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Hood's new deal brings plea

Confessed killer faces minimum of 33 years for 2 counts of murder



Corey Hood

By Kevin Miller
 Times-News writer

RUPERT - The first plea agreement failed, but lawyers Tuesday ended a drawn-out legal battle by forging a second plea agreement with confessed killer Corey Hood.

Hours prior to the completion of a seven-day hearing to determine if his first plea agreement should stand, Hood agreed to plead guilty

to two counts of first-degree murder.

He will be sentenced to serve at least 33 years in prison - the maximum sentence possible under his first plea agreement - and could spend the rest of his life behind bars.

"Thank God justice has been served," said Matthew Mines, one of three people Hood said helped him clean a bloody crime scene left

after he raped and killed 17-year-old Wendy Hunter in his home on May 16, 1996.

Hood agreed to plead guilty to Hunter's murder and to the murder of his 74-year-old grandmother, Mae Hood. She was found in her bed on April 24, 1996, with her throat cut.

Corey Hood's first plea agreement, authored by outgoing Minidoka County Prosecutor Gara

Newman, convicted him on two counts of voluntary manslaughter in the deaths, not murder.

"It was very important to us that it was first-degree murder. It was not manslaughter. It never was," said Beverly Hunter, Wendy's mother. "This we can live with. The other we could not live with."

The first plea agreement was roundly criticized in Minidoka

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Ag rights win out in Blaine County zoning decision

Vote follows 2-year land battle

By Kristan Kennedy
 Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Just say no - to erecting subdivisions on Blaine County's shrinking agricultural lands.

That's what Blaine County officials voted this week in a dramatic hearing ending in the denial of two subdivision requests in the county's agricultural zone. Blaine ag lands are under fire by a population shifting south and in demand by many a modern cowboy who would pay a hefty price for farm living after fleeing urban sprawl.

The vote follows a two-year fight involving three south Blaine County farming families and whether two of them could legally subdivide their agricultural land - or other Blaine County should step in line with the rest of the state and protect farming, backed by the county's comprehensive plan and

Idaho code.

For Dean Rogers III, a third-generation farmer whose family used the county when it approved the two subdivisions in 1995, Monday's vote to deny his neighbors the right to sell a piece of the family farm isn't just a win for his family, but for ranching life in the Wood River Valley - a county famous for condominiums, not cattle.

"It's a straight up-and-down issue for the Rogers family," he said. "Subdividing next to my land will drive me out of business."

The commission voted 2-1 Monday to overturn subdivision permits issued in 1995 to Virginia Reed and Johnny Urrutia, neighbors of the Rogers. Commissioners Len Harlig and Tom Blanchard voted to deny and Rupert Hood voted to approve the two plans.

Urrutia wanted to sell

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Dean Rogers III

Study finds abundance of drunken drivers

The Associated Press

CHICAGO - Americans got behind the wheel after drinking too much an average of 14,000 times an hour in 1993, according to researchers who say they may still be underestimating the extent of drunken driving.

And nearly one of every 12 instances involved a driver under age 21 - too young to drink legally in any state, the researchers reported in today's issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association.

The findings come from a telephone survey of 102,000 adults age 18 and older, 2.5

percent of whom admitted they had driven "after having had perhaps too much to drink" on one or more occasions within the previous month.

The number of occasions reported each month was multiplied by 12 to get an estimate of approximately 123 million for the year.

That number was divided by 8,760 for the estimate of hourly instances.

The prevalence of alcohol-impaired driving was 82 times higher than the 1993 arrest rate for driving under the influence, according to FBI arrest data.

Continental boosts basic cable service rates by 20%

Hike will take effect on Feb. 1 in 3 counties

By Steve Crump
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Continental Cablevision subscribers in Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties will pay 20 percent more for the company's basic service package starting next month.

The company made the announcement in notices dated Jan. 1 and mailed to subscribers. It's the second price increase in six months for the company, which was purchased by US West Communications last year.

Continental customers in Twin Falls, Kimberly and Hansen will pay \$23.79 a month for Lifeline, or basic service, starting Feb. 1. That's an increase of \$3.98.

Subscribers in Jerome, Gooding, Wendell and Filer will pay \$23.48 a month for Lifeline service, up \$3.30.

Last August, Continental boosted the cost of its Lifeline service by 7 percent under a Federal Communications Commission rule that allows cable systems to recoup inflation and the increasing costs of programming.

In its Jan. 1 letter to customers, Continental cited "the escalating cost of doing business" for the latest change. It said the new rate "reflects the increasing cost of programming services, inflation and other operating costs."

Vince Thompson, Continental's Twin Falls manager, pointed out that the local cable system had not raised its rates since September 1993, when King Videocable owned the company. During the same period it has added 12 channels, he said.

Last month the company added the Disney Channel, which previously was a premium service, to its Lifeline package.

The current round of rate increases, which affects all 4.2 million Continental subscribers, fits under a formula approved by the FCC.

US West-Continental is the fourth cable provider to announce rate increases in the past month. TCI Cablevision, which serves the Burley-Rupert area as well as Boise, Pocatello and Idaho Falls, boosted rates in the Mini-Cassia area between 6.5 and 10 percent in December.

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Alan White, technical supervisor for Continental Cablevision, works Tuesday to expand the bandwidth of the cable signal in order to make room for more channels.

Who pays what for cable

Monthly rates and channel offerings for basic cable service, in selected southern Idaho communities:

City	Company	Rate	# of channels	Average per channel
Twin Falls	Continental	\$23.79	37	\$6.44
Ketchum	Sun Valley	\$14.89	16	\$9.31
Burley	Cablevision	\$10.61	14	\$7.58
Idaho Falls	TCI Cablevision	\$11.16	12	\$9.30
Boise	TCI Cablevision	\$10.47	12	\$8.73

Despite GOP defections, Gingrich keeps post

Speaker prevails by 3 votes after intense efforts



House Speaker Newt Gingrich addresses the opening session of the 105th Congress after being re-elected to his post Tuesday.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - An apologetic Rep. Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., was re-elected House speaker Tuesday after a frantic lobbying campaign that convinced all but nine House Republicans that his ethical violations should not deprive him of another term.

Gingrich won with three votes to spare in a dramatic, hour-long roll call as 216 of the 225 House Republicans voting supported him. House GOP leaders - including Gingrich himself - worked to the end to round up the votes needed to make him the first Republican re-elected speaker in 68 years.

Four GOP lawmakers voted for other candidates and five voted "present." House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt, D-Mo., won the votes of 204 Democrats and Independent Rep. Bernard Sanders (Vt.). Following tradition, Gephardt voted "present" and Gingrich, who

was not in the chamber for the roll call, did not vote. Three members were absent.

After taking the oath of office from Rep. John D. Dingell, D-Mich., the most senior member of the House, Gingrich offered his gratitude to House Republicans who reluctantly supported him and his regret to the entire House for his past behavior.

"For those who agonized and ended up voting for me, I thank you," Gingrich said in his 20-minute speech. "Some of this difficulty, frankly, I brought on myself... To the degree I was too brash, too self-confident or too pushy I apologize. To whatever degree and in any way that I brought controversy or inappropriate attention to the House, I apologize."

The vote ended two weeks of uncertainty over Gingrich's re-election. Some House Republicans questioned the political wisdom of backing him after he ended two years of steadfast denials of wrongdoing.

NATION IN BRIEF

Persian Gulf illness still a mystery

White House braces for harassment hearing

WASHINGTON — After two years of charges, countercharges, legal appeals and private settlement discussions, Paula Jones' lawsuit accusing President Clinton of sexual harassment reaches the Supreme Court next week.

The justices Monday will deliberate the question of how much immunity a sitting president deserves from civil suits — an issue that may address the salacious nature of the allegations.

But on the political front, a White House already in the throes of the Whitewater and fund-raising investigations will have to cope with further embarrassment.

Georgian diplomat likely to be sent home

WASHINGTON — A Republic of Georgia diplomat should be brought to trial in Washington if he is charged in connection with a car crash that killed a 16-year-old girl, the State Department said Tuesday.

But department spokesmen suggested that the diplomat was more likely to be sent home, and acknowledged that diplomatic immunity has shielded at least one American envoy in a similar case in Moscow.

Horse adoption program under investigation

WASHINGTON — The Interior Department ordered an investigation Tuesday into whether government employees were profiting from a federal wild horse protection program, including selling some of the animals to slaughterhouses.

The Interior investigation, as well as a senator saying he might ask for congressional hearings, was prompted by an Associated Press report outlining abuses within the wild horse and burro protection program.

Christmas Eve bombing linked to suicide

CLIFTON PARK, N.Y. — A Christmas Eve package bomb that injured a 10-year-old girl came from a family acquaintance who committed suicide five days after the blast, investigators said Tuesday.

The bomb came from Christopher P. Gilson, 58, who lived about two miles from Jude and Mary Reardon's house in this comfortable suburb of Albany, said Maj. Peter Lawrence of the state police.

The Reardons' daughter Jordan was burned over 27 percent of her body when she opened the package that was addressed to her family and left in the Reardons' mailbox at the end of the driveway. She is recovering.

Gilson had worked for Jude Reardon's twin brother, John, until he was fired in 1991 from a high-paying sales job, police said at a news conference.

Landrieu sworn as senator pending report

WASHINGTON — Mary Landrieu of Louisiana was sworn in as senator Tuesday pending the results of the investigation into allegations that widespread voter fraud in New Orleans helped her win the seat.

Landrieu, a Democrat and daughter of former New Orleans Mayor Moon Landrieu, took the oath of office administered by Vice President Al Gore. She was accompanied on the Senate floor by Sen. John Breaux, D-La., and former Sen. J. Bennett Johnston, D-La.

But before the ceremony, Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., announced that the Rules and Administration Committee, chaired by Sen. John Warner, R-Va., would investigate allegations of fraud. Allegations include ballots cast in the name of dead people and reported pressure on New Orleans city employees to participate in the campaign.

Compiled from wire reports.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton Tuesday instructed a commission he appointed to keep looking for a cause for the mysterious illnesses afflicting Persian Gulf War veterans.

"We don't have all the answers," he said.

The Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses was set to expire after issuing a final report that attributes the sicknesses in part to the physical and psychological stresses of war.

Clinton extended the commission for nine months after receiving the report, which concluded that the Pentagon's investigation into Persian Gulf War ailments has been inadequate. He also called for a global treaty to ban chemical weapons, which many veterans cite as a cause for their illnesses.

"We haven't ended the suffering, we don't have all the answers, and I won't be satisfied until we have done everything humanly possible to find them," Clinton said. "Every credible possibility must be fully explored."

Outside the White House, Steve A. Robertson, legislative director for the American Legion, told reporters, "The Persian Gulf War was a snap compared to the battle the veterans have been fighting for the last several years."

Clinton's announcement came as Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, and officials from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention were releasing results of a study of 2,000 Gulf War veterans from Iowa. The study sought to determine whether symptoms experienced by Gulf War veterans were unique to them.

Clinton was joined by Hillary Rodham Clinton, who first called the veterans' ailments to his



Health Secretary Donna Shalala talks to National Security Adviser-designate Sandy Berger as she arrives in the Roosevelt Room of the White House where President Clinton received the final report of the Presidential Advisory Committee on Persian Gulf War veterans' illnesses. Brown, left, and presidential assistant Kitty Higgins look on.

attention and pressed him to act on the issue. He said he was especially grateful to her because she "took this matter to heart and brought it to my attention."

The White House declined to say Monday whether the first lady would take on Persian Gulf War illnesses as a second-term duty — but aides wouldn't rule it out either.

"She's certainly more than an interested party," said White House spokesman David Johnson.

Neal Lattimore, a spokesman

for Mrs. Clinton, said the first lady visited numerous veterans hospitals seeking information on Gulf War illnesses and was the first person to meet with the Defense Department about the matter.

"This is not new," Lattimore said. "This is something she was (already) involved in."

The president pledged on Veterans Day to continue seeking an explanation for the illnesses suffered by those who fought in the 1991 war with Iraq. He said veterans must be assured that

the government is willing to repay their service with high quality medical care and a thorough effort to understand their illnesses.

"They must now know they can rely on us. We must not and will not let them down," Clinton said. Clinton asked his wife to meet with veterans and health care professionals in February 1995 to learn more about Gulf War illnesses and veterans' experiences in seeking medical treatment. She subsequently gave him a memorandum detailing her findings.

Clinton said he would instruct Defense Secretary-designate William Cohen, as well as the departments of Veterans Affairs and Health and Human Services, to take the suggestions in today's report and develop a response to the committee's findings.

Tuesday's report formalizes the advisory panel's November conclusion that no single cause could be found for veterans' ailments, which include memory loss, fatigue, diarrhea and insomnia. Some veterans blame their sickness on exposure to Iraqi chemical weapons.

Clinton stopped short of saying there is a Gulf War syndrome. "I believe that there are a lot of veterans who got sick as a result of their service in the Gulf," he said.

The commission said that some factors have not been adequately studied, such as low-level chemical exposure, the effects of pesticides and oil fires and the stress of living in a combat situation.

Dr. Joyce Lashof, the committee chairman, said the Defense Department "has done a disservice to veterans and the public" by being slow to study the effects of chemical weapons exposure. "We hope these initiatives can begin to restore confidence in DOD's investigation," she said.

Man wins \$5.5 million for discrimination

DETROIT (AP) — A federal jury awarded \$5.5 million in damages to a man who claimed he was forced to resign from his job as a truck driver because he suffers from epilepsy and was denied a less-dangerous position.

The award to Thomas Lewis is the largest sum granted in a suit brought under the Americans with Disabilities Act, federal officials said.

Lewis, 45, was forced to resign from Complete Auto Trans-nova Commercial Carriers Inc. of Troy — because he suffered an epileptic seizure at his home in August 1989. The company cited federal transportation regulations that barred Lewis from being a driver because of his condition.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The post office handled a record 2.7 billion cards and letters in the three weeks before Christmas, 10 percent more than the year before, Postmaster General Marvin Runyon said Tuesday.

"There were some occasional delays, as can be expected when you have to open an avalanche of mail. For the most part, though, our customers came away satisfied with our service," Runyon told the agency's governing board. On-time performance figures were not yet available.

He said expedited services were particularly popular with Priority Mail up 13.5 percent and Express Mail up 5.9 percent, compared with the same period the year before.

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IDAHO IN BRIEF

Lewiston still unsure about proposed camp.

LEWISTON — Despite winning a proposed state juvenile work center away from Kootenai County, the victorious community is still undecided about the project. Last month, the state Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council picked Lewiston as the site. Amortization of land for the facility passed in the first of three votes by the Lewiston City Council Monday night's tally was 5-2 and two members said they will vote against it unless neighbors' concerns about security are not assuaged. The center is expected to house 500 juvenile offenders who do work projects in the community. Its annual operating budget would be about \$1.5 million. The Lewiston Planning and Zoning Commission has limited use to "low-risk" inmates, although the state plan specifies low- and medium-risk offenders.

Detectives investigate 500 dumped tires

POCATELLO — On his way out to spot deer a few days ago in Blackfoot Canyon, J.R. Simpcox Co. engineer Dale Reavis instead came upon a site that disgusted him. Someone had dumped about 500 worn car and truck tires along the gravel county road leading into the sage-dotted canyon. "It's a mess," said Rick Martin, a natural resource specialist with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. "It's ridiculous." The BLM manages 18,000-acre Blackfoot/Chinks Peak canyon area is a popular recreation spot for hikers, off-road vehicle users and target shooters between Pocatello and Inkom.

Bonneville prosecutor appeals loss of case

IDAHO FALLS — Having lost jurisdiction over one murder case, Bonneville County Prosecutor David Johnson wants to ensure he doesn't lose any others. Johnson appeared before 7th District Judge Ted Wood to argue against a magistrate's dismissal of Idaho homicide charges against Barry Grimes and Joe Gordon for lack of jurisdiction. Grimes, 43, and Gordon, 39, both of Laurel, Mont., are accused of killing Michael Fox, 52, of Borie last February in Montana. Authorities believe the two abducted Fox after they went bar hopping together, stole his car and locked him in the trunk before driving into Montana. If the appeal is successful, it would not affect the criminal case against Gordon and Grimes in Montana, Johnson said. However, he said it would set a precedent for future cases.

EPA orders gas station to empty its tanks

PRESTON — The neon-green poster hanging in the window of the V-1 Oil service station warns the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is blocking its gasoline sales. Chris Field, the on-site coordinator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, replied the department asked V-1 to empty its underground gasoline tanks by Friday so it can dig them up. "We asked V-1 to get their tanks empty because the rate that we're pulling gasoline off the groundwater is fluctuating, and we can't tell if that's from the rains; from them filling their tanks or some combination," Field said.

Hells Canyon outflows hit record on Jan. 1

BOISE — The floodwaters covering much of west-central Idaho have resulted in the highest flows out of Hells Canyon Dam since it was built 30 years ago. Nearly 102,000 cubic feet per second passed through the project's generating turbines at 5:30 p.m., on New Year's Day. The previous high flow at the Snake River dam was 87,000 cfs recorded Feb. 23, 1982. The latest reading is preliminary. "We may be experiencing a 100-year flood at Hells Canyon as this is the most water we've seen in this reach of the river in our recorded history," said Jim Voyles, an engineering supervisor in the company's Hydro Production Department.

3 die from gunshot wounds in Melba

MELBA — A woman and two men died of gunshot wounds near Melba in what authorities said was a murder-suicide sparked by a domestic dispute. The preliminary investigation into the deaths Monday night indicated that an unidentified 38-year-old man killed himself after shooting Laura Bowler, 40, and Michael Cram, 41.

Compiled from wire reports

Lance wants habeas corpus limits



Idaho was a territory, and have changed little since then.

The laws were intended to give citizens a chance to challenge unlawful confinement but now are used mostly by prison inmates to complain about conditions.

Lance said his legislation will give courts authority to reject petitions with no merit and provide for expedited handling of claims of illegal confinement that might have some basis.

He's also preparing legislation to remove the requirement that a person provide a sex offender's Social Security number to get information on where the offender lives. Idaho has a law requiring sex offenders to register with

local authorities, but there have been complaints that it's almost impossible for residents to get information about sex offenders in their area.

"Parents will have better tools to protect their children," Lance said.

Other proposals:

- Legislation to outlaw the use of "closet" cellular phones.
- A bill to make it harder for operators of 900-sex telephone numbers to collect. If the measure becomes law, a company will have to prove an agreement in writing or use of a credit card to press for payment for calls to 900-lines.
- Legislation to simplify and expedite the prosecution of insurance fraud by his office.

- A bill making it a crime for individuals to falsely act as a public officer. Lance said it was aimed at members of "common law courts" who have threatened various public officials with legal proceedings.



Al Lance

Unlike a consumer-operated telephone, a facsimile machine cannot hang up when the solicitation is unwelcome," Lance said.

Lance also will ask for changes in the Public Records Act. He wants to reorganize the long list of exemptions to the disclosure law, to make it easier to understand.

The Legislature will be asked to define "voluntarily" requests for records and what might be a reasonable fee for providing the documents.

Slaying of child beauty princess mystifies town

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — JonBenet Ramsey, just 6, wore a sparkling crown and a fancy beauty pageant gown when she was buried.

Her mother, a former beauty queen herself, wept at the foot of the little girl's coffin, a long black veil obscuring her face.

Around her father's neck hung a medal that his precocious child had won, flaunting her very best smile.

JonBenet, who reigned as National Tiny Miss Beauty and captured a list of other tiny pageant titles, had been strangled.

What started with a ransom note found before sunrise the day after Christmas ended eight hours later with the discovery of JonBenet's body in the cellar of the family's expensive Boulder home. Tape covered her mouth.

Denver newspapers, citing unidentified sources, reported that a cord was around her neck and that she appeared to have been sexually molested.

In the two weeks since, her death remains a mystery. Police in this placid college town needed at the foot of the Rocky Mountains have made no arrests and are right-lipped about evidence and suspects. But one thing appears clear: The killer knew the house and the family's habits well.

"That would indicate it's not a random act," Mayor Leslie Durgin says. "People in Boulder have no need to think someone has been walking the streets of Boulder looking for someone to attack."

Police haven't had a formal interview with the Ramseys; police spokeswoman Leslie Asholin said Tuesday police would speak to them "as appropriate."

JonBenet's death was the only homicide last year in this town of 96,000 — a community full of bookstores and espresso bars, where police ride bicycles and anglers fly fish in a stream running alongside city hall.



Leslie Asholin, spokeswoman for the Boulder Police Department, said Tuesday police are attempting to arrange face-to-face interviews with JonBenet's parents about the child's death on Dec. 25.

Police spent 10 days gathering evidence in the Ramseys' Tudor home just up the street from the

University of Colorado and fraternity and sorority row. Detectives also went to Atlanta, where JonBenet was buried, and interviewed the Ramseys' friends and relatives and searched the family's summer home in Michigan. There was no sign of forced entry at the Boulder home and

investigators found a notepad in the house that appeared to match the ransom note paper, Denver newspapers reported, citing unidentified sources.

John and Patricia Ramsey have hired lawyers, a media consultant and their own detectives to investigate their daughter's death. They are offering a \$50,000 reward.

The Ramseys did not respond to a request from The Associated Press for an interview. Their only media interview has been with CNN.

The Ramseys have shared their thoughts with police about suspects, Ramsey said. But he also understands, they, too, are being investigated.

"We are a Christian, God-fearing family," Mrs. Ramsey told CNN. "We love our children ... this is not in the realm of possibility."

Ramsey, father of three children from a previous marriage that ended in divorce, moved from Atlanta to Boulder in 1991 with his young wife and two little children to become president of Access Graphics, a billion-dollar computer company.

All Bon Marché stores will be closed tomorrow, then re-open Friday for an extraordinary event.

In order to conduct our seasonal inventory without inconveniencing shoppers, we are closing all stores this Thursday, January 9th.

To thank you for your patience, we invite you to shop our After Inventory Sale & Clearance starting Friday.

Look for details in tomorrow's paper.

The BONMARCHÉ

Huge flag stolen

PROVO, Utah (AP) — The gigantic American flag that flew at Ream's grocery store extends 30 by 50 feet and hung from a 170-foot pole. But the size didn't stop someone from nabbing it. "It just makes us so upset because we are just trying to do something for the community more than anything else," said store owner Paul J. Ream. The flag was stolen sometime between Dec. 27 at 9:30 p.m. and Dec. 28 at 6:45 a.m.

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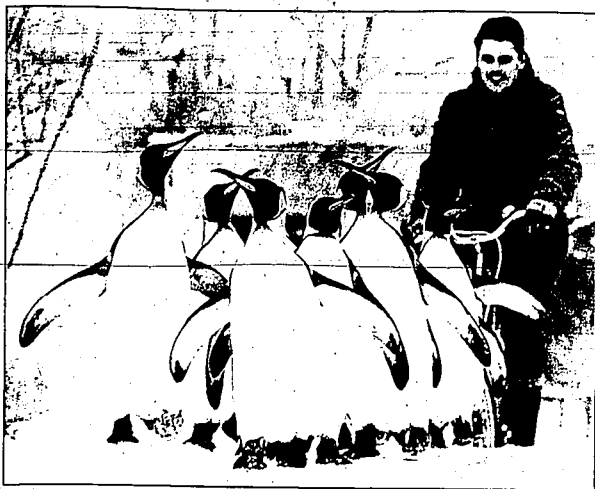
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WORLD

JUST A WALK IN THE PARK



Zoo keeper Laszlo Zsigovits follows on his bike as King penguins walk through Munich zoo. Sub zero temperatures around minus seven degrees centigrade (19 degrees Fahrenheit) permits this walk on snow and ice. Since the beginning of the cold spell the penguins will take a walk every day to enjoy themselves and parade for the Zoo's guests.

Hijacked Austrian plane lands in Berlin; incident ends peacefully

BERLIN (AP) — A Bosnian hijacker put a knife to the throat of an Austrian Airlines pilot Tuesday, forcing the plane to land in Berlin.

A policeman sneaked aboard, raced through the plane and showed the hijacker out an open door.

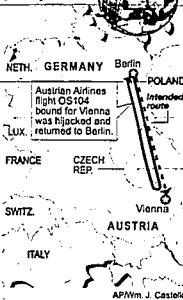
None of the 28 passengers or five crew members was injured.

Flight OS104 was en route from Berlin to Vienna when the 39-year-old man attacked the captain, said Ruediger Reiff, a spokesman for the Berlin justice and interior ministry.

The hijacker held a knife to the pilot's throat and demanded that the plane return to Berlin, Reiff said. Officials gave conflicting reports on how far the plane had gone before turning back. The Austrian Press Association reported it had begun its descent and was at the Czech-Austrian border.

A passenger, Thomas Teubner, said the hijacker stayed in the cockpit and did not threaten passengers. "He screamed like a crazy man, for 10 minutes" at one point,

Passenger jet hijacked



Teubner told The Associated Press. The MD-87 landed at 12:47 p.m. Berlin time at Tegel airport and Teubner said the hijacker again became upset, thinking he was not

in Germany. Reiff said the plane was taxied into a hangar, where authorities prepared to negotiate with the hijacker. He was demanding a German residence and work permit and Reiff said he claimed he faced deportation.

The hijacker opened the front door of the plane while a flight attendant let two policemen in a back door. One officer rushed forward and shoved the hijacker out of the plane.

The hijacker, whose name was being withheld, quickly was overpowered and arrested. He was to be charged Wednesday with hostage-taking, and depriving people of their rights. Austrian Press Association reported the passengers were from Japan, Austria and Germany.

Georgia offers enriched uranium

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — Stuck with a cache of highly enriched uranium from Soviet times, Georgian officials are offering the radioactive material for sale — as long as it's not for military purposes.

"We are open to all proposals, except for those from rogue regimes," said George Kharadze, director of Georgia's Physics Institute. "We are categorically against selling this fuel to someone who pursues military goals."

The uranium-235 was used for scientific projects involving a research nuclear reactor built in the late 1950s at the institute just outside Tbilisi, the capital. It was left there when the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991.

The Georgian government acknowledges that it wants to get rid of the uranium, but has not

released details about possible sales.

Last year, the institute sold about 11 pounds of uranium-235 to Uzbekistan for \$20,000, Kharadze said. The institute has about 9.5 pounds of the uranium left — enough to build a nuclear weapon, according to Shukri Abramidze, head of the institute's Center for Applied Research.

William Potter, a nuclear expert at the Monterey (Calif.) Institute of International Studies, agreed the Georgian uranium could be used for weapons production.

"The material available in Georgia fits the top end of the line — highly, highly enriched uranium," said Potter, who specializes in the former Soviet Union.

Potter noted that Georgia would be violating the Nuclear

Nonproliferation Treaty, which it signed, if it sells the highly enriched uranium to any country whose nuclear facilities are not under the full oversight of the International Atomic Energy Agency. India, Pakistan and North Korea are among those in that category.

Kharadze denied reports that the institute has been approached by Iran, which is receiving help from Russia to build a nuclear power plant.

The uranium has been the subject of negotiations between Russia and the United States, which both have pledged to thwart possible proliferation of nuclear materials from the former Soviet Union.

Washington reportedly has offered to buy the uranium, and Kharadze said "we are not against" such a deal.

Prince wants a Monaco makeover

MONACO (AP) — Public image No. 1: A pastel yellow palace perched high on a cliff, inhabited by a wise prince who still mourns his movie-star princess. A magical kingdom with no income tax or unemployment.

Image No. 2: A place where high rollers of questionable origin gamble fortunes of questionable origin under gilded ceilings. A sunny place for shady people, an old saying goes.

Image No. 3: Dynasty on the Riviera — the Joan Collins kind. Why can't Stephanie find a nice guy? Why is Caroline's hair

falling out? When will Albert get married?

As Monaco celebrates the 700th year of the House of Grimaldi, the heir to the family store has a message to the world: Forget those images, please.

Monaco is not a fantasy land. "People don't want to scratch the surface," Prince Albert said in an interview with The Associated Press. "They don't want to look behind those images. There are real people here in Monaco."

As the 38-year-old prince spoke in his palace office, singers outside rehearsed today's kickoff to

a year-long celebration of the Grimaldi, one of Europe's oldest monarchies. For the record, he wouldn't say when he will succeed his 73-year-old father, Rainier III, who has ruled for almost 50 years.

He was more concerned with preserving his ancestors for their tenacity in keeping a country that is smaller than New York's Central Park alive for seven centuries.

"History demonstrates that the leaders of Monaco were very shrewd," Albert said. "They always found ways to adapt to the times."

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Pope's envoy: Visits boost Vatican-Cuban relations

ROME (AP) — The Vatican's relations with Cuba are still delicate but improving because of the Catholic Church's aid to the Communist island, Pope John Paul II's envoy said Tuesday. Cardinal Camillo Ruini, returned Tuesday from a four-day visit to Cuba as the head of the Italian Bishop's Conference, which donated medical equipment to the country.

During Ruini's visit, the Vatican confirmed John Paul would visit Cuba early next year. Cuba is the only Latin American country the pope has not yet visited, and he has vigorously condemned the U.S. embargo against the country.

Ruini said church relations with Cuba "certainly are delicate, but the impression is that they are on the road to improvement... because of the action that

the Church has carried out to help the Cuban people."

While in Havana, Ruini met with Cuban President Fidel Castro to work out details of the pope's visit. Ruini said the pope would travel to Cuba in the latter half of January 1998, but did not announce a date.

Castro "wanted to know the details of how the visit will be conducted," Ruini was quoted by the official Mexican news agency Notimex as saying.

Ruini described the Cuban church as "very much alive" and full of hope, despite being frowned upon by the Cuban government.

One of Ruini's last stops in Cuba was at the shrine of the Virgin of Charity of Cobre, the most venerated saint among Cuban Catholics and a possible stop for the pope.

Algiers car bomb kills 13

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — A car bomb exploded in a crowded downtown shopping district in the Algerian capital Tuesday, killing at least 13 people and wounding 100.

Witnesses said the bombers were among the dead.

Hospital officials said the bomb went off at 2:15 p.m. near Place Audin, a bustling shopping district in Algiers.

The bomb exploded near the Brasserie des Facultes, a cafe-restaurant that serves alcohol and is frequented by students and professors. Muslim militants fighting to overthrow the government and install strict Islamic rule demand adherence to Koranic law forbidding the consumption of alcohol.

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EDITORIAL

Driver's licenses, dropouts should not be linked

Gov. Phil Batt has a good point when he suggests repealing the law that suspends the driver's licenses of high school dropouts. It was a flawed idea to begin with, and age isn't improving it.

The law, passed in 1996, was a pet bill of one of our local legislators, Sen. John Sandy, R-Hagerman. It allows the state to suspend the license of anyone under age 18 who drops out of school.

Batt disliked the bill but refrained from vetoing it. Instead, he let it to become law without his signature - the gubernatorial equivalent of holding one's nose and looking the other way. Now, some defenders of the law say Batt wants it killed because he never liked it in the first place.

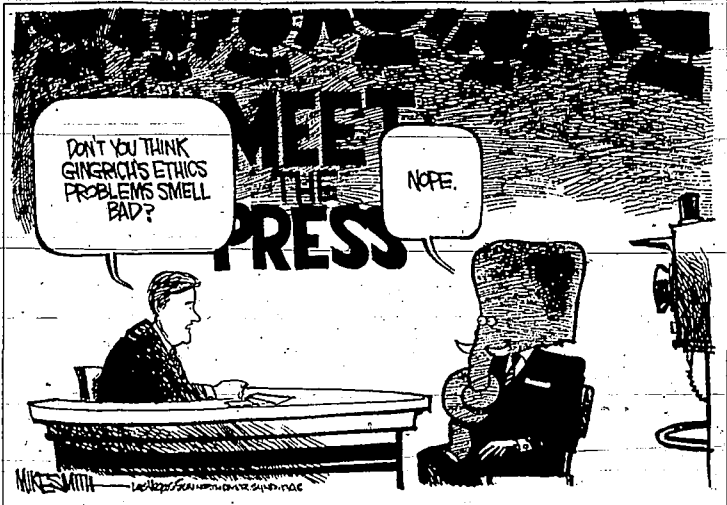
That may be true - but so what? Batt is right when he notes that this law penalizes people for doing nothing illegal. In Idaho, 16-year-olds have the right to withdraw from school. Though everyone agrees that dropping out is a mistake, when did it get to be the state's job to punish legal but unwise behavior?

The other objection to the law is that the punishment doesn't match the offense. Driver's licenses are a handy tool for applying pressure to dropouts, but the two issues really aren't related.

Batt argued that the law isn't being used much. Though 2,736 juniors and seniors dropped out of school last year, the Transportation Department reports using the law to suspend only 264 licenses since it took effect on July 1.

Defenders say Batt should give the law a little time - a full year at least - before passing judgment. That would be a reasonable suggestion in most circumstances. But when an idea is philosophically flawed, why give it any time at all?

Batt had legitimate reservations about this bill a year ago, as did others. If the Legislature erred in passing it, and if Batt erred in allowing it to become law, giving the issue another look this year makes sense.



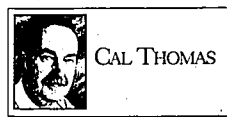
British election may be replay of American

BELFAST - The coming British election, which must be held no later than May, is shaping up as a nasty brawl. The new Labor Party leader, Tony Blair, hopes to topple 17 years of Conservative Party power by knocking out Prime Minister John Major.

The press is predicting the contest will be the dirtiest in recent memory. Labor is so determined to win that party leaders reportedly are considering the unprecedented step of cutting trade unionists and other activists out of policy-making positions by dismantling the constituency parties that have served as Labor's power base. The intent is to make them appear even less radical than the revamped image they sought with the installation of the mild-mannered Blair, who shied aside the Socialist-oriented Neil Kinnock.

Divorcing trade unionists from their special interests in the Labor Party is akin to Democrats in America renouncing labor union campaign money, along with labor's voter turnout skills, and instructing them they will have no more influence in selecting government officials than any other citizen.

Comparisons with American parties, candidates and officials can be tricky. Blair has pleased himself as Bill Clinton in 1992, challenging not only an incumbent, but a party that has been in power longer than Republicans under Ronald Reagan and George Bush. The difference



is that, unlike America's apparently troubled economy in 1992, the economy in Britain is on the upswing. A year-end Gallup Poll for The Daily Telegraph shows Major's popularity improving. In 1992, Bush's numbers were heading south.

Since 1957, when the British Gallup Poll has found optimism outweighing pessimism at Christmas time, the government in power has usually, but not always, won the next election. Thirty-seven percent believe 1997 will be better than 1996, while only 21 percent believe things will get worse. More good news for the Tories lies in the gap between optimists and pessimists - a full 16 percentage points - almost as large as the gap five years ago when Major won the last election and even larger than in 1983 when Margaret Thatcher was reelected.

The campaign, which will not officially begin until the prime minister announces the election date, seemed to be warming up when both candidates issued New Year's statements. Major delivered a kind of "Contract With Britain" when he issued five resolutions that included a

tax cut, keeping inflation in check, price reductions, a drop in mortgage rates and more jobs. A nationwide survey seemed to support Major's job promises. It said 21 percent of bosses expect to hire more workers this year, with only 15 percent predicting reductions. Major said the country's rosy prospects could not be trusted in the hands of "inexperienced" Labor.

Borrowing from Bill Clinton's "instant response" team, Blair called Major a "hypocrite" for claiming to be "Mr. Nice Guy" and not responsible for charges made against several labor members by Conservative Party leaders; one of which contained an advertisement portraying Blair with "demon eyes." Blair promised to link Major with anything "dirty" coming from the Conservative Party.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, may be the first to invoke 21st-century imagery in the campaign. He said Britain is in danger of "sleepwalking" into the next century and that the forthcoming election will be the least intelligent ever as negative Conservatives and timid Labor competed for office by saying "as little of substance as possible."

If little of substance comes from the British campaign, it will, indeed, resemble the last American election.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

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LETTERS

Nordic Fair offers fun, information

Last Thursday's *Times-News* had an article about the upcoming Nordic Fair at the KMYT community room that needs some clarification. It will not be a full-blown ski swap as the article implied. It will be primarily an information fair where people can come to learn about cross-country skiing opportunities in our area, equipment, first aid, clothing, etc.

Riverwear and Pinetree Sports will have displays of their Nordic equipment and clothing for the public to check out, but any purchasing will have to be done through those businesses at a later date.

Videos on cross-country skiing and techniques will be shown, refreshments will be available and, best of all, you will be able to meet other skiers. This will be a great opportunity for anyone who is not familiar with the sport to learn about it and be better prepared for their first experience.

Remember that the Nordic Fair is this Thursday night from 6 to 9 p.m. at the KMYT community room, and the Free Ski Day is this Saturday at Magic Mountain. Anyone with questions about either can call me at 734-1816. Ski you later!
BLAINE BILLMAN
Kimbly

Answers to dairy questions needed

The recent series of letters to the editor regarding dairy zoning regulations have been welcomed and appreciated by those of us concerned over this serious issue. Also, we appreciate *The Times-News* articles addressing the problems. However, it is alarming that so far the most serious potential impact of industrial dairies seems to be overlooked.

Yes, the obvious quality of life factors - flies, odors and manure on roads - should be taken seriously. Furthermore, these problems should be at least partially controllable by competent dairy operators and reasonable zoning. The most serious issue is not so simple, that is: Do industrial dairies leak pollutants such as nitrates and bacteria into ground water or into adjacent canals and streams tributary to the Snake River? Will we wake up in 10 or 15 years and find that an unlimited number of dairy cows have irreversibly contaminated our public river and our public ground water? Before it is too

late, this community deserves some answers to these imposing questions.

LOUISE R. READING
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Insurance adjusters not all bad

In response to Toby Jespersen's Dec. 18, 1996, letter to the editor wanting to know of anybody having a favorable experience with an insurance company, I reply:

When I suffered severe fire damage to my truck and camper, I was insured by Allstate. Without hassle, after providing documentation including photographs, we were reimbursed up to policy limits on our belongings on our auto policy and policy limits for our personal belongings while away from home on our homeowner's policy. We were also paid for the loss of our camper and our truck was repaired to our satisfaction, all without hassle.

Being in the automobile repair business, I have witnessed firsthand Farm Bureau, Farmer's Insurance Group, State Farm and other insurance companies willingly and courteously restore automobiles to the same and sometimes to better condition than what they were before the loss, even though the principle of insurance is that an insured is not to profit from a loss.

When my wife was injured in two automobile accidents and I was injured in two motorcycle accidents, we negotiated with the drivers' insurance companies and were fairly compensated without having to engage the services of an attorney.

My experience has been nothing but integrity with the insurance companies and their adjusters. On the other hand, I have witnessed claimants trying to defraud insurance companies by trying, sometimes successfully, to get insurance companies to replace parts that were not damaged in an accident and replace parts that were defective before the accident.

While an agent for Farmer's Insurance Group, I had an insured want to be paid for his homeowner's policy for a glass door from one of his business operations that was stolen from the bed of his pickup. Sometimes people want to be paid for coverage they did not buy.

I just wish all our politicians operated with the integrity I have experienced with insurance companies.

CARTER KILLINGER
Twin Falls

Television rating system is wise, practical

The entire television community has banded together - for the first time - to offer guidelines to parents so they can better monitor their young children's TV watching. The guidelines are ineffectual now. The United States is the only nation to implement a parental TV assistance plan.

Yet in spite of this extraordinary, totally voluntary effort, there have been savage attacks on the guidelines by politicians and newspaper editorials. It is odd that these harsh criticisms were issued before the guidelines were completed and publicly declared.

What are the critics complaining about? They want more information, such as "S.V.I." (for sex, violence, language) attached to each program. Further, they claim the guidelines are "not content-based." That these criticisms cannot bear the light of sober scrutiny lessens in no way the anger of the onslaughts.

We gave intense thought to ratings for sex, violence and language, and concluded that they wouldn't work. An S rating would have to be applied to "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman," which has been praised for its family values (sex in this program is mild to nonexistent but for accuracy the rating would have to be applied). "S" also would have to be assigned to Sharon Stone's film "Basic Instinct." How would parents, unaware of the content of these shows, make a distinction between the two?

A V rating would be attached to the

GUEST COMMENT Jack Valenti

movie "Natural Born Killers" but also to "National Geographic's Explorer" and "The Three Stooges." How are parents to sort out the violent content in those programs? How, indeed.

No problem, say the critics. Merely apply the content rules, such as V4, S5, L2, Fine, except for two reasons. First, Canada experimented with this very scheme. On Dec. 18, however, the Canadians announced that they had abandoned that design and were working on a simpler plan, much nearer to the American model. Why? Canadian parents were confused by the detailed rating system and befuddled by a remote controller that sometimes required keying in five buttons just to get the system going. Too complicated; as one wag put it, "Calculus is easier."

Second, the folks in charge of American newspapers: TV pages plainly state there isn't enough space in the daily logs grid to print lengthy descriptions. The Newspaper Association of America bluntly has warned us that unless our symbols were brief, no newspaper would publish them. Indeed, to make it more difficult, the very newspapers that urged more information for parents will not print more information unless it is very concise.

After carefully weighing the alternatives, we opted for a system that is simple to use and easy to understand. We mingled content and age, which works for parents. Under our system, "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman" would be put into category TV-G, meaning for the entire family. Wherever "Basic Instinct" (if unedited) would be put in TV-M, (meaning "mature content") specifically for adults and not for children.

If parents go to dinner at 7:30 p.m. and leave their 6-year-old and 8-year-old in the charge of a 16-year-old baby sitter, they are not going to be able to sit in front of their TV set and see the beginning of every program. What to do if they don't know the content of programs because newspapers are not printing in advance lengthy descriptions? Under TV parental guidelines, they can make decisions quickly, in advance. They punch two buttons - and block out TV-14 and TV-M or play; it safe for the very young, also block out TV-PG. They can now go to dinner knowing they have made choices easily, quickly and carefully.

Respected journalist Steven Roberts summed it up neatly: "This (rating system) is too commonsensical for the self-appointed guardians of children. We support that after years of trying to get the broadcasters to pay attention to them, they can't take eyes for an answer."

Jack Valenti is chairman and CEO of the Motion Picture Association. He wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

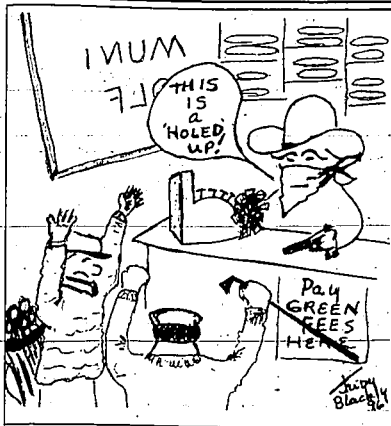


Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

OPINION



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LETTER

Marvel, Idaho Watershed Project need to help Utah

To Jon Marvel and the Idaho Watershed Project:

In the January 1997 issue of Outdoor Life, I read an article about the Sun Valley Corp. which is trying to acquire 1,320 acres of public land around the Snow Basin Ski Resort. If it is successful, it plans on building many homes, townhouses, a hotel and a golf course.

Some people who live in near-by Ogden, Utah, are very con-

cerned what impact this will have on its city watersheds.

I was thinking, since your organization was so concerned with watershed projects, you could go help these people in their fight against the Sun Valley Corp.

After finishing down there, maybe the Idaho Watershed Project can see what it can do about all the people who have built their homes and businesses on mountains, streams and drainages of the Wood River Valley.
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Sun Valley says no to Ketchum park

By Marty Krouse
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - The city of Sun Valley will not contribute money to Ketchum's Atkinson Park this year as it has in years past, according to a letter to Ketchum Mayor Guy Cole.

The letter from Sun Valley Mayor Thomas Praggastis cited Sun Valley's high expenditures, both in bringing about an upcoming hospital merger and in "attempting to enhance ... city finances," as reasons for withdrawing funds.

But Ketchum council members, responding to Sun Valley's decision in their regular meeting Monday night, said they were suspicious of the tone of the letter, which indirectly criticized Ketchum for failing to contribute to Sun Valley entrance improvements.

Councilwoman Sue Noel said she was thankful for what Sun Valley had given in the past, and councilman David Hutchinson agreed.

"I suppose we should thank them for what they gave us last year," he said. "That's just the way it goes."

In other business, the council promised to seriously consider a proposal by Ketchum resident Pam Ritzau to contribute up to 15 percent of the city's dog forfeiture money to the Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force, a local program for teens. Fifteen percent is the maximum allowed by law to pass through the city's coffers to outside agencies.

Ritzau presented her Sept. 4 *Wood River Journal* column, in which she urged the city to consider spending the money on things other than "computer and office equipment, a new Pontiac for the police chief, a new Ford and motorcycle for the police department, and training."

At that time, Ketchum had committed to a \$5,000 donation to the teen program, contingent upon the program raising a needed \$150,000. Teresa Espedal, a task force member, estimates the program has raised almost \$135,000.

Ritzau urged the council Monday night to consider donating more.

"This is an age group that falls through the cracks," Councilwoman Nan Emerick said.

Also Monday, Paul Money of Hailey appealed a decision by Ketchum Police Chief Cal Nevlund to deny his application for a taxi driver's license. Money lost his appeal.

Neval cited an ordinance which prohibits issuing a taxi license to someone with more than three outstanding moving traffic violations, but told the City Council, "I wouldn't take it personally if you chose to overrule."

Noel's motion to approve the appeal received no second.

Wendell School Board changes meeting date

The Times-News

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Town says Dains to replace Adair as Gooding's new mayor

By Sharon Metcalf
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - Councilman George Dains will replace David Adair as mayor of Gooding, the Gooding City Council decided unanimously Monday.

In past council meetings, Dains consistently has displayed a willingness to ask difficult questions on issues and an ability to stand his ground until his concerns are clarified.

Adair has been lauded for his insistence

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on addressing difficult city issues. It is expected that Dains will share that charac-

teristic, officials said.

The council presented Adair with a plaque and gift certificate in appreciation for the five years he spent as Gooding mayor.

Council President Robert Reed said Adair "has put a lot of time into this office, a lot more time than the average citizen of Gooding realizes."

Adair said he hopes he will find other ways to serve the city.

Phil Becker will replace Dains as councilman.

In other council business:

• The Federal Aviation Administration received a quote of \$2,000 for nine months of service on the municipal airport beacon. Parts and supplies would be extra.

The council will address the beacon service at a work session to be scheduled.

• The next regularly scheduled council meeting was changed to 7 p.m. Jan. 21.

• The council approved \$716.80 for purchase of redwood lumber to build picnic tables.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Car accident leaves woman seriously injured

TWIN FALLS—A Filer woman is in serious condition after a car collision Tuesday afternoon one mile north of Oroy Crossing.

Jennifer Neilson, 19, was driving west on 4000 North, and apparently pulled into the path of a car southbound on 2300 East, according to a Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department report. The car hit Neilson's car on the passenger's side.

The report said Neilson may have failed to yield at a stop sign, but the accident still is under investigation. Neilson was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center by ambulance.

The driver of the other car, Todd Lunge, 30, of Jerome, was uninjured.

Cyclist victim of hit-and-run driver is in fair condition

TWIN FALLS—A Twin Falls man hit and knocked off his bike by a hit-and-run driver is still in the hospital.

James Gruenwald, 31, is in fair condition at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Twin Falls police reports say he was riding his bike north across the Shoshone Street bridge at about 7 a.m. Monday.

Gruenwald was crossing Maxwell Avenue when a gray pickup truck turned left onto Maxwell. The pickup hit Gruenwald, knocked him off his bike and left him lying in the street. The truck dragged the bike about 150 feet down Maxwell before leaving the scene.

Police still are looking for the truck, described as a grey Chevrolet.

Wendell City Council to vote on water/sewer extensions

WENDELL—The Wendell City Council will meet at 7 p.m. tonight.

Votes will follow the final readings of two proposed ordinances. One ordinance specifies city policy on water- and sewer-line extensions inside and outside the city, and the other establishes setbacks of new homes from property lines.

Arlo G. Lott and building contractor Steel Briggs will request planning and zoning amendments. The request will be on behalf of Mrs. Bus Parr.

Mayor Owen Root will appoint the city's attorneys, building inspector, department heads and other officials. The council will appoint a five-city.

City Engineer Scott Bybee and Water Project Manager Rob Heppner will recommend a bid for materials for the city's ongoing water-improvement project.

Among other items, the council will discuss whether to fund a new field on which effluent from the water-treatment plant is sprinkled.

Glenns Ferry City Council to discuss library, catering

GLENN'S FERRY—The regular meeting of the Glenns Ferry City Council will be at 7 p.m. today at Glenns Ferry City Hall.

Old business includes the well project with the state, Northwest Securities and Floyd Ayers, a quitclaim deed for the senior citizens center and John Auman's sound proposal.

Under new business, the council will discuss an administrative assistant position; updating the variance for a library concept; purchase, catering permits for the Sunline Lounge for a city holiday party and a pool tournament; advertising for a full-time public works position; and medical coverage for employees' spouses.

Incoming Gooding County sheriff to address chamber

WENDELL—Sheriff-elect Shann Cough will address the Wendell Chamber of Commerce today at the Farmhouse Restaurant.

Cough will discuss law enforcement trends, juvenile justice in Gooding County and his goals—which include placing an officer on school campus full-time after the luncheon and a brief business meeting which begin at noon. The public is invited.

January's Business After Hours set for Thursday

KETCHUM—January's Business After Hours for the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Bigwood Park across from the Sun Valley Garden Center.

Chamber members and their guests are invited. Food and beverage will be served.

Bigwood Bread opened in February 1995. Its hours are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. It serves a variety of homemade breads, soups, sandwiches and pastries.

Businesses are encouraged to use this monthly event as an opportunity to network with one another and check out the bakery. Chamber members and their guests should bring business cards.

Compiled from staff reports

Local drug cop's trial begins

By Kent McChaffey
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—The third and final act has begun in the police tragedy of a regional drug task force closed down because of missing evidence money.

The trial of Donald Lee Walden Sr. started Tuesday in Twin Falls County District Court. Walden supervised the undercover drug investigation operation.

The 57-year-old Filer native and suspended Twin Falls police officer is charged with using evidence money, drugs and a pistol, misusing public money, and conspiring to hide the missing money by destroying records, burglarizing the task force's evidence room

and creating a false witness to the burglary.

The conclusion of the second act is about to be drawn: Juan "John" Nunez, the task force's other officer, will be sentenced on similar charges next week.

Nunez was charged as a co-defendant with Walden, although the trials were split. On Oct. 24, Nunez was found guilty of racketeering, for thefts of the evidence money, misuse of public money, falsifying public records, four sales tax violations, and conspiracy to destroy evidence.

Whether the jury finds out about Nunez's conviction hasn't been settled, but the prosecution would resist any attempt to introduce the Nunez verdict, said Kenneth Stringfield, the state

deputy attorney general handling the prosecution for the county. Stringfield has subpoenaed Nunez as a witness.

Still, Walden's defense attorney, Keith Roark of Hailey, made plenty of references to Nunez during opening statements Tuesday.

Act one, according to Stringfield, was played over the four and a half years the drug task force operated. Investigators say money from task force cases over that time is missing.

It culminated with the apparent burglary of the task force office and the room where seized evidence was kept, Stringfield said.

Stringfield, low-key and soft-spoken, outlined the charges to the jury: more than \$40,000 missing from four years of

drug task force evidence seizures; money, plus drugs and a pistol, missing and unaccounted for; a burglary of the evidence room on Jan. 30, 1995, that couldn't have happened as it appeared.

The indictment charges Walden and Nunez with trying to conceal the missing drug-case evidence when it became apparent it would be audited. Stringfield told the jury a state drug-investigation unit wanted to merge its operation with the local task force, but wanted a complete evidence inventory first.

In the weeks before the burglary, Stringfield said, a lawyer called regularly to get back \$2,000 seized from his client. That money was missing.

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Robert Colwell makes a point Tuesday evening while speaking about his experiences growing up as a foster child.

Former foster child says homes should foster family

By Pat Marcantoni
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—A veteran of foster homes and an orphanage, Robert Colwell says he wasn't a bad kid.

But he was considered a bad kid and passed along through a system that seemed to warehouse children instead of find them families.

Children and foster parents should be matched to meet each other's needs and, at best, become a family, says the Los Angeles pastor, author and children's advocate.

"If you see that child as difficult, that child shouldn't be in your home," he told the Twin Falls Lions Club Tuesday.

"A good home is a home where there's a good match. No one would allow them to pick-them-a-husband-or-pick-them-a-wife."

Colwell will spend the next few days speaking to other groups in an effort to raise awareness about foster care and recruit foster parents, said Frannie McMahon, regional foster-care coordinator with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. His visit was sponsored by the department, the Way of Magic Valley and Morning Rotary Club.

Foster care facts in Magic Valley

Of 164 children in out-of-home care, 119 are in foster homes and 45 are staying with relatives, according to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. Although there are 80 licensed foster-care homes, only 50 are accepting children.

Colwell is author of "Love Leaves No Regret," chaplain to the Los Angeles County Jail and pastor of the Love and Order Christian Fellowship.

At the age of 11, his mother died and he was sent to an orphanage in New York for a month and then lived at four foster homes before he graduated from high school.

"I was given \$50 and told I was on my own," he said.

Back then, the attitude was just to place children with no thought to matching children and foster parents so they can live together as a family, he says. In addition, foster parents had no training.

"They came from the Old South

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Vote advances vision of Old Towne

By Pat Marcantoni
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—In her mind's eye, Donna Blaine can see greater fields and people strolling a beachfront along Rock Creek where now there are gravel, old warehouses and oil cans.

She envisions hundreds of residents enjoying a Sunday afternoon on a green, grassy beach on the water, and a skyline retaining the flavor of what created Twin Falls—agriculture.

"I don't know if it's going to be 20 or 30 years, but I just think it's going to be a wonderful section to our community and bring a lot of business to a warm area," said Bruce, a member of the city's Urban Renewal Agency. "It's really kind of exciting."

Agency members voted Tuesday to send to the City Council a multimillion-dollar list of projects that could change the face of the warehouse district.

The sale of \$4.6 million in bonds would generate money for the projects to be repaid by property-tax revenue.

The first phase totals \$2.6 million and goes toward land acquisitions, new streets, lights, a new parking lot at the former Ford & Ice building, reconstruction of Second Avenue South, a new fire station, and curb, gutter, sidewalk and

City Council approval up next

A list of proposed Urban Renewal Agency projects before City Council for approval at 6 p.m. Monday at City Hall.

other improvements at new and existing businesses in the area.

The agency has spent some money already in anticipation of the bond revenue.

The second phase includes purchasing Eastern Idaho Railroad property along Minidoka Avenue between Blue Lakes Boulevard and Shoshone Street. Plans call for the railroad moving its switching yard to a new location and developing an "intermodal" center where truck cargo would be transferred to and from trains.

Although \$2.6 million was the early estimate, the railroad-property purchase price could be more, said Dave McAlindin, city economic development director. Given the other urban-renewal projects, the remainder of the money needed to make the purchase could come from grants, he said. No decision has been made on where the new switching yard might be.

With the agency vote, the next step is

the council's. The city's Urban-Renewal Plan must be amended, which in turn allows the city to prepare to sell the bonds sometime in the spring, McAlindin said.

If the switching yard is moved, the main rail line probably still will run through the area. But that fits into vision drawn by city planners for the rebirth of the warehouse area that includes Old Towne.

The Urban Renewal Agency has worked since the spring of 1995 but hit a delay when the One Percent Initiative, which failed at the ballot box in November, threatened to limit property taxes.

In addition to the city work, local entrepreneurs also must invest in the area with new businesses, Breeze said.

"What we are is just a catalyst for public improvements so that private money will come," she added. That already has begun with new businesses in Old Towne.

The agency vote on the proposals, especially the purchase of the switching-yard property, was postponed from last week until the board of the private nonprofit Old Towne Corp. had a chance to comment on the proposals, which encourages development in the warehouse district, gave the proposals its support.

Idaho's last widow of a Spanish-American War veteran dies at 102; vigil, Mass set

By William Burk
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Louise Hughes, a pioneering local businesswoman who was Idaho's last surviving widow of a Spanish-American War veteran, died Sunday at the age of 102.

"Grandma led a very interesting life. We didn't appreciate it when she was alive, but we do now," said Ann Arnold, a granddaughter who lives in Twin Falls. "She probably did more by the time she was 60 than many of us will do in a lifetime."

Born Louise Claxson in Oklahoma Territory, she married John Hughes in Union City, Okla., in 1917. Nearly 20 years earlier, Hughes served in the Spanish-American War—which began when the U.S. battleship Maine was

Services for Louise Hughes

A prayer vigil will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Friends may call at the funeral chapel from 4 p.m. until the vigil.

The funeral Mass will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery.

blown up in the harbor at Havana, Cuba.

She and her husband moved to Twin Falls in 1925 and opened the Twin Falls Credit and Adjustment Bureau over which is now the Crowley Pharmacy. When her husband died in 1940, she

took control of the business.

"In those days, women did not have their own businesses," Arnold said. Several local businessmen offered to buy her out, Hughes—who had an eighth-grade education—rejected all offers.

"Grandma said, 'No, my husband started it and I'm going to continue running it,'" Arnold said.

Hughes ran the business until 1959, when she sold it because of poor health.

Louise Hughes lived in the same house for 53 years. She saw plenty of changes over the years, Arnold said, "and some of them she liked, and some she didn't like."

A transfeeder in many ways, Hughes remarked more than 30 years ago that "the town was growing too fast," Arnold said.

King plans to plead guilty to DUI charge

By Karen Tolkinson
Times-News writer

BOISE—A teary-eyed Sen. Robbi King apologized publicly Tuesday for driving soon after drinking beer Sunday in Boise.

King, R-Glenns Ferry, apologized to fellow lawmakers, her family and victims of drunken driving accidents.

"I'm sorry for the disgrace and embarrassment that I have caused all of you," she said during a news conference attended by 100 reporters. Both chambers, as well as state officials including Lt. Gov. Butch Otter, who was found guilty of drunk driving in 1993.

King said her blood-alcohol content was .15, half again the legal limit of .10, and the arresting police officer had seen her driving erratically.

"I was not as clear-headed as I thought I was," she said. She said she could not remember how many beers she'd had, but it was at least three.

"The third one goes down pretty easily," she said. "Who keeps counting?"

She said she would plead guilty as soon as possible, and would not seek clemency for the charge.

A drunken-driving charge typically carries a three-day jail sentence, six-month license suspension and \$1,000 fine. She may substitute 72 hours of community service for the jail time.

King said she wouldn't make excuses for her action, but hoped she could use her experience to educate drivers, especially young ones.

As a state senator, King can't be prosecuted until 10 days after the legislative session is over. A clause in the state Constitution protects King from prosecution during the session.

She said she didn't feel this clause should be removed as a knee-jerk reaction, but it should be looked at.

Earlier in the day, she said she had heard reports that her general election opponent, Democrat Mary Ann



Robbi King

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OBITUARIES

For obituary rate information, call 733-0931, extension 278

BURLEY



Mildred L. Cazier

Mildred L. Cazier, 92-year-old Burley resident, died Monday, Jan. 6, 1997, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, John, two children, Mary Hughes-Henricson and William J. Hughes; five brothers; and three sisters.



Emma J. Boyer

Emma J. Boyer, 80, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1997, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls of Alzheimer's disease.

She was born April 20, 1916, in Butler, Mo., the daughter of William S. and Kathryn Schwedeler of Cummings. She grew up in Missouri and attended schools there.

community and was always trying to find ways to help those who were less fortunate than herself.

Jan was a co-founder of the annual children's Halloween party held at the fairgrounds in Napa. She recently relocated to California where she was placed on the list for a lung transplant at the Stanford Medical Center.

Jan was preceded in death by her grandson, Jackie (Hoss) Pruett, May of 1996.

WENDELL

Leshla B. Howard Conyers

Leshla Beatrice Howard Conyers, 84, of Wendell, died Monday, Jan. 6, 1997, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

She was preceded in death by two daughters-in-law, Betty Conyers of Eagle, and Helen Conyers of Wendell; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

GLENN'S FERRY

Worth 'Pat' Walker

Worth 'Pat' Walker, 79, of Glenn's Ferry, loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, was called home by his Lord on Jan. 6, 1997.

LOUISE HUGHES

Louise Hughes, 102, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 5, 1997, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.

MARY J. HAYES

Mary Janette Hayes, 54, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Jan. 6, 1997, in Napa, Calif., from complications of her lung disease while waiting for a lung transplant.

LOUISE HUGHES

Louise was a charter member of St. Edward's Catholic Church, worked in the I.C.W.C., the United Spanish American War Auxiliary, and the Swingin' 60s dance club, as well as a charter member of the Golden Age group.

LOUISE HUGHES

Louise is survived by a sister, Josephine Malberg of Twin Falls; six grandchildren, John Hughes of San Francisco, Calif., Dolores Howard of Tucson, Ariz., Louise H. Hughes, and Ann T. Arnold of Twin Falls; Susan Rabon of Irving, Texas; and Larry Henricson of Maryland. Also surviving are five

TWIN FALLS



Earl E. Haroldson

TWIN FALLS — Earl Eugene Haroldson, 85, of Twin Falls, passed away Sunday, Jan. 5, 1997, in a Boise care center of natural causes.

Earl, the oldest of six children, was born on a farm northeast of Idaho Falls on Sept. 19, 1911. He graduated from Idaho State High School in 1931 and the University of Idaho in 1935, with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering.

Following the war, he returned to Idaho Power Co. as an engineer. He worked for Idaho Power Co. in engineering and sales in Boise, Caldwell, and Nampa. In 1936, he married Helen Curran of Idaho Falls. He entered the Signal Corps of the U.S. Army in 1943 as a second lieutenant and while in the Army he attended one semester at Harvard University and one semester at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in radar and countermeasures.

Earl was a member of the following: Idaho State Professional Engineers, S.W. Section; Bosses, President, Idaho State Professional Engineers, Magic Valley Section, 1959; President, Twin Falls Chapter of Commerce, 1959-1960; President, Twin Falls Rotary Club, 1963-1964; President, Idaho Society of Professional Engineers 1965-1966; National Director for Idaho, National Society of Professional Engineers, 1974-1975; Member, National Engineers' Work Committee, 1973; Member, Executive Board of Boy Scouts, Snake River Area Council; Member, Silver Beaver in 1962; Salvation Army; Member, Executive Board, Harbor House; Member, Board of Directors, Harbor House; Member, Board of Directors, Harbor House; Board of Directors, Harbor House; Achievement, 1964-1969; Member, Board of Directors, Twin Falls Industrial Development Corp.; Member, Silver Beaver in 1962; Snake River Area Council; Boy Scouts of America; District Governor, Idaho District 562, Rotary International, 1976-1979

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and was named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Twin Falls Rotary Club in 1979; and Member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Following retirement, his activities and memberships included: Coordinator and Instructor, Tax-aid Program for 13 years; Instructor and Counselor, AARP AARP Tax-aid Program for the elderly, teaching the tax-aid course and supervising tax-aides in South-Central Idaho; Member, Advisory Board of Rotary District 540; active in the Engineers; Member, Board of Twin Falls Housing Authority and was a counselor for the Small Business Administration; Member, Executive Board of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation; Awarded Life Membership, Northwest Light and Power Association, 1977; Member, Board of Directors, Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center; Member, Post 7 American Legion, and had been a judge on Paint Magic for several years. In 1991, he was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce. In their retirement, Earl and Helen traveled all over the world.

Survivors include four children, Judy (Jay) Bennett of Sacramento, Calif., Doug (Sally) Bennett of Longhemp, Nev., New Bernice, Karen (Warren) Hollenbeck of Caldwell, and Gene Haroldson (Debra Cumberley) of Grass Valley, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Edith Lovell of Fine and Helen Worrell of St. Anthony; and two brothers, Ed Haroldson of Provo, Utah, and Norman Haroldson of Rosburg. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 60 years, Helen; his parents; and his brother, George.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, 1997, at the Twin Falls LDS 6th Ward Chapel, 667 Harrison. Burial will be in the Garden of Remembrance. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 60 years, Helen; his parents; and his brother, George.

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Isabel is survived by her husband of 62 years, Jose Leonardo Matos; six children, Maria Santos of Fremont, Calif.; five sons, Tiborio Matos (Maria) of Sao Jorge, Azores, Egídio Matos (Colette) of Chicago, Ill., Maximiano Matos (Idalia) of Chino, Calif., Jose Matos (Benigna) of Fremont, Calif., and John Matos (Phony) of Lodi, Calif.; five daughters, Emma Santos (Nunes) (John) of Wendell, and Gorette Nunes (George) of Wendell; 23 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, two brothers, and a son, Jorge.

For those of us who knew her and loved her, she was more than a mother, grandmother, or friend. She was a special human being. Knowing Isabel was like knowing the best and sweetest person any of us will ever have the pleasure of meeting. She embodied what all of us should strive for: to live and to love. To treat others with respect and dignity, hold firm to your faith and values, put others' needs ahead of your own, work hard, and love. Her presence will always be with us and will always brighten someone's day with a smile.

If her departure means that those who knew her can take some of her qualities and instill them in every day life, then the world is already a better place. Isabel will be missed dearly, and her spirit will be with us always. We will always love and miss her very special lady.

Cremation only services will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1997, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Wendell. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Michael St. Marie officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Remembrance. Friends may call from 1 to 6 p.m. today at Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

BLISS

Ashlee Rae Hutcherson

SIERRA VISTA, Ariz. — Services for Ashlee Rae Hutcherson, stillborn daughter of Lalo and Lorna Hastings Hutcherson, Sierra Vista, Ariz., will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, 1997, at Edwards Funeral Home Chapel, 606 Walnut, Doniphan, Mo., and burial will be in the Lone Star Cemetery. Steve Sanders will officiate.

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The parents are both Army officers, stationed in Arizona. Surviving besides one parent is one brother, Cody Michael Hutcherson of the home; maternal grandparents, Ray Joy and Polly Hastings, Doniphan; Joyce and Willard Pendergrass, Hartford, Kan.; great-grandmother, Hilda Martin, Doniphan; great-grandparents, Ralph and Lorgina Challis, Springfield, Mo.; and great-grandfather, Albert Wilkins, Bliss, Idaho. Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Ashlee Hutcherson Memorial Fund.

Post Falls fined for water violation

BOISE (AP) — A federal magistrate has fined the city of Post Falls \$30,000 for violating the Clean Water Act.

U.S. Attorney Betty Richardson said the city had pleaded guilty to discharging pollutants from its water treatment plant into the Spokane River on Oct. 17, 1995. U.S. Magistrate Larry Berle ruled on Tuesday that Post Falls officials have made various

corrections since the violation to ensure their compliance with the Clean Water Act.

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UI seeks competitor's edge in MV

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Facing heavy competition for students and spiraling education costs, the University of Idaho plans to streamline its departments and strengthen its core curriculum, the president of the university said Tuesday.

"What we need to do is determine what is the best value for students," said UI president Bob Hoover, who visited *The Times-News* to promote the improvement efforts.

He outlined some of the university's plans:

- Blend more math and writing into the curriculum.
- Expand agricultural opportunities at the College of Southern

Idaho in Twin Falls. A current program allows CSI students to take the first two years of a four-year agricultural degree, then the remainder at the university's Moscow campus.

• Work with Washington State University, UI's agricultural counterpart just seven miles away, to see what courses could be combined. Already the universities share about 800 courses, including a veterinary program.

• Boost technology at local agricultural cooperative extension agencies so they become computer "gateways" for a proposed Western Governmental Office, which would offer electronic courses in 12 Western states.

• Seek \$4.3 million from the Legislature to complete an agri-

cultural biotechnology building in Moscow, which would replace old labs on the university's main campus.

The University of Idaho needs to do a better job of preparing students to teach at a college level, Hoover said. One remedy is to diversify the evaluation process so that in various departments no longer receive the same "one-size-fits-all" evaluation, and one that is more based on merit, Hoover said.

University officials have debated the matter for five years, and it's likely to be a contentious issue, he said.

"There will be a very hot debate on this and I've just put a committee together" to research the changes, he said.

King

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Richards, had called for her resignation.

Richards, contacted at her ranch in Homedale, said that was

"not true," Richards said. "I'm not one to make hasty judgments."

She also said she wasn't surprised by King's citation, but declined to elaborate.

"She hasn't even had her trial," Richards said. "I'm not one to make hasty judgments."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Foster

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where kids are to be seen and not heard," he said of one of his sets of foster parents.

Because of a lack of money and foster parents, however, there still is very little matching going on, Colwell said.

While at his first foster home, he threw a brick at another child who made a disparaging remark about his mother, who had just died, Colwell said. Although not violent, he was labeled as such and taken to another home.

"One of the worst things you can do is move around to a bunch of different homes. Foster care has been labeled as temporary care," Colwell said. But it should be treated as permanent to encourage the feeling of family and commitment by children and foster parents.

Most children in need of foster care are six years or younger and the numbers are growing, McMahon said. The day after Christmas, the department placed 12 children in foster care. The reason

may be an increase in population and substance abuse by parents, placing children in danger.

Becoming a foster parent is not difficult, she says. The department provides training, and other foster families provide mentoring.

"Our society is based on family and we need good healthy families as models to children on how to become good healthy families," she said. "There is a strong need for nurturing homes for our children."

DEATH NOTICES

Marisol Mendoza

JEROME — Marisol Mendoza, daughter of Alberto and Gloria Mejia Mendoza of Jerome, was stillborn Monday, Jan. 6, 1997, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

No funeral services have been planned. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Lester "L.G." Tibbets

JEROME — Lester "L.G." Tibbets, 98, of Jerome, died Monday, Jan. 6, 1997, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

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

Sarah Crawford Bitterli

WENDELL — Sarah Crawford Bitterli, 58, of Wendell, died Monday, Jan. 6, 1997, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Wendell Chapel.

Royce W. Heckendorn II

HEYBURN — Royce William Heckendorn II, 65, of Hornbrook, Calif., and formerly of Heyburn, died Friday, Jan. 3, 1997, at the Sisque General Hospital in Yreka, Calif., after a long battle with emphysema.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn, with the Rev. L.G. Metzner officiating.

The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association. Local arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary/Rupert Chapel.

Amelia Salermo

RUPERT — Amelia Salermo, 88, of Rupert, died Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1997, at her home in Rupert.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen

Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Felicitas Ramos Carrillo de Hernandez

JACKPOT, Nev. — Felicitas Ramos Carrillo de Hernandez, 36, of Jackpot, Nev., died Monday, Jan. 6, 1997, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A prayer vigil service will take place at 2 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Roberta E. Martin Kehrer, of Jerome, memorial service, 10 a.m. today, Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel, Jerome.

Phyllis Kirkman Bitter, of Hailey and formerly of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. today, White Mortuary, Twin Falls. Friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Reva Uscola, of Heyburn, 11 a.m. today, Emerson LDS Chapel, 950 W. 125 S. of Paul. Friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church, (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Dorothy Elizabeth McNeal, of Twin Falls, graveside service, 11 a.m. today, Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls, (White Mortuary and Crematory in Twin Falls).

Eugene Bradley Newton, of West Valley City, Utah, and formerly of Wendell, noon today, Granger West 6th Ward, 3935 W. 2925 S. Friends may call from 11 to 11:45 p.m. today at the church, (McDougal Funeral Home, 4330 S. Redwood Road in Salt Lake City).

George W. Hawk, of Pocatello and formerly of Rupert, 2 p.m. today, Trinity Episcopal Church, 248 N. Arthur, Pocatello, (Henderson-Cornelson Funeral

Burial will take place at the Ejido, Purcima Cemetery in Coahuila, Mexico.

Memorial contributions will be accepted at the funeral chapel.

Raymond A. Harmonson

KIMBERLY — Raymond A. Harmonson, 87, of Kimberly, died Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1997, at his home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Home, 431 N. 15th Ave. in Pocatello.

Arnold "Sport" Gier, of Filer, 2:30 p.m. today, Clover Trinity Lutheran Church, (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Anthony Rapoza, of Watsonville, Calif., 10 a.m. Thursday, LDS Church, Holm Road, Watsonville, (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Clarence Floyd Greene, of Filer, 11 a.m. Thursday, Filer LDS Stake Center. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls and 10 to 10:45 a.m. on Thursday at the church.

Cordie Benedict, of Rupert, 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Pail Pine Chapel, (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Lewis S. "Lewie" Adams, of Twin Falls, 1 p.m. Friday, Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral chapel, with the family present to greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m.

Bessie Lucille Ward, of Twin Falls and formerly of Long Beach, Calif., memorial service, 3 p.m. Friday, Calvary Bible Church, Hailey, (White Mortuary and Crematory in Twin Falls).

Small-town banks score big for friendly customer service

By Jennifer Bunch
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Evidence that more people are turning to small, independent banks for customer service can be found by looking at 1996 growth figures for D.L. Evans Bank.

The independent bank is among the top three fastest growing in Idaho, said Gavin Gee, director of the state Department of Finance, which regulates Idaho banks.

D.L. Evans is run from its Burley office and has three branches in Rupert, Albion and Twin Falls. It plans to open two more branches, one in Burley, the other in Twin Falls.

D.L. Evans grew by 20 percent during the first three quarters of 1996, Gee said. Farmers' and Merchants' State Bank in Boise is near the top with Evans, but operates in a larger market.

"Bank year-end figures will be reported by the end of the month, and their final growth rates can be pinpointed then, Gee said.

Nationwide, banks comparable to D.L. Evans' size had grown on average by 17 percent by the end of September, Gee said. Large banks saw only a 6.5 percent average growth rate.

John V. Evans Jr., D.L. Evans' chief executive officer, said by the end of the year the bank's assets increased by \$22.4 million to \$123.2 million, a 20 percent increase. The bank's deposits grew by more than 21 percent, up \$20.8 million to \$118.5 million. Its capital rose by more than 18 percent, up \$1.5 million to \$9.9 million.

"This is phenomenal. That is the biggest growth year we've ever had in the history of our bank," Evans said.

Gee said the strong growth rate can be attributed to the mergers and relocations that reshuffled Idaho's biggest banks. Some people prefer doing business with a local organization, he said.

"I suspect much of that growth



Tom Owens cleans up while working on the remodeling of the building site of the new D.L. Evans Bank on Main Avenue in Twin Falls.

is coming from customers of other banks," Gee said.

Evans agrees. Customers coming to D.L. Evans from larger banks are tired of banking over the telephone with a person in another state, Evans said. They want to speak directly with the individuals who make decisions.

"It's been a bonanza for the independent banks," he said.

D.L. Evans plans to open a second Twin Falls branch by March. The new branch will be in the former downtown First Security Bank building. The bank plans to test the market in south Burley by opening a branch at the former

Key Bank building at the Overland Shopping Mall.

The bank also bought the former McCaslin Lumber building in downtown Burley and plans to move its central record-keeping offices there within three to five years. The north Burley branch would remain open.

Opening the first Twin Falls branch three years ago has helped the bank grow, and diversify its agricultural customer base, Evans said.

"It's really refreshing to have good commercial customers moving their accounts to us in Twin Falls," he said.

Jerome fair wants to lock out vandals

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

JEROME — The Jerome County Fair Board is looking for a way to keep vandals out of the fairgrounds, while allowing in users.

"I don't think we have an excuse that the public will buy to keep a locked gate up today," board member Jack Webster said Monday.

The board discussed building a fence around the grounds, but decided it would be too expensive to have a contractor do it all at once.

The board would like to build a six-foot chain-link fence around the grounds to discourage vandals from sneaking in, but would still like to keep the front gates open, said Fairgrounds Manager Rob Lundgren.

A local contractor has offered to enclose the 5,600-foot perimeter for about \$50,000.

Barber then spent that much money, the board decided it might be better to have the fence built one section at a time, even

if it takes a few years. The north side of the fairgrounds seems to be the most vandalism, and should be fenced off first, Lundgren said.

Board member Dan Hadam said labor costs could be saved by having county inmates build the fence. County Commissioner Roy Prescott said the idea might work. He said some people signed up for county inmate assistance might also want to help.

The board voted to assign three members to a committee to look at ways to save money on the fence.

In a similar decision, the board opted to use in-house labor to repair the fairgrounds sign on Main Street, rather than pay a contractor.

Brackets that hold the letters used to spell out messages are going bad, so letters sometimes fall off, Lundgren said. The sign also needs better lighting.

The board received several bids from area companies, ranging from about \$200 to repair only the brackets to over \$2,000 for a full overhaul of the sign.

The board also approved a contract with KBBK AM-KKMY FM in Rupert, which is looking for a musical performer for this year's fair.

Under the conditions of the contract, people who buy advance concert tickets will not be charged an admission fee at the fairground gate the day of the show.

Lundgren said the board has not yet decided whether to charge an admission fee to the fair this year. The board is also looking for as many volunteers as possible to work on any of the 23 committees charged with putting the fair together.

Lundgren said help is most needed on the fund-raising/sponsorship committee and the building and grounds committee, but any help is welcome.

"If they've got energy, time and they're creative, we'll find a place for them," he said.

People interested in serving on a committee can call Lundgren at 324-7209.

Police

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Springfield said.

Investigators carefully combed task force case files, then went to the evidence room in search of the money or drugs connected to each case, Springfield said.

"In some cases, they were able to resolve what was missing," Springfield told the jury. "Some (cases) are what we're here for."

But he did turn placed suspicion for the thefts on Nunez.

Roark, animated and speaking forcefully, paced in front of the jury box and peppered his comments with quips. He referred to the case as "Simpson's opening statement, as 'long and full of holes,'" and talked about the state's "so-called investigation."

Walden has waited for almost two years to give his side of the story, Roark said — the time it took investigators to complete their case and get to trial.

Roark promised to detail a two-year drug investigation he said Walden spearheaded, which was prosecuted in federal court until early in January 1995.

As Walden and Nunez drove home from the final hearing, Roark said, Walden told Nunez they had to clean up their messy evidence lockers.

Roark said Nunez asked for time off, put off the attorney asking for his client's money and made it obvious he was working

the weekend of the burglary. Only after being indicted by a Twin Falls County grand jury did Walden see the extent of the problems, Roark said.

Nunez was Walden's partner, and police have to trust their partners, Roark said.

"Don Walden trusted John Nunez too long. If he's guilty of anything, he's guilty of trusting his partner when others wouldn't have," he said.

The racketeering charges accuse Walden of a pattern of thefts, for taking about \$23,000 in money he had as evidence.

Misuse of public money charges relate to that evidence

money, plus another \$24,000 Walden was responsible for that prosecutors say he used illegally or failed to keep until it could be legally disposed of.

The conspiracy charge says Walden and Nunez, and possibly others, conspired to destroy documents needed for the upcoming audit; entered the evidence room intending to steal from it; and engaged in the burglary and sold an informant details of the burglary so she could be a witness for them.

The trial is expected to be shorter than the 1994 Nunez trial, partly because Walden faces fewer charges.

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Linda Peterson and J. Bruce Hall, both of Twin Falls; Mindee Kaarlsen of Jerome; and Charles Hief of Gooding.

Released

Corinne Starley of Twin Falls.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Admitted

Johannah Thompson, Rena Hull, Joyce Lund and Jacob Wiseman, all of Burley; Lawrence Perrod of Heyburn; and Rozann Powers of Malta.

Released

Joseph Higley, Warren Holm, Deirdre Mack and John P. Pickett, all of Burley; Mardia Arnell of Oakley; Willard Hawkins of Rupert; and Robert Molina of Heyburn.

Birth

A baby was born to John C. and Johannah Thompson of Burley.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted

Eloisa Espinoza and Lori Hall, both of Rupert; Candy Jimenez of Burley; and Dena Knopp of Paul.

Released

Ernest Stuart of Rupert.

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

Only three tickets were unused for Saturday's squall, and they better have notes from their doctors at the next board meeting.

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— Bob Verdi
of the Chicago Tribune, on Green Bay's incredibly loyal fans.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Girls' high school basketball
Sho-Bar at Raft River

Boys' high school basketball
Carey at Oakley
Jerome JV at Castledford
Minico JV at Dietrich
Sho-Bar at Raft River

High school wrestling

Kimbely/Raft River at Jerome JV, 6:30 p.m.
Booneville at Minico, 7 p.m.
Twin Falls junior varsity at Filer, 7 p.m.

High school bowling

Baker Kick-off Tournament at Jerome Bowl, 4 p.m.

In most cases, junior varsity basketball games begin at 6 p.m., with varsity games following.

SCOREBOARD

Pro basketball

L.A. Clippers 87	Toronto 80
New York 102	Dallas 72
New Jersey 90	San Antonio 74
Orlando 109	Philadelphia 88
Atlanta 105	Phoenix 103, OT
Milwaukee 86	Detroit 76
Indiana 95	Cleveland 90
Houston 104	Minnesota 95
Seattle 94	Miami 85
Denver 109	Sacramento 96

Girls' high school basketball

Dietrich 52	Bliss 32
Raft River 48	Castledford 28
Carey 29	ISDB 15
Gooding 41	Valley 38
Pozzetto 41	Minico 33
Hansen 52	Oakley 26
Twin Falls 52	Mon. Home 38

Boys' high school basketball

Declo 70	Raft River 59
Wentwell 56	Filer 50
Hagenman 53	ITCA 37
Carus County 37	Shoshone 36
Jerome 62	Mon. Home 35
Carey 88	ISDB 17
Kimbely 48	Glenns Ferry 44
Dietrich 69	Bliss 36

IN BRIEF

Cross-country skiers sought for annual race

SUN VALLEY — Forms are now being accepted for the First Security Boulder Mountain Tour Feb. 1.
Entries postmarked by Jan. 10 have a \$30 entry fee or \$47 with the banquet, with fees increasing until Jan. 30. No entries will be accepted after 6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 30.
The entry fee includes race, transportation to the start and from the finish, bail-out shuttles along the course, aid station and finish line food, refreshments and race souvenirs.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Bruins tally 1st win in big way

Game comes together for struggling Twin Falls squad; Carter shines

By Karen Baumert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Take that! There's a new team on the block and they are called the Bruins — the Twin Falls High School Bruins.

Tuesday, the Twin Falls girls' basketball team blew by Mountain Home 52-38, to record its first win of the season.

But the Bruins didn't look like the same team that played the first 11 games.

Instead of passing the ball around the perimeter, they penetrated and dished off. Instead of watching the ball go into the hands of the opponent on the boards, they aggressively out-rebounded their opponent 48-31.

Instead of getting beat on defense, they forced turnovers and only put Mountain Home to the line seven times.

"Whew," said a relieved Lawrence Pfeiffer. "People have been getting to the line by driving on us, so we tried it. We scored. We rebounded. We have confidence. We know we can win."

That's all it took — a little confidence.

A fired up Bruin team jumped out on Mountain Home 6-0, before the Tigers knew what hit them.

But the play of Analce Carter and an 11-0 run to end the second quarter put the game out of reach.

The Bruins held the Tigers to two second-quarter points and forced Mountain Home to cough the ball up eight times.

Carter fueled the run, hitting the boards and finding the open people.

Up 16-8, Carter passed inside to Kerri Peterson for the score. On the defensive end she followed with a steal. Carter scored the next Bruin points on a putback then pulled down the rebound on the defensive end.

A 3-pointer by Alysia Geer took it to 23-8. Kelsey Kleinkopf then blocked a shot and scored on a putback for two more.

A free throw by Misty O'lipin and one by Carter gave Twin Falls the 27-8 halftime lead.

Carter kept it going in the second half, hitting two free throws after being fouled on a putback.

On the defensive end, she dove out-of-bounds for the ball, got up and hustled down the court in time to beat an errant shot and knock it back in for two. The 31-8 lead would be Twin Falls' biggest of the night.

That might have had something to do with the little chat Mountain Home coach Deb Shrum had with her charges at the half.

"At the half I told them that we were the only team in the state they've been this far ahead on," she said.

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Alysia Geer, left, fights the inside battle for Twin Falls against Mountain Home's Suzanne Bresnahan during Tuesday's game in Twin Falls.

It's on the road again for Golden Eagles

Men face quick turnaround, then Ricks

By Damen Clow
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — After a less-than-smooth Las Vegas Invitational last weekend, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team will have had just three days of preparation for its next road trip.

The Golden Eagles (12-3) face a grueling one-two punch in North Idaho College Thursday and Ricks College Saturday.

"That's a tough place to win," CSI coach Jim Thrash said regarding Thursday's venue.

"It's a hostile environment, plus we

probably won't get a lot of breaks from the officials."

Before last week, the Golden Eagles had played only one of its 12 games on the road — Dec. 3 against Treasure Valley.

And Coeur d'Alene and Rexburg aren't exactly the easiest places to start a positive trend.

"Especially with all of our young play-

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Women face 'carbon copy' in Panhandle

By Damen Clow
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team has built an impressive 14-1 record with balance, patience and consistency.

On Thursday, the team travels to Coeur d'Alene to take on what CSI coach Joel Bate calls "a carbon copy of ourselves" in North Idaho College (11-1).

"They're really balanced, and they have a great guard line," Bate said. "And they might be, with us, one of the best defensive teams in the league."

That would be impressive, consider-

ing the eighth-ranked Golden Eagles are leading the nation in fewest points allowed.

"It feels like we are preparing for Casper — they're that good," Bate said. "This is a huge weekend. There's been a different feeling in practice this week. From here on out, they're all league games."

North Idaho is led by a pair of sophomores, 6-foot Shawna Rainer (15 points per game) and 5-6 Mandy Jacques (21 points per game). So the Golden Eagles know what to expect and from where to expect it.

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Twin Falls' Dan McMullen struggles in his match with Burley's Cody Bowers Tuesday in Twin Falls.

Bruins pin loss on Bobcats, keep record unblemished

By Kevin Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Bruin wrestling team improved its dual record to 4-0 Tuesday, beating Burley 4-15.

Twin Falls won 10 of 13 matches, finishing off the Bobcats when heavy-weight Randy Hamilton pinned Cody Gerrard.

Russell Searle of Burley started the dual match with a pin of Damion Winthers. But the Bruins took the next four matches.

Wrestling at 152-pounds, two classes heavier than his normal weight, Jason Heavolve of Twin Falls pinned Dan

Michell with 1:01 left in the third period.

Brady VanEngelen followed by decimating Burley's Marty Zimmerman 11-4 at 160. Zimmerman beat VanEngelen last year to qualify for state.

Bobcat 189-pounder Cody Bowers pinned Dan McMullen early in the third period, Burley's last win of the night.

Twin Falls 44, Burley 16
120-Russell Searle (B) pinned Damion Winthers (TF), 1:05, 112-Jason Hamilton (TF) dec. 12-Marty, 11-4, 110-Dan Kramer (TF) dec. Rick Parry, 2-4; 128-Cody Carter (TF) pin. dec. Rogovin/Tassad, 21-6, 130-Damion Larson (TF) dec. Brian Dawson, 7-5; 135-Ashley Gerrard (B) dec. Jason Bowers, 8-5, 140-Dan Heavolve (TF) pinned Johnathon Price, 2:00, 145-Jason Heavolve (TF), 152-Jason Heavolve (TF) pinned Dan Michell, 1:01, 160-Drew VanEngelen (TF) dec. Marty Zimmerman, 11-4, 171-Dan Kramer (TF) dec. Justin Carlson, 7-3; 189-Cody Bowers (B) pinned Dan McMullen, 5:02, 191-Randy Hamilton (TF) pinned Cody Gerrard, 2:0.

Payton wins point-guard duel; Sonics cool off Heat

Knight-Ridder News Service

SEATTLE — The next time they meet likely will be at the All-Star Game.

There, the stakes won't be quite as high for Heat point guard Tim Hardaway and Sonics point guard Gary Payton.

But at least on that February afternoon in Cleveland the supporting cast will, well, support.

With each carrying the weight of his team Tuesday night at KeyArena, Payton's Sonics came out ahead 94-85 in a nationally televised game.

In a far tighter game than that Heat usually plays in this corner of the Northwest, Payton outscored Hardaway 30-28 in a wonderful mano a mano display of divergent point guard styles.

The duel goes to the winner, "Hardaway said. "He won the game, so he won the duel." Slaying and stutter-stepping to the basket with his doberman-like intensity, Payton closed 10 of 21 from the field with nine assists.

Keeping the Heat in it from long range with his bulldog intensity, Hardaway closed 9 of 21 from the field, which included 4-of-8 shooting on 3-pointers. "You saw the intensity out there, going against each other," Hardaway said.

With neither of the teams' imposing big men particularly imposing, the little men controlled the play.

Heat center Alonzo Mourning battled foul trouble and closed with 14 points on 2-of-6 shooting and 10 rebounds, while Seattle forward Shawn Kemp shot only 5 of 15 for 14 points and 11 rebounds.

While Heat coach Pat Riley said the Sonics shut Mourning down with a swarming defense that allowed little post play, Mourning made his feeling clear on the officiating.

"You all saw that (bleep)," Mourning said. "I don't really have to say anything about it. I'm surprised I survived as long as I did."

With the battle of point guards nearly a draw, the difference was four fourth quarter 3-pointers by Sonics reserve center Sam Perkins, who finished with 18 points. "It was a game until Sam buried a couple of threes," Riley said.

With the loss, the Heat has opened 0-2 on this four-game western swing.



Seattle's Gary Payton grabs a loose ball from Miami heat's Tim Hardaway during Tuesday's game in Seattle. Hardaway grabbed the ball, forcing a jump ball.

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Camas edges Indians

SHOSHONE - After being routed and rack man of the game Camas County finished 37-36 against the Indians in Tuesday's boys conference matchup.

Camas 37:19:37
Shoshone 36:11:43
Puckham 5, Sordaker 1, Miller 17, Totals 17:12:12:37
Shoshone-Edwards 4, J. Urie 10, Josh Urie 6, Smith 4, Ferris 1, Roberts 6, Connors 2, Totals 14:4:11:36
Point guard Josh Urie, Josh Urie 1, Edwards 11.

Junior varsity score Camas County 48, Shoshone 33.

Carey 88, ISDB 17
GOODING - Carey's pressure defense was too much for the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind to handle and the Panthers crushed the Raptors, 88-17 Tuesday.

Jerome 62, Mountain Home 35
JEROME - Dan Dirksen collected 17 points for the Tigers while Jerome's defense only allowed Mountain Home to score 35 points.

"Dan Dirksen had a great game and sparked our offense," Jerome coach Brent Clark said.

Declo 70, Raft River 59
MALTA - The third ranked Declo Hornets remained undefeated after gaining a non-conference win over Raft River 70-59.

"We played the best team in the area and played well," Raft River coach Gary Elsonson said.

Hagerman 53, Twin Falls Christian Academy 37
TWIN FALLS - The host Warriors couldn't overcome a first half ruck of cold shooting in boys A-4 basketball Tuesday night.

Boys' high school basketball

Wendell 56, Filer 50
FILER - The Trojans made the most of their free-throw opportunities, sinking 27-41 from the line and beating Filer 56-50 in the boys' Canyon conference game Tuesday.

Dietrich 69, Bliss 36
BLISS - Dietrich opened a 14-point lead in the fourth quarter and outscored Bliss by 25 in the third quarter in a convincing A-4 Northside boys' basketball win Tuesday.

Elmer Eke Devils got into the scoring column.

Kimberly 48, Glens Ferry 44
KIMBERLY - The Bulldogs came out in the third quarter and extended a two-point lead to 11 points in Tuesday's Canyon Conference boys' 48-44 victory over Glens Ferry.

Gooding 41, Valley 38
GOODING - The Senators switched to a full-court man press early in the fourth quarter, and rallied from a five-point deficit for the Canyon Conference girls' win Tuesday.

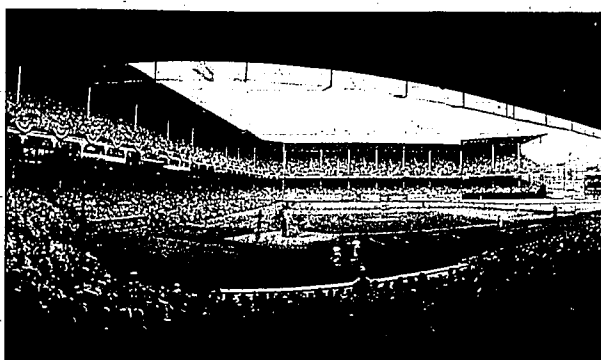
Wrestling Results

112-Hirat, Wen, win by forfeit; 119-Gunter, Wen, pin D. Anderson; 125-Anderson, Wen, pin R. Johnson, G.F.; 135-7, Roe, Wen, dec. Jockoe, 15-0; 140-Roe, Wen, pin Jones; 145-Chandler, Wen, win by forfeit; 152S, Roe, Wen, dec. McGrew, 15-2; 160-Cutter, Wen, win by forfeit; 171-Ringling, Wen, pin Martinez; 189-Lindsay, Wen, win by forfeit; Hyt-Cochran, Wen, pin Valdez.

Individual results not available.

Boxer Golota on trial in Poland for assault, robbery

After hearing testimony from Bialostocki, currently unemployed, and Golota, now a celebrity after having been disqualified last year in fights he was winning against top heavy-weight Riddick Bowe, the judge continued the trial until Wednesday. Depending on availability of listed witnesses, the case could be postponed to a later date, said a Polish correspondent in Chicago.



This is a file 1954 file photo of Ebbets Field in Brooklyn. The Dodgers left for Los Angeles 40 years ago.

Brooklynites: Bring Bums home

NEW YORK (AP) - It was still my-heart time Tuesday for Brooklynites who have never gotten over the departure of their beloved Bums 40 years ago.

With the announcement that owner Peter O'Malley is putting the Los Angeles Dodgers up for sale, the question buzzing through Brooklyn was: Can the team be brought back to the borough of its birth?

Brooklyn borough president Howard Golden sent letters to Gov. George Pataki and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani asking them to join in setting up a commission to look at how it might be done.

"We've got a lot of money in

New York City and a lot of good developers who might be interested," Golden says.

"Bring 'Em Back!" the New York Post shouted on page one. Columnist Jack Newfield said O'Malley's decision to sell could mean an end to what he called "40 years lost in the desert."

Newfield said he still ranks Peter's father, Walter, who took the team west, as one of the century's three worst people. The other two? Hitler and Stalin.

Newfield laid out a scenario in which various politicians, public relations men, money and power brokers and show biz stars could organize, finance and promote

the effort.

"It'll happen when Camelot reappears in England," was the cold-eyed appraisal of author Roger Kahn, a Brooklyn native whose book "The Boys of Summer" chronicled the great Brooklyn Dodgers team that beat the Yankees in 1955.

Kahn pointed out that the Yankees and Mets would likely block a return of the Dodgers, even if the economics were feasible. The sale price could be more than \$300 million, but O'Malley says he didn't know how much the team was worth.

"Nobody's going to bring them back to Brooklyn," he said.

Perez bitter about Hall of Fame snub

MAMI (AP) - Tony Perez wonders whether he failed to make the Hall of Fame because he's Latin.

"Perez was passed over for the sixth time Monday, falling 43 votes short of the 355 needed for induction.

"I never wanted to be controversial about racial stuff, but this thing has me thinking," said Perez, a Florida Marlins executive who was part of the Cincinnati Reds' pennant winners in 1975 and 1976.

"It might be just because my last name is Perez. I'm not only speaking for myself. What about Luis Tiant, Dave Concepcion,

Tony Oliva and all the other guys? They just ignore us."

Voting for the Hall of Fame is done by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

The 54-year-old Perez, a native of Camaguey, Cuba, played in five World Series and retired with 379 home runs and 1,652 RBIs. Fifteen players have more RBIs, and all are in the Hall of Fame.

But Perez was considered a complementary player on a team with Pete Rose, Johnny Bench and Joe Morgan.

"(The media) ignored me when I played, and they keep ignoring me now," Perez said. "Even

when I had good games, they wouldn't ask me; they'd ask someone else or the manager. Back then, they had the excuse because my English wasn't perfect. Now I don't know what excuse they have."

Jack Lang, assistant secretary for the BBWAA, noted that the standard five-year waiting period before voting on a player's induction was waived for Roberto Clemente after he died in a plane crash. Lang also pointed out that Juan Gonzalez and Alex Rodriguez finished first and second last year in voting for the American League's Most Valuable Player award.

Teams begin trading for free-agent fan

BALTIMORE (AP) - The ballplayers do it, so why not a fan?

That's what Michael Volpe thought when he decided to declare himself a free agent fan after the San Francisco Giants, a team he had supported for 36 years, traded away Matt Williams, his favorite player.

Volpe wrote a form letter to major league baseball's 27 other teams in November offering his service as a fan to the team that can best answer the question, "Why should I become a fan of your team?"

Since then, the Baltimore

Orioles, Houston Astros, Los Angeles Dodgers, Florida Marlins, New York Mets, Minnesota Twins and Cleveland Indians have entered the bidding.

Orioles public relations director John Maroon planned to woo Volpe with lunch Thursday and a personal tour of Camden Yards.

"I'm going to close the deal on Thursday," Maroon said.

Volpe said he likely won't make up his mind until the beginning of spring training in late February or early March.

The 36-year-old business management consultant from Fall Church, Va., said he decided to

end his lifelong devotion to the Giants after the team traded Williams to the Indians.

After the trade, Volpe boxed up three decades worth of Giants memorabilia - baseball caps, t-shirts, a sweater, a jacket and a media guide - shipped them off to the team and fired off a letter to the club's press president.

"I am divorcing you and your team from my baseball life," Volpe said. "Since California is a community property state, I have decided to part with many of the items acquired during my long-term relationship with the Giants."

Star forward slam-dunks 'money-grubbing players'

CHICAGO (AP) - Special delivery from the Mailman: The NBA is full of young "knuckleheads" who worry only about their next paychecks and their next endorsements.

"It's going to be interesting in three or four years, when the older guys leave the game, to see what this league is like," Utah Jazz star Karl Malone says.

Talking Monday before Utah's loss to the Chicago Bulls, Malone expressed concern about the future of a league that has grown rapidly - in size, scope and popularity - over the last decade.

"It's like an oil well. How much oil is this well going to keep pumping? One day it's going to go dry," he said. "It's not about new frontiers. It's about preserving what we have now."

"It's amazing that arenas now are upgrading when they should be downsizing. Attendance is down at a lot of places."

Overall league attendance is about the same as last season, but markets such as Boston, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver and Toronto have had sharp declines.

Malone said fans have grown tired of trash-talking, disrespectful, money-grubbing players who have poor fundamentals.

"All I know is that I respect the guys who laid the groundwork for me and the guys who make it happen now. A lot of

young guys - not all, but a lot - don't respect it."

Malone said. "People are more concerned with what they sell and who buys something than they are in actually playing the game."

Michael Jordan agrees with many of Malone's assertions. "There are some knuckleheads in the league," the Bulls' star said. "There's a lack of respect - not just to myself or Karl or Charles (Barkley) or the other veterans, but to the game of basketball. We have a sense of respect to the players who set the path for us, and that's the respect we ask them to pay tribute to."

Jordan, however, doesn't share Malone's dire outlook for the NBA. "It's a situation where you have to be cautious, but not to where you have to truly worry about it," Jordan said.

"There are going to be other players after us and the league's going to try to maintain the image they've projected. As long as the players help uphold that, the league's going to be just fine."

Russell decides to skip senior season at USC

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Defensive tackle Darrell Russell, a two-time All Pacific-10 Conference first-team selection, announced Tuesday he will skip his senior season at Southern California to enter this spring's NFL draft.

"After looking at the pros and cons of leaving USC, it just seemed that the pros outweighed the cons," said Russell, a 6-foot-4, 305-pounder. "A key factor in my decision was that I believe that, as a defensive lineman, I have a very good chance of being drafted fairly high."

"What made the decision so difficult was that I love USC and I have had a great time here. I have no doubt that I made the right college choice."

Russell, who turns 21 in May, said he's two semesters away from earning his bachelor's degree in sociology.

Russell was a three-year starter at USC, making 56 tackles this past season including 19 for losses and had team-leading nine sacks. He had a total of 123 tackles including 36 for losses and 15 sacks in his college career.

"I'm sure this was a difficult decision for Darrell," USC coach John Robinson said. "But it appears he'll be a very high draft choice and there is a lot of money on the line."

BLISS - The Bears couldn't come back after being outscored 32-13 in the first half by Dietrich in Tuesday night's girls A-4 Northside conference game.

"We stayed with them but couldn't gain any ground," Bliss coach Steve Gooddy said.

Hansen 52, Oakley 26
OAKLEY - With combined total of 37 points, Andrea Gibson and Brandi Coffman led the Huskies to a 52-26 girls' A-4 Southside conference victory over the Hornets.

Raft River 48, Castelford 28
CASTLEFORD - The Wolves couldn't seem to get their offense going Tuesday, while the Trojans found theirs in spades in a girls' A-4 Southside conference victory.

Pocatello 41, Minico 33
POCATELLO - The hometown Indians held the visiting Minico girls to a single fourth-quarter point and lasted the sluggish final eight minutes of play for an A-4 girls' victory Tuesday.

Carey JV 29, ISDB 15
GOODING - The holiday lay-



Misty Olin of Twin Falls breaks to the hoop over Mountain Home's Jen Graton.

over took its toll on the Raptors, as the Panther junior varsity kept ISDB to just four second-half points Tuesday night in an A-4 girls' basketball game.

Gooding 41, Valley 38
GOODING - The Senators switched to a full-court man press early in the fourth quarter, and rallied from a five-point deficit for the Canyon Conference girls' win Tuesday.

Wrestling Results

112-Hirat, Wen, win by forfeit; 119-Gunter, Wen, pin D. Anderson; 125-Anderson, Wen, pin R. Johnson, G.F.; 135-7, Roe, Wen, dec. Jockoe, 15-0; 140-Roe, Wen, pin Jones; 145-Chandler, Wen, win by forfeit; 152S, Roe, Wen, dec. McGrew, 15-2; 160-Cutter, Wen, win by forfeit; 171-Ringling, Wen, pin Martinez; 189-Lindsay, Wen, win by forfeit; Hyt-Cochran, Wen, pin Valdez.

Individual results not available.

Boxer Golota on trial in Poland for assault, robbery

After hearing testimony from Bialostocki, currently unemployed, and Golota, now a celebrity after having been disqualified last year in fights he was winning against top heavy-weight Riddick Bowe, the judge continued the trial until Wednesday. Depending on availability of listed witnesses, the case could be postponed to a later date, said a Polish correspondent in Chicago.

Although conviction of both charges carries a minimum penalty of 5 years in prison, Golota's attorney and supporters expect the charges to be reduced to simple battery, punishable with a fine and probation.

spring of 1990. But Golota denied charges of poisoning a team-gym gun at Bialostocki, whose shirt and pants he removed and deposited in a nearby trash can during the incident.

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SPORTS

Hawks run streak to 12; Pacers' Smits back Bruins

ATLANTA (AP) — Henry James hit a 3-pointer with one second left in overtime Tuesday night to give the Atlanta Hawks their 12th straight home victory, 105-103 over the Phoenix Suns.



Pro basketball

The lead changed hands five times in the final 1:08 of the extra period, capped off by James' shot from the top of the 3-point arc with Kevin Johnson right in his face.

Clippers 87, Raptors 80
TORONTO — Loy Vaught had 21 points and 14 rebounds as the Los Angeles Clippers rallied to win their fourth straight.

Mavericks 72, Nets 102
NEW YORK — The Dallas Mavericks barely avoided their lowest point ever in a loss to the New York Knicks.

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for Philadelphia, which got 25 points from Allen Iverson and 20 from Derrick Coleman.

Bucks 86, Pistons 76
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Vin Baker had 25 points and 12 rebounds, and the Milwaukee Bucks held the Detroit Pistons to 28 points in the second half.

Pacers 95, Cavaliers 90
INDIANAPOLIS — Rick Smith was ineffective in his first game of the season and Reggie Miller was sidelined by the flu, but the Indiana Pacers managed to beat the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Rockets 104, Timberwolves 95
MINNEAPOLIS — Clyde Drexler scored a season-high 37 points and Hakeem Olajuwon shook off a poor shooting performance with 14 fourth-quarter points as Houston rallied to beat Minnesota.

SCORES AND STATS

Table containing basketball scores and statistics for various games, including team names, scores, and key player stats like points, rebounds, and assists.

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It must have sparked the Tigers because one minute in, Mountain Home scored its first point in seven minutes.

With just over two minutes to play, Mountain Home cut it to 11 but a Courier rebound on the defensive end set up a layin for Peterson to seal the game.

It's like a new year," Carter said. "I just decided not to care about things I did wrong. I think

Women

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Their hosts, however, aren't so fortunate.

"The thing about our team is that we are able to do everything by committee," Bate said. "When we prepare for a team, we can look at the stat sheets and see the leading scorers. Other teams look at us and see one player with 10 points per game, and four players

Men

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Some of them still haven't figured out how to prepare themselves mentally for that kind of environment," Thrash said.

North Idaho College (11-1) is led by Idaho Leonard Myles, who led his AAU team to the national championship after playing basketball at Chicago's basketball magnet King High School.

"They have very good quickness and they play full-court pressure defense," Thrash said. "They play a little more helter-skelter than Southwest Missouri State, but they have a similar defense."

The Golden Eagles fell to former CSI coach Dave "Soupy" Campbell's Western Nebraska squad Thursday and to Malcolm X out of Chicago Friday before dominating Southwest Missouri

we just needed to figure out how to win and get from there."

Carter ended the night with nine points, 15 rebounds, six steals and two assists. "She was huge," Pfeifferle said. "She did a great job."

"She had a real good game," Shrum said. "We switched two or three players on her and couldn't stop her."

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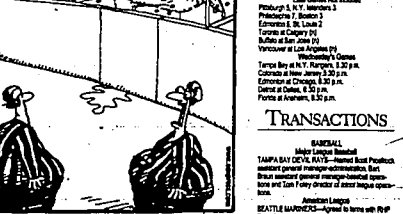
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"It has this new personality!"

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Section C

Two-hour market downturn, Micron plans hiring campaign

BOISE — The freeze is off and hiring is on again at Micron Technology Inc. By the end of 1997, the memory-chip manufacturer and its computer subsidiary Micron Electronics hope to hire up to 1,100 new workers. That would push their combined work force in Ada and Canyon counties past 11,000. Micron Technology officials said Monday that they will hire 300 to 400 workers for the company's Boise headquarters, and Micron Electronics will hire 600 to 700 workers at its Nampa plant. The Micron Technology jobs will range from \$7-an-hour entry-level sales to sales and management positions. Micron Electronics will hire people for sales, technical support, engineering, management and customer service jobs. Another subsidiary, Micron Custom Manufacturing, will get 100 of the workers.

Response to hair-eating doll recall mixed

The Associated Press WASHINGTON — The Consumer Product Safety Commission praised Mattel Inc.'s decision to recall a hair-eating Cabbage Patch doll as a model of government-safety cooperation. But a consumer advocate complained that the doll never should have been allowed on the market. "Our recommendation is that manufacturers be required to test their products better before they introduce them to the market," said Janice Shields of the U.S. Public Interest Research Group. "This would avoid these types of unnecessary consumer injuries." In response to about 100 reports of children getting hair and fingers caught in the battery-operated mouths of its Cabbage Patch Kids Snacktime Kids doll, the El Segundo, Calif.-based Mattel said Monday it will pay \$40 to parents who want to return the dolls. Mattel also said it would withdraw the toys from store shelves throughout the

United States and end plans to market them in other countries. "We at Mattel feel, after the various reported consumer incidents, it was just the right thing to do," said Mattel spokesman Sean Fitzgerald. Mattel's decision came after lengthy discussions with officials with the government's Consumer Product Safety Commission. "What we ended up with was a good, healthy result," said Ann Brown, the commission chairwoman. "This is the way the market should work for the American consumer." The commission began testing the dolls soon after receiving complaints over Christmas week. Its investigation found that the doll didn't pose a serious safety hazard. Nevertheless, the commission argued that the dolls had proven "very upsetting" to many children and parents, and Brown said the escalating number of incidents helped persuade Mattel to act. "I think we have a good reputation of working in cooperation with industry,"

she said. "The idea is not to hit industry over the head with a baseball but the idea is to get the best result for the American public." Brown said stock analysts also were pleased with Mattel's decision to recall the 500,000 dolls it has manufactured. "It's good from a product liability point of view and for their stock," she said. Congress established the independent commission in 1972 to keep products that posed a serious safety hazard off the market. Consumer advocates have argued that it lacks clout. Its annual budget is \$42.5 million, and hasn't increased since the 1980s. The agency doesn't begin testing until a complaint is received, and it has only 83 investigators nationwide, according to the private U.S. Public Interest Research Group. The Consumer Product Safety Commission collects data from the public and through the media, and manufacturers are supposed to report any injuries associated with their products.

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COMICS

Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

1 WE HAVE TO TALK.

2 BUT HOW CAN WE TALK IF YOU'RE A DOG, AND DOGS CAN'T TALK? WOOF!

3 WOOFING ISN'T TALKING.

Dilbert By Scott Adams

1 HEY, WALLY, I HEAR YOU'RE GETTING AN ELDONIAN MALL-ORDER BRIDE!

2 IT'S SO SAD AND PATHETIC, YET SO FUNNY! I FEEL SORRY FOR HER ALREADY!

3 HU-HAHHA HA HA HA HA HA AND PEOPLE ASK WHY I GAVE UP ON LOCAL GIRLS.

B.C. By Johnny Hart

1 YOU ARE NOT HERE X

Garfield By Jim Davis

1 YES, MRS. BROWN?

2 GARRFIELD'S CLAWING AT HIS REAR DOOR?

3 TURN OFF THE CAN AGAIN, MRS. BROWN.

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

1 NOW THAT'S PRETTY SNOWFLAKE!

2 TOO BAD IT GOT LOST IN THE CROWD.

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

1 WHAT'S THAT THING?

2 I'VE INVENTED A HEARING AID THAT AMPLIFIES SOUND.

3 HOW DOES IT WORK?

4 YOU JUST HOLD IT UP LIKE THIS WHEN YOU TALK!

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

1 LET'S GO, HAGAR—IT'S TIME FOR YOUR ANNUAL BATH!

2 I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!

3 A DOCTOR'S EXCUSE?

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

1 WE'VE BEEN KEEPING SCORE, SIR.

2 FOR A WHOLE MONTH YOU HAVEN'T MADE A SEXIST REMARK.

3 WELL, THAT DESERVES A BIG KISS AND HUGS.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

1 WELL, ERNIE, I GUESS THIS MAKES YOU THE SHORTEST POINT BETWEEN TWO DISTANCES!

2 SALT LAKE CITY ← 200 MI. EAST

3 SAN FRANCISCO → 220 MI. WEST

The Bom Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

1 AIEEE!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

1 I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE THINKING OF STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS, LAWRENCE!

2 YEAH, I KNOW I CAN DO IT, MIKE.

3 THERE'S ROOM FOR TWO BUSINESSES IN THIS CITY—AND KNOW, NOW, THAT I REALLY WANT TO STAY HERE.

4 A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO I COULDN'T WAIT TO LEAVE. YOU KNOW GET AWAY FROM ALL THE BAD STUFF.

5 WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND?

6 WHILE I WAS AWAY, I STARTED TO REMEMBER ALL OF THE STUFF THAT WENT GOOD.

Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

1 I'M REALLY WORRIED ABOUT BOTCHING MY PRESENTATION TODAY.

2 NONSENSE, HONEY. YOU'LL BE FINE.

3 MR. DITHERS MUST HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOU OR HE WOULDN'T HAVE GIVEN YOU THE ASSIGNMENT.

4 YEAH, OF COURSE, YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.

5 WHY DID I GIVE BUMSTEAD THAT? WHY? WHY?!

Pickles By Brian Crane

1 SORRY, ROSCOE, I KNOW YOU DON'T LIKE HOPPED DOG FOOD, BUT THE VET SAID YOU NEED IT TO KEEP YOUR TEETH HEALTHY.

2 GO AHEAD AND TRY IT. YOU WANT TO HAVE HEALTHY TEETH, DON'T YOU?

3 HERE, I'LL EAT ONE, AND THEN YOU GET SOME, OKAY?

4 OOOH! I THINK I'LL BRUSH A TOOTH!

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketchum

1 "HOW COME YOU'RE MAD AT ME? I'M NOT THE ONE WHO LOST YOUR TEMPER!"

The Family Circus By Bil Keane

1 "I'm mailing this letter to St. Paul."

2 "Where did you get his address?"

Old aardvark truly long in the tooth

WHAT'S WHAT?
L.M. Boyd

Do you agree with this unofficial right-of-way of traffic on trails? Bikers yield to joggers, joggers yield to bikers, bikers yield to riding horses. Pack animals yield to everybody in the wide places and to nobody in the narrow.

The aardvark's 20 rootless teeth grow continually all its life.

Could be your old history teacher failed to tell you Paraguay, colony of Assuway, was founded in 1537—that was 70 years before the first English got to Jamestown in 1607.

Q. What's Colorado's "Make My Day Law" all about?
A. That's what locals call legislation there that legalizes shooting an intruder if the shooter fears danger.

Q. I've got a new computer, but I'm still pretty clumsy with the email. I don't know anybody who...?
A. Send an email me at sayhi@idaho.com and I'll reply, and if you'd like, email my review, day until you get the hang of it and develop a few other email acquaintances.

Numerous people named "Chase" descend in part from French ancestors who were hunters.

Q. On my carpet is a circle smashed completely flat by a heavy drum table. How can I raise the pile?
A. Hold a steam iron over it, not on it, then brush briskly. So advises a household hater.

Whales, too, have lice.

The "lego" in Lego blocks comes from the Danish "leg god" meaning "play well."

The artist Paul Gauguin said, "Life being what it is, one dreams of evening."

Q. What sometimes makes a little of the canned corn brew?
A. Caramelized sugar. It's okay.

HOROSCOPE

Sydney Omarr

IF JANUARY 8 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: When you say you mean business, you do! Capricorn, Cancerborn persons play unusual roles in life. You tend to bump into things with your knees. Current cycle emphasizes career, production, promotion, investment, marital status. You'll be dealing with established people willing to lend benefit of experience. You'll make fresh start in new direction during February. September will be your most dynamic, romantic, profitable month of 1997.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): What was left behind will be returned—lost love is back in your life. You're on precipice of dynamic discovery, love relationship providing heat, excitement. Libra involved.

TALURUS (April 20-May 20): What dark receives benefit of light—make fresh start, let go of status quo. Lunar position highlights philosophy, theology, studies involving metaphysics. Leo featured.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Discover what was hidden, protect valuables, keep antenna up for deception disguised by whippersnappers. Avoid sex of the unorthodox, be alert for change of names. Aquarian in picture.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Attention! revolves around legal agreements, public notices, partnership and marriage. Beers bring fashion notes up-to-date. Missing parts arrive from foreign land, supervise repairs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Obtain valid hint from cancer message. Share pen tools, plus loopholes in legal agreement. Individual who deceived if sincere in making amends. Taurus, Scorpio persons figure in scenario.

VIRGO (Sept. 23-Sept. 22): What a day! Creative juices stir, you emit personal magnetism, sex appeal. Written material of paramount importance. Proofreading prevents embarrassing mistakes. Gemini plays unique role.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Missed opportunity is once again available—this time waste no effort in making proper claim. Copyright material, play the music, dance to your own tune. Taurus involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Siblings figure prominently—focus on experimentation, trips, visitor arrivals with no notice. Be charming, but make crystal clear, "Don't let it happen again!" Pisces involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): "Business is business" should be your credo. Those who seek professional treatment must be told, "People rely upon my integrity, I won't disappoint them." Capricorn in picture.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Check Sagittarius message. Finish what you start. Bright color in wardrobe accent showmanship, entertainment. Cycle high, you emerge vigorous. Aries, Libra personality play roles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Now is the time! Utilize personal judgment, guided by what others tell you. Feed you should do. Secret meeting precedatory. Love relationship heats up, focus on style, creativity.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Refuse to be cowed. Intuitive intellect serves accurately. Moon position highlights ability to win friends among the high and the mighty. Speculative venture due to succeed.

Yesterday's Puzzle solved:

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5 Promenade
7 Maceau
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Staid funds could spring a surprise

NEW YORK (AP) — Mutual fund investors began 1997 exposed to a \$10 billion risk that many of them may not have thought about lately.

It has nothing to do with the stock market, but the chance that bonds might suffer a swoon, the way they did in early 1996.

The danger in question arises in the realm of money market funds, where a record total of nearly \$900 billion in assets reposed as of the latest tally by the Investment Company Institute.

Throughout 1996, yields on taxable money funds held pretty steady in the neighborhood of 5 percent. Municipal money funds returned about 3 percent to 3.4 percent, reflecting the income tax breaks they enjoy on interest payments.

After an extended spell of stability like that, it's easy to start thinking of the returns on money funds as a given in one's personal financial planning.

But, in fact, were a decline in short-term interest rates to push money funds downward toward the lows of about 3 percent they reached just four years ago, their returns could quickly fall by a percentage point or more.



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If you knock just 112 basis points, or 1.12 percentage points, off the yield on \$900 billion of invested capital, you reduce the return by \$10 billion.

This could happen without any threat to the sanctity of "the buck" — the constant \$1 net asset value money funds seek to maintain in all kinds of financial weather. Indeed, it could occur with a single default by any of the legions of government entities and private companies that issue the short-term interest-bearing securities in which money funds invest.

Since it wouldn't represent a loss of principal, it would never make news headlines, and many

of the investors who are directly affected by it would most likely take it in stride. But the results would be every bit as real as a dip in stock or bond values.

And they would occur in a part of investors' portfolios that most people view as a haven from risk.

What are the chances that short-term interest rates might drop?

That's a point that's always open to debate in Wall Street financial forecasts.

Some observers now think rates are more likely to rise than fall, given robust trends in the economy such as a relatively low unemployment rate.

But in the eyes of one respected analyst, Charles Clough at Merrill Lynch, "if the economy weakens to the surprise of most investors, the most important financial market event of 1997 could be a sharp decline in short-term interest rates."

In those circumstances, he adds, "much of the \$400 billion (in assets) socked away in money market funds and bank certificates of deposit over the past 21 months may be forced to migrate out on the yield curve."

longer-term alternatives such as high-yield funds in an effort to maintain yields as rates fall.

From a standpoint of market risk to one's principal, further out on the yield curve is further out on a limb. Many people who switched from money funds to bond funds in 1993, when rates were falling, got clobbered in 1994 when rates turned upward and bond prices fell.

So what's an investor to do now? That depends on what you expect from capital you have invested in money funds.

If you have the money there mainly for convenience and liquidity, and are willing to live with unexpected fluctuations in the yield you receive, you may comfortably keep it where it is.

But if you are counting on a steady return to cover essential living expenses or some other commitment, it might be wise to consider alternative possibilities where you can lock in a known dollar return for an extended period of time.

Slipping factory orders don't dull economic view

WASHINGTON — Orders to U.S. factories slipped in November for the first time in three months, but analysts said the report did not alter their view that the economy was growing moderately at year's end.

"Economic growth in the fourth quarter exceeded growth in the third quarter, but it was nothing out of bounds," contended economist Stuart C. Hoffman of PNC Bank Corp. in Pittsburgh.

The Commerce Department reported Tuesday that orders for both durable and nondurable goods fell 0.4 percent in November to a seasonally adjusted \$320.5 billion, from \$321.9 billion in October.

It was the first drop since orders fell 2.1 percent in August. Orders are considered a key gauge of the nation's manufacturing strength. Continued declines could result in decreased production and fewer jobs.

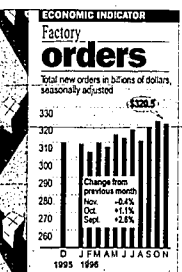
The decline was due in large part to softer demand for electronic equipment, and Hoffman noted it followed hefty gains of 1.1 percent in October and 2.6 percent in September.

"American factories are continuing to produce and increase their output," he said.

Indeed, a closely watched survey of purchasing managers indicated the manufacturing sector bounced back a month later.

After faltering early, stock prices jumped 33.48 points to 6,606.66, its first close above 6,600 and the second straight record.

However, bonds, which started



Source: Department of Commerce AP

the day higher, were lower by late afternoon.

Other recent data, including reports on housing and consumer activity, also indicate moderate fourth-quarter economic growth, although somewhat stronger than during the July-September period.

Factory orders for durable goods — items such as farm tractors and television sets expected to last more than three years — slid 1.5 percent.

But the drop included a 9.1 percent decline in electronic and other electrical equipment, including semiconductors and communications equipment such as telephones.

This category had surged 17.2 percent the previous month, an increase analysts had said was unsustainable.

Expect postal rate hike next year, mailers warn

Journal of Commerce

Although spared a postal rate increase this year, the nation's mailers said they expect one in 1998.

"The bad news is there will probably be a rate increase next year, but the good news is it's been good for the last few years," said Tom Lagan, vice president of operations at Publishers Clearinghouse, one of the country's biggest postal shippers.

"We're almost positive to get a rate increase in 1998," added Jim Jellison, executive director of the Parcel Shippers Association, the trade group representing companies that ship fourth-class mail.

The U.S. Postal Service has no plans for a rate increase this year. The agency wants to keep rates stable until Christmas 1997 and rack up a "three-year" period of annual rate increases and record levels of volume and financial performance, said Roy Betts, a postal spokesman in Washington.

Last month, Postmaster General Martin Ruyon said that the U.S. Postal Service's 1996 income of \$1.6 billion, on revenue of \$56.4 billion, precluded it from imposing a rate increase at least through 1997.

But those words seemed to back him away from an earlier declaration that the postal service would hold the line on rates until 2000.

The last postal increase was in January 1995, when rates rose an average of 14 percent for second-, third- and fourth-classes of mail. Then, first-class stamps rose 3

cents, to 32 cents, the first increase in four years. That also included the longest stretch since to a first-class increase since the postal system became semi-independent in the early 1970s.

While the 1995 increase exceeded even the postal service's suggested hike of 10.2 percent, it was far better than a 1991 rise of 20 percent, Lagan said. Thus, when analyzing the last six years, mailers have benefited overall from improved postal management.

"If you think about it, Ruyon, as much as you may like or dislike him, he's done a fairly good job. Their (postal system's) delivery is as good as ever. There's still some pockets of problems, but my experience is this is a shared responsibility."

He noted that while mailers were forced to absorb a 20 percent rate increase in 1991 and a 14 percent hike in 1995, there were years when there were no increases.

And in July 1996, the postal service implemented a major reclassification, reducing rates by 2 cents an item as long as it was bar-coded and carrier-route sorted mail. The move was part of the agency's plan to boost brocaded mailings to more than 50 million pieces a year.

"So, if we get one (a rate increase) in 1997, it's still better than a sharp stick in the eye," Lagan said.

However, if any rate increase is coming next year, it is likely the postal service will have to move by March.

Dow rallies back for 1st close above 6,600

NEW YORK (AP) — A late turnaround Tuesday pushed the Dow Jones industrial average to its first close above 6,600 as bargain-hunting investors shrugged off admonishing interest rate backdrop in another volatile session.

Broader measures also turned positive, with the Nasdaq market closing at a record high for the second straight day.

The Dow erased a 55-point deficit, rising 33.48 to 6,606.66 as several leading components reversed course in the afternoon. On Monday, the blue-chip barometer stumbled to a record high after surrendering a 75-point gain. The move above 6,600 marks a 10 percent advance less than three months after the Dow's first close over 6,000 on Oct. 14.

Stocks were pressured from the opening of trading by another weak day in the bond market, where interest rates have been

rising over the past week amid a series of surprisingly strong economic reports. Bonds had rallied through the second half of 1996 amid indications that economic growth might be moderating enough to keep various inflationary pressures in check.

The renewed inflation jitters weren't calmed by Tuesday morning's news that factory orders slipped 0.4 percent in November. While it was the first drop in three months, analysts had expected a steeper 1 percent decline.

"Investors are nervous that if inflation picks up, earnings are going to be hurt by higher interest rates," said Robert Freedman, chief investment officer for the John Hancock Funds in Boston. Rising inflation makes fixed-income investments such as bonds less attractive, while higher interest rates hurt stocks by slowing consumer borrowing and raising operating costs.

Idaho PUC starts arbitration work

BOISE (AP) — The Public Utilities Commission is getting into the arbitration business.

Under the 1996 federal Telecommunications Act, the PUC is to arbitrate agreements involving the industry.

Last week, the commission approved an agreement between US West Communications and Western Wireless mobile phone service. It provides for reciprocal charges from land-based utilities

such as US West for calls originating from within its system.

On Wednesday, also under the telecommunications act, AT&T and US West will begin arbitrating interconnection rates, terms and conditions. The commission has named John Antonuk, Pennsylvania, as arbitrator of those negotiations.

Hearings are to start Feb. 18 and the commission must issue a decision by March 20.

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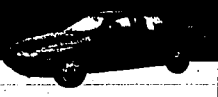
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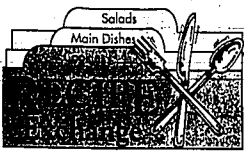
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Incredible peanut brittle

By Denise Turner
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS In response to a reader request, Cleora Taylor of Jerome sent in a recipe for Peanut Butter Brittle.

PEANUT BUTTER BRITTLE

- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 1/2 teaspoons soda
- 1 1/2 cups white Karo syrup
- 2 to 2 1/2 cups peanut butter
- 2 cups salted peanuts - cut some of the nuts so they hold in the candy
- Put sugar and water in heavy saucepan. Bring to boil over high heat. Spoon hot syrup up sides of pan to wash down sugar. Stir in Karo syrup and boil to 296 degrees. (In the meantime, mix together peanuts, peanut butter and vanilla). Remove from heat; at once add peanut butter mixture and quickly stir in soda. Pour on greased cookie sheet and spread out with a fork as quickly as possible.

Makes 3 pounds

Here's a recipe for cranberry Jell-O from Donna Scott of Twin Falls. Lucille Wortman requested the recipe because she so enjoyed a cranberry Jell-O salad (with a raw cranberry topping) during Thanksgiving at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

CRANBERRY WOBBLER
Grind 1 1/2 cups fresh cranberries. Add 1/2 cup sugar and set aside.

Dissolve 2 3-ounce packages Orange Jell-O and 1/4 teaspoon salt in 2 cups boiling water.

Add 1 1/2 cups cold water
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon cloves
Chill until thickened.

Fold in cranberries with sugar.
1 can Mandarin oranges, minus juice
1/2 cup chopped walnuts or almonds
Chill until firm. A mold can be used if desired.

Creamy rich Mexican dishes are always a favorite, but not always a quickie. The Bilingual Sun found a streamlined version that saves time as well as calories. To accompany the chicken enchilada bake, toss together a simple salad with chopped ingredients from the supermarket salad bar. Serve fresh fruit of the season for dessert. If desired, serve a bit of fruit dipping sauce such as butterscotch or fudge to enliven the pears.

CHICKEN ENCHILADA BAKE

- 2 cups cooked shredded chicken meat
- 1 15-ounce can crushed tomatoes
- 1 16-ounce can chopped Onion chilies drained
- 1 10-ounce container prepared Alfredo Sauce Light
- 1/2 cup finely chopped scallions
- 1/4 cup chopped green pimiento stuffed olives, plus 8 to 10 whole olives for the top
- 1 1/2 teaspoons taco seasoning mix
- 6 (5-inch) corn tortillas
- 2/3 cup shredded Mexi cheese (Cheddar & Monterey Jack)

Grease a 9-inch Pyrex pie plate. In a medium bowl, mix together the chicken, crushed tomatoes and Ortega chilies. Reserve. To the Alfredo sauce, add the scallions, chopped green olives and taco seasoning mix. Stir to combine. Cut the tortillas in half.

To assemble: Place 2 tablespoons of the Alfredo sauce mixture on the bottom of the pie plate. Layer with 4 halves of tortilla to cover most of the surface. Spread with half the chicken mixture, half the remaining Alfredo sauce and 4 more tortillas halves. Spoon on the remaining chicken mixture and layer on the last 4 tortilla halves. Cover the top with the remaining Alfredo sauce mixture. Sprinkle the cheese evenly over the top. Place the reserved whole olives on top. Cover loosely with plastic wrap - you do not want the cheese to stick.

Microwave on 100 percent power 10 to 12 minutes, rotating after 5 minutes. Test the center with a knife to make sure the casserole is hot throughout. Let rest 5 minutes to set before serving. Serves 6. Per serving: 344 calories, 7 g saturated fat, 23 g polyunsaturated fat, 30 g complex carbohydrates.

Requests
Anyone have any good school lunchbox recipes?

Recipes to share or requests for recipes to share should be sent to Recipe Exchange, Denise Turner, The Times-News, P.O. Box 546, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0548. Please include name, address and phone number.

S-s-smokin'

Jessie's Choice smokes game, cheese, poultry

By Terrell Williams
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN - Pete Weir was just being a nice guy 10 years ago when he agreed to store some large, industrial meat-smoking equipment for a friend. When the friend couldn't go into business as planned, Weir decided to try it himself. So, in 1989, he and silent partner Mike Wendling bought the equipment, plodded through government regulations, obtained licenses and opened a business called Jessie's Choice.

The original owner explained how to operate the smoker, but Weir's real education came from an expensive, but interesting year of trial and error.

"I threw away a couple smoker loads of trout because I didn't know how to dry it properly before I smoked it," he recalled. "It has to air dry in the (walk-in) cooler for 24 hours."

Fortunately, the supply of fresh fish has never been a problem in Hagerman Valley, where big trout and catfish are produced in abundance.

But Weir had to experiment with brines and marinades to perfect recipes with just the right amount of salt to please the public.

Four years ago, Weir decided to try making smoked cheese. "The first time I applied too much heat and melted about 40 pounds of it," he said with a laugh. "It was a big mess in the bottom of my smoker. I scraped it all out and threw it away. Cats were in the garbage cans for a week. So I went to the Twin Falls Public Library and read a book about smoking. It told me I didn't need heat. Period. And to wrap it in cheese-cloth."

Today, Weir's smoked cheese and fish are in demand by tourists who buy Jessie's Choice products at the Rose Creek Winery in Hagerman. Weir also sells wine with custom orders.

"Hunters bring in breasts of ducks and geese," he said. "I can dry it and make jerky and seal it (in vacuum-pack plastic bags) for them to give to their friends as Christmas presents."

Weir currently is perfecting a recipe to make smoked caviar from trout and sturgeon eggs from local hatcheries.

Do-it-yourself smoking

In the ancient art of smoking meat, the finished products used to be extremely



Through years of trial and error, Pete Weir of Hagerman has become an expert in smoking trout, salmon, turkeys, game birds and cheese.

dry and extremely salty. "We would hate what the pioneers ate," Weir said.

But now, thanks to refrigeration and plastic bags, smoked foods can be tender and tasty.

Smoking meat and cheese at home can be fun and rewarding, Weir said. For an inexpensive start, he advised finding an old refrigerator - one with metal on the inside, not plastic. Make sure the door has a good seal. Cut a hole in the top and install a small chimney with a damper to control the heat. Put a hot plate with a temperature-control dial about four to six inches off the bottom of the refrigerator and, on it, set a pan of wood chips (Weir uses apple wood). Put a grease shield over the top of the hot plate and slide the refrigerator racks in above it. Buy a probe thermometer and push it through a hole drilled in the side of the refrigerator, so the temperature can be checked without opening the door.

Fish
To smoke fish, Weir first soaks fillets 12 hours in a brine of salt and water. Two large cups of salt in five gallons of water range from mild to salty. To be precise, Weir uses a cylinder hydrometer (available at restaurant supply stores) to take an exact reading of the salt content.

"Old timers used to say the brine was strong enough when it would float an egg," Weir said. "But that's too strong. Normally, I run a low-salt brine. That's why (the finished meat) needs to be refrigerated."

After soaking, rinse the fish, put pepper on it if desired and let it dry in refrigeration for 24 hours. Light the pan of wood chips to smolder and turn on the hot plate. Smoke the fish at 170 degrees for about half an hour. For drier fish, smoke at 175 degrees. Yield is about half the original weight.

Poultry
Weir's favorite poultry marinade is two cups teriyaki sauce, one cup of apple juice or dry white wine and one-half-teaspoon each of ginger, dry mustard and pepper. Soak meat for 24 hours. Put a meat thermometer in a thigh, not touching a bone, and smoke until it reaches 185 degrees, about 20 to 30 minutes. This marinade also is good with beef.

Cheese
Weir's most popular smoked cheese is made from Monterey Jack. Kraft is best, he said, because it holds up well and does not dry out, as other brands do.

Wrap one-pound pieces in cheese-cloth. For a stronger flavor, brush liquid smoke on the wrapped cheese. Put in smoker for three hours with a heavy smoke from a generous pan of wood chips. No hot plate heat is necessary. Keep the temperature at about 90 degrees. Do not exceed 100 degrees. When done, refrigerate the cheese in sealed plastic bags with the air squeezed out for at least three days. Cheddar cheeses also smoke well.

Weir said he encourages people to experiment to find the times and temperatures that work best for them. Those with questions, he said, are welcome to call him at 837-6483.

As a word of caution, Weir said grease fires can occur when the smoker door is opened. If this happens, just shut the door and the fire, once again without oxygen, will go out.

Discover the charm of tea time

In America, tea has long been underappreciated. The drink does have its devotees, but we have never enjoyed a sense of ceremony surrounding tea as the British and the Japanese have for hundreds of years.



ASK MARTHA
Martha Stewart

But it's time to reconsider tea. It is a warming, delicious drink and surprisingly good for you, too. There is as much vitamin C in two cups of tea as in a glass of orange juice, and it contains less than half the caffeine of coffee.

In the morning, it is energizing; at night, a cup of herbal tea is soothing and helps us sleep. And at teatime, it's a treat - particularly when accompanied by sweet cakes or savory little sandwiches.

Tea traditions
As legend has it, almost 5,000 years ago, a Chinese emperor brewed the first cup of tea by accident: He always boiled water before drinking it, and one day, a few branches from the fire blew into the pot.

The result, he declared, gave one "vigor of body, contentment of mind, and determination of purpose."

In the years since, Camellia sinensis, the tea plant, has been grown and harvested for tea. There are four basic varieties of tea, and this one plant produces them all.

The most common variety is black tea. It leaves are oxidized, giving them a dark color and intense flavor. For green teas, leaves are just withered and dried - the tea is pale with a grassy taste. Oolong teas are partially oxidized, and very rare white teas are steamed and dried.

Herbal teas aren't actually teas at all. They are tisanes, or infusion of herbs, spices, flowers or other flavorings.

In the United States, the majority of the tea we consume is iced, a drink that was also discovered by chance.

At the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis, the Far East Tea House was serving hot tea on a very hot day. The fairgoers weren't interested until it was poured into glasses of ice.

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Almonds add zest to meatless meals

Rustic, peasant fare is all the rage these days. Heavy, fat-laden meals made with earthy ingredients - whole grains, beans and root vegetables such as turnips, sweet potatoes and carrots - are being featured on menus of restaurants around the country, inspired by the popularity of Mediterranean, southwestern and other ethnic cuisines.

Americans, who tend toward diets consisting of refined and processed foods, are finding that the chewier textures and simpler, more basic flavors of these rustic dishes contribute a refreshing change of pace - and taste. And they are enjoying the nutritional benefits that come from eating more fiber and vitamin-rich foods.

Many of these dishes are best enhanced with toasted almonds, either incorporated in the dish or sprinkled as a garnish on top. Almonds add a nutty flavor, satisfying crunch and nutritional benefits for heightened appeal.

Several of these dishes call for toasted almonds. To toast almonds, spread in an ungreased baking pan. Place in 350-degree oven and bake 5 to 10 minutes or until almonds are light brown; stir once or twice to assure even browning.

PASTA ROMA

- 1 cup dried tomato halves, snipped into strips
- 8 ounces penne pasta
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 8 ounces mushrooms, sliced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup sliced green onions
- 1/3 cup dry white wine
- 1 tablespoon dried basil
- 1/3 cup freshly grated Asiago or Romano cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground black



pepper
1/3 cup sliced almonds, toasted
Salt, to taste

In bowl, cover tomatoes with hot water; set aside 15 minutes. In saucepan, cook penne in salted boiling water about 12 minutes just until tender. Meanwhile, heat oil in large nonstick skillet over high heat. Add mushrooms and garlic.

Saute, tossing occasionally, until mushrooms begin to brown; reduce heat to medium. Drain tomatoes and add to skillet with onions. Cook and

toss 1 minute. Mix in wine and basil; cook and toss 1 minute.

Thoroughly drain penne and add to skillet with cheese, pepper and almonds. Toss over medium heat just to heat through. Season with salt. Serve with additional grated cheese, if desired.

Makes 2 to 4 servings.
Nutritional Information Per Serving: Calories - 402; fat - 14 g; cholesterol - 7 mg; sodium - 444 mg; carbohydrate - 57 g; fiber - 4 g; and protein - 15 g.

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Sprinkle a magical crunch on tasty meals

California almonds come in a variety of forms suitable for any food, dish or preparation.

In-shell: Whole nut in its shell - Serve in a bowl for casual snacking; pair with fruit and cheese for dessert; arrange with winter fruit as a table centerpiece.

Whole: Whole nut out of its shell - Add to Chinese stir-fry dishes; combine with dried fruits for a trail mix; toast and eat as a snack.

Slice: Whole nut sliced thinly lengthwise - Mix into pilaf and other rice dishes; use to garnish sauteed vegetables or vegetable casseroles; serve with yogurt as a topping for baked potatoes; sprinkle on puddings and fruit salads.

Silvered: Matchstick lengthwise slices - Top pancakes or waffles; sprinkle over pasta dishes; add to rice or bread stuffings; sprinkle on quick bread batter before baking; use as a topping for low-fat frozen yogurt; add to fruit cobblers.

Diced: Approximately 1/4- to 3/8-inch - Use in place of croutons for salads; use to garnish omelets and fritattas; add to the filling of stuffed peppers; knead into bread dough; stir into fruit-flavored yogurt for dessert.

Chopped: Approximately 1/8-inch - Use as a coating for cheese balls or logs; add to vegetable dips; sprinkle on cream soups; add to vegetarian parties.

Note: Toast almonds for the most intense flavor and the crunchiest texture.

HOME & GARDEN

Winter tonic on a shovel

Picking easy houseplants

So what did you do New Year's Eve? I had a wonderful time, thank you. Maybe I even found a silver lining in all these sloppy wet clouds.



GREEN THUMBPRINTS Cathy Walworth

The morning dawned blustery but warm, with glimpses of sun now and then. Just days before, we'd been up to our axils in runoff and mud. But this day, our sandy soil had drained just right.

A hundred or so bulbs sat waiting in the garage. I scrounged for longies, pulled on a wool sweater and topped it with a windbreaker — though I needn't have bothered. The thermometer read 52, and it didn't take long to work up a sweat.

Any other time the ground where I dug would have been impossible to work. When it's dry, the shovel refuses to bite more than a couple of inches, and then only a teaspoonful of soil stays on the shovel long enough to be moved. This day, though, the blade sank its entire length

and brought up hefty mounds of moist soil.

Another day I would have cursed so much wind, it would blow and swirl my meager attempts into my eyes and make me puffer. This day, it dried the moist piles of soil beside my diggings just right so that they crumbled gently on top of my bulbs.

The weatherman had said it would probably rain off and on. Here in the high desert you can grow old waiting for all the times it might rain. Might as well grab a shovel and enjoy yourself. Then, if the promised rain arrives, the bulbs get

watered in automatically. That's the biggest mistake gardeners make with bulbs: They forget that bulbs are seeds, and seeds need water to do anything. You can plant a bazillion bulbs, arrange them artfully and sing to them, but if you don't water them in afterward, you've wasted your time. They will rot and you will wonder why your flowers didn't come up.

As long as the shovel's out, might as well get that live Christmas tree planted, too. The ground had been frozen in a thin layer, but the mild temperatures and buckets of rain nixed that. And the extra rain gave us a bonus: Where there's standing water, there's bad drainage. Don't plant the tree there.

Pick a place that will be easy to get water to next summer, a place where the shovel sinks easily and the soil comes up fluffy. Dig a hole twice as deep and wide as the pot and put some of

the backfill in until the tree sits at the same level it did in the pot.

Take the tree out of the container and rough up the roots that were cramped against the sides. Set the rootball gently into the hole and fill around it. You can tamp the soil down gently with your hands, but NEVER with your feet. That's called the "Death Stomp" — for a reason. Settle the soil with a little water. Your new little tree will be a lot happier in the ground than standing on the back porch in a pot.

We've had more rain than a desert usually allows. But sturdy soil means to say that it's a pleasure to work in this weather. Sinking a shovel might be the winter tonic we've been looking for.

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

Knights-Ridder News Service

With the Christmas tree gone, the holly and fir cuttings pitched and the poinsettia in decline, the interior landscape needs a lift this weekend.

New houseplants with fresh foliage and blooms will herald the transition out of holiday mode.

But not difficult houseplants. You're tired. You need plants that are tame and easy to manage in the postholiday calm.

Many will fill the bill, but some do better than others:

Easy houseplants have several important things in common, particularly in the winter when days are short, sunlight often dim and indoor air, desert dry.

By adapting to such conditions, these houseplants make you may see a bloom, but the interesting foliage is the reason for their own and display this plant.

Peace lily. When not in bloom, the peace lily is just another dark green tropical plant. But when the flowers rise — as they do reliably — the peace lily has new status. The white flowers look a little like a peace pipe and are definitely worth bragging about, even though they are very easy to get. However, the peace lily prospers in high humidity, so mist it regularly and keep it moist at any season. Keep it bright and bright, direct sun.

Chinese evergreen. Slow-growing and adaptable, aglaonema is a plant for the floor rather than the table since it can reach 3 feet. While high humidity is beneficial to growth, normal household light, temperature and humidity also suit it. Leaves of the most interesting plants are marked with silver, gray or a lighter shade of green. Do not overwater this plant or you will see a pinkish purple or yellow you will see spring.

Golden pothos. Green leaves splashed with yellow create a lively look, and the plant is just as easy to grow as the less dynamic philodendron. Give it curtain-filtered sunlight and typical household temperature and humidity. By nature a vine, golden pothos also makes a lovely trailer for mantelpiece, desk or a hanging basket. To close down its eyes to spread and thus get a bushier plant, pinch the tips occasionally. Shiny leaves are natural, so give it a shower or damp wipe occasionally to remove dust.

Grape ivy. Another vine that you can encourage to grow into a compact shrub, grape ivy has dark green foliage that resembles — naturally — grape

leaves. Very attractive and adaptable to the low light of house life, grape ivy goes slightly dormant in the winter, so water it less then and withhold fertilizer. The deep green foliage has a more formal appearance than the kicky green and yellow of pothos, making it well suited for living or dining room.

Prayer plant. This plant has interest in two dimensions. Not only does it fold its leaves as dark in a prayerlike fashion, the leaves have intricate patterns of green, brown and red. Direct sun, especially in the summer, may harm leaves. Over the winter, allow the soil to dry out for a reason: growth begins in spring. Occasionally,

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Adding 2nd stories is a grueling task

The Orlando Sentinel

Q. A home magazine recently featured an article about a second-story addition on an existing home. My wife and I are thinking about doing the same with our own home. What does an addition like this involve?

A. Adding a second story to an existing home is the most difficult and critical procedure in the remodeling industry. However, certain benefits often warrant such a project and can provide the owner with many years of satisfaction.

If your home is in a prime location, on a small lot, in the city where a second story would capitalize on the view, it would be smart to consider adding a second story in order to gain the space you desire.

Because the second-floor addition will sit over a portion of the existing house, in some cases, new load-bearing points must be created. This involves removing the existing concrete and pouring a new footer to bear the weight of the second floor.

In some cases the construction actually dissects the home, forcing the homeowners (if the owner chooses to live in the house while under construction) to walk through the construction area to get from one part of the house to the other. In some cases, part of the house must be closed off, making it necessary for the homeowners to live in one part of the house. Interrupting existing living spaces can be inconvenient and stressful, particularly because second-story additions can take several months to complete.

Adding a second story can require the removal of portions of the existing roof and trusses, which literally opens the home to the elements. Water infiltration can cause damage to the home's insulation, drywall, ceiling, wall coverings and furniture. Because the chance of damage caused by temporary exposure to the elements exists, it is prudent for the homeowners to take necessary precautions and remove items including furniture and carpet from the rooms directly below the second-story addition.

Also, it's best to have the work done during the winter, early spring or fall to avoid the summer rainy season.

The wiring in the attic and the air-conditioning ducts will



Homeowners should carefully weigh the pros and cons before deciding to add a second story to an existing house.

need to be repositioned before the floor system for the second-story addition is installed. In some cases, the existing first-floor ceiling is structurally sound enough to be reused; in other cases, it must be removed and new floor rafters need to be installed.

Probably the most critical point to consider is the emotional effect a second-story addition will have on the homeowner. Ideally, the family would move into a rental property or stay with friends or relatives during the course of the project to avoid becoming emotionally affected by the construction. Unfortunately, these choices are not always feasible, and homeowners have no other option but to occupy

the home during the construction period.

Because projects of this nature can take three to six months, it can become a grueling experience, especially toward the end. After a tiring day at work, the homeowners look forward to coming home to relax. This becomes a great challenge if the house is torn up and the family is forced to live in only part of the house.

Anyone considering a second-story addition should be aware that this type of improvement is the most costly to make to a home. Depending on the size of the addition, about \$125 to \$175 per square foot should be budgeted.

The homeowner also should take into consideration that second-story additions will use up to 50 square feet of floor space on both the existing first floor and the new second floor to accommodate the stairs.

Adding a second story to an existing home can be a wise and beneficial way to gain additional space when the home is in a prime location. Such an addition can bring years of enjoyment and pleasure to the homeowner; however, anyone considering such a project should enter it aware of the stress and disruption it will create.

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HOME IMPROVEMENT Q&A

Q. I recently moved into an older house that has 100-amp electrical service. I sometimes blow fuses. I've been told I should upgrade the system to replace the fuses with circuit breakers. What do you think?

A. Blown fuses or tripped circuit breakers generally indicate that an electrical circuit or branch of the system is overloaded or has more appliances drawing power than the circuit can safely handle.

The basic problem could be that your electrical service or total power delivered to your house, at 100 amperes or amps, is not adequate to supply all of the electrical devices often used in modern living. This is a common problem in older houses. Your current lifestyle might require 150 or even 200 amps.

It might also be wise to upgrade some of the wiring inside the house and include shock protection by installing ground-fault circuit interrupters for shock-vulnerable areas such as bathrooms and

kitchens. GFCIs can be installed at the service panel (where the electricity enters the house) or in place of standard outlets.

A good first step would be to have a licensed electrician examine your electrical system and determine what needs to be done to make it safe and efficient, and whether an upgrade to more electrical service is needed.

As for fuses vs. circuit breakers, the latter are safer and more convenient, since it is only necessary to reset the breaker switch to "on" position to get current flowing again. Blown fuses must be removed from their sockets and replaced. A fuse must be replaced with another of the same ampereage. If a fuse of higher ampereage is used, an overloaded circuit might not "blow" it, and a fire could result.

Q. I have the stumps of three large trees in my yard. Each is about three feet high. How can I get rid of these so I can plant grass?

A. The stumps can be cut to within a few inches of the ground with a chainsaw. This makes

them a lot less visible and unsightly. After that, you can take several approaches.

A "stump-remover" chemical, which speeds up rotting, is available at some hardware stores. The compound is poured into holes drilled down into the stump. Follow directions on the container, and a stump can often be eliminated in a few months.

A faster approach is to use a stump grinder. This is a large tool (about 300 pounds) with a gas engine that grinds stumps into small chips and sawdust. Stump grinders can be rented at some tool-

rental services (about \$120 a day), but you'll need a pickup truck or van and a helper to bring it home.

If it's close to the ground and left alone, the stump will eventually rot on its own. Some stumps become soft enough within a few years so that they can be chipped to below ground level with an ax or a heavy steel digging bar.

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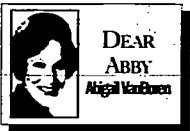
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Niece worried about perky, pretty, charming unwed aunt



DEAR ABBY: I have always been close to my aunt. She's my father's sister and is in her early 40s. She's perky, gregarious, charming and very pretty. She's single and insists that she is happy that way. I'm not convinced.

In the last two years, she has dated three men - one was married, one engaged and one was recently divorced. Initially, all three seemed to genuinely care for her, but after a few weeks, they reunited with their former mates.

It would be one thing if Aunty could say, "Good riddance," and get on with her life, but this is not the case.

She visits the workplaces of their former mates, hoping for an opportunity to drop the bomb that the guys are philandering. She also calls and pages these men at work, then makes excuses to us why they never call her back. Abby, they even drive by their homes and businesses repeatedly.

I'm beginning to dread her visits and the tales of her activities embarrass me. Then makes excuses for a woman with her looks and personality to get mixed up with attached men, and carry on like this when they no longer want to see her. When family members comment on her behavior, she gets defensive and angry, but nothing changes.

Abby, is there any way to get her out of this vicious cycle? I would like to see her settled and happy with one man instead of

wasting her time on men who are not available.

—EMBARASSED NIECE

DEAR NIECE: Aunty, with all her charm and beauty, may unconsciously not really want a permanent commitment. She needs to find out why she chooses only men who are not available. I recommend counseling for Aunty.

DEAR ABBY: Help! I have just returned from the walk from hell one of many. All because my neighbor talks nonsense about herself. She goes on and on about her past; how wonderful she is, how wonderful her son is. (She's certain he will be the mayor of this little town one day.)

She never asks anything about me or members of my family.

Abby, I fry my heart to be courteous and appear interested, but inside, I am ready to scream. If you have any suggestions about running in the other direction when I see her, I will be very grateful.

I am signing my real name, but please don't let it become this in a small town, and I don't want to

publicly embarrass her.

—BORER TO TEARS

DEAR BORER: Look at it this way. This pathetic woman desperately needs someone to listen to her. She has probably worn out her welcome with her other neighbors.

It would be an act of civility to give her an audience, but in order to preserve your own sanity, let her talk for as long as you can tolerate it; then tell her you have things to do, give her a hug and say, "We'll talk again when I have more time."

DEAR ABBY: A relative of mine got a divorce after being married for 20 years. She has not remarried, but her ex-husband did.

He died a few months ago, and now my cousin is going around wearing black and calling herself a widow.

Abby, isn't she still a divorcee?

—CURIOS

DEAR CURIOS: Yes, your cousin is a divorcee whose former husband is deceased. A man leaves only one widow - the woman to whom he was married at the time of his death.

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Crates are great to housebreak puppy

Kalith Elder News Service

Having a new puppy can be one of the most enjoyable experiences, as well as one of the most trying of times.

With its constant unconditional love, a puppy provides an abundance of joy to every member of the household. On the other hand, a puppy is much like having a toddler around, requiring a lot of time devoted to play, discipline and, of course, the much dreaded potty-training.

However, by using the simple but effective crate training approach, housebreaking can be easily accomplished. Not only does crate training aid in housebreaking, but it also provides a safe haven for your puppy when you are away, therefore preventing behavior problems.

Some owners may question whether or not the use of a crate is cruel. Well, it definitely is not. Keep in mind that dogs are descendants of wolves who dwell in dens, and, therefore, share the same characteristics. You, for example, might have had a dog that liked to crawl into an enclosed area, such as under a coffee table. Crate training helps to satisfy that same "den instinct" and provides a puppy with its own special place.

Regarding housebreaking, the crate is an invaluable tool that I always recommend to clients with new puppies.

By placing the puppy in such a limited space while you are at work, you teach the puppy to be responsible for keeping his "den" clean. Puppies learn quickly that if they potty in the crate, that means they have to live with it until the owner comes home, which can be a while. In the beginning, especially with puppies under 12 weeks of age, accidents will occur, so be patient and understanding.

As far as what type of crate, I recommend the open wire mesh crates, so the puppy can see all around him, but an airline type carrier will do the job just as well. To determine the correct size, you should choose a crate that the puppy will be able to sit, stand up and lie down in comfort.

Pets

ably as an adult.

If the crate is too large for the puppy in the beginning, you can make it smaller by placing a partition that can be adjusted with the growth of the puppy. Remember, a crate that is too large defeats the purpose of learning proper bowel control, if the puppy can potty in one end and have enough room to escape the mess.

I recommend placing a small amount of water and no food with the puppy. Your puppy should be on a set feeding schedule to help housebreak him faster, therefore, there is no need to leave

food in the crate. One other extremely important rule is to never leave any collar on the puppy, since there is the risk of the puppy getting it caught and choking to death.

Another benefit of crate training is peace of mind for the owner while they are away from home. A crate prevents a puppy from destroying the home and, therefore, prevents bad habits from ever starting.

An owner is also assured that the puppy will not be injured from ingesting toxic plants or substances, or from reacting wildly to adverse weather conditions. Since dogs regard the crate as their den, they can utilize the crate as a safe haven for sleeping or just to get away from small children.

Some advocate using the crate as a disciplinary device for "time out" when the puppy has misbehaved. I do not, since I believe the crate should be a good experience at all times, and therefore, helps avoid confusion for the puppy.

Introduce the puppy gradually to the crate. In the beginning, place the puppy's blanket at one end and the bowl of water at the

opposite end of the crate and let the puppy explore the area without closing the door. When placing the puppy in the crate, use the command "kennel up." Then close the door and leave for a few minutes. When you come back praise the puppy.

If you hear the puppy crying, do not rush to let him out. The puppy must learn this as part of its daily routine. Gradually increase the amount of time you leave the puppy in the crate.

People are amazed at how quickly puppies learn to adapt. Eventually, you can easily leave the puppy while you are at work. If you are able to let the puppy out at lunch, it is advisable, especially during the first few weeks.

It is best to place the crate in a room where the family spends a lot of time so the puppy will not feel isolated and can have access to the crate for rest even while not being confined. By becoming accustomed and at ease with the crate at home, the puppy already will have learned to travel comfortably in a crate by car or airplane. It also is an excellent way to make boarding at a kennel much less of a traumatic experience.

Remember, by using the crate as a simple training device, you can ensure a good relationship between you and your puppy because a lot of frustration is simply avoided. Also, you save money that would be spent on repair bills that even the smallest puppy can cause.

So, give crate training a try and make raising a puppy a great experience.

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Organizing all that holiday booty

The Orange County Register

Your kids scored big under the Christmas tree. All those LEGO pieces, Barbie-doll clothes and accessories, puzzle pieces, computer gear, books, game pieces, playing cards, marbles. You name it. They got it. And you've got a three-aspin headache.

Things pile up and all the things they've already got organized? Anaheim Hills frustrated parents who don't know what to do with all their stuff, nor do they know how to sort it all out and still keep their sanity. What usually drives most parents wild is not so much the big items, but all those little things - the culprits that immediately saturate the existing horizontal space and eventually become clutter.

—Pat McBride-Burris, professional organizer

in many configurations. Grouping them together, McBride-Burris says, creates a neat, clean, solid look and gives you the advantage of having a number of small, separate homes within one unit. Available at office-supply and home stores, mass merchandisers.

• Plastic crates. Sometimes called milk crates, they can hold larger items such as stuffed animals, dolls, books, school supplies, toys, computer games, videos, clothing, laundry (a major mess maker). They come in colors. Assign a color to each kind.

• Pocket bags. Shoe bags. The kind that hang vertically behind a door. McBride-Burris flat out loves 'em for homing in on small toys, video craft supplies, Barbie dolls, undies, socks, tights, hair adornments.

• Zip-Loc bags. Great for grouping a bunch of similar, comparable pieces, game parts, small dolls, papers. The bags can be positioned vertically in a shoebox or similar container.

• Storage boxes. Sturdy cardboard boxes with tight-fitting lids. You put them together yourself, but it's a lock. Just the thing for

sorting items that aren't used daily, such as games, books, beach and water toys, costumes, seasonal clothing. Store them in a chest, under a bed, in the garage. "For the money," McBride-Burris says, "they are by far the best deal out there." About \$1 apiece.

One last word. Once you've got everything in its home, label, label, label so you know what's where.

If you would like a copy of "The Steps to Organizing Children's Rooms & All Their Stuff," call McBride-Burris at (714) 923-1541. \$10 (includes shipping and handling).

Not enough space here to go into the scads of tips and info the book offers. But we can give you a peek between the covers. The major point is to give everything a "home" - a place where it belongs. It's up to you and your kids to keep it there. Here's a look at some of the homes you should consider.

• Apartment houses. A series of plastic boxes that fit together, slide out like drawers, and come

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Tea: Perfect brew for all occasions

By Bill Miller, News Services

Forget about that other Tea Party. You know. The one in Boston, 1773.

This is the real Tea Party, circa 1996. Its members unprecedented, like a kettle set to boil and whisking a full bellied tea. Americans are pulling down tea. Hot and cold, herbal and high-heat, black, green and oolong.

Coffee is like a drill sergeant, barking at recruits to a new day. Tea is laid and quiet, a friend at the back door bearing a hug and warm reassurance. So the old coppa joe has found a coppa woe in tea.

And it doesn't hurt, either, that a spate of scientific studies increasingly confirm what various civilizations long suspected: Tea appears to offer a blanket of protection from bad health. Not necessarily a panacea. And the studies can hardly be labeled definitive. But, at least, hardly anybody suggests it'll hurt you.

So just how hot is tea? Colder the tea is, in 1996, sales in America stood at \$1 billion. Now, a leading industry monitor, the Sage Group in Seattle, projects that Americans will spend \$4.6 billion on tea this year.

"You're having people go into their Starbucks or Bernie's and say, 'I've had four lattes this week and two espressos, and I need to try something else,'" says Brian Keating, president of Sage Group and a student of the tea industry for two decades.

Keating and other mavens point to a convergence of health and social factors to explain our newfound rapture for tea.

The research suggesting tea's potential health benefits emerged at the same time that other studies — fairly or not — sullied coffee and alco-

Nurturing your tea

A cup of tea needs to be nurtured. There's a few minutes' wait at the Mountain Hotel in Boise. The waiter's patience over restaurants and afternoon tea, served from 2:30 to 5 p.m. daily. There's his recipe for a great cup of tea:

- 1. Use loose-leaf tea instead of a tea bag.
- 2. Use a teapot warmer to heat the longest before you put water or tea in it. Avoid warming the pot with hot water soaked inside; that leaves the pot damp.
- 3. Bring the water to a ferocious, rapid boil.
- 4. Use the rule of measurement that there should be one teaspoon of tea per person — and add an extra teaspoon for the pot.
- 5. Pour the water over the tea, letting it steep for five minutes.
- 6. Unless you have used an infuser in the pot, use a strainer.
- 7. Use a caddy to keep the teapot warm.

holic drinks.

Tea's popularity for convenience has fostered a boom in the market segment known as ready-to-drink — the Snapples and Arizona Iced Teas of the tea universe. (America is anomalous in this respect for the lead variety: Eight of every 10 servings of tea come chilled.)

Boomers reveling in fancy foods can add high-brow tea to their shopping list, right after the goat cheese and right before the radicchio. Especially popular these days is chai, tea suffused with spices and milk and sugar.

And then there's always this: As the U.S. hurtles toward the new millennium, it's a nation craving solace and familiarity. "Coffee is seen as a high-

paced way of life — you drink coffee in the morning to get you going, you get pumped up, you're ready for the world," says Pamela Starr, senior marketing manager for Bernie's Coffee & Tea, a prime purveyor of tea in malls. "People see tea as a little less frantic, as a little bit off the treadmill we're on every day."

Barnie's estimates tea sales have burgeoned 50 percent in the past year — a testament to increasing popularity and to a company that knows how to exploit a niche when it sees one.

There's a whole aisle devoted to teas — mostly of the herbal genus — at the Bread of Life Natural Food Market in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. You have your-rose hips tea and your oastrow tea and your night-night tea, not to mention the popular chamomile and peppermint.

The latter is Julie Gerber's favorite. She's an owner of Bread of Life and has used herbal teas to calm her own roiling stomach and recommended them to store workers feeling peaked.

"One of my staff members wasn't feeling well and she said, 'I did this, I did that, and nothing worked,'" says Gerber, striding the aisle of tea. "So I recommended one of the women's teas — a peppery leaf tea is wonderful for women. She took her break, and half an hour later she was back at work and she was feeling a lot better."

The teas Gerber is talking about aren't, technically speaking, tea at all. They're potions made with herbs, not tea leaves.

Thus, a quick lesson in tea nomenclature:

All tea comes from the same plant, "Camellia sinensis." What separates black tea (the most commonly consumed in the United States), green tea (a favorite in Asian countries) and oolong tea (the variety typically

served in Chinese restaurants) is how long they're allowed to ferment. Black tea ferments the most, green tea the least.

"Dozens of countries produce tea, with Argentina, China and Indonesia supplying two-thirds of the raw tea that's ultimately drunk in the United States."

Then you have herbal teas, promising to pick you up or let you down. Chamomile, for instance, is sipped for relaxation, while other herbal teas are pitched as energy enhancers. "Know the ethics of the company so that you're not getting things filled with grass, or herbs that have been sitting on the shelf for months," says ShariLean, Andrew Miller, an herbalist who teaches at the National College of Naturopathic Medicine in Portland, Ore. "The buyer has to be so aware of what's going on."

The same could be said for the surge of studies evaluating the health benefits of tea during the past 15 years. While much of the research has involved animals, a growing body of data is being gathered on humans.

Among the landmark studies: an examination by the National Cancer Institute of how drinking green tea might protect against cancer of the esophagus.

That study involved more than 2,000 people in China's Shanghai province. After accounting for other factors that could contribute to bad health — smoking, alcohol and poor diet, for instance — researchers concluded that green-tea drinking reduced the risk of esophageal cancer by 20 percent in men and 50 percent in women.

Despite some research finding no correlation between tea drinking and lowered risk of cancer, an array of studies worldwide suggest tea has the power to ward off what pills us.

Meatless

Mediteranean Lentil Salad with Toasted Almonds
34 cup lentils (cracked wheat)
1 cup lentils, rinsed and drained
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 1/2 cups sliced onions
1 small red pepper, seeded and cut into 1/2-inch squares
2 large cloves garlic, minced
3 cups lightly packed spinach leaves, cut into thin strips
2 teaspoons dried chili weed
1 container (8 ounces) plain yogurt
Salt and pepper, to taste
1/3 cup sliced almonds, toasted

Roasted Italian Vegetables with Potatoes
2 medium carrots, sliced 1/2 inch thick
2 medium red potatoes, cut into 1-inch chunks
1 medium red onion, sliced 1/2 inch thick
3 tablespoons olive oil
1 medium yam, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks
1 red bell pepper, seeded and sliced 1/2 inch wide
1 medium zucchini, sliced 1/2 inch thick
2 cloves garlic, chopped
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) chicken broth plus enough water to make 4 cups
1 cup instant polenta or yellow cornmeal
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1/3 cup slivered almonds, toasted
Salt and pepper, to taste

Heat oven to 450 degrees. Place carrots, potatoes and onion on baking sheet with sides. Add oil and basil; toss to coat. Cover with aluminum foil and bake 1/2 hour. Remove foil; add yam, peppers, zucchini, garlic and vinegar; toss. Return to oven and continue baking about 20 minutes, tossing occasionally, until vegetables are just tender. Meanwhile, in medium saucepan, bring broth and water to boil. Mix in polenta; reduce heat to medium. Cook,

Fiesta Rice and Beans with Almonds
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1/2 cup whole natural almonds
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) stewed tomatoes
1 cup instant rice
1 cup water
1 can (15 ounces) pinto beans, rinsed and drained
1 can (4 ounces) diced green chiles
3 tablespoons chopped cilantro
Hot pepper sauce and salt, to taste

Stirring constantly about 3 to 4 minutes until thickened. Mix in cheese and stir until melted. Add almonds to vegetables; toss. Season with salt and pepper. Divide polenta equally on four serving plates. Top with roasted vegetables and almonds.
Makes 4 servings.
Nutritional Information Per Serving: Calories — 483; fat — 17 g; cholesterol — 4 mg; sodium — 522 mg; carbohydrate — 71 g; and protein — 13 g.

Heat oil in large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add almonds. Cook and toss about 5 minutes until lightly browned. Remove almonds with slotted spoon; set aside. Add tomatoes, rice and water to skillet. Cook about 5 minutes until most of liquid is absorbed. Mix in beans and chiles. Continue to cook until liquid is absorbed but mixture is not dry. Mix in almonds and cilantro. Season with pepper sauce and salt.

Makes 4 servings.
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A perfect pot of tea

Whole, loose tea leaves are the preference of tea lovers. To keep the leaves fresh, store them in an airtight container in a cool, dry spot. Start by bringing cold water to a boil. Meanwhile, fill your teapot with hot tap water to preheat it for a few minutes. Empty the pot and add one teaspoon of loose tea for each cup you're making. When the water reaches a rolling boil, pour it into the teapot; the hot water leaves will unfurl, releasing their flavor and aroma.

Let the tea steep for five minutes (green and oolong teas are ready after only three minutes) and pour through a strainer. Some teapots come with a strainer attached to their spout, or you can hold a small strainer over a cup.

Don't judge a tea by its color; different varieties achieve different shades. Never oversteep tea — it will become bitter.

A tea party

A tea party is a wonderfully civilized and enjoyable gathering. It is an appropriate way to celebrate almost any event, such as a birthday or anniversary. Tea-party weddings are increasingly popular, and I can't imagine a better theme for a baby or bridal shower.

A tea party is relatively easy to plan and prepare. It can also be inexpensive and still suitably festive. Flea markets and antiques stores are perfect places to shop for teapots, pretty cups and saucers, cream and sugar sets and tea strainers. Look for cake stands and silver trays for displaying the sweets and sandwiches on the buffet. These accessories do most of the decorating for you — just set

the tables with simple linens and use small arrangements of fresh flowers or topiaries as centerpieces.

Classic tea sandwiches are delicate and almost bite-size. Start with thin slices of bread with the crusts cut off. Try different kinds of bread, such as white, wheat, pumpernickel and raisin. Cut the bread into squares, triangles or rounds.

Classic fillings include cucumber and cream cheese, butter and radish slices, and smoked salmon and dill. But don't hesitate to experiment. Cream cheese can be flavored with fresh-herb or caviar; mini

corn muffins can be split and filled with ham and apricot preserves. The variations are endless — try making your favorite sandwich in miniature. You have just as many choices for sweets. Serve muffins, scones, crumpets and loaves of nut breads with butter, clotted cream, preserves, honey and lemon curd. Make petit-fours, a layer cake, tartlets, cookies, shortbread or madeleines.

And of course, you will also serve pots of perfectly brewed tea. For party favors, send guests home with a tin of loose tea and a strainer, or a beautiful antique teacup, and they may be inspired to host their own tea parties.

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 address is: mstewart@msi.time.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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