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Jamie Glordano launches a kite Tuesday afternoon with some help from her friend, Sabrina Foster, right. The pair and Foster's sister, Jennifer Neumann found a windy Harmon Park the perfect place for kite flying.

Mother, friends say Loper fell through system's cracks

Views of justice system workers differ from family

By Kent McCleary
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Charlie Loper Jr. had been in trouble before. That doesn't make his death any easier for his mother.

"I don't know what I'm going to do with him gone," Ginnie Cooper said. "It leaves me not knowing anything. There are so many things unanswered."

A jury will investigate Loper's death during a coroner's inquest starting today. It is expected to run through Thursday.

Loper was shot in the head Nov. 1 as he and two other teen-agers ran from a house outside Twin Falls, according to Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department reports. The owner of the house, Glenn Schroeder, 51, came upon the trio as they were burglarizing his house, and exchanged gunfire with them, the report said.

Loper died in the hospital two days



Charlie Loper and his mother, Ginnie Cooper, in a photo taken this year.

later, shot once through the back of the head. The .22-caliber bullet didn't quite come through the front of his head.

But some say Loper was both a troubled teen-ager and a victim.

Gail and Dave Peterson of Twin Falls, victims of Loper's previous crimes, say Loper wasn't a bad person, just a follower who committed crimes, did dumb things and fell through the cracks in the juvenile justice system.

Police and justice-system workers have a differing view. They say Loper was a

habitual offender whose mother often covered for him.

Ginnie Cooper's viewpoint

Cooper, 36, admits that as a mother, she's going to see the best side of Loper. Cooper declined to talk about Loper's long record of run-ins with the law, but she said she knew a loving and empathetic side Loper's record doesn't reflect.

She saw that in the crowds of people who visited him as he lay wounded in intensive care at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, the full house at the mortuary where services were held, and the larger crowd that turned out for the graveside services Nov. 8.

"The friends Charlie had were unbelievable. They made me feel closer to Charlie. It felt good, it was like we had something in common," Cooper said.

"He made you feel good, no matter what mood you were in," said Harmony Andersen, 16, who lives across the street from Cooper's house and spent a lot of time with Loper in the last several months.

Reports of the shooting bothered Cooper. Loper was shot in the back of the head, she said, indicating he was running away from Schroeder when he was

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Lawmakers demand answers on chemicals

Gulf war spills spur actions

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Backed by testimony from Persian Gulf War veterans who said they had been exposed to Iraqi chemical weapons, lawmakers accused the Pentagon Tuesday of suppressing information on contamination.

But the head of U.S. operations in the 1991 war, Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, repeated in an interview the Pentagon stance that there is no evidence the Iraqis used chemical weapons, and emphasized that "there was no cover-up on the part of the military."

That stance was strongly disputed at a House Government Reform and Oversight subcommittee hearing.

"Routinely," said Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., head of the human resources subcommittee, reports of chemical exposures during the war "have been dismissed, discounted, discredited or denied."

Rep. Stephen Buyer, R-Ind., a Gulf war veteran, said he hoped Defense Secretary-designate Sen. William Cohen "will clean house with some of the people who have been stonewalling."

Gulf war veterans have spoken often of chemical alarms going off and chemical agents being detected during the war, but the Pentagon is saying that there is no record of a soldier sickened on the field, has consistently said those alarms were false.

That position was altered in May when the Defense Department announced that there was evidence that chemical toxins were stored at a weapons depot in southern Iraq blown up by American troops after the war, and that up to 20,000 service members could have been exposed to low levels of contaminants.

The panel heard testimony from an Army chemical detection expert who said he discovered a vat of blister agents and other chemicals in Kuwait. The panel also heard from a Marine operator of a chemical detection vehicle who spoke of monitoring liquid and vapor chemicals.

Proposed mining act reform fails to stir Gem land board

Governor reacts coolly to conservation group

The Associated Press

BOISE — Still stinging from the attempt to void his nuclear waste deal with the federal government, Gov. Phil Batt responded curtly to an environmental group's proposals for Surface Mining Act reforms.

Rick Johnson, executive director of the Idaho Conservation League, appeared before the state Land Board Tuesday to outline three proposals for changes to the state mining law aimed at ensuring reclamation of mine sites patented by the state.

But the governor was skeptical of the league's motives, citing the involvement of some of its members in the Stop the Shipments campaign.

"In view of the ICL's participation in the Proposition 3 debate, I have some question about their objectivity," Batt said.

Johnson was clearly taken aback, arguing that the Conservation League was not directly involved in the effort to pass a measure on the Nov. 5 ballot to void Batt's waste agreement.

"Well, it's all the same, as you know," Batt angrily replied. "Their positions in the ICL gave them the platform."

The governors staked his political reputation on the October 1995 deal he struck with the Navy and Energy Department. It allows the dumping of 1,130 additional shipments of highly radioactive waste at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory in exchange for a court-enforced requirement that



Gov. Phil Batt

most waste be moved out of the state in 40 years.

Batt took personal umbrage at the Stop the Shipments campaign. And even though Idaho voters rejected it by a 2-1 ratio, the governor remains upset.

The Land Board took no action on Johnson's proposed mining reforms Tuesday, but Lands Department Director Stan Hamilton said his agency probably would be returning to the panel with proposed legislation addressing some of the same issues.

Proposals the Conservation League hope to put before the Legislature next month call for:

- Allowing the state to collect a reclamation bond in an amount that reflects the actual cost of reclamation, including protection of clean water.
- Specifically citing the bid of Thompson Creek Mining Co. to patent 2,500 acres of federal land at its central Idaho molybdenum mine, which would transfer environmental protection responsibility to the state, the proposal would eliminate the current \$1,800 per acre bonding cap.
- Johnson said the Idaho Mining Association has indicated it might be willing to accept increasing the cap to \$2,500 per acre with any amount above that subject to review by the Land Board.
- Requiring miners to develop plans of operation for approval by the Department of Lands, including assessments of potential environmental impacts and how they will be minimized.
- Bringing the effects of underground mining.

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Stennett: Privatize liquor sales

Senator believes move would solve woes of operations

By Karen Tokkinen
Times-News writer

KETCHUM — With the state's liquor dispensary on the rocks, Sen. Clint Stennett of Ketchum asks what seems, to him, a reasonable question.

Why not privatize the entire industry? The state runs 46 stores, employs 240 workers, and sells about 500,000 cases, or roughly 6 million bottles of hard liquor a year — including gin, vodka and whiskey. It contracts with 100 private stores to sell liquor for a commission, and generated \$16.9 million this year for the state's community colleges and local governments.

Stennett, the Senate's minority caucus chairman, has unearched a 1985 bill to privatize the industry.

"There's been a lot of problems," he said. "You just read about the strife and the things that are going on at the administrative level. They're always asking for a new appropriation to build a new liquor warehouse. It just becomes a philosophical question of whether the state ought to be in the business."

Privatizing could mean stores could sell alcohol on Sundays and holidays, and expand on the 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. hours the state allows, Stennett said.

As well, the state would have fewer employees on its payroll and fewer pensions to fund. It could mean an end to the management problems that have plagued the liquor dispensary for the past few years, although the dispensary has a new director.

But the bill would face opposition, he said, from lawmakers who like the system and lawmakers who for religious reasons oppose alcoholic consumption.

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Several motorized Christmas displays spin in slow circles at the Burley Liquor Store.

WEATHER

IDAHO Weather

Wednesday, Dec. 11
AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

COOR D'Alone 38°
Lowiston 42°
Boise 51°
Twin Falls 45°
Pocatello 49°
Idaho Falls 36°

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FORECAST

Magic Valley

Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain late today. Highs in the mid 40s. Southwest wind 15 to 25 mph. Tonight cloudy with a chance of rain or snow. Lows in the mid 30s. Thursday mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Breezy. Highs in the mid 40s. The ultraviolet index forecast is 1, a minimal exposure level.

Extended regional forecast

Friday cooler. Mostly cloudy with a chance of valley rain and mountain snow showers. Lows in the mid-20s to the lower 30s. Highs in the 30s.

Saturday cooler. Areas of morning valley low clouds and fog otherwise cloudy with a slight chance of mountain snow showers. Lows in the 20s. Highs in the 30s.

Sunday cooler. Areas of morning valley low clouds and fog otherwise cloudy with a chance of valley rain and mountain snow showers. Lows in the upper teens and 20s. Highs in the 30s.

Camas Prairie, Wood River Valley

Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow showers today. Highs around 40. Tonight snow likely. Lows in the mid 20s. Thursday mostly cloudy with a chance of snow or rain. Highs 35 to 45.

Treasure Valley

Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain late today. Highs near 50. Southeast wind 10 to 20 mph. Tonight light rain. Lows 35 to 40. Thursday a mix of clouds and sunshine with a chance of showers. Highs near 50.

Sawtooth Mountains

Cloudy with a chance of snow showers today. Highs around 40. Tonight snow likely. Lows in the 20s. Thursday mostly cloudy with a chance of snow or rain. Highs in the upper 30s.

Eastern Idaho

Mostly cloudy today with scattered morning rain or snow showers. Decreasing cloudiness by afternoon. Highs upper 30s to lower 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight becoming cloudy with snow likely by evening. Highs 25 to 30. Thursday mostly cloudy with a chance of snow early. Highs 35 to 40.

Northern Idaho

Mostly cloudy today with a chance of rain toward evening. Patchy morning fog. Highs 40 to 45. East wind 10 to 15 mph. Tonight rain likely. Areas of fog. Lows in the mid 30s. Thursday cloudy with a chance of rain. Highs in the mid 40s.

Northern Nevada

Scattered rain or snow showers today. Snow level 6500-7000 feet. Southwest wind 15-30 mph. Highs 45-50. Tonight mostly cloudy with scattered rain or snow showers. Lows near 30. Thursday isolated morning showers otherwise mostly cloudy. Highs 45-50.

Northern Utah

Chance of rain or snow showers otherwise mostly cloudy today. Highs in the lower to mid 40s. A slight chance of thunderstorms. Tonight mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow. Lows around 30. Thursday mostly cloudy with a chance of rain showers. Highs in the lower to mid 40s. The ultraviolet index forecast is 1, a minimal exposure level.

ACROSS THE NATION

More rain leaves California awash; snow buries Colorado Rockies

The Associated Press
Another round of up to 6 inches of rain drenched parts of California Tuesday, swelling creeks and rivers even higher after days of storms.

Light snow fell across western New York and heavier snow moved into Colorado's Rockies.

Flooding was widespread in California's Sacramento Valley, where winds gusted to 50 mph as a second storm system moved into the area. Flash flooding forced voluntary evacuations in low-lying parts of the Santa Cruz area.

Earlier storms triggered mudslides in Oregon and Northern California that damaged homes, blocked roads and knocked out power to 25,000 customers.

Tuesday's storm system already has dumped up to a foot of snow in higher elevations of the Sierra Nevada and up to 18 inches at California's Mammoth Lakes ski resort. More snow was falling.

Snow showers fell across central Colorado, and winds gusted to 50 mph in southeastern Wyoming.

A disturbance pushing out of the eastern Great Lakes produced light snow showers in New England and western New York as well as the mountains of Pennsylvania and northeastern West Virginia.

Much of the nation's midsection enjoyed temperature readings in the 60s and even low 70s. The new Western storm system could drop up to 8 inches of snow in the Colorado Rockies and produce freezing rain in southern Minnesota, eastern Nebraska and northern Iowa by today.

Northern California may get another 2 inches of rain, and Sierra snow levels will drop sharply ahead of a blast of colder air. Up to a foot of fresh snow could fall rain and snow will spread east into Idaho, western Montana and northern Utah. Moisture from the Gulf of Mexico should bring scattered showers into western Tennessee and Kentucky.

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Idaho

Max	Min	Pcp	Twins Falls	Max	Min	Pcp	
Boise	57	48	.01	Yesterday	48	46	tr.
Burley	47	44	.04	Last year	58	34
Farfield	m	m	....	Normal	41	23	.04
Gooding	45	35	.29				
Hagerman	56	36	.04	Month to date:	1.04		
Idaho Falls	43	34	.13	Normal mo. to date:	.44		
Jerome	47	40	.14	Water year to date:	3.38		
Lowiston	46	36	.05	Normal year to date:	2.39		
Malta	m	34	....			
Malta	m	37	....	Comfort factors			
McCall	m	33	....	Humidity at 6 p.m.:	63	pcpt.	
Pocatello	47	42	.16	Barometer at 6 p.m.:	29.52	F	
Salmon	45	34	....	Pollen count: Reports ended			
Stanley	37	34	....	For this season:			
Sun Valley	36	32	.36	Courtesy National and Army of Idaho.			

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 5:05 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:58 a.m.
Lunar phase: New, Dec. 18; first quarter Dec. 17; full, Dec. 24; last quarter, Jan. 1.
Visible planets: Mars, Venus, Saturn.
Evening: Jupiter, Saturn, Mercury.

Liquor

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"I don't think it would get out of committee," said Sen. Hal Bunderson, R-Meridian, a retired accountant who has closely studied privatization.

A mix of conservative free market advocates and liberal factions might like such a proposal, but they would immediately run into snags, he said.

For one thing, turning it over to private hands could mean more drinking, more drunken driving, and more burdens on law enforcement, Bunderson said. It also would violate the state Constitution.

The state constitution reads in part: "The first concern of all good government is the virtue

and sobriety of the people, and the purity of the home. The legislature should further all wise and well directed efforts for the promotion of temperance and morality."

"Government should stay out of the lives of individuals, but it should protect its citizens from the abuses that could occur," Bunderson said.

Legislators also would have to alter liquor, wine and beer taxes to make them more equitable. Currently, hard liquor returns much more to the state than the \$3 million that wine and beer return, Bunderson said. The beer and wine lobby would likely protest larger taxes.

He accused Stennett of playing

politics by singling out a hot issue — as with the nuclear waste debate — to draw attention to the struggling Democratic party.

His comments angered Stennett.

"I take a real offense to that," he said. "Is everything I try to push in the future going to be tied back to playing politics? Are property tax reform measures going to be 'playing politics'?"

"I don't think there's any votes to be gained or lost by doing this. It just makes practical business sense."

Gov. Phil Batt was reticent on the issue, but said he was willing to talk about it.

"I'm certainly not advocating it at this point," he said, through

spokesman Frank Lockwood.

Some private contractors who pick up liquor shipments from state liquor stores and turn over the revenue to the state would welcome the chance to expand their trade.

"I think that our laws in Idaho — as far as not being able to buy liquor on Sundays, or in bars on Sunday — I think we're kind of behind the times," said contractor Joe Costantino of Hollister.

"It's like if you want to go get drunk, you can buy wine, you can buy beer, and you can get just as drunk as if you went down and bought whiskey."

Eighteen states have controlled liquor sales, and none have privatized since the end of prohibition,

said Liquor Dispensary Supervisor Dyke Nally.

Privatization would only serve to drive up the price of hard liquor, Nally said.

Private vendors would profit, and the state would likely tax the liquor to make up for the loss of its share of profit. A \$3 tax per 750 milliliter bottle would raise roughly \$18 million a year. Now, the state takes \$4.56 per bottle.

Mark Williams, owner of the Williams Markets in Twin Falls, Filer and Ketchum, said he could make a nice profit without necessarily raising the price.

"If we could sell liquor in our Ketchum stores, my goodness, what a draw," he said. "History shows us that the private citizen

can do anything cheaper and better than government."

The downside is the increased access underage drinkers would have to liquor, Williams said, and the possibility of taking money from the state.

Stennett said he is unsure whether he will have a proposal for the 1997 Legislature, but wants to lead the idea.

Bunderson said lawmakers should consider it carefully.

"We've got the social policy issues we have to deal with, we've got the financial issues we have to deal with," he said. "You got to have some disciplined thinking and not some jerk-jerk decision-making."

Loper

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shot. Loper fell on his face, she said.

"I can't imagine Charlie hurting anyone," Cooper said.

After an investigation, the Twin Falls County sheriff's office recommended no charges be filed against Schroeder.

Cooper said she learned about her shooting when her employer called to check her address, then a police officer came to her house and took her to the Magic Valley Regional emergency room to identify her son.

"Loper had just turned 18, she said, and was ready to move out on his own.

"I was trying not to make choices for him. Every parent is afraid of when their kids start trying to be independent," Cooper said. "Every kid makes mistakes, but you expect they're going to live through it, and learn from their mistakes. That's how people grow."

Cooper and Loper's father

divorced when Loper was 5. She moved from Texas to Twin Falls, her hometown, when Loper was 13.

Loper kept in contact with his father, in Wyoming, and was concerned because his father had recently had heart surgery, Cooper said.

He had recently sought a sponsor to get him into Narcotics Anonymous, something Cooper said she didn't know until the woman he contacted for help met her in the hospital.

"I think he was doing some drugs," Cooper said.

Loper had attended Narcotics Anonymous meetings before. He had been hooked on drugs, but had quit, Cooper said.

The Petersons' viewpoint

In February 1995, Loper and three other teen-agers went on a crime spree through Twin Falls County, three other counties and into Nevada. Fueled by drugs and alcohol, they stole 12 cars, broke into about as many houses, even

tried to shoot a man who confronted them. They stole and damaged thousands of dollars of property.

Police caught the teen-agers after they stole the Petersons' van from their driveway. Loper had driven the van.

The Petersons went to Loper's preliminary hearing in Twin Falls. Their daughter wrote a letter about how scared she had been since the theft.

During a court break, Loper wrote her a note and promised not to come back to the house, Dave Peterson said.

"I think that's when he realized he'd screwed up," Gail Peterson said.

"It had been a hard-core kid, he could've passed that up," Dave Peterson agreed. "I think there was a side to Charlie people didn't know. ... He gave us that (tough) attitude because it was in juvenile court." Petersons wrote the Petersons from the juvenile facility in Nampa, telling them about his

progress and promising to pay them back for damages done to their van.

Loper got his high school equivalency degree from Boise State University, something Cooper said he was quite proud of. The Petersons said they sent him money to take the test.

He wrote thank-you notes for the Christmas gifts the Petersons sent magazines and a prepaid phone card.

The Petersons learned of Loper's shooting from the media.

"We felt terrible. We couldn't believe it," Dave Peterson said. "I'd still like to strangle the kid for getting hooked up with those kids."

"We felt bad," said Gail Peterson. "Out-of-the-four-boys, he was probably the only one who had a chance at going on the straight and narrow."

Aftermath

The Petersons received their first restitution check from Loper the day after his funeral.

The Petersons attended Loper's funeral services. They say they sympathize with Loper's mother.

"If any of those juvenile hoods saw him and pictured their mom there, they wouldn't do that stuff," Dave Peterson said.

"I feel she was doing the best she could with Charlie," Gail Peterson said. "She was trying to work and make a living. It was so hard."

"That darn kid, someone would go help him, and be pulling him up. Then they would quit, or be transferred," Dave Peterson said.

Anderson said it isn't hard for Twin Falls teen-agers to find trouble.

"I don't think Twin Falls is dangerous, but there's too many people trying to be hard. They think we need gangs, but we don't, we're just little Twin Falls," she said.

Like rubble, drugs are easy to come by, she said.

"Everybody knows somebody who does it," she said. "It depends who you know, if you need no drugs, it depends on who your friends are."

Anderson acknowledges Loper had a gun when he was shot, but she said he was carrying it for the mystique, not for protection.

CORRECTION

Due to a typographical error, The Times-News published an incorrect date for funeral services for Robert "Swen" Johnson. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. The Times-News regrets the error.

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Mining

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under the Lands Department's regulatory authority to deal with the impact of tailings.

In light of the Thompson Creek patent request, state Sen. Steve Stennett, an Environment Chairman Laird Noh asked the Forest Service last summer to slow down its review of the application so the state could take another look at its mining laws, and perhaps strengthen them.

Weak laws, state mine regulators say, could leave them helpless in the event of a disaster at the open pit.

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Clinton pushes treaty

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton urged the Senate Tuesday to embrace a 17-year-old treaty barring abuses against women, to support commitment to "the unfinished task of extending freedom's reach."

The president made women's issues the focus of his activities on International Human Rights Day. He met with six women activists and pledged to build upon a commitment he made earlier this year for \$5 million to support women in Bosnia.

"Today, we dedicate ourselves to the unfinished task of extending freedom's reach," Clinton said.

"History shows that nations where rights are respected and governments are freely chosen are more likely to be partners in peace and prosperity."

Clinton urged the Senate to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, a treaty approved by the United Nations in 1979.

Many other nations have approved the measure, Clinton noted, and the United States, "where we have worked so hard to empower women," has proce-



Flanked by women's activists, President Clinton signs a human rights declaration Tuesday as part of International Human Rights Day. Looking on are, from left, Nahid Touba of the Research and Information Network for Bodily Integrity of Women, Dawn Cabala of the United Nations' High Commission for Refugees, and Lilian Perdomo, founding president of Hermanas Unidas Ayuda, Inc.

ted far too long.

"It is, to say the least, an embarrassment that the United States has not done this," Clinton said. "There is no excuse for this situation to continue."

His administration also is pushing \$4 million in new initiatives, including \$1 million toward relief for Rwandan women, \$1 million for an anti-discrimination consortium for Asian women and \$1 million toward empowerment of women in Africa.

The treaty, already ratified by more than 130 nations, was adopt-

ed by the U.N. General Assembly in December 1979 and signed by President Carter in July 1980.

It was not submitted for Senate approval until November 1989 after Carter had lost to Ronald Reagan. Neither President Reagan nor his successor, President Bush, sought ratification.

Among other things, the treaty requires that women have equal rights to work, pay, benefits and safe working conditions. It prohibits discrimination against women in political activities and requires a minimum age for marriage.

TV execs narrow ratings guide

WASHINGTON (AP) — TV shows would be lumped into six broad categories to guide parents in deciding what programs are suitable for their children to watch, under a TV industry ratings plan outlined by broadcasters Tuesday.

The ratings would include categories of "TV-G," suitable for all audiences, to "TV-M," for mature audiences only, under the plan described by broadcasters, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The system would also flag children's shows, using a "K" rating.

The plan is being fine tuned, broadcasters said, cautioning that there may be changes to the ratings categories and their descriptions before a final ratings system is unveiled next week.

Short of a major overhaul, children's advocacy groups and others who have opposed this approach are not likely to be satisfied. They contend that the proposed system is too vague and would give parents little help in deciding what their children should or shouldn't watch.

The TV industry has said it plans to begin rating broadcast, cable and public TV shows by January.

News and sports programs would be exempt from the ratings. One of the biggest issues the TV industry is trying to

resolve is which programs will be entitled to the news exemption.

Under the proposed plan, shows would be rated using the following categories: "K," material suitable for children of all ages; "K-7," material suitable for children 7 and older; "TV-G," material suitable for all audiences; "TV-PG," parental guidance is suggested; "TV-14," for children under 14; and "TV-M," for mature audiences only.

Kathryn Montgomery, president of the Center for Media Education, a children's advocacy group, doesn't like the proposal, particularly the "TV-PG" and "PG-14" ratings.

"Parents don't know why a show gets one of those ratings. Is it just because a little saucy language was used or because there was a lot of disturbing, graphic violence?" she said.

Montgomery likened the TV ratings plan to having a food labeling system that tells people

"there may be something harmful in the product, but doesn't say what it is."

Specific definitions of each ratings category are being worked out. But broadcasters said a "TV-PG" rating would mean "the program may contain infrequent coarse language, limited violence, some suggestive sexual dialogue and situations."

The rating "TV-14" would mean programs may contain "sophisticated themes, strong language and sexual content." The rating "TV-M" would mean the program may contain vulgar language, "graphic violence and explicit sexual content."

TV shows on broadcast television are rarely expected to carry the "TV-M" rating, broadcasters said, pointing out that the rating is intended to flag more explicit shows like ones shown HBO or Showtime — cable channels that people specifically chose to buy.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — In a decision that cost victimized consumers tens of millions, the Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that some punitive-damage awards were subject to federal income taxes even before Congress made that clear last August.

By a 6-3 vote, the court ruled that punitive damages — intended to punish and deter wrongdoing — are not awarded "on account of personal injuries" and therefore are taxable.

The decision is a defeat for the family of Betty O'Gilvie, a Benton, Kan., woman who died of toxic shock syndrome in 1983.

The ruling also affects consumers nationwide whose battles with the Internal Revenue Service over punitive-damage awards are still pending in lower courts.

But the decision's lasting impact was obliterated last August when Congress amended federal tax law to remove any doubt that such awards are taxable.

Linda King, a Wichita lawyer who represented Mrs. O'Gilvie's husband, agreed. "There tends not to be a lot of sympathy today for someone who wins this kind of award because it had the look and feel of a windfall, but it's not."

Awards of compensatory damages, aimed at making up for financial losses, are not taxable. But federal appeals courts had been split on the tax liability for punitive-damage awards.

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Costs mount as new mothers linger in hospitals

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's easy to see the benefits in Congress' decision to require insurance companies to pay for 48 hours in the hospital after mothers give birth.

Less obvious are the costs. "Four million births a year doesn't hurt in terms of presenting some enthusiasm," said Kathy Bryant of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. The organization argues that mothers and babies face dangers if they are pushed to leave hospitals too soon.

But someone has to pay the bill, insurance companies note. And it's a cost-benefit debate that will only widen as Congress prepares to take up more proposals to mandate the health benefits Americans should receive.

Mandatory coverage for mastectomies is one issue. Extending lifetime limits on medical payments is another. "When mandates require longer lengths of stays in the hospital, that will increase costs, which will be passed on to employers and eventually passed on to consumers," said Kevin Heise, spokesman for New Jersey-based Prudential HealthCare.

Frustrated with rising premiums, employers have looked to managed care, instead of imposing restrictions on where people may seek medical care and what procedures are covered.

It's worked. Premiums have risen last year after double-digit inflation through the 1990s.

But there has been a backlash, as consumers find holes in their coverage and demand government action to ensure that companies don't go too far in efforts to cut costs.

"There are opportunities in managed care and there are also some disciplines that you have to live within. Some people may see that as a drawback," said Susan



Diane and Eric Cooper relax with their newborn son, Brian, after the child's birth Monday in Fairfax Hospital in Virginia. Thanks to a new law signed by President Clinton, mother and child can remain in the hospital for 48 hours after the birth.

Landis, director of research for the BlueCross BlueShield Association. "Since when have Americans been satisfied with less than perfection?"

American women's satisfaction that many insurance plans paid only for 24-hour hospital stays after childbirth, although doctors agree that 24 hours is enough for many women. People complained to legislators, bills were introduced in 43 states and the limits were diluted "driveway deliveries."

By September, President Clinton was signing a federal law in a Rose Garden ceremony. Insurance companies and others argue that these laws are essentially a transfer of one benefit for another, leaving consumers with fewer choices for the same money.

"Every time we make one of these decisions, we say spending money on this is more important than spending money on that," said Tom Garrett, professor of health administration at Temple University and director of the

International Health Economics Association.

The Congressional Budget Office estimated that the child birth hospital stay law would initially raise private insurance premiums by about 0.06 percent. Employers and their workers would reduce coverage in response, meaning the actual cost of insurance would edge up only 0.02 percent, the CBO said.

Meanwhile, BlueCross Blue Shield claims state mandates as a whole have increased its premiums by 3 percent to 21 percent. Those statistics assume that none of the mandated services would

be offered otherwise. In New Jersey, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found hospital stays for new mothers without complications rose 10 to 12 hours after the state required insurance companies to cover 48-hour stays. But the study did not estimate the cost.

Even if costs increase, supporters of mandates say it is government's role to ensure that insurance companies provide a basic level of service.

"When the competition on price gets so fierce that benefits are ratcheted down below what people need, or people can't get services they want, that's when legislation gets introduced on how low managed care can go," said Wendy Young, associate professor in the College of Nursing at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

That is what has happened across the country. After two Connecticut HMOs began suggesting that some mastectomy patients be sent home the same day as the surgery, an effort was mounted in Congress to guarantee a two-day hospital stay after breast surgery.

An HMO trade group recently adopted a new policy against making outpatient mastectomies mandatory. Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., still intends to press in 1997 for a law guaranteeing women two nights in the hospital after breast surgery.

At least 40 states considered more than 400 bills this year aimed at regulating health maintenance organizations and other managed care plans. Mandates already on the books in some states include coverage for alcoholism and drug abuse treatment, mental health care, fertility treatment, chiropractic care and mammography screenings — to name a handful.

But one federal law packs more punch than 50 individual state laws ever can. State regula-

tions do not affect companies with self-funded insurance plans, which cover about half of Americans under age 65. Federal mandates include everyone.

That's as it should be, said Diane Cooke, 32, whose second child, Brian, was born Monday in Fairfax, Va.

"Having been down this path twice now I feel it's very important for the mom and the baby," she said, explaining that her insurance already covers 48-hour stays.

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Ritalin use on kids soars, but still below forecasts

CHICAGO (AP) — Doctors use about 2.12 times more Ritalin for hyperactive and inattentive children now than in 1990, a far smaller increase than the alarming sixfold rise that some reports have suggested, researchers say.

About 1.5 million young people ages 5 through 18, or 2.6 percent of U.S. school-age children, take the drug for relief from attention and hyperactivity disorders, the researchers reported in the December issue of *Pediatrics*, the journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Some politicians and policymakers have suggested that Ritalin is being overprescribed for youngsters.

The new study, led by Dr. Daniel J. Saxe of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, did not address how much Ritalin use is appropriate. But it pronounced some estimates of its use exaggerated.

The study was based on regional and national surveys of Ritalin use.

The researchers said recent increases in Ritalin use appear to be due in part to the drug's improved image and children being kept on it longer.

Ritalin, known generically as methylphenidate, calms restlessness, reduces impulsiveness and improves attention in children who have attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, or ADHD. It is

made by Ciba-Geigy and has been sold for almost 40 years.

A U.S. agency report in February suggested 3 percent to 5 percent of U.S. youngsters were on the drug. The Drug Enforcement Administration has been quiet as rising production and use of Ritalin increased nearly sixfold from 1990 to 1995.

The researchers, however, said the DEA's production figures did not reflect actual use.

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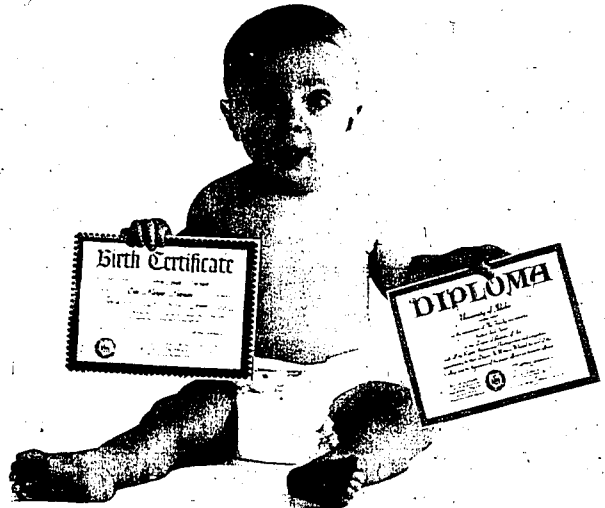
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FDA approves record number of drugs in '96

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration approved a record 45 "breakthrough" drugs this year — medicines never before sold in this country — and took half as long as the European Union to get new medications onto pharmacy shelves, outgoing U.S. Commerce Dept. Secretary Dan Rostenkowski said.

In a coordinated job at crisis was averted the FDA blocks medical advances, Rostenkowski said. The last major speech as the agency's chief to unveil data showing it has speeded up dramatically the drug approval process.

"Despite all the progress that has been made... we still have our share of critics," said the incoming leader, who is resigning as soon as President Clinton picks a new FDA commissioner. But "it is fair to say the United States is a world leader in drug review any way you look at it."

The announcement came a day after Rep. Thomas Bliley, R-Va., said the FDA program was the only to pressure from Congress, and promised legislation ensuring that the agency does its job.

Gangster rap violates commitment to morality

WASHINGTON — Former Education Secretary William Bennett, an outspoken conservative, said on issues of morality, said Tuesday. Universal Studios Inc. is violating a commitment not to distribute profane or vulgar music.

Universal Studios, formerly MCA Inc., sells music recordings under the MCA and Geffen labels.

When Interscope Records — the label behind some of music's most controversial releases — moved to MCA in February, MCA said they "would not profit from or distribute music they found offensive," said Bennett's aide, Christine Pickover.

But so far, MCA has failed to live up to its commitment, according to Bennett. Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr., D-Del., and C. Delores Tucker of the National Political Congress of Black Women.

Suspect pleads innocent in Unabomber case

NEWARK, N.J. — Unabomber suspect Theodore J. Kazuyuki pleaded innocent Tuesday via video to charges he sent the mail bomb that killed an advertising executive exactly two years ago.

Kazuyuki's plea from California was made through a live hookup to the federal court in Newark, where Judge Dickerson R. DeBorja presided in a courtroom packed with spectators, journalists and court workers.

Among those present was Susan Messer, whose 50-year-old husband, Thomas, was killed when he opened a package containing a bomb on Dec. 10, 1984, in his suburban New Jersey home.

In Sacramento, where Kazuyuki has been jailed since early summer, the U.S. attorney general said Kazuyuki is the federal public defender's office for the two-country assignment.

Country singer dies from apparent suicide

ASHEVILLE, Tenn. — Once famous country singer whose string of hits included the classic "White Velvet" song "Hello Walls," died Tuesday of a gunshot wound that was apparently self-inflicted. He was 54.

He died at Columbia Summit Medical Center. A suicide note was found with him when he was discovered Monday at his home.

The suicide note described "myself" as "a failure," police said. Young, whose real name is "Steve DeBorja," "It's Four in the Morning" and "I'm Not Your Hero." He Young," had been depressed recently about health problems, friends said.

Compiled from wire reports

American airports are risky

WASHINGTON (AP) — America has taken airport security too lightly and now must develop a system that works quickly and efficiently, an aviation security consultant told an industry conference Tuesday.

"We have not declared war on terrorism as the Europeans have," Lee Grodzins told the Global Aviation Safety and Security Summit.

"A system that secures us against past acts may not secure us at all against future acts," warned Grodzins, vice president of American Science and Engineering Inc., which develops advanced technology for security.

U.S., North Korea hold 'frank and constructive' talks for peace

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. and North Korean officials held "frank and constructive" talks on proposed peace negotiations for the Korean peninsula, the State

Department said Tuesday. The discussions Monday in New York also covered nuclear issues and North Korea's attempt to infiltrate agents into South Korea,

spokesman Glyn Davies said. The North Korean side included Li Hyong Chol, director of American affairs in the North Korean Foreign Ministry.

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Millions of kids live in or near poverty

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some 6.3 million American children under 5 were living in poverty in 1994, and many were eligible for health care under the new welfare didn't enroll, say two new studies of child poverty.

An additional 4.8 million young children lived near the poverty line, said Columbia University's National Center for Children in Poverty.

The U.S. Census Bureau said in September that the childhood poverty rate had declined slightly — less than a percentage point — in 1995 from the year before.

While Tuesday's report used older data, the center said it still puts a face on impoverished children.

- Sixty-two percent of poor children lived with at least one parent or relative who worked.
- However, that one-third of the children's families relied exclusively on welfare.
- Six percent of young white children were extremely poor in 1994, compared with 11 percent of young black children whose families had incomes below 50 percent of the federal poverty threshold.
- The poverty rate was higher among Hispanic children, rising 49 percent from 1991, compared with a 26 percent rise among white children and 35 percent among black children.

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EDITORIAL

Just how do yo-yos help kids? Education?

Factored against issues such as curriculum, dropout rates and crime on campus, the Twin Falls School District probably has more important issues to deal with than its "yo-yo man" problem.

But we're glad to hear that Twin Falls School District leaders will meet today to talk about programs featuring people such as Tommy Moore - the now-famous "yo-yo man" who has been disputing two local principals' decisions to cancel his bookings at their schools.

It's a good occasion to consider some priorities and policies in our schools. A few questions to consider: Are programs of this kind worth the time and money spent on them? How commercialized do we want our schools to be? And who's checking on these folks, anyway?

In case you missed the story, Moore has been in Twin Falls to try to rope local youngsters into the nearly lost art of the yo-yo.

Not solely out of the goodness of his heart, of course. Moore charges a school \$199 per visit, to do some round-the-worlds and sell yo-yos and trick books at \$2 to \$8 a pop.

Last week checked, \$199 could buy a lot of yo-yo string. It could buy a few textbooks, too.

Idaho school administrators often ask for better school funding. But if a Twin Falls school is hard up for money, how come it can spring for \$199 to bring in a yo-yo show? A cynic would likely make this connection. So might a state legislator.

And not to disparage the lowly yo-yo. It surely isn't as mind-numbing as Nintendo. But we've still got to wonder about taking class time to teach school kids yo-yo tricks.

"Back to basics" may be a simplistic mantra for school reform, but let's be realistic. The yo-yo isn't likely to get mentioned in the same breath with reading, writing and arithmetic.

When you get right down to it, the yo-yo man is a salesman. Moore has a legitimate place in the free market, but what place does he have in the classroom? No grade school kid with a TV needs extra schooling in selling a sales pitch. If a school shelters its kids from a little more commercialism, we're sure they'll learn plenty about it elsewhere.

The most troubling issue is safety. School employees from the classroom to the lunchroom have to be fingerprinted under state law, an assembly speaker doesn't. And the Twin Falls district doesn't have a policy for doing its own background checks on speakers. That's left to the school principals.

So the Twin Falls schools have some homework to do. When the district's principals hold their weekly meeting today, the speaker issue will come up, district spokeswoman Linda Baird said.

The principals, Baird said, want to be sure they are offering "quality programs that are enhancing learning."

A good question, and one worth asking. But not the only question.



Reading at 8th-grade level - in college

Nationwide it is hard to find better evidence of the general dysfunction of public education than the swelling numbers of college students in need of remediation. In Maryland the recent revelation that 46 percent of 1994 high school graduates who entered our public colleges and universities needed remediation was rightly called "scandalous" by State Board of Education President Christopher Cross.

Think that's bad? Try Florida's 60 percent. For these purposes, the usual definition of remedial is "not functioning at an eighth-grade level." Thus it is entirely fair for the average citizen to ask "How did these kids ever get out of high school, let alone into college?" Or from a taxpayer's perspective: "How long do we have to keep paying for a job that never seems to get done?"

In striking fashion, these questions illuminate the key issues of standards and accountability that are at the heart of the battle to reform American education. They also illustrate the tragic conflict between the principles of equity and excellence that has haunted our schools for over a generation.

In California, where the future always seems to arrive first, a combination of exploding population, financial stress and taxpayer unrest has led the state to consider eliminating all college-level remedial programs. Somewhat plausibly, Gov. Pete Wilson has asked: "If students can't do college-level work, why are they in college?"

In Maryland similar questions are being asked, but because the political and financial pressures are a not yet as great, the de-

WILLIAM J. MOLONEY

bate is moving in different directions. Here the folks in higher education seem content to continue their remedial programs, but they'd rather have someone else pay for them. Some have suggested that public school districts should pay, since they're the ones who failed to educate the kids in the first place. This argument is more than a little disingenuous and sounds rather like high schools blaming all their problems on the failure of elementary schools.

Naturally California-type solutions are somewhat distasteful to higher educators because a lot of their colleagues would be thrown out of work. It is clear that colleges have no problem with students who stay longer (and spend more). Today most state university graduates take five or more years to complete what used to be called a "four-year degree." As for admission standards, consider that only 400 of America's 3,600 colleges and universities reject anybody. Embarrassingly, drumming up sufficient paying customers has become top priority for all but the oversubscribed elite.

The truth is both K-12 and higher education share blame for the pervasive decline of standards and accountability. Similarly to reverse this decline, finger pointing and buck passing must end, and real collaborative reform must begin.

In Maryland some hopeful beginnings to that cooperative effort are being made. A reformist State Board of Education is driving toward truly rigorous high school assessments, which will require students

to demonstrate fundamental knowledge and ability before being allowed to graduate. No more diplomas for "time served and good behavior." Simultaneously the state Higher Education Commission is recognizing that it must stop disguising a virtual open admissions policy as a triumph of "access" and start requiring admissions committees to actually insist on some capacity to do college-level work.

Finally there is realization that high school exit exams and college entrance criteria are the two complementary sides of the coin of standards. Continuing the system of free passes does no one any favor; it only debases that coinage. Similarly there is recognition that unless K-12 and higher education folks both put their shoulders to the wheel in this admittedly Herculean task, then the rescue of American education will fail.

Today high school students know that anybody can get a diploma and anybody with money can get into college. No wonder our sermons on the virtues of hard work and perseverance fall on deaf ears. However, as Albert Shanker says, "Don't blame kids for seeing the world as it is. Blame adults for letting it happen." Better still, let's do something about it. All our experience tells us that children will respond to higher expectations whenever adults have the wisdom to set them and the courage to stand by them.

Much will turn on how well our generation meets this age-old challenge.

William J. Moloney, superintendent of the Calvert County Public Schools, is a member of the Governing Board of the National Assessment of Educational Progress. He wrote this commentary for the Washington Post.

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LETTERS

Great way to begin the season

"What a beautiful way to 'kick off' the 1996 holiday season! Sunday evening, Dec. 1, Handel's 'Messiah' was presented to a full house at the Burley High School and again on Monday, Dec. 2.

I think Dr. Soulsby should know how much the people in this area appreciate and recognize his talent in conducting the 118-voice chorus, along with the 44-piece Magic Philharmonic orchestra. His introduction, reminding us of why an admission fee is never charged for the 'Messiah,' along with an explanation that the difference between an oratorio and an opera is.

An oratorio has no costumes nor stage scenery. He concluded by saying George Frideric Handel's composition was God-inspired. It even moved the king to tears.

We detected Dr. Soulsby's personal joy and love of his personal talent as he smiled while instructing the performers with his baton.

Another free gift was the program each of us got to bring home to review the text. It was very interesting to learn where accomplishments during his 20 years of service to God and the people in this area a big "thank you" to his wife for sharing him with us.

"A production like this cannot be done without hours of practice with the performers. Thanks to all for giving of their talents and talents for our benefit. The soloists were excellent, and it was gratifying to read of their experiences and qualifications. Many of the performers have been traveling long distances since last September for rehearsals for this lovely event. Everyone I have talked to about this performance feels as pleased about it as I.

"When my family chose to move from Montana to this community 52 years ago, there was not culture here that there now is! It came through the willingness of people to serve, as was mani-

festated Sunday and Monday nights at the Burley High School. Thanks to all who took part in any way! It was delightful! You've enriched our lives!"

ALENE SUMMERS
Burley

Get to the real problem

I just read Betty Murray's letter in Sunday's (Nov. 24) *Times-News*. Give me a break! The charges were dismissed before both sides of the story were heard? So the victim and family was victimized twice? Because the defendant agreed to anger management?

There are places that angry, violent people can go for a couple of hours, receive a book and a piece of paper saying they showed up. Unfortunately, the person learns nothing from this. And, yes, I'm speaking from personal experience.

On the other hand, there are places with noble therapists and counselors that honestly care enough to get to the bottom of the real problem and work on it. Therefore, the "angry person" can learn how to not be or to control the anger they feel before it goes too far.

Unfortunately, the extent of the anger is never looked into. Do the prosecutors ever look at the history of the person in question? One person may need more help than the next. The order to attend anger management is a good idea, but it is not regulated by anyone.

People that are angry or violent will seek the easiest route in order to satisfy the courts. Most angry people do not see that they have a problem. So rather than getting real help for a real problem, they take the easy way out and go on with their life. The victim or victims are forgotten! And it is especially sad when children are involved. Nice job, Betty.

CLAUDETTE MOSS
Kimberly

They may make a movie

Recently, I received a letter from my boyhood friend, Denver Pyle, movie actor, businessman, etc. He owns a ranch near where O.J. Simpson lives.

Pyle asked me to come out and he would take me around, etc. We are both interested in O.J.'s problems. Neither of us have a public opinion about him - guilt, innocence or whatever. That's a wild place out there! Like people say, out there you get away with murder!

By 23 years in baseball as player, coach, scout, etc., is of great interest to Pyle. Recently, I sent him my latest book I wrote, "You, Baseball and I." He wrote to me and seemed excited about making a movie out of it! Denver Pyle and I are 76 years old. Both graduated from Boulder, Colo., High School in 1938. Could it be finally for us both? Could be. I'll keep in touch.

CLAUDETTE MOSS
Twin Falls

CSI's recruiting policy faulty

Having just read the Dec. 1 opinion page concerning "athletes who break laws," I couldn't agree more with the *Times-News* editorial comments on the subject. This has happened to all too frequently before where the College of Southern Idaho players have committed crimes and instead of having them bounced from the team and prosecuted, as they should have been, the school has intervened on their behalf and allowed them back on the team. What message are they sending to the area youth? Is winning ball games so important that the college and coaches are willing to overlook anyone's behavior as long as that person can shoot a mean basket? Winning basketball games ends at the season's close, but developing character and integrity and creating role models for youths to aspire to could last a lifetime.

Maybe it is time CSI takes a hard look at the school's recruiting policies for sports. Any school can win games if they spend more than the next school

to "buy" players, but to win games at the expense of lowering ethical and scholastic standards is absurd in my view.

I think one of the most effective deterrents to anyone committing crime is having family members in the area and knowing that one's action will certainly come under a critical eye from their law-abiding kin. CSI's policy, bringing in some ball players who do not have the obvious advantage of family scrutiny to help keep them on the straight path and their only interest in being here is to play ball, may have to be questioned.

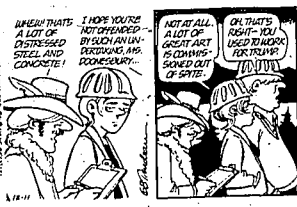
Is CSI's recruiting policy keeping good high school basketball players from this area of [the team to make room for outside players who can score quite a few points but whose scholastic grades and ethics may leave something to be desired? CSI receives a fairly large portion of our property taxes and I think this policy may be a concern to all of us.

ROBERT HOWELLS
Twin Falls

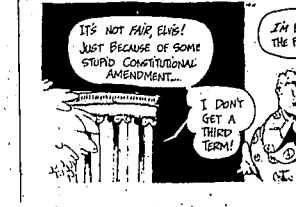
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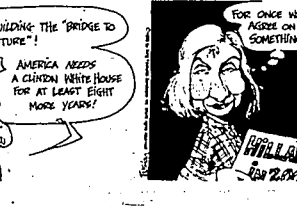
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OPINION

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A 1.1% budget solution

JAMES K. GLASSMAN

Every year, Social Security and other benefits are increased by a few percentage points to make up for the rise in the cost of living. Tax brackets are raised, too, so if your pay is frozen, you may pay less to the IRS. It's a calculation that involves billions of dollars and affects every American.

Now, in an error of gigantic proportions it turns out that the gauge the government uses to calculate the increase in the cost of living — the consumer price index (CPI) — does not measure the cost of living. It never has.

Among other things, this error means that seniors may have already received about \$300 billion more in benefits than they should have. The folks who compile the CPI at the Bureau of Labor Statistics have known about this problem all along. In one of their own pamphlets, explaining their work to the public in Q&A form, they state:

"The CPI is a cost-of-living index? No, although it frequently and mistakenly is called a cost-of-living index."

"The CPI measures something else entirely: price changes in a fixed basket of goods. It does not, according to the BLS, 'reflect the changes in buying or consumption patterns that consumers probably would make to adjust to relative price changes.'"

In other words, when the price

of something goes up, we change our habits to make up for it. Say the CPI market basket includes one pound of fish and one pound of beef. Over a year, the price of beef holds steady, but the price of fish doubles, causing the overall CPI to rise 2 percent. But, in real life, consumers would adapt to rising fish prices by buying more beef — so their own cost of living might not increase at all.

But no one, other than a few academics, paid attention. Then, in June 1995, Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., who was then chairman of the Finance Committee, and Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., the top Democrat, asked Michael Boskin of Stanford and four other distinguished economists to check out the CPI and tell Congress what to do.

In their report Dec. 5, they said their best estimate of the upward bias in the CPI was 1.1 percentage points a year, that it was even larger in years past, and that the mistake has continued for decades.

They projected that reducing the CPI by 1.1 percentage points would cut the federal deficit in the year 2000 by \$202 billion and reduce the accumulated debt by \$1.1 trillion.

How could such a small reduction produce such large savings? By the miracle of compounding: interest piled on interest.

The political question should be separate. The Boskin commission put it perfectly: "Congress and the president must decide whether they wish to continue the widespread substantial overindexing of various federal spending programs and features of the tax code."

If politicians believe seniors should keep getting large annual increases in Social Security benefits, then let them be honest. Declare that each year seniors will receive a cost-of-living hike, plus an extra 1.1 percent as a "bonus."

Meanwhile, the CPI affair has a big math lesson to teach all of us. The miracle of compounding can turn a minuscule 1.1 percent into a titanic \$1.1 trillion. So why not apply this principle to the rest of the budget?

Spending is now \$1.7 trillion, rising at about 5 percent annually. What if we cut that increase to, say, 3 percent? The first year, instead of rising \$85 billion, spending would rise \$51 billion. But we don't need a 2 percent solution. A 1.1 percent solution will do just fine. We'll get our balanced budget — and the advantage of being truthful, too.

James K. Glassman writes regularly on financial affairs for The Washington Post.

LETTER

The parents are to blame

To the parents of the kids that stole my hunting gear in August, took my ghost lights at Halloween and now my park bench Thanksgiving night

I realize your kids would never steal anything, but didn't you find it odd when they showed up with new camouflage clothes, knives, binoculars and a backpack? (The Cutco serrated knife is quite unique) Didn't you wonder where they were the night the ghosts disappeared? Did they have no curfew Thanksgiving night?

Now I'm sure you are much too busy for the responsibility you assumed when these kids were born. It's so much easier to hand them money and a car as opposed to taking them camping or hunting

or to a ball game. Getting them out of your hair sure beats teaching them respect for others' property. And God forbid you miss a meeting or a spa appointment to see your kid play sports.

As for the kids, I don't really blame you. Your parents feel they've done their job and now it's up to you to find something better to do with your time. Dad had to work when he was young. He's not about to make you get a job. Want to really impress your friends? Show the guys to return what's not yours. Someday you're going to have to conform to society, so you just as well start now.

Mom and Dad, keep up the good work. At the rate you're teaching values to these kids who do no wrong, it won't be long before

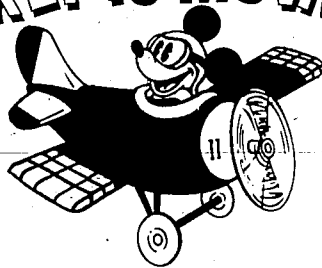
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Indonesia considered the peace prize for Jose Horta and Carlos Belo such a slap that it boycotted the awards ceremony. The Nobel prizes carry a \$1.2 million cash award.

The first to receive their prizes in Stockholm were David Lee and Robert Richardson, both of Cornell University, and Douglas

Osheroff of Stanford University, who shared the physics award.


Peter Doherty, an Australian now working in Memphis, Tenn., and Rolf Zinkernagel of Switzerland received the 1996 Nobel medicine prize for pioneering work on the body's immune system.

Harold Kroto of Britain's University of Sussex and Robert Curl and Richard Smalley of Rice University in the United States, received the chemistry prize for discovering carbon atoms bound in the shape of soccer balls.

The economics prize was awarded to James Mirrlees of Britain's Cambridge University and William Vickrey of Columbia University, but Vickrey died the same week the prize was announced.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Bliss man sentenced to life in sex abuse case

GOODING - A former Bliss man will spend the rest of his life in prison for sexual abuse of children.

Oscar Ronald Cross, 56, was given five life sentences, plus \$2,000 fines, on each of two counts of felony lewd and lascivious conduct for twice having intercourse with a 15-year-old girl.

Gooding County District Judge Barry Wood said he gave Cross a 10-year sentence and \$2,000 fine on one count of sexual abuse of a child under 16; and 10 years and a \$2,000 fine on one count of sexual abuse of a child under 17. The charges were for an incident in which Cross forced the girl to have sex with a 17-year-old Nevada boy.

The sentences will run together.

"He will spend the rest of his life in prison," said Idaho Deputy Attorney General J. Lambert Anderson. "He won't even get a parole hearing." Anderson was co-prosecutor on the case with Gooding County Prosecutor Philip Brown.

Cross's attorney, George Essma, said no decision had been made on whether to appeal the decision.

A fixed life sentence requires prosecutors prove a higher standard of danger to the community, and Wood ruled that they had, Anderson said.

Anderson said Wood told Cross at the hearing that Cross was "dangerous as hell." And I agree. Cross denies that anything transpired between him and the girl.

The case was difficult to prosecute, Anderson said, because of conflicting stories Cross told. However, the state had DNA evidence that matched the victim's story exactly, he said.

Idaho man pleads guilty in death of 2 Texas teachers

BROWNSVILLE, Texas - An Idaho man has been sentenced to life in prison after pleading guilty to capital murder in the shooting deaths of two Texas teachers.

Jon Reese Sheperd, who was sentenced Monday in state district court, shot James Chelsey and David Wood during a robbery attempt Aug. 2 at a Brownsville apartment complex.

Chelsey, 44, a math teacher at Lopez High School, was shot once in the back and once in the head. Wood, 36, a fourth-grade teacher at Del Castillo Elementary, died 11 days after the shooting from a gunshot wound to the head.

According to his confession, Sheperd had fled Twin Falls after tying up his mother and her boyfriend with duct tape and stealing a rifle, a handgun and a car. He drove to Brownsville intending to commit suicide.

Sheperd's attorneys have asked that he be allowed to serve his sentence in Idaho, where he is wanted on charges of kidnapping and robbery.

Sheperd initially had pleaded innocent by reason of insanity to the murder charges. Psychological exams have concluded he is delusional and depressed, attorneys said.

Jerome chamber plans noon luncheon meeting

JEROME - The Jerome Chamber of Commerce will have a luncheon meeting on noon today at the Jerome Senior Center, 211 First Ave. E.

Steve and Mary Anne Craig, directors of the private school located in the Old Rock Schoolhouse south of Jerome, will be guest speakers. The public is invited.

Wendell city agenda includes ordinance review

WENDELL - The second reading of a proposed ordinance on water- and sewer-line extension policy will be at tonight's City Council meeting.

Other agenda items include employment wages and vaccinations, an agreement between the city and the Wendell Cemetery District, and the second reading of a proposed ordinance on the setback of residences from property lines.

The city asks that residents who wish to participate in council meetings but need special help getting inside City Hall call the city office seven days before the meeting. Regular meetings are at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

December's second meeting has been canceled because it falls on Christmas.

Ketchum mayor calls special meeting on snow

KETCHUM - Ketchum Mayor Guy P. Coles has called a special meeting of the Ketchum City Council for noon today at the City Hall.

Discussion will focus on snow-removal procedures within the city of Ketchum.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

By Kent McCleary
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls police arrested a man and a woman as suspects in an armed robbery, just minutes after a Tuesday afternoon holdup at the Idaho Liquor Store, 412 Second Ave. E.

"It wasn't red-handed but it was about as close as we can get," said Twin Falls police Detective Lt. Dennis Chambers.

Officers arrested Margie Dane Adams, 34, and John Francis Walling, 35, both of Twin Falls, after chasing them by car and on foot.

Chambers said a woman armed with a gun walked into the liquor store at about 1:54 p.m. and demanded money with a note. Witnesses outside the store spotted the suspect car, and reported its description to police, Chambers said.

An undetermined amount of cash was

taken, Chambers said.

Officers searched for the car, and spotted it driving west in the 900 block of Second Avenue West. The suspects abandoned the car near Blake Street and Second Avenue West, and officers chased the two on foot into Rock Creek Canyon.

The officers, accompanied by police dogs, tracked down the suspects, Chambers said.

Adams was arrested at about 2:45 p.m., as she tried to flee down the canyon rim, police said. Walling was found hiding in brush along the south side of Rock Creek, below the place on the canyon rim where their car was abandoned, police said.

City officers served a search warrant at 190 Adams, listed as Adams' residence. A special-operation unit of city police see ROBBERY, City Ed.

Twin Falls School Board votes for rewiring

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Despite a faulty fire-alarm system criticized as unnecessary by one engineer, Sharlene Crony is confident her children are "perfectly safe" at Oregon Trail Elementary School.

Besides, she said, they attend class in a good part of the building.

"They are close to the doors right now," Crony said.

Tuesday evening, the Twin Falls School Board voted to spend \$2,600 for a Salt Lake City firm to rewire part of the system over the weekend - after a 1/2 year of wiring glitches that no one seemed able to fix.

"I don't know how long we can dink around with the system," said Terrell Donicht, superintendent of the Twin Falls School District.

The system no longer meets state standards for fire safety. But school officials, the local fire marshal and an Idaho Falls electrical engineer say students can be evacuated safely from the school if a fire starts.

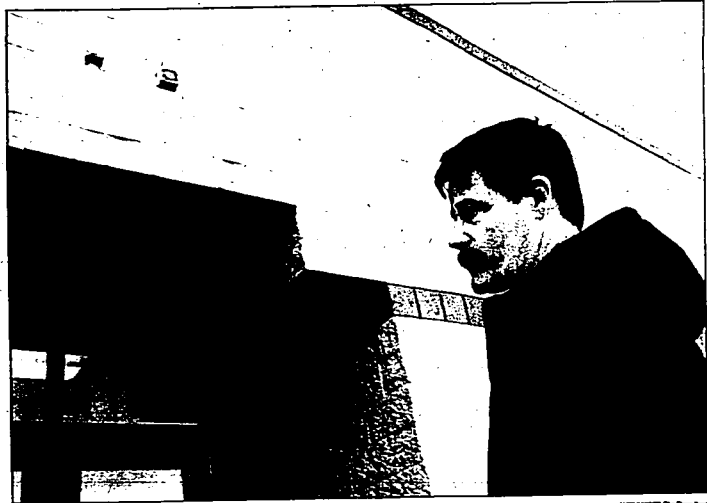
A recent test by Idaho Falls engineer John Jensen revealed that several alarm horns don't work in part of the building. Improperly installed wiring also triggers false alarms. If a fire breaks out, teachers and staff would alert two wings of classrooms over the intercom.

Board member Calvin Lamborn noted that the school's ceiling sprinklers work, and countered one engineer, Robin Olsynski, who contended they won't save lives.

"The sprinkler system would tell you to get out," Donicht agreed.

Olsynski recently withdrew his certification of the alarm system after learn-

Alarms going off



Oregon Trail Elementary School Principal Ted Popplewell points out a missing outdoor strobe light, upper left, that was damaged by rain as a result of not being mounted with a waterproof back. The light is one of several glitches in the school alarm system.

ing of problems, said *The Times-News* he would not trust a family system and recommended someone watch the hallways for fires "at an absolute minimum."

Donicht called Olsynski's remarks to *The Times-News* "irresponsible" and suggested the School Board pay for the rewiring, rather than wait for the local contractor to do it, simply to stop unnecessary panic.

"Right now, there are people creating a sense of urgency," he said.

In other business, the School Board voted 3-2 to reject bids for a computer

network between schools, and restart the bidding process. Those who voted against the bids didn't say why. One computer company contended Tuesday night its bid wasn't thoroughly examined.

Also, Donicht suggested the board consider no longer allowing students to designate a "temporary daytime guardian" who lives in the neighborhood of their school of choice. Schools no longer have room for this luxury, and

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Jerome retackles school bond issue

Parents question Jerome players' suspension

By Mark Helz
Times-News writer

JEROME - The Jerome School District will ask voters again this spring for a multi-million dollar bond issue to pay for a new middle school and renovate other buildings.

But one citizen questions the need for another school bond because the district recently built Horizon Elementary School and the old Washington Elementary School are still empty.

Meanwhile, County Commissioner Roy Preece said the county may soon ask voters for a bond issue to pay for a new jail. Asking for both bond issues at once would be too much, but the county wants to avoid a conflict with the school.

A \$12.9 million school bond election on Sept. 5 fell about 40 votes short of the needed two-thirds majority.

Schools Superintendent Jim Cobble said May 8 is the tentative date for the next election. He said the district will probably ask for about as much money as last time.

The district appointed a committee of about 40 citizens to help promote the bond during the next few months.

But one citizen, one committee director, said he thinks the September bond issue election failed because of low voter turnout. To ensure its passage this spring, the committee will promote the bond issue by visiting civic organizations and calling voters.

"If we can get just a few more of those 'yes' voters out this time, we'll be in good shape," he said.

If the bond passes, the biggest portion of the money will pay for a new middle school for seventh-, eighth- and ninth-graders.

"We are just flat out of room, both here and at the high school," said Jerome Middle School Principal Dave Zmwalt.

About 540 seventh- and eighth-

graders attend the middle school. The building was designed for about 400 students, Zmwalt said.

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Continental to 'adjust' cable rates

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Continental Cablevision rates will be "adjusted" early in 1997, but the company's spokeswoman Monday stopped short of calling it a rate increase.

"We expect to have an announcement in about two weeks," said Susan Ritchie, the El Segundo, Calif.-based spokeswoman for U S West-Continental Cablevision.

The *New York Times* reported last week that U S West-Continental Cablevision and four other cable companies were planning rate increases to offset the rising costs of programming. TCI Cablevision, the nation's largest cable company which serves the Mini-Cassia area, announced rate increases of 6.5 to 10 percent last week.

If Continental raises its prices too, it will be the second rate increase for its local subscribers in less than a year. The company boosted its basic Lifeline service rate by 7 percent last summer.

"Right now we're focused on adding new channels," Ritchie said.

That includes the Disney Channel and the Fox News Channel, which Twin Falls, Kimberly and Hansen subscribers to Continental Cablevision will receive before Christmas as part of their Lifeline service, according to local manager Vince Thompson. Subscribers in Jerome, Filp, Wendell and Gooding may have to wait a little longer, Thompson said.

At the moment, Disney is a premium channel, like HBO and Showtime, and subscribers who receive it are charged an extra fee.

The additions bring to 45 the number of channels that Continental offers south-central Idaho subscribers. The Gooding county subscribers have had twice in the past three years, has added nine channels since 1993.

Continental charges its Lifeline customers in Twin Falls, Kimberly and Hansen \$19.8 a month. Jerome and Gooding county subscribers pay \$19.58. There's an extra charge for the package that includes the Family Channel, The Nashville Network, WTBS and Turner Network Television.

Continental has about 16,750 subscribers in south-central and eastern Idaho.

MAGIC VALLEY

Commissioner: No gates here

By Marty Kruse
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - Creekside Subdivision's 130-acre plan to partially access 130th development near the Warm Springs ski lifts sparked an emphatic response from a Ketchum planner. "I hope we never have a grand community in Ketchum," said Planning and Zoning Commissioner Robert Falowfield said. Doug Clemens and Garth McClure, who represented landowner M. Resner, proposed a plan which does not meet a Ketchum requirement that all lots of a subdivision have public street frontage. However, the planning commission, which said we're such a requirement, is leaning toward allowing a private street to be

built to access the property instead.

The private street, called Scorpion Lane, is being considered despite a right of way and paved width below Ketchum street standards - due to the property's special characteristics. Representatives of the police and planning departments, along with the city administrator, had previously discussed the development's effect on area traffic, which includes skier egress from nearby Picasso Street. Despite a pedestrian overlay district which requires traffic to use the shortest route possible, the discussion resulted in a recommendation by city planners to keep the new residential tract through Picasso Street and along Skisway Drive, which is currently one-way. The subdivision plan would

include a redesign of the corner at Skisway and Howard Drive to provide an automatic gate preventing cars from driving the wrong way on Skisway Drive.

But it was the proposed gate at the entrance of Scorpion Lane which prompted the Fallowfield strongly opposed.

"I think we should keep Ketchum streets open to the public," he said. Fallowfield was adamant about leaving a pedestrian path which traverses the property ungated. The path includes a sidewalk along a portion of Scorpion Drive. For the remainder of the road, an in-lieu payment for sidewalk requirements is being considered.

The commission hopes to decide on the matter in a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 18 in Ketchum City Hall.

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TWIN FALLS



Robert A. "Sven" Johnson

Robert Arvid "Sven" Johnson, 72, of Twin Falls, passed away Sunday evening, Dec. 8, 1996, at his home after a short battle with brain cancer. Bob was born May 22, 1925, in Poccatello, to Arvid Victor and Leona Johnson. He attended school in Poccatello until graduation and then enlisted in the Navy. He served his entire Naval career on the Destroyer USS Nicolas until his discharge in 1945. His World War II service saw him in several battles in which he earned numerous awards and medals, including Presidential awards and a Purple Heart. He also witnessed the signing of the peace agreement ending World War II. In 1945, Bob married Betty Husak in Poccatello. She preceded him in death in 1975. In 1982, he married Jewel Fernan Kruckenberg, and they lived in Twin Falls until his death. Mr. Johnson worked at many newspapers, including the Poccatello Post, Poccatello Tribune, Idaho State Journal, Columbia Basin News, and The Times-News until his retirement. Bob loved the outdoors and was an avid fisherman, catching fish from Australia to Alaska. He floated most Idaho rivers and canyons. He was built and was an advocate for saving Idaho waters and natural resources from pollution.

Bob is survived by his wife, Jewell Johnson of Twin Falls; two daughters, Fay and Fred Baker of Spokane, Wash., and Reva and Londen Carter of Twin Falls; and Steve and Dana Johnson of Twin Falls; two sisters, Marjorie Jorgensen of Poccatello and Helen Isley of Junction; and four grand-children, and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Betty, and a grandchild, Yvette Mae.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, 1996, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls, with Craig Jorgensen of Poccatello officiating. Mr. Johnson will be cremated.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Larry Roy Hanel

Larry Roy Hanel of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Nov. 24, 1996, at Sunrise Hospital. He was born to his parents, Mildred and Ed Krulick in Twin Falls on Sept. 27, 1936.

Larry attended Lincoln Grade School and Twin Falls High School. He joined the U.S. Air Force, serving from 1954-1957. He married Claudette Hanel in 1957.

In 1955, and worked for Pepsi-Cola and Young's Dairy in Twin Falls. He moved to Las Vegas in 1965, and worked for Phillips 66 Oil Co. for 13 years. He moved to Longview, Wash., and worked for McClary Car Dealership. He married Nancy Christensen and moved back to Las Vegas in 1992.

His special interests included photography, hunting, fishing, water skiing and dancing. Larry is survived by his wife, Nancy of Las Vegas; three daughters, Christy Ackerman of Las Vegas, and Vicki Carter and Leni Sennos of Nampa; 10 grandchildren; and two sisters, Norma Shaver of Nampa, and Gerny Ohlali of Walla Walla. When he was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Dolores Ann Krulick. Private family services will be held

ALICE JENNIE CAROLINE GROVES

Alice Jennie Caroline Groves, 82, of Jerome, Idaho, died Saturday, Dec. 7, 1996, at her home.

She was born April 16, 1914, in Yuma, Colo., to Francis and Lucy Hubbard Durkin. She was raised and attended school in Colorado. She moved to Twin Falls and married Clarence "Bud" Groves and they moved to Hama, Calif. They owned and operated a home for exceptional children for many years until retiring in the early 1970s. They then moved to Pendleton, Ore., in the spring of 1991, and then Twin Falls in the fall. She moved to Jeromeside in 1995, to live with her daughter.

She enjoyed dogs and her children.

Survivors include one son, Keith Kruse of Hama, Calif.; daughters, Lakayna Griffin of Pendleton, and Sheelona Yovan of Buhl; step-daughter, Linda Gibson of Buhl; daughter, Barbara of Arville, Ky.; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence; four brothers; one grandson, Don; and one great-granddaughter, Heather.

A private cremation will be held. Arrangements are under the direction of Burns Mortuary of Hama, Calif.

Those who wish may make contributions to the Harris Junior Academy, in care of Burns Mortuary, P.O. Box 225, Hama, Calif. 95324.

JEROME

William Sumner, 86, of Jerome, died Sunday, Dec. 8, 1996, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome of a sudden illness.

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Bill loved to fish and hunt, and especially spending time with his children and grandchildren.

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The funeral will be held at 11

ROGERSON

Laval Bassett Thornton, 43, of Rogerson, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1996, at his home of cancer.

He was born Jan. 29, 1953, in Ogden, Utah, the son of LaVar C. and Lois Jean Bassett Thornton. He is survived by his wife, Kristina Marie (Huff) Thornton; and son, Criston LaVar Thornton, both of Rogerson; and son, Cody Lee Thornton; daughter, Santana Swabb, sister, LaVona Elam, and mother, all of Buhl.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 1996, at Schwab Funeral Home in Alton, Wyo.

Memorials are suggested to a trust fund for his children and may be left at the U.S. Bank in Flor. Local arrangements are under the direction of the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

HANSEN

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She was active in the Methodist Church in Kimberly, and belonged to the Friendship Club and the Pinchle Club. On March 14, 1943, Dorothea married Thomas C. Steelsmith. He preceded her in death in 1968.

She is survived by a daughter, Laural Kay (Wayne) Daw of Poccatello; two grandchildren, Laurie Dorothy Johnson and Michael Thomas Daw, both of Poccatello; and a great-granddaughter, Kayla M. Johnson, also of Poccatello.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 1996, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral chapel.

City of Hansen tells residents: No shoveling snow into streets or alleys

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN - Hansen residents won't be allowed to dump snow on streets or alley rights of way. Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Mayor Joe Ratto said he expected to get calls from residents complaining about snow left across their driveways by the city's plow. But, Ratto said, there is no way to prevent that if the streets are to be plowed.

Streets left unplowed after heavy snows would be difficult to travel in freezing weather, he said.

The council approved a resolution over ordinance for residents.

Also Monday, Hansen Fire Chief John Hinton and Water Maintenance Manager Jim Eberington demonstrated the new Gregor breathing apparatus recently purchased for the fire department.

Hinton said the German-made breathers are designed so very little maintenance is required,

and the O rings required are available everywhere. The tanks have outlets for additional air which make it possible to assist a victim overcome by smoke.

The fire department burned an old structure last week, giving the entire department some on-site training for the equipment.

In other business, Eberington spoke to the council about the expense of installing a sprinkler system in the old city park. An underground system would eliminate the hand lines used the water to park.

DEATH NOTICES

Vera Turley

TWIN FALLS - Vera Turley, formerly Boise resident, died Friday, Dec. 6, 1996, in Puyallup, Wash.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

FRANCES PATTERSON

JEROME - Frances Patterson, 87, of Jerome, died Monday, Dec. 9, 1996, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral chapel. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

William Gular

RUPERT - William Gular, 74, of Rupert, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1996, at the Cassia Regional

Medical Center in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel.

SERVICES

Wilhelmina (Win) Elizabeth Clarkson, of Gooding, 11 a.m. today, Demaray's Gooding Chapel, Friendship Hill Road 9 Chapel, Buhl, with brief services at the funeral chapel.

Harry E. Dwyer, of Twin Falls, Mass of Christian Burial, 11 a.m. today, St. Edward's Catholic Church, Twin Falls, (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Marie Sedivy Cepka, formerly of Buhl, visitation, noon until 1 p.m. today, Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl, with brief services at 1 p.m., followed by burial at the West End Cemetery, Buhl, (Russon Brothers Mortuary in

Medical Center in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel.

Salt Lake City.

Harriet Osterkamp, of Burgeton, Ore., and formerly of Twin Falls, Rosary, 7 p.m. today, Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls, Funeral Mass, 11 a.m. Thursday, St. Edward's Catholic Church, Twin Falls.

Shippe Oestli, of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. Sunday, White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

William "Bud" James, of Sun Valley, memorial service, 4 p.m. Sunday, Lightlight Room, Sun Valley Inn, (Wood River Chapel in Hialeah).

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Martin Fowler and Hillary Walker, both of Twin Falls; and Cindy Walter of Jerome.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Abel Saldana, Mimi Worthington, Christina Kimbar and Mary K. Bryan, all of Burley; Suzanne Ball of Paul; George Buron, Bobby Hardy and Richard Kasper, all of Rupert; and Melvin Cummings of Heyburn.

Relieved: Misty Durfee, Lydia Freymiller, Jacinea Gumrow and Ellen Judd, all of Burley, Melanie

Clark of Dearth, Deana Colley and Kory Kuzler, both of Paul; and Dean Hamilton and James Plyfield, both of Heyburn.

Relieved: Debra Conger of Rupert; and Tomia Jensen and baby boy of Paul.

Relieved: Lala Callagay of Rupert.

Relieved: Keith Jensen of Paul.

Relieved: A daughter was born to Tomia Jensen of Paul.

Buhl accepts zoning changes

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - The Buhl City Council unanimously voted Monday to accept changes proposed by the planning and zoning commission on the "orange book" of ordinances and the zoning map.

Those documents will be presented with City Council recommendations for approval at a public hearing Jan. 13, the council's regular meeting date.

In other Buhl business Monday: The council approved the appointments of Gene Pyles and Randy Clark to the public library board. Pyles will complete Eileen Lanting's term, which expires Dec. 31.

Mayor Theo Reno appointed Ralph Smith to the Housing Authority Board.

Manuel Lopez requested an itinerant-merchant license to sell food. The council approved a 45-day trial period and a fee of \$25. Lopez is to return in January for further evaluation.

The council accepted the police department's recommendation for a contract with the Twin Falls County prosecutor's office to represent Buhl in all its prosecution cases.

The water committee's recommendations to repair or replace broken water meters, and on methods of collecting past-due accounts, were tabled for more evaluation.

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POOL

Meeting steers from truck loads to railroad loads

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls company's proposal to increase commercial truck weights between Interstate 84 and Nevada came to a screeching halt at a Monday meeting.

Instead, discussion steered toward whether Twin Falls or Wells, Nev., is a better place for trucks to transfer their loads to rail.

The Union Pacific Railroad opposed Wells. The Idaho Transportation Department scheduled the

meeting to take comment on a request by Transition International, Inc. to allow trucks to carry 125,000 pounds gross weight. Under the law, the maximum is 105,500 pounds and the Legislature must approve any change.

At the beginning of the meeting, however, Transition president Kim Beames withdrew the weight request. However, the company will continue its main plan to establish what's called an intermodal center at Wells, where freight would be loaded from trucks onto trains. The plan had included a site

near Twin Falls where truck loads would be processed for the trip to Wells, said Beames, whose company arranges transportation for shippers.

A state task force had recommended the Legislature consider intermodal demonstration projects, said Glenda Fuller with the ITD in Boise. Such projects could include increasing truck weights along specific routes.

Transition began work on its plan more than one year ago at request of people shipping freight, Beames said. A Wells loading site would decrease

shipping time to markets. "There are markets potato growers can't get to because it's too expensive," he said. "The support is here. ... We're not backing down."

The company did back away from heavier truck loads, an idea that has concerned the Idaho Transportation Board because it would put heavier trucks on bridges and highways.

"We withdrew because the railroad asked us to," Beames said.

"That may very well be," replied Union Pacific special representative Charlie Clark of

Boise. "We have been opposed to higher weights forever and ever. It amounts to a subsidy to our chief competitor."

The trucking industry seeks bigger payloads without paying increased fees for infrastructure, he said.

Union Pacific also opposed a Wells loading site because it doesn't make economic sense, Clark told the group.

"Why do we want to send Idaho products to Wells, Nev., when we can handle them in the state?" Clark said. The railroad already has a fledgling loading site at Nampa.

Union Pacific would look more favorably at a new Twin Falls loading center, Clark said. Between 600 to 1,000 loads are moved at the existing ramp in the Old Town area.

There is a renewed interest in a new train-loading site off Kimberly Road, said Dave McAlindin, Twin Falls City economic development director. With urban renewal improvement plans, the city hopes to move out the rail ramp.

A new loading site also will attract new businesses, he added.

3-car wreck kills teen-ager

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A 16-year-old Twin Falls boy died in a three-car wreck Tuesday night, Idaho State Police said.

Police didn't release his name, pending family notification.

The wreck was at about 6:34 p.m., at the intersection of Rock Creek Road and state Highway 50, two miles north of Hansen.

"One (car) was hit all the way

around. It looked like a smashed can," said Sue Thomson, a cashier at the B1mp's store in The Travelers Oasis Truck Plaza at the Hansen exit from Interstate 84.

Harry Beem II, 22, of Filer and a 14-year-old boy, passengers in the victim's car, were flown with injuries from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center by Life Flight Helicopter to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise at 10 p.m., according to Life Flight

officials and police.

The driver who died had been northbound on Rock Creek Road and failed to yield at a stop sign at Highway 50, ISP said. His car was hit by a car driven by Carol Shirley, 33, of Kimberly, then flipped across Highway 50 and hit a car stopped at the north stop sign on Rock Creek Road, police said.

The third car's driver was Scott Claiborn, 39, of Murtaugh. He and Shirley were uninjured.

Campaign donor praises Reinke's honesty

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The dairyman who supported a Twin Falls County commissioner in the last election says he wanted to support an honest man.

"It's hard to find honest people to serve in public office," said Bill Vanderpol of Castelfield. He said he knew Commissioner Brent Reinke personally and knew him to be an honest man. And therefore he wanted to support him.

According to a Nov. 18 cam-

paign finance report filed with the county clerk's office, a donation from Vanderpol's Rockridge Dairy in Castelfield made up almost half of Reinke's campaign contributions.

Vanderpol gave \$1,500. Most contributions were \$50 to \$100, with a few at \$200 or \$250. Reinke raised \$3,150, according to his campaign finance report.

Reinke won the election against Dave Bailey II of Buhl by a 2-1 ratio.

Vanderpol was one of five

dairy owners on the committee that drafted a proposed livestock confinement operation ordinance. That ordinance is one of several proposals to regulate livestock operations being considered by the county planning and zoning board.

The two met one snowy night about four years ago, when Vanderpol came in to Reinke's restaurant. Vanderpol had just arrived in the Magic Valley.

"We've been friends ever since," Reinke said.

Jerome fair board picks theme, defends plan to fence grounds

By Dixie Thomas Reid
Times-News Reporter

JEROME — "How the West was fun" is the theme for the 1997 Jerome County Fair and Rodeo.

Mary Buback, a Jerome High School teacher, submitted the winning entry in the county's theme contest. Buback wins two free passes to the event of her choice at the fair.

At its Monday meeting, the fair board discussed other fair business, including a controversial project.

The fairgrounds fencing project is progressing but the fair board is wrestling with the question of where to put fences — along the property line, or first in interior areas of the fairgrounds?

Board member Jack Webster said he had received "some negative reaction to the idea of fencing the fairgrounds. And others criticized the idea of gate fees at the fair."

"The fence is not so much to keep people out as to protect those people, animals and materials inside," board member Jack Hyder said. "It is for security purposes to protect animals and people inside the fence. We've had scores of horses, bulls, you name it' loose. Stray dogs come in the fair to get the food scraps that people drop."

"We need to know how many people come to the fair," he said. "And the fence is only one part of a whole fairgrounds rejuvenation project that includes lawns, fencing, sidewalks, signs, and paving."

Dave Barton, Jerome County Extension educator, said, "The board needs to stress to the public that any gate receipts would

Board position open
A three-year seat on the Jerome County Fair Board is open. The volunteer board meets once a month and now has no representation from the east end of the county. Interested people living in the county's east end are urged to apply to Jerome County commissioners in the courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, in Jerome.

be used to pay for paving, sidewalks, lawns, buildings and other fairgrounds improvements. If it is presented in the right light and the people feel they are getting their \$2 worth they will support the idea."

"However," he said, "a fence and gate fee may change the pattern of attendance at the fair. Those people who come to the fair just to eat a burger for lunch may not come."

Rick Hartley suggested that exhibitors and 4-H leaders — those putting on the fair — may not like to pay a gate fee.

"The fair board needs to check around to see how other fairs handle that problem," he said.

Fair Manager Rob Lundgren said, "The survival of the fair may depend on charging a gate fee. We will have to be sure there is plenty of free entertainment, like the open mike, and free stage, and an improved fairgrounds. Then people will feel they are getting their money's worth."

In other Jerome fair business Monday:

• Lundgren is applying to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation for a grant to install recreation-vehicle hookups on

the fairgrounds. The fairgrounds often has recreational-vehicle conventions held there, and at fair time many of the concessionaires need recreational-vehicle parking.

• Lundgren said the fair board may reinherit the old canning kitchen.

"If and when the county commissioners turn the kitchen back to the fair board, we will need to do some repairs to the building and the floor, then see about getting some rent money or other use out of it," he said.

• Lundgren reported on the fair office remodeling. The carpet is in, the computer table looks good, and electrical wiring, air conditioning and painting still need to be installed.

• The city's water bill for the fairgrounds next summer probably will be around \$500 per month, Lundgren estimated. He suggested that staff dig out the ditch at the back of the fairgrounds and make a pond for canal water, then pump that water out and sprinkle the fairgrounds' lawns.

• Barton told the board, "In order to have a successful dairy heifer sale at the fair there needs to be a good education program to go along with it. You don't want a dairy heifer sale just to have a dairy heifer sale."

He said he "talked to the 4-H leaders about the program and plans to talk to them again in January. If there is no interest in the program the 4-H kids will not send dairy heifers to the sale. ... We have a lot of dairy knowledge here — we need an education program to go along with it."

By Jennifer Bunch
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Trying to keep up with technology can be tough for people who didn't grow up playing video games or learning about computers in school.

Many senior citizens have had little or no contact with computers, and all they know about them is they cause their bills to get messed up, said Alyce Manns, assistant coordinator for the Aged Worker's Program offered through local offices of the Idaho Office on Aging. Learning about computers is a way for senior citizens to keep up with a rapidly changing planet, she said.

"It's very important, whether

they work or not, to give them an understanding about what's going on in the world," Manns said.

For senior citizens looking for work, computer training is an important job skill to know, she said.

In Burley, free computer classes are offered at the Golden Heritage Senior Center.

Brian Povlsen, who owns a local computer business called Internaut University, teaches computer basics and also helps senior citizens figure out if they can upgrade their own computers to include newer technology.

The classes are offered on four donated, older computers that Povlsen said he has updated. He

is donating his time as a community service.

"Technology obviously is here, and people who don't take advantage of it are going to be left behind by those who do," Povlsen said.

Burley resident Ethel Taylor, 70, is taking Povlsen's classes. Just starting out, she's learning her way around the keyboard by playing video games. Taylor said she is taking classes to learn how to keep business records. Her husband Joe Taylor donated the computers to the senior center.

Burley resident Bobbie Stark, 65, wants to learn computer skills so she can come out of retirement. This week she took her first class at the senior center.

Robbery

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police and county sheriff's officers entered the house at 9:35 p.m. No shots were fired, police said.

The house was occupied at the time, but whether more people were arrested after the search was not announced Tuesday night.

Police are continuing their investigation. Police wouldn't say whether any stolen money was recovered.

Wallen's arrest was made by Twin Falls police officer Brian Kregar and his police dog, Wolfgang.

The same liquor store, just a

block away from the Twin Falls police station, was robbed Nov. 27 by a lone man armed with a gun. Two robberies have occurred since Friday at different Twin Falls liquor stores.

Chambers said he didn't know if Tuesday's robbery was connected to the other robberies.

Trans IV offers pickup for foot-weary shoppers

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — It may not be eight reindeer, but a Trans IV bus will get you around for holiday shopping, and it's free.

You can ride the bus at no charge along fixed routes Monday through Friday with buses running continuously between 9:35 a.m. and 2:25 p.m. The service will run through Dec. 20.

Pickup and return stops include

the Pioneer Courts on Second Avenue South; First Security Bank on Main Avenue; the intersection of Shoshone Street and Sixth Avenue East; Albertson's and Fast Less Drug Store; Lynwood Shopping Center; Fred Meyer; Warehouse; Target; Costco; Elmers Restaurant; and Magic Valley Mall.

If you want to be picked up and dropped off at your door by the bus, the charge will be \$2.50 for the round trip. Trans IV also will

run a separate holiday service to and from the Twin Falls Senior Center and Twin Falls housing projects.

"We've had some requests for it and we've periodically looked at a fixed-route system to see how it might operate," said Jim Vining, director of the nonprofit company. This is the first holiday schedule since 1989.

For a schedule of the bus routes, call Trans IV Buses at 736-2133.

Burley 'Christmas Giving Tree' invites donations

The Times-News

BURLEY — A "Christmas Giving Tree" adorned with the names of needy children and their Christmas wish lists is on display at the Snake

River Plaza.

Area residents are encouraged to pick one of the names off the tree and make a child's Christmas wishes come true, according to a press release.

Gifts can be wrapped at the mall office and delivered, but they must be delivered to any mall merchant by Saturday afternoon.

For more information, call 678-9279.

Transportation Department winds up projects

The Times-News

SHOSHONE — The Idaho Transportation Department has announced the completion and near completion of two highway projects.

Widening, realigning, paving and installation of signals at the four-way intersection known as Burley Corner in Burley is complete, and the new signals will begin operating today. The intersection is at the southeast corner of Buhl and connects U.S. 30, Clear Lakes Road and Broadway (U.S. 30) and Broadway avenues.

Earth Rock Inc. of Twin Falls is the prime contractor on the \$428,000 project.

New signals to provide safer left turns from the off ramps of Interstate 84 north of Twin Falls will be operational soon. The signal for westbound traffic turning left toward Twin Falls will be

turned on Thursday, with the other signal for traffic turning left toward Shoshone delayed until delivery of equipment, which is

expected within a few weeks.

Shotwell's Inc. of Twin Falls is the prime contractor on the \$193,000 project.

Safety

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students who actually live in the school neighborhood could be displaced by such students, he said.

If parents want their children to attend a school across town,

either they should sign over guardianship permanently in court to some other adult, or the board should require students to live at their guardians' homes full-time, with the threat of automatic withdrawal from school if

schools find out otherwise. "We want to preserve our neighborhood schools," said Chairman David Sava. "People buy houses, move, make tremendous sacrifices and commitment to attend our schools."

Bond

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some other options, such as putting students on a year-round rotating schedule, Kiser said.

Prescott said the need for a new county jail was demonstrated in the last three weeks when the average number of prisoners per day rose from about 28 to nearly 40. The county would need \$5 million to \$8 million to build the jail it wants, he said, but it doesn't want taxpayers hit with two bond issue elections at once.

"We're not going to shoot ourselves in the foot. We need to get

together with the school officials and surmise our needs and see where we're all at," he said.


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MAGIC VALLEY

County's Planning and Zoning Commission seeks volunteers

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Jerome County needs three new planners, county Planning and Zoning Administrator Art Brown told county commissioners Monday.

The planning board has four members whose terms expire Jan. 1. Zietelle Nelson, from District 3, hopes to continue for another term. Brown recommended to county commissioners that Nelson be retained.

Other openings include one seat from District 1, one from District 2 and one at-large seat. County commissioners will

make appointments to fill the vacancies.

The county is divided into three districts, each represented by a county commissioner. The planning and zoning board has three representatives from each district, and three board members are at large.

In other Jerome County business Monday:

- Marla Sander of the Disaster Services Office announced that the city of Jerome appointed the Jerome City Fire Department as the local emergency response authority - or LERA - in case of

hazardous-substance spills or other incidents within Jerome city limits. The Idaho State Police is the LERA for Jerome County and the cities of Eden and Hazelton.

- Barbara Morales, Jerome County Extension home economist, displayed the new Employee of the Month plaque. Commissioners hope to institute the employee program beginning in January.
- The county recently acquired the John H. Miller property on East Avenue G in Jerome. According to County Commissioner Roy Prescott, the house and outbuildings are run-

down from years of being unoccupied and are a potential hazard.

Commissioners plan to remove any antiques or other valuables from the buildings then have the fire department burn the buildings.

- Rod Williams, the new Jerome city building inspector, was introduced to the commissioners. Dennis Brittain, the county building inspector, has been doing double duty recently, inspecting construction projects in the county and helping with city inspections when necessary.

How to Apply

The Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission is looking for new members.

As of Jan. 1, it will have three empty seats. The planning commission is a volunteer board that meets once a month to help plan and direct growth in the county.

People interested in serving on the planning commission can stop by the planning and zoning office in the Jerome courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, Room 201, to get details and fill out an application.

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Wayne Tousley, Sheriff

Yearwood will be Jerome County Fair main draw

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Country music star Trisha Yearwood will be the main attraction for the Kat Kountry concert at the Jerome County Fair July 29 - and fair officials hope she'll boost fair revenues as well.

Charlie Michaels, station manager of Kat Kountry radio station in Burley, contacted Jerome County Fair Manager Rob

Lundgren with the news Friday.

"It's a done deal," Lundgren said. "It's official. We have a verbal OK."

Lundgren summarized an agreement worked out between the Jerome fair and Kat Kountry: "The Jerome fair provides the place, and a meal for the concert staff. Kat Kountry sponsors the concert. Kat pays Yearwood, pays for the advertising, the security, stages the event and keeps the concert gate receipts," he said. "Kat gives the Jerome

County Fair a top-notch concert, which will attract thousands of people to the fairgrounds, along with \$2,500 worth of advertising for the fair."

"The additional people on the fairgrounds will bring more money to the fair," Lundgren said. "We had a bad concert turnout last year partly because a freak storm came through Magic Valley right at concert time."

Jack Webster, fair board member and concert committee chairman, said this will be a great con-

cert and is a good arrangement between the fair board and Kat Kountry.

"We have traditionally lost money in the past on concerts," Webster said. "Last year we spent \$10,000 on advertising for the Doug Supremaw concert and lost \$17,000. Kat Kountry is a radio station - country music is what they do best. Kat Kountry has the expertise and has produced and promoted many successful concerts."

Company will pay Gooding County to accept waste

By Sharon Motcalf
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - Magic Valley Growers agreed Monday to begin paying the county \$40 a ton for solid waste taken to the transfer station as of Jan. 1.

Gooding County Commissioner Mitch Arkoosh said the county was unaware for some time from where its solid waste increase originated. Since identifying Magic Valley Growers as the system's biggest user, the county has taken steps to direct costs incurred back to Magic Valley Growers.

"We didn't know where it was coming from," Arkoosh told Magic Valley Growers, "and you have gotten by for two years."

The county still pays for it when it goes to (the) regional (landfill). This amounts to quite a few dollars for the taxpayers of Gooding."

"We thought it was kind of strange, too," said the representative from Magic Valley Growers, "but strange things happen."

Magic Valley Growers will weigh what it takes in and give the ticket to the transfer station, who will bill Magic Valley Growers. In addition, Magic Valley Growers will pay an amount equal to charges incurred for the first three months of 1997 as compensation for the last three months of 1996.

In Gooding County commis-

sioners' other business Monday:

- A hearing for a proposed ambulance district is set for 7 p.m. Jan. 13 at the county courthouse.
- Gary Loder of the county ambulance service reported on ambulance calls and monies generated since fees were restructured in November.
- Loder said he is 10 percent over budget in part-time salaries. Commissioners directed him to look into scheduling changes for better utilization of full-time employees; review possible staffing adjustments during less busy cycles; and review personnel.
- Dale Reidesel, a Twin Falls engineer, presented a cost estimate for reviewing Spring

Valley Ranch, a Hagerman subdivision planned by Western Legends.

Reidesel would look at ordinances and developer's documents throughout the process to ensure compliance by the developer. Reidesel would work for the developer. The developer has agreed that in the case of disagreement between Reidesel and his expert, Reidesel's recommendations would be implemented.

- The commission will write a response to its previous request that the Gooding City Police force be relocated from the county building.

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Education forum looks at needs

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Students who aren't bound for college need technical and vocational training opportunities to meet the increasing demands of the working world, developers of a new forum say.

Although uncertain of the outcome about 15 business and education officials rallied support Tuesday for a community-wide forum to investigate the possibilities.

"We need to find better tools to encourage people," said Roy Raymond, a Twin Falls car dealer and organizer of the forum.

Students could choose from among the Magic Valley school districts' strongest vocational programs, linked by telecommunications or a regional vocational and technical training school.

They want opinions from schools, businesses and the community. So far, they aren't sure what the solution is.

"We think it's a pretty long-term, complicated process we're embarking on," said Curtis Eaton, a Twin Falls banker, forum member and the Idaho Board of Education member. "I wouldn't pretend we have a quick fix for any of these things."

Technological advancements have changed the definition of vocational training, Raymond said. For example, Raymond considers the automobile mechanics he

For more information

The forum will probably meet again in mid-January. Anyone interested in helping or who has ideas for the future of vocational education can call Roy Raymond at 736-2480, Curtis Eaton at 736-1219 or Kent Just, director of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, at 733-3974.

employs to be electricians.

"I think vocation is an outmoded word," Raymond said. "I don't think it encapsulates that we have to recognize people are continuously learning."

But no one is sure yet how much classroom clout the forum will have.

"We don't see this as a zero-sum proposition," Eaton said. "This isn't businesses' way of changing the curriculum... It's a matter of speaking and encouraging."

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Victims identified; investigation begins into Boise crash



Upper photo, firefighters battle flames after a DC-3 cargo plane crashed while trying to make an emergency landing Monday night at the Boise airport. Two people, believed to be the pilot and co-pilot, were killed in the crash. Lower photo, The 1940's vintage Douglas plane had just taken off, when the crew declared an emergency and tried to land.

BOISE (AP) — A federal investigator Tuesday began examining the wreckage of a World War II-era cargo plane that cartwheeling into a ball of flame seconds after taking off from the city airport.

The crash at 6:03 p.m. Monday killed both people aboard, believed to be the plane's pilot and copilot.

Using identification the men were carrying, the Ada County coroner's office said the victims were Robert McIlvain, 60, of Brush Prairie, Wash., and Archie Hutchison, 57, of Franklin, Ark. Deputy Coroner Doug Tucker said the Federal Aviation Administration had indicated McIlvain was the pilot.

The twin-engine Douglas DC-3 had just taken off from the Boise Municipal Airport's south runway, bound for Salt Lake City, when the crew declared an emergency and tried to land. The crash occurred about a mile from the runway, southeast of the airport.

"As the tower related to our officer, the plane experienced the fire as it was taking off. The pilot called and said he needed to return," said Woody Cummings, Federal Aviation Administration district office.

"The tower said, 'Of course,' and gave them a runway. They didn't make it back and landed about a mile from the runway." Operated by Desert Air Transport of Salt Lake City, the plane was carrying various cargo for several shippers including Emery Worldwide, an international freight company. The plane was the largest to

crash in Boise in at least 40 years, airport director John Anderson said.

The wreckage, hidden by 30-foot flames that burned for more than an hour after the crash, was a charred hulk of fuselage on the windwept sagebrush Tuesday.

Steve McCreary, a National Transportation Safety Board investigator from Seattle, said there was no initial indication of why the crash occurred, but there was no evidence of an in-flight breakup. He said he doubted the plane carried either a cockpit voice recorder or flight data recorder.

Both crewmen were "moderately high-time pilots," each with approximately 8,000 to 10,000 hours of experience, McCreary said. The full investigation will take at least six months, he said, but a preliminary report will be issued sometime next week.

The plane narrowly missed Mike Hollingsworth, 41, as he was driving home westbound on Gowen Road.

He watched the DC-3 take off and struggle to gain altitude.

"At first, I thought he was going to come through my windshield," Hollingsworth said. "He took off right at me and banked south. His right-side engine was on fire. His right wing went in and he flipped completely over."

It also barely missed two huge white fuel tanks near the road.

John Anderson, a Salt Lake City attorney and member of Desert Air Transport's board of directors, said the DC-3 built in 1944 was the company's only plane. It made daily runs from Salt Lake City to Boise each morning and back to Salt Lake City each evening.

The line's route carried it over Twin Falls and the Magic Valley, and aviation bufls in this area had noted the passage of the twin-engine plane on several occasions.

Anderson said Desert Air Transport was a start-up company that got its Federal Aviation Administration operating authority about six months ago. It had been in the process of buying a second DC-3 and restoring a third.

California authorities capture 2 Idaho escapees

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — Two escapees from Idaho's maximum-security prison — one a murderer and the other an armed robber wanted for murder — were in custody today after being apprehended in northern California.

Authorities said Joey Schneider, 32, and Michael Allen Wachholtz, 34, were captured Monday night at a residence of a woman in the Sonoma County community of Rio Nido.

The Sonoma County Sheriff's office said their was a brief struggle before the pair was subdued at the home of Candi Lee Allain. Wachholtz formerly lived in near-by Guerneville.

Schneider and Wachholtz escaped on Nov. 29 by cutting through a prison window, somehow evading an outside motion detector and then cutting through two wire fences. They apparently stole a truck several miles north of the prison, abandoning it later in Baker City, Ore., and stealing another.

"We knew he was from Guerneville, and we were on alert that they might be in or coming to our area," Sheriff's Lt. Mike Brown said.

Deputies spotted the stolen truck and arrested Allain, who was driving it. She was booked for investigation of possession of a stolen property and resisting arrest.

Then deputies went to her home, where they found Wachholtz and Schneider.

Schneider was serving a life sentence without possibility of parole for the 1992 murder of Lourie Weber in Lewiston. Wachholtz had just begun serving a minimum 33 years for robbing a Moscow Safeway store of \$109 in October 1995 and then assaulting an officer during an attempted jail break while he was awaiting trial.

He is also wanted in Sonoma County for the August 1995 robbery, kidnapping and murder of electrician Jack Lee Brant of Fullerton. Warrants for armed robbery are also pending against him in Spokane County, Wash., and the city of San Francisco.

Schneider pleaded guilty to first-degree murder in the Weber slaying in a deal with prosecutors to avoid the death penalty. His cousin, Raymond, was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to a minimum 25 years for his role in Weber's sexual assault and beating death.

Schneider was at large for several days before being recaptured when he escaped from the state prison in Orofino while his appeal of his life sentence was pending three years ago.

Prison spokesman Mark Carnopis said authorities got a break in the escape when the pair apparently robbed a home in Lakeview, Ore., near the Oregon-California border, convincing investigators that they were headed to California.

Schneider will most likely be sent back to Idaho, but Wachholtz might first face charges in Sonoma County, Brown said.

An internal review committee recommended security improvements at the prison, which were begun this week. It found that prison officials followed proper procedures but may have relied too much on the building's security construction and the motion detection system. As a result, inmates may have been allowed too much movement.

Craig appoints communications director

BOISE (AP) — The former spokesman for the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation who handled reporters during Republican Larry Craig's successful re-election campaign this fall has been

named the senator's communications director for the state.

Mike Tracy is the second appointment by Craig in the restructuring of his state-based staff.

Public Notice

Draft applications for the relicensing of Idaho Power Company's Shoshone Falls power plant are available for review in the public libraries in Buhl, Filer, Jerome, and Twin Falls. The comment period regarding this draft application closes March 1, 1997. Written comments may be sent to:

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WEST Defense goes on offense

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Pursuing the same line of defense that proved so effective at O.J. Simpson's criminal trial, his lawyers attacked the memories, motives and methods of police investigators on Tuesday.

Retired Detective Philip Vannatter, criminalist Andrea Marzola and jail nurse Thano Peratis all gave slightly different accounts of the investigation than were offered at his murder trial.

Among new disclosures:

- Vannatter, lead detective in the slayings of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman, acknowledged on Tuesday an envelope containing a vial of Simpson's blood before he carried it across town to Simpson's mansion in violation of police procedures.

"No, I didn't seal that envelope," Vannatter said under questioning by Simpson lawyer Robert Baker. He said he wasn't allowed to seal it until criminalist Dennis Fung, at Simpson's home, had seen it.

Marzola, the rookie police technician who collected most of the blood samples, said she's convinced she never signed her name to packages of blood swatches she collected. The defense has said the swatches later turned up with no initials, indicating they were switched.

Marzola also admitted she never changed her gloves between handling a knit cap and bloody gloves found at the crime scene and Simpson's home.

On examination by plaintiff lawyer Tom Lambert she said she sometimes forgets if she has changed gloves.

DUCK SPEED



A duck glides past a partially submerged speed sign at Clackamas Park where the Clackamas and Willamette Rivers meet in Oregon City, Ore., Monday. Streams, creeks and rivers in Oregon were subsiding with drier weather Monday but rainy days are ahead with wet weather forecast for the rest of the week.

Moose rescue ends in partial tragedy as residents watch

SANDPOINT (AP) — Efforts to rescue a cow moose and her yearling calf on Lake Pend Oreille ended in a partial tragedy as residents watched.

The cow broke through the ice Monday but was unable to reach open water. She died of exhaustion and hypothermia several hours later, said Idaho Department of Fish and Game conservation officer Don Carr.

The animals wandered through the Camie Bell Cell parking lot in Sandpoint and down onto the beach, while motorists crossing the Long Bridge stopped their vehicles to watch.

Several people were for an hour trying to break the ice at Sandpoint Marina.

The calf then tried to join its mother and he also went through the ice. The officers finally broke through the ice, looped a rope around his neck and towed him to open water. He climbed onto the beach and headed into the trees.

Normally the officers would have let nature take its course, rather than try to attempt a risky rescue, Carr said.

"Generally we don't intervene in natural situations," but saw the opportunity to do some good.

Sandpoint Police Chief Bill Kice said an officer spent about four hours directing traffic.

"I could think half the people in North Idaho had never seen a moose."

Yosemite may trim back staff

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP) — A new plan would eliminate about 25 percent of the buildings in Yosemite Valley and relocate more than 300 workers who live there.

The housing plan, which will be available for public comment Dec. 13, is part of a 1980 master plan to reduce congestion in Yosemite Valley.

Besides relocating about a quarter of the workers who live in the valley, the plan recommends tearing down 375 structures. Most are tent cabins used as residences by concession employees.

The plan recommends moving

those workers and administrative headquarters of the National Park Service and concessionaire Delaware North to El Portal, about 15 miles from Yosemite's western boundary.

"We need to remove these buildings in order to help reduce congestion, reclaim priceless beauty and allow natural processes to prevail," said Mark Butler, Yosemite's planning and compliance officer.

Most of the workers remaining in the valley would be law enforcement rangers, park rangers, road maintenance crews and some concession workers, such as waiters who work split

shifts and would suffer from the round-trip commute to El Portal.

The plan also recommends restoring 11 acres of meadows. The housing plan is one of two documents park officials are drafting this year.

The other, called the Valley Implementation Plan, will make recommendations on how many parking spaces to remove, how to bus in visitors from nearby towns, which roads to close and how many hotel rooms, stores and other services to remove. That recommendation is scheduled to be out in January.

Administrators to iron out doctoral problems

MOSCOW (AP) — University of Idaho administrators will meet with graduate student representatives to resolve a hangup one man had with his doctoral thesis.

The students passed several resolutions last month after hearing of one doctoral student's frustration with part of his thesis process.

"But it would have been more appropriate if they were going to be looking at this, for them to look at it from both sides," said Roger Wallins, associate graduate

studies dean.

Washington State University instructor Jack Van Deventer worked on his dissertation for 12 years before finally reaching the point of final defense last spring.

He passed by a unanimous vote of 32. But two dissenting professors refuse to sign his dissertation because they say it fails the department's academic standards.

Van Deventer claims he is being penalized for speaking out

against grad student conditions.

Graduate students became concerned upon learning that by refusing a signature, one committee member could snag the tail end of the degree process. Their group passed a resolution requiring all committee members to sign a dissertation if the student passes final defense by a majority.

University President Robert Flower directed Van Deventer to make the necessary revisions before Dec. 20.

Suspended teacher files claim against district

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A middle school teacher awaiting trial on two sex charges has filed a tort claim against the school district.

Paul T. Mather, 49, a social studies teacher, claims the district acted illegally when it suspended him with pay June 10. He is seeking damages over \$10,000.

The suspension was due to a

criminal investigation into accusations Mather brought two teenage girls, while putting his hands on their breasts and buttocks.

He faces a Dec. 15 trial on two charges of father sex abuse of a child. Mather is on suspension from his job and position as baseball coach for Coeur d'Alene High School. He has taught in Coeur

d'Alene since 1987.

A tort claim must be submitted before a lawsuit can be filed against the schools. It is the second one filed against the district in the case.

The family of one of the girls accusing Mather filed a \$2.5 million claim Nov. 6, saying they have suffered emotional and monetary damages.

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Falling lumber kills N. Idaho pickup driver

SANDPOINT (AP) — A 68-year-old man has died when the pickup he was driving was struck by lumber that fell off an oncoming flatbed truck on U.S. Highway 2.

Mert Coon of Sandpoint was killed instantly Monday when the pickup, owned by Alden Blood, was struck by a spilled load of rough-cut lumber.

Blood, 56, who was a passenger, was admitted to Bonner General Hospital, while the truck driver, Dean Dirks, 53, of Libby, Mont., was treated and released.

Coon was a driver for Blood, who is blind, authorities said. Idaho State Police Cpl. Wayne Harms said it appeared Dirks was driving too fast for the corner. It caused the lumber to slip, spilling the wood across the other lane.

The wreck closed Highway 2 for several hours.

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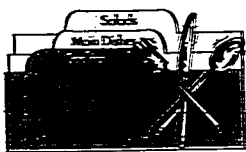
Dear Abby

Food Editor: Denise Turner - 733-9811, Ext. 257

Wednesday, December 11, 1996

Section C

The Times-News



Nothing like soup in winter

By Denise Turner
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Here is a wintertime soup recipe sent in by a reader who calls it one of her "loved and true" dishes.

TURKISH SOUP

- Brown 1 pound lean hamburger
- 1 onion chopped

Add 1 15-ounce can white tomatoes, blended or cut-up

- 1 16-ounce can red kidney beans, drained
- 1 16-ounce can pinto beans, drained
- 1 26-ounce can tomato sauce
- 4-ounce can chopped green chilies (may be omitted)
- 1/2-ounce jar mild salsa
- 1 package taco seasoning (use 1/2 package for milder taste)
- 2 cups water

Mix together and simmer for 1 1/2 hour. May be cooked in crockpot. Serve with grated cheese on top and tortilla chips.

Joan Buckley of Eden sent in a recipe for succulent pumpkin pie, in response to a reader request.

PUMPKIN PIE

- 3 tablespoons margarine
- 1/4 cup sugar or 2 packages of Sweet 'n Low

- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg yolk
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 lemon (grated)
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 1/2 pounds pumpkin (small can pumpkin)
- 1 cup skim milk
- 9 egg whites beaten to stiff peaks
- 3-inch unshaded pie shell

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Beat together margarine, sugar and salt. Add egg yolk, lemon juice, lemon peel and cinnamon. Stir in pumpkin and milk and mix well. Fill in egg whites and pour into pie shell. Bake 40 to 50 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Yield: 8 servings.

Here are two similar, but different, recipes from *The Baltimore Sun* for banana cream cake.

SOFT CREAM BANANA CAKE

- 1/4 pound butter
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 4 tablespoons sour cream
- 2 eggs, beaten lightly
- 1/2 cup bananas, mashed
- 1 1/2 cups cake flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Heat oven to 325 degrees. Cream butter and sugar. Dissolve baking soda in sour cream. Add this mixture and the eggs to the butter and sugar, beat well. Mix in bananas, flour, salt and vanilla. Bake in a greased oblong pan about 13-by-9-by-2 inches. Makes 6 servings.

SOFT CREAM BANANA BUNDT CAKE

- 1 package (14-ounce) banana cake mix
- 1 small box instant banana pudding
- 1/2 pint sour cream
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 banana, mashed
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup oil (may substitute with unsweetened apple sauce)
- 1/2 cup walnuts, chopped, optional
- 1 package (6-ounce) semisweet chocolate chips, optional
- Powdered sugar

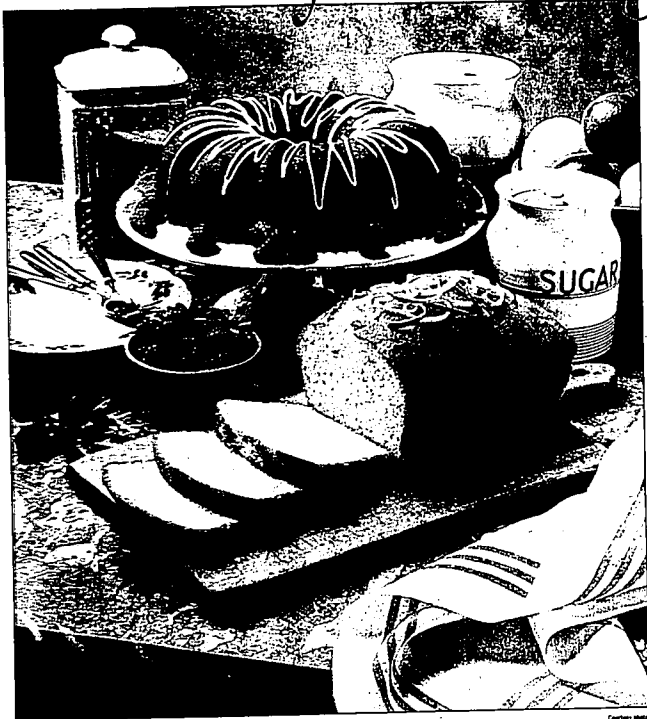
Heat oven to 350 degrees. Combine all ingredients except powdered sugar and heat for 3 minutes. Bake in a greased bundt pan for 50 minutes. Cool for 1 hour. Remove from pan and sprinkle with powdered sugar. Makes 6 servings.

Request: Phyllis Bragg of Twin Falls is looking for a recipe for peanut butter peanut brittle. Anyone have one? Send it along, and we'll print it.

Another reader has requested a recipe for "pumpkin pie, pear pie, etc." made with no sugar. Any ideas?

Recipes in short or requests for recipes to share should be sent to Recipe Exchange, Denise Turner, The Times-News, P.O. Box 340, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0340. Please include name, address and phone number.

The ABCs of Holiday baking



From top, Double Chocolate Bundt Cake and Glazed Citrus Loaf.

Festive treats add special touch

Whether you're supplying the grand finale to a holiday feast or creating delicious homemade gifts for giving, 'tis the season for holiday baking.

No matter how hectic your schedule, baking holiday sweets is one tradition that's too sweet to pass up. The good news is, it doesn't take a culinary wizard to bake delicious holiday treats. Even if you're all thumbs in the kitchen, a quick review of the holiday basics is all you need to begin filling your home with visions of sugary dreams.

To help you get started, here's a baking primer, complete with easy suggestions and time-saving tips. The simple, no-fail recipes are guaranteed crowd-pleasers. They're recommended by the makers of Arm & Hammer Baking Soda.

DOUBLE CHOCOLATE BUNDT CAKE

The holiday season wouldn't be complete without a chocolate indulgence. In this recipe, decadent cake is topped with

Before you begin

- Start with a clean kitchen.
- Check your cabinets or pantry, refrigerator and freezer and discard old and unneeded items to make room for the ingredients you'll be purchasing and the goodies you'll be preparing. Stock up on holiday baking staples you'll need, including flour, sugar, decorative sprinkles and baking soda.
- Before you start, read the entire recipe through and gather all of the ingredients and equipment that the recipe requires.
- Make sure your oven racks are in the right position before preheating your oven, and make sure you've preheated the oven and greased your pans before you begin mixing cake or cookie ingredients together.
- You can use the butter wrapper to conveniently grease baking pans and baking sheets. Or spray your baking pans and baking sheets with no-stick cooking spray. It will help prevent your cookies and cakes from sticking and avoid the mess of greasing with butter or shortening.

- a white chocolate drizzle that's as easy as it is elegant. Garnish with mint leaves and berries for a classic holiday look.
 - 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1 cup butter or margarine, softened
 - 1 3/4 cups packed brown sugar
 - 3 large eggs
 - 1 cup buttermilk
 - 4 1-ounce squares unsweetened chocolate, melted and cooled
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 - 1 cup chopped walnuts
 - 2 ounces white chocolate
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease and flour 10-cup Bundt pan.
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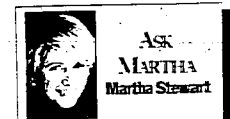
Some of the best gifts come from the kitchen. Homemade cookies, jams and jellies, flavored vinegars and pickled vegetables always make welcome presents.

After you go to the trouble of making delicious treats for your friends and family, don't forget the packaging. Even from the outside, a gift should look good enough to eat.

Bottles and jars

Bottles and jars are pretty enough that they hardly need any wrapping at all. Labels are one way to personalize them.

Start with plain labels, available at office-supply stores. You can design and print them on a computer or hand-draw them.



ASK MARTHA
Martha Stewart

Rubber stamps produce wonderful labels; use one to stamp a border on a label or to add holiday images. A custom-made rubber stamp can read: "From the kitchen of ... or 'Happy Holidays from ...' Stamp pads in gold and silver are even more festive.

Instead of wrapping jars, just dress up the tops with tissue paper or cellophane.

Use a color that complements the contents of the jar. With the lid on a jar, place a square of cellophane or a double layer of tissue over the lid. Pull at slowness hand. Bring the paper back up, bundle it together and tie with ribbon or twine. Trim the top as desired.

A large bottle of homemade vinaigrette (or a bottle of wine or champagne) simply needs a big bow made of white, supple ribbon. Of course, if you want the gift to be a bit more of a surprise, it can be wrapped. Because of their awkward shape, I like to encase bottles in foam, such as a pretty vintage dish towel.

Roll the bottle in the dish towel, with the bottom of the bottle about two inches from the edge. Use straight pins to secure it along the edge. On the bottom, fold the fabric so it lies flat, and pin. Bind the top with twine or ribbon.

Cookies

Holiday cookies are so beautiful, it's a shame to present them in an unattractive tin.

When it comes to choosing a container, be creative: you'll be amazed at the cookie boxes you will find.

Keep in mind that cookies should fit snugly in their container to keep them from sliding about and breaking. Waxed paper between the liners will prevent them from setting too much.

To keep cookies fresh, pack them up just before giving them if the container isn't airtight.

The plainest cake pans and loaf pans are perfect for packaging cookies. Line them with waxed paper or parchment, letting it overhang the sides. Fit wax cookies and fold the edges of the paper over them. Tie with ribbon, secure with ing, rickrack or twine.

The waxed paper isn't quite airtight, so the cookies will peek through eventually.

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American home decorating goes Chinese with Feng Shui

By Terrell Williams
Times-News correspondent



Julie Bray of Cassin City, Nev., recently gave a Feng Shui class at Churchman Jewelry and Idaho Arts on Main Avenue West in Twin Falls. This store and other local bookstores offer a variety of Feng Shui literature.

TWIN FALLS—Julie Bray never knew why her husband Don always had so much trouble falling asleep.

Then she became interested in Feng Shui, the ancient art of Chinese placement. Analyzing the bedroom, she suggested that Don put his favorite painting—a Western cavalry charge—in another room. The highly energetic picture was moved out and, like magic, Bray's husband was saving logs with ease.

Feng Shui is based on the premise that people are healthier, more prosperous and happier when their homes and workplaces are safe, balanced and have well-directed energy.

At a Feng Shui class in Twin Falls, Bray told her students that a dozen success stories that have resulted from simple room additions, deletions or rearrangements.

"When you first read about it, you think, 'Oh, I'm sure,'" she said. "But the more you read

about it, the more you apply it in your life, the more you realize how well it works."

Bray, who studied under Feng Shui author Terah Collins, said this 3,000-year-old art is just catching on in the United States. It can be confusing, she said, but it makes a general meaning. Feng Shui can lead comfort and a pleasant atmosphere to any environment.

The most important rule, Bray said, is to keep what you like in your home and get rid of what you do not like.

"Live with what you love," she said. "Don't have anything in your house that you don't like."

Yin and Yang

The Chinese opposites of Yin and Yang attract and balance each other, Bray said. Yin relates to things that are feminine, dark, cool, soft, wet, curved, low, small, empty, wide, broad.

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FOOD & HOME

Ready to trim your Christmas tree?

So, you want to know why the carport is loaded with pine needles? Let's see if we can re-create last week's scenario when you put up the Christmas tree.



GREEN THIMBREENS
Cathy Walworth

- Cut an inch off the bottom of the tree.
- Scratch head, then wander through the garage looking for the lights.
- Fix broken lights.
- Find tree stand.
- Settle tree into stand.
- Spend another half hour getting the tree to stand up straight.
- Get a snack.
- Decorate the tree.
- Pour water into the tree stand reservoir. Stand back and admire your work.
- Boy, did you blow it. The first thing you've got to realize is that you had a deadline to get water to that tree after you cut off the

bottom. You don't cut off the bottom of a Christmas tree to get it level; you cut off at least an inch to fresh, white, moist wood that's ready to take up water. Then you've got to give it water within 20 minutes. Some tree experts say you've got all of 30 minutes, but Daddy always said if you're not 15 minutes early, you're late. After that 20 to 30 minute zone, the tree closes off the capillaries at the cut and can't drink. Sort of like when your straw collapses when you try to suck up a thick

milkshake. Sort of. After that, you can offer the tree all the water in the world, and it won't drink. That's why your carport looks like a forest floor. Let's start all over.

- Take the tree down. Don't whine. This beats a possible house fire.
- Saw a good inch off the trunk and stand the tree in a bucket of water on the back porch.
- Run to the store for one of those gigantic tree stands. OK, they're ugly green pyramids, but what do you suppose the tree skirt is for? Besides, these things hold enough water to get your tree through the night.
- Set the tree in the new stand and pour in about three quarts of clean, cool water.
- Forget the magic potions that are supposed to "keep" the tree. They don't work. This tree is

a heavy drinker, and it wants its water straight, thank you.

- Refill the tree stand before you go to bed.
- A six-foot Douglas fir or Grand fir tree will commonly drink three quarts of water its first day in the house. That's why the old teeny-weeny tree stand dried out in the middle of the night.
- Water the tree every day. Given the chance, it wants to drink up to four gallons of water in its first week. Remember that you've got less than a half hour to get it more water if the water level falls below the cut.
- Are you anxious to take it down and do all this again?

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Woman haunted for 30 years by lost love

DEAR ABBY: When I was in the eighth grade I didn't "like boys." Building forts was much more interesting. But when my first love walked into our classroom, I knew I loved him the second I saw him.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail Vachon

We liked each other all during high school, although my parents told me I was too young to be boys.

When he gave me gifts, I had to give them back. When he offered me his class ring I wasn't allowed to take it. It silently broke my heart. In all those years, I didn't ever tell him I loved him — or how much.

He was the valedictorian of our class, and after high school he went on to Stanford University. I went to nurse's training. His life prospered; mine disintegrated.

At age 30, I married a man to please my father. That marriage ended in divorce eight years and two children later. After years of trauma to me and my children.

I married a man who had my first love's name. This marriage ended a year later after a lot of trauma to me and my children.

Two years ago, I realized that my true love was "missing in action" in my heart and that I hadn't been able to go on with my life. I located him through the Stanford Alumni register and after 30 years, talked with him — for 42 minutes.

He's happily married with four children.

After that phone call, I grieved for two days and then reconciled my love for him in my heart.

Abby, no other true love has come into my life. Perhaps one never will.

Please encourage parents to take their children seriously. The heart is never too young to love deeply and eternally.

Thank you. I cannot sign this letter since I don't wish to expose my parents to the heartache they caused me so young in life, and the profound impact that forcing me to deny my love has had on me throughout the years.

— FINALLY RECONCILED, RICHLAND, WASH.

DEAR RECONCILED: Yours is a dramatic story. It's gratifying to know that you have finally found peace and resolved your first love.

When parents tell children that they are "too young" to be seriously in love, what they usually mean is that the children are too young to shoulder the responsibilities that accompany their turbulent emotions.

I hope that the next time you

find love, it brings you every happiness.

DEAR ABBY: My wife died two years ago. I know absolutely nothing about her side of the family. Although we had a wonderful trouble-free marriage of 47 years, she did not discuss her family.

Among her possessions is a photo album from 1880. All of the photos are excellent, taken in professional studios. The album is blue velvet, in mint condition. The pictures were taken in Illinois, Ohio, Missouri, Nebraska, Colorado, Los Angeles, Oakland and Pasadena, Calif.

Only one photograph is identified with a name: "Mrs. A. Heinenover, 1300 San Pablo Ave., Oakland, Calif., May 5, 1902."

Abby, I would love to return this album to any of her descendants. If anyone reading your column can help, I'm sure it will make the family very happy.

There are no strings attached and no thought of financial gain; I simply hate to see this beautiful album lost to the family. I am 77 years old and a totally responsible citizen.

Incidentally, my wife's maiden name was Jean Elenor Alameda. She was born in

Oakland, Calif., and graduated from high school there.

—GAYEL G. CHEW

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A stately brick column supports the high arched portico, creating a dramatic first impression. Multipaned windows crowned by a brick arch cap the door. Inside, light spills into the high-ceilinged entry through these windows and a sidelight on the left.

The vaulted great room is equally striking. Living room and dining room flow together, while the kitchen is partially separated by a long angled counter with a raised eating bar.

Standing at the sink or range, you can scan the great room or lift your gaze to watch the seasons change through French doors that open onto a wide deck.

One large cupboard is over the range.

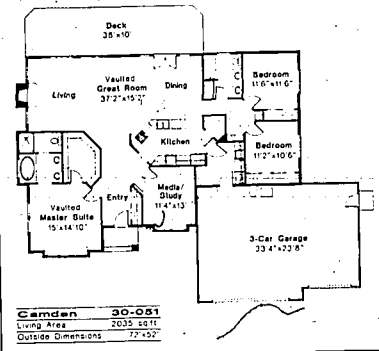
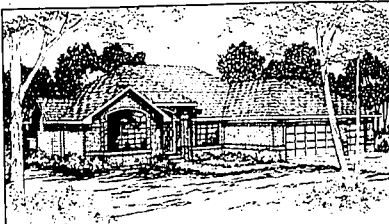
More are on the wall behind, where an oven and microwave are built into the counter and cabinets.

A large walk-in pantry adds still more storage space. Washer and dryer are conveniently close, in a good-sized utility room that connects the kitchen to the three-car garage.

This room comes outfitted with a utility sink, folding counter and plenty of cabinets.

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Eye problems can be treated

By Dr. Dennis Selig
Knight-Ridder News Service

"The eyes are the windows to the soul" may sound like a lofty or poetic expression, but your pet's doctor relies heavily on the examination of your pet's eyes to determine if there is disease, either in the eye or within the entire body.

Parallels are frequently drawn between a camera and the eye because of the similarities in structure and function such as focusing powers (lens), variable aperture (pupil) and ability to record light signals (retina). Failure in any part of this system can result in a pet who bumps into objects (especially when taken out of the familiar home environment), squints, rubs its face, has copious amounts of ocular discharge or has redness or swelling to the tissue surrounding the eyes.

Cataracts, a leading cause of blindness in dogs, are defined as any opacity of the lens or the capsule that surrounds the lens. Cataracts may be inherited or be the result of a secondary disease. The condition occurs in more than 40 breeds and most commonly affect basset hounds, Samoyeds and cocker spaniels. Left untreated, glaucoma

Pets

on the retina. Common causes include trauma, inflammation and metabolic diseases such as diabetes, heredity and senility.

Nuclear sclerosis is a normal aging change that occurs in all domestic animals and, while not a true cataract, results in a bluish-gray haze in the center of the lens. Most cataracts can successfully be removed surgically by a veterinary ophthalmologist, and vision is restored following the procedure.

Glaucoma. The eye has its own circulatory system, with fluid being produced in one area and removed from another area. When problems arise affecting the flow or drainage of this fluid, the pressure within the eye elevates, resulting in glaucoma.

Pets affected with this condition experience pain, tearing, redness of conjunctiva, swelling of the eye and a dilated pupil. Like cataracts, glaucoma can be inherited or be the result of a secondary disease. The condition occurs in more than 40 breeds and most commonly affect basset hounds, Samoyeds and cocker spaniels. Left untreated, glaucoma

caused blindness due to increased pressure on the retina. Depending on the cause and duration, glaucoma can be treated medically or surgically.

Keratoconjunctivitis sicca. Keratoconjunctivitis sicca, or dry eye, is a common problem in dogs caused by a deficiency in tear production. Tears maintain the health of the cornea.

Typically seen in older dogs due to senility, pets with this condition have an excessive mucoid discharge and increased blinking and squinting. The conventional approach to management of KCS consists of frequent topical applications of medications such as artificial tear replacement solutions. Recently KCS therapy has been radically altered by the introduction of topical agent, cyclosporin. Twice daily, used once or twice daily, can stimulate tear production and alleviate signs of the disease.

Dr. Dennis Selig is a veterinarian at Northwood Hills Animal Hospital in Gulfport, Miss. Do you have a question about your pet? Write to the pet doctors at the South Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association, 20005 Pineville Road, Long Beach, MS 39560.

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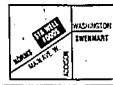
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Try some old-fashioned tree decorations

By Elizabeth Large
The Baltimore Sun

Some of the prettiest trees in Christmas shops this season are labeled Victorian.

Decorated with lacy, ribboned confections in pastel colors, they are lovely to look at and remind you of holidays past. But such ornaments never would have appeared on a Victorian Christmas tree.

"They have a feminine, bouffant look," says Carolyn Flaherty, editor of Victorian Homes magazine. "Very romantic. But the Victorians were dignified. They never would have had them in their parlors."

It's easy enough, though, to duplicate how the Victorians actually decorated — without spending a lot of money. You'll end up with a tree affirming the values that have endeared the Victorian era to late 20th-century America: the importance of family and home, the virtues of a simpler way of life and the pleasures of old-fashioned pastimes.

For inspiration, you could start with the American Victorian Christmas tree at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. This year it's located on the second floor of the Museum of American History. (Only six to 12 of the Smithsonian's 50 themed trees are on display each year.)

As you'll see, many of the ornaments on a Victorian tree were handmade — no matter how much money the family had. The Victorians were great savers; and their bits of fabric, sentimental pictures, ribbon, eggshells and paper were fashioned into charming decorations.

"The Victorians saved all sorts of things from their kitchens," says Sunny O'Neil, who made many of the ornaments for the Smithsonian's tree. They took eggshells, for instance, and created nests or little people out of them. Walnut shells became cradles for tiny baby dolls.

Here are some other things you or your children might fashion to decorate your Victorian tree:

- Paper fans from bright paper
- Cutout paper snowflakes
- Cardboard ornaments of Victorian angels or Santas trimmed with tinsel

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- Crocheted snowflakes or decorations made from bits of fabric
- Cornucopias decorated with Victorian-looking stickers (cherubs, flowers, birds) and filled with candy nuts
- Bunches of "grapes" made by wiring nuts together
- Handkerchief dolls
- Cookies and gingerbread men
- Paper chains and strings of popcorn and cranberries
- Small bouquets of paper flowers, called tussy-mussies by the Victorians

Matchboxes and other small boxes wrapped to look like gifts

True, not all of us have time to make our own ornaments. To achieve the same effect, Mary Pat Andrew, owner of NightGoods and several other decorative accessories shops in the Baltimore area, says she saves things year-round for Christmas.

"I tie everything I own on my tree," she explains. "These might include nostalgic photo tied with a ribbon, a gold

tassel, a pretty pinushion.

She mixes these bits and pieces of her past year with store-bought ornaments, as do the Victorians did. Most of us aren't lucky enough to own antique ornaments from the 19th century; but blown-glass ornaments, "Old World" reproduction ornaments as they're called, can be bought at various Christmas shops and decorative accessories stores. These glass balls, fruits and animal shapes in jewel tones are the true Victorian-style ornaments, as opposed to what you find labeled "Victorian" in Christmas

shops. You may want to include a blown-glass pickle on your tree: The child who spots it first is traditional-

ly awarded a small gift. Toys and gifts were hung on Victorian trees, so raid your children's rooms for doll-house furniture, small dolls and teddy bears, other miniature toys, little decorative flags and metal musical instruments. Or make your Victorian tree a table-top tree with small, inexpensive gifts hung on it so your kids can have the fun of looking for their names among the evergreen boughs.

You probably won't be decorating with the sugary nuts, sweetmeats or bunches of raisins that were found on a Victorian Christmas tree. But old-fashioned-looking foil-wrapped chocolate Santas, candy canes and marzipan fruits would all be appropriate.

Icicles were imported from Germany in the 19th century; drape your tree with today's version — no longer made of lead, of course. (These are what are now called tinsel.)

Various kinds of garlands were essential to a Victorian tree.

Silvery tinsel garlands were introduced in the late 1800s, but they were smaller than today's — about an inch in diameter. You may have to hunt to find such narrow tinsel. Or you can order it and many other reproduction tree decorations from D. Blumchen & Co., which specializes in Christmases past. (For a catalog, call (201) 652-5593.) The company's motto for its silver-plated tinsel and icicles is "guaranteed to tarnish!"

Perhaps the best way to get a Victorian look is to remember less is not more.

More is more. More tinsel and garlands and paper chains, more sparkly glass ornaments, more handmade things, more mementos, more paper ornaments hung with ribbons, more chocolate-filled cornucopias and peppermint candy canes, more little gifts and toys and snowflakes and angels and anything that brings the old-fashioned Christmas spirit into your home.

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First, select your pot. Any size will work from small to large. It all depends on your taste. You will then have to purchase your candle. The candle should fit directly into the pot, and it should fit quite snugly. If you are ambitious, you can make your own candle. Simply cover the hole in the bottom of the pot to



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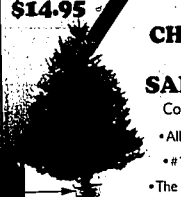
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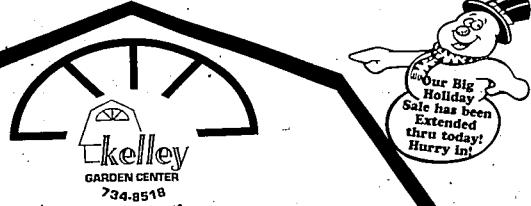
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Feng Shui has mystical, practical sides

By Nick Harder
The Orange County Register

If moving your bed or putting up a folding screen could change your life and luck, would you do it? Even if you didn't believe in such things, would it you consider taking the couch or chairs in your home if it did something as down-to-earth as improving traffic flow?

Such questions are being posed increasingly by interior design professionals. And they are

including Feng Shui — an ancient Chinese philosophy — with their advice to clients. Trudy Wu operates her own interior design firm in Southern California under the name International Interior Design. She became interested in Feng Shui when she lived in Asia — Japan, Thailand and Taiwan — for 10 years.

White says Westerners practicing Feng Shui in the United States are dealing with the more practical applications. "If you really

come to understand Feng Shui," she says, "you can compare a home to the human body. Everything enters through the mouth, that's the front door. The kitchen would be the stomach, and so on. You wouldn't want to put anything in your mouth that would block food entering it, and you shouldn't put things in the path from your front door that would prevent people from circulating well into your home. That's part of what Feng Shui teaches, and it makes perfect sense."

Chinese

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zonal and floral. Yang is associated with masculine qualities that are light, hot, hard, straight, angular, dry, large, plain, vertical and narrow.

Most people prefer a mix of the Yin and Yang qualities, Bray explained. For example, a Yin room with dim lights, back furniture and a low ceiling might be improved by brighter lights and warmer pastel colors. A Yang room with high ceilings, large windows and angular furniture could be balanced with soft, upholstered furniture, rounded window treatments and dark, rich colors. The comfort ratio of Yin to Yang, Bray noted, depends ultimately on individual preferences.

Flow of Chi

In Feng Shui philosophy, every object has its own energy, or Chi (pronounced "chee"). Bray said Chi's needs to flow freely through a home or workplace. Chi enhancers, she said, are mirrors, lighting, crystals, soundmakers (windchimes, bells, musical instruments), living things (plants, flowers, animals), objects of nature (rocks, shells, pebbles), water features (fountains, ponds, birdbaths), wind dancers (mobiles, flags, weathervanes) and art (paintings, sculptures, textiles).

Windows should not be blocked, Bray said. Bushes should be trimmed from entrances, and passageways should be open and free of clutter. To keep energy from draining away, Bray advised, keep toilet lids closed and cover television screens when they are off.

"A lot of mirrors are used in Feng Shui, and the bigger the better," Bray told her class. "Don't have mirrors that cut you off. You should be able to see at least all of your head and shoulders." Bray noted that mirrors are a strong enhancer of Chi, so they are not recommended for a bedroom.

Balance of elements

In Feng Shui, the five building blocks of the environment are wood, fire, earth, metal and water. Bray told her class that a representation of each of these elements in a room will help it have a more balanced atmosphere and will enhance the flow of Chi.

Each element, she explained, can be represented by a color or a shape, as well as the actual element.

Wood elements include wood furniture, paneling, plants and

flowers, floral prints on upholstery or wallpaper, landscape or garden paintings, column shapes — like a tree trunk — or beams or stripes and colors of green and blue.

Fire can be added with lighting, fireplaces, candles, art that depicts sunshine, light or fire, pets and wildlife and things made from animals, such as fur, leather, bones, feathers and wool. Fire also includes the shapes of triangles, pyramids or cones and the red spectrum of colors.

The earth element is found in adobe, brick, tile, ceramics, tiles, figurines, rectangles, long and flat surfaces, yellows and earth tone colors and art of deserts, fields and other earthy landscapes.

Metal is stainless steel, copper, brass, iron, silver, aluminum and gold; but also includes all rocks, such as marble, granite, crystals and gemstones. Metal's colors are white and light pastels and its arches are the circle, oval and arch.

Water is represented by pools, fountains and reflective surfaces, such as cut crystal, glass and mirrored shapes, rectangles and other flat and asymmetrical shapes. Its colors are black and dark tones, such as charcoal gray and midnight blue.

Bray said a pleasing entry to a home might include a tile floor, a wooden table, a candle in a silver holder and a mirror.

Bagua map

In the practice of Feng Shui, homes, workplaces and even individual lives are divided into nine sections that correspond to a person's life. Bray explained that this division is drawn out in what is called the Bagua map. She said homes and workplaces and their people can make positive changes in specific parts of their lives by increasing the Chi in the corresponding parts of their homes or workplaces.

Oriented by the front entrance, the Bagua map says the center square is the heart, where the main element is earth. Bray said this is a good place to have earth tones and yellow.

The entrance at the front center is the career area, whose element is water. Black or dark tones go well here. Good decor here might be a picture of a waterfall, an aquarium, a mirror and career symbols.

Continuing around the Bagua map, Bray said the front left area is the knowledge and self-cultivation section, perhaps a good place for books shelves, a photo gallery, or things colored black, blue and green.

The center left area is health and family. Good additions here are fresh flowers, healthy plants, athletic awards, family photographs or heirlooms and things

that are green and blue. The back left corner area is wealth and prosperity. Here, keep valuable possessions, such as art, antiques, coins and crystals. Water elements here would symbolize the flow of money and prosperity. Good colors are blues, purples and reds.

The back center area symbolizes fame and reputation. Diplomats, awards, things made from animals, triangular items and posters of sunshine, animals or celebrities might go well here. Shade of red also will boost the Chi.

The back right is love and marriage on the Bagua map. Treatments here can include photos of loved ones, pairs of things, such as lovers, doves, dolphins or hearts, honeymoon mementos, anniversary gifts and items in the colors of red, pink and white.

The center right area is labeled children and creativity. Bray explained that this signifies the flow of new ideas and family harmony. Ideal decor here is handmade things, stuffed animals, whimsical items, circular or arched things, metal objects and memorabilia from your childhood.

The front right corner is called the helpful people and travel this area might help draw more customers, employees or mentors into a person's life, or would improve travel plans. So in this area, she advised putting spirals and religious symbols, maps or other reminders of favorite places, and items from people who have been helpful in your life. Whites, grays and blacks are good colors here.

Bray said some homes are not square or rectangular, so the Bagua map will take in an outside area. For example, if the front right corner of the square is a porch or part of the yard, the Chinese might put a fountain and a statue of Buddha. Bray said someone in Idaho could mark the "missing" corner with a lamp-post, flag or tree.

The study of Feng Shui gives us the opportunity to change our environment to make it more harmonious," Bray said. "Have fun with this. Don't make it a serious thing. Much of it is basic decorating."

Baking

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In small bowl, combine flour, baking soda and baking powder; set aside. In large bowl, with mixer at low speed, beat butter and brown sugar until light and scraping bowl occasionally. Add buttermilk, melted chocolate, vanilla and flour mixture; beat until well blended, stir in walnuts.

Spoon batter into prepared pan. Bake one hour or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack 10 minutes. Remove from pan; cool completely.

To serve, melt white chocolate over low heat. Spoon into small resealable plastic bag. With scissors, cut a small tip from corner of bag. Drizzle melted chocolate over cake.

Makes 12 servings.

HOLIDAY APPLE CAKE

This cake isn't too sweet, so it's just right for Christmas morning brunch or ending a filling festive. Need a simple but festive serving suggestion? To create a floral or snowflake design on the top of the cake, sift confectioner's sugar over a paper doily placed on the cake.

1 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup butter or margarine, at room temperature
2 large eggs
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 cup buttermilk
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 tart green apples, peeled, cored and cut into 1/2-inch

chunks

Confectioner's sugar
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease 9-inch springform pan. In large bowl, with mixer at low speed, beat sugar and butter or margarine until well blended. Add eggs, flour, buttermilk, baking powder and baking soda; stir in apples. Spoon batter into prepared pan. Bake one hour or until top is golden. Cool in pan. To serve, remove side of springform pan. Sprinkle with confectioner's sugar.

Makes eight servings.

GLAZED CITRUS LOAF

2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup butter or margarine, at room temperature
2 large eggs
1/2 cup milk
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
2 teaspoons grated lime peel
1/3 cup granulated sugar
1/3 cup lemon juice

Sifted lemon and lime peels for garnish
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease 8-inch by 4 1/2-inch loaf pan. In small bowl, combine flour, baking soda and salt. In large bowl, with mixer at low speed, cream sugar and butter until well blended. Add eggs; beat until smooth.

Add flour mixture, milk, lemon juice, lemon peel and lime peel; beat until well blended. Spoon mixture into prepared pan. Bake

Measuring, making

- Unless the recipe calls for it, do not pack dry ingredients into a measuring cup. Spoon them into the cup before leveling them off.
- When measuring cups and spoons with metric markings are used, measure sticky ingredients like honey, molasses or peanut butter; they'll fill a cup more.
- Weigh chopped butter or margarine when baking; they contain a lot of air, making for inaccurate measurements and unreliable results.
- Measure butter by weight, not by volume. Spoon butter into a microwave-safe bowl and microwave on medium/low heat for approximately 30 seconds. The microwave oven is also best for melting chocolate.
- When a recipe calls for "creaming" ingredients together, such as butter and sugar, it means that the ingredients should be beaten together, whether with a wooden spoon, electric mixer or food processor — until the mixture is uniformly soft, smooth and completely blended.
- Fully crystallized honey or molasses by placing an open jar in the microwave oven for approximately 30 seconds. Alternatively, place equal jar in a pan of water and cook over low heat 10 to 15 minutes.

50 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

To make glaze, in small saucepan, combine sugar and lemon juice. Over medium heat, bring to boiling; cook until sugar is completely dissolved. Remove loaf from oven; with wooden skewer, poke many holes in cake. Pour lemon syrup over cake. Garnish loaf with sifted lemon and lime peels.

Makes 12 servings.

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Sturdy cookies, such as biscotti, can be layered in a bowl, such as an antique mixing bowl or a new glass, ceramic or stainless-steel one. Cover the top with colored waxed paper, parchment or cellophane and secure with a ribbon.

Old-fashioned pudding molds and ice-cream molds make lovely gifts on their own, filled with cookies, they're even more special. Look for them at specialty kitchen shops. They usually come with lids, so all they need is a ribbon wrapped around the rim and tied in a bow. A trip to the hardware store and art supply shop will provide you with more ideas. Look for lunchboxes, tool boxes and paint boxes.

Mailing the gift

Cookies, bottles and jars are all fragile, but there are ways to pack them so they reach their destination intact.

Before filling a box or tin with cookies, line the bottom with bubble wrap. Don't stack the cookies; instead, lay them end to end with waxed paper between the layers, filling the box to the top so the cookies don't shift and break.

Add another piece of waxed paper, then bubble wrap before placing the lid on top.

Jars and bottles should be individually sealed in plastic bags, just in case. Wrap each one in bubble wrap.

Each of these delicate gifts needs protection inside its mailing box. A two- to three-inch layer of soft padding will keep most well-packed items from breaking.

Start with an appropriate-size corrugated cardboard mailing box (I save boxes throughout the year for this purpose) and fill it with the padding. The gift should fit snugly in its cushioned box. Tape the mailing box well, and make sure it's labeled clearly.

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Questions of general interest will be answered in this column; Martha Stewart regrets that unpublished letters cannot be answered individually.

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Give variety pizza a try as part of your Christmas festivities

Santa Claus is coming to Christopher's house this year. Khris is in Pocatello, a really old town, and sees trains every day of his life. There's a mall in Pocatello that has a storefront filled with a miniature railroad display that covers the entire floor space of the store. It is built across two city blocks of miniature train tracks. Every time I visit Khris, he asks to go see the "little trains." He spends hours there, happily watching the trains go around the mountains, through the tunnels, along switches and open spaces and stopping at the stations in the towns spread across the tabletops in that train shop.



VALLEY COOKING
Dixie Thomas Reale

Khrisopher is old enough now to start remembering these things. He lives in Pocatello, a really old town, and sees trains every day of his life. There's a mall in Pocatello that has a storefront filled with a miniature railroad display that covers the entire floor space of the store. It is built across two city blocks of miniature train tracks. Every time I visit Khrisopher, he asks to go see the "little trains." He spends hours there, happily watching the trains go around the mountains, through the tunnels, along switches and open spaces and stopping at the stations in the towns spread across the tabletops in that train shop.

I have been looking for a train that looks like a train and is appropriate to Khrisopher's age level. All I had found were wooden trains and oversized sit-on push toys shaped like trains. (They don't look real. It takes a lot of imagination to say that these are trains.) Until now.

A few weeks ago I found a beautiful replica train set. It is battery-operated, G scale. This old-fashioned wood-fired locomotive with a smokestack has a driver and a cow catcher. The engine is silver, black and red. It is a big tender with a smokestack, a caboose and a grapple. It makes a locomotive sound, has a horn, makes smoke, has a real working headlight, goes forward, reverse, and stop. It runs on top of the tracks. And you can buy extra tracks so you can add to the train set.

The train looks as useful for like the Lionel trains that make up those miniature railroads that the children have to work on. But this train is tough, strong and rugged. It's designed for children 4 years old and up. Khris is going to be so excited when he gets up on Christmas morning and finds that Santa brought him a real live little train just like the ones at the mall.

I can't wait. It makes me want to get down on the floor and play trains with him.

I found this recipe on the Internet a few days ago on the Fleischmann's web site. It is for a bread machine, which I do not have, but it sounds so good I am going to play with the recipe and see if I can't adapt it to the old-fashioned method of bread making. I will try it for Christmas dinner.

MAPLE PRUNE NUT BREAD
Makes a 1-pound loaf
3/4 cup water
1 tablespoon butter
3/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 teaspoon imitation maple flavor

1 1/2 cups bread flour
1/2 cup whole wheat flour
1/4 cup coarsely chopped walnuts

1/4 cup pitted prunes
2 tablespoons dry milk mixture
1 tablespoon sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons Fleischmann's bread machine yeast

Add the ingredients to the bread machine pan in the order suggested by the manufacturer, adding walnuts and prunes with flour.

Recommended cycle: basic/white bread cycle; light or medium/normal color setting. Timed-bake feature can be used.

To make this bread the old-fashioned way, I will dissolve a couple of packages dry yeast into the warm water, add the sugar and the little (or the 1/2 cup) of the flour. Let this work for a few minutes. Then add everything else gradually and knead it on a floured bread board for at least 10 minutes till it's smooth and elastic. Knead it until it feels like a baby's skin. Then let it rise, punch it down, form it into loaves, let it rise again and bake at 325 degrees for 30 to 45 minutes.

Until it is golden brown and has a good sound when you knock on it.

I'm going to be seeing my grandchildren this Christmas. They do like pizza. This will make a great Christmas Eve dinner for them, or for your little ones if they like pizza.

MASTER PIZZA DOUGH
Makes 1 (14-inch) thick-crust pizza or 2 (12-inch) thin-crust pizzas.
3 to 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 package rapid rise yeast
3/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup very warm water (120 to 130 degrees)
2 tablespoons olive or vegetable oil

Commencement
In large bowl, combine 2 cups flour, undissolved yeast and salt. Stir very warm water and olive oil into dry ingredients. Stir in enough remaining flour to make soft dough. Knead on lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic, about 4 to 6 minutes. Cover; let rest on floured surface 10 minutes. Lightly oil (14-inch) round pizza pan. Sprinkle with cornmeal. Shape dough into smooth ball. Divide and roll dough to fit desired pan. Top pizza as desired. Bake at 400 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes or until done.

Baking time depends on size and thickness of crust and selected toppings. If you use Active Dry Yeast, use 1 package in 1 cup warm water (105 to 115 degrees) and flour salt, and oil listed above. Place 1/4 cup of the warm

water in large warm bowl. Sprinkle in yeast; stir until dissolved. Add remaining water, salt, oil and 2 cups all-purpose flour; stir well. Stir in enough remaining flour to make soft dough. Knead as directed. Place in greased bowl, turning to grease top. Cover; let rise in warm place until doubled, about 30 to 60 minutes. Punch down. Remove dough to lightly floured surface. Shape, top and bake as desired.

GARLIC AND HERB PIZZA DOUGH: Add 2 teaspoons sweet basil, oregano, or rosemary and 1 clove finely minced garlic along with the dry ingredients.

CORNMEAL PIZZA DOUGH: Replace 1/2 cup all-purpose flour with cornmeal.

WHOLE WHEAT PIZZA DOUGH: Replace 1 cup all-purpose flour with whole wheat flour.

GOURMET'S CHOICE PIZZA
Makes 2 (12-inch) pizzas.
Garlic and Herb Pizza Dough (above)
2/3 cup Quick Tomato Sauce (below)
2 1/2 cups (10 ounces) grated

cheddar cheese
1 1/2 cups drained, quartered marinated artichoke hearts
3/4 cup drained, chopped roasted red peppers
2 cups sliced fresh mushrooms
2/3 cup drained, chopped ripe olives
1/4 cup chopped walnuts
1 to 2 teaspoons minced garlic
2 green onions, thinly sliced

Prepare dough as directed. Divide dough in half. On lightly floured surface, roll to fit 2 greased 12-inch pizza pans. Spread 1/3 cup Quick Tomato Sauce over each. Reserve 1/4 cup cheese; sprinkle remaining cheese on pizzas. Starting at outside rim, arrange half of following ingredients, in order, in concentric circles on each pizza: artichoke hearts, roasted red peppers, and mushrooms. Combine olives, walnuts, and garlic; spread in center of pizzas, dividing evenly. Sprinkle pizzas with remaining cheese and green onions. Bake at 400 degrees on lowest oven rack for 20 minutes or until done.

QUICK TOMATO SAUCE: Combine 1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce and 1 (6-ounce) can tomato paste. Stir in 2 teaspoons oregano (leaves) or sweet basil and 1 clove garlic, minced. Makes 1 1/2 cups.

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FOOD & HOME

Richard Simmons: A party machine

He does, however, have a serious message

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Richard Simmons rolled up to an interview at the Detroit Free Press in a black stretch limo with big yellow lights, emerging in a sequined, hot pink tank top and his signature short-shorts.

Never mind that the temperature outside was only 40 degrees. The wild man who brought the world Deal-a-Meal and "Sweatin' to the Oldies" is a freight train of fun, ready to tell anyone who'll listen about his new book, "Farwell to Fat" (GT Publishing \$19.95).

In person, as on TV and video, Simmons is a perpetual party — a whirling blur of fuzzy hair and well-toned flesh. He shouts, waves, hugs, mugs, kisses, laughs, twirls, dances, hugs people up by their legs and regularly breaks into song.

"You have to sing — music is part of cooking, and cooking to me is loooooove," he coos, then yells: "Hi! C'mooooon in! Put ooooo the sweats! We're gonna make a chopped salad!"

For 25 minutes, Simmons is the quintessential Energizer Bunny, dancing around the test kitchen, never letting up on his his shrill, which he calls "aerobic-culinary-vaudeville."

"I'm from New Orleans, born in the French Quarter, and everything's fried and that's how I basically ate. As a matter of fact, there's a funeral home, and when you die, they deep-fry you."

As he assembles his salad, he offers snapshots of his life. "My mother taught me how to chop vegetables because instead of a therapist, she would get the knife out and just chop."

He's just turned 48. July 12 — I'm a Cancer with chocolate rising."

He weighed 200 pounds when he was 8 years old, 268 pounds when he graduated from high school.

"And then someone left a note on my car, and it just simply said: 'Dear Richard: You're very funny, but fat people die young — please don't die.'"

After that, he starved himself, losing 137 pounds in 7 1/2 months. The lack of protein and other essential nutrients caused his hair to fall out at age 19.

"So this is all a hair transplant," he says, inches from my face, pushing back his curly brows to reveal a scalp dotted with rows of hair plugs.

Simmons — who frequently kibitzes on late-night TV with Letterman and Leno — has been proselytizing health and fitness for a quarter-century. "I opened



Richard Simmons

the first salad bar called Ruffage, in Beverly Hills 25 years ago. And before that, there were, no salad bars." Five years later, he opened the restaurant-fitness center Anatomy Asylum, now called Simmons, which he still operates in Beverly Hills. He did a four-year stint in the '70s as a fitness instructor on the soap opera "General Hospital." He had bit parts on several other TV shows, wrote numerous books, starred in more than a dozen videos and has used his irreverent sense of humor over the years to help heavy people — several so large they were totally housebound — lighten up. Simmons just dropped some weight himself. "I've been drinking just pure water for 60 days and lost 14 pounds. Not by changing breakfast, lunch or dinner — just by removing all the diet sodas; all the designer teas. People think they're hungry, but usually they're just thirsty."

And forget about those oddball diets — all-protein, all-carbs, all-anything. Simmons warns: "I just read one, so strange: breakfast at 11, lunch at 1:30. People can't live in that kind of a world."

Then he shrieks: "What a wonderful, wonderful world it would be!"

Simmons hopes his new book will get people back into cooking: "I go to high schools, colleges — nobody knows anything about food anymore. It's all takeout. It's really sick. And then the cookbooks that come out are so confusing, and there are so many ingredients that you have to go and have a secret word. You have to go (he whispers) hakuna matata."

"Farwell to Fat" contains no "Lion King" lingo such as that, just 80 straightforward, American-style recipes that are low in calories and fat — easy to follow and fun to read because of Simmons' off-the-wall quips.

Simmons preaches portion control, clearly outlined at the top of each recipe. "People make something and they eat it all: 'Hi — I'm one person and I just ate for four — ate for the Waltons.'"

He continues: "I know people who get dressing on the side and start with good intentions. Then when they're done with the salad, they start dipping bread in the dressing."

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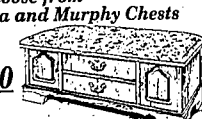
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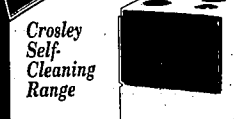
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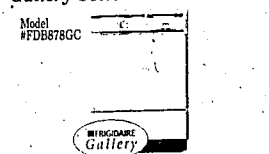


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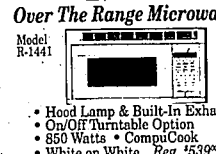
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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

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I didn't even have a suit.
I have a blazer, but my
mom told me I needed a
suit, so I had to go out
and buy one.

—Arizona State Jake Plummer
anticipating Saturday's Heisman
Trophy award ceremony

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Girls high school basketball

Ripby at Burley
Highland at Twin Falls

Boys high school basketball

Shoshone at Wendell
Castelford at Bliss
Dietrich at Jerome JV
Raf. River at Sho-Ban
Richfield at Rockland

In most cases, junior varsity games begin at 6 p.m., with varsity following.

SCOREBOARD

High school basketball

Boys
Twin Falls 60.....Minico 37
Deeds 92.....Buhl 24
Jerome 73.....Burley 59
Wendell 49.....Hageman 33
Filer 58.....Wind River 51 (OT)

Girls

Jerome 44.....Minico 43
Filer JV 44.....TFCA 34
Gooding 45.....Wendell 39
Filer 54.....Valley 41
Dietrich JV 58.....ISDH 28
Raf. River 67.....Oakley 35
Richfield 40.....Carey 30
Hansen 76.....Castelford 41
Shoshone 58.....Bliss 41
Keshdam 35.....Camas Country 31
Buhl 51.....Word River 24
Deeds 53.....Kimberly 41

College basketball Top 10

Men
4 Villanova 89.....Pennsylvania 62
Tex. Stn. Anton. 77.....Idaho State 74 (COT)

Women
4 Georgia 96.....Wingate 38

Pro basketball

Golden State 101.....Toronto 91
New York 85.....Washington 73
Atlanta 89.....Denver 88
Miami 76.....Cleveland 74
Houston 96.....Minnesota 94
Detroit 93.....Milwaukee 85
Utah 110.....Indiana 86
Phoenix 93.....San Antonio 76
Orlando 99.....Portland 93
Dallas 100.....L.A. Clippers 95
L.A. Lakers 92.....Sacramento 90

IN BRIEF

CSI men 7th, women 10th in JUCO poll

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho boasts two basketball teams among the nation's top 10 this week.
The national junior college men's basketball poll has the men (10-9) ranked seventh this week, up two spots.
The women (10-1) debut at No. 10 and are the highest ranked Scenic West Athletic Conference team in the poll.
North Idaho is ranked No. 20.
In the men's poll, Utah Valley (10-1) remains the top SWAC team at No. 5.
CEU will be in Twin Falls to take on the Eagles Friday night. The complete men's and women's polls appear on page D2.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

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City ponders fee hike at Muni

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The city's golf course is in bad shape and golfers may have to dig deeper into their wallets next spring to fix it up.
For the second time in three years, the Twin Falls City Council will decide whether to substantially raise fees at the Municipal Golf Course on Grandview Drive.
A public hearing is scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday at the officer training room at the city police department, 356 Third Ave. E. At that meeting, the City Council can approve or reject the increase proposal, modify it or table it for future discussion.

The city's golf advisory board has requested the hike after determining that renovations at the course will cost

Golf facts			
Category	1994	Current	Proposed
Green Fees	\$84	\$8	\$9
9 holes	\$8	\$8	\$9
18 holes	\$9	\$11	\$13
Weekends	\$13	\$15	\$18
Passes			
Single	\$275	\$350	\$425
Couple	\$425	\$500	\$650
Family	\$480	\$550	\$700
Junior	\$100	\$100	\$100
Single w/child	NA	\$400	\$475
Senior single	\$235	\$300	\$375*
Senior couple	\$370	\$450	\$600
Mail-in cards	\$25	\$200	\$200

*Was printed incorrectly in Tuesday's legal notice.
more than the current fees will bring in. The proposed increase, coming on the heels of a substantial hike in 1994,

would increase season passes for most golfers by more than 20 percent. The price for drive-on carts would double. The goal is to generate \$50,000 to \$70,000 exclusively for capital improvements at the golf course, City Manager Tom Courtney said.
The projects identified by the city's golf advisory board are:
• Repairing and replacing sprinklers.
• Constructing tee boxes.
• Paving cart paths.
• Overseeding fairways.
• Trimming, removal and planting.
• Safety screen expansion.
• Pond improvements on holes 10 and 4.
• Clubhouse maintenance.
The course and particularly the trees have been neglected for several years, said Dwight Sandmark, chairman of the golf advisory committee and president

of the city's Men's Golf Association.
Higher fees are required to save some of those trees, Sandmark said.
"The trees make the golf course," he said.
The golf course operated in the black over the fiscal year that ended Sept. 31, but that isn't always the case, Courtney said.
The unaudited books show \$316,205 in revenue and just \$254,298 in expenses for last season, which benefited from a mild spring that allowed golfers to hit the links earlier than previous years.
The course suffered a deficit in two previous seasons, Courtney said, adding that Muni historically sees more deficit years than surplus ones.
When the course makes money, most of that surplus is used at the golf course.
Please see GOLF, Page D2

Bruins win opener with Spartans, 60-37



From left, Twin Falls' Todd Welsh, Kirk Blackwood, Mark Thrash (obscured) and Jake Robertson put up a formidable defensive wall under the basket for Minico's Lance Gibson.

Twin Falls hits boards in victory over Minico

By Dawn Clow
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In Tuesday's season basketball opener for the Bruins, the visiting Minico Spartans' best shooting came before the opening tip-off.
After Mikael Brantburg was called for an indirect technical foul for dunking in the pre-game warm-up, the Spartans' Joe Jensen hit one of two free throws as Minico took one of its only two leads in the Bruins' 60-37 win.
"I've never had to tell a player that rule before," said Bruin coach Dan Vogt, his 6-6 Swedish exchange student apparently not yet properly schooled in pre-game etiquette.
Vogt maintained before the season started that his team would play hard-nosed defense and try to dominate inside. True to that creed, Mark Thrash scored the bulk of his game-high 16 points from inside passes and offensive rebounds.
Ironically, it was Minico's inside game that kept Twin Falls from running away earlier.
In an outside shooting performance worthy of Shaquille O'Neal, the Spartans were 6-of-37 from beyond layup range.
"You never know how the first game is going to turn out," Vogt said. "I can't say enough about our defense. I really didn't think we'd play this well."
The Bruins allowed just three field goals in the first quarter and held Minico to one basket and one layup in the second.
Jensen scored the Spartans' first seven points in the second half, but the Bruins maintained the lead on three-pointers by Ben Kohring and Kirk Blackwood and inside baskets from Thrash.
Jake Robertson's layup and subsequent free throw gave Twin Falls a 20-point lead with four minutes left in the game. Todd Welsh scored on successive inside baskets and Cade Kawamoto scored the final four points for the Bruins (1-0).
"I think the extra week of practice helped us," Vogt said. "We were hungry to play tonight."

Jerome downs Minico on late bucket

By Kevin Miller
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Jerome's Tigers are proving to be fast learners.
The Tigers fixed their first-half mistakes to beat Minico 44-43 in girls' basketball Tuesday.
Jerome (3-2) led only twice — after the opening tip and with 12 seconds left in the contest when Lanie Barnes hit the game-winning shot.
Minico (3-3) led by 10 points with 5:12

Other games — D3

left in the game, but turned the ball over five times in the final five minutes, and scored only once from the field during that span.
"We made them turn the ball over and made them force shots just like they did to us in the first half," Jerome coach Michelle Skyles said. "We're still young. This is a learning experience for us."

Protecting a 43-42 lead with less than a minute to play, the Spartans had two opportunities to score. The first chance, after breaking Jerome's full court pressure, Minico managed a weak shot that bounced hard off the backboard leading to a Tiger fastbreak.
The Spartans' Faye Scott hustled downcourt to step in front of driving Cyria Walker, drawing the charge.
But Minico turned the ball right back.
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O'Neill cashes in for wedding at National Finals Rodeo

The Associated Press

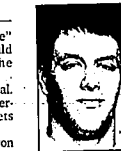
LAS VEGAS — Some cowboys come to the National Finals Rodeo looking to make enough money to pay the mortgage or cover their yearling expenses.
O'Neill has a different motivation. He's getting married on Dec. 21 and could use some of the \$3.2 million prize money to pay for his wedding.
In Tuesday night fifth go-round in the Thomas & Mack Center, O'Neill cashed in for \$11,653 with his first-place 86 ride on Lonesome Me Skoal.
"That'll go a long way," said O'Neill, who now lives in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and is marrying the sister of fellow saddle bronc rider Rod Hay. "The wedding will be big enough for me, about 110 to 120 people. I'm really looking forward to it."
Almost as much as he is to riding Lonesome Me Skoal for the second time this year.
O'Neill also rode Lonesome Me Skoal at the Calgary Stampede in July.

"Last time I rode him, he was pretty good," O'Neill said. "Tonight he was outstanding."
O'Neill had entered the NFR in third place, but had dropped to fifth through the first four nights. His first on Tuesday brought him back to fourth overall.
"This is probably the worst rodeo in the world when you're having bad luck or when things are going against you," he said. "I just tried not to think about it."
Dan Ebauser of Goodwell, Okla., was second with an 85 and brother Billy Ebauser of Edmond, Okla., was third with an 82.
In bull riding, Myron Duarte of Peyton, Colo., scored an 87 for first place. In second was Michael Gaffney of Lubbock, Texas, with an 81 and third was Adriano Mraes of Keller, Texas, with a 78.
Larry Sandvick of Kaycee, Wyo., won for the second time in bareback riding, scoring an 84. Marvin Garrett of Belle Please see RODEO, Page D2

Quirky QB finds himself among Heisman contenders

The Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — If Jake "The Snake" Plummer didn't exist, someone would have invented him to jazz up the Heisman race.
Quirky. Inuitive. Brilliant. Emotional. The adjectives run together like watercolors under a tap. The one that gets used over and over: most valuable.
The No. 2 Sun Devils (11-0) have won 15 of their last 16 games under Plummer, who will make his 40th consecutive start at quarterback for the Sun Devils against Ohio State in the Rose Bowl.
Plummer graduated from Capital High School in Boise.
"I may go another 34 years of coaching without running into another guy like this in terms of where things really, really counted, when our backs were against the wall, he consistently — and I'm talking 100 percent this season — did whatever needed to be done," Arizona State coach Bruce Snyder said.
That means evade almost any rush, as



Jake Plummer

he did so effortlessly in a Sun Devils' 19-0 upset of then-No. 1 Nebraska on Sept. 21.
Although he adopted his nickname after reading Ken "Snake" Stabler's autobiography, "The Snake" Plummer's intuitive ability to elude pursuers.
Just ask UCLA coach Bob Toledo. He stood by helplessly as Plummer threw a TD pass, caught another and ran for a third in the final eight minutes of a comeback 42-24 win over the Bruins.
"I never felt our lead was safe with Plummer," Toledo said.
It's a safe bet you won't see Plummer take the field without red, white and blue sweatbands above the elbow of both arms, a habit he picked up when
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SPORTS

Oilers, Wings can't score

DETROIT (AP) — Curtis Joseph had to feel like he was working overtime long before he actually went into overtime.

The Edmonton goaltender stopped all 52 shots he faced. But his teammates couldn't get any goals.

The Detroit Red Wings' Chris Osgood, either, as the Oilers and Red Wings skated to their first 0-0 tie in Joe Louis Arena history.

"It was a great game," Joseph said after his fourth shutout of the season and ninth of his career.

"Ozzie was great down at the other end, also. If you're defense-minded, it was a great game."

The scoreless tie was also the first in Edmonton's NHL history and the first for the Red Wings since Nov. 7, 1976 against the old Atlanta Flames.

"I guess it's been 20 years, it must be a big thing," Osgood said after his fourth shutout of the season.

"I don't know much about history, but since it's a historical thing, I guess I'm happy to be part of it."

It was the third 0-0 tie in the NHL this year. It also happened Oct. 26 with Calgary at Los Angeles and Nov. 2 with Buffalo at Colorado.

Idaho State loses in 2 OTs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Roderic Hall had 21 points and 12 rebounds Tuesday night as Idaho State lost to the 17 points in the second overtime of Texas-San Antonio's 77-74 victory over Idaho State.

Hall forced overtime by hitting a 3-pointer to make it 59-59 with six seconds to go in regulation. Idaho State (2-3) led 66-63 with a minute to go in the first extra period, but UTSA's Darren Webber hit a 3-pointer to tie the game 66-66. Webber finished with 15 points.

Howard led the Roadrunners in the second overtime and hit a dri-

ving layup with 12 seconds left to give the 44-43 a 77-74 lead. Idaho State's Mack Tarver missed a 3-point attempt with five seconds to go.

David Hickman led Idaho State with 16 points, while Raphael Ford had 14 and Rob Preston added 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Golf

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Almost \$10,000 went to the general fund to repay the city for services such as payroll, accounting, engineering and legal help for the city provides for the course.

Even if the increase is approved, it will not be enough to pay for all projects next year, Courtney said.

"Some of the improvements are going to be considerably more than what we can generate in one year," he said.

Sandmark said informal surveys of golf course users found more support for a general fee increase than for an earlier suggestion to charge an additional usage fee for every round played.

"The general public just doesn't want it," Sandmark said. The City Council learned that two years ago, when outcry from the golfing community nixed a proposal for a per-round fee.

Even at the higher rates, golfing is still the best entertainment deal in town, Sandmark said.

"Looked at the value of the entertainment versus the cost," he said. "It's cheaper than anything else of entertainment ... It's a four-hour event."

The fees at the municipal course would still be lower than non-member rates at other local courses that are open to the public, Sandmark added.

LETTERS

Thanks for volleyball coverage

Great letter to the editor from Chuk and Lois Lehman from Buell, "CSI volleyball coverage was great," Wednesday, Dec. 4. Enjoyed both the reporting and editing.

GERALD AND PAT STROMIRE
Hebburn

How about some decent college football coverage?

Your coverage of the football games between the University of Idaho and Boise State University as well as the coverage between Idaho State University and Weber State was pathetic.

A small article for both games was buried on the third page and consisted of only a few paragraphs. I guess I should be glad I attended the U of I/BSU and not relied on your paper to provide coverage.

You gave the Lewiston (Bonnevillie) High School game three times the space, along with other events of little or no interest for this area. This seems to happen with predictable regularity on your part.

Thank heaven for the Boise Statesman!

BOB RIDGEWAY
Twin Falls

Rodeo

Continued from D1

Fourche, S.D., and Denny McLaughlin of Canadian, Texas, tied for second with \$3.

Four steer wrestlers recorded 4.1 second runs to tie for first: Chad Bedell of Jensen, Utah; Ote Berry of Checotah, Okla.; Tom Durall of Henryetta, Okla.; and Rod Lyman of Lolo, Mont.

In call roping, Cody Ohl of Orchard, Texas, had a 7.5-second run for first place.

Red Ford of Everman, Texas, was second at 7.6 seconds and Fred Whitfield of Hockley, Texas, was third at 7.7 seconds.

Speedy Williams of Sanderson, Fla., and Bret Gould of Pollock, Texas, tied for second at 4.4 seconds. They were followed by Chad Roper, Randy Polich of Arce, N.M., and Nick Sarchett of Scottsdale, Ariz., were second in 4.5 seconds.

Kristie Peterson of Elbert, Colo., won the barrel racing event straight night with a 14.18 second run. Kay Blamford



Steer wrestler Ote Berry of Checotah, Okla., downs his steer in 4.10 seconds to split first place four ways Tuesday at the NFR in Las Vegas.

of Stockdale, Texas, was second at 14.23 and Molly Swanson of Vernon, Texas, was third at 14.26.

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

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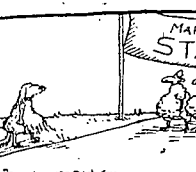
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IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



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BASEBALL

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Southern Cal coach heads for Oregon

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Mike Riley, offensive coordinator at Southern California the past four years, agreed to become head coach at Oregon State, The Associated Press learned Tuesday.

Riley, 43, decided to return to Corvallis, where he was a prep football star, to face the formidable challenge of rebuilding a program that this year set an NCAA Division I-A mark for consecutive losing seasons at 26.

There was no official confirmation of the hiring, but sources close to the situation in Southern California and Oregon, who did not want to be identified, said Riley would get the job. A news conference to introduce Riley as the new coach probably will be held Wednesday on the Oregon State campus.

Riley reportedly met Monday with Oregon State president Paul Risser to work out the details of his contract.

He will replace Jerry Pettibone, who resigned after compiling a 13-52-1 record in six seasons including 29 this year.

Riley will become the sixth coach since Oregon State last had a winning season at 6-5 in 1970.

Riley is the son of longtime Oregon State assistant Bud Riley and had widespread support among influential boosters for the job. Almost immediately after Pettibone resigned and retired from coaching, Riley made it known that he wanted the job.

Riley was the quarterback on the Corvallis High School state championship team in 1970 and played defensive back on the Alabama team that won the national championship under Paul "Bear" Bryant in 1973.

He returned to Oregon as secondary coach at Linfield College from 1977 to 1982, helping the Wildcats win the 1982 NAIA national title.

Riley was head coach of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League, winning the Grey Cup in 1988 and 1990. He was CFL coach of the year in both of those years.

Riley also was coach of the San Antonio Riders of the World Football League in 1991-92.

At Southern California, Riley's offense was under scrutiny from athletic director Mike Garrett this season, when the Trojans finished a disappointing 6-6. They were seventh in total offense in the Pac-10 at 362.6 yards per game and fourth in passing at 248.7 yards per game.

In 1995, when the Trojans won the Pac-10 title and defeated Northwestern in the Rose Bowl, Riley's offense led the conference at 41.3 yards per game.

Riley was one of at least three candidates interviewed by athletic director Dutch Baughman. The others were UCLA defensive coordinator Rocky Long, who left the same job at Oregon State to go to the Bruins after the 1995 season, and Denny Schuler, a former defensive coordinator at Oregon and offensive coordinator at California, who came to Oregon State this season to try to diversify the offense.

Raiders' 3rd straight win stokes playoff hopes

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP)—Last season, the Oakland Raiders lost their final six games and missed the playoffs. This year they're trying to do a role reversal and cap an improbable comeback with a postseason berth.

Mired with a 4-7 record after consecutive overtime losses at Tampa Bay and at home against Minnesota in mid-November, the Raiders have won three straight to even their record at 7-7 and jump into the chase for a wildcard spot.

The Raiders must win their final two games — at Denver and at home against Seattle — and hope for an Indianapolis loss to have any realistic shot at the playoffs.

Though they already were thinking toward Sunday's game at Denver, the Raiders allowed themselves a little time to savor a 26-7 victory over bitter rival Kansas City on Monday night.

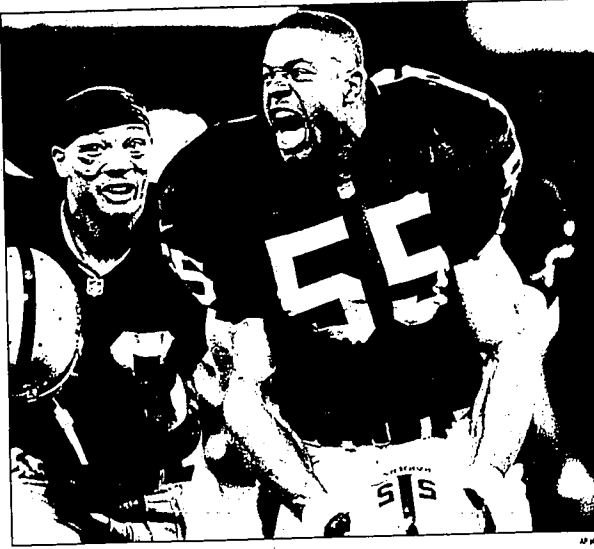
"I like where we are now. These players have grown as the season has gone along. They've adopted a lot more of a sense of urgency," coach Mike White said Tuesday. "Now we've got our toughest test of the year. We're going to have to have the same urgency and the same preparation."

The Chiefs had defeated the Raiders seven straight times, and had won 13 of the previous 14 games in the series, including a 1991 playoff contest.

"I think this is when the Raiders turn the corner," said cornerback Albert Lewis, a former Chief who had never beaten his former team.

"It feels good because it was the Chiefs and they've dominated the series. Any time you get in a situation where someone is beating you and you don't think they should, you've got to find a way to win."

White said he gave a game ball



Oakland Raiders linebacker James Foltson, right, and cornerback Carl Kidd celebrate a defensive play against the Kansas City Chiefs Tuesday in Oakland, Calif.

to every member of the team after the victory "just because of the significance of this game and getting the monkey off our back."

"I had a good feeling not only about this game, but about this team. This team has grown up a lot," said White, whose club opened the season 1-4. "Football

has a way of evening out."

After the rough start, the Raiders have been a streaky team. They won three straight to even their record at 4-4, then lost three straight before their current three-game winning streak.

And they're pretty healthy now. White said the Raiders came out of Monday's game with

no new major injuries.

To make the playoffs, the Raiders will need help from teams such as the Chiefs, who play host to Indianapolis on Sunday.

"I told the KC guys after the game, go ahead and help us out next week," said Raiders wide receiver Tim Brown.

Cardinals get new signalcaller, ballcarrier for Redskins

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP)—The pendulum has swung back to Greg Graham and Leland McElroy.

Arizona Cardinals coach Vince Tobin said Tuesday he will start Graham at quarterback and McElroy at tailback Sunday against the Washington Redskins.

The decisions makes benchwarmers of

Boomer Esiason and LeShon Johnson, who have had the most productive single-game performances in the NFL this season at their respective positions.

All four players are in their first season with the Cardinals (6-8), who must defeat both the Redskins and Philadelphia to keep alive a slim chance at the playoffs.

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- INDIANAPOLIS**: Clinches playoff berth with a win at Kansas City AND San Diego, Houston, Jacksonville, Oakland loss.
- AFC CENTRAL**
PITTSBURGH: Clinched division title.
- AFC WEST**
DENVER: Clinched division title and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.
- KANSAS CITY**: Clinches playoff berth with a win vs. Houston OR San Diego, Houston, Jacksonville, Oakland loss.
- NFC EAST**
DALLAS: Clinches division title with win vs. New England OR a Philadelphia and Washington loss. Clinches playoff berth with EITHER Philadelphia loss or Washington loss.
- PHILADELPHIA**: Clinches playoff berth with a win at New York Jets AND a Washington loss.
- NFC CENTRAL**
GREEN BAY: Clinched division title. Clinches first-round bye with a win or tie at Detroit OR a Dallas loss at St. Louis. New England's home-field advantage throughout playoffs with a win at Detroit and a Carolina loss or tie vs. Baltimore.
- MINNESOTA**: Clinches playoff berth with a win vs. Tampa Bay AND a Washington loss.
- NFC WEST**
CAROLINA: Clinched playoff berth. Clinches division title with a win against Baltimore and a San Francisco loss to Pittsburgh. Clinches first-round bye with a win against Baltimore AND a San Francisco loss to Pittsburgh AND a Dallas loss or tie against New England.
- SAN FRANCISCO**: Clinched playoff berth. Clinches division title with two wins and a Carolina loss OR one win and two Carolina losses.

New 'Hawks stadium a hard sell for hard-luck football team

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP)—It took nine months for King County Executive Gary Locke and billionaire Paul Allen to agree on a shorter Kingdome lease for the Seattle Seahawks, paving the way for a new or renovated stadium.

That may have been the easy part.

Armed with the new three-year lease, Allen intends to press the Republican-led legislature to help pay for a new football stadium. The legislature opens its 1997 session on Jan. 13.

But many lawmakers — the memory of last year's frantic effort to keep the Seattle Mariners baseball team in town still fresh on their minds — are reluctant to stick their political necks out a second time.

They say it was easier finding a way to help the Mariners, who almost made it to the World Series last year. But the Seahawks are a troubled football team that hasn't made the NFL playoffs in eight years.

"Our team isn't exactly going to the Super Bowl," Rep. Steve Van Luven, chairman of the House Trade and Economic Development Committee, said Tuesday. "It's going to make it that much

harder for the Paul Allen group to convince legislators."

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This is a sketch for one of the redesign plans for Seattle's Kingdome, which would include an open-air football stadium and exhibition space on the current site in downtown Seattle.

Norman not sure how he'll play at World Championships

PHOENIX (AP)—Greg Norman said there never was any question about whether he would play in next month's Andersen Consulting World Championship of Golf. But the world No. 1 player acknowledged Tuesday he was not sure what his frame of mind will be.

"It'll be interesting to see what the mindset will be over the last two days," the Australian said. "It's not the (Tourname)nt Players Championship, it's not the Masters."

The World Championship is a high-profile event, pitting the globe's top players head-to-head in match-play competition. But it comes in the middle of golf's winter break — leaving finalists scrambling to get rid of the rustiness or keep it from developing.

Semifinals will be held Jan. 4 at Scottsdale, Ariz., pitting Norman against Japan's Hisayuki Sasaki and Scotland's Sam Torrance against Scott Hoch in the United States. The winners square off the following day in a 36-hole match for the title.

Norman briefly threw a scare into tournament organizers earlier this month when, after finish-

ing second at the Holden Classic in Australia, he said he wouldn't play again until March to rest his chronically sore back.

That led to a few frantic phone calls to Norman's business manager, who assured them that the Aussie still planned to be in Arizona for the semifinals and final.

"I'll play the week after Christmas to get ready, but that's it," Norman said Friday while participating in a conference call with Hoch and Torrance.

Norman long has been bothered by degenerative-back problems, stemming partly from a hereditary condition and an old injury. His usual schedule calls for taking most of December and all of January off, then working in February to recondition his game.

Norman's game was pretty strong leading into the hiatus. In addition to his second-place finish in Melbourne, he won his fifth Australian Open crown the previous week.

But Norman isn't sure what his game will look like after the lay-off. "Right now if I want to play, I'll play. If I want to go a week without playing, I will," he said.

Golf's best moment in '96: Faldo's 67 in Masters

By Ron Sirak
The Associated Press

The problem with history is that it gets old quickly.

In an information age where sensory overload is a way of life, the most recent image burned into the brain pushes everything else aside and takes on an importance out of which with reality.

So with all due respect to Tiger Woods, here's an argument that the most compelling moment in golf in 1996 was something out of ancient history, something that happened way back in April — the Masters.

Certainly, Woods emerged on the PGA Tour with more drama and ballyhoo than anyone in the history of golf. But part of that was because this is an era of more ballyhoo in general.

Certainly, the unprecedented third consecutive U.S. Amateur championship by Woods was a great drama. But it was the \$40 million Nike deal that really pushed him out of the sports pages and onto the front page.

And certainly two victories in his first seven events as a pro were impressive achievements, though sometimes lost in the accomplishment was the fact they occurred on courses perfect-

ly suited for Woods' game and at a time of the year when the best players either weren't playing or had little motivation.

The round of golf that will endure as long as people talk about the game was played on a sunny Sunday afternoon at Augusta National Golf Club — a venue familiar with such drama — by Nick Faldo and Greg Norman. "I hope I'm remembered for shooting 67 and not for what happened to Greg," Faldo said after he came from six strokes back to beat Norman in the Masters. "But, obviously, this will be remembered for what happened to Greg."

Yes, that round will be remembered for the 78 Norman shot on Sunday. And yes, it will also be remembered for the emotional chort Norman touched in sports fans with his straightforward acceptance of defeat. "Maybe these hiccups that I have, that I inflict on myself, are meant for another reason," Norman said after finishing second in a major championship for the eighth time. "Maybe something good is waiting for me down the line."

But the other aspect of that Masters that will emerge over time and take its rightful place in history is the great round played by Faldo. It was brilliantly conceived and perfectly executed.

Faldo played with enormous control and patience under the intense pressure of the final round.

"My mouth was so dry I was drinking water on every hole," Faldo said about his nerves.

The pressure, however, never knocked Faldo off his game. He took what the course would give, making birdies on all four par-5 holes, and never tried to attack sucker-put positions.

The only shot that did not go exactly where he wanted it to go was his second shot on No. 5, a great green that couldn't hold and barely trickled into the back bunker, leading to his only bogey of the day.

"And that shot didn't miss by much," Faldo said.

A lot was learned about Faldo and Norman that day — about their ability to plan, execute and perform under pressure on a very challenging course.

"It's the most strategic thinking course in the world," Faldo said about Augusta. "You've got

to steer the ball in the right places."

"That was exactly what Faldo did. He kept putting his ball in the right spot and never let the pressure off Norman."

"I just kept trying to concentrate on starting my downswing slowly," Faldo said when asked how he maintained his rhythm in that round.

Looking back on it, the most important shot in that Masters was Faldo's birdie on No. 17 on Saturday that put him alone in second place and snarled him with Norman on Sunday.

If Faldo doesn't birdie No. 17, Norman would have been paired with Phil Mickelson, a 25-year-old with no major championships, instead of Faldo, a 38-year-old with five major championships.

Now Faldo has six majors — three Masters and three British Opens. Only 10 golfers have more. Faldo can get two more majors, he will be tied with Tom Watson at eight and only Ben Hagen, Gary Player, Walter Hogen, Bobby Jones and Jack Nicklaus have more.

That happens, the historical significance of that great final round at the 1996 Master will truly be appreciated.

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