEnroe.

Also Tuesday in Marseille, Carl Uwe Steeb of Germany rolled over Adrian Panait of Romania 6-4, 6-1, and Gianluca Pozzi of Italy defeated Emilio Sanchez of Spain 7-5, 6-3.

Frenchman Lionel Roux dropped Andrei Olhovskiy of Russia 6-3, 6-2, while David Rikl of Czechoslovakia outlasted Thierry Guardia of France 2-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4.

Graf to begin comeback at Paris Open

PARIS — Steffi Graf, topped as the world's top-ranked woman player last month after missing tournaments because of physical problems, will start her comeback at the Paris Open next week, tournament officials said Tuesday.

Graf skipped last month's Australian Open — the first Grand Slam event of the season — and yielded her No. 1 ranking to Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, the losing finalist.

Sanchez Vicario is not playing next week, and Graf will regain the No. 1 spot if she wins in Paris. Graf's last tournament was the Virginia Slims championships in mid-November.

Speedskater wins humanitarian award

NEW YORK — Speedskater Johann Olav Koss is a gold-medalist on and off the ice.

The 26-year-old Norwegian medical student thrilled the home crowd last year at the Lillehammer Olympics, setting world records in winning at 1,500, 5,000 and 10,000 meters. In 1992, he took gold and silver medals at Albertville.

For those performances and his humanitarian work, Koss received the Jesse Owens International Award on Tuesday night from the International Amateur Athletic Federation. The award goes to the athlete who personifies sportsmanship and commitment to global cooperation, as well as athletic accomplishment.

Koss, a student at the University of Oslo, has visited underdeveloped countries regularly since 1990, contributing funds and trying to instill hope in deprived children.

His travels, including some during his youth, have taken him to Egypt, India, Nepal, Eritrea, Israel and Sarajevo.

Strawberry tested positive for cocaine

WASHINGTON — Darryl Strawberry tested positive for cocaine on consecutive days last month, according to documents obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press.

Strawberry was suspended by major league baseball Monday for 60 days for violating the game's drug policy and terms of his aftercare program. The San Francisco Giants immediately released him.

Strawberry missed the first two months of the 1994 season after admitting to a substance abuse problem and seeking treatment. Although there was speculation at the time that it was a cocaine problem, it was never officially confirmed by representatives of baseball or Strawberry.

Jazz to sign aging center to contract

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Jazz are to sign center James Donaldson to a contract for the rest of the season before tonight's game at Los Angeles against the Clippers.

Donaldson, 37, who started the season playing recreational ball in Seattle, signed two 10-day contracts with the Jazz after Felton Spencer ruptured an Achilles' tendon on Jan. 13.

"It's something I hoped for, something I kept myself in shape for," Donaldson told The Salt Lake Tribune. "I came into this situation optimistic, but also realistic."

Under league rules, Utah had to release Donaldson or sign him for the rest of the season.

Donaldson has played in nine games, starting seven, and is averaging 2.3 points and 3.1 rebounds.

Philly's Perry will enter dunk contest

NEW YORK — Philadelphia's Tim Perry will replace Milwaukee's Vin Baker in the slam dunk contest during All-Star Saturday before the league's annual showcase.

The league announced Monday that Baker decided not to participate because he wanted to concentrate on preparing to play in his first All-Star Game.

Compiled from wire reports

Nation's last 6-on-6 hoops game nears

TULSA, Okla. — The end is coming, earlier than expected, certainly sooner than Oklahoma coach Steve Freeman would like.

The last 6-on-6 girls basketball game in Oklahoma — or in the nation, for that matter — will be played March 11 at the state tournament in Oklahoma City.

"Maybe I'm in a nostalgic type of person, but I think it's a great game," Freeman said. "A piece of history is being lost. I'm not negative against change, but some things are worth keeping around."

The days of 6-on-6 already were numbered. The Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association voted last summer to make all high schools play the conventional 5-on-5 game, starting with the 1996-97 season.

But the OSSAA sent surveys out in the fall to the 290 schools that play 6-on-6, trying to get an idea how many wanted to make the switch early.

Schools were told in December how other 6-on-6 programs were leaning, and the OSSAA asked them again to indicate their preference by Feb. 1. Of 262 6-on-6 schools that returned their questionnaires, all but one — Okemah — voted for change a year early.

"There's a lot of sadness, but everyone realizes that change is inevitable and we might as well do it and get it over with," said Bill Self, executive secretary of the OSSAA.

The argument to ditch 6-on-6, where three guards stay on one side of the court to play defense and three forwards keep on the other half to play offense, was mainly to keep in sync with the rest of the nation.

Oklahoma is the last state to play 6-on-6, after Iowa made the switch to 5-on-5 last year.

As more teams continued to switch to 5-on-5, scheduling became difficult and travel extensive for the remaining 6-on-6 teams, which are in Classes 3A, 2A, A and B. Class 3A has only 30 schools still playing 6-on-6, and Self said some junior high teams had to travel 100 miles one way for a game.

Freeman, in his 12th year as a head coach, acknowledges the travel and scheduling problems, but he's not going down without his own argument.

"We've seen it coming, but my problem is we were forced to do something we didn't want to do," he said. "When other schools went to 5-on-5 two years ago, we didn't begrudge their choice. I just feel like we were denied the option to play the game of our choice."

Even Self, who recommended to the OSSAA board in 1993 and 1994 that the state play only 5-on-5, will miss the game. He won a state championship in 1965 with a Morris girls team that played 6-on-6.

"It was the toughest recommendation I ever made to the board," Self said. "Rural areas have had it since 1919. Players, coaches and fans love it, simply because it's a great game."

To send it out in style, the OSSAA is offering \$1 student tickets to the semifinals and finals of the state tournament March 3-4 and March 10-11 at the State Fairgrounds.

"We're going to try to fill up the place and recognize this great game we've had for many years," he said.

Freeman, whose team is 14-5, would like to be there.

"It's not something I've emphasized to the kids, but personally I'd love to be a part of the last game to play in the last 6-on-6 game in Oklahoma."

Investigators in triple murder take cues from Simpson case

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Police investigating the murders of an NFL star's ex-wife and 3-year-old child said Tuesday they want to avoid the sort of publicity that has accompanied the O.J. Simpson case.

"We're not releasing any information," said police Sgt. Barry Fletcher. "What we're trying to do is learn from the L.A. experience. They went through a shark attack by the media."

The victims, found Sunday, were: Tangie Thompson, the 28-year-old ex-wife of Cleveland Browns star Bennie Thompson; The Thompsons' 3-year-old son Devyn; Tangie Thompson's fiancé, Andre White, 30.

Detectives returned Tuesday to the blood-drenched house where the bodies were found.

Bennie Thompson, 31, is not a prime suspect, police said.

"He hasn't been eliminated, but he's certainly not being targeted," Capt. Jules Killeen told The Times-Picayune newspaper. "The list of suspects has not been narrowed."

A black, Nissan 4-Runner belonging to White was found several blocks from the murder scene Sunday night, police announced Tuesday.

"We believe that whoever was in the house was in the car," said police spokesman Sgt. Marlon DeFillio. "We're hoping someone may have seen it and be able to give us some information about it."

Thompson, who was questioned by police Sunday and Monday, was making funeral arrangements for his



Bennie Thompson
Not primary suspect

son Tuesday. He cooperated fully with police, said his lawyer, Rick Kelly.

"He's devastated," Kelly said. "He's making funeral arrangements for his only child. He's having a very difficult time accepting the reality of the death of his son. He's in bad shape."

Thompson was staying with a friend and under police guard because of telephone threats and vandalism to a mailbox in front of his New Orleans house, his brother-in-law Leo Hamilton said.

Relatives found the victims Sunday afternoon in the den of Mrs. Thompson's large home in an upscale neighborhood in eastern New Orleans.

Bennie Thompson had the house built less than two years ago, Hamilton said. The Thompsons were

divorced in July.

Police refused to comment on the motive, manner or even time of death. They would not say if the murders were the work of one gunman or how the killer was able to fire bullets into each victim without three being signs of a struggle. The victims were not bound, a detective said.

Thompson had planned to take Devyn to Hawaii last weekend for the Pro Bowl, Hamilton said.

Thompson was an alternate for Sunday's game, and his equipment was shipped to Honolulu when it became known as if one starter would miss the game because of an injury, NFL officials said. At the last minute, however, that player was cleared for the game, and Thompson was told he would not make the trip, officials said.

"That's tearing him up, that Devyn would have been in Hawaii and safe if things had gone right," Hamilton said.

Thompson, who was named to the Pro Bowl in 1992, has played for three NFL teams. His career began with the Saints. He later moved to the Chiefs and then Cleveland. He was elected special teams captain one month after he joined the Browns last July.

Devyn attended some of the games in Cleveland and traveled to Houston when the Browns played Houston, Hamilton said.

"Devyn was everything to Bennie," Hamilton said. "He loved that little boy more than anything. He's really going bad now."

Notice of Public Meeting

Hydropower Relicensing

Idaho Power Company will hold public meetings to discuss the progress of hydropower relicensing for dams on the Middle Snake River. Company representatives will explain what has been accomplished and what lies ahead.

We encourage residents of the Middle Snake area to attend your local meeting. Here is a schedule of when and where the meetings will be held:

| When | Where |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Tuesday February 21 7:00 p.m. | Weston Plaza 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Twin Falls |
| Wednesday February 22 7:00 p.m. | Hagerman Senior Center 140 E. Lake Street Hagerman |

Anyone interested in Idaho Power's hydroelectric relicensing process on the Middle Snake River is invited. Please plan to attend one of these meetings, participate and find out about our relicensing efforts.



Notice of Availability

Explanation of Significant Differences for Pit 9



Agencies Issue Explanation of Significant Differences for Pit 9

The U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and state of Idaho have issued an Explanation of Significant Differences document providing revised costs for the cleanup of Pit 9. The document estimates that the cleanup project will cost approximately \$264 million. The preliminary estimate listed in the Record of Decision for Pit 9, signed in October 1993, was \$127 million.

The revised costs were identified in the fixed-price subcontract awarded to Lockheed Environmental Systems and Technologies Company of Houston, Texas. Under the revised costs, operations and maintenance is estimated at \$76.1 million, and capital (construction costs) is estimated at \$109.5 million. Long-term storage, listed at \$62 million, is unchanged from the Record of Decision. The cost of the cleanup also includes \$16.4 million awarded during the Proof-of-Process test: a phase that required the two competing companies to prove the viability of their remediation processes. Preliminary construction activities began in December 1994. After the completion of a limited-production test in December 1996, full-scale remediation will begin in February 1997 with cleanup scheduled to be completed by February 1998.

Pit 9, an inactive waste pit approximately 1 acre in size, is located at the Subsurface Disposal Area of the Radioactive Waste Management Complex. Between 1967 and 1969, Pit 9 received wastes primarily from the DOE Rocky Flats Plant in Colorado. Wastes placed in the pit consisted of sludge (contaminated with a mixture of transuramics, such as plutonium and americium, and organic solvents), and assorted solid waste and cardboard boxes containing empty contaminated drums.

Additional Information/Information Repositories

Additional information concerning this project or a copy of the Explanation of Significant Differences can be obtained at any of the locations listed below, by contacting the INEL regional office in your area, or by calling the INEL Community Relations Office at (800) 780-2680 or (208) 526-6864.

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| INEL Technical Library DOE-ID Public Reading Room 1776 Science Center Drive Idaho Falls | Shoshone-Bannock Library Bannock and Pima Streets Fort Hall | University of Idaho Library University of Idaho Campus Moscow |
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Budget seeks cuts in some education spending

The Associated Press

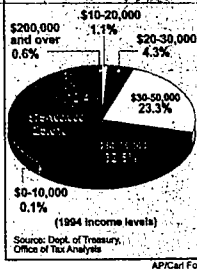
Programs proposed for eventual elimination in President Clinton's 1996 budget and change from 1995 in millions of dollars.

Some program figures may not add up to the agency subtotal because of rounding.

| 1996 Program | Change |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Agribusiness | |
| Cooperative State Research Service | 1 |
| Stabilization and Conservation Svc | -10 |
| Rural Telephone Bank | -12 |
| Cattle Tick Eradication | -22 |
| Agriculture Subtotal | -22 |
| Commerce | |
| Nat. Oceanic and Atmos. Admin. | -37 |
| Int'l Trade Administration | -18 |
| Commerce Subtotal | -55 |
| Defense | |
| Defense Health Program | -9 |
| AH-1W Helicopter | -4 |
| Air Force T-1 Trainer | 21 |
| Navy Advanced Rocket System | -6 |
| Tri-Service Standoff Attack Missile | -133 |
| Defense Subtotal | -123 |
| Energy | |
| Coal R&D Program | -12 |
| Power Marketing Administration | -12 |
| Naval Petroleum Reserves | -21 |
| Energy Subtotal | -45 |
| Education | |
| Impact Aid | -18 |
| Migrant Education | -1 |
| Olympic Scholarships | -1 |
| Behrman-Cookman College | -3 |
| Nat. Acad. Science Space and Tech. | 1 |
| Eisenhower Leadership Program | -1 |
| Cooperative Education | -6 |
| Nat. Early Intervention Scholarships | -1 |
| Teacher Corps | -1 |
| Native Culture and Arts Development | 1 |
| Law School Clinical Experience | -2 |
| Strengthening Institutions | -17 |
| Endowment Challenge Grants | -1 |
| Innovative Projects for Comm. Serv. | -1 |
| Urban Community Service | -2 |
| Student Financial Aid Database | -1 |
| National Science Scholars | -1 |
| Douglas Teacher Scholarships | -1 |
| Harris Fellowships | -1 |
| Javits Fellowships | -1 |
| Legal Training for Disadvantaged | -1 |
| College Housing and Academic Loans | -2 |
| State Student Incentive Grants | -14 |
| Education Infrastructure | -16 |

BUDGET '96

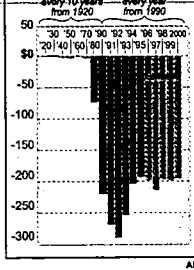
Tax cuts included in President Clinton's proposed 1996 budget would help the middle class most. How the tax break package would be distributed:



Source: Dept. of Treasury, Office of Tax Analysis

BUDGET '96

Budget deficits



AP

Clinton budget includes less for defense; farm subsidies safe

The Associated Press

How key programs and departments would fare under President Clinton's proposed \$1.61 trillion budget:

DEFENSE: The Pentagon's budget would be cut by nearly \$3 billion, to \$246 billion. The allocation includes \$1.7 billion to cover a 2.4 percent cost-of-living raise for members of the military. The Army would lose two divisions, the Navy would sail eight fewer ships and the Air Force would lose one flight wing.

CRIME: Justice Department funds would grow by 14.4 percent, to \$13.5 billion. The money would help build more prisons and give the Drug Enforcement Administration more resources against traffickers. Immigration and Naturalization Service funds would increase 18 percent, with the new money used for more border patrols and to deport illegal immigrants.

AGRICULTURE: Farm subsidies escaped the budget ax, although future cuts are likely. Funding for rural water and sewer projects would increase. The food stamp program would grow by \$1

billion, to \$27.3 billion. A supplemental nutrition program for children and pregnant women would receive \$3.9 billion, up from \$3.6 billion this year.

FOREIGN AID: Clinton proposes \$21.2 billion for international affairs, down \$81 million from this year. About \$9.1 billion would be used for international development and humanitarian aid.

EDUCATION: Overall outlays would drop \$2.2 billion, to \$30.7 billion. But the administration requested \$7 billion to help the poorest elementary and secondary students. That represents an increase of \$189 million. A big increase, from \$179 million to \$500 million, is also sought for Goals 2000. That program is the administration's blueprint to establish voluntary national standards, and to provide money for education reform directly to the states.

ENVIRONMENT: The Environmental Protection Agency budget would grow by \$300 million, to \$6.6 billion. More money would go for cleaning Superfund sites, reducing urban air pollution and protecting the Pacific salmon.

HOUSING: For an agency that

once appeared headed for extinction, the Department of Housing and Urban Development fared well in terms of overall dollars. Clinton's plan would give HUD \$26.3 billion, down from \$26.9 billion. But a massive consolidation of grants and services into just three programs is expected to lead to future savings.

TRANSPORTATION: The administration earmarks \$37.3 billion for the Transportation Department, down from \$38 billion this year. Over five years, a reorganization of the department is projected to save about \$6.4 billion. The independent Interstate Commerce Commission, which regulates portions of the rail, bus and truck industries, would be closed. Funds for Amtrak would drop from \$735 million this year to \$694 million.

ARTS: The National Endowment for the Arts would receive \$173 million, an increase of about \$1 million. The Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which receives its funding two years in advance, would get \$296 million in 1998. Past budgets have provided \$312 million for 1996 and \$315 million for 1997.

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|-------------------------------------|------|
| Housing-Urban Development Subtotal | 1 |
| Interior | |
| Water Resources Research Institute | -4 |
| Bureau of Mines | -4 |
| Rural Abandoned Mine Program | - |
| Trust Territory Office-Palau | -19 |
| Bureau of Indian Affairs | -7 |
| Interior Subtotal | -34 |
| Labor | |
| National Center for the Workplace | -1 |
| Microenterprise Grants | -1 |
| Essential Air Service | -13 |
| Transportation | |
| Federal Transit Administration | -6 |
| Labor Subtotal | -19 |
| Veterans Affairs | |
| Grants to the Philippines | - |
| Veterans Affairs Subtotal | -1 |
| Civil Defense | |
| Army Corps of Engineers | -4 |
| Civil Defense Subtotal | -4 |
| Environmental Protection Agency | |
| Clean Lakes Program | -1 |
| Technical Assistance | -1 |
| Env. Protection Agency Subtotal | -2 |
| Small Business Administration | |
| Tree Planting Program | -16 |
| Handicapped Access Direct Loan | -2 |
| Small Business Admin. Subtotal | -18 |
| Independent Agencies | |
| Chem. Safety-Hazard Investig. Bd. | - |
| Intercity Commerce Commission | -4 |
| Office of Nuclear Waste Negotiator | -1 |
| Pennsylvania Ave. Development Corp. | 28 |
| Independent Agencies Subtotal | 23 |
| Total | -460 |

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South won his club ace, cashed one high trump and overtook his diamond queen to try the heart finesse. When it won, South cashed three trumps and South after he and another heart. The slam went one down.

Nothing would change if South had played trumps differently before playing hearts. If he doesn't lead trumps before crossing to dummy to play hearts, East will win the third heart and lead a fourth round to promote West's trump nine. And if South draws two trumps before playing hearts, East will lead a third trump to prevent a heart ruff in dummy.

The solution is to draw only one trump and lead a low heart at trick three. East wins and leads a club, but it doesn't matter. South wins his king, draws one more trump and crosses to dummy to take the heart finesse. When it wins, he cashes the ace. If hearts are 3-3, he claims after drawing trumps. When hearts split 4-2, he ruffs his fourth heart in dummy, leaving the defense with only one winner. Good luck is of no use unless

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Vulnerable: Both Dealer: South

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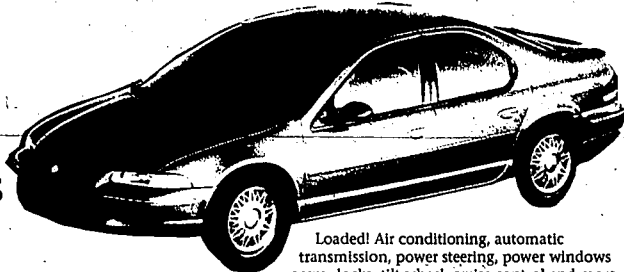
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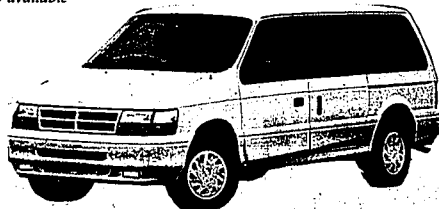
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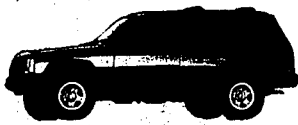
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There are certain basic things you should look for when you examine a car.

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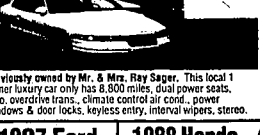
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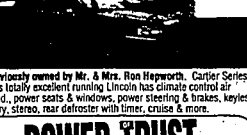
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Food & Home



Festival yields recipes chock full of beans

By Denise Turner
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In response to a reader request for bean recipes, Jeri Cox of Castleford sent in several winning recipes from this year's Filer Bean Festival.

This week, we're sharing the first-place Partners in Health low-fat bean recipe and the Festival Bean Pie that won best overall honors for Irma Haley of Buhl.

The health-conscious dish was designed to show that beans are both good tasting and good for you. They are low in fat and high in fiber, B-complex, iron, potassium, calcium, zinc and other vitamins and minerals.

BEAN PIE

- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 eggs
- 1 can (12 ounces) evaporated milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups refried beans (no garlic or onion)
- 1 9-inch unbaked pie crust

- Topping:**
- 1/3 cup butter
 - 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
 - 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
 - 1/2 cup shredded coconut
 - 1/2 cup chopped pecans
 - Whipped topping or ice cream

Blend first 7 ingredients until smooth. Put into pie shell. Bake at 450 degrees for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake an additional 30 minutes. Combine topping ingredients. Remove pie from oven. Sprinkle with topping. Bake 10-15 minutes or until topping is golden brown. Cool and store in refrigerator. Serve with whipped topping or ice cream. Makes 6-8 servings.

WHITE BEAN DIP

- 1 can (15-16 ounces) cannellini beans or great northern beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons plain yogurt
- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- 2-3 garlic cloves
- Salt to taste
- Pita bread, corn chips or vegetable dips

In a food processor or blender, combine all ingredients except for last one. Cover and process until smooth. Chill. Serve with choice of dips.

In response to a reader request for Jeff Davis Pie, we've received several varieties.

Here's the first one. We'll share others with you next week.

"In today's paper in the Food and Home section, Edly Schwanz of Filer requested a recipe for Jeff Davis Pie," wrote Jo Hillia of Rupert. "Here's one I brought to Idaho 40 years ago from Texas."

JEFF DAVIS PIE

- 3 cups granulated sugar
- 1 cup butter or margarine
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 4 eggs, beaten lightly
- 1 cup milk

Cream sugar and butter or margarine. Blend flour, salt and vanilla into mixture and beat well. Add eggs and stir milk in. Line two 9-inch pie pans with pie crust; pour in the filling. Bake at 450 degrees for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees. Bake another 30 minutes or until filling is firm. Cool. Serve. Enjoy.

Requests

Any recipes for spring/Easter? We're ready.

Requests for recipes or recipes to share should be sent to Recipe Exchange, Denise Turner, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Please include name, address and phone number.

Aim for your sweetheart's sweet tooth

Romance your valentine with an irresistible gift of chocolate

Valentine's Day gives everyone the chance to remind a sweetheart, friend, co-worker or teacher that we think of the world of them. On this special day of hearts, there's no sweeter way to show you care than with the ultimate gift — delicious homemade chocolate treats prepared with your own special touch.

Pack treats in a pretty box lined with tissue, tie it up with a big bow, and it will be love at first bite.

EASY CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES

- 1 1/2 packages (12 squares) Baker's semi-sweet chocolate
- 1 package (8 ounces) Philadelphia Brand cream cheese, softened
- 3 cups powdered sugar
- 1 tablespoon coffee liqueur*
- 1 tablespoon orange liqueur*
- 1 tablespoon almond liqueur*
- Finely chopped nuts, unsweetened cocoa, Baker's Angel Flake coconut or sprinkles

*Or substitute 1/2 teaspoon vanilla for each liqueur.

Microwave chocolate in large microwaveable bowl on HIGH 2 minutes, stirring halfway through heating time. Stir until chocolate is completely melted.

Beat cream cheese in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth. Gradually beat in sugar until well blended. Stir in chocolate until well blended. Divide mixture into thirds. Add 1 flavor liqueur to each third; mix well.

Refrigerate 3 hours or until firm. Shape into 1-inch balls. Roll in nuts, cocoa, coconut or sprinkles. Store in refrigerator. Makes about 5 dozen.

CHOCOLATE-DIPPED DELIGHTS

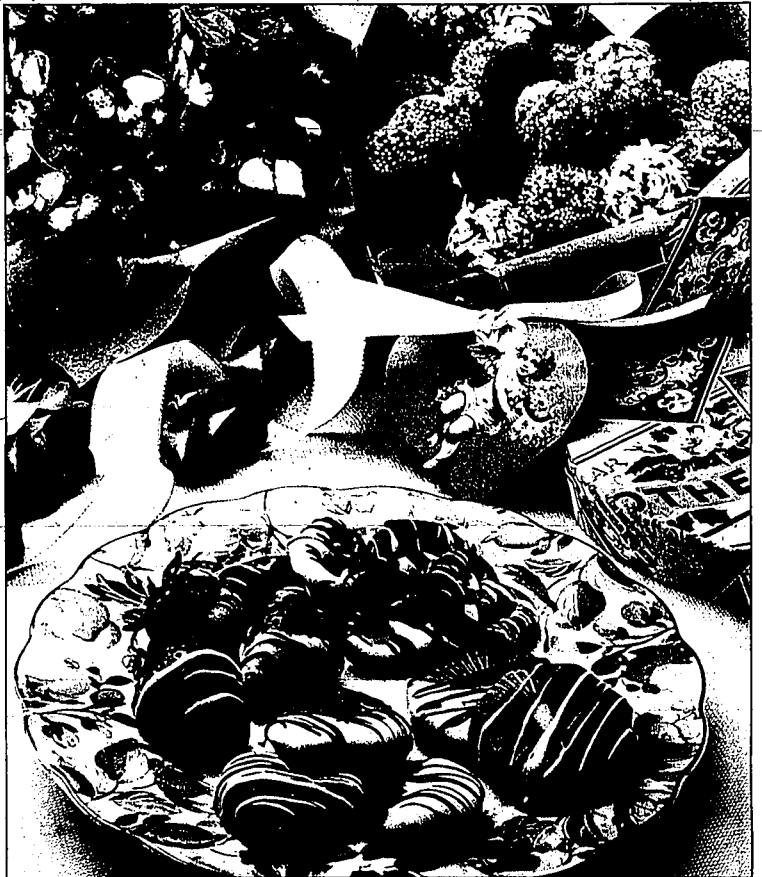
- Assorted fruit, cookies, nuts or pretzels
- 1 package (4 ounces) Baker's German's sweet chocolate, 6 to 8 squares Baker's semi-sweet chocolate or 1 package (6 squares) Baker's premium white chocolate

Insert toothpick into fruit to be dipped. Dip fruit, cookies, nuts or pretzels into chocolate, covering at least half; let excess chocolate drip off.

Let stand or refrigerate on wax paper-lined tray 30 minutes or until chocolate is firm. Drizzle with additional melted chocolate, if desired. Store fresh fruit in refrigerator up to 2 days. Store dried fruit, cookies, nuts and pretzels in airtight container. Makes about 2 dozen.

RASPBERRY TRUFFLE BROWNIES

- 6 squares Baker's unsweetened chocolate, divided
- 1/2 cup (1 1/2 sticks) margarine or butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs



For irresistible valentines instead of cards, send homemade chocolate treats in pretty boxes.

- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup coarsely chopped macadamia nuts or toasted almonds
- 1/2 cup seedless raspberry jam
- 6 squares Baker's semi-sweet chocolate, chopped
- 1 cup heavy or whipping cream
- 3 tablespoons seedless raspberry jam

Heat oven to 350 degrees (325 degrees for glass baking dish).

Melt 4 squares of the unsweetened chocolate and margarine in large microwaveable bowl on HIGH 2 minutes or until margarine is melted. Stir until chocolate is completely melted.

Stir sugar into chocolate until well blended. Mix in eggs and vanilla. Stir in flour and nuts until well blended. Spread in

greased foil-lined 13-by-9-inch baking pan. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out with fudgy crumbs.

Do not overbake. Cool in pan. Spread 1/4 cup jam over brownies.

Chop remaining 2 squares of unsweetened chocolate. Mix with chopped semi-sweet chocolate in medium bowl. Heat cream in small saucepan on low heat until simmering.

Pour over chopped chocolate. Let stand 1 minute. Stir in 3 tablespoons jam with wire whisk until smooth. Spread chocolate mixture over jam layer.

Refrigerate 45 minutes or until chocolate mixture is set. Cut into diamond-shaped bars. Garnish each brownie with 1 raspberry before serving. Makes about 5 dozen.

ROCKY ROAD FUDGE

- 2 packages (8 squares each) Baker's semi-sweet chocolate
- 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 cups 1/4-inch miniature marshmallows
- 1 cup chopped nuts

Microwave chocolate and milk in large microwaveable bowl on HIGH 2 to 3 minutes or until chocolate is almost melted, stirring halfway through heating time. Stir until chocolate is completely melted. Stir in vanilla, marshmallows and nuts. Spread in greased 8-inch square pan.

Refrigerate 2 hours or until firm. Cut into squares. Makes 4 dozen.

Cook's profile

Twin Falls woman serves up plain, simple meatloaf at its best

By Cathy Watworth
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — "She has that magic touch. She follows recipes: She's the type I hate to take anything to," said Roberta Olsen of her friend, Hazel Larson.

When we called Hazel Larson to ask if she would share some of her favorite recipes with Times-News readers, she was happy to be of help. However, she threw in a disclaimer in the same breath.

"It's pretty plain stuff," she said. "Most people seem to like my meatloaf, and when I serve it they almost always ask for the recipe. But really, I just kind of throw it together."

Larson said her meatloaf recipe is a good one, "because you never end up with a dry meatloaf." Here it is.

HAZEL LARSON'S MEATLOAF

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and pull out two 5-by-8 glass loaf pans. Olsen recommends the diet lean ground beef. She puts one loaf in the freezer for another dinner. The whole recipe serves six or eight people, she estimates.

- 1 1/2 pounds diet lean ground beef
- 12-ounce package Jimmy Dean sage flavored sausage
- 1 package Lipton Dry Onion or Onion-Mushroom Soup Mix (she prefers the mushroom)
- Black pepper to suit
- 2 eggs
- 8-ounce can tomato sauce
- 1/2 cup oatmeal or cracker crumbs

Mix together tomato sauce, eggs, dry soup mix and pepper; add beef, sausage and oatmeal.

"Just dive in with both hands," Olsen instructs. Put the meat mixture into two 5-by-8 loaf pans.

Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. While that's baking, heat to almost boiling 1 can undiluted cream of chicken or cream of mushroom soup.

Take the meatloaf out of the oven, and if there is any grease, pour it off. Pour the hot soup over the meatloaf.

Put the meatloaf back into the oven for 15-20 minutes until it's heated through. Take it out and let it stand for 5 minutes or so.

"This is a good moist meat loaf, and the leftovers are better than just plain old lunchmeat," Larson says.

She rounds out the meal with mashed potatoes or baked potatoes or corn squash and a green salad.

The Larsons used to travel by chartered bus with a load of friends now and then.

"Most of us brought something to eat," she said. "It was sure fun."

One of the group's favorites comes from friend Norma Blivins.

TURTLE BARS

- German chocolate cake mix
- 2/3 cup canned milk
- 1/2 cup softened margarine
- 12 ounces chocolate chips
- 1 cup nuts, chopped coarsely
- 14-ounce package caramels, melted in 1/3 cup of the milk. Set aside.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Mix cake mix with 1/3 cup milk and margarine and nuts; pat half the cake mixture into a 9-by-13-inch lightly oiled pan and bake for 6 minutes.

Sprinkle the chocolate chips over the hot cake, then the melted caramel over that. The rest of the cake mix goes on top. Bake for 16-18 minutes.



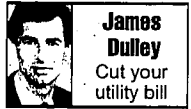
When Hazel Larson makes Turtle Bars, she is preparing a chocolate treat that is difficult to resist.

Home & Garden

Small gas space heaters do the job with efficiency

Q: We have a good gas furnace, but our family room is still chilly. We are considering adding a small gas heater. What types of heaters are most efficient, quiet and safe since our children play in there? — C. D.

A: Installing a small gas space heater is your most efficient option. Some new, easy-to-install direct vent units are extremely quiet and have efficiencies up to 84 percent, probably higher than your furnace.



James Dullea
Cut your utility bill

Even if someone does not have a chilly room, it may make sense to install a gas space heater in the most commonly used room. By keeping one or two rooms toasty warm, especially in the evening, the central furnace thermostat can be set lower for big savings.

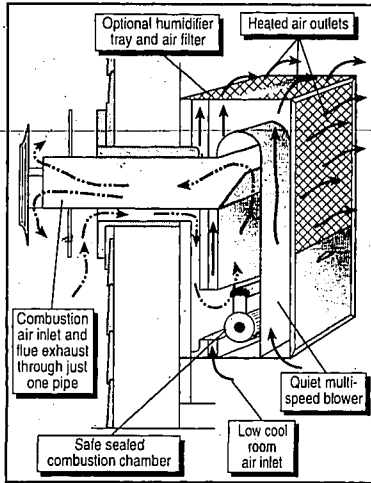
In some new space heaters, the gas flame (using a thermocouple) produces enough electricity to power the internal electronic controls. If there is an electrical power outage and your furnace or heat pump stop, these space heaters stay on to keep pipes from freezing.

The safest, quietest and most efficient gas heaters use a direct vent, sealed combustion design. These draw in combustion air from outdoors and exhausts flue gases through one small double wall pipe. No chimney is needed, so installation on an outside wall is simple and inexpensive.

This type of sealed combustion is very safe. The combustion process is totally isolated from indoor air. Some high-efficiency models use electronic ignition to eliminate a wasteful pilot light.

Window mounted gas heaters, about the size of an air conditioner, are also safe and easy to move. They just need a gas line and common electric outlet.

If you select a model with a pilot light, choose one with a piezo-electric spark. To start it initially, you just push a button, like on your barbecue grill. After that, a



Direct vent gas space heaters are efficient, quiet and safe.

built-in or wall thermostat controls the cycling of the burner. Most direct vent room heaters rely on the natural upward flow of room air through the heater. For better heat distribution, optional dual variable-speed blowers are most quiet and powerful. These are ideal for a chilly bedroom where low noise is imperative.

Other available options and accessories to consider are built-in air filters, thermostats and humidifier trays. Several tall direct vent wall furnaces use counter-flow heat exchangers. These are efficient and the hot air blows out at floor level. This provides excellent heat distribution.

Write for Utility Bills Update No. 855 showing a buyer's guide of six high efficiency gas space heater manufacturers listing heat capacities, efficiencies, type of venting, blowers, prices and special features. Please include \$2

and a self-addressed envelope. Write to James Dullea at 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244.

Q: I keep my house fairly humid because of respiratory problems. Our water comes from a well and the toilet tanks sweat. Should I run heated water to my toilet tanks? — K. L.

A: Toilets are the greatest water consumer in most homes. You can install a tempering valve to allow a little hot water into the pipes to the toilets. This should be your last resort since it wastes energy.

First try a foam insulation toilet tank kit. Many plumbing supply outlets carry them. The foam is attached to the inside of the tanks walls. Another option is to install a new insulated toilet tank. Most toilet manufacturers have replacement insulated tanks available to fit your existing bowl

Unseasonably warm weather brings worries

"Hey! What about my roses?" Holding my groceries hostage, the worried gardener needed an answer pronto. His wife told him to ask when he saw me.

Unseasonably warm weather produces flustered gardeners every time. And no wonder. The rule of thumb is "three days in a row of above 50 degrees" and the fruit trees will bud out. So will the roses. Some of the bulbs will begin to poke through the muck, too.

What to do? We know it's not time yet. These tender garden babies will never make it if the weather goes back to normal, as it always does.

Relax. Put your hands in your pockets and leave the pruners in the shed. Don't do anything. The worst that could happen is that some of this new growth will be nipped by freezing temperatures. If you go cutting things back you'll probably do more harm than good.



Cathy Walworth
Green thumbprints

There's no way to tell how much dead tissue will be produced by a freeze. What if you cut off too much? What if you cut off all the buds and there are no flowers at all this spring? Many plants send out their year's growth on those buds. We wouldn't want to cut it all off.

My rule of thumb is that no winter kill is cut off until you can clearly see it's dead and it isn't going to get any deadier. Sometimes that isn't until June or July.

Wait until you can see a clear demarcation of black, dead tissue. Cut just under that to a bud. Not now, you remember, in July. Every year I'm surprised to see what comes back from an apparent winter kill. Every year I'm glad I left it alone to do what it knows is best.

Any spring bulbs that come poking their noses up will be fine. They know what they're doing. They are also protected by their own little "heating system" that allows them to melt their way through to the top and survive. Just enjoy them.

Relax. Experience the wonder of nature. Could, have my groceries now?

What's bugging your garden? Send your garden questions to Cathy Walworth, in care of The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

White House Blue Room reopens

By Jura Kencius
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — It's bolder, it's bluer, it's goldier.

The Blue Room, one of the most visited rooms of the White House, reopened for tours this week resplendent in brilliant sapphire blue and with a lot more gilt.

Estimated cost — \$358,000. Refurbishing is being paid for by the White House Endowment Fund, which used interest on the \$12 million it has raised from private donors since 1990.

The Blue Room, last decorated in 1972, had become worn, the draperies frayed and faded. The Committee for the Preservation of the White House recommended in 1990 that the room be redecorate. According to the White House, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton got



Clinton

involved in 1993, taking a "hands-on approach" in reviewing colors, fabric samples and wallpapers.

The preservation committee says the room has been painted and gilded in keeping with the style of finish used in an American room of the first quarter of the 19th century. In fact, the room did not become blue until 1837.

The 1972 window treatments were duplicated in gold and deeper blue silks by Scalmandre. Walls have been covered in an 1820s gold-on-gold pattern, with a bold blue swag border, both by

Brunschwig & Fils. All 317 acanthus leaves in the cornice and the ceiling medallion were gilded.

The sapphire-blue color was based on a piece of fabric found on one of the French Empire chairs in the room. The chairs, which date to 1817, were chosen by President Monroe, in whose time the room was red.

"The last generations kept reproducing the faded colors of the room," says Bob Bitter, a vice president of Scalmandre.

"This committee chose to bring it back to the period blue, much more rich and dramatic."

The first lady will officially open the room Feb. 17, but the floor will remain bare for a while longer. The blue and gold rug being handmade by Scalmandre is not expected to arrive before April.

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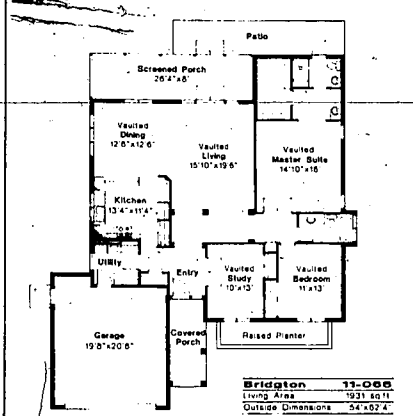
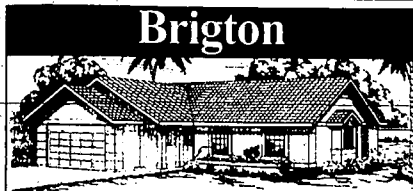
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Home & Garden

Brigton



The Brigton features a graceful, relaxed look

Grand columns strung together with loft arches give the Brigton's breezy porico a look of graceful yet relaxed elegance. The first impression of the home's interior is quite similar.

The ceiling is vaulted in the central living areas, creating a sense of openness. Plant shelves supported by columns delineate the boundaries between entry, hallway, great room and bedrooms. Cascading with foliage, they bring a little of the vibrancy of nature inside.

Dining room, great room and kitchen flow one into the other with little to separate them, and glass doors open on to a wide screened porch at the rear. French doors to the right of the entry swing into a room that could be furnished as an office or study. If this space is needed for a bedroom, a standard door from the hallway could be substituted.

The kitchen is large and efficient. Amenities include a pantry, dishwasher, range and oven, and a long eating bar. Light streams in through windows in front of the sink. Utilities are close by, in a room outfitted with cabinets and two counters. A door leads to the garage which comes equipped with a small built-in workbench.

Luxury touches in the Brigton's master suite include a huge walk-in closet, an oversized shower with a seat, and a second vanity outside the bathroom.

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Utahns rush to start lawn care, gardening

By Kristen Moulton
The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — While Easterners stocked up on candles and diapers as a defense against a winter blizzard, Utahns were loading their trunks with ... pruning shears? fertilizer? asparagus roots?

Up and down the state, record-setting warm weather put spring in the eyes of residents. And, dirt under their fingernails.

"We're going crazy here," said Brent Wilde, an employee of Valley Nursery Inc. in Ogden. "We've got customers coming in right and left."

No longer weary of winter, customers were buying everything from bulk bark for their flower beds to hand-pruners to bid baths, Wilde said.

Friday was the third day of record temperatures in the state, with highs of 73 in St. George, 64 in Hanksville and 56 in Brigham City. Temperatures Saturday were in the high 50s along the Wasatch Front and 70s in the southern subset of the state.

At the Rose Garden Nursery in Santa Clara, Utah, not far from the Arizona and Nevada borders, clerk Marcie Jensen said customers were already planting their gardens.

"They bought onion sets, asparagus roots, bare root trees, pansies, mulch ... and were intent on planting now," she said. Usually pans can be planted in southern Utah by mid-February. "It's been so nice, we've got people coming in now to get them," Jensen said.

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'Cure-all' comfrey is no wonder drug

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — What's a lot like bindweed, wild morning glory or quackgrass — and can damage your liver? Some say it's comfrey.

Devotees of comfrey say it's good for what ails you — from just about everything from tummy aches to broken bones. It ain't so, says a study done by the Cooperative Extension service at Colorado State University, which published a list of herbs and other plants that have been documented as producing undesirable effects in humans.

Comfrey contains pyrrolizidine alkaloids. Alkaloids are substances that come from plants that are used in drugs such as morphine, codeine and nicotine. Strychnine is also an alkaloid.

Known as "boneset" and "bruise-wort" in the Middle Ages, comfrey was once used mainly as a poultice to repair broken bones and battered bodies. The Crusaders made an extract of the plant for gargling away sore throats and bleeding gums. Bitter-tasting tea was considered the cure for stomach upsets and just about anything else that hurt, according to "The Herbal Tea Garden" by Marietta Marshall Marcin.

Long term use of comfrey tea, according to some studies, may cause severe scarring of the liver and may cause cancer. The alkaloids are the same as those found in tansy ragwort, an invasive pasture weed implicated in dozens of farm animal deaths when the animals' livers were destroyed.

What has comfrey got in common with bindweed, wild morning glory and quackgrass? Try to dig it out and you're more likely to spread it, says George Pinyuh, a Washington State Extension agent.

"(Comfrey) becomes one of the most vicious weeds ever encountered," Pinyuh wrote recently. "Comfrey plants produce an enormous amount of seed, all of which seems to germinate, and it also spreads around vegetatively. Any broken-off piece of its substantial root system has the capacity to regenerate a brand new plant. It's a lot like bindweed, wild morning glory and quackgrass in this respect."

The comfrey plant has a medicinal smell and the tea is bitter, reports "The Herbal Tea Garden." The book urges caution in comfrey's use: "The use of comfrey is currently controversial among herbalists. Some maintain that it can be safely consumed; others contend that it is carcinogenic."

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Knights-Ridder News Service

stain until it disappears.

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Home & Garden

Roses brighten up home for Valentine's Day

By Debra Warner
Orange County Register

The rose stands alone. Not pansies, nor daisies, nor even lilies can claim the power of the rose, the bloom that has inspired cathedral windows, centuries of perfumes and poetry penned by a crowd as diverse as Shakespeare and Dorothy Parker.

Cultivated for nearly 5,000 years, the rose more than anything stands for love. Even the most seasoned gardeners grow misty when talking of what for many is a favorite flower.

"If someone sends you a bouquet of roses, you know you're loved," says Sherric Priebe, an herbalist who has tended her Yorba Linda, Calif., house and herb garden with roses of every shape and hue.

The rose's heady secret is its sweet aroma, says Mary Forsell, author of "Heirloom Herbs" (Willard) and a Victoria magazine writer.

With Valentine's Day coming, Priebe, Forsell and other rose enthusiasts offer suggestions on how to add roses to your life. Devise a rose gift or, if you're lucky enough to receive a bouquet, turn it into a lasting memento.

To dry a bouquet, start while the flowers are still fairly fresh — partially open but

before petals begin to drop, says Barbara Ohrbach, author of "The Scented Room" and "Simply Flowers" (Clarkson Potter).

Gather stems with a rubber band, which will connect as the stems dry. Hang the bouquet upside down on a hook in a location where air flows freely but there is no direct sunlight.

Roses dry in one to two weeks, depending on humidity. For the easiest presentation, just trim stems and place in a vase. They look best when bunched closely together. Ohrbach places hers among family photographs displayed in antique frames.

Dried rose heads. For a handful of preserved roses that can be used in crafts, follow the above bouquet-drying technique, then strip rose heads.

The rose heads can be arranged on potpourri or attached to a wreath with a hot glue gun.

Wall swag with red rose bouquet. Priebe, who teaches floral and requires virtually no preparation or advance drying.

Gather a few dozen thin tree branches, about 1 foot to 2 feet long. Fallen weeping willow branches are easy to find after rains; any thin branches, including eucalyptus or sycamore, will do.

Divide the branches into two

bunches. Place tapering ends on the outside and fasten the thicker ends in the center with craft or floral wire. Poke the fresh flowers into branches on either side, using hot glue gun to secure.

To fill in, insert the remaining bouquet trimmings (greenery, baby's breath and statice are typical) on either side. The flowers and greens will dry naturally; if you don't like the way something dries (some ivies may brown, for instance), just pull it out and replace it, Priebe says. The swag lasts for a year or even longer, "until they get too dusty," she says. For added color, add dried flowers — your own from last summer or from a crafts store.

Heart-shaped wreath, using bouquet gift or your own dried roses. As with the swag, gather about two dozen thin branches, about 1 foot long, Priebe says. Use wire to secure the bunch of twigs at the base. Divide the bunch in two, and twist each half in opposite directions to achieve a heart shape. Make the two halves meet to form the base of the heart, then secure with wire. Poke roses (with stems) and other dried or silk flowers, if desired, into the center of wreath, securing with a hot glue gun.

Rose-bedecked candles. For a romantic dinner table accent, twist

flat lace and ribbon around two 12-inch ivory candles (sold at discount stores), securing with small drops from a hot glue gun. Affix small dried roses to the lace with glue and, if desired, add small fake pearls with glue. Tie at base with tulle ribbon (sold at ribbon or crafts stores). The candle is for display only, not for burning.

Fresh look. To dry roses without losing their bright colors, use silica gel, a drying powder sold at crafts or floral supply stores. Be prepared to sacrifice roses from a bouquet or bush right away, because they must be perfectly fresh.

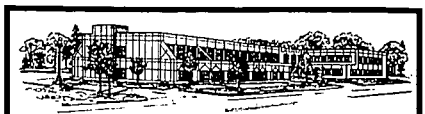
Ohrbach's suggestions: Fill an airtight container (a plastic shoe box, for instance) about one-third full with silica gel. Snip the roses off the stems and place them face-up on the gel. Gently press down into the powder until the flowers are covered. Check daily with a quick touch until the flowers are dry but not brittle (about five to seven days for roses). Remove the dried flower heads with a dotted spoon and gently brush off any remaining gel with a small, soft brush. If petals fall off, they can be glued back on with a drop of clear household glue.

The realistic looking roses can be glued onto wreaths, placed on potpourri or used as the centerpiece of a dried-flower bouquet.

More and more people are going cordless

Knight-Ridder News Service

The cordless phone, introduced in 1982, is now the fastest-selling model for home use. Of 1,000 households polled nationwide, 40 percent said they owned at least one cordless phone; 9 percent had two or more, according to a recent survey by the Electronic Industries Association reported in the Washington Post.



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Find the 'needle in the haystack'

The Times-News

It won't be easy... but it should prove worth the search. Somewhere, along a rural Idaho road, a wooden "needle" has been hidden by a field editor of Country Magazine.

If you find it, it's worth \$500 — of which \$250 will be yours, and the other \$250 will be donated to the senior center of your choice.

One of the wooden needles, (13 inches long, 2 inches diameter), was recently hidden in each of the 50 states and each Canadian province as an extension of a popular "needle in a haystack" contest regularly sponsored by the magazine. You can write for "clues" to where the needle in our state is hidden.

To protect each needle, the editors wrapped it in clear plastic, then wrap so it can be easily seen through the plastic. In addition to the needle, there's a note inside the plastic stating, "Hay. You found it!", plus instructions on who to call to report the finding and thereby collect the prize.

Now, since there's an awful lot of

"territory" where one wooden needle could be hidden in each state, here are instructions on how you can get your first "clue" on the proximity of the needle that's hidden in Idaho.

Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the address at the end of this article. You will receive a small map showing the 10-square-mile area in which the needle is hidden in your state. After 2 weeks, if you send a second self-addressed stamped envelope, you will receive a second map, narrowing down the search area to 4 square miles.

Each wooden needle is hidden along the side of a public road, out of traffic. It is not on anyone's private property. Each needle has a confidential clue number on it so the editors know it's not a duplicate.

To get your first clue immediately, write to: "Needle Clue No. 1", Country, 5925 Country Lane, Greendale WI 53129. To get a second clue 2 weeks later (available only to those who requested the first), write to "Needle Clue No. 2."



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Flaunt your collectibles with panache

By Gary Krino
Orange County Register

You might be the best little collector in town. But if you don't know how to display all those terribly cool things you collect, well, my friends, quite frankly, who gives a you-know-what.

Just in time to rescue us all from this nasty dilemma, along comes the February issue of Country Sampler's Decorating Ideas loaded with tips about how to display collectibles.

Don't sit something here, something there. Instead, group similar collectibles together for a dramatic display. An area rug, a safe or entertainment center makes a good place to show off quilts or other textiles. Display with the doors open and hang vintage clothing on the open doors.

Properly lighting collections of collectibles can add plenty of drama. Recessed lighting and fluorescent lighting used above cabinets calls attention to counter-top displays.

Natural lighting can work, too, especially for a collection of glassware. Build shelves into a kitchen window or place glass collectibles on a low ledge of glass.

Collectibles don't have to just sit there. Incorporate them into your decorating scheme by giving them function. Get creative. Anything you like can become a piece of art.

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Plants need special care when moving

Knight-Ridder News Service

If you're moving yourself this winter, take special care with your plants.

Cold temperatures can harm them, so if you can't fit them in the passenger area of the vehicle, store them in plastic bags with holes punched for air, the Hertz

Penske Truck Rental company suggests.

If possible, place plants in cartons.

Another winter moving tip: Since snow often turns into a slushy mess, if the white stuff is falling, arrange for carpet and/or floor protection at your destination.

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Shy man's friends should only push so far

DEAR ABBY: We need some advice, but it's not for us - it's for someone we work with. He is a very shy guy, who's actually a very nice person once you get to know him.

Several of us have invited him to parties, sporting events or just to go to a movie, but his response is always the same: "Thank you. I have other plans." At first we believed him, but after a while we came to realize that he had no plans. He stays home seven nights a week and has no social life at all.

Now we don't know if we should give up until he's ready (he may never be ready), or if we should be more persistent and insist he join us. He is such a nice guy, intelligent, with a good sense of humor.

What do you suggest, Abby? Every time we try to get him up with a girl, he says he has a girlfriend, but nobody has ever seen her. How can we get this young man out of his shell?

- STUMPED
DEAR STUMPED: This young man is obviously a very private person. You have made it plain that he is welcome to join you for a sociable evening. Since he has consistently declined, saying that he has "other plans" when you suspect he has none, respect his privacy and quit asking.

DEAR ABBY: I am a hairdresser in



Dear Abby
Abigail VanBuren

a very busy salon. This letter is for those who bring young children to the salon to wait while they get their hair done.

A hair salon is not the place for a child who needs constant supervision. While you're getting your hair cut, perm or color, children get bored. They scream, squeal, yell, whine and cry. They pump the chair up, they pump the chair down. While the chair is up, they climb into it and spin around. Aside from its being annoying for the rest of us, these chairs can fall over and injure your child.

They run around and play with our hair dryers, combs, brushes, etc. We have to pay for all of our own equipment, and it's very expensive. Our shears alone can cost \$300 or more.

Curious children put their fingers into color bowls containing chemicals that can be very harmful to them. Then they put their fingers into their mouths, up their noses and in their eyes. And no matter how much sweeping up we

do, there is always hair on the floor your child is playing on.

Small children disturb the other clients and hairdressers. They are in the way. Many are well-behaved, but children are children and can't be expected to behave as adults.

Thanks for letting me get this off my chest, Abby. I can't count the times my clients' kids have left me ready to cut up and dye.

- FROSTED IN FRESNO
DEAR FROSTED: You are not the only hairdresser (or patron, for that matter) who has written to me about this problem. Of course, you are absolutely right. And I'll bet your letter will be clipped and displayed on many a beauty shop wall (or mirror).

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for printing the letter from "Heartbroken in Utah," who lost her 7-month-old son when he suffocated on a ribbon that was tied around a stuffed bear's neck.

I have a 6-month-old daughter, so I ran to her crib to find a small bear that also had a ribbon around its neck!

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My heart goes out to this family, and

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VFW officer will answer questions

TWIN FALLS - Walt Jackson will be available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday at the Twin Falls County Courthouse to assist veterans with any questions or problems they may have.

Jackson is the state service officer for the Veterans of Foreign Wars and is a recipient of the Purple Heart. For more information, call 736-4033.

Valentine square dance set for Friday

SHOSHONE - The Desert Sun Dancers Square Dance Club is sponsoring a Valentine Square Dance Friday at the Masonic Hall. Rounds begin at 7:30 p.m., with squares starting at 8 p.m. Pie and ice cream will be served. Those attending are asked to bring a pie.

Middle school site of spaghetti dinner

FILER - An all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner is planned for 6 to 8 p.m. Friday in the gym at the Filer Middle School. Cost is \$3 per person or \$12 for a family. Tickets are available from students or at the door. Proceeds will go to the Filer Middle School Library Book Fund. The event is sponsored by the school's parent/teacher organization.

Gooding seniors plan flea market

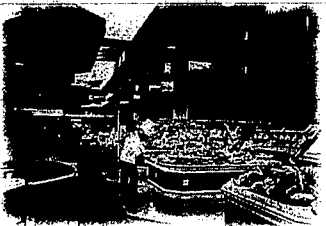
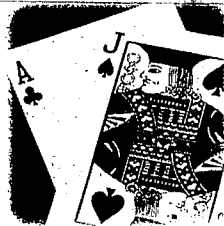
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WHY?

HE'S STILL IN REMORSE CLASS

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WHAT HAPPENED?

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BUT IT'S STILL PERSONAL, EVEN WHEN YOU LEAVE IT TO THE PUBLIC DOMAIN, IT DOESN'T BELONG TO THE PUBLIC TO AT LEAST READ IT!

BUT YOU PUBLISH IT FIRST!

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YOU WANT BUD IN CASH? WHAT'S UP? NO! IT'S ALL ABOUT THE LOTTERY TICKETS! HEH HEH HEH

HEY! MR. BUMSTEAD IS BUYING LOTTERY TICKETS!

I'M NOT! I JUST SAID THAT!

I'M GOING TO THE SUPERMARKET, I'M DEPARTING, I'M GETTING A HAIRCUT!

BEATS ME HOW SOME GUYNE CAN DO ALL THESE THINGS ABOUT EVERYTHING THEY DO

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN

SHIBB!

Pickles By Brian Crane

1. WANTS THE WAY TO MAKE THOSE FEET GO AROUND AND AROUND.

2. PRETEND YOU'RE RIDING A BICYCLE.

AS LONG AS YOU'RE PRETENDING, WHY DON'T YOU JUST PRETEND YOU'RE ALREADY IN SHAPE?

FINE, AND I HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR PRETEND SUPPER TONIGHT!

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

* LISTEN TO THAT HONKING! THEY ALL MUST WANT TO PASS! *

The Family Circus By Bill Keane

A Snafu for TWO!

Our guest cartoonist shows how Bill Keane labors in his studio till late at night.

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Sydney Omarr Horoscope

IF FEBRUARY 8 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are a natural organizer, work extremely well under pressure, your word is your bond, you are for your loyalty, Capricorn, Cancer persons play interesting roles in your life. You are a combination of progress and conservatism -- people comment, "You are hard to figure out!" It is best kept that way -- keep them guessing! During March, major wish fulfilled, new love could be involved, October also memorable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll meet deadline, you'll not have to pay penalty. You'll breathe air of freedom, trip invitation could involve brother, sister.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Finish it! Get it done -- don't wait until it's too late for finishing project. You'll be paid for efforts, love relationship back on track, journey overseas to see the light.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Circumstances move in your favor, you'll be closer to goal than anticipated. New goal of status quo, plan for fresh start in new direction. No figures prominently.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll help family member to see the light. Focus on intuition, unorthodox methods, frank discussion with older woman who does not recognize age.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Concern exists in relation to fitness, weight, permission to experiment, travel, to publish impressions. Surprises featured, your charm gains allies, influences people in all ways of life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll help individual who came to your rescue. Emphasis on competition, real trade dealings with bureaucrats -- get your way via written word. Scorpio becomes valuable ally. Fight!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Obtain added wisdom from Virgo message. Analyze character, protect interests, don't permit flirtation to "get out of hand." Gemini moon highlights letter writing, travel arrangements.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Check Virgo, Libra messages. You could change residence, gift from one you adore might alter course of your life. High drama! Music featured, your personality, pressure of deadline, intense relationship. You'll win battle over odds.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): As you read these words, the Moon is moving into your "house of love." Scenario highlights spice, variety, clash of ideas that will lead to serious relationship.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Fresh start! Building material arrives just in time. Accent independence, creativity, style, original approach. Let go of past, the future is now. Leo will play dramatic role.

Yesterday's Puzzle solved:

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Stress causes most coughs

L.M. Boyd
What's what?

Q. What's the most common cause of coughing?
A. Stress. By 50 to one over the common cold cough, according to at least one medical authority.
Q. When did the chain letter gimmick get started?
A. In April of 1935, according to one chain-letter. Members of Denver's Prosperity Club reportedly organized a mailing of 165,000 letters, and the notion took off nationwide.
Q. What's a memo to our children?
A. It's a memo to our children: "Scientists who know all about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age say you are moving into the Stone Age. Have a nice trip."
Q. What do the workbooks mean by "Moneyfinder"?
A. A loan expert who helps borrowers instead of lenders. The "moneyfinder" mixes and matches any of many loan possibilities to fit borrower's needs and lender's requirements, then shepherds the creative proposition through key people in the white baffling infusing process. So replaces a guru of the game, Seattle's Richard C. Evans.
Q. Has any place in the United States been under a light diffuser flag?
A. Only one -- Amelia Island of the Georgia-Florida coast.
Q. What's the highest score ever made by one man in the NBA?
A. Forty points. Ernie Nevers, Chicago Cardinals against the Chicago Bears, six touchdowns, four extra points, for a 40-0 win in 1929.

Group tackles best and worst in fast food

By Steven Pratt
Chicago Tribune

January/February issue of Nutrition Action Healthletter.

Want to eat a beautiful meal at a fast-food restaurant? You can do it. Leave it to the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI), a Washington D.C.-based consumer group, to tell us what's best for us ... or worst.

And what's this? For 1994, McDonald's — CSPI's most popular target for fat, cholesterol and sodium — is rated CSPI's "best bite" in three of nine categories. That's more than any of the other 15 national fast food contenders. Of course, not every chain has products fitting every category, but at least McDonald's was awarded no "worst bite" ratings. Here's how CSPI sees it in its

BURGERS

Best: McDonald's McLean Deluxe (270 calories, 12 grams fat, 2 grams saturated fat, 530 milligrams sodium) has less fat than one-fifth of Burger King Double Whopper with Cheese. Regular burgers from McDonald's, Hardee's, Roy Rogers, Burger King or Jack in the Box have less fat but they contain only two ounces of meat.

Worst: The Double Western Bacon Cheeseburger from Carl's Jr., a southwestern-chain, 63-grams-of-fat, 32-of-which are saturated. The aforementioned Burger King Double Whopper with Cheese also has 63 grams of fat but only 24 of them are "artery clogging" saturated fat, says CSPI.

CHICKEN/TURKEY SANDWICHES

Best: Served without mayo, the McDonald's McGrilled Chicken Classic checks in with 3 grams of fat (250 calories, 1 g sat. fat, 510 mg sodium).

Worst: The Turkey Bacon Club (680 cal., 47 g fat, sat. fat not available, 1,898 mg sodium) from Rax, a Midwestern chain, has more fat than two Quarter Pounders (20 g each) and three-quarters of a day's sodium. Dishonorable mention went to Burger King Chicken Sandwich with 43 grams of fat.

MAIN DISH SALADS

Best: McDonald's Chicken Salad with Lite Vinaigrette Dressing (210

cal., 7 g fat, 2 g sat. fat, 560 mg sodium) deserves a special pat on the arches for keeping sodium down, as well as fat and saturated fat.

Worst: The fattiest food you can buy at Taco Bell is the Taco Bell Taco Salad (838 cal., 55 g fat, 16 g sat. fat, 1,132 mg sodium) with meat, cheese and sour cream piled high.

MILK SHAKES

Best: Rax Yogurt Shakes (277 cal., 1 g fat, sat. fat not available, 157 mg sodium) for 16 ounces.

Worst: Arby's Polar Swirl (502 cal., 21 g, 8 sat. fat, 384 mg sodium) has as much fat and saturated fat as a Quarter Pounder.

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Savory cabbage offers taste, high nutrition

Knight-Ridder News Service

Stomp toward savory cabbage; its crisp, curled leaves hold the promise of delicately flavored slaw, crisp-tender wrappers for rice and meat, or a savory side dish flavored with earwax seeds.

Add to its good taste the studies that link an increased consumption of cruciferous vegetables to a reduction in some cancers, and you have a real winner of a vegetable.

Savory cabbage and its relatives contain sulfuraphane, which helps stimulate enzymes that guard against tumors, writes Dolores Riccio in "Superfoods: 300 Recipes for Foods That Heal Mind and Body" (Warner, \$27). And it's high in vitamin C.

At the market, choose nicely colored firm heads that are heavy for their size. Avoid heads with numerous loose leaves. At home, store in a sealed plastic bag in the refrigerator crisper drawer, but plan to use savory within a week; it doesn't keep as long as its smooth-leaved green cousin.

To prepare, peel away a couple of the outer leaves, rinse and core. Shred or chop cabbage to add to most recipes; dip whole leaves in boiling water so they'll be flexible enough to become wrappers.

Riccio suggests heating 3 tablespoons vegetable oil with 1½ teaspoons curry powder, then when 1 large onion, chopped, is sizzling in the oil mixture, add 3 tablespoons chicken broth or water and 1 head of shredded savory cabbage (about 2 pounds). Cook the mixture over medium heat, stirring, until slightly wilted, about 2 minutes. Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, for 6 more minutes, until crisp-tender. Sprinkle with cup toasted peanuts and serve.

The 'Great Wiener War' is about to get under way

By Carole Sugarman
The Washington Post

It will go down in the annals of fat-free history as the Great Wiener War. On the same day two weeks ago, Oscar Mayer and Butterball announced they were introducing the country's first fat-free hot dogs and bologna.

"Truly the industry first," Butterball's press release boasted; "... the first to feature hot dogs and bologna with zero grams of fat per serving," Oscar Mayer trumpeted.

"Fat-free" and "reduced fat" are magic words these days, and food

companies are competing fiercely to come up with products that purport to be the edible equivalent of having it all.

After a dramatic decline in the number of new low-fat products in 1993, there was a surge of low-fat introductions in the last six months of 1994, according to Martin Friedman, editor of New Product News, a trade publication that tracks supermarket products.

In 1993, there were 847 new products that made a claim of reduced fat, fat-free or low-fat, Friedman said. In 1994, the number of such products jumped to 1,439.

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Food

Things your mama never taught you

By Jane Snow
Knight-Ridder News Service

No wonder your cookies are doughy, your fudge is a rock and your whipped cream icing slides to the floor. Your mama didn't teach you any better.

Before microwaves were invented and Mama got a job, you would have stood on tiptoe at her elbow while she measured flour, smoothing the excess with the flat side of a butter knife.

You would have watched her beat butter and sugar until it fell in thick, lazy ribbons when she dropped it from a spoon.

Instead, you learned how to toast a Pop Tart.

But it's never too late to learn.

- Lemon zest is the colored part of a lemon rind, minus any of the bitter white pith that clings to it. You can buy gadgets called lemon zesters for removing the zest, but I think they're hard to use. Instead, use a very sharp paring knife or the finest holes of a grater.
- In recipes calling for pieces of lemon zest, pare thin strips of the lemon rind. Turn the strips over and scrape off any remaining white stuff.
- In recipes calling for grated lemon rind, grate off the rind, turning the lemon often. To avoid the white pith, take about two swipes against the grater, then turn the lemon, two swipes and turn.
- True story: A guy called to

complain, "I've been stirring this fudge mixture for a half hour, but it still doesn't look like a soft ball."

When a recipe calls for cooking something to the soft-ball stage, it means to cook it for a few minutes, then drop about a quarter-teaspoon in a cup of cold water. With your fingers, try to form the mixture into a soft ball. If you can't, keep cooking. If you can, it's done.

Or you can use a candy thermometer. The soft-ball stage is 234 to 240 degrees. Don't rest the bulb of the thermometer on the pan bottom, though. It should be suspended in the middle of the mixture.

- Fresh bread crumbs are not bread crumbs fresh off the grocer's shelf. Fresh bread crumbs are crumbs you make yourself by tearing up fresh bread and pulverizing it in a food processor or blender. The food crumbs make a tender meatloaf and a delicate coating for deep-fried oysters.
- The crumbs you buy in shaker cans in the grocery store are dry bread crumbs. Combining the two in a recipe could be disastrous.
- A clove of garlic is one segment of a bulb. A bulb is the whole shebang, and if you mistake the two, everyone will know it.
- Many recipes assume you know to preheat the oven before baking or roasting. If the recipe calls for an oven temperature of 400 degrees or higher, allow plenty of preheating time — up to a half-hour.
- It also is assumed that you will

use large eggs in recipes — not jumbo, not extra-large, not medium.

- Use measuring teaspoons and cups, not soup spoons and teacups. For dry ingredients, use a dry-measure cup — one that measures one cup flush to the rim. Liquid ingredients should be measured in a see-through liquid-measure cup. Place the cup on a level surface, and stoop to eye level to judge fullness.
- Dry measurements are level, not heaped. Level off a cup or spoon by running the flat side of a knife across the rim.
- There are three teaspoons in a tablespoon, not two. Don't laugh; this will come as a surprise to many people.
- Bring egg whites to room temperature before beating for the most volume. But for the most volume in cream, beat it when it is very cold (in fact, pop the bowl and beaters in the freezer for a few minutes).
- Egg whites won't beat well if even a speck of yolk or grease gets into them. Separate each white into a custard cup before adding it to other whites, in case the yolk breaks. That way, you won't have to discard the whole batch.
- Make sure your hands and bowl are very clean and grease-free before they touch the whites. It's better to use a glass or pottery bowl than a plastic bowl, because grease can cling to plastic even after washing.
- Ultra-pasteurized whipping cream does not thicken as nicely in cooking, or produce as much vol-

ume when beaten, as regular whipping cream.

- Do not use reduced-fat or "light" margarine in cooking or baking. The results will be disappointing.
- Sour cream curdles when it is boiled. Add it to a dish at the last minute, and gently heat through.
- Never refrigerate tomatoes. Cold kills the flavor.
- A green tinge on a potato indicates the presence of solanine, and it can make you sick if you eat enough of it. Peel the potato, removing all of the green tinge.
- Don't store potatoes in the refrigerator; the starch converts to sugar, changing the flavor.

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Culinary news and tidbits to chew on

Knight-Ridder News Service

February is Canned Food Month, Great American Pies Month, Nutritional Cherry Month (presumably canned or frozen), National Children's Dental Health Month, National Fiber Focus Month, National Snack Food Month and Return Shopping Carts to Supermarket Month.

Cast aside all pretensions to a healthy lifestyle and top your toast

with new Milky Way Chocolate and Hazelnut Spread. The swirled candy bar in a jar is smooth, sweet and creamy but only a pale, Americanized version of Nutella, the great European chocolate nut spread.

It lacks the flavor intensity and dense texture of Nutella. Serving suggestions include using it as crossant spread, a fresh fruit dip — that'll get the kids to eat their grapefruit! — and to frost cakes.

Combine your taste for orange juice with need for fiber

Knight-Ridder News Service

When it comes to fiber, most people think of bran flakes or Grape Nuts.

But Tropicana Products Inc. hopes Americans will seek their fiber from a new source: orange juice.

In fact, Tropicana began releasing a new line of nutritionally supplemented orange juices in supermarkets across the country last month.

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