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Wednesday, Jan. 3
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FORECAST

Magic Valley

Rain likely today. Breezy. Highs in the mid 50s. Showers in the 40s to 25 mph with occasional higher gusts. Tonight rain showers likely. Breezy. Lows in the mid 40s. Thursday cloudy with scattered rain showers. Highs 50 to 55.

Extended regional forecast

Friday rain with snow on the highest mountains likely. Lows 35-45. Highs 45-55.

Saturday mostly cloudy with a chance of valley rain and mountain snow. Snow level near 7,500 feet. Lows 35. Highs 40-45.

Camas Prairie, Wood River Valley

Periods of rain with snow above 7,500 feet today. Additional snow accumulation 1 to 3 inches. Highs in the 40s. Tonight rain showers likely with snow above 7,000 feet. Lows in the 30s. Thursday cloudy with scattered rain and snow showers. Snow level near 6,500 feet. Highs in the 40s.

Treasure Valley

Occasional rain early today with scattered rain showers in the afternoon. Continued mild. Breezy. Highs 55 to 60. Southeast winds 15 to 25 mph. Tonight cloudy with scattered rain showers. Lows in the mid 40s. Thursday cloudy with scattered rain showers. Highs 50 to 55.

Sawtooth Mountains

Periods of rain with snow above 8,000 feet. Additional snow accumulations 2 to 4 inches. Locally breezy. Highs 45 to 50. Tonight rain showers likely with snow above 7,000 feet. Locally breezy. Lows 30 to 40. Thursday cloudy with scattered rain and snow showers. Highs in the 40s.

Eastern Idaho

Cloudy and windy with rain likely by this afternoon. Mild with highs 50 to 55. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph increasing to 20 to 30 mph by afternoon. Tonight cloudy with rain showers likely decreasing after midnight. Lows 35 to 45. Thursday mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Highs 45 to 50.

North Idaho

Occasional rain today. Mild with highs from the mid 40s to the lower 50s. Variable winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight cloudy with scattered showers. Lows near 40. Thursday cloudy with scattered showers. Highs from near 45 to 50.

Northwest Nevada

Windy, mild and mostly cloudy with scattered showers today. Southwest wind 20-30 mph and gusts. Highs 55-60. Tonight showers likely and breezy. Lows 40-45. Thursday mostly cloudy, breezy and mild with scattered showers. Highs near 55.

ACROSS THE NATION

Sierras receive more snow as floods trouble Northwest

The Associated Press

Snow continued to fall in the Sierras Tuesday morning, while parts of the Northwest grappled with flooding and mudslides.

It was cold in the northern Plains and New England was fair and cool.

Storms will continue to batter the West Coast and the Pacific Northwest with heavy rain and snow. Flooding was expected to remain a danger through the end of the week.

Especially heavy rainfall was forecast from northern California to southern Washington. Some locations could see up to 3 inches of accumulation. High winds, between 35 and 45 mph also were possible, with gusts approaching 60 mph in some locations.

Snow was expected across Idaho and western Montana. Accumulations could range from 4 to 8 inches. Rain showers will fall in lower elevations.

Scattered rain showers were possible from Louisiana to the Carolinas. Precipitation should be light, though some afternoon thunderstorms could produce brief heavy downpours.

A cold front moving across the Great Lakes region and portions of New England brought colder air and a few snow showers to these areas. Scattered lake effect snows were possible across western New York, but accumulations were not expected to be light.

After a morning of dense fog, skies should clear slightly in the mid-Atlantic and Ohio Valley regions.

High pressure will continue to bring fair and dry weather across the southern Plains and the Southwest.

Temperatures were forecast to reach the 30s and 40s in the East, Midwest, Lower Plains and Pacific Northwest. Readings were expected in the 60s and 70s in the South and the desert Southwest.

ALMANAC

Idaho

Max	Min	Pcp	Twin Falls	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	m	.00	Yesterday	m	49	—
Burley	m	.00	Last year	44	30	—
Fairfield	m	m	Normal	37	20	0.03
Gooding	m	m				
Hagerman	m	m				
Idaho Falls	m	.38	North of December	4.06		
Jerome	m	.40	Month to date	.00		
Lewiston	m	36	Normal mo. to date	1.10		
Mald	m	m	Water year to date	6.38		
Malta	m	m	Normal year to date	2.92		
McCall	m	m				
Pocatello	m	.45	Humidity at noon	76 pct.		
Salmon	m	m	Barometer at noon	30.033 R		
Stanley	m	m	Pollen count	0 for this season.		
Sun Valley	m	m				

Source: Astoria and Alerts of Idaho

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 5:15 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 8:08 a.m.
Lunar phase: Last quarter, Jan. 3; new, Jan. 8;
first quarter, Jan. 15; full, Jan. 23.
Visible planets: Morning: Mars, Venus.
Evening: Jupiter, Saturn, Mercury.

Auger

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ly give them the right," Lance said. "There should be no doubt in Copengation's corporate mind that the state of Idaho will pursue compensation to the full value of the resource."

The question then becomes: "What is the value of one of the last free-flowing waterfalls on a Western river?" Lance said.

Local government agencies, recreationists and environmentalists have attacked the dam proposal. But coplanator Frank Lockwood told *The Times-News*.

Opposing it "is not a difficult call," Lockwood said. "You've got nearly all of the Magic Valley against it."

Lance vowed to seek support from a broad congressional delegation in the fight against Auger Falls. In the past, Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, has used his influence with federal authorities to help Harmsen's hydroproject license expire.

Protection of Idaho's aesthetic assets is a job for local planning and zoning boards and the state-



Al Lance
Power Act. He also has urged Uncle Sam's hydroproject cheerleaders to jump into a court fight against the state, suggesting that Idaho has "assumed" the authority of the Federal Hydroproject Regulatory Commission.

"So far, FERC hasn't accepted Harmsen's invitation. Even so, Lance took a swipe at the "schizophrenic approach of the federal government."

Lance cited a recent decision by a federal judge in Seattle, who ordered state officials to develop cleanup plans for hundreds of polluted streams and rivers in Idaho - including the Middle

Snake, already saddled with six dams that generate hydroelectricity.

Lance railed against the paradox of one federal authority ordering the state to clean up the Middle Snake - while another federal entity supplies a license to generate hydroelectricity on the same river.

Dams don't add pollutants, but they do slow the velocity of the Snake's already-polluted water. Warmed by the desert sun, the sluggish water can produce huge beds of weeds and algae.

"We are delighted that the state is not backing away, or bending to accommodate a new dam on the Snake River," said Liz Paul, associate director of Idaho Rivers United, which has vigorously campaigned against the Auger Falls project.

"We hope this strong stand by the attorney general comes Mr. Harmsen to change his mind," Paul said. "Condemnation of state land is a no-win situation for everybody."

Storm

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That highway, however, remained closed from Lowman to Stanley by avalanches and snow, as was U.S. 12 from Lowell to Powell. Idaho Highways 162 and 64 near Kamiah also were closed due to mudslides.

Terry Sexton of the Boise National Forest's Idaho City Ranger District said cross-country skiers and snowmobilers that might be attracted to the high country may be unaware of the conditions.

"Everyone needs to exercise extreme caution in the backcountry this week," Sexton said. "The snow-covered slopes are very unstable right now. The slightest

disturbance could easily trigger a slide."

In northern Idaho, the National Weather Service issued a flood warning Tuesday for the St. Joe River in Renewah and western Shoshone counties after an ice jam developed on the river just downstream from Calder.

The river reached flood stage there Monday night and it was expected to keep rising.

After the jam breaks, the Weather Service said, the St. Joe would rise rapidly in Blaine County. Residents in and around the communities of St. Joe, Ferrell and St. Maries - which was hit hardest by the flood last February - were advised to be prepared for flooding.

Meanwhile, forecasters said the Weiser River could crest one to two feet above flood stage in Cambridge and Weiser on Tuesday.

Some low-lying farmlands were flooded Monday, but homes were not in immediate danger.

Clinton golfs, gabs

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) - President Clinton enjoyed a spiritual and sporting finale to 1996 Tuesday on this Atlantic barrier island during a vacation dominated so far by his dual passions: golf and gab.

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Wednesday, Jan. 1.

FRONTS: COLD WARM STATIONARY

Legend: High, Low, Snow, Rain, Fog, Flurries, Snow, Ice, Sun, Partly Cloudy, Cloudy.

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HIGHS & LOWS

Idaho: High, not available. Low, 31 degrees at Grice.
Nation: High, not available. Low, 14 below zero at Grand Forks, N.D.

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TEMPERATURES

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	m	39
Atlanta	m	51
Boston	m	27
Chicago	m	22
Dallas	m	51	....
Denver	m	31	.08
Detroit	m	17	....
Los Angeles	m	33	....
Honolulu	m	73	....
Houston	m	62	....
Indianapolis	m	40	....
Kansas City	m	28	....
Las Vegas	m	57	....
Los Angeles	m	57	....
Memphis	m	55	....
Miami Beach	m	66	....
Milwaukee	m	21	....
Minneapolis	m	14	.02
New Orleans	m	67	....
New York	m	33	....
Oklahoma City	m	47	....
Oregon	m	57	....
Phoenix	m	57	....
Pittsburgh	m	36	....
Portland, Me.	m	11	....
Portland, Ore.	m	44	.20
Reno	m	51	....
St. Louis	m	57	.19
Salt Lake City	m	47	....
San Francisco	m	59
Seattle	m	43	.82
Spokane	m	32
Washington	m	44

ROAD INFORMATION

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Funeral

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closed.

The public will only gain from Loewen, says the former owners of businesses that have been in their families for generations.

"We're not changing personnel. We're not changing anything," said Paul Reynolds, the former owner at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, who is now a consultant. "Loewen was one firm that allowed us to be heavily involved in all the decisions. There were other firms that tell you to dot the i's and cross the t's."

Tom Harney, the former Sunset Mortuary owner, said he sold to make needed improvements they might not be able to make otherwise at the 60-acre cemetery.

"Things like building new structures or paving roads. The goal is to make it better, not only with government regulations. While opened in the mid-1930s. Loewen entered long-term contracts to keep the same managers and employees, Laundy said.

"Our philosophy is to honor the family traditions of the home we purchase and to work with the families who own these facilities to continue the traditions they built up and maintain and enhance the quality of service," he said. "We're very pleased to be able to be a part of the community of Twin Falls."

Area residents probably won't see Loewen's name flashed at the memorials.

"We're not trying to hide it, but we don't put up the big set of signs. Each place has its own culture," Laundy said.

Harney said it was his decision not to publicly announce the sale because he didn't believe it was

About the Loewen Group

- Over 100 years of service
- Member of the International Association of Funeral Homes
- North America with 90 percent of offices in the United States
- Corporate offices in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- Loewen also owns a Missouri mortuary, according to the State Bureau of Occupational Licenses

is excellent," Harney said. "We're still allowed to set our own prices. They don't oversee us with the business."

"We have a big input on those things. My prices went up but I was planning on raising them anyway," Reynolds said. Customers will benefit from Loewen's purchasing power, he added.

When asked if prices would be raised at Loewen's new acquisitions, Laundy said the prices are based on the "competitive situation in each market." Laundy declined to say if the corporation was seeking any more funeral home properties in Idaho.

The new owners must apply for a new state license, said Ed Robertson, a Jerome mortuary owner and member of the Idaho Board of Morticians, which licenses morticians and funeral homes.

Only Reynolds Funeral Chapel has applied so far, he said. A previous application was returned because of the name of the new owner was missing. Board secretary Janis Wiedrick said the new application listed Reynolds Acquisition Inc. of Covington, Ky., as the new owner. There was no telephone listing for such a company, but Loewen has an office in Covington.

Blay Colonial Funeral Home is the only independent funeral home left in Twin Falls. The funeral home in October was appointed a receiver - F.W. Stivers of Twin Falls, who said the mortuary has not been operating since August.

Large businesses taking over the small is a trend with funeral homes.

"I haven't had enough experience with these people," Robertson said. "Obviously they are big corporations and investors - owners and people expect a return on the dollars. They might change things. There are several major players out there. These people are very interested in acquisitions."

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Ty Russell, circulation director

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ROAD CONDITIONS

BOISE (AP) - The Idaho Department of Transportation Tuesday reported mostly wet highways. U.S. 12 between Powell and Lowell, and Idaho 21 between Lowman and Banner Summit, remained closed.

U.S. 95 - Riggins-Moscow, wet; Weiser-Near Meadows, wet, one-lane traffic.

Interstate 84 - Oregon line-Century Ferry, wet, rain; Bliss-Burley, dry; Burley-Utah line, dry, rain.

Idaho 55 - Horseshoe-Bend-Donnelly, wet; Donnelly-New Meadows, rain, rock.

Idaho 21 - Boise-Idaho City, wet, rain; Idaho City-Lowman, broken snow floor, rain; Lowman-Banner Summit, closed.

U.S. 20 - Mountain Home-Cary, wet, rain; Arco-Idaho Falls, wet; Idaho Falls-Ashton, wet, icy spots; Ashton-Montana line, snow floor.

U.S. 93 - Nevada line-Donnelly, dry; Twin Falls-Arco, wet, rain; Arco-Salmon, wet, icy, rain.

Idaho 75 - Shoshone-Keetchikan, wet, icy spots; Idaho Falls-Summit, snow floor, icy, changing chains advised.

Interstate 86 - Wet, rain.

Interstate 15 - Utah line-Idaho Falls, wet, rain.

Family, friends mourn slain girl, 6

ATLANTA (AP) — A white teddy bear sat propped next to the casket of a 6-year-old girl found strangled in her Boulder, Colo., basement as friends and relatives mourned her death Tuesday.

They wept at the funeral of JonBenet Ramsey as they sang the hymn, "Jesus Loves Me."

"When a child is lost, one feels that a part of a future promise is gone," the Rev. W. Frank Harrington said at the funeral at Peachtree Presbyterian Church. "All of us who are parents fully expect that our children will live long after we are gone."

"It seems unreasonable. It does not fit and the hurt is very real," Harrington told about 100 mourners.

Authorities investigating the death in Boulder say the public is in no danger from a killer on the loose.

"There's no need for concern," city spokeswoman Leslie Aaholm said at a news conference Monday. She said police were patrolling the area, but added, "I'm not going to confirm or deny whether anyone is still out there."

Aaholm did not explain why there is no need for concern and insisted that no one has been identified as a suspect. The body of JonBenet, last year's Little Miss Colorado, was found Thursday in her family home.

The family moved from Anita to Boulder in 1991.

The Rocky Mountain News reported Tuesday that the girl's father, businessman John Ramsey, had hired a lawyer and was refusing to talk to police.

Lawyer Bryan Morgan said he

had "zero to say" about the case. Asked why he was hired, Morgan said: "The district attorney has said no one is ruled out" as a suspect.

In a statement Monday night, the family said: "The Ramsey family is currently grieving over the loss of their beloved child JonBenet."

"There will be a response from the family after an appropriate and respectful period of time. Until that time, there will be no further comment." They did not speak at the funeral.

Police refused to say who was home at the time the girl was reported missing, or release details about a reported ransom note. They also refused to comment on earlier reports that Ramsey found his daughter's body.

The Denver Post reported Tuesday Ramsey has been temporarily removed from his post as president of Access Graphics, one of Boulder's largest companies and a subsidiary of Lockheed Martin.

Lockheed spokesman Evan McCollum said the company made the move because it did not want to bother him with business decisions while he grieves.

"This is a terrible time," McCollum said.

Ms. Aaholm refused to answer questions about why it took police so long to find the body, why the parents weren't questioned after the body was found, why police refused to release a police report, and why a search warrant and the coroner's report were being kept secret.

Hair, blood and handwriting samples have been taken from friends and family members, police said.



An investigator dusts a window for fingerprints on Monday at the Boulder, Colo., home where 6-year-old JonBenet Ramsey was found murdered last week.

NATION IN BRIEF

Many cars in chain-reaction accidents

NEW ORLEANS — A bus and dozens of other vehicles smashed into each other in a series of chain-reaction wrecks on a fog-shrouded highway bridge during Tuesday's morning rush hour, killing at least one person.

Police estimated at least 70 vehicles were involved in the accidents on both sides of a 5-mile span carrying Interstate 10 across one end of Lake Pontchartrain between New Orleans and Slidell. "On the eastbound side, from New Orleans into Slidell, we've got approximately 40 to 50 vehicles and one confirmed fatality. On the westbound, we've got approximately 30 to 35 vehicles plus a Greyhound bus. And numerous injuries," said Cpl. Cliff Cox of the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office.

Slave's remains buried at cotton plantation

JAMES ISLAND, S.C. — The heavy, sharp sounds of ancient drums and the smell of incense lifted into the air as the bones of three Africans believed to have been slaves were returned to the plantation where they worked.

The remains deserved nothing less than a traditional burial, said Abena Baht Israel.

"We are not here to give homage to slaves. We are here to give homage to our royal ancestors," she said at Monday's reinterment ceremony on the old McLeod Plantation.

The bones were found in Charleston across the Ashley River during construction of a firehouse last spring. Community leaders researched the area and found a map describing the site as an African graveyard on the then-sprawling cotton plantation, built in the 1830s.

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Impostor

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In a final irony, the .25-caliber pistol found in Evans' lap had been registered under the name of Richard F. Johnson, convicted felon. Evans couldn't legally own or possess a gun.

The first clue to the real Johnson, 58, came when a loan officer, a person named, asked if he hadn't listed all his credit cards on his loan refinancing application.

Baffled, Johnson asked to see the records because he always had paid off his credit card balances in full each month. Yet, there it was, page after page showing how the bogus Richard F. Johnson had run up more than \$50,000 in outstanding debts on more than 20 credit cards.

The real Richard F. Johnson doesn't remember ever crossing paths with Evans. He didn't recognize Evans' voice after listening to an audiotape of Evans testifying at the bankruptcy hearing. And he doesn't recall losing a wallet or having his home burglarized in Chicago.

But, according to records, the fraud began even before Johnson moved to California, as Evans obtained his first credit card in Johnson's name in 1976. Johnson didn't move to the West Coast until 1978.

Over the years, Evans obtained numerous credit cards, using them mostly for cash advances, usually in amounts of \$5,000, though there were occasional charges for sporting goods or hardware, authorities said.

The real Johnson said he figured it would be a simple task to clear up the matter once he discovered that the impostor had listed employment "where I never worked" and a Chicago address that turned out to be a mail drop.

Obviously, he reasoned, this was a different Richard F. Johnson, and the name, after all, was common enough. When he found out the other Johnson was using the same Social Security number, the real Johnson figured a mistake had been made.

But then he discovered that the fake Johnson also had pirated his birth date and his mother's maiden name — a commonly used security measure in the financial world.

So he began trying to clear his once-good name.

He contacted one credit card company after another, each time patiently explaining his predicament.

Reaching fraud experts at the banks that issued the credit cards was more challenging.

"It's easier to get an audience with the pope," he said.

The real Johnson mailed off a couple of dozen affidavits — each notarized at a cost of \$10 — swearing that he wasn't the Richard F. Johnson in Chicago.

But the major credit-reporting agencies and credit card companies "all told me the onus was on me" to prove it, Johnson said. "It was all my responsibility."

Incredibly, while discussing his problem over the telephone with one fraud official for a credit card company, he learned that the impostor was seeking to have the credit limit increased.

The ordeal became a monumental headache for Johnson, affecting "my mind, my business," even his marriage, he said.

"There is so much (information) about us that it is so easy to get. I was the lucky guy who got picked," he said.

Johnson turned to a lawyer for

help when, after 18 years, the impostor inexplicably filed a bankruptcy petition in May 1994.

"It may well have been triggered by the inquiry of the real Johnson," said Gil Soffer, the assistant U.S. attorney in Chicago who conducted the grand jury investigation. "But we'll probably never know."

"That's what I would love to know," Johnson said. "Does he have property in my name? He must have had something to lose, unless the man was so unbalanced. Most people would just walk away from it."

But apparently Evans could not. As part of his bankruptcy filing, he even came to a creditors' meeting, where he insisted he was Johnson, identifying the real Johnson's parents by name and claiming both were dead.

The real Johnson, however, had sent his nephew Matthew Mason, then a Loyola University Chicago Law School student, to set the record straight at the meeting. Not that the matter was in doubt, but at a later hearing, the real Johnson's mother, Ethel, who at 84 still works at Loyola Academy in Wilmette, Ill., came to declare herself alive.

After the bankruptcy was

thrown out of court, the bankruptcy trustee referred the matter to the FBI and the U.S. attorney's office, resulting in the indictment charging credit card fraud and bankruptcy fraud.

Though Evans is dead, his legacy of fraud has left a stubborn stain on the real Johnson's credit record. The bankruptcy filing still keeps appearing on his credit record, and Johnson said he routinely gets turned down for credit cards.

"Apparently, it's still not cleared up," he said.

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Government taking steps to curb Grand Canyon aircraft noise

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government took another step Tuesday in the decade-long battle to curb aircraft noise over the Grand Canyon by broadening no-fly zones and imposing early morning and evening curfews on air tours.

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt said the new restrictions, which take effect May 1, represent "a significant step toward the restoration of natural quiet in the canyon, which is one of the country's premiere tourist attractions and natural wonders."

Babbitt acknowledged that the actions outlined today would not eliminate the noise problem but will reduce it. He said additional actions, including the phase-in of quieter aircraft, will be needed.

The new regulations will ban tour flights over the canyon before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m. during summer months. Babbitt said these restrictions will substantially reduce noise for hikers and campers during the sunrise and sunset hours.

"These are truly the magical hours in

the Grand Canyon," Babbitt said.

But the new regulations from the Federal Aviation Administration and Interior Department are sure to be challenged in court by tour operators trying to protect their \$120 million-a-year business. And environmentalists say the proposals probably won't be enough to bring quiet to the canyon.

Babbitt said the key to a quieter canyon is the phase-in of quieter aircraft. To achieve that, the government announced it was developing a separate

regulation that would require the noisiest planes and helicopters to be replaced over the next four years and for all aircraft to have quieter engines about the year 2009.

Noise from fixed-wing and helicopter tours — more than 100,000 flights serving an estimated 800,000 tourists a year — has been the focus of intense controversy for nearly a decade.

President Clinton reiterated on Earth Day last spring that the government would step up efforts to curb air-

craft noise, leading to the new regulation.

Despite requirements since 1987 to ban below-the-rim flights and limit flights to specific corridors, the noise level has not abated because the number of flights has doubled in the past decade, environmentalists say.

But tour operators argue that they provide the best view of one of America's premier natural wonders and contend the government quest for natural quiet over most of the canyon is unrealistic.

Exercise aids good sleeping

CHICAGO (AP) — A little exercise can help older people sleep better and relieve their arthritis, researchers reported Tuesday.

The two studies do more than confirm conventional wisdom — they suggest a low-cost means of curbing the nation's health expenditures. Dr. David M. Buchner of the University of Washington said in an accompanying editorial.

The studies were published in today's *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

One study, led by researchers at Stanford University, involved 43 sedentary, healthy adults 50 to 76 years old with mild to moderate sleep problems, such as taking longer than 25 minutes on average to fall asleep and sleeping an average of only six hours a night.

Half the participants underwent 16 weeks of aerobics, each week consisting of two hour-long low-impact classes at a YMCA and two 40-minute sessions of brisk walking or stationary cycling at home. The other half did nothing.

At the end of the study, the subjects who exercised reported that they fell asleep about 15 minutes faster and slept about 45 minutes longer than before. Those who did not exercise showed little or no improvement.

In the other study, people with osteoarthritis who walked briskly or worked out with weights for three hour-long sessions a week could climb stairs, get out of cars and perform other activities more easily and with less pain. The 18-month study involved 349 people age 50 or older.

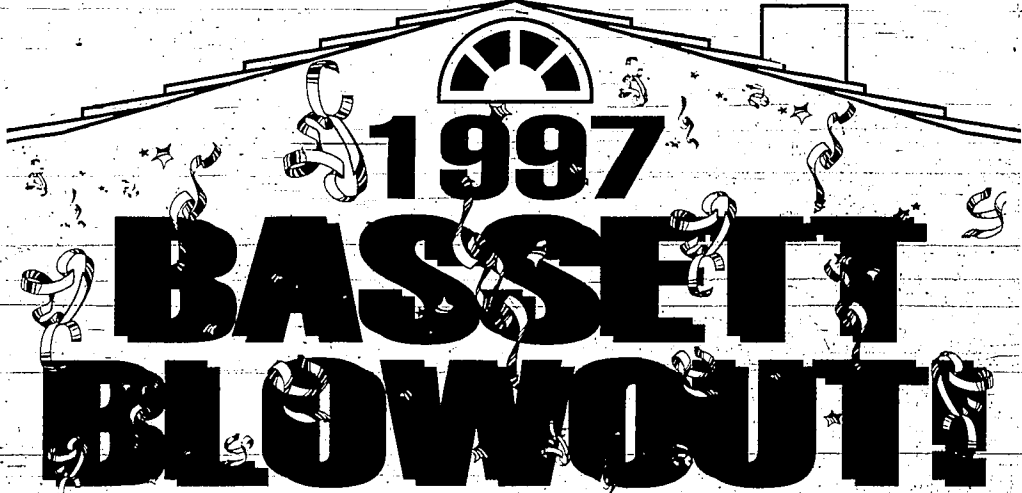
"It probably doesn't matter what you do as long as you do it," said the lead researcher, Dr. Walter H. Ertinger Jr. of Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, N.C. "We've got to figure out how you get people active and how you keep them active."

Exercise already is generally recommended as a treatment for osteoarthritis by the Arthritis Foundation and the American College of Rheumatology.

Teen fined \$23,500

SPOKANE (AP) — A teen-ager must pay a \$23,500 restitution and spend three months in juvenile detention for his part in a Spokane graffiti spree.

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Peru president says he would consider granting rebels safe passage

LIMA, Peru (AP) — For the first time since Peru's hostage crisis began, police Tuesday allowed journalists into the Japanese ambassador's residence where leftist rebels are holding 83 people captive. As a small group of cameramen approached the door, a Tupac Amaru rebel on the inside shouted a largely inaudible message denying that they were terrorists.

where thousands of children are killed by starvation," he said. He urged reporters to go to prisons where rebel prisoners are held, saying conditions there are equal to a death sentence. "All we have left is struggle," he said, and repeated an original demand that their comrade rebel prisoners be freed. The rebels had omitted that demand Saturday in a communique, which was taken by some as a possible sign that

their position had eased. It was not clear whether the shouted comments indicated a definitive new shift in the rebels' demands. "Breaking a 10-day silence on the hostage crisis, President Alberto Fujimori appeared to soften his earlier stance against the rebels in a response sent Monday night to questions submitted by The Associated Press. The rebels displayed signs today say-

ing they would allow Japanese journalists into the compound for a news conference. National Police Col. Fernando Zapata, in charge of security around the residence, said no conference would be permitted. Some of the journalists later entered the residence today. Rebels of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement seized about 500 hostages on Dec. 17 during a gala

cocktail reception marking the Japanese emperor's birthday. They have released more than 400 hostages, but are still holding 83 others, including several ambassadors, Japanese businessmen, and Peruvian military chiefs, anti-terrorist experts and government cabinet members. Fujimori earlier said he would not consider rebel demands to free their jailed comrades until they freed all the captives.

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EDITORIAL

Money scandal displays absence of moral core

God and the devil wrestle for the souls of ordinary folks everywhere, William Faulkner once observed. But in the South, it's always two falls out of three.

Maybe that helps explain the culture of easy virtue that seems to permeate Little Rock, Ark., and the administration of favorite son Bill Clinton.

It seems as if the Democratic National Committee and the president's legal defense fund are returning checks every other day to shadowy Arkansas businessmen and their Asian connections. And that may be just the start of a much bigger, spiraling scandal.

If Clinton has demonstrated anything, it's that virtually anyone with a checkbook and an agenda can gain the president's ear - or an invitation to stay overnight in the Lincoln Bedroom, if the check is large enough.

Such practices don't seem to strike the Clintonians as shabby. After all, it's the same system that got them to Washington in the first place.

The South is a place of deep pockets and unlimited opportunities for those willing to master the art of nurturing patronage. In such a system, there's always money to be found - at a price.

Clinton, with his easy charm and steely ambition, quickly learned that game. After losing his bid for re-election as a maverick, outsider governor in 1980, Clinton soon learned to cultivate Arkansas' new-money establishment - especially poultry, retailing and banking - to build himself a new coalition.

His transformation to neo-conservative, hands-on technician was as

startling at the time as his road-to-Damascus conversion to Republican principles would be a decade and a half later.

But neither was surprising. For Clinton, the overriding objective is and always has been to get elected. Everything else seems to be negotiable.

What's troubling is that there doesn't seem to be a core of principles at the bottom of the president's I-feel-your-pain light-and-magic show.

If Clinton and his minions would accept millions of dollars from Thai and Taiwanese businessmen seeking favors, would they draw the line at outright bribery or graft?

We may never know until the multiple investigations already under way in Washington reach their conclusions. But the Clinton White House, with its feckless efforts to minimize the spreading scandal, is beginning to smell like the Nixon White House of a generation before.

What did the president know and when did he know it? In the case, it has to go to matter. Clinton has just surrounded himself with a culture of moral relativism; he helped invent it.

Like the president, most Americans would be happy if the Clintonian indiscretions could be explained away. After all, they voted for cooperation and progress last November, not for gridlock and re-creation.

But the campaign-money scandals can't be dismissed, like so many earlier troubles of the Clinton White House, as amateur staff work and miscommunication. A lot of foreigners paid big money to get close to the president, and Americans deserve to know what they got for their money.



Investment in growth improves your daily paper

The newspaper you're reading on this New Year's Day is better than *The Times-News* you read a year ago, and it's going to keep improving.

Last spring, we took a critical look at the paper. Although circulation and advertising were (and are) growing, we thought we could do more. We wanted to reach more readers and cement our position as the Magic Valley's dominant medium for news and advertising.

How could we accomplish that? The obvious answer was to improve the paper - print more news that local readers care about. But printing more local news means hiring more people and spending more money.

That's an almost heretical idea in the 1990s. Downsizing is corporate America's mantra. In the Magic Valley, most other local media have squeezed rather than expanded their commitment to local news.

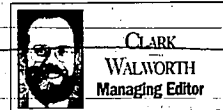
But we decided to go the opposite way. We decided to invest in growth. Our investment has been a whirlwind of change ever since. Here are some of the changes you may have noticed:

Community news - The events, projects and milestones of local people and organizations are a key component of the "new and improved" *Times-News*. So we added a community editor to create a weekly Community page, and we invited readers to send us their news.

People responded so enthusiastically that we added a second weekly page within a few weeks. And then a third.

Today, Community Editor April Critch puts out pages four days a week. We hope to add a fifth page soon.

A new look - We redesigned our pages



In July, to make the paper more modern and attractive. Mini-Cassia content - To enhance our coverage in Minidoka and Cassia counties.

Without bigger staff, we've resolved to do more in-depth reporting. One example so far is our series of monthly reports on the quality of local education.

TV Weekly - Our television magazine will see some subtle changes starting next week. It will include 24-hour program schedules, and we've signed a new listings service to improve accuracy.

Stock markets - Our financial page will be updated and expanded within the next few weeks.

Throughout the coming year, we hope to keep adding to our staff and improving our news report as our budget permits. Just as we've made the 1997 *Times-News* better than the 1996 version, we want 1998 to be better still.

We hope you're enjoying the improvements. If you have any suggestions, please drop me a note or give me a call.

readers in all of the valley's cities and towns. So when reporter Virginia Garber was promoted to assistant city editor in August, we assigned her to recruit more free-lance correspondents to help cover the smaller communities. She's doing well, steadily increasing our news report from around our region.

Projects - With our bigger staff, we're resolved to do more in-depth reporting. One example so far is our series of monthly reports on the quality of local education.

We're proud of these changes, and we think the paper is better than ever.

And the improvements are paying off. We set an all-time circulation record this fall. Meanwhile, thanks to advertising growth, we're able to print more pages. We're also carrying more advertising inserts, and classified listings are booming.

In short, every part of *The Times-News* is healthy and growing.

More improvements will come in 1997. Here are two you can expect soon:

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- Because of space constraints, please limit letters to 400 words. Longer letters will be shortened. The *Times-News* reserves the right to edit all letters. We look forward to hearing from you!

LETTERS

Wonders about Schroeder's past

I'm writing about the Schroeder editorial printed Dec. 13, 1996.

Was this editorial meant just to stir things up in the community? Was it based on any true facts? Was it directly meant to hurt Charlie's family?

It seems to me you criticized Charlie and his family to justify Schroeder.

What is important here? Is it Charlie's past or the facts of what happened that morning?

I know Charlie well, and anyone that knew him knows he was non-violent. I'm curious to know about Mr. Schroeder's past.

DAWN ANDERSEN
Twin Falls

Public has right to golf course input

I would like to express a few opinions on the debacle concerning the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. Most golfers would agree that a modest increase in fees was probably necessary. However, the

problem has been grossly mishandled by the Twin Falls City Council.

They, supposedly, are our elected officials who are there to serve us. When they blatantly disregard the opinions of their constituency, they are sending a message that says, "We know what's best for you."

We, the public, need an opportunity to express what we think is best for us and the golf course. The one thing that all golfers opposed in the meetings in 1994 and 1996 was a surcharge of any kind. The City Council, namely Howard Allen, still pushed it through. As if to say, "Well, golfers, how do you like those apples?" I don't, and all the Muni golfers don't.

I agree with Dwight Sandmark. If Mayor Jeff Gooding thinks he has the power to do whatever he wants regarding the golf course, how much power does he think he has regarding other city issues?

I have been at all the public meetings that have dealt with the fee increases for the golf course. Three meetings in 1994 and two in 1996.

The surcharge that was effected on Dec. 23, 1996, was a railroad job from the word go. I might also say that it came in the back door, was underhanded, was a power play and that it disregarded the people that will be affected most by it. It will not improve public relations between the council and the golfers.

I applaud Mr. Sandmark for resigning from the Golf Advisory Board and standing up for what he believes. If the advisory board is going to be treated as if they did not exist and as though the City Council has all the power to do as they please, then all members of the board would be within their rights to resign. It is time all golfers stood up to be counted.

During the meeting on Dec. 16, 1996, Jeff Gooding said the City Council would have a work session so they could come up with a fee schedule. However, by law, this would have to be followed by an open public meeting. My question, Mr. Gooding,

is: What happened to the public meeting?

VIRGINIA UNDIJEK
Twin Falls

Homosexuality is choice, not genes

To Mrs. Schreiner: Your letter exemplifies one of the problems surrounding this argument and that is miscommunication. It seems you failed to read and understand my letter, as you have misquoted me and totally missed my point.

I could spend time arguing that homosexuality is a genetic defect would fly in the face of a designer. I could use as an example the Bible, which clearly defines homosexuality as a sin whereas being handicapped is not. I could also point out that a loving designer/creator would never create a creature designed and destined to sin, then judge that creature on that sin.

No, I won't even get into that argument. It is irrelevant. We both agree that homosexuality is not a genetic defect.

What I will argue, though, is your belief that homosexuals are "born that way." I believe that they are not "born that way." Being "born that way" would suggest a genetic basis, whether it be a genetic defect or a natural genetic characteristic.

You have not provided any objective evidence to support your conclusion that homosexuals are "born that way," nor do I believe that you will ever be able to provide proof that homosexuality has a genetic basis. Just so you are clear on my position, I do not think that homosexuals are "born that way," hence, natural. I do believe that homosexuality is a choice.

I implore you all, let us stay focused, let us communicate clearly, let us reason this issue.

Schreiner, although I think you are letting your emotions speak, I thank you for your response and look forward to hearing from you again.

I would also like to thank *The Times-News* for providing this forum.

JEFF PIERSON
Jerome

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Recycling company pays EPA penalty

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Pacific Recycling has agreed to pay \$19,500 to settle federal charges that the company illegally disposed of refrigerators at its plants in Missoula, Billings, Helena and Kalispell.

The Environmental Protection Agency says inspection of a Pacific Recycling facility in Missoula found the company failed to ensure proper recovery of chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs, before sending refrigerators to be recycled as scrap. The violations began in 1993, the EPA said Monday.

The EPA said Great Falls-based Pacific told the agency the company intended to comply with the requirements for disposing of CFCs, but eight months later, federal inspectors discovered continued violations at Pacific facilities in Billings, Helena and Kalispell.

As part of an agreement between Pacific and the EPA, Pacific did not admit the company violated the Clean Air Act. Still, Pacific agreed to \$19,500 in penalties and waived its right to a hearing before an administrative

law judge, the agency said. Pacific Recycling is the largest steel supplier and recycling company in the Northern Rocky Mountains. The company operates 28 facilities in Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

Pacific President N.E. Vosburg said Monday the company thought it was abiding by an earlier communication from EPA headquarters in Washington, D.C., regarding the recovery of CFCs. But, he said, the regional EPA office had a different opinion.

Pacific has changed its policies to comply and has changed its handling of CFCs, Vosburg said.

The federal Clean Air Act prohibits the venting of CFCs while disposing of appliances, such as air conditioners and refrigerators. Until recently, CFCs were used as a refrigerant in such appliances.

The law requires that landfills and recyclers either recover CFCs by using special equipment, or ensure that CFCs have been removed before the appliances are scrapped.

Actor who played MGM's Dr. Kildare dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lew Ayres, whose film career covered six decades and weathered the furor of his objection to combat duty in World War II, has died. He was 88.



Lew Ayres

Ayres died Monday after being in a coma for several days, said Diana Ayres, his wife of 31 years.

During his long career, Ayres played opposite Grete Garbo, starred in the Oscar-winning "All Quiet on the Western Front," and found success portraying Dr. Kildare in the MGM film series.

Shunned by the studios after he became a conscientious objector during the war, he managed to revive his career and get an Academy Award nomination for "Johnny Belinda."

Long a student of comparative religion, Ayres produced "Alans of the World," a film on world faiths that won the Golden Globe Award for Best Documentary of 1976.

"He was a man who had great religious beliefs," Diana Ayres said. "In spite of all his successes, the proudest moment of his life was when he received an award for his documentary."

He had two failed marriages to actresses Lola Lane (1931-33) and Ginger Rogers (1934-41). In 1964,

he married British flight attendant Diana Hall. They had one son, the actor's only child.

Born Lewis Ayer in Minneapolis in 1908, he studied medicine at the University of Arizona. The musical life appealed to him more, and while touring with a band in Hollywood in 1928 he was discovered for films.

Ayres' first big role came opposite Garbo in her last silent film, "The Kiss." He followed that in 1930 with "All Quiet on the Western Front," Lewis Milestone's acclaimed film on World War I.

In 1938, Ayres got the title role in "Young Dr. Kildare," with Lionel Barrymore. They made eight Dr. Kildare films from 1939 to 1942.

But when war arrived and Ayres, then 34, declined combat duty for religious reasons. His movies were picketed and the actors refused to book them.

"I decided I would quit pictures after I went into the service. But when I went overseas, I changed my mind. I realized how important movies are to the lives of so many people."

"I thought I might enter the ministry or medicine — some field where I could accomplish something important. Making movies seemed to me very trivial."

"But when I went overseas, I changed my mind. I realized how important movies are to the lives of so many people. Why, I even became a fan myself."

Ayres served 3 1/2 years as a

medic and chaplain's aide, earning three battle stars.

His wartime service restored him to favor in Hollywood and in 1946 Ayres won an Academy nomination for his role as a doctor in "Johnny Belinda" a film that won Jane Wyman an Oscar as a raped deaf woman.

Later in his career, Ayres earned two Oscar actor roles with such films as "Advise and Consent," "The Carpetbaggers," and "Battle for the Planet of the Apes."

When movie roles grew scarce, he went into television and was offered the Kildare role in a new series. He declined when the network refused to agree to his request for no cigarette sponsorship.

Taking school spankings off the books will again be a Utah issue

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — School spanking will again be an issue when the Utah Legislature meets.

The issue was thought settled four years ago when the Utah Board of Education banned corporal punishment. However, state law gives parents the right to override the ban by giving the school written permission to spank their children.

Schools have ignored the provision and Sen. David Steele, R-West Point, has prefiled a bill that would remove the provision and make the state law conform to school practices.

Some other legislators think school practices should conform to state law.

"As a practical matter, schools aren't doing so, so it's an archaic law," Steele, a school administrator, said Monday. "It's better for them to not have it on the books."

Manslaughter charges filed for Christmas death

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Manslaughter charges have been filed against a 32-year-old man in the shooting death of his father on Christmas.

Jon Poore may not have planned to shoot his father, but he acted recklessly after he wrestled a 20-gauge shotgun away from Jack Poore, 55, in the family's Salt Lake City home, said Deputy Salt Lake District Attorney James Cope.

The younger Poore was bigger and stronger than his father and wasn't in any danger of being shot himself at the time of the shooting, Cope said.

Poore has been in jail since Christmas for investigation of criminal homicide. Manslaughter is a second-degree felony, punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

The shooting came during a family argument. Jon Poore hit his father in the head and the elder Poore retreated to another room in the house, according to court documents.

"A few moments later, Jack came down the hallway with a shotgun, pointing and waving it at Jon," said the charging document on the shooting.

Jon Poore pulled the trigger from Jack, but Jack grabbed the muzzle. Jon pulled the trigger as the muzzle was next to Jack's left temple.

In September, Jon Poore pleaded no contest to retail theft in 3rd District Court and was put on probation.

Donny Bates, attorney for the state Office of Education, said, "There is no sanctioned corporal punishment in any of the districts in the state, so it will have no practical effect at all. It simply cleans up a conflict in the wording of the statute and the wording of the state rule."

Bates said the Utah Constitution gives the board of education rather sweeping powers to supervise the public-education system.

Supporters of parent-approved corporal punishment in schools say agency rules need to conform with state law, not the other way around.

"The law doesn't supersede statute. This is a case of a bureaucracy getting carried away with its own importance," said retiring Rep. Grant Protzman, D-North Ogden.

Protzman sponsored the parental permission amendment in the 1992 Legislature. His provision passed and was signed into law, only to be ignored when the state Board of Education approved its policy a few months later.

"I certainly don't advocate beating kids," Protzman said. "We're talking about a spank on the bottom or a slap on the hands. If a parent feels it is appropriate for their kids and the teacher wants to be empowered to utilize that, the state ought to keep its nose out of it."

Sen. Howard Stephenson, R-Draper, said amending the law to fit with policy is "backward from how it's usually done."

"The parents' wishes should probably prevail," Stephenson said. "I know there's widespread

concern — about the apparent lack of discipline in the public schools; there's concern about the ability of one or two incorrigible kids to virtually take a classroom hostage by their constant misbehavior."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Man charged with newspaper theft

TWIN FALLS - Police questioning a man about stealing several copies of *The Times-News* early Sunday morning wound up taking an armed suspect off the streets, the report said.

Twin Falls police arrested Hector Jaime Silva, 31, of Twin Falls on suspicion of possession of concealed weapons and possession of drugs.

Clerk at Smith's Food and Drug Center, 1913 Addison, called police about 5:48 a.m. after he saw Silva and a woman Silva was with take several copies of *The Times-News* from a newspaper rack, after only paying for one, according to a police report. Silva and the woman put the newspapers in their car, then walked into the store, the employee reported.

Inside the store, another employee noticed Silva had a pistol stuck in the back of his pants, and informed police, the report said.

Police were waiting when Silva and the woman left the store, the report said. When officers searched Silva, they found he was carrying a switchblade and a silver .38-caliber pistol, 15.6 grams of methamphetamine, and two baggies of marijuana, according to the report.

Silva also had three Sunday editions of *The Times-News* worth \$4.50, the report said.

"It is a theft, and we've had a problem with it. If caught, we will prosecute people for stealing newspapers," said *Times-News* Circulation Director, Ty Ransdell. "We appreciate having a merchant as alert as this one was."

Silva was arrested and is being held in Twin Falls County's jail. The report said the weapons were stolen.

Police investigating link between arsteet, burglary

JEROME - Police are investigating a possible connection between a local man recently arrested on a federal warrant and a burglary last week at the North Side Club on West Main Street.

Jerome Police Chief Jim Dahl said that between 4:30 p.m. Christmas Day and 10 a.m. the next morning someone broke in through the back door of the club and stole an undetermined amount of cash and other items.

Chief Dahl said the burglar used a .38-caliber revolver and some rolled coins that were taken from the club have been recovered, Dahl said.

The club's owner claimed a total loss of \$7,000 from the burglary, he said.

Meanwhile, the department is investigating a possible connection between Pat Cahala of Jerome and the crime. U.S. marshals arrested Cahala on a warrant for probation violation, and he has been extradited to California to face that charge, Dahl said.

Holiday trash waits a day, county landfill closed today

TWIN FALLS - All that holiday trash will have to wait another day to go to the dump.

The Twin Falls County landfill and transfer stations will be closed today. The trash facilities will open and resume normal operations at 8 a.m. Thursday.

Snowboarder, skiers to share ideas, information

KETCHUM - Snowboarders and skiers are meeting to share ideas, information and techniques at the Ketchum Town Square.

The event, sponsored by the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce and the Forest Service, will be mediated by Kurt Nelson of the Ketchum Ranger District and aims to foster understanding between snowboarders and skiers about their respective styles and usage of the mountain.

Representatives from the Ski Patrol and the Ski Foundation as well as Sun Valley Company Ski School instructors will participate in the hour-long event, and a film on the skier/snowboarder safety code will be shown.

CSI offers BSU courses in criminal justice, business

TWIN FALLS - Boise State University is offering university-level courses at the College of Southern Idaho in criminal justice and business - and it's not too late to register for the spring semester.

Students can sign up, beginning Thursday and through the start of classes Jan. 21, for 13 three-credit BSU courses taught at CSI. The courses include "Crime in the Community," "Crime in the 21st Century," and "Crimes of the Mind, Bad and Ugly." The 11 business courses include intermediate accounting, government and business, working capital management and international business economics.

Classes will meet in the evenings. One course, "Management and Organization Theory," will be taught through the Internet; students will communicate with their professor and each other via e-mail.

To register or receive additional information, contact Shari Stroud, BSU Twin Falls coordinator, in the Taylor Building at CSI, or call 736-2161 or 733-9554, Ext. 2284.

Compiled from staff reports

Agencies monitor dairy waste

By N.S. Nokkvented
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Recent rain, melting snow and warm weather have contributed to a growing mess at some Magic Valley dairies.

Their sewage ponds are full, and they still have the rest of the winter and spring to go through. If the ponds can't hold the accumulating liquid, there's a good chance it will wind up in area creeks and the Snake River, said Mike McMasters, a state water quality official.

"The probability of it getting in streams is pretty high," said McMasters of the state Division of Environmental Quality in Twin Falls.

The sudden warming and rain on top of snow last week caught a lot of dairies unprepared, said Lewis Eilers, executive director of the Idaho Dairyman's Association. A big part of the problems came when melting snow and rain from still-frozen neighboring ground ran into dairy corrals.

Some dairies lost their permits to sell milk as a result of illegal discharges. Many of those dairies have fixed the

runoff problems and their permits have been reinstated.

But the water has left a problem for some. Dairy waste treatment systems are supposed to be designed to store all waste and corral runoff and waste water from milking operations that accumulates over the winter. It is illegal for them to discharge any waste.

With waste ponds full, options are limited. So long as soil is not frozen or saturated, dairies can sprinkle liquid from the ponds onto the ground, lowering the ponds' levels. With Tuesday's winds, fields were drying rapidly but more rain

is in the forecast.

Sprinkling the waste may create a potential threat to groundwater, but it is a better alternative than having cow manure running in creeks, canals and ultimately the Snake River, McMasters said.

But if dairies can't sprinkle the liquid on fields, they have a problem.

"We can't have that crap running down the creek," Eilers said.

Neither Eilers or McMasters had a clear idea of what dairies are going to do with the waste water they already have

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FISHING FOR A GOLF BALL



Enjoying a break from his duties in the drama department of the College of Southern Idaho, instructor Tony Mannen retrieves golf balls from a pond at the Canyon Springs Golf Course where a few golfers were enjoying a final round of golf for the year 1996.

Jerome County tries to handle highway project

By Mark Helzer
Times-News writer

JEROME - The Jerome County Commission has called several government and business representatives to a meeting this week in an attempt to find out the status of proposed improvements to the interchange of Interstate 84 and U.S. Highway 93.

"The left hand doesn't seem to know what the right hand is doing," said Commissioner Roy Prescott.

Plans for improving the interchange have been in the works for several months, Prescott said. Solutions could mean putting in longer access ramps, or building a full-scale clover leaf interchange.

In any case, there is little question that something needs to be done, said an Idaho Transportation Department official.

"The traffic signals we put up there will not do the job much longer before traffic starts backing up into itself," said District 4 Engineer Larry Van Over.

The county wants a better picture of what form the final project might take and how it may affect businesses and the local tax base, Prescott said.

The Petro 2 truck stop sits near the

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Hood investigators unconvinced

Defense claims that others were involved in murder cleanup

By Kevin Miller
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Investigators don't dispel the notion that other people were involved in cleaning up the crime scene after Wendy Hunter was murdered, but they say they lack any evidence to support the idea.

"That evidence, whether it was wiped away or never existed, likely is the key to whether 5th District Judge William Hart chooses to sentence confessed killer Corey Hood on the two counts of voluntary manslaughter he pleaded to, including a guilty plea in the Hunter case."

Prosecutors are seeking to break their agreement with Hood and charge him with two counts of first-degree murder



Corey Hood

in the killings of his 75-year-old grandmother, Mac Hood, and Hunter.

Tuesday was the fourth day of the hearing to determine Hood's future. After hearings in court Tuesday morning, a group of attorneys - including Minidoka County Prosecutor John Bradley, Minidoka County Prosecutor-elect Rick Bollar, and Hood's attorney Mark Manweiler, and Cassia County Deputy Prosecutor Harold Smyser - met Tuesday afternoon behind closed doors.

Investigators called to the witness stand conceded there are inconsistencies in the alibis of Brian Mack, Matthew Mines and Shannah Reeves, the three people Hood said helped him clean the Hunter murder scene.

But investigators say they haven't heard anything that compels them to re-charge Mack, Mines and Reeves with aiding and abetting Hood in the Hunter murder. And they insist the forensic evidence points only to Hood's involvement

Hood schedule

The hearing to determine if Corey Hood's plea agreement should stand or be withdrawn continues Thursday, and likely will conclude Monday after breaking Friday.

in the slaying.

"We never recovered any physical evidence from any of the crime scenes that would connect those three to this," agent Jim Hopkins of the Idaho Department of Law Enforcement Criminal Investigation Bureau told *The Times-News* outside the proceedings.

When agent Stu Robinson interviewed Mack, he said he suspected he helped clean up the scene and dispose of Hunter's body. After he failed to force a confession from Mack, Robinson said he changed his mind, based on the evidence.

"The fact, after being in that room and seeing how much blood was in there, the fact that there wasn't any blood found on anything of Brian Mack's," suggests Corey Hood "acted alone," Robinson testified.

The lack of evidence doesn't conclu-

sively rule out Mack, Manweiler said.

"The fact you didn't have any blood on (Mack's) clothes is either that it wasn't there to begin with or he had time between May 16 (the night Hunter was killed) and May 19 (the night Mack was arrested and charged with the crime) to wash it out," Manweiler said.

"That's possible, yes," Robinson replied.

Manweiler has been trying to prove that Hood told police and prosecutors the truth on June 14 when he confessed to killing Hunter and Hood, but said Mack, Mines and Reeves helped him clean the blood after Hunter's death, wipe down the crime scene and dispose of the body.

Investigators still think Hood came clean how it may affect businesses and the local tax base, Prescott said.

"On the June 14 interview, I think (Hood) was probably 95 percent honest," Prescott said.

Throughout the three-week long hear-

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Private ambulance service can help in nonemergency transports in Jerome

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Can a private ambulance service survive in Jerome County?

There has been much talk lately about allowing private companies to do some routine ambulance transports for St. Benedict's Family Medical Center.

"A private ambulance service can survive in Jerome County, but not without operating in other areas, too," said Larry Wood, former director of the Jerome County Ambulance Service and director of Unistar, a private ambulance service stationed in Jerome.

Unistar Monday received the county's approval to offer nonemergency transports to St. Benedict's.

Wood said he plans to expand into Twin Falls County and other counties. Wood was involved in drafting the

county ordinance which allows only one emergency call responder in the county. In order to have two emergency service ambulances operate in the county and answer 911 calls, the county must show a need.

"The intent of the county ordinance was to keep ambulance services from competing for calls and having two ambulances rushing to answer the same call. It might create a hazardous situation," he said.

As long as Unistar does only non-emergency calls in Jerome County, its service is legal.

Jerome Mayor Gerald Ostler ran the ambulance service from 1973 to 1985.

"I operated in the black all those years but the workers' salaries, including my own, were pathetic," he said. "It was not a living wage. All the ambulance workers were on call, they worked

at other jobs, wore beepers, and when they call came they had to go."

"I operated the ambulance basically as a public service. It is a 24-hour-a-day job, 365 days a year, and is high-stress work."

Ostler doubts a private business can buy and stock an ambulance, do the training necessary to operate an ambulance service and collect enough from the patient bills to stay afloat, "without some sort of grant or taxpayer assistance as a financial cushion."

Valley Quick Response, formed in 1976, was a nonprofit, volunteer group that tried to serve eastern Jerome County.

"There was no ambulance service of any kind in the east end of the county," said Shirley Shurtz, president of Valley Quick Response. "People out here often

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Unistar given transport OK

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Jerome County commissioners Monday gave Unistar, a private ambulance service, the go-ahead to transport non-emergency patients in Jerome County.

No vote was taken Monday, since the company's request to do non-emergency ambulance transports for St. Benedict's Family Medical Center meets county rules, commission chairman Roy Prescott said Monday.

Commissioners agreed to have their attorney write a letter to the state, saying Unistar complies with the county ordinance.

This letter will allow Unistar to operate an ambulance service in the county.

On Dec. 9 Wood had asked commissioners for the letter - a state require-

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Sensors detect incoming meteors

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP) — Listening stations set up in the West to monitor underground nuclear explosions since 1983 also are detecting incoming meteors, New Mexico defense lab scientists said.

Los Alamos National Laboratory meteorologist Doug ReVelle, who works in the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty International Monitoring System, said meteors emit a low-frequency signal that can be picked up as they enter Earth's atmosphere.

He said meteors or "bolides" as small as a few centimeters in diameter can be detected.

"The Earth ran into a swarm of these things in October," ReVelle said in a statement released in Los Alamos. "Who knows where they came from? Perhaps they were the result of a near-Earth asteroid that had collided with something."

ReVelle presented his findings at the American Geophysical Union meeting in San Francisco in December.

From Oct. 2 through Oct. 4, he said, nearly a dozen such bodies were seen over Earth.

During that period, five separate fireballs were "recorded" over California, New Mexico and the Pacific Northwest, he said.

The California bolide's diameter was estimated at about three-fourths of a meter. It was seen by hundreds of people and even heard by some of them, he said.

"Sometimes you'll actually hear a hissing or a buzzing noise and you'll turn around, look and see a fireball. What you're hearing," ReVelle said, "is more of an electrical disturbance caused by the object interacting with Earth's geomagnetic field."

The fireballs over California and New Mexico initially were believed to be one fireball that entered the atmosphere, skipped back into an orbit around Earth, then re-entered, he said.

But ReVelle said further checking determined the fireball sightings were actually two separate objects. He said trajectories indicate the first bolide didn't enter the atmosphere at an angle that would bounce it back into orbit.

He said scientists still have many questions about the Oct. 3 fireballs.

"And there are some things which don't quite add up. You know," he said, "I'm not really sure what was happening in the sky that night."

But ReVelle said it is common for at least one bolide of about a 6-meter diameter to enter the atmosphere every year.

"These (6-meter bolides) make an infrasonic signal similar to what you'd see from a 15-kiloton explosion. ... And each year, we see around 10 objects entering the atmosphere that are equivalent to a 3-kiloton blast — or about 2 meters in diameter," he said.

Boomtown Tooele thrives in the shadow of toxic occupations

TOOELE, Utah (AP) — Decades of downsizing have taken a toll on this community of 15,000.

The main street was at one time renovated with brick walkways, grass, trees and rustic kiosks. But empty storefronts, "all-for-dollar" stores and peeling paint attest to more recent economic hard times.

Better days may be just around the corner.

Located in a wide-open valley 30 miles southwest of Salt Lake City, Tooele has lived and died with the fortunes of military bases in the county. Besides Tooele Army Depot, which reached its peak during the Vietnam War, the county is home to the Dugway Proving Grounds and a couple of large test ranges.

It also has embraced the job of cleaning up other people's messes, with two commercial incinerators and two hazardous waste dumps also located in the county. Other dirty jobs include a huge copper mine just east of the county and a magnesium plant on the north end near the Great Salt Lake.

But the way Tooele and Tooele County are growing, you would think the industrial by-products were milk and honey. The new incinerator isn't scaring anyone away. City Engineer Gerald Webster's office is evidence of the booming climate in Tooele. Maps fill every corner of his office and official forms are strewn across his desks.

"My job is to make sure the growth is managed and the infrastructure is in place," Webster said.

The geographic size of the city of Tooele has already doubled, thanks to a Seattle development group. Three years ago, there were eight new home permits. This year, there have been more than 300 permits. There are more than 7,000 lots to build on in the county.

Partially fueling the growth is the expansion of Salt Lake City, which is spilling over the mountains in the Stansbury Park area. There's also the introduction of a "clean" industry — at the old Army depot itself.

The Army gave a \$110 million custom manufacturing plant to Tooele when it closed the north part of the base two years ago. This year, the city sold it for \$10 million to Detroit Diesel, a company owned by race-car driver Roger Penske. The plant will employ 300 people in the first year, rebuilding diesel engines and handling commercial or Army contracts.

"For the shape it's in, \$10 million was about all it was worth," Webster said. "All in all, he got a good deal."

He said the city will probably spend most of the money building roads and sewer lines to the area.

"We kind of look at it as a seed that will help the area grow," Webster said. "It will have a significant impact with the indus-

tries that it can draw to the area."

Webster worked at Tooele Army Depot for several years before finishing his Army career at Pueblo Depot Activity in 1993. After retirement, he returned to Tooele, his wife's hometown.

Chemical weapons incineration doesn't bother him. He said there are more problems with spills of everyday industrial chemicals on the interstates than with the actual processing of chemicals in Tooele County.

"The local people who have been here are not concerned," Webster said. "Some of the new people are concerned. But we've handled that stuff for 50 years and no one's been hurt, much less killed. I'm comfortable with the Army's ability to destroy it."

Most of Tooele's residents have some sort of tie to the depot, creating an atmosphere of trust that might not be found in larger communities, Webster said.

"If you've worked in it any length of time, you realize that the Army takes extraordinary steps for safety," he added.

Some in the county advocate strengthening the county's role as a hazardous waste disposal site, but with less fervor than in the past.

"The governor (Mike Leavitt) has told us to cool it," Commission Chairman Terrell Hunsaker said when asked if the county still welcomes out-of-state hazardous waste.

DEATH NOTICES

Alice E. Kaggie

BURLEY — Alice Enola Larson Kaggie, 83, of Pinetop, Ariz., and formerly of Burley, died Monday, Dec. 30, 1996, at the Navapache Regional Medical Center in Show Low, Ariz.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, with Bannic Kuffer officiating. Burial will be at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral chapel.

Theresa Hitt

DECLA — Theresa Hitt, 40, of Decla, died Monday, Dec. 30, 1996, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Ivan Clark Tolman

RUPERT — Ivan Clark Tolman, 69, of Rupert, died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1996, in Rupert.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

Terril "Terry" A. Jones

JEROME — Terril "Terry" A. Jones, 53, of Jerome, died Monday, Dec. 30, 1996, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome of a sudden illness.

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

SERVICES

Mary Winterholer Trout

TWIN FALLS — Mary Winterholer Trout, 64, of San Marcos, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 29, 1996, in San Marcos of heart failure.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the San Marcos Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Allen Brothers Funeral Home in San Marcos.

Alta Penrod

ALBION — Alta Penrod, 82, of Albion, died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1996. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary in Burley.

Matthew Luke Uecker

3-year-old son of Fred and Evelyn Uecker of Gooding, memorial service, 2 p.m. today, Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Hazel Ann Sanderson Kelsey, of Kimberly, 10 a.m. Thursday, Kimberly LDS 2nd Ward Chapel. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. today, White Mortuary Kimberly Chapel and from 9 to 9:45 on Thursday at the church.

Jean Louise MacRae Gibson, of Rupert, 11 a.m. Thursday, Rupert United Methodist Church. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour before the funeral on Thursday.

Clarence Everett Gumroy

of Rexburg and formerly of Burley, 1 p.m. Thursday, Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St., Burley. Friends may call from noon to 12:45 p.m. Thursday at the funeral chapel.

Connie Lynn Hendrix, of Wendell, memorial service, 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Wendell United Methodist Church, (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

Martha Votroubek Sullivan, of Buhl, 2 p.m. Friday, Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral chapel.

World to know jackpot winners Thursday

BOISE (AP) — The mystery Idaho buyers of Christmas night's \$48.2-million Powerball jackpot ticket knew they had won by the following day, state Lottery officials said.

Their names will be announced Thursday. The ticket that won the prize was purchased at Carroll's Travel Plaza in Arco.

They become the 10th instant, millionaire created by the Idaho lottery since its inception in 1975, Lottery spokesman Pat Reilly said Tuesday.

The jackpot in the multi-state

drawing was the third-highest this year and the second-highest ever won by an Idaho ticket. Pam Hart of Boise secured an \$87 million Powerball jackpot in June 1995.

They told me they wanted to seek some professional advice," Reilly said. "They did know on Dec. 26 that they were winners."

He said they agreed it was better to have a press conference to release their names, rather than have the media track them down and put them through multiple news interviews, Reilly said.

They had 480 days from Christmas drawing to claim the prize.

The winning numbers were 13-14-17-25-26, and Powerball 29.

Lottery officials said they wondered if the winner might be a long-haul truck driver who did not realize the ticket was worth millions.

Twenty-eight percent of the money or about \$13.5 million, will be deducted for taxes, leaving the winner with \$34.7 million to be paid in increments of about \$1.7 million a year for 20 years.

Heavy sentence given to driver for fatal wreck

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The man responsible for a wreck that killed a Rathdrum woman has been sentenced to a year in jail, the maximum for misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter.

Michael R. Opland, 39, was sentenced Jan. 31 in District Judge Gary Haman's court in the Kootenai County jail with work-release privileges after six months.

The judge also fined Opland \$2,000.

"My main focus of the sentence is to deter others," Haman said on Monday. "Somewhere, the message has to go out that when roads are slippery and slick, you don't drive like it's summertime."

King, 39, the administrative assistant to the Kootenai County commissioners, died at the scene. She was heading home early that evening because of a winter storm which coated the road with ice.

Opland was charged with felony vehicular manslaughter. A jury determined in a November trial that he was guilty of the lesser, misdemeanor charge.

While the members of the jury held Opland responsible for the wreck, they determined he did not intentionally place King in danger.

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MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

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Released Robert Eisenhauer of Twin Falls.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted Maria Brown, Teresa Darrington, Dr. Leslie Fillmore, Shirley Huffer and Bernice Schmitt, all of Burley; Wilma Badger, Anne Granillo and Dolores VanEvery, all of Rupert; Roy Lewis of Paul; Donald Olson of Albion; and Reva Ulsoy of Heyburn.

Released Jerald E. Anderson, Winnifred Arrowood and Chanh Doan, all of Burley; Brucia Crane of Burley.

Hazelton; Michael Driesel and Anne Granillo, both of Rupert; and Andrea Gonzales of Heyburn.

Birthing

A baby was born to Val and Teresa Darrington and Robert B. and Maria Brown, all of Burley.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted Angela Davis and baby boy of Burley.

Released Juan Ernesto Medrano of Paul.

Birth A son was born to Robert and Angela Davis of Burley.

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JEROME



Rosalie (Rose) Schlund

Rosalie (Rose) Schlund, 84, loved as a mother and grandmother, died Monday, Dec. 30, 1996, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.

She was born Aug. 5, 1912, in Murtaugh, to Viktorin and Anna Stueggel Franze. She was the 12th child in a family of 13 children. All her brothers and sisters except Millie have preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death was her sweetheart, Jake, and a grandson, Kevin Goodfellow whom she loved very much. She married her sweetheart, Jake Schlund, on July 14, 1936, in Twin Falls. Their marriage was solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple for all eternity on Aug. 2, 1953.

Rose was a very caring and loving mother. She was a very hard worker, always canning and baking cookies for the ones she loved.

Jake and Rose had two children: Sandra Goodfellow of California and Jim (Carol) Schlund of Jerome; five grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mildred (Mille) Morel of Portland, Ore.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at the 5th Ward LDS Chapel on Maurice Street in Twin Falls, with Bishop David Hamilton conducting. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls and from noon to 12:45 p.m. on Friday at the church.

The family suggests memorials to the College of Southern Idaho Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 1238, Twin Falls ID 83303-1238.

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Jerome courthouse has changes for 1997

By Dixie Thomas Roale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Closed doors at the courthouse are not to keep the public out — only the heat in.

Offices in the Jerome County courthouse will close their doors to the hallways to conserve heat. The public is encouraged to open them and come on in.

Other courthouse changes are in the works.

Jerome County Commission Chairman Roy Prescott said the Oklahoma Court, in light of the Oklahoma City bombing, recently directed courthouses around the country to improve security. Jerome County department members discussed potential courthouse security problems which need attention, as well as handicapped accessibility.

Speaker phones in every office were suggested for notification in

case of fire, as there is no fire alarm system in the building. An emergency buzzer might be installed to ring in the sheriff's office from the juvenile probation office in case of an assault or other emergency.

But Deputy Sheriff Brandt said, "Since E911 went online there is no dispatcher on duty in the sheriff's office. When the jailer is in the back he can't hear a buzzer. It might be five minutes before the jailer realizes he is needed."

The installation of wheelchair ramps for the front entrance of the courthouse also poses a problem, said Art Brown, director of emergency services.

"If the ramp were installed straight up the stairs, the pitch of the ramp would be too steep for federal regulations," Brown said. "The pitch required by the federal government standards would

make the ramp much too long to be practical. Once the person gets to the top of the stairs, there is two more steps inside the front door."

Brown added, "The outside doors are very heavy. I think we need automatic door openers installed for the handicapped. Maybe we could install an elevator at the bottom of the front steps to bring the handicapped people to the top."

In other Jerome County business Monday:

- Commissioners hired two new employees — one basic and one advanced EMT — for the Jerome County Ambulance Service.

- Commissioners are looking for a new medical advisor for the ambulance service. Dr. Elizabeth Sugden, the advisor for the past several years, has indicated to commissioners she doesn't wish

to continue as advisor after the first of the year.

Prescott asked Clint Wolf, Jerome County Ambulance Services director, to post sign-up sheets for CPR and first aid classes for courthouse employees. Prescott said he wanted employees to be trained in those areas.

The county will recognize an employee of the month starting this month. County employees get to vote on who should receive the honor. The employee of the month receives a reserved parking space, videos and movie passes and a plaque. At the end of the year, an employee of the year will be chosen from the employees of the month.

- Newly elected county officials will be sworn into office Jan. 13, Prescott said. Press conferences and receptions will be held in various courthouse offices.

Investigation of Burley deaths to end soon

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BURLEY — Police still are investigating an apparent double homicide and suicide that occurred early Friday morning in a Burley home where three people were found dead.

Cassia County sheriff's Lt. Alan Smith said Tuesday the investigation likely will be finished Thursday. The office is waiting to receive one piece of evidence, he said.

Cassia County Coroner Paul Young said Monday that Richard Choate, 37, of Burley, apparently shot Jerry Centino, 46, of Burley in the chest with a 12-gauge shotgun. Centino also fired at least one shot using a 22-caliber handgun, but no injuries resulted, officials said.

Young was unsure who fired

first, or how many shots were fired.

Chery Choate, 36, of Burley, died shortly after firing from a gunshot wound in the back, fired from the same shotgun, Young said. Richard Choate later used the shotgun to shoot himself in the head, he said.

Young said both Richard Choate's and Chery Choate's bodies were found in one bedroom of the home at 1001 Burton Ave. Centino's body was found in the living room near the handgun.

Four teen-agers were in the home during the shootings. Young said two of the witnesses were the Choates' daughters, Nicole, 17 and Joni, 14. The other witnesses were a friend of the family and a cousin of the two daughters, he said.

Council extends dance hall beer license 1 week

By Lori Bethel Noel
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The City Council granted owners of the Fiesta Mexicana dance hall one week Tuesday to explain why their beer license should be renewed before it expires Jan. 7.

The license officially expired at midnight Tuesday, but council members decided postponing a special meeting to extend the license to give owners Efrain and Albino Ortega one more chance Jan. 7 to address the council.

"We've bent over backwards in the past to help them, but I do want to give them an opportunity again to express themselves," Mayor Dwinelle Allred said.

The council denied the Ortega original request during a Dec. 17 meeting. Allred said the owners did not follow restrictions placed on the beer license last year that required them to notify the city when large crowds were expected at dances so city police could be prepared.

Neither Efrain nor Albino Ortega was present at either council meeting.

Efrain Ortega is serving a 90-day sentence in the Mini-Cassia County Jail for a 1995 misdemeanor guilty Dec. 16 to disturbing the peace. Repeated attempts Monday and Tuesday to reach

Keith Roark, the Ortegas' attorney, were unsuccessful.

Roark sent a letter to City Attorney Rick Bollard Monday accusing the council of giving improper notice regarding Tuesday's meeting. He said less than 24 hours' notice was "simply unacceptable" and he could not attend the meeting under such short-notice conditions.

"We are entitled to fair, adequate notice if the license is being challenged and this includes a statement of concerns as well as adequate time to respond," he wrote.

Roark also told Bollard in the letter to inform council members that if the license is not renewed, he would hold them personally responsible.

"According to Idaho Code, 24 hours is all the notice we are legally required to provide," Bollard said. "I even contacted him last Friday about it."

Allred said he was offended and outraged by Roark's letter Tuesday. He also said past accusations that the council discriminated against Roark's clients were untrue.

"We've done everything in our power to give his clients the chance to work with us," Allred said. "His clients certainly have rights and we recognize that, but I totally disapprove of Mr.

Roark's letters and protestations."

Bollard said during the Dec. 17 meeting that large and sometimes unruly crowds at the dance hall have caused problems for police in the past.

Albino Ortega was cleared of aggravated assault charges in July stemming from a March 1995 shooting incident outside the dance hall. The same charges against Efrain Ortega were dropped after a mistrial.

Roark was the defense attorney in both trials.

The council also voted 2-1 Tuesday to renew a beer and wine license for the Drift Inn in Rupert although the restaurant appears to be out of compliance with city fire codes, according to Fire Chief Thomas Taylor.

"It concerns me when we have people in there, especially those consuming alcohol, and there isn't a safe way for people to get out," he said.

Councilman Carl Losati voted against approving the license Tuesday, saying a lack of cooperation by the owners to respond to Taylor's requests was reason enough to deny it.

Taylor told the council he has tried to discuss compliance problems with the owners for more than six months. The Times-News was unable to contact Drift Inn

owners Friday or Monday.

The council advised Taylor to send the owners a letter explaining what the restaurant needs to do to meet city fire codes. Failure to respond to the letter in a specified time could result in a citation or even closure of the restaurant, Taylor said.

Group opposes Batt's plans

FOCATELLO (AP) — A South-eastern Idaho sportsman's group is advising Gov. Phil Batt against using money from hunting and fishing fees to help Idaho comply with the federal Clean Water Act.

In response to concerns by the Region 5 Wildlife Council, Batt indicated he only intended to use the Idaho Fish and Game Department's employees to help fulfill U.S. District Judge James Dwyer's September ruling.

"The idea is not to raid funds," Batt's spokesman, Frank Lockwood, said. "It's to coordinate resources. That's manpower — not necessarily money — to meet the judge's order."

Dwyer ordered Idaho to study and develop standards to clean up 962 waterways within five years.

Ambulance

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had to wait for up to an hour for an ambulance from Jerome to get to an east end accident. The east end residents wanted an ambulance housed on the east end of the county to cut down on response time."

Valley Quick Response was made up of volunteers "who were on call, wore beepers, and worked at other jobs," she said.

"Like volunteer firemen when the call comes, we get out there and head back to go," she said. "VQR would administer first aid, and transport the patient to a rendezvous point for paramedic help. The system seemed to work pretty well for many years."

Burgh, the city, formed an ambulance district and tried to shut down Valley Quick Response, she said. East end residents wanted commissioners to split the taxing district into two, but voters in 1994 turned down the request.

"The fight over the ambulance service took the county apart, but it drew the east end together," Shuttice said.

In August 1994, commissioners closed down Valley Quick Response, after the group had gotten a state grant for an ambulance for the east end. The community had raised \$24,000 for the ambulance. There had four years to go on the grant, Shuttice said.

"We had two ambulances, the county wanted both of them. The east end people were mad at the county and refused to hand over either of the ambulances," she said.

The ambulances were sold to a town in Washington and another Idaho town, but the hard feelings remain.

"The county of Jerome didn't even say thanks for covering the call for the last six months," she said. "It is a shame when people in the community want to do something to help others and can't."

"VQR was shut down because we found we couldn't work with them," said Veronica Lierman, a Jerome County commissioner at the time. "We put it to a vote and decided that we were not going to fund VQR anymore because, by funding them, it made the county legally liable. There were personality conflicts, accountability problems and liability issues. They were volunteers with first aid training. We wanted to expand the county ambulance service to the east end of the county and were concerned about first responders."

"Those VQR people who wanted to be welcome to come over and work for the county ambulance service. Several of them did."

transports by other ambulance services in Jerome County are nothing new. Magic Valley Regional Medical Center does them all the time.

Wood said an ambulance service, unlike other businesses, needs a county's permission to operate if an EMS ordinance is in place.

"We're happy to have as many choices as possible in ambulance service," St. Benedict's director Dave Farnes said. "The decision, as to what service gets to do the transport is really up to the doctor. It's a physician's call. But I'm sure Unistar will get some of our business."

Highway

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interchange on 19 acres controlled by local investment companies, the Crossroads Partnership and Crossroads of Idaho, Inc. The Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum controls 100 acres in the area. There are also several parcels included in the nearby Crossroads Ranch commercial development.

The president of the Jerome Historical Society expressed concern over how an expanded interchange could affect a museum.

"It could take out the lower end of (the museum property)," Clair Ricketts said.

There are aren't any displays yet in the area the road might go through, but Ricketts said the society would expect some compensation for any ground it gives up.

"Maybe our best bet is to just go about our business and assume (the project) won't happen. It isn't a cut-and-dried deal yet," he said.

The ITD is responsible for the roads. However, investment companies have paid a Twin Falls engineering firm to study the interchange.

The county has invited all the parties involved to a meeting at 9 a.m. Thursday in the Jerome City Council chambers at City Hall.

Steve Thorsen, who manages the Crossroads Ranch property, said he planned to attend the meeting, but declined to com-

ment on how the project may affect his business.

Jerome Mayor Gerald Oster also said he was planning to go, even though the city doesn't own any property near the interchange.

"I'm going so I can find out what's going on," he said.

But it may take until the end of February to finish the engineer's study, which began in September, said the chairman of the companies that are paying for it.

"We volunteered to pay for it because the state needed somebody to make an independent study of the interchange," Dave Cooper said.

The state, he said, was having trouble finding the money and time for the study.

Without the completed study in hand, it will be difficult to tell how much property the project may affect, he said.

The results of the study will also be open to change, he said.

"If (the state) doesn't think the study is of any value," Cooper said, "all it's done is cost us \$15,000, and they can throw it out."

Van Over doesn't anticipate any such problems.

"As long as it's a good study — and a local consultant shouldn't be biased or swayed — then we will use it," he said.

Burned baby returns home

The Times-News

BUHL — A 6-month-old baby who suffered a fatal burn during a house fire in Buhl two weeks ago is now in his parents' care.

Gerrald Fred Carnell, who breathed the torched air during the fire that killed his sister and

a cousin, was released from the University of Utah Hospital and Clinic Saturday, said a hospital spokeswoman.

"Even though he was serious the day before, he had done so well that they released him home on the 28th," the spokeswoman said.

Dairy

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in addition to what will accumulate over the rest of the winter. An added problem is that when cows are muddy, more water is needed to wash them before milking. That water also must be contained.

If they discharge waste in violation of the law, dairies would lose their milk permits, and some may lose a lot of milk, Eilers said.

But it creates another problem — what do they do with the milk? The cows don't stop producing it.

They would have to find a place to dump it, said Marv Patten, dairy bureau chief of the Department of Agriculture. He said he hopes a cheese plant would take the milk anyway but not pay for it and donate the product to a charity.

But no processor is doing that now, he said. So the dairies would have to find someplace else, such as a city waste water system, a county landfill or a neighboring dairy with room in its ponds.

The best thing right now is that the ground is thawed and the wind is blowing, drying the ground, Patten said.

The recent weather serves as a wakeup call, Eilers said. Dairies need to divert water running into corrals from neighboring fields.

But in some cases, dairies have increased cow numbers and also need to increase the capacity of their waste containment system, he said.

Through weather has created problems this year, as in years past, Eilers says things are getting better. With the Department of Agriculture regulating dairies, they are inspected more regularly.

The risk of losing their milk permits makes most dairies pay attention and correct problems, he said.

But not all dairies are having problems. Near Buhl, Hank Halperger said he's not having any trouble. His waste system was designed with excess capacity to avoid problems, he said.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency has not yet gotten involved. But officials are keeping an eye on what's going on in the Magic Valley, said Joe Roberto of the EPA's Seattle office.

Clean Water Act regulations prohibit any discharge under "normal" conditions. But if the amount of precipitation exceeds what is expected in a 24 hour period during the worst storm in a typical 25-year period, the agency would not take any enforcement action, Roberto said.

Hood

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ing, Manweiler has attacked the alibi given by Mack, Mines and Reeves.

Though they never mentioned it initially to police, the three say they met with Barbara Stanton in a Rupert grocery store parking lot at the same time Hood killed her, and they were helping him clean the bloody crime scene.

Manweiler says he will prove a time and date stamped computer printout that proves Mack, Mines and Reeves fabricated their alibi.

Manweiler also says he is saving a witness who says Mines confessed to kicking Hunter in the head after Hood killed her, and to helping clean the crime scene.

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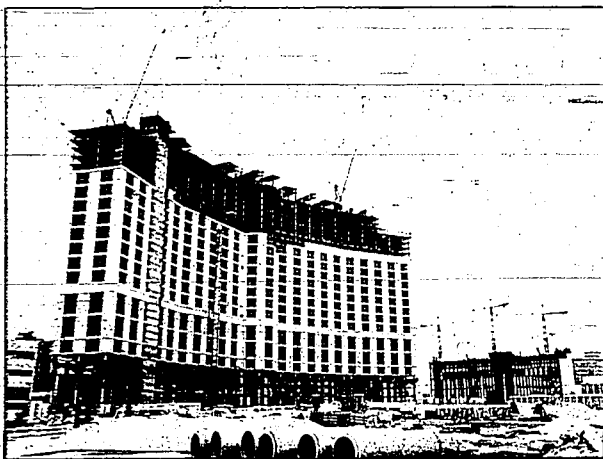
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ment — and permission to do non-emergency transports for St. Benedict's.

"I helped write the county EMS ordinance when I was Jerome County ambulance services director," Unistar director Larry Wood said at Monday's meeting. "The ordinance deals with emergency service providers. Since I requested to do non-emergency transports on my request falls outside of the county ordinance, and it's legal."

"We understand Unistar is in compliance with the county EMS ordinance, we do not need a license, Prescott said. "Everything is already in place. Non-emergency

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The Bellagio Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, front, awaits completion and is scheduled to open in 1998. Caesars Place, right is expanding.

Nevada leads nation in growth; problems, crowding follow suit

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Drawn by a booming labor market and an attractive, inexpensive lifestyle, thousands of newcomers flock here monthly, making Nevada the fastest growing state in the nation.

But with the people come the problems.

Census Bureau figures released Monday show Nevada's population rose 4.5 percent, or 70,000 people, between July 1995 and July 1996, to an estimated 1.6 million people. The U.S. population increased by 0.9 percent to nearly 265.3 million people.

Most of Nevada's newcomers settled in the Las Vegas area. With some \$7 billion in new hotels under construction or on the drawing board, the area has become a mecca for job-seekers.

"Construction employment is now running 10.1 percent of the total employment," said Keith Scherer, director of the Center for Economic Research at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Nationally, construction accounts for 4 percent of the job market.

More than 29,000 new hotel rooms are under construction or planned, and that has a ripple effect throughout the economy.

"We project there are two to three jobs created in the economy for each additional hotel room constructed here," Scherer said.

Housing construction is booming, too. In the past year, 29,563 housing starts have been reported.

The population boom, the jobs boom, the construction boom, the housing boom all have their down sides.

A wave of lawsuits filed against builders, claiming shoddy workmanship in new houses springing up throughout the Las Vegas Valley, threatens to become a boom-bust.

Slayings are booming, too. "We're having a hard time keeping up," said homicide Lt. Wayne Petersen. Las Vegas Metro Police report a record number of homicides this year, 167 as of Monday, compared to 134 last year.

"Last year, 58,000 people moved to Las Vegas. That's a small city, a huge increase in population," Petersen said. "The

detectives in the homicide division here are handling a bigger case load than most major cities."

The Clark County School District, which includes Las Vegas, is the nation's 10th largest. It's running out of classrooms despite voter approval of nearly \$2 billion in school construction bond issues the past six years.

"We're playing catch up," district spokesman Ray Willis said Monday. "Through the year 2000 and beyond, we don't see any letup in growth."

Water is what limits the desert city's growth, and officials say they have enough water sources to cover needs until the year 2010. After that, the area faces growth restrictions if no new resources are found.

City traffic, near gridlock, has prompted plans for a monorail from McCarran International Airport to the Strip and downtown.

Las Vegas Mayor Jan Jones says the growth of gambling and resultant tax revenues has given the city "huge reserves we can use to invest."

Pit bulls maul Idahoan in Texas

JOSHUA, Texas (AP) — An Idaho woman who came to Texas for a funeral mauler surgery after being mauled by four pit bull terriers on a rural road in Johnson County, authorities say.

Lois Moore, 57, of Caldwell, was severely bitten before a passing family rescued her by frightening off the animals—long enough to get her in a pickup truck.

"She took a step or two back, and they hit her," said Christie Saitz, who witnessed the attack from her kitchen window. "They just pounced on her, and she was down."

Officers said the dogs escaped from a yard by crawling under a fence. The dogs were later killed by Johnson County deputies who had to hunt them down through fields and thickets.

Neighbors said the dogs had broken trees before and had charged at passers-by and workers.

"It's just a miracle she's alive," Monk said. "Her leg was torn down to the bone, and the left side of her head and face were bitten badly."

Marvin Moore, the victim's husband, said he and his wife are grateful that it was she and not

some child who was attacked. They would have killed a child, I'm thankful those dogs are dead."

Marvin Moore said his wife, who underwent surgery at a Fort Worth hospital, is expected to recover.

Morgan and Lindsay Halbert, who rescued Ms. Moore, drove up as the dogs were attacking. "We

saw the dogs, and we knew they had something, maybe a bag of trash," Morgan Halbert said. "When we got closer we saw it was a body. They had chewed that lady all to pieces."

Lindsay Halbert said Ms. Moore told them the attack had been going on for about five minutes when she was rescued.

Marijuana laws leave doctors in confused limbo

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Despite a state law that allows it, Dr. Victor Beer is worried about jeopardizing his career if he prescribes marijuana to AIDS patients, who say the drug soothes their pain.

"From a legal standpoint, the physician puts himself in a precarious situation," said Beer, who spent two days studying the new law and consulted an attorney. Beer is extremely frustrated.

"Voters in California and Arizona approved referendums in November allowing the use of marijuana for certain illnesses.

Monday, retired Army Gen. Barry McCaffrey, the Clinton administration's drug czar, said doctors in both states could lose professional-writing privileges or face criminal charges for recommending the drug. The doctors could also be excluded from the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

"It's a shame," said Dr. Richard Cohen of San Francisco. "The federal government is stepping in and literally intimidating a patient population that could be helped."

"It's a McCarthy-era kind of thing, or McCaffrey-era if you will. It's a witch-hunt for doctors," said registered nurse Lynn Barnes, who works at the Cannabis Buyers' Club of San Francisco.

Some research has suggested marijuana is useful in relieving intracranial pressure in glaucoma, for controlling nausea in cancer patients on chemotherapy, and for combating wasting — a severe weight loss associated with AIDS.

However, several experts say there is no proven medical use for smoked marijuana. Better drugs exist to treat nausea, HIV-related wasting and glaucoma, said Dr. John Glaspay, medical director of the oncology center at University of California, Los Angeles.

"I don't see any value in it at all," Glaspay said.

Sect leader unrepentant about Clinton donations

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — The leader of a Taiwan-based religious group says her followers gave \$640,000 to President Clinton's legal defense fund after an old friend of the president made a visit to the sect's headquarters.

Sama Ching Hui, 46, who is in the United States for a five-day retreat, urged members of her Ching Hui sect to make donations after a visit from Charles Yeh Lin Tria, an Arkansas restaurateur, owner who has known Clinton for years and is a Ching Hui member.

"I want to help him so he can be cleared of his mind to help the nation and the world," Ching Hui said in an interview published Tuesday in the New York Times.

"He is the president of the United States, the biggest country in the world, and yet he is dragged into the criminal world by something so trivial," she told the Times.

In an interview published Sunday by The Riverside Press-Enquirer, Ching Hui acknowledged the first direct link between her sect and Tria, who donated \$60,000 of the money to the Presidential Legal Expense Trust in March.

"My disciples asked me if they can help Clinton, if it's political motivation or not, and I say, OK, just help quietly, don't blow trumpet about it," Ching Hui told the Press-Enquirer.

Most of the \$640,000 donated for Clinton's Whitewater defense bills was returned. But the episode has raised questions about the motivation behind the donations.

Ching Hui's practices are similar to Buddhism, and her followers compare her to Buddha and Jesus Christ. To become a follower, members must become vegetarians and meditate more than two hours each day.

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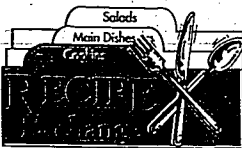
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Section C



Zesty clam dip makes holidays fun

By Denise Turner
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Here's a recipe for clam dip from the Baltimore Sun. It's an easy recipe that adds zest to chips and probably include lots of ingredients you already have on hand.

RYAN'S CLAM DIP

- 1 (8-ounce) can minced clams
 - 1 garlic clove cut in half
 - 1 (8-ounce) package Philadelphia brand cream cheese
 - 2 teaspoons lemon juice
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - Dash of pepper
- Drain clams, reserving 1/4 cup liquid. Rub inside of mixing bowl with garlic. Combine clams, clam liquid, softened cream cheese and remaining ingredients. Mix well. Chill. Serve with chips. Makes 1 1/2 cups.

Note: Some cooks use two (8-ounce) packages of cream cheese and two (8-ounce) cans clams plus chopped green onion to taste, one-half teaspoon garlic salt, one teaspoon dill weed plus a few shakes of hot sauce. They leave out the lemon juice, but leave in the Worcestershire sauce.

Make the dish a day in advance for more firmness.

Here's a recipe printed in The Washington Post that is for a flavorful dish requiring just a little work and a handful of ingredients. Using soy sauce, sesame oil, lemon juice and ginger as a marinade for boneless chicken breasts, veteran cookbook author Lee Bailey has a winner - from his new book, "Lee Bailey's The Way I Cook" (Clarkson Potter, \$32.50).

SESAME CHICKEN BREASTS

- Makes 6 servings
- 6 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil
- Juice and scrapings from grating of a 3-inch piece of fresh ginger root, unpeeled (use a fine grater)
- Juice of 2 1/2 lemons
- 6 boneless, skinless chicken-breast halves (about 2 1/2 pounds)

About 1 cup toasted sesame seeds.
Lemon slices for garnish.

Mix the soy sauce, sesame oil, ginger juice and scrapings, and lemon juice together in a measuring cup. Add water to make 3/4 cup of marinade. Pour the marinade into a glass dish large enough to hold all the chicken breasts. Add the chicken, stir to coat with the marinade, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1 hour. If the marinade does not quite cover the chicken breasts, turn them every 15 minutes.

Preheat the broiler.

Remove the chicken breasts from the marinade, reserving the marinade. Broil the chicken for approximately 8 to 10 minutes per side (the time will vary according to the thickness of the meat). Baste with the reserved marinade a few times while the chicken cooks. Test for doneness by cutting into one of the pieces. Remove to a platter. Discard the remaining marinade.

Sprinkle the toasted sesame seeds out in a layer on a sheet of waxed paper and roll the cooked breast in them, carefully coating both sides. Serve at room temperature, garnished with lemon slices. Do not refrigerate.

Per serving: 326 calories, 46 gm protein, 3 gm carbohydrates, 14 gm fat, 115 mg cholesterol, 3 gm saturated fat, 448 mg sodium

Requests

Lucille Wortman of Wendell writes, "I was in Magic Valley Regional Hospital over Thanksgiving, and our holiday dinner had a cranberry Jell-O salad which was delicious. I believe it was cranberry Jell-O and a raw cranberry topping. Does anyone have the recipe? I would sure appreciate it. I might add that all of the dinner was delicious."

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

Oriental cooking with a local flair

By Dile Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - Lottie Phelps was born in Japan in the 1950s, but she never liked Oriental food during her growing-up years. She learned to appreciate it in her adult years.

She emigrated to the United States as a young child with her mother in 1960. They settled in Fayette, where Lottie Phelps graduated from high school.

Growing up in the United States, Phelps embraced her new country enthusiastically with both arms. She walked, talked and cooked American. Today, she has two children: a son, Aaron, and a daughter, Annie, and four grandchildren, all girls. The Phelps family moved to Jerome in 1981, where Phelps' husband, Gary, had been hired as a banker for First Security. In Jerome, Phelps studied drafting at the College of Southern Idaho and worked in the Jerome school system as a classroom aide and substitute teacher.

In 1985 the bank transferred Phelps' banker husband to Gooding, where the family has lived ever since. Again Phelps worked as a classroom aide and substitute teacher, this time in the Gooding schools. She currently works in Dr. Douglas Smith's office.

In 1988, Phelps returned to her childhood home in Japan, accompanied by her husband, children and mother. She rediscovered her roots.

Phelps' husband had always enjoyed cooking Oriental and, since the trip to Japan, Phelps has grown to share his enthusiasm for Oriental food and culture.

Through the years, friends have shared recipes with Phelps. She doesn't recall who she got these favorite recipes from, but thanks whoever it was.

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Lottie Phelps draws upon her Japanese heritage for inspiration in preparing oriental cuisine.

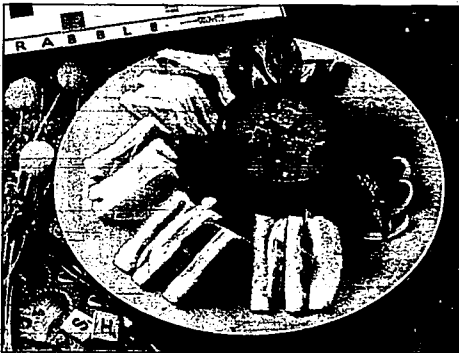
Sandwiches! Some like 'em hot ...

Comfort foods are powerful triggers that can evoke pleasant memories and lend solace to even the most hectic day. Often as unique as a fingerprint, these powerful foodstuffs can transcend regional, cultural and individual preferences. Especially popular during cooler months when cold cuts just don't cut it, one of the most common comfort foods - a warm sandwich - is what Americans young and old long for when chilly, stressed or just plain hungry.

Much of the allure of the cool weather sandwich can be attributed to its place in our culture, according to Susan Costner, mother of two and author of the "Great Sandwiches" cookbook. "Sandwiches - warm and cold - are the favorite fare of children across the nation," said Costner. "When you think of these familiar foods as childhood companions, it is easy to see why we adults reach for bread and our favorite hot fillings to provide ourselves or loved ones cool weather comfort."

She added, "Versatile and easy-to-prepare, sandwiches are the convenient answer to the contemporary appetite for unique and simple dishes. Great for parties, as entrees and even family game nights, today's sandwiches are much more than lunchtime fare."

According to Costner, the first law of



For the perfect slice of the delicious grilled pear club, open a can of your favorite tomato sauce, add sliced tomatoes, spritzes with crushed red pepper, and top with pumpernickel (or your favorite variety) croutons.

making a great sandwich is to start with good bread.

"Today we can choose from a multitude of varieties, from sunflower to

sourdough to apple cinnamon, not to mention the traditional favorite - sliced white. In fact, some favorite comfort foods like the club sandwich would not be the same on anything but sliced white," she said.

To give the traditional club sandwich a gourmet face lift, Costner suggests adding fresh pear, turkey bacon, low-fat Monterey Jack and cheddar cheeses to white bread.

When seeking new ideas, many families are taking a unique twist on ordinary recipes.

GRILLED PEAR CLUB

- Makes 1 sandwich
- 3 slices Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 ounce low-fat Monterey Jack cheese
- 2 slices turkey bacon, cooked crisp and drained
- 1/2 ripe pear, cored, thinly sliced
- Pinch of sumner
- 1 ounce low-fat cheddar cheese
- Vegetable spray

Spread the three slices of bread with a thin layer of mustard. On one slice, arrange Monterey Jack cheese. Place cooked bacon on top of cheese. Top with second slice of bread. Sprinkle pear with vegetable spray.

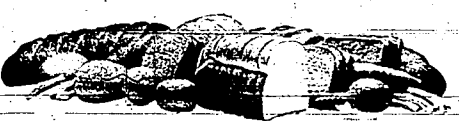
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Harvesting a bounty of delicious breads

Today there are more than 1,000 bread varieties that differ in shape, texture, appearance and flavor. From traditional favorites like sliced white, whole wheat and pumpernickel, to more exotic flatbreads and hearth varieties such as ciabatta, there's truly a bread to please every palate. When planning the best base for your sandwich, choose a bread texture that will work well with selected sandwich fillings and toppings.

For example, heavier burgers and meats call for a bread with a solid texture, like buns or Kaiser rolls. Solid-type fare is a natural match with pizza, and sliced white bread works well with lighter sandwich toppings like jams, cheeses and lean meats.

Not sure which bread is which? The following glossary describes a few common bread types:



Fan Breads (sandwich breads):

These may be made from white flour, whole wheat flour or a combination of the two. Usually baked in a loaf pan for a softer crust, pan breads may include coarse-textured homestyle, richer premium and buttery split-top breads.

• **Whole Wheat Bread:** This bread is made entirely from whole grain wheat flour, which contains all the components of the wheat kernel - the germ,

bran and endosperm.

• **"Wheat" Bread:** This type usually contains a mixture of about 75 percent enriched white flour and 25 percent whole wheat flour.

• **Hearth Breads:** Hand-formed and baked directly on the hearth for crispier crusts, some white hearth breads include French, Italian and Vienna.

• **White Bread:** Bread that contains white flour produced from the endosperm of the wheat berry. Since

1941, the majority of white flour in the United States has been enriched with thiamin, riboflavin, iron and niacin in amounts equal to whole wheat flour. Calcium enrichment is optional.

• **Variety Breads:** Bread's rising popularity has given birth to a new family of varieties incorporating - nuts, cheeses, sunflower seeds or other unique ingredients. Also included are herb breads and specialty breads such as raisin, apricot and onion.

• **Fine:** A lean bread dough which, after a short fermentation, is flattened into a round shape and baked on the surface of a very hot oven for a short time. The dough expands rapidly, creating a large cavity, or pocket, which is perfect for filling with lean meats, leafy vegetables and low-fat sandwich spreads.

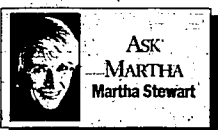
Coating brass with lacquer helps prevent tarnishing

Q: How do you recondition old brass that has some deterioration on the surface? Is there a way to seal brass to keep it looking good?

-Elsie Snowden, Omaha, Neb.

A: Metals, such as brass, silver, bronze and copper, are durable and beautiful. They do tarnish, however, and require regular maintenance to keep their lustre.

A metal piece that has been neglected for years may need to be restored by a professional. If your brass object has turned completely green or feels rough



ASK
MARTHA
Martha Stewart

to the touch, there may be some deterioration.

Consult a silversmith or other metal-smith about severely tarnished pieces. One good company is San Francisco-

based Bijo and Sons (415-431-3480). Check your local Yellow pages for others.

Once the piece is restored, keep it in good condition with regular polishing. A wide range of polishes are available for all your metal pieces. They will often work on more than one kind of metal. Read the label to make sure you're using the right product for your object, and always choose a good-quality polish. (It's a good idea to test it first in an inconspicuous spot.)

As a general rule, liquids are effective on medium tarnish, pastes and creams

on heavier tarnish. Cloths that have been pre-treated with polish are easy to use, but they're not the best choice for a difficult job.

Brass is often coated with lacquer to keep it from tarnishing. You can do this at home with the metal lacquers available at hardware stores or have it done professionally. If you attempt the job yourself, make sure you prepare the piece first (polish it, then wipe it with rubbing alcohol to remove any lingering oils) and follow the instructions carefully.

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HOME & GARDEN

Might as well wait 'til spring

Taste the juicy kiwi from your own backyard! Pile the blueberries high on your breakfast cereal - they're free from your own bushes!

Don't buy it. This time of year, spring catalogs sprout in mailboxes like crabgrass in summer. Nobody tells a good story as well as an enterprising plant catalog writer. Still, you can count on some entertaining reading.

Forget the blueberries and kiwi. In a ver-r-y protected spot you can probably get them to grow OK for a while. Well, if that spot has acid soil that's rich and well drained. And you can amend a relatively small spot of garden to the acid level that these plants need - up to a point.



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

Our soil and even our water is alkaline. Like holding soda, not the grape juice level of acidity that exotic plants (read: anything that grows most other places) need. If we add lots of organic things to our garden soils, we can lower the alkaline levels, but only for a time. About as long as Mother Nature wants to toy with us. Then, the soil reverts to its old self.

Let's say that you're a terrific, conscientious gardener and you won't let that happen. You and your blueberries still lose when the plants mature enough to send roots out of the Zone of Eden into Real High Desert Dirt. It's not a pretty sight.

When acid-loving plants get a taste of our baking soda, their newest leaves suddenly turn yellow. Then the whole bush shows signs of chlorosis - that green-vein-with-yellow-leaf-tissue-between-stuff. Soon after, it up and dies.

Love rhododendrons and azaleas? Love them from afar. Go visit them, but don't try to grow them here. Nature put them in mountain forests where the soil is acidified every year with piles of pine needles. They get lots of moisture, and they thrive there. We don't live in a mountain forest. Grow something else.

Lots of other fruits, flowers and trees grow here. Lilacs go nuts. Apples and peaches and plums and cherries are everywhere. The varieties that grow best in our region have already been sifted out and are available at our local nurseries.

Catalog shopping can fun and entertaining. Just don't buy into anything too easily.

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

HOME NEWS YOU CAN USE

Knight-Ridder News Service

Good news: A fairly mild December has eased pressures on home-heating supplies. As of Nov. 25, federal officials report that a gain of home heating oil averaged \$1.14 per gallon in the East and Midwest. That's a few cents higher than reported in early October and more than 22 cents higher than last year.

A shaky solution: For those of you who've stopped California Dreamin' because you're having nightmares about earthquakes, Golden State officials have come up with something they hope will literally and figuratively stabilize their real estate. It's called the California Earthquake Authority, and its mission is to provide affordable earthquake insurance.

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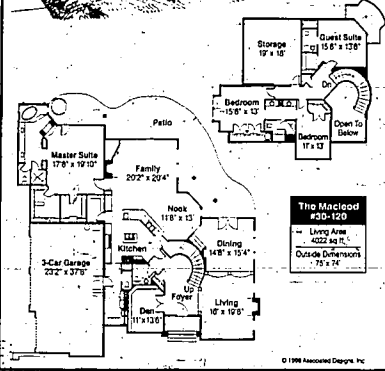
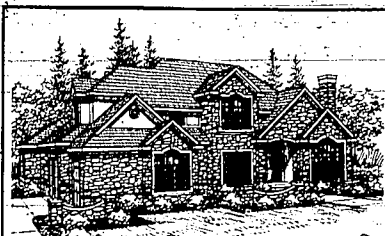
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Elegant house plan includes raised spa

Stone veneer combines with handsome keystone arches to give a rustic country manor look to the Macleod, an elegant estate home with more than 4,000 square feet of living space. The master suite, along with a wide selection of gathering spaces, is on the main floor while three more bedrooms and a huge skylit storage room are on the upper level.

From the two-story foyer, a graceful stairway curves up to a landing that overlooks the space below. French doors on the left open into a den with a built-in desk and an entire wall of bookcases. Through the arched opening on the right is a living room with an 11-foot ceiling and brick fireplace.

A dining room with built-in hutch/buffet is one step up, through double arches. French doors open on a rambling patio that wraps around most of the rear.

The charming octagonal nook connects the formal and informal living areas. Kitchen amenities include a walk-in pantry, work island with cooktop, and another long angled island featuring bar with sink, trash compactor, dishwasher and prep sink. Oven and microwave are built into cabinets close to a passageway that

leads to a small toilet, three-car garage and sizable utility room.

Bathroom features in the sumptuous master suite include an oversized shower, two basins and a raised spa tub next to an arched window. Each of the two walk-in closets are huge, but one is slightly larger. People who enjoy a morning soak can roll out of bed and finish waking up in the Macleod's hot tub, just outside on the patio.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$15 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Dr., Eugene, Ore. 97402. Please specify the Macleod 30-120 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring more than 170 home plans is available for \$12. For more information call (800) 634-0123.

My old noisy refrigerator is just a leg. I want a new super-efficient CFC-free model with more convenience features. What is the best type to buy and how much electricity will a new one save? - R. T.



After your furnace, air conditioner and water heater, an old refrigerator is the largest energy consumer in a home. Installing a new one will cut the electricity costs and noise in half and provide many new convenience features.

Some of the most efficient new full-sized family models cost less than \$50 per year to operate. This is due primarily to improved insulation, seals, compressors and controls. These improvements also greatly reduce noise.

Many of the new convenience features also end up saving electricity. For example, a door-wast-a-moment model includes another small door for frequently used items like drinks or snacks. Using this small door reduces the number of energy-quizzing times that the large main door is opened.

Convenient slide-out sealed shelves are also an electricity saver. These reduce the length of time that the door has to be opened to find and get items. If there is a spill, it can be cleaned up much faster.

Optional storage/serving dishes

also save energy. Specially-designed dishes slip into designated slots inside the refrigerator. A meal can be prepared early and stored in the dishes. Just slide a dish out and pop it in the microwave. Serve the food in the dish and then put it in the dishwasher.

If your family uses a lot of cold drinks and ice, a through-the-door beverage station is ideal. It reduces the frequency of the door being opened. If you do not drink many cold beverages, then avoid this. It is an expensive option, takes up space and reduces efficiency unless used often.

Several top of the line models use two separate compressors - one for the refrigerator and one for the freezer. This provides precise temperature control of both sections for more efficiency and better food preservation.

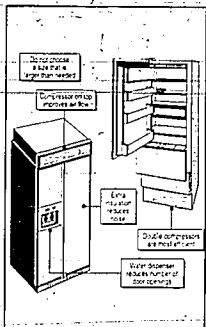
A design with the compressor and vent on the top of the unit is efficient and convenient. Since heated air naturally rises, it makes engineering sense not to locate it under the refrigerator. This design is

more common in expensive built-in models.

Although you may still be able to buy freon-type models, new CFC-free designs are best. There are no CFC gases (ozone destroying chemicals) in the compressor system or used to make the wall insulation. These will also be less expensive to repair in the future when freon becomes more scarce.

Write for Update Bulletin No. 535 showing a buyer's guide of the 15 most efficient refrigerator/freezers listing annual operating costs, sizes, convenience and design features and refrigerator efficiency tips. Please include name and business-size SASE. To rush bulletin delivery or read all previous columns - <http://www.dullea.com>.

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- IDAPA 02 - IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**
 P.O. Box 790, Boise, ID 83701-0790
 Docket No. 02-0104-9701, Environmental Audit Protection Rules. Complies with the amendments to the Environmental Audit Protection Act, enacted by HB 862. Comment By: January 22, 1997.
- Docket No. 02-0616-9701, Rules Concerning Rhizomania Disease Of Sugar Beets, Beta Vulgaris. This rule is being repealed in its entirety. Comment By: January 22, 1997.
- Docket No. 02-0618-9701, Rules Concerning Mint Rootstock and Clone Production. Redefines "infested area" as "commercial production area"; reclassifies regulated pests and establishes tolerances and remedies when detected; removes mandatory field inspections in "infested area" of Idaho; and defines "field." Requires Department to mark sampling sites in each field, notify growers of confirmed pest and, if necessary, and provide Idaho Mint Commission with copies of transfer permits issued to mint growers. Eliminates fall and winter digging inspections and sets production standards for greenhouse production of mint clones. Comment By: January 22, 1997.
- IDAPA 16 - IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE**
 P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0036
- Docket No. 16-0301-9701, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). Limits AFDC cash assistance and AFDC related Medicaid to certain aliens. Comment By: January 22, 1997.
- Docket No. 16-0304-9701, Food Stamp Program. Changes definition of homeless person and eliminates homelessness as a category for expedited services; changes time limit for acting on expedited applications; limits alien eligibility; limits eligibility, imposes penalties, and minimum sanction periods for non-compliance with work related requirements; makes fugitive felons and probation/parole violators ineligible; changes household membership exclusion age limit; makes certain vendor payments countable income; eliminates homeless shelter deduction; allows households to switch between standard utility deduction and actual costs of certification; changes the shelter deduction cap; redefines the initial month for all but exempt households; permits agency to disallow earned income deduction in specific cases and reduce allotments for administrative error claims for certain households; changes intentional program violation penalties; changes penalty for the first incident of Food Stamp trafficking; imposes permanent disqualification for convictions of trafficking in benefits of \$500 or more, and a 10 year disqualification for making a fraudulent statement to get multiple benefits; and Department must make available to any law enforcement officer information necessary for the officer to conduct an official duty related to a felony/parole violation, or other infractions by recipient. Comment By: January 22, 1997.
- Docket No. 16-0305-9701, Eligibility for Aid for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (AABD). Limits AABD cash assistance and Medicaid to certain aliens; shortens time period for deeming income and resources to aliens; adds income deeming exclusion for increased value of burial funds; increases income limit and payments; extends the time limit for an approved plan to achieve self support; increases the Home and Community Based Services Income limit; provides that Medicaid cannot be denied to eligible individuals claiming residence in more than one state and for fugitive felons; limits monthly amount paid in exempt income trust to private cost of nursing home care; provides that trust payments are not asset transfers; and others. Comment By: January 22, 1997.
- Docket No. 16-0308-9701, Medical Assistance. Clarifies when pre-authorized, non-cosmetic reconstructive surgery will be covered, specifically breast reconstruction after a mastectomy. Comment By: January 22, 1997.
- Docket No. 16-0309-9702, Medical Assistance. Expands counseling and training services for certain patients with newly diagnosed or uncontrolled diabetes. Comment By: January 22, 1997.
- Docket No. 16-0309-9703, Medical Assistance. Adds definition of medical necessity for Medicaid coverage. Comment By: January 22, 1997.
- Docket No. 16-0309-9704, Medical Assistance. Clarifies transportation coverage and the preauthorization process for Medicaid

- providers and recipients; provides reconsideration review process of denied payments to providers; implements a less restrictive definition of medical necessity and incorporates the requirements for ambulances and ambulance services as described in IDAPA 16.02.03. Comment By: January 22, 1997.
- Docket No. 16-0309-9705, Medical Assistance. Allows Department to purchase plastic single vision and bifocal lenses without the rest of the eye exam; changes measurement and tinted and contact lenses for extreme medical conditions; allows recipient to choose trifocal lenses when they pay. Comment By: January 22, 1997.
- Docket No. 16-0600-9701, Family Self Support Program. Changes where non-paid work experience sites can be developed and where participants can be placed to include the private for-profit sector; increases number of hours a cash assistance recipient can be required to participate in a non-paid work experience site; eliminates conciliation process for food stamp recipients for non-compliance; and changes termination of work and training sanctions for food stamp recipients. Comment By: January 22, 1997.
- IDAPA 28 - IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**
 P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0010
- Docket No. 16-0120-9701, Administration of Park and Recreation Areas and Facilities. Changes and adds definitions; reflects that State Personnel have limited law enforcement authority outside of department operated facilities; changes campsite occupancy provisions; addresses rules for department operated marine facilities, overnight boat mooring, and boat camping; allows park personnel to set fees for goods and services and a collection surcharge; increases cost of a developed campsite; eliminates Idaho resident senior citizen and disabled discount and replaces it with low-income discount; increases fees for motorized vehicle entry at five most used parks, annual state park passports, and water slide ride at Eagle Island; allows for rental charge for yurts and cabins within department facilities; increases returned choker surcharge; redefines group use facility fees; department facilities that do not charge an MVFE will add a boat launching fee and mooring fee; adds fee for use of department operated RV dump stations by non park users; reservation changes made for individual campers; and other minor housekeeping changes. Comment By: January 24, 1997.
- Docket No. 28-0138-9701, Administration of State Trust for Outdoor Recreation Enhancement (STORE) and Recreation and Energy Conservation Pathways (RECP) Program. Provides for the definition of terms; establishes the allocation of STORE and RECP funds; sets forth eligibility requirements for applicants; establishes project time limitations; sets out eligibility criteria and matching share requirements; addresses requirements for the acquisition of real property and structures; establishes the funding cycle and related application time requirements; sets out the process for selecting projects; establishes procedures for disbursing grant funds; requires sponsors have control and tenure over property to be developed with grant assistance; provides for project changes, cost increases, and time extensions; prohibits conversion of grant assisted projects from outdoor recreation use without prior approval of the park and recreation board; sets out requirements for management of grant assisted projects; and mandates compliance with applicable federal statutory requirements. Comment By: January 24, 1997.
- IDAPA 39 - IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**
 P.O. Box 7129, Boise, Idaho 83707
- Docket No. 39-0117-9701, Oversize Permits for Manufactured Homes, Modular Buildings and Office Trailers. Allows home manufacturers to tow 16' wide homes on their own axes and incorporates safety factors for the traveling public. Comment By: January 22, 1997.
- Docket No. 39-0360-9701, Outdoor Advertising. Ensures the safety of the traveling public in and around interchange control areas by prohibiting the erection of signs that create visual distractions. Comment By: January 22, 1997.

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FOOD & HOME

Decorating a home involves weaving a tale about roots, life

Knight-Ridder News Service

To Louis Sagar, home decorating is not a project, but an approach to life.

"The making of a home is about telling a story," explains Sagar in his beautiful new book, "Zona Home: Essential Designs for Living" (HarperStyle, \$50). Sagar, the founder and owner of the popular Zona store in New York's SoHo neighborhood, preaches the gospel of personal style in home decoration. Sagar's design philosophy encompasses a strong commitment to the Earth. He insists that in order to be conscious of the planet, we must bring nature back into the home. Celebrating the artisan, what Sagar calls "the feel of the hand in an object," is one way to do that. "Zona Home is about trying to ensure that whatever we buy, we're creating heirlooms. We're creating an opportunity to be more connected to the feeling of an object, not just to the object."

Cultivating an eye for the spiritual quality of a piece takes time. Sagar takes a common-sense approach to decorating and says that one of the biggest mistakes people make is trying to finish decorating a room too quickly. "Sometimes it's just not done in a week or a month. It's not a project that has a start and a finish. Better to have an empty room with pillows in it than a room full of furniture and objects that say nothing about you."

Sagar recommends that people buy an artist's sketch book and begin to create a record of what appeals to them before they buy anything.

Point out pictures of what looks good to you don't editorialize or make judgments about it and put it in the book," Sagar says. "Develop a color palette and include that. Jet down ideas and create a mission statement for your home. Decide where you spend a lot of time, how you use the spaces in your home, then look for things to fill your home."

Using a decorator can also be a good idea, but it's important to stay involved with the process. That way a professional has no choice but to pay attention to your needs. "If you don't stay involved," he warns, "then it's not your home."



A contemporary and eclectic touch is added to kitchen dining with valances created from black and white striped sheets, wicker chairs and wrought iron candle holders and accents. A simple rug adds interest to any table top.

The best way to tell your own story, Sagar says, is by displaying things that have meaning to you. He encourages beginning buyers not to channel their consuming energy into things, but rather to travel and gain some life experience that will later inform their home design. They should also take a look back at their roots.

"Home is a flexible place reflecting where we came from and how we got there. Integrating things from your heritage into your style of home, that's important. Tradition is critical."

And for impulsive pack rats who have too much meaningless stuff in their homes?

"People are not inherently minimal. Life is full of changes and our homes reflect that. Ask more questions of the things that speak to your heart. This artisan, this maker, this product is it speaking to me in a deeper place?" People often tell themselves. It's cute and it's abundant.

afford it, so let me buy it? That's a red flag. Learn to see things as more than they appear to be."

In the chapter on setting up a home, Sagar recommends that people classify their possessions as sacred, essential, functionally necessary or nonessential to help decide what to keep and what to discard.

So, given his exposure and access to so many beautiful objects, how does Sagar edit his own living space?

"I love to feel the energy of an object more than I need to own and possess it. I can sit at an antique show, see a lamp and try to get deeper and think about the story behind the lamp. I ask the dealer to tell me about it and very often I get enough energy from the story without having to own the object. So many times I people feel that you have to own something to get the story, but I think if you look for the story first, you'd be surprised how much more you can walk away from."

Goal setting: Meet New Year's resolutions 1 day at a time

DEAR READERS: My New Year's column has become an annual tradition. These New Year's resolutions are based on the original credo of Al-Anon. I am using its theme with some variations of my own:

Just for today, I will live through this day only, and not set far-reaching goals to try to overcome all my problems at once. I know I can do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I thought I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today, I will be happy. Abraham Lincoln said, "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." He was right: I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. I will chase them out of my mind and replace them with happy thoughts.

Just for today, I will adjust myself to what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those I cannot.

Just for today, I will improve my mind: I will not be a mental loafer. I will force myself to read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today, I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll make an honest effort to quit. If I'm overweight, I'll eat nothing I know to be fattening. And I will force myself to exercise - even if it's only



walking around the block or using the stairs instead of the elevator.

Just for today, I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will look as good as I can, dress becomingly, talk softly, act courteously, and not interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today, I'll not try to improve anybody except myself.

We know so much more about nutrition and how much exercise and sensible living can extend life and make it more enjoyable, so just for today, I'll take good care of my body so I can celebrate many more happy new years.

Just for today, I will have a program: I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it, thereby saving myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

Just for today, I will gather the courage to do what is right and take the responsibility for my own actions.

To one and all: a happy, healthy New Year!

- LOVE, ABBY

P.S. God bless our men and women in uniform in every corner of the world where our flag is flying. And let us not forget those patriotic Americans who are serving their country in the Peace Corps; as well as those who have served and are now in veterans hospitals and nursing homes.

DEAR READERS: Booker T. Washington (1856-1915), born a slave in Virginia, was the most influential African American leader and educator of his time. Washington advised two presidents on racial problems and policies - Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft. His accomplishments would fill a large book.

Today I'd like to share a meaningful quote from this great man:

"I believe that any man's life will be filled with constant and unexpected encouragement, if he makes up his mind to do his level best each day and as nearly as possible reaching the high-water mark of pure and useful living."

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Decorator: Essentials add ideal finishing touch to home

Knight-Ridder News Service

"Essentials are the classics of your home," writes Sagar. In "Zona Home," he suggests 25 essentials that make us feel at home, including:

- A small stool, old and saturated with layers of paint or carved out of a fine wood, or cast in metal and polished bright, for the pedestal display of art and artifacts.

- A trunk, of boned canvas or leather, or carved in Sabino wood with its own swing, or painted a bright blue-green yellow for visual impact and storage and additional table top space.

- A rocker, cast in metal and stripped of paint, or ancient and creaking old wood, or expertly crafted with a hand-woven seat for the peaceful rhythm that it brings to intimate moments of relaxation.

- Containers for flowers, large and small, ceramic pitchers and tall glass vases, vintage milk bottles and hammered copper urns, silver bowls and drilled stones, all for the presentation of beautifully colored and scented blooms.
- Candleholders, forged of iron or cast in pewter, of glass or cherry wood, gleaming in glass or brass or bronze, diminutive and tall alike, for the display of a home's most atmospheric and

soothing light.

- A lamp of ambient beauty, with a wooden or iron or bronze base, shaded in jewel tones or stained or swirled glass, hushed by parchment or mica or linen to create private corners of light in larger spaces, for intimate occupation.

- A breadbox, carved in a contoured rectangle or circle, in bird's-eye maple, cherry or marble, for the ritual of breaking bread.

- A mug, for each member of the family, handshaped in clay, painted and patterned, or wide-brimming in vintage enamel, or heat pressurized in colorful glass,

to promote the savoring of warm, aromatic drinks every day.

- Display stands or easels, simply constructed of iron or elaborately carved from wood, sculpturally formed of glass or clay brick, or a fragment of slate, to highlight and anchor delicate objects of beauty.

- Picture frames, cast in precious metals, wrapped in dried elements like tobacco leaves, or mosaic glass, rustic in barmwood, modern in metal, and always painted to memorialize images of beauty and document portraits of family all around the home.

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Cookbook celebrates tasty traditions from the 'Old West'

The Associated Press

MISSOULA, Mont. — When it came time to make the initial pitch for his new cookbook, this is what Missoula's Greg Patent proposed to his publisher:

"An all-encompassing history of the settling of the West and all the different cuisines that came here."

And the response? "They said no," Patent said. Patent pared the proposal down, and publisher 10 Speed Press, of Berkeley, Calif., found it more palatable. But when Patent, a noted Missoula cook, actually turned in the manuscript — packed with recipes meant to highlight the West's glorious bounty of raw ingredients — the publisher thought that Patent had trimmed back a bit too much.

"My editor wrote me this huge letter," Patent said. "I knew what they wanted. She said, 'The recipes are wonderful. But there's no context, no historical matter to connect the varied recipes.' I said, 'I don't want to do this, but you're right,'" and so he went out to gather the historical information that serves to bookend the recipes in his new cookbook, "New Cooking from the Old West."

The cookbook — complete with the added historical material that Patent dug up at the urging of his editor — now is in stores.

In the introduction to "New Cooking," Patent writes: "I do not believe that the West can claim a truly original cuisine, primarily because the region is so large and was settled by pioneers from so many different backgrounds."

So what drove Patent's original urge to write the cookbook? "The incredible variety of natural and raw ingredients that we have out here," Patent said. "We just have a tremendous variety of raw ingredients."

Whether the ingredients are game meat, vegetables or even the new types of grain that are



Above, author Greg Patent of Missoula, Mont., sautes venison in November for a version of his Elk Sirloin with Portobello Mushrooms and Soy-Lemon Marinade. Top right, the final creation. This western recipe and many others are included in his "New Cooking from the Old West" cookbook.

being grown in the West, Patent believes the time has come to give those ingredients their due.

"I didn't want to cook cowboy cuisine," he said while preparing a dish from the book in his

generally cluttered Missoula kitchen.

What he did want to do was think about the West's natural ingredients in different ways.

"I was looking for combinations of ingredients that maybe

hadn't been thought of before," he said.

And the book's emphasis on game — which has its own section in "New Cooking" — is a key part of the book, Patent believes.

"I think it's important for us in this area to educate people" about game and different ways to cook with it. In that regard, one of the recipes in the book — the one Patent recently prepared in his kitchen — is representative of the book: Elk Sirloin with Portobello Mushrooms and Soy-Lemon Marinade.

Game, Patent explains, is fairly sweet-tasting, so the lemon and soy marinade add an array of tart textures to the meat's taste. And the addition of portobello mushrooms, with their robust taste, accentuate the wildness of the meat.

Elk Sirloin with Portobello Mushrooms and Soy-Lemon Marinade

- 1 1/2 pounds trimmed elk sirloins or tenderloin, cut into 2x1x1-inch strips
- 2 1/2 cup thinly sliced scallions
- 2 tablespoons dark soy sauce, or regular soy sauce plus 1 teaspoon sugar
- 5 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon crumbled whole dried thyme leaves
- 1 pound portobello mushrooms
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 cup rich beef stock
- 1 cup dry white French vermouth

In a bowl, combine the elk, scallions, soy sauce, 3 tablespoons of the olive oil, the lemon juice, garlic, pepper and thyme. To marinate, cover and refrigerate two hours or longer.



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— Greg Patent, author of "New Cooking from the Old West"

Remove mushroom stems and save them for another use. Slice the caps about 1/2 inch thick. Heat the remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the mushrooms and stir well. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and cook, stirring frequently, until the mushrooms are tender, about five minutes. Remove the mushrooms and any liquid from the pan and set aside.

Place the pan over medium-high heat and add about half the elk with any marinade that adheres to it. Separate the elk pieces, so they don't steam as they cook. For rare or medium-rare, brown on all sides for about two minutes total.

Remove from the pan and keep warm. Repeat with the remaining elk.

Four off any fat remaining in the skillet, leaving any browned bits of meat. Add the beef stock and vermouth and return pan to medium-high heat. Stir well, scraping the bottom of pan with a wooden spoon until the liquid is reduced and slightly thickened. Decrease heat to medium or medium-low. Add the mushrooms and cook for a few seconds, while stirring, then add the elk with any juices and cook briefly, continuing to stir, until the meat is heated through. Serve immediately.

Yield: four.

Home work: Getting cozy with a wood stove

Experts say shopping carefully critical to safety, ease of installation

The Baltimore Sun

About this time of year, those of us who don't already have a heart thinking about how nice it would be to bask before a nice warm fireplace or wood-burning stove — something that's not only toasty but also not dependent on gas or electricity supplied by a utility company — are

Like any dream, this one requires a reality check. There's a reason that the reliable old utility company has so many customers: Convenience. Modern furnaces and heat pumps require little maintenance, but wood stoves and fireplaces need a lot.

They need to have their flues cleaned once a burning season — some chimney sweeps recommend cleaning once for every cord of wood burned.

They need seasoned and well-dried wood, which burns more cleanly and reduces the buildup of creosote, which can cause dangerous chimney fires.

They need you to install a carbon monoxide detector, if you don't already have one, to monitor for concentrations of the odorless, flavorless, invisible and deadly — gas. (You should already have a CO detector if your furnace burns gas or oil, which can also be sources of carbon monoxide.)

They must be installed properly. Wood stoves are easier to install, and to retrofit, than fireplaces, and, because they radiate heat from all sides, provide more heat than a fireplace. Fireplaces actually pull air out of the house, which can make it colder if you're not sitting right

If you're ready to make the commitment that caring for a wood-burning device requires, there's nothing cozier than a fire on a cold winter's night.

in front of the flames. Fireplaces can be fitted with glass doors, fans or other heat-recirculating systems to make them more efficient, although that also makes them less charming.

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Installing a fireplace can be a disruptive process; it requires building the structure in your house, and that means a lot more carpentry, not to mention masonry. It's not a task for the average homeowner. However, do-it-yourselfers can do most, if not all, of the work of installing a wood stove.

When you shop for a stove, look for something that fits your space and has been tested for safety and certified by a recognized testing laboratory, such as the familiar UL or Underwriters' Laboratory. In addition to the commercial testing labs, Environmental Protection Agency has been certifying wood stoves to ensure that they are clean-burning and will not contribute

to air pollution. A used stove can cost half what a new one does, although new stove prices run from a few hundred dollars up to a couple of thousand. And, if the installation is complicated, or you need a very tall chimney, that can cost more than the price of the stove. There are good reasons for buying a new, or at least a newer, stove: It's less likely to have been altered and more likely to have been inspected.

The stove you buy should have clear specifications (often attached to a metal plate on the back of the stove) for the required clearances between the stove and combustible surfaces (walls, ceilings, floors).

A wood stove with no added protection must be at least 36 inches from all combustibles. Most manufacturers these days are building in protection at the sides, bottom and rear of their stoves to reduce that distance.

The testing labs certify these distances, and that means the building inspector will be looking for when he checks the installation.

An older stove might not have been inspected, meaning you'd

have to comply with the 36-inch requirement.

Once the stove has been tested, it can't be altered. Drilling holes, cutting down the legs or welding on attachments can alter the safety of the stove.

It's a good idea to look for a stove that will allow you to reduce clearances, so you don't have to put the stove in the middle of the room. Some stoves have optional heat shields to further reduce clearances.

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property reverts to the state if the owner dies without heirs or will. Taxation can be considered another limit on free & clear ownership.

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FOOD & HOME

Give tastebuds a wake-up call with 5-alarm breakfasts

Knight-Ridder News Service

High, high, heh. Want to really wake up that sleepy head? Flop down a plate of eggs scrambled with hot chili peppers and watch the eyes pop open.
While five-alarm breakfasts aren't for everyone, folks who love hot stuff in the morning are legion.
"I like to jump full-ahead into the day," says Akron, Ohio, chef David Russo, who starts his Sunday mornings with creole

Marys (a spicy version of bloody Marys), and often moves on to eggs on tortillas with hot sauce.
Those who wouldn't dream of jump-starting their digestive systems with anything spicier than oatmeal should know that, contrary to common belief, chili peppers do not cause heartburn. In addition, they're high in vitamin C, which makes them a breakfast natural. Just one ounce of green chilies provides the recommended daily allowance.

Those who like to grab and go should try Santa Fe Breakfast Sandwich from "Good Mornings" by Michael McLaughlin (Chronicle Books, \$16.95). The sandwich is a typical Southwestern-style meal: tortilla, leavening eggs, green chilies, ham, cheese and hash browns.

SANTA FE BREAKFAST SANDWICH
(Makes 4 sandwiches)
4 or 5 long, green, medium-hot

ancho chilies
3 tablespoons butter
8 eggs
Vegetable oil
4 rectangular frozen hash-brown patties
4 10-inch flour tortillas
1/2 pound sliced ham
4 sliced sharp processed cheese
Roast chilies over an open flame or gas burner until skins are lightly but evenly charred. Place immediately in a paper bag and close tightly until chilies are cool. Under

running water, rub away charred skin. Remove seeds and stems. Chop.
Melt 1/4 of the butter in a small, nonstick skillet. Crack 2 eggs into the hot butter and cook 3 minutes, until partially set. Break yolks, turn eggs and cook just until set but not crisp. Transfer to a platter and repeat with remaining butter and eggs.
In a large skillet over medium heat, warm a thin layer of oil. Add frozen hash browns and cook

according to package directions until crisp and golden.
Meanwhile, lay 2 tortillas on each of 2 baking sheets. Divide ham among the tortillas. Lay a pair of fried eggs atop each stack of ham. Divide chilies evenly among eggs. Top with a slice of cheese. Bake at 300 degrees until cheese melts, about 3 minutes.
Top each tortilla with a hash brown patty. Fold in sides of each tortilla, then fold up the bottoms.

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QUICK AND EASY TERIYAKI CHICKEN

Serves 6 to 8
6 to 8 skinned chicken breasts
3/4 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup honey
1/2 cup sugar
1 clove garlic
1/2 teaspoon ginger
1/2 teaspoon grated orange rind (optional)

Place chicken breasts, plump side down, in a casserole dish which has been lightly sprayed with Pama. Mix the rest of the ingredients together completely. Bake for 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Turn breasts over, plump side up and return to the oven for another 15 minutes. Serve over a bed of steamed white rice.

Sandwiches

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slices with nutmeg and place on top of second slice. Top near with the cheddar cheese. Top with remaining slice of bread. Place skillet over medium heat. Spray with non-stick vegetable spray and brown sandwich on both sides until cheese is melted.

SLOPPY JOSE
Makes 8 sandwiches.
Vegetable spray
1/2 cup dried onions
1/2 cup diced green pepper
2 1/2 teaspoons minced fresh jalapeno pepper (optional for kids)
1 teaspoon minced garlic
1/2 pound ground beef (85 percent lean)
1 cup cooked pinto or kidney beans
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 teaspoon chili seasoning
1 cup ketchup
1 cup diced fresh or canned tomatoes

ORIENTAL SLAW

2 medium cabbage, chopped fine
1 bunch green onions, chopped fine
2 tablespoons toasted sesame seeds
1 small package shelled sunflower seeds
2 tablespoons slivered almonds
1 package Ramen noodles (uncooked)
Place everything, except the noodles, in a large bowl and toss well. Set aside.
Dressing:
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon vinegar
1/2 cup salad oil
3 tablespoons vinegar
Mix well. Pour over the cabbage mixture. Then crumble the noodles into 1/2-inch pieces (about the

size of croutons) over the cabbage mixture. Mix all together. Refrigerate. This best if made a day ahead and allowed to sit.

CARAMEL TOPPED CHOCOLATE CAKE
1 chocolate cake mix
1 can Eagle Brand milk
1 small jar of caramel topping (8-ounce) package Cool Whip
3 Heath Bars (crushed)
Make the cake according to package directions. After you remove the cake from the oven, while it is still hot, poke holes in the top of the cake about 1 inch apart with a wooden spoon handle. Pour the milk over the holes, then pour the caramel topping over the holes. Allow the cake to cool. When the cake is cool, top with Cool Whip and sprinkle the crushed Heath Bars over the top of the Cool Whip.

Vegetable spray
Confectioner's sugar

Whisk egg whites, egg yolk, milk, cinnamon and salt together in a wide shallow bowl. Spread 4 slices of bread with the cream cheese. Top with jam or jelly and cover with remaining 4 slices of bread. Dip or brush both sides of the sandwich with egg batter. Spray a non-stick skillet with vegetable spray. Warm two sandwiches at a time over medium heat until golden brown, turning once. Repeat with the remaining sandwiches. Cut on the diagonal; sprinkle with confectioner's sugar and serve warm.

FRENCH TOASTWICH
Makes 4 sandwiches.
4 large egg whites
1 large egg yolk
1 cup nonfat milk or nonfat buttermilk
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
Dash of salt
8 slices of sandwich bread
4 tablespoons low-fat cream cheese
Fillings: jam or jelly

Martha

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Lacquer doesn't hold up well outdoors. Even indoors, it will wear away over time and need to be recoated. Handle a lacquered piece gently and keep it clean with regular dusting.

Q: I read somewhere that wood cutting boards are better than plastic ones because bacteria and germs die faster on wood than on plastic. Is this true?

Harrington, Novato, Calif. Betty
A: This is a controversial subject. Plastic, or polyethylene, cutting boards are often said to be superior to wood ones because their surfaces aren't porous. This makes them more resistant to bacteria growth. However, with proper care, wood cutting boards can be perfectly sanitary.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, both surfaces are safe as long as they're kept clean and in good condition. The choice between wood and polyethylene is really just a matter of personal preference.

I much prefer wood cutting boards. I like the way they look, and I think they're easier to work on.

After using any cutting board, wash it with hot, soapy water, rinse and dry it thoroughly. Polyethylene boards are dishwasher-safe, but wood should always be washed by hand.

It's a good idea to reserve one cutting board for meat and poultry. Use others for cheese, bread, fruit and vegetables.

bleach solution (2 teaspoons chlorine bleach per quart of water). Wet the board with the solution, let it stand for about 5 minutes, then rinse thoroughly and dry.

Cutting boards don't last forever. Once they become cracked, very worn or difficult to clean, discard them.

Here's a recipe for caramel apples. It calls for rolling the apples in chopped walnuts, but this step can be omitted if you prefer. Wooden ice-cream sticks are available at craft stores and some grocery stores. Any good eating apple will be delicious prepared this way. Try using an assortment of apples with different shapes, colors and flavors.

CARAMEL APPLES

Makes 4.
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup light corn syrup
1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk
1/4 cup heavy cream
1/2 cup milk
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

4 apples
1 cup chopped walnuts

In a medium saucepan over low heat, combine first six ingredients. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture reaches 248 degrees on a candy thermometer (or until a bit of syrup dropped into cold water forms a firm, pliable ball). Stir in vanilla, then put pan in a bowl of hot water to keep caramel soft. Insert wooden ice-cream sticks into stem ends of apples. Dip apples in caramel, coating well. Allow excess to drip off, then roll in walnuts and let cool on waxed paper for at least one hour.

Questions should be addressed to Martha Stewart, care of the New York Times Syndication Sales Corp., 122 E. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10168. Questions may also be sent to Stewart by electronic mail. Her e-mail address is: mstewart@earthlink.com. Questions of general interest will be answered in this column; Martha Stewart regrets that unpublished letters cannot be answered individually.

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FOOD & HOME

Welcome New Year recipes

Bunk beds can stow children safely

By Nick Harder
Orange County Register

Hello 1997! I wonder what the new year will bring. I don't know about you, but I cooked a turkey on Thanksgiving and I also cooked a turkey on Christmas. I decided to skip it for New Year's Day. I'm about turkeyed out. I have a freezer full of turkey meat that I have pulled off the bones and stored away for future use.



VALLEY COOKING
Dixie Thomas Reale

One of these days I will be browsing through the freezer and turkey meat will sound good again. But not today. I suggest that you stash these recipes away for that future day when turkey sounds good to you, too.

- CAJUN STYLE RED BEANS AND RICE WITH TURKEY**
Makes 4 to 6 servings
2 (15 1/2-ounce) cans small red beans in chili sauce
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 cup chopped onion
3 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 cup chopped celery
1/2 cup chopped green pepper
2 cups chopped, cooked turkey
1 teaspoon cumin
1 teaspoon salt
1 1/4 teaspoon bottled hot sauce
1 large bay leaf
1 cup uncooked rice
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- Cook rice according to package directions. Combine rice and parsley. Keep warm. Heat oil in large skillet. Add onion, garlic, celery and green pepper to skillet and saute until tender. Stir in undrained beans, bay leaf, spices and hot sauce. Simmer covered for 10 minutes. Remove bay leaf, add turkey and simmer 5 minutes more. Serve red bean and turkey mixture over mound of rice.

- TURKEY QUESADILLAS**
Makes 4 to 5 servings
2 to 3 cups shredded, cooked turkey
8 to 10 flour tortillas, 8 inches each
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese or taco seasoned cheese
1 cup chopped green onions
1/4 cup canned mild jalapeno chili slices, chopped
1 cup salsa
- Shred turkey by placing cooked turkey on cutting board and pulling into shreds with two forks. Sprinkle 4 or 5 tortillas with turkey, cheese, green onions, and chilies. Drizzle salsa over top. Cover each tortilla using the remaining tortillas. Place on microwavable plates and microwave on high for 1 to 2 minutes until cheese is melted and turkey is heated through. Cut each tortilla into wedges. Serve with extra salsa, sour cream and guacamole.

- WILD RICE AND TURKEY SOUP**
Makes 4 (2-cup) servings
2 (14-ounce) cans chicken broth
2 cups cooked wild rice
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 cloves finely chopped garlic
1 cup finely chopped carrots
1/2 cup finely chopped celery
1 cup finely chopped onion
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 1/2 cups chopped, cooked turkey
1/2 or 1 cup whipping cream, optional
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- Heat olive oil in large saucepan. Add garlic, carrots, celery and onion; saute until vegetables are soft and transparent. Add chicken broth, cooked wild rice, black pepper and cooked turkey. Heat for 10 minutes. For creamy soup, add whipping cream. Ladle soup into bowls and sprinkle with chopped parsley.

Dixie Thomas Reale welcomes comments on recipes. Her address is 503 W. Eighth, Jerome, Idaho 83338.

I am not one of those parents who believe bunk beds have inherent dangers. I am a worrier, however, when it comes to danger, and I look for details that others don't.

Let's face it. Any time you have a child above the ground there's a chance of a fall. The younger they are, the greater the chance. That's one reason some parents object to bunk beds.

When you get right down to it, kids take many chances on the playground, walking to and from school, climbing things you know nothing about. The least you can do is try to make a bunk-bed experience the smallest risk.

Start by looking at what goes into the making of a bunk bed. No. 1 is sturdiness. Don't think that just because the bed is made of wood it passes this test. I looked at dozens of bunk beds recently and found several that failed the "flimsy" test.

One bunk bed made of pine had top "safety" rails so flimsy I could easily bend them at least an inch in the middle. Imagine what a rambunctious kid could do to them. They could break through, easily wrestling around on that top bunk and hit the floor.

This bunk bed was one of the least expensive in this particular store. A man was looking at it for his two girls, and his eyes got wide when I showed him the railing could easily be bent.

"The trouble is, I can't afford any of these others," he said. I suggested that when he set up the bunks, he cut a solid piece of wood of similar size and fasten it to the top railing. That sort of addition should keep his kids from falling out.

What other dangers did I

spot? I have this thing about ladders. Bunk beds with vertical ladders are more dangerous than those with ladders that slant in at the top of the bed. With a vertical ladder, the child's weight pulls her backward, forcing her to rely on arm strength to hold onto the ladder. A ladder that leans toward the bed allows for more of the child's weight to be forward, toward the bed.

Another problem I find with some ladders is the type with round steps. These will not stand as much surface for your child's feet as the ladders with flat and wider steps.

Don't let these words of caution keep you from considering a bunk bed. There are a lot of advantages to bunk beds, and I saw many designs that were worthwhile in my tour of children's furniture outlets.

I especially liked those that could be separated later and used as twin beds to extend their usefulness. When browsing through bunk beds, look about 2 feet below the top of the legs of the top bunk. If it looks like it can separate, it probably can. Just to be sure, though, ask the salesperson.

I also liked the designs with a top bunk only, allowing the choice of having play space, a bunk, futon or desk underneath. Even with a small desk on one side and a chest for toys on the other, there's still room to slide a fold-out twin bed underneath.

Just make sure you buy a bed with adequate twin-size length for the top bunk. That "little" one will grow faster than you think.

Above all, any bed system you're considering should be able to grow to fit your child's changing needs.

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If I was a young player and a 43-year-old man was running past me, I'd trip him or something. I wouldn't let him show me up.

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—Michael Jordan on the Chicago Bulls' Robert Parish beating New Jersey's Shawn Bradley down the court in a recent game

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No. 24 Army	Auburn

IN BRIEF

Elks Hoop Shoot set for Jerome late January

JEROME - Local competition for the 25th annual Elks Hoop Shoot, a national free throw shooting contest for ages eight through 13, will be held at 9 a.m. Jan. 18 at the Jerome Middle School. Doors will open at 8 a.m.

More than three million youngsters from throughout the country entered last year's competition for boys and girls in age categories 8-9, 10-11, and 12-13. Each contestant has 25 shots at the hoop. The boy and girl in each age group with the best scores advances through four tiers of competition to qualify for the national finals in Springfield, Mass.

Local winners will compete against other contestants in the district event Feb. 1 in Twin Falls. Names of the national winners will be inscribed on the Elks National "Hoop Shoot" plaque, on permanent display in the Naimish Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield.

Purdue admits coaches violated recruiting rules

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - Purdue basketball coach Gene Keady and assistant Frank Kendrick committed an "advertent violation" of NCAA rules by making telephone calls to the home of a prospective recruit, the university said Tuesday.

Purdue has informed the NCAA and will take "appropriate steps" to prevent future violations.

"In a statement released by athletic director Morgan T. Burke, the department acknowledged Keady and Kendrick had returned 15 telephone calls to the home of a high school prospect.

The initial calls were made by the parents of the athlete.

NCAA rules prohibit coaches from calling prospects before July 1 after the athlete's junior year. The calls in question were made between November 1995 and February 1996.

Eagles players investigated in sex assault complaint

PHILADELPHIA - Police in a San Francisco suburb are investigating a woman's report that she was sexually assaulted by a Philadelphia Eagles player last weekend.

The woman told police in Millbrae, Calif., that she was attacked in a hotel room on Saturday night or early Sunday, after Colin Giovannazzi said. She spoke to police last Sunday about 2 a.m. PST.

No charges have been filed, no arrests made and an investigation is continuing, Giovannazzi said. Neither the player nor the woman was identified.

The Eagles were in San Francisco, where they lost to the 49ers on Sunday in an NFC wild-card game.

The Eagles stayed at the Westin Hotel in Millbrae, adjacent to San Francisco International Airport and about 20 minutes south of the stadium.

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CSI lineup missing key players

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Maybe College of Southern Idaho men's basketball coach Jim Thrush should have asked Santa for a center.

Heading into this weekend's Las Vegas Invitational tournament and a Thursday matchup with 7-foot, 2-inch twin towers, the Golden Eagles find themselves without their two biggest players.

Rich Brown, 6-9, did not return after the Christmas break, and 6-8, 240-pound Frances Junger is still recovering from a holiday appendectomy that caused him

Las Vegas Invitational - College of Southern Idaho game times (MST)

Thursday, 5 p.m. vs. Western Nebraska
Friday, 7 p.m. vs. Malcolm X (Chicago)
Saturday, 9 p.m. (SW Missouri State)

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Rich Brown



Frances Junger

to lose seven pounds. The good news is that reserve Cameron Evans is back from a foot injury sustained in a Thanksgiving auto-

mobile accident, and point guard Tony Heard is looking good in practice. Heard, who was ineligible for the first semester, has good moves on the point

and can hit the 15-foot jumper when necessary, Thrush said.

That, and the ability to direct the fast break, could be keys to a successful trip for CSI (11-1).

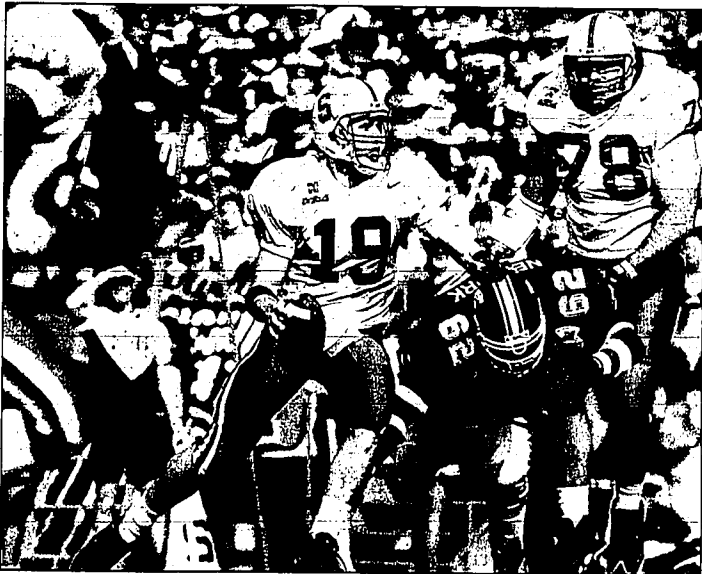
Thrush said he has been pleasantly surprised at how well his team has bounced back from the off-week and into twice-a-day practices.

"The 12 guys that have been practicing are doing a good job, mentally and physically," Thrush said. "I've been very pleased with what they're doing."

The absence of Junger and Brown could hamper an already-anemic inside

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LOOKING GOOD



Stanford's Chad Hutchinson looks down field during the first quarter of Tuesday's Sun Bowl against Michigan State in El Paso, Texas. Hutchinson was forced to run on the play.

Cardinal quarterback shines during squashing of Maryland in Sun Bowl

The Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas - Chad Hutchinson shredded Michigan State for 226 yards and a touchdown Tuesday, leading Stanford to a 38-0 rout of the Spartans in the Sun Bowl.

Playing in only three quarters, Hutchinson directed four scoring drives as Stanford (7-5) recorded the second worst shutout in the Sun Bowl's 63 years. The worst was a 42-0 Texas victory over Maryland in 1978.

Stanford ended a difficult season on a five-game winning streak. Michigan State dropped to 6-6.

The key was a play-action passing game that seemed to leave the Spartan defense confused, allowing Hutchinson, the game's MVP, to consistently find an open man. He completed 22-of-28 passes with one interception.

The Cardinal defense did the rest, holding Michigan State to 227 total yards.

The Spartans came into the game averaging 416 yards and 32.5 points. But

Note to readers

Due to an early press start for the holiday edition, results of some later sporting events do not appear in today's newspaper. Watch Thursday's edition for complete results.

Auburn burns - D2

both their running and passing games were unsuccessful.

Quarterback Todd Schultz was 8-of-21 for 68 yards and two interceptions before going down with an injury in the third period. He was replaced by Bill Burke, who finished 4-of-7 for 71 yards.

The Spartans managed only 76 yards on the ground, led by Duane Goulbourne with 51 on 12 carries.

Already well in control, Stanford pulled away to 38-0 early in the fourth after Jeff Allen blocked a Michigan State punt and Tim Smith returned it six

yards for a touchdown.

Even when it took a break from its prolific passing game, Stanford continued to roll. A double reverse by Damon Dunn around left end gave the Cardinal a 31-0 lead with 3:05 remaining in the third.

Stanford extended its lead to 24-0 with 7:05 remaining in the third on a 24-yard field goal by Kevin Miller.

The Cardinal went in at halftime up 21-0. Hutchinson completed 12-of-15 for 142 yards, one touchdown and one interception in the first half while Michigan State struggled to move the ball.

Stanford took a 7-0 lead with 2:06 remaining in the first quarter as Josh Madden picked off a Schultz pass at the Cardinal 21, returned it 29 yards then lateraled to cornerback Leroy Pruitt, who ran it in for the score.

The Cardinal took a 14-0 lead early in the second quarter when Hutchinson hit fullback Jon Ritchie for an 8-yard touchdown.

The play was set up by a 48-yard pass from Hutchinson to Dunn.

The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas - The Dallas Cowboys' tumultuous season endured another jolt Tuesday when Michael Irvin was accused of holding a gun to the head of a 23-year-old woman while teammate Erik Williams and another man raped her.

Police Lt. David Goelden said a videotape and other evidence were seized at Williams' home Tuesday and were being reviewed. He said charges could be filed against all three as early as Thursday.

Irvin, already on probation for a drug offense, "denies the allegations. Williams refused to comment. The third man was not immediately identified.

"I don't know anything about it," Irvin said after the Cowboys' practice for Sunday's NFC divisional playoff game against the Carolina Panthers in Charlotte, N.C.

"I have not done anything in any way, shape or form to violate my probation. But in this case I have done nothing."

Goelden said some of the alleged sexual activities were captured on the videotape, and that the camera and tape appear to belong to Williams. He said Irvin and Williams likely would come in for questioning later this week.

"We'll give them the opportunity to present whatever they want to present to us," he said.

Goelden said the woman, an acquaintance of Williams, told police Monday night that she had been forced to have sex at gunpoint with two men at Williams' home on Sunday night. According to the police report, Irvin held the gun.

The woman apparently didn't know who the third man was.

The woman, who was bruised and scratched, was taken to the hospital. There was no evidence drugs were involved, Goelden said.

Dave Overton, news director of KXAS-TV, which broke the story, said the woman had been a source for the station "on a couple of occasions in the past several months."

However, he said: "We have never paid her. We have never given her a camera."



Michael Irvin



Erik Williams

The Associated Press

Amy Van Dyken was the unexpected hero of Atlanta, an also-ran who suddenly found her stroke in the biggest event of all - the Olympics.

Now, the rewards just won't stop coming.

The first U.S. woman to win four gold medals in a single Olympics, Van Dyken already has parlayed her swimming success into a broad-based commercial campaign, pitching products from cereal to cell phones. She appeared on TV talk shows and would like nothing better than a guest spot on the NBC sitcom, "Friends."

And as the Olympic year

Your picks

Here's how Times-News readers voted on the top athletes in the world in 1996.

Men	Women
1. Tiger Woods	1. Jackie Joyner-Kersey
2. Michael Jordan	2. Kari Strug
3. Michael Johnson	3. Dominique Moceanu
4. Brett Favre	4. Picabo Street
5. Alex Rodriguez	5. Monica Seles
6. Cigar	6. Dominique Dawes
7. Allen Iverson	7. Laura Davies
8. Danny Wuerffel	

ran out, Van Dyken was recognized again for her sports performance. In a close vote dominated by the stars of the Summer Games, she was selected Tuesday as The Associated Press female athlete of the year.

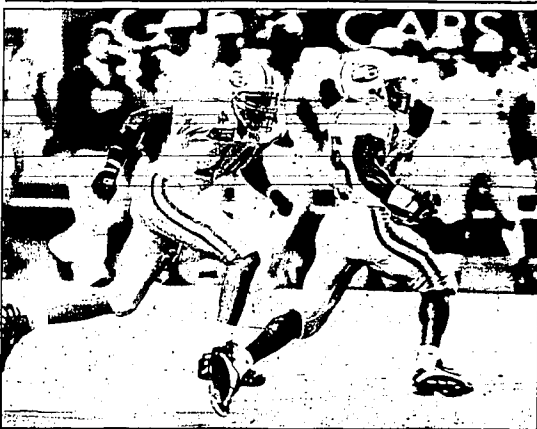
Balloting by The AP's print and broadcast members gave Van Dyken 191 points and 45 of the 165 first-place votes. Second was another Olympic gold medalist, gymnast Kerri

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Amy Van Dyken celebrates one of her four gold-medal winning performances this summer at the Olympics in Atlanta.

SPORTS



Southern University punter returner Jerry Guye strokes a 76-yard, first-quarter score in the Heritage Bowl Tuesday in Atlanta.

Pick-off gives Howard Heritage

ATLANTA (AP) — Jason Decuir kicked the tie-breaking field goal and Curtis James made a game-saving interception at the goal line with 42 seconds remaining Tuesday to give Howard a 24-24 Heritage Bowl victory over Southern.

Howard trailed 24-10 at halftime. But the Knox defense held Southern scoreless in the final half as Howard (10-2) capped its best season since 1993. Southern (7-5) lost its first Heritage Bowl in three seasons.

Decuir's tie-breaking, 18-yard field goal snapped a 24-24 tie with 3:04 remaining in the fourth quarter. Howard had advanced to a first down on Southern's 2-yard line, but the Jaguar defense stopped three touchdown attempts.

Southern then drove into scoring position on a halfback pass from Jermaine Brown to quarterback Marcus Jacoby at the Howard 15.

Jacoby then took two shots at the end zone. His first pass was caught out of bounds by Jerry, and his throw to the left corner on the next play was intercepted by Jones.

Howard tied the score 24-24 early in the fourth period when McArthur Johnson scored on an 81-yard pass by quarterback Ted White.

White completed 23 of 39 passes for 328 yards and rushed for 60 yards on 10 carries. Jacoby completed 16 of 24 passes for 200 yards and threw four interceptions in the second half.

Southern scored on its first possession when Guye returned Ruben Rial's punt 72 yards for a touchdown 2:22 into the first period.

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Auburn holds off Army in Independence Bowl

The Black Knights got a 12-yard

Auburn built a 32-7 lead over Army after three quarters of the Independence Bowl Tuesday afternoon, and it almost wasn't enough.

With two big scoring drives, an onside kick recovery and a pair of huge pass plays, Army came within a 27-yard field goal of pulling off one of the biggest comebacks in bowl history.

touchdown run from Jeff Brizic with 12:44 remaining, and teammate Bobby Williams added a one-yarder seven minutes later to make things interesting.

With 4:27 remaining, Rod Richardson caught a 30-yard TD pass from Ronnie McEada, and Williams barreled in for the 2-point conversion.

Army came out of a huge pile-up with the on-side kick recovery, and McEada quickly marched his troops

down to the Auburn 14-yard line.

With less than a minute left, on third-and-6, Army kick Joe Parker punched what would have been the game-tying field goal just outside the goalposts, setting off a celebration punctuated by sighs of relief on the Auburn sideline.

Auburn had built its big early lead on two touchdown runs by Jared Holmes and two scoring passes by Duméyne Craig who also ran for a touchdown.

Van Dyken

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Strug, with 34 first-place votes and 159 points, followed by tennis star Steffi Graf, with 27 first-place votes and 142 points.

On Monday, Michael Johnson, the first man to win the 200 and 400 meters in a single game, was the easy winner over golfer Tiger Woods as male athlete of the year. Johnson's performance earlier was picked as the sports story of 1996.

No one expected anything close to a record-setting Olympics from Van Dyken. Her best showings against top-level international competition were a bronze medal in the 50 freestyle at the 1994 world championships and a gold medal in the 100 butterfly at the 1995 Pan American Games. She also broke the world short-course record for the 50 fly in 1995.

But in Atlanta, things changed drastically.

The U.S. swimmers, supposedly lacking the superstars of the past and up against an unusually strong international field, suddenly became world-beaters, none more so than Van Dyken.

The Olympics started poorly for her, with a fourth-place finish in the 100-meter freestyle by one-hundredth of a second over Liu Limin of China, a victory not even Van Dyken expected. A third gold medal in the 400 medley relay followed.

In her final race, the 50 freestyle, Van Dyken would

again face the 100-meter winner, Le Jingyi of China, the world record-holder at both distances.

This time, Van Dyken upset the favorite in an American record 24:57 seconds, besting the U.S. swim team to 13 gold medals, its biggest haul since 1984.

"It's a high point at the Olympics, definitely, after the fourth gold," Van Dyken said.

Now back in training, Van Dyken works out at a local swim club with 6-year-olds and will resume competing in an age-group meet in Indianapolis in January.

Van Dyken wants to compete in the next world championships in Perth, Australia, in January 1998 but won't commit yet to another big meet Down Under—the 2000 Olympics in Sydney.

AP Female Athlete of the Year

Athlete (first-place votes)	Points
Amey Van Dyken (65)	191
Kerri Strug (54)	159
Steffi Graf (27)	142
Dia Richardson (71)	74
Wendie Renner (5)	50
Lisa Leslie (4)	41
Kerri Walsh (3)	38
Janika Stormer (2)	29
Finlay Stewart (3)	28
Kyle Gowers (4)	25

Committee reinstates Iowa player after appeal

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Kenny Pratt was reinstated to the Iowa State basketball team Tuesday after appealing his suspension to a university committee.

Pratt, suspended from the No. 4 Cyclones' basketball team following a weekend tussle with police, on Monday asked for immediate reinstatement to the team. Pratt's attorney, Gerald Crawford of Des Moines, asked an Iowa State appeals committee to consider the case.

In a statement Tuesday afternoon, Norman Boyles, chairman of the athletic department appeals committee, said Pratt was reinstated until the charges against him were settled.

"Following three meetings in the Iowa State University Student-Athlete Code of Conduct

and based on information available to the Athletic Department Appeals Committee, the committee has decided to lift the suspension of Kenny Pratt pending the outcome of charges against him," Boyles' statement said.

The reinstatement would make Pratt eligible to play Saturday at Missouri. Pratt missed Iowa State's 66-42 defeat of Texas-Pan American on Monday night, a victory that gave the Cyclones a 9-0 start for the season.

Police said Pratt was arrested after officers were called to the scene of an accident Saturday. They said Pratt failed a field sobriety test and attacked officers. Pratt was charged with drunken driving, harassment, interference with official acts and serious assault on an officer.

CSI

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attack for the Eagles.

Thrash said Tuesday that Brown's AWOL status remains a mystery. The sophomore post apparently had rebounded from a star-crossed beginning to his CSI career — a shoplifting arrest as a freshman and turbulent progress during which he was sent home for violating team rules, then allowed to return.

"It felt like he was making progress," Thrash said. Indeed, Brown was the team's third-leading scorer at 8.1 points per game, was No. 3 in rebounding at 4.3 per game and sparkled defensively at times.

The coach called Brown's home in Beaver Falls, Pa., last Thursday, the day players were to return from the holiday break. His mother said Brown had not gotten on the plane.

Thrash said he called Brown's mother again Tuesday, and she said she didn't know where he was. Even if Brown was to return now, Thrash said he probably would not be allowed back on the team. "I think Rich is history," he said.

CSI men's basketball stats through 12 games

Player	GAMES	FGM	FTA	FT%	3FG	3FGA	FT%	REB	AST	BLK	STL	TO
Brown 12	39	70	137	0.507	0	0	0.000	19	32	0	0	10
Evans 6	3	6	0	0.500	0	0	0.000	8	11	0	0	0
Farrow 12	32	64	100	0.250	2	3	0.667	7	31	0	0	0
Herdling 10	2	10	0.200	0	7	0.000	6	11	0.545	10	1.0	0.7
Harmon 11	19	66	0.288	10	32	0.313	9	17	0.529	57	5.2	2.3
Jungler 12	25	51	0.490	0	0	0.000	13	27	0.481	63	5.3	6.3
King 12	10	27	0.370	1	8	0.125	13	22	0.591	34	2.6	1.6
McQuay 12	56	128	0.438	27	59	0.392	22	22	0.550	77	6.4	5.9
Mullinax 12	16	28	0.280	0	2	0.000	14	18	0.778	28	2.3	2.9
Nelson 12	7	25	0.280	0	2	0.000	14	18	0.778	28	2.3	2.9
Packer 12	14	28	0.500	8	28	0.444	4	12	0.333	40	3.3	1.6
Broadway 12	57	102	0.559	0	3	0.000	52	79	0.658	166	13.8	4.8
Walshins 12	11	30	0.357	0	5	0.000	12	15	0.750	34	2.8	1.0
Total 12	308	670	0.450	48	148	0.328	139	333	0.637	854	72.2	43.8

Right now, we're preparing to go with Greg (McQuay) and Floyd (Nelson)" in the post.

Floyd Farrow also is joining the "daily workouts in the p.m., which involve being battered with a football-type blocking pad while working under the basket.

Although both stand 6-foot-8, McQuay and Nelson are smaller than the men they are replacing, weighing in at 210 and 205 pounds, respectively.

Eagle Eye

South Africa and a 6-9 Lithuanian who "looks like a pro," Thrash said. "They also have several good athletes of the bench," he added.

On Friday, CSI will see the nation's leading scorer in Malcolm X wing Troy Parker. Parker averaged 35 points per game last season and is on a similar pace this year.

The Chicago school also has Michael Hermann, who trans-

ferred back from Indiana, and Joel Bullock, who completes a superb guard line.

"I think they will be pretty wide-open," Thrash said. "They are probably the most athletic team we have seen."

Saturday's opponent, Southwest Missouri State, is a virtual unknown, but Thrash said his staff will have two days to watch Southwest play Dixie College and Western Nebraska.

"We're certainly not easing back into it," Thrash said, reflecting on the quality of the opposition in Las Vegas.

"Our first priority will be to prepare for the Scenic West conference," Thrash said. "We'll be away from home ... against tough competition ... and have a chance to look at teams from other parts of the country."

"And, of course, we'll try to win."

SCORES AND STATS

FOOTBALL

NFL playoff standings

Team	W	L	T
San Francisco	10	2	0
San Antonio	9	3	0
Denver	8	4	0
Washington	8	4	0

Playoff Dates

Round	Date
Wild Card	Jan. 18-19
Divisional	Jan. 25-26
AFC Championship	Jan. 27
NFC Championship	Jan. 27
Super Bowl	Jan. 31

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Team	W	L	T
Alabama	10	0	0
Michigan	9	1	0
North Carolina	8	2	0
Georgia	7	3	0
Florida	7	3	0
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SPORTS

Sugar sweetened by rematch with No. 1 Seminoles

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The morning after Florida State knocked off mighty Florida, Bobby Bowden considered a most unwelcome prospect — a Sugar Bowl rematch.

"I don't want no more of them," the Seminoles coach pleaded. "Yeah, I'm a coward. Never said I wasn't."

Nevertheless, once the Seminoles ascended to No. 1 after their 24-21 win over the Gators on Nov. 30 and Texas upset Nebraska in the Big 12 title game a week later, the rematch only Florida wanted was assured.

On Thursday night at the Louisiana Superdome, the rivalry continues when the Seminoles (11-0) play the Gators (11-1) for the second time in 23 days, fifth time in 25 months and second time in the last three Sugar Bowls.

"You could say we're pretty familiar with each other," Florida quarterback Danny Wuerffel said. "I've seen them a lot — too much, probably. But if anything, a rematch makes it more exciting. I know we're more pumped up."

Meeting times in the same season, however, is rare in college football. It's happened only 10 times, with just four sweeps. In the 1995 Sugar Bowl, Florida State beat Florida 23-17 after the teams tied 31-31 in the regular season.

With the national title hanging on the outcome of the Sugar Bowl, sponsored by Nokia, Bowden has tried to downplay the rematch angle. Spurrer, meanwhile, won't let up, complaining all month about late hits and cheap shots on Wuerffel in the first game.

"Maybe we're declaring war on the Seminoles and maybe they are declaring war on us, but we're looking forward to competing against them in the Sugar Bowl," Spurrer said.

Counters Bowden: "We will go into the game more concerned with winning the national championship than who we are playing."

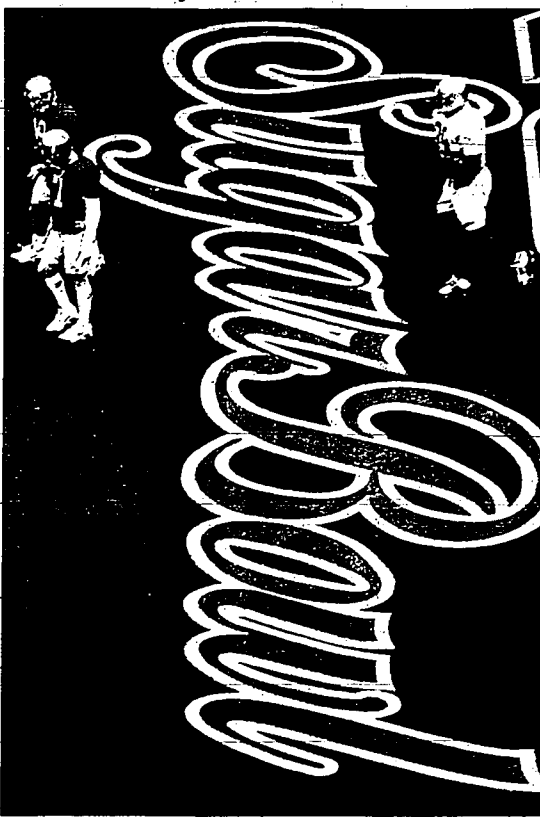
With a win, the Gators have the chance, but only if No. 4 Ohio State beats No. 2 Arizona State in Wednesday's Rose Bowl; Should Arizona State (11-0) win and Florida State lose, then the Sun Devils would probably be national champs.

Rematches are rare because bowl organizers, fearing a lack of interest, just don't want them. Five of the 10 rematches occurred in the Rose Bowl, which has a contract to match the Big Ten and Pacific-10 conference champions.

The only reason Florida and Florida State are playing again is because of the bowl alliance, intended to match the two highest-ranked alliance teams. Since the Big Ten and Pac-10 don't join the alliance until the 1998 season, the Sun Devils were obligated to play in the Rose Bowl.

While there have been four rematch sweeps, history does not bode well for Florida State. The two times No. 1 teams were involved in rematches — Michigan State in 1965 and Ohio State in 1975 — they lost. In '65, Michigan State beat UCLA 13-3 and lost the Rose Bowl rematch 41-12. In '75, Ohio State beat UCLA 41-20 and lost 23-10 in the bowl game.

"If the Gators have the advantage, the Seminoles don't see it.



Thursday's Sugar Bowl pits No. 1 Florida State against No. 3 Florida with the national championship on the line.

"They always say that the team that lost the first game has an edge in the second game," Florida State wide receiver Andy Cooper said. "I don't see that. In their heads, they're wondering if they can beat us. We definitely know we

can beat them, because we did." Florida running back Terry Jackson likes his team's chances this time around. "We're going to be a little more prepared for them this time, that's for sure," he said.

Florida backer overcomes overwhelming obstacles

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Jovan Kearsse watches a shooting on television and wonders if that's the way it was for his younger brother two months ago.

Or for his father, gunned down in a pool hall eight months before Kearsse was born. Or his grandfather, shot to death while cradling a 18-month-old son in his arms and a cousin, both killed by the time Florida's straggling linebacker was 4 years old.

Kearsse bears the phone ring and wonders, just for a split second, if the call brings word of some new tragedy to befall his family.

His last name, it should be noted, is pronounced "curse."

"Sometimes I do wonder what's going to happen next, if I get another phone call and somebody tells me that somebody got shot," Kearsse said. "I always think about that. But then again, there's nothing I can do about it."

As often as Kearsse, a redshirt freshman playing for Florida in Thursday's Sugar Bowl against Florida State, has coped with unimaginable sorrow, three things seem to be some additional obstacle in his path.

Last year he spent a night in jail. He was stopped at a Gainesville car wash for playing his stereo too loud, and a routine search showed an outstanding warrant for auto theft.

It turned out to be a case of mistaken identity — Joseph Kearsse Jr., his older brother, had given police his name when "he" was "arrested" in Sarasota County. Joseph is now in an Orlando prison with a record that includes grand theft auto, armed robbery and aggravated battery with a firearm.

"It's not like my family is bad," Kearsse says softly. "Just bad things happen. I was lucky because that it didn't happen to me."

Growing up in North Fort Myers, Fla., Kearsse stuck to his

schoolwork and football. He was a member of the National Honor Society, the homecoming king at North Fort Myers High School and winner of the a Rotary Club scholar-athlete award.

And Kearsse appears headed for a bright future at Florida. Physically, he is one of the most imposing players on the team: 6-foot-5, 240 pounds with a wide stance and the speed of a free safety.

Every time he goes home, relatives tell him he looks more and more like his father, Joseph Kearsse was awaiting trial on a robbery charge when he was killed. Authorities described him the "baddest man in Lee County."

Kearsse, said Florida's linebackers coach Barry Wilson, prefers not to dwell on the misfortunes that have beset him and his family.

"It's like a horrible memory of the past that you'd rather not discuss," Wilson said. "But it is an absolute miracle that he is where he is, and that he's on the road the way he is."

Once he arrived at Florida, Kearsse made an impact right away. In his first game, he blindsided a running back from Louisiana quarterback Jake Delhomme, causing a fumble that Lawrence Wright returned 12 yards for a touchdown.

Midway through the season, he was among the team leaders in sacks, tackles behind the line and forced fumbles.

But it wasn't long before the tragedy that has followed Kearsse found him again. While he was recovering from a broken hand suffered in a 51-10 victory over Auburn, the telephone rang, bringing wrenching news.

His 17-year-old brother, Jeremiah Green, was shot and killed in what police described as a drive-by shooting. Kearsse went home to attend to his family and now tries to get home as often as he can.

Football, always his refuge, lost some of its importance.

Bulls say they're the sports story of the year

CHICAGO (AP) — They began the year with 16 consecutive victories, survived suspensions and injuries to set an NBA record for wins in a season, and rolled through the playoffs to capture their fourth championship of the 1990s.

During the summer, they set standards for financial compensation. Then they got together for the start of this season and dominated again.

In 1996, the Chicago Bulls won 114 games while losing only 17. And they overwhelmed opponents with a cast of characters that intrigued fans the world over.

There was Michael Jordan completing his comeback from retirement with an unprecedented eighth scoring title, a sweep of MVP awards, a landmark \$30.4 million contract and a hit movie with Bugs Bunny as co-star. There was Dennis Rodman writing a best-selling autobiography, staging his own mock wedding, and cross-dressing and head-butting his way to a fifth straight rebounding title.

And there were Scottie Pippen, Toni Kukoc and coach Phil Jackson winning world championships.

It might have been the finest calendar year ever for a pro sports team — which is why Jackson is tired of hearing the New York Yankees, Tiger

Woods, Michael Johnson, Evander Holyfield and Kerry Strug being mentioned ahead of his team in '96 retrospectives.

"They're counting — the Yankees and Evander Holyfield as the great sports stories," Jackson said. "But the sports story of the year is the Bulls. Without a doubt."

And, unfortunately for their opponents, the Bulls might add several chapters in 1997.

The team that went 72-10 during the 1995-96 regular season is on pace for another 70-win season. Chicago is an NBA-best 27-4 going into the new year and is the overwhelming favorite for another championship. "We should be favored," Pippen said. "Nobody's as good as us."

Said Jordan: "I like where we are. The team seems very motivated and enthusiastic. Every-one wants to beat us, but we usually find a way to win even when we don't play well. That's what being a champion is about. If everybody stays healthy, we've got a great chance."

The Bulls have kept winning even without starting center Luc Longley, who separated his shoulder while body-surfing, and winged reserve Kukoc, who has missed the last three games with a sprained ankle. Longley is due back by mid-January, while Kukoc should return by the end of this week.

Will the Cowboys' problems ever end?

The Associated Press

When Michael Irvin was suspended last summer during the Dallas Cowboys' training camp, Troy Aikman shrugged and said "uproar is the norm around here."

Added Emmitt Smith: "We'll use it as a rallying point. We're always battling some distraction."

That may be the way they publicly circle the wagons at Valley Ranch. But around the NFL, people inured to the troubles of wayward athletes were dumbfounded Tuesday over the latest allegations against Irvin and Erik Williams. "It's not a football reaction, it's a human reaction," said one NFL official. "How dumb can you get?"

Even Dallas coach Barry Switzer, who insisted he would answer only football questions, was resigned to being grilled Tuesday about jurisprudence rather than football.

"Bjornson looked better," Switzer said of tight end Eric Bjornson, nursing an ankle injury. Then, he added, "if anybody wants to know."

It's been that way almost from the day Switzer succeeded Jimmy Johnson in as the Cowboys' coach in April 1994. Irvin, Williams, Leon Lett — one star gets out of trouble and another gets into it.



Dallas' Michael Irvin leaves practice Tuesday in Irving, Texas. He denied charges of sexual assault made by a woman Tuesday.

The latest turn came Tuesday, when Dallas police said a 23-year-old woman had accused Irvin of holding a gun to her head while Williams and another man forced her to have sex. Irvin denied the allegation.

Because Irvin is on probation after pleading no contest last July to cocaine possession, an

arrest could make him subject to 20 years in prison.

But it doesn't mean the star wide receiver won't play Sunday in Dallas' NFC semifinal in Charlotte against the Carolina Panthers. The NFL said it was monitoring the situation, but the league can take no action until there is a resolution to the previ-

ous case.

Said Switzer: "I will practice every player that is marked ready for duty and is eligible to play under NFL policy. This does not involve anything that would keep them from playing."

Irvin is one of three Cowboys suspended this season — he missed his five games at the beginning of the season and missed seven more.

At the same time, defensive end Shante Carver was suspended for six games for an alcohol-related violation.

But Carver is back playing and, ironically, helping fill the void left when Leon Lett, the team's best defensive lineman, was suspended for a year after failing a drug test. Lett had been suspended for four games last season.

And Williams has had his share of problems, too.

Two seasons ago, he tore up his knee in an early-morning auto accident and was subsequently convicted of driving while intoxicated. Since the injury, he's never quite been the player who was considered the game's best offensive lineman.

Williams also was accused of sexual assault in April 1995. But two months later, a grand jury declined to indict him, citing insufficient evidence. That came after Williams and the girl agreed on a civil settlement.

Spaniard bumps Stuch in Qatar

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — Former Wimbledon champion Michael Stich, eliminated at the Qatar Open Tuesday by Spaniard Sergi Bruguera, described the defeat as the worst match he had played in.

Bruguera, trying to rebuild his career after suffering a number of injury setbacks, beat the fourth-seeded Stich 6-3, 6-1 in just 49 minutes at the \$635,000 tournament.

"That was the worst match I have played in 10 years," Stich said.

"I felt good before the match, but I haven't a clue why I lost," said the German, who has been playing his first match since he was

beaten by Britain's Tim Henman in the first round of the Grand Slam Cup in Munich earlier this month.

"I have played only 14 matches in six months and I have been suffering from a shoulder injury but these are not excuses. Even if I had been standing on one leg, I should have done better."

Bruguera, a former double French Open champion, has also been hit by injuries in 1996. He tore ankle ligaments last December and missed the first six weeks of the year. But he had won a silver medalist at the Atlanta Olympics where he was beaten in the final by Andre Agassi.

Packer says former team's defense was better

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Jim McMahon, now a backup quarterback with Green Bay, says the Packers defense has yet to reach the level of the 1986 Chicago Bears, perhaps the best in NFL history.

The Packers allowed just 19 touchdowns this season — the lowest ever in a 16-game schedule, topping the NFL record of 20 set by the '86 Bears.

McMahon was in Chicago then and faced that dominant Bears defense every day in practice. He said earlier this season that as talented as the Packers were, this defense wasn't yet up to that standard.

"And it's not yet," McMahon said Tuesday as the Packers (13-3) returned from their bye week

to prepare for Saturday's divisional playoff against San Francisco (13-4).

"We haven't won yet," McMahon said.

"We had a great regular season. Unless we finish it off by winning the Super Bowl, it's don't mean (a thing)."

"Those guys won't be happy at all either," McMahon said of the defensive unit that ranked tops in the NFL and produced an NFC-best 39 takeaways.

"You know, it was a great accomplishment. Unless you go ahead and win, it's all for naught."

Of course, that 1986 team didn't win the Super Bowl, either, as the Washington Redskins foiled the Bears' attempt to

repeat as champions.

Packers defensive coordinator Eric Stumper agrees that the Packers who allowed a league-low 210 points, most follow their impressive regular season with a solid run in the playoffs to be mentioned in the same breath with the '86 Bears.

But unlike McMahon, he's ready to give the Packers their due right now.

Shurmer said he always admired the great defensive-minded Chicago teams of the mid-1980s, especially that record-setting '86.

But he said what the Packers did this year was special given the changes in offenses and the rules that have produced more points in the past decade.

"I thought Chicago's was a magnificent defense and I thought they achieved well," Shurmer said. "I think the circumstances, the game is a little different now, the scoring. Not to take anything away from them, because I thought they achieved extremely well, the game is different today."

"The emphasis on scoring, what the rules do, what the field position thing involves and all those kinds of things. It's a little bit different than it was 10 years ago and I was in the league then."

The Packers led the NFL in defense this season for the first time since 1967, which is also the last season they won a Super Bowl.

COMICS

Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

SEE? IT'S AN AUTOGRAPHED JOE SHLABOTNIK BASEBALL...
I DON'T THINK SO CHARLIE BROWN. THIS ISN'T JOE'S SIGNATURE...
IT'S A FORGERY!
GOOD GRIEF!
THEY CHEATED A LITTLE KID! AN INNOCENT TRUSTING HERO WORSHIPPING LITTLE KID...
ME!

Dilbert By Scott Adams

CATBERT: EVEL H.R. DIRECTOR
HEY, WALLY, I PULLED SOME STRINGS TO GET YOU MOVED TO A WINDOW CUBICLE.
IT'S FOR MY OWN BENEFIT. I PLAN TO TAKE NAPS WHILE LYING IN THE SUN ON TOP OF YOUR HEAD.
EVERY DAY THIS JOB TEACHES ME I CAN GET USED TO ANYTHING.

B.C. By Johnny Hart

WAKE UP, TEECH!
I CAN BELIEVE YOU FEEL ASLEEP.
IT'S OKAY, I'VE GOT TENURE.

Garfield By Jim Davis

YONG GING GING GING GING...
WHOO! WHAT NIGHT!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hi and Lois By Charlie Brown

I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING SKIING TO GET AWAY FROM CIVILIZATION...

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

I HAVE A LETTER FROM THE CHEMICAL PLANT ON THE YELLOW RIVER.
I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE BLUE RIVER.
THAT WAS LAST WEEK.

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

I'D LIKE A NATIVE BIRD WINE...
YES, SIR!
ONE BOTTLE OF NATIVE BIRD WINE...
AND STEP ON IT!
I HATE IT WHEN HE SAYS THAT!

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

IT'S NICE TO GET HOME AFTER A DAY IN THE OFFICE WITH GEN. HALFRACK.
OH, MISS BUXLEY, YOUR LIGHTS ARE OFF, YOUR SINK IS STOPPED UP, AND YOUR TOILET OVERFLOWED.
IT'S STILL NICE.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

THE TROUBLE WITH THE SPEED OF LIGHT IS IT GETS HERE TOO EARLY IN THE MORNING.

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Clip

SIGH... WHAT'S NEW?
I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT ALL THE THINGS WE BOUGHT IN THE LAST YEAR WITH NO PAYMENTS UNTIL '97.
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

SORRY FOR THE LACK OF SPACE IN THE APARTMENT, GUY. MY FATHER GAVE US A CRAB AN' STUFF FOR CHRISTMAS.
WE'LL WALK OFF THIS CORNER FOR A MOMENT. AN' I'LL MOVE MY PAPERWORK INTO THE ATTIC.
BUT THERE'S NO ROOM IN THE ATTIC, GUY!
SURE THERE IS!
AS LONG AS I DON'T GROW UP!

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

YOU DON'T SEEM TO BE ENJOYING THAT BOOK, HONEY.
IT'S HORRIBLE.
SHOULD'VE SUSPECTED SOMETHING WHEN I GOT IT AT THE LIBRARY.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHEN I CHECKED IT OUT, THEY TOLD ME TO KEEP IT.

Pickles By Brian Crane

DO YOU MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION THIS YEAR, MOM?
YES, I'M GOING TO STOP CORRECTING PEOPLE ALL THE TIME.
WELL, IF YOU CAN STICK TO A RESOLUTION LIKE THAT, YOU HAVE MORE WILLPOWER THAN ME.
I MORE WILLPOWER THAN I.

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

THIS YEAR'S STARTING OUT JUST LIKE LAST YEAR!

The Family Circus By Bill Keane

"Which bowl is first today, Daddy?"
"The cereal bowl, Eat!"

Eiffel Tower soon paid for itself

A fashionable restaurant in France called La Tour d'Argent suddenly became famous in the late 1500s simply by offering one thing with meals: other restaurants did not.

Pope Innocent VIII in 1484 ordained that all the castles of every town be burned with the stake were to be burned with her.

Rabbits never walk North, either.

Q. What was the shortest war in U.S. history?
A. Spanish-American - five months from April to August of 1898.

The name "Mark" is from the Latin for "hammer."

George Lee, an American student of Chinese cultures, reports "According to the 'Yi Ching' or 'Book of Changes,' the even numbers 2, 4, 6, 8, 0 are 'yin' - quiet, dark, passive. The odd numbers 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 are 'yang' - loud, bright, active. Male. Of these, the strongest is 9. This is the favorite number of many Chinese."

Eiffel Tower construction costs

CROSS

1 Salad
2 Winton remainder
3 Mop or mop
13 Singer Tennill
14 "Death of a Salesman" character
15 Functrix
16 Play sections
17 Start style
18 Landlord's duo
19 Mild oath
20 Escent
22 "Barrel Pokes"
24 Pronoun
25 Summit
28 Fizzle
32 Literary device
33 Connery and Penn
34 Football's Dawson
35 Peace bird
36 Swifly
37 Duality
38 -in
39 -in
40 Shake up
41 Rants
42 Magician VIPs
43 Inny antants
44 Liquid mass
45 Look for
47 Good sense of humor
51 Bundle
52 Start winner
56 Recorded music
57 Head debts
58 Deans
59 Algonquians
60 -- of the above
61 -in
62 End of job or mob
63 Vevo

DOWN

1 Male party
2 Fraction
3 Cook-out
4 Intruders
5 Tubby part
6 Tooth
7 Moleman pinno
8 Head of hair
9 Singly
10 -- one's nose
11 Words of
12 Study rooms
13 Supplative
14 Name tag
21 Exclamation of dismay
23 Ron --, Tarzan portlyger
24 Cat in the Hat
26 Treasure --
27 Meandrob
28 Deans
29 Frilly stuff
30 Upper crust
31 Forest
32 Fraction
33 punches
35 Loch --
37 Star boys
38 Spunk
40 Coelodian
41 Great room
41 Norma
43 Excto
44 Oliver and Robert
45 Villon's expression
47 Great room
48 Single entity

WHAT'S WHAT?
L.M. Boyd

were recovered by sightseer's eyes within a year.

Chief Justice Earl Warren said, "Everything I did in my life that was worthwhile I caught hell for."

Of camels, it's easier to remember the bacrian is the two-humped hauler and the dromedary is the one-humped racer if you bear in mind that dromedary means "running."

Q. What's MacGregor's Law of Municipal Traffic?
A. The first driver to see the light turn green is in the second car back.

Q. Who's Arils Vevo?
A. That's the original name of the recent rap star Coolio.

A horse focuses its eye by changing the angle of its head, not by changing the shape of the eye lens.

YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE SOLVED:

LET'S PUZZLE AROUND
ALTO LABOUR REED
SLOVE ALONE TIGER
BLEND CLOTH TIRE
BLEND CLOTH TIRE
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Family member complains. "Let's shake off lethargy and get things done." Get, recover from hectic holiday festivities. Plumbing requires attention. Guest inquires about lost article.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Whispered romantic words require certainty's don't believe everything you hear. Reason to celebrate, popularity soars, you'll exude personal magnetism, sex appeal. Gemini involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Obtain added wisdom from Taurus message. Maintain equilibrium, domestic adjustment. Attention revolves around durable goods, home ownership.

CANCER (June 21-July 21): Try hard at recreation. You've got plenty to say -- get it on paper. Flirtation, fun, holiday day writing. Avoid transferring short trip into wild goose chase. Virgo involved.

LEO (July 22-Aug. 23): Shine your light in the night. What begins as serious involvement could end abruptly. Maintain equilibrium, domestic adjustment featured. Holiday leftovers prove tasty, provide memories.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Cycle moves up, you'll be sought after, circumstances move in your favor. Sincer clear. Focus on desires, takes your great deal. Resolve to make fresh start in new direction -- love included.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): People vie to win-and-dine you. You'll be wondering "What am I doing that's different?" Focus on power, stability, promotion. Identified relationship. Capricorn, Cancer partners in picture.

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By **Bubly Wolff**

"Sudden resolutions, like the sudden rise of the mercury in the barometer, indicate little else than the changeableness of the weather."

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Today is the day to make New Year's resolutions. A most important one for any bridge player is to resolve to take at least 15 tricks before playing from dummy at trick one. This brief timeout gives declarer an opportunity to reconsider any tempting, but impulsive, plays he might have thought about making.

Make your resolution, and then test yourself with today's layout. When West leads his fourth-best club, the odds are heavily in favor of his holding the king. Therefore, the declarer is free to play low from dummy. This ensures at least two club winners and may even score three.

What happens if South impulsively ducks in dummy? East wins his king and shifts to hearts. This alert defense establishes three defensive heart winners before East's diamond ace is knocked out. Three hearts, added to the diamond ace and club king, translate into down one for South.

The declarer who has made his New Year's resolution uses the timeout to count nine sure winners. Rejecting the chance for an extra club trick or two, he concentrates on the impregnable plan for his game. To ensure his nine winners, he lets dummy's club ace at trick one and knocks out East's diamond ace. Now, regardless of what the defenders do, South wins three spades, one heart, four diamonds and a club and gets the New Year off to a fine start.

Happy New Year to all my readers. May all your games and slams succeed.

NORTH
 ♠ K 9 9
 ♥ J 10 9 8
 ♦ A 11 3 3
 ♣ 4

EAST
 ♠ 10 6 5 3 2
 ♥ Q 8 3
 ♦ K Q 7 6 5
 ♣ 4 7

WEST
 ♠ 7 4
 ♥ K 10 5 2
 ♦ J 9 8
 ♣ A 3 2

SOUTH
 ♠ A J 8
 ♥ A 1 6
 ♦ K Q 7 6 5
 ♣ 4 7

Vulnerable: Both
 Dealer: South

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1NT Pass 3NT All pass

Opening lead: Club six

BID WITH THE ACES

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 ♠ 10 6 5 3 2
 ♥ Q 8 3
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North South
 1NT

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