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# School guidance plan raises eyebrows

## Proposed program among new rules

By Karen Tolkkinen  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** — A proposed rule to require long-term learning plans for individual public school students by eighth grade has drawn the ire of some conservative parents.

It's part of a new set of rules governing public school education, designed to give local districts more flexibility, and to cope with a judicial order to provide



thorough education throughout the state. But some parents — notably members of Idaho Citizens for Quality Education, or I.C.Q.E., as it calls itself — are closely tracking the evolution of the rules, and suggest long-term learning plans and guidance programs could lock students into a career path at an early age.

The new rulebook tells schools to notify parents to draft career plans with their children. The parents can choose not to comply.

The book also mandates a guidance program to identify specific knowledge and skills, and requires schools to develop individual student plans for "personal/social development, educational development, and career development."

The guidance program is nothing new, said Keith Hinkley, executive secretary of K-12 Public School Rules Task Force, a group revising the state's education-based rules. But I.C.Q.E.'s Magic Valley regional director, Kathy Thomsen of Twin Falls, said the difference is that it

hasn't been required.

"It's like a cancer that is kind of fit a neutral phase, and the cells are there and now they're gathering and starting to form a tumor, if you will," Thomsen said.

Thomsen, who plans to testify at today's public hearing on the new rules, objects to the cost of assembling individual plans, the responsibility of making an eighth grade student to choose a career, and the program's parallels with our-comes-based education and federal education programs.

Allowing counselors to work on "personal/social development" comes too late, she said.

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## Stance in court leads to jail stay

### Wendell woman says magistrate lacks jurisdiction

By Mark Helmz  
Times-News writer

**GOODING** — A woman who refused to recognize the jurisdiction of the Gooding County Magistrate Court ended up spending Monday night in jail, after she appeared in court but refused to come forward during her arraignment on a misdemeanor charge.

According to audio recordings of the court proceedings, Linda M. Smith of Wendell argued against

### Commissioners hear complaint — B1

Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy nearly every step of the way during three court appearances Monday and Tuesday.

"I am not Miss Smith. I am Linda Marie. I am not a corporate body. I am not a dead woman," Smith said, claiming Cassidy's court has jurisdiction only over corporations and the deceased.

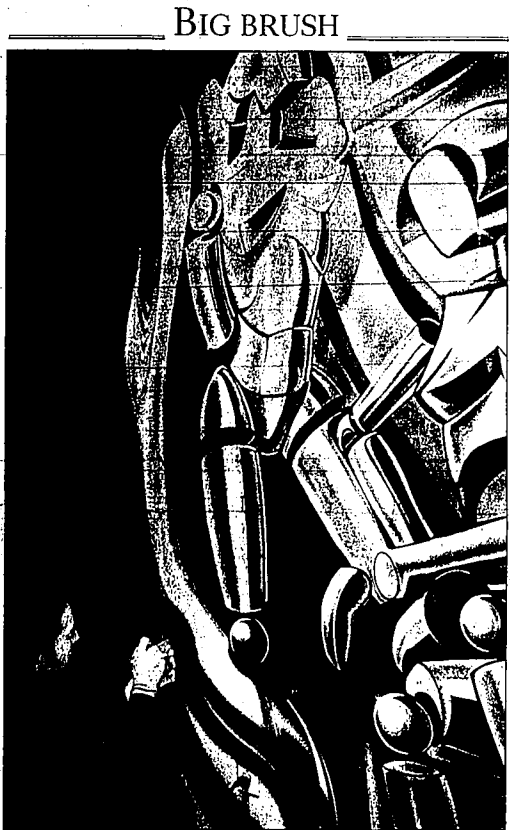
Cassidy issued a bench warrant for Smith and had her placed in jail after she refused to come forward during her first appearance Monday morning. Her bond was set at \$5,000.

Cassidy declined to comment on Smith's possible connection with a constitutionalist group in the Gooding County area.

Smith could not be reached for comment Tuesday evening.

A misdemeanor charge of criminal contempt was filed against her on Dec. 19, 1996. According to court records, she refused to submit.

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Stefan Slabakov applies airbrush strokes to a mural in Graffitiex, a Magic Valley Mall store. Slabakov, a Twin Falls High School senior, said the mural's title is "Back to Graphics." He expects it to take him about four days to finish the piece.

## Waivers may avert clashes over homes

### Rural building woes bring forth unusual alliance

By Karen Tolkkinen  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** — It's the personal ad of home building.

City dweller seeks quiet country residence. Likes large backyard, silence, space. Dislikes urban noises, crime, taxes.

But, as with personal ads, the city dweller may get something far different than expected — by swapping crime and taxes for fires and stench.

"To people who want to move out and have their little slice of heaven out there in the country, that sounds good," said Twin Falls County Commissioner Dennis Maughan. "But they find themselves complaining about an industry that has thrived for 100 years."

To deal with the growing conflict between farmers and rural residents, an unusual alliance of interests has collaborated on a proposal to allow counties to require rural home buyers to sign a "nuisance waiver," or an agreement not to complain about the ordinary practices of neighboring farmers.

The Idaho Farm Bureau, building contractors and Realtors have come together to protect farmers and their own members from complaints and litigation.

Under the terms of the proposal, counties could prevent home buyers from complaining about the bright lights of the neighboring dairy, the smell of cow manure or the noise of early-morning crop-dusters.

Twin Falls County already has such a provision, Maughan said, though it hasn't helped to quiet complaints but has its limits.

It doesn't cover things regulated by other state and federal laws, such as wastewater runoff from dairies or crop

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## Engine replaced on plane

The Associated Press

**DETROIT** — The right engine of the Comair twin-engine turboprop that crashed in a snowstorm had been replaced five days earlier during regularly scheduled maintenance, the company said Tuesday.

Asked whether that was a factor in the crash, Comair Inc. spokeswoman Meghan Glynn said, "No. But I can't comment further."

All 29 people aboard Comair Flight 3272 died Thursday when the Embraer 120, on route from Cincinnati, nose-dived into a field 18 miles from Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Among the victims were Roy and Verna Marie Raymond of Twin Falls. A memorial service for them is scheduled for 4 p.m. today at the Roper Auditorium as



no sign of in-flight fire in either engine, investigators said.

The Kentucky Post reported Tuesday that Comair replaces engines in those airplanes every 11,500 hours. Ms. Glynn said the replaced engine had not logged 11,500 hours yet, but she didn't know the exact number.

In Monroe, county medical examiner Dr. David Lieberman said workers had recovered remains of all the

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## California club prepares to sell legal marijuana

The Associated Press

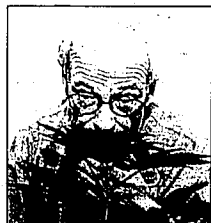
**SAN FRANCISCO** — Phones rang, volunteers shouted and pot plants grew at the Cannabis Cultivators Club Tuesday in preparation for what supporters called its historic reopening.

Protected from California's anti-drug attorney general by a state proposition and a judge's order, the club was set to provide pot to its first customer Wednesday.

"We are going to sell the first legal marijuana in over 60 years in America," marveled club founder Denis Peron as he fingered a cannabis plant known as northern lights. "I can't believe it."

The first customer, Peron said, is scheduled to be a San Francisco AIDS patient named Mylar, but the club already has 200 physician authorizations on file and expects many more.

Peron ran the club's predecessor organization, the Cannabis Buyer's Club, until it was raided and shut down by California Attorney General Dan Lungren during last fall's campaign over Proposition 215. Despite the raid and subsequent charges

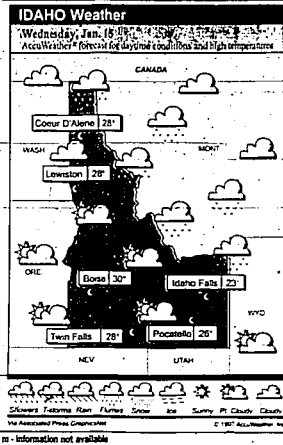


Denis Peron sniffs a marijuana plant in the Cannabis Cultivators Club growing room in San Francisco.

against Peron, California voters approved the initiative, which allows medical use of marijuana.

Last week, a San Francisco judge ordered the club reopened, saying it was protected under Proposition 215. Lungren reluctantly acknowledged he was "bowed by 215," but vowed to monitor the club's activities closely to prevent abuses.

WEATHER



FORECAST

Magic Valley
Mostly sunny and continued mild today. Highs 25 to 30. West wind 5 to 10 mph. Tonight mostly clear. Lows around 10. Thursday mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 20s. The statewide index forecast is a minimal exposure level.

Extended regional forecast

Friday through Sunday partly cloudy each day. Fanciful snow in the mid and high. In the west lows from 5 below zero to 10 above zero. Highs 15 to 25. In the west lows in the teens. Highs in the upper 20s to upper 30s.

Comas Prairie, Wood River Valley

Sunny today. Highs around 20 except near 10 on the Comas Prairie. Tonight mostly clear. Lows around zero except around 15 below on the Comas Prairie. Thursday mostly sunny. Highs 15 to 20 except near 10.

Treasure Valley

Sunny today. Highs 30 to 35. Light wind. Tonight mostly clear. Lows 10 to 15. Thursday mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 30s.

Sawtooth Mountains

Sunny today. Highs in the 20s except near 5 above near Stanley. Tonight mostly clear. Lows zero to 5 below except around 20 below in the Stanley Basin. Thursday mostly sunny. Highs in the teens to lower 20s except around 5 above near Stanley.

Eastern Idaho

Mostly sunny today. Highs in the mid 20s. Variable winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight mostly clear and colder. Lows from near zero to 5 below zero. Thursday mostly sunny. Highs around 20.

Northern Idaho

Sunny and continued mild today. Highs 25 to 30. Light and variable wind. Tonight mostly clear. Lows 10 to 15. Thursday mostly sunny. Highs 25 to 30.

Northern Nevada

Mostly cloudy and warmer today. Light wind. Highs 30-35. Tonight mostly cloudy. Lows near zero. Thursday mostly cloudy. Highs 30-35.

Northern Utah

Mostly cloudy today. Highs near 30. Tonight and Thursday mostly in the clouds. Otherwise partly cloudy. Lows 15-20. Highs 30-35. The statewide index forecast is a minimal exposure level.

ACROSS THE NATION

Skies clear but chill grips much of nation

The Associated Press

Clear skies over much of the nation Tuesday gave winter-battered states a chance to clean up from snow and ice storms, though bitter cold remained.

High pressure kept most areas of the country free of precipitation but cold, with record lows of 1 degree in Beckley, W.Va., 19 in Redding, Calif., and 33 in Oakland, Calif.

The Southwest was the exception, with a low pressure system creating snow showers and some rain in parts of Utah, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico.

Some heavy snow was reported in portions of southern Nevada overnight. Areas around Mount Charleston received anywhere from 22 to 36 inches of snow by midday Tuesday.

Heavy snow continued in portions of southwestern

Colorado, where Wolf Creek received up to 80 inches of snow in the past couple of days. Areas around Flagstaff, Ariz., had 2 to 3 feet of snow over the same period, and almost all roads in northern Arizona were closed.

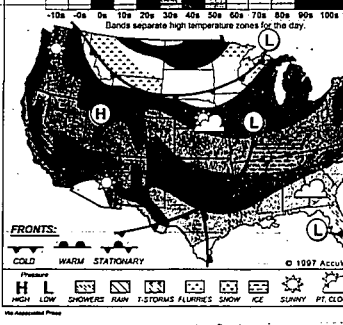
Freezing rain that rained Texas on Monday had let up Tuesday, but below-freezing temperatures meant many highways were still impassable. Patches of wintry precipitation made travel a bad idea in much of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.

Sidney, Mont., and Dickinson, N.D., recorded wind chills of minus 45. In Idaho, a low pressure system continued to produce low clouds and a few snow flurries in southeast Idaho on Tuesday.

Afternoon temperatures ranged from 16 degrees at Soda Springs to 34 degrees at Caldwell. Winds were generally blowing from the west at 10 to 20 mph.

NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Wednesday, Jan. 15/



TEMPERATURES

Table with columns: City, Max, Min, Pop. Lists temperatures for cities like Albuquerque, Atlanta, Boston, etc.

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Table with columns: Location, Max, Min, Precip. Lists weather data for Idaho locations like Boise, Twin Falls, etc.

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 5:30 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 8:05 a.m. Lunar phase: First quarter, Jan. 15, full, Jan. 23, last quarter, Jan. 31, new, Feb. 7.

Democrat pulls out of probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House ethics committee's ranking Democrat said Tuesday he would remove himself from the investigation of New Gingrich, bowing to pressure that built quickly over his handling of a taped phone call involving the speaker.

Woman

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After pleading the complaint against Smith, Cassidy asked her if she understood the charges against her. She claimed the charges were not valid.

Waiver

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during near a residence. And it would also be tossed out if the team chose to change its operations, including expanding it, Maughan said.

HIGHS & LOWS

Idaho: High, 44 degrees at Payette. Low, 14 degrees below zero at Stanley. Nation: High, 78 at Miami Beach, Fla. Low, 2 below zero at Havre, Mont.

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ROAD INFORMATION

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Rules

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close for comfort to tampering with a student's values and beliefs, Thomsen said.

prepare me for it," he said. Students who don't want to enter college can take applied mathematics credits, he said. If they want to change their plan, they can at any time, and aren't locked into only selecting classes that fall within their plan.

While her group has been primarily publicly termed parents, Thomsen declined to answer that specific charge and instead recommended interested parties walk through documents outlining federal education programs.

After refusing to cooperate any further during the second appearance, Smith was sent back to jail.

Thomsen publishes the OBE Bulletin, a monthly newsletter critical of outcome-based education, a national movement which critics have accused of "dumbing down" education.

Smith's bond was reduced to \$500, and she bonded out Tuesday, Cassidy said.

She called the guidance program a "home-based education steroids."

"This issue is just going to get harder and harder as people try to move out into the country where they're trying to get away from the noise," he said. "I don't expect that will go away."

"Parents don't want the schools in that domain at all," she said. "They want (students) there to be cognitively developed. They don't want their behavior to be modified."

"Smith also continued to question the validity of the charge against her and refused to enter a plea.

Hinckley insists the guidance and long-term education plans are designed merely to involve parents in the education of their children, and to start students thinking about what they want to do after college.

Cassidy entered an innocent plea on her behalf based on her response.

The new rules are innocuous, he said.

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It's a plan for parents and children to sit down and say what are my goals, what should I take to

institute a wake-up call." But it's not an easy situation to solve, Maughan said.

Circulation
By Bethel, circulation director
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victims from the crash and identified three-quarters of them. He said he hoped to identify the rest by Thursday.

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gear and flaps up, NTSB spokesman Paul Schlamm said. The plane then started turning left and for 5 seconds the autopilot attempted to compensate, but the plane kept turning for 12 seconds, the angle increasing and the rotor dropping despite autopilot compensation, he said.

Israel, Palestinians end impasse

ERETZ CROSSING, Israel (AP) — Israel and the Palestinians signed a tortuously negotiated pact Wednesday on Israel's long-delayed pullout from Hebron and parts of the West Bank, ending a dangerous impasse in Middle East peacemaking but leaving key questions unanswered.

Crash

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The recorder and cockpit voice recorder information released Monday night indicated an apparent stall warning 17 seconds before the crash, signaling a possible loss of lift. The craft nose-dived and rolled three crashes. Pilots had reported an engine or system trouble, the NTSB said.

Correction

An article in Tuesday's edition of The Times-News, seeking help for an Eden family burned out of its home, listed the wrong telephone number for the Sawtooth Chapter of the American Red Cross. The correct number is 733-8464. The Times-News regrets the error.

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Within a 5-second span, he said, the plane's nose went from 3 degrees up to 50 degrees down, and inside two seconds the plane's 40-degree left bank had increased to a nearly inverted, 146-degree angle, he said.

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# De la Renta designs fanciful inaugural outfits for First Lady

WASHINGTON (AP) — This time, Hillary Rodham Clinton chose established couturier Oscar de la Renta to outfit her inaugural wardrobe.

But she's still pondering a hat — the item of her attire that raised fashion critics' eyebrows in 1993.

Four years after the first lady wore dresses from a relatively unknown designer, she will showcase the work of one of the fashion world's most celebrated designers.

Mrs. Clinton will wear a wool suit and matching coat to her husband's swearing in at the Capitol on Monday. She will appear at inaugural balls that evening in a long embroidered, white gown with matching satin cape, which is also designed by de la Renta, the White House said.

De la Renta's fashion house declined to give specifics about the color or design of the garments. "Mr. de la Renta felt it's always nice to have a little element of surprise," said Chris Tully, a spokeswoman for the Dominican-born designer.

But fashion experts said they saw a gold-embroidered dress at the designer's spring show in October that is apparently the inspiration for Mrs. Clinton's gown.

"It's just as simple as a long-sleeves T-shirt made out of the most beautiful gold lace imaginable," said fashion consultant David Wolfe.

Women's Wear Daily carried a cover photograph of de la Renta and models wearing similar dresses at the show and reported that one of them had been altered for Mrs. Clinton.

By picking de la Renta instead of the newcomer who designed her 1993 inauguration wardrobe, Mrs. Clinton shows she has learned fashion sophistication in her four years in the White House, the experts said.

Mrs. Clinton's 1993 inaugural outfit, Sarah Howard and real hair, whereas," said Stan Herman, president of the Council of Fashion Designers of America.

"You will be shocked to see the difference between what she looked like four years ago," said Herman. "It will be more polished, more professional. She just has come out of Arkansas into Washington."

"In the beginning, she looked intellectual, slightly backwards," Herman said. "But I think she has learned how to be an elegant undressed fashion-able person."

Mrs. Clinton wore an aquamarine dress designed by de la Renta when she addressed delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

"Picking de la Renta is a real smart move fashion-wise," Wolfe said. "Because Oscar de la Renta is traditional and has a real, real long track record of



Hillary Clinton with President Clinton share a laugh at the White House in 1993. Four years later, she has chosen Oscar de la Renta to design her inaugural wardrobe.

dressing important women for important occasions." "We will have to wait and see what the hair looks like, that will be the deciding factor. The dress will be great," said Wolfe, creative director of The Designer Group, which advises retail stores on the latest fashion trends. He estimated the gown would cost \$4,000 to \$5,000.

Mrs. Clinton has not yet settled on what hat she will wear to the inauguration — and the experts urged her to steer clear of the one item of apparel that got her into trouble with fashion critics four years ago.

The blue-trimmed velvet champagne she wore to the 1993 inauguration was panned by critics.

"That could spell disaster, the only good hat a first lady ever wore was Jackie Kennedy's pill box," Wolfe said. "Fashionwise, hats are just out of sync with modern women."

# Weak air bags help kids, hurt adults

WASHINGTON (AP) — Less forceful air bags might save the lives of dozens of children a year but could cost the lives of hundreds of adults, new government figures indicate.

However, domestic automakers said Tuesday they strongly disagree with those figures. They say less forceful air bags will save more lives than are lost — including more adult lives.

Air bags opening at speeds up to 200 mph have been blamed for the deaths of 34 children and 20 adults — mostly smaller adult

women — in low-speed accidents they otherwise would have survived. Air bags also have saved more than 1,600 lives in higher-speed accidents.

Federal regulators have placed a high priority on reducing deaths from air bags — particularly those of children. They are considering two proposals that would allow for less forceful air bags in new cars.

When almost all vehicles on the road have air bags sometime in the next century, air bags could kill 128 children a year,

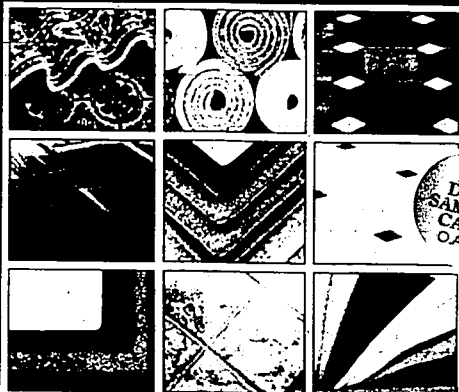
according to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration documents.

The agency's statistical analysis says less powerful air bags could prevent 83 of those 128 projected deaths if the regulatory agency adopted a proposal crafted by automakers to make air bags less powerful.

However, only about 39 of the children could be saved if an agency-designed proposal were adopted to "depower" air bags between 20 percent and 35 percent on average.

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# Envoy had 4 traffic violations before fatal crash

WASHINGTON (AP) — Before his involvement in a car wreck that killed a 16-year-old girl, a Republic of Georgia diplomat was cited at least four times by local police for traffic violations, the State Department said Tuesday.

"On one occasion, he was fined for speeding in excess of 80 mph. But in contrast to a statement Monday by Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze, no evidence has been received by the State Department that any of these incidents were alcohol-related.

Georgiy Makhimadze, the No. 2 diplomat at the Georgian Embassy, has been ordered by Shevardnadze to remain in the United States until the investigation into the Jan. 3 crash near Washington's Embassy Row section is completed.

Shevardnadze has said he is prepared to lift Makhimadze's diplomatic immunity so that he may stand trial.

# Red Cross workers vote to end strike

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (AP) — A 16-day strike by American Red Cross workers that halted blood collections in parts of West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky was settled Tuesday with the approval of a new contract.

The 68 members of Huntington-based Service Employees International Union District 1188 ratified a three-year contract. Blood donations will resume as early as Thursday.

The contract gives American Red Cross Blood Services workers a 9 percent wage increase over three years, amounting to about 80 cents an hour.

In honor of Verna Marie and Roy Raymond, Kid's Komer at the Paris will close early Wednesday, January 15.

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## NATION IN BRIEF

### Mir space suit launches at Smithsonian

WASHINGTON — The space suit that physician Norman E. Thagard wore en route to his four-month stay aboard the Russian space station Mir was presented Tuesday to the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum. Thagard, who retired from NASA a year ago after nearly 18 years, was the first American to ride into space aboard a Russian Soyuz space ship and the first to live on the space station. He and astronaut Shannon Lucid, who followed him on the Mir, took part in a ceremony deeding the suit and the seat liner built for it, to the Smithsonian.

The ceremony was held beneath two joined spacecraft, a three-man Apollo capsule and a Soyuz.

### Ballooning heads across Atlantic

CHICAGO — Sweeping along on powerful — and brutally cold — jetstream winds, millionaire adventurer Steve Fossett headed across the Atlantic on Tuesday on his quest to become the first balloonist to circle the Earth nonstop.

The 52-year-old Fossett, who lifted off from Busch Stadium in St. Louis on Monday night, was 20 miles off North Carolina by early afternoon and said all was well despite overnight problems with one of two heaters.

"The heater went down for a little bit, but it went back up," said Bo Kemper, project manager of the flight. "Steve is fine. He seems very upbeat. The weather looks promising to Portugal and Spain."

### First Lady's brother rejected Paraguayan

WASHINGTON — White House officials were unaware that a brother of Hillary Rodham Clinton was offered — and rejected — more than \$100,000 in 1995 to arrange a meeting between President Clinton and the president of Paraguay, presidential spokesman Mike McCurry said Tuesday.

McCurry said that as a private citizen, Anthony D. Rodham was not required to report such an offer. Further, McCurry said the White House was not looking into the matter.

The offer reportedly was made at a 1995 meeting in Miami of Paraguayan government and business leaders and Americans promoting business in Paraguay. Rodham, a consultant in Miami, was at the meeting looking for business.

### Burglar gets 13 years for fatal seizure

LOS ANGELES — A burglar was sentenced to 13 years in prison for snaring a 60-year-old woman to death.

Alfonso Blackmon, 27, was sentenced Monday. He was charged with murder but pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter in the death of Janet Doering, a widow with heart trouble.

Mrs. Doering was in her bedroom in 1994 when she heard a noise and saw a flashlight beam under her door, and dialed 911. She was flushed and sweating when police arrived, and died later that night of a heart attack. The burglars took \$54 from her purse.

### \$25 million deal for girl caught in pool drain

RALEIGH, N.C. — A company that made parts for swimming pools agreed Tuesday to a \$25 million settlement with the family of a girl whose was dismembered by the powerful suction of a swimming pool pump.

The settlement was reached one day after jurors awarded \$25 million in compensatory damages from Sta-Rite Industries of Wisconsin to Valerie Lakey and her parents.

Compiled from wire reports

## Democrat Daschle to offer capital gains tax cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an unexpected move, Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle intends to propose modest capital gains tax cuts as part of a party agenda for the new Congress, officials said Tuesday.

In addition to these cuts — for investors in small businesses and for small farmers approaching retirement age — Daschle is expected to announce support for steps to make Individual Retirement Accounts available to more taxpayers.

The tax measure is one of 10 pieces of legislation Daschle will introduce later this month in a package designed to showcase Senate Democratic priorities. The bills were working in a document marked "outlined draft" and distributed to Democratic senators at a private caucus last week as "works in progress."

Daschle was traveling in his home state of South Dakota during the day and not available for comment.

The tax proposals are politically significant. When it comes to capital gains cuts, it is customarily Republicans in favor and Democrats resisting them as

unwarranted breaks for the wealthy.


The South Dakota senator previously had outlined several of his priorities, leading such campaign finance reform and including tax breaks for education. Last week, he also disclosed plans for a measure that would provide either vouchers or tax credits to make health insurance more widely available to children.

He has not yet publicly disclosed plans for his capital gains tax breaks, and officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, cautioned that details are subject to change. No material was available on the cost of the proposals, or how they would be paid for.

As currently contemplated, Daschle's proposal would permit investors to defer taxes on the profit made from the sale of stock in small companies so long as they reinvested in another small company within six months. No details were available on what size companies would qualify, but officials said the measure is designed to improve the climate for investment in small firms.

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BOSTON — National FuelSaver Corp. of Boston has developed a low cost automotive accessory called the Platinum Gasaver which is guaranteed to increase gas mileage by 22% while meeting all federal and state emission standards.

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claimed by the developer." In addition to government confirmation of its fuel saving claims, the Gasaver has received patents for raising gasoline octane, and has been approved for reducing emissions to acceptable levels.

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63	11.3	16.6	46.9%
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31	13.0	18.8	44.6%
56	12.2	17.1	40.2%
64	9.6	13.3	38.5%
60	13.3	17.9	34.6%
55	9.8	13.1	33.7%
68	14.3	18.4	28.7%
50	10.8	13.9	28.7%
62	14.1	17.6	24.8%
66	15.8	17.5	10.8%
57	14.4	15.9	10.4%
54	13.1	14.0	6.9%
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# Supreme Court ruling makes some businesses easier targets for suits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court made some small businesses easier targets for employment-bias lawsuits Tuesday by telling the nation's judges how to interpret a key anti-discrimination law.

The court, voting unanimously, revived a woman's sex-bias lawsuit against a Chicago-based firm by ruling the company qualified as one with 15 or more

employees.

At issue was how Congress intended to count to 15 when it applied the law known as Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to any employer "who has 15 or more employees for each working day in each of 20 or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year."

Although ruling's focus was narrow, its potential impact is significant. As of

1991, there were more than a half-million American businesses with 10 to 19 workers, more than 7.4 million people in all.

Some lower courts had ruled that Title VII covers employers with 15 or more employees on the payroll every working day for the required number of weeks. But other courts had said the law covers only businesses with 15 or more employees actually on the job every working

day for the required number of weeks.

In an opinion by Justice Antonin Scalia, the nation's highest court said the "payroll method" is the proper test.

The ruling was a victory for Darlene Walters, who once worked for Metropolitan Educational Enterprises.

Mrs. Walters worked as a collector for the company when in 1990 she was denied a promotion to credit manager.

She filed a gender-bias charge with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and subsequently was fired.

The commission sued Metropolitan in 1993, charging them with illegal retaliation in firing Mrs. Walters.

Metropolitan successfully sought to have the lawsuit dismissed on grounds that it was not covered by Title VII because it lacked the required number of employees.

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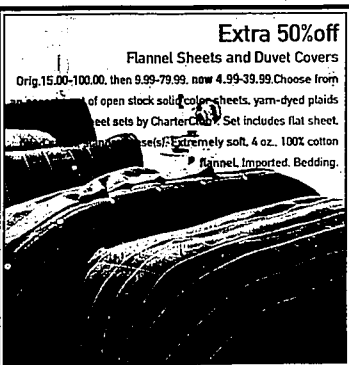

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WORLD

# Opponent tries to oust Yeltsin

MOSCOW (AP) — A leading Communist urged parliament to impeach the ailing Boris Yeltsin, but the president's doctors said he was recovering well from pneumonia and was "significantly better" Tuesday.

Previous attempts to oust Yeltsin have failed and the latest move appeared to have little support. In any case, the president would be certain to resist any moves against him by parliament's Communist-dominated lower house.

A draft resolution, proposed by Communist lawmaker Viktor Ilyukhin, calls on Duma members "regard the powers of the president as prematurely terminated due to his consistent inability to perform his duties for health reasons."

The proposal says the Federation Council, parliament's upper house, should "confirm the Duma decision and set a date for

presidential elections."

Duma speaker Gennady Selezov said the resolution had been submitted to the chamber's legal section for review and a parliamentary debate on impeachment could take place in about a week.

He acknowledged that any impeachment attempt would be a long, cumbersome process. Constitutional clauses about dismissing a president "are very vaguely written," Selezov noted.

Alexander Kotenkov, Yeltsin's envoy to the Duma, said the draft resolution was "legally groundless" and he called it an attempt to "aggravate the political situation in the country."

Yeltsin remained hospitalized for a seventh day Tuesday at the Central Clinical Hospital outside Moscow, but doctors who examined him in the evening found him "significantly better," the Kremlin said.

## WORLD IN BRIEF

### Diana greets young land mine victims

LUANDA, Angola — Visibly shocked by the horror of two decades of civil war, Princess Diana spoke Tuesday with dozens of youngsters maimed by land mines.

After a stop at the Angolan Red Cross headquarters, Diana's bomb-proof jeep took her to the orthopedic center of Neves Bendinha, just outside Luanda.

There, she talked with several children and young adults, knitting her brow and stroking an arm or cheek as she listened to their stories.

Sandra Thijica, a 13-year-old who put on her Sunday best to meet the princess, had her left leg amputated above the knee after a 1994 mine explosion. Diana promised to send her some toys.

### Bus plunges into Nile River, killing 39

CAIRO, Egypt — A crowded public bus veered out of control on a bridge and plunged upside-down into the muddy waters of the Nile River Tuesday, killing at least 39 people and injuring 29 others.

Blood dripped from the bus, turning the water red as rescue workers used a crane to haul the vehicle 115 feet back up onto the concrete bridge.

Thousands of onlookers stood on the bridge and watched rescuers pull bodies from the mud and search the murky waters for more dead.

### Scientists expecting fewer solar eruptions

TORONTO — The sun is entering a quiet period that astronomers believe could mean up to a decade of mild "space weather," with fewer power blackouts, less radio interference and perhaps slightly cooler Earth temperatures.

Scientists at Yale University and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration are predicting that a solar cycle that began last September may be one of the quietest and least violent in more than 400 years, with only a modest number of solar eruptions.

Ken Schatten, a researcher at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., said his prediction is based on an analysis of solar magnetic field measurements gathered by a solar telescope in California.

### Disabled biker makes marathon ride

MOSCOW — American Dave Barr gave his Harley-Davidson motorcycle one last check Tuesday and set off on the longest and most grueling stage of a marathon ride from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean.

The journey across the snowy expanses of Siberia would be a tough prospect even for the most seasoned biker. But Barr's task is even more daunting: He has no legs.

Barr, from Bodfish, Calif., is a Vietnam War veteran and a professional soldier who lost his legs in a mine blast in Angola 15 years ago.

Barr, who began his journey on France's Atlantic coast, expects to reach Russia's Far Eastern port of Vladivostok in early April.

### Official: Man to serve 10 years in China

BEIJING — A U.S. businessman sentenced to 10 years in a Chinese jail for smuggling garbage into China will consider later this week whether to appeal his lawyer said Tuesday.

William Ping Chen, 56, was sentenced Monday by a court in Shanghai for illegally importing 238 tons of trash, including banned household and medical waste, from the United States between July and December 1995.

Chen's lawyer, Yuan Jiyuan, said he will meet Chen, from Oakland, Calif., on Thursday or Friday to discuss a possible appeal.

### Rebels release 35 troops in Tajikistan

DUSHANBE, Tajikistan — Thirty-five government troops captured by rebel forces last fall in eastern Tajikistan were freed Tuesday, a news agency reported.

The troops' release was a condition of a truce signed last month by President Emomali Rakhmonov and the opposition leader Said Abullo Nuri, the Interfax news agency said.

Another 20 government troops still held by the opposition in the eastern town of Garm are to be freed soon, Interfax said, citing unidentified sources.

The government, meanwhile, freed six opposition supporters on Saturday.

### U.N. staffers on lookout for more bombs

UNITED NATIONS — U.N. staffers were warned Tuesday to be on the lookout for any suspicious-looking parcels after the discovery of four letter bombs sent to the U.N. bureau of a South-owned newspaper.

U.N. security and New York City police worked through the night Monday and into Tuesday screening about 80,000 letters and packages with X-ray machines, U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said.

Eckhard said the four bombs were defused by the New York City police bomb squad. He said the bombs were contained in greasy card-sized envelopes and equipped with electrical devices that would detonate the bombs when the letters were opened.

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Section B

## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Wendell board to judge superintendent's job

WENDELL - The Wendell School Board will evaluate Wendell School District Superintendent Larry Maury's performance this year during a closed-door meeting this evening.

The school board will discuss the first year of Maury's three-year contract, but the public won't have access to the evaluations because the district considers the issue a personnel matter and therefore outside the public realm, Maury said. Also during the meeting, the board will discuss the possibility of expelling a student for misbehavior.

Part of the meeting will be open to the public. During the open portion of the meeting, the board will discuss an environmental grant that could be used to install native fishhoon trees, shrubs and a walkway around Wendell High School. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the School District Board Room, 750 E. Main St.

Call 536-2418 for more information.

### Blood drive scheduled 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday

JEROME - The American Red Cross has planned a blood drive for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the Bliss Inn on North Lincoln.

A blood donor must weigh at least 110 pounds, be at least 17 years old and be in general good health.

Appointments are encouraged but not required. To make an appointment, call Janice at 324-4124.

### Hagerman Chamber of Commerce meets Thursday

HAGERMAN - The Hagerman Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly meeting at noon Thursday at the Snake River Grill.

Agenda items include recapping the Jan. 8 annual banquet and planning 1997 chamber events. All chamber members are encouraged to attend.

### Ketchum mayor calls council to special meeting

KETCHUM - Ketchum Mayor Guy P. Coles has called a special meeting for the Ketchum City Council to begin at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at City Hall.

The council will consider a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with CH2M Hill for engineering services for improvements to the Ketchum-Sun Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The council also will discuss a proposal to acquire a 1.133-acre parcel of land adjacent to Trail Creek Condominiums between State Highway 75, Leadville Avenue and Trail Creek for a 35-unit community housing apartment project.

### Sun Valley holds special meeting Thursday

SUN VALLEY - A special meeting of the Sun Valley City Council will be held Thursday at City Hall council chambers.

An executive session concerning personnel and pending litigation regarding an individual and the regular meeting begins at 4 p.m.

In old business, the council will consider a short-ball application filed by Cleary-Reynolds for Lot 7 of June Day Subdivision (postponed from the Dec. 12, 1996, meeting).

Under new business, the council will consider the following:

- The final plat of Back Pay Way Subdivision (Jens property off Fairway Road).
- A recycling presentation by Gary Sivens.
- Dog licensing rules.
- Police salaries and wages.

Upcoming meetings include a Council of Government meeting at noon Friday at the county courthouse in Hailey regarding community planning, a joint Ketchum/Sun Valley council meeting from noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 5 at Ketchum City Hall, a meeting of all cities and county planning and zoning commissions at 6 p.m. Feb. 12 in the courthouse in Hailey, and a regular council meeting at 4 p.m. Feb. 20.

### Blaine board meeting sets public comment session

HAILEY - The Blaine County Board of Commissioners will meet at 8:45 a.m. Monday.

An open session for public comment is first on the agenda. Items for discussion include the Lot 44 Starweather appeal to shift and increase a building envelope; a grant application for Blaine County Waterways; use of the state right of way for Buttercup Road; independent applications; and the Bellevue, Wood River, Fire Protection, Blaine and Blaine County land exchange. A commissioner's discussion ends the morning session.

Items on the afternoon agenda are planning and zoning's vision and plan discussion for the Deerley Ranch. The agenda also includes a workshop south of Bellevue; a general zoning and planning discussion; an open session; and an appeal hearing reconsideration.

Compiled from staff reports.

# Cut water vein leaves hospital dry

**The Times-News**  
TWIN FALLS - Accidental surgery on a city water pipe left Magic Valley Regional Medical Center dry for more than one hour Tuesday afternoon.

At about 4 p.m., trenching equipment struck a six-inch water pipe north of the emergency room, said hospital director of community relations, Morris Smith. A contractor was working on a roof drain for the new medical office building under construction adjacent to the hospital.

When the break occurred, the hospital initiated a plan to conserve water.

That included shutting down toilets, water fountains and water-cooled equipment, such as an accelerator in the cancer center and film developer in the x-ray department.

Portable toilets were ready for use, Smith said. But no surgeries or other procedures were canceled.

Until repairs were completed, the hospital got its water from a fire hydrant outside the area via fire hose, said city engineer Gary Young.

By 5:28 p.m., water pressure was restored and repairs were expected to be completed Tuesday night.

No one was injured at the scene.

# Supporters of jailed woman criticize leaders

**By Sharon Metzcal**  
**Times-News correspondent**

GOODING - During his first day on the job as Gooding County commissioner Monday, Tom Vaughn faced criticism, and what was seen by some as a threat, from supporters of a woman jailed Monday after refusing to cooperate during a court arraignment.

Richard Dahl spoke in defense of Linda Smith, charged with a misdemeanor count of criminal contempt. Smith was jailed Monday night after confronting with Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy during two court appearances Monday.

Dahl, speaking on behalf of Smith's supporters, said commissioners should have released Smith on her own recognizance because of inconsistencies in the original court papers. In addition, he said, the warrant used in her arrest was not in her name.

Smith was released on bond Tuesday. In what was taken by some to be a veiled threat, Dahl asked why police now have to wear bulletproof vests, if not because people coming into the court system leave with chips on their shoulders.

Commissioners were advised that they, and clerk Helen Edwards, stood to be defendants in a federal suit if the Smith issue were not resolved.

Dahl said the people of Idaho are not receiving due process in the courts. He said the county prosecutor should work for the people, not the state, and should be solely involved in prosecuting "criminal matters."

Therefore, a person recently charged with driving without a license could not be prosecuted since it was not a criminal matter.

In other business:

• Jeff Williams, representing Avonmore West, sought commission support for a community development block grant for highway improvements.

Offered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, grants are available to improve infrastructure, in order to help create low- and moderate-income jobs. Williams says business expansion will create another 26 jobs for the Gooding plant.

The commission will have a public hearing on the matter at 1 p.m., during their regularly scheduled meeting Feb. 27.

• Lori Johnson appeared with 150 signatures of residents who oppose the proposed Malad Gorge State Park rest area and changed entrance.

Residents believe the changes would have a negative impact on way of life, and aren't vital to the economy.

Commissioners will review Johnson's objections.

# Water, sinkholes highlight 1996 canal operations

**By William Brock**  
**Times-News writer**

TWIN FALLS - Last year was another good one for the Twin Falls Canal Co. shareholders learned at their annual meeting Tuesday.

For starters, 1996 was a great water year and the company was able to wait until July 5 before expiring storage water from reservoirs, said manager Vince Alberdi. The surfeit of Snake River water also added up to more money from the canal company's hydroelectric ventures.

Even the company trapper had a good year - catching 312 muskrat, 43 beaver, 28 fox and four beaver. The field mouse menace is still a concern, Alberdi said, noting that burrowing animals can threaten the stability of canal banks.

The best news, Alberdi said, is that

assessments will hold steady at \$19.50 per share for the third straight year.

Overall, the canal company's total assets swelled to \$8.98 million - up from \$8.41 million in 1995, said local accountant Jerry Marcantonio. At the same time, total liabilities decreased about \$500,000.

The canal company's subsidiary powerplant at Milner Dam finally broke out of the red in 1996 and generated \$174,000 in profits, Marcantonio said. The Twin Falls Energy Co., which generates electricity on the Lowline Canal south of Hansen, turned \$309,000 in profits, he said.

Perhaps the lowest note of 1996 was a series of sinkholes that opened up during the irrigation season. One chasm, east of Murrington, went down 30 feet

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# Ketchum negotiates land buy for housing project

**By Marty Krouse**  
**Times-News correspondent**

KETCHUM - In a land acquisition deal that may help set the standard for community housing in the Wood River Valley, the city of Ketchum is negotiating the purchase of 1.1 acres of land for affordable apartments near the Ketchum city center.

The proposed project, across Trail Creek from Trail Creek Village between Highway 75 and Leadville Avenue, would include 36 apartment units: 16 one-bedroom, 15 two-bedroom and four three-bedroom units.

Rents will be set, according to Housing and Urban Development practice for affordable housing, at about 30 percent of the monthly income of renters who make between 50 and 60 percent of the area median income. Karl Fulmer, Ketchum's housing coordinator, said that some of these figures come close to the cur-

rent market rate for rent in the area. The project - which is expected to draw criticism from residents who fear the creation of a slum dwelling - will be financed with Low Income Tax Credits.

Fulmer believes that financing method will allow the project to meet or exceed market levels of quality and aesthetics, while charging less for rent. The units are planned to range in size from 600 square feet for a one-bedroom to 1,000 square feet for a three-bedroom unit.

The \$1.2 million land deal will combine \$216,000 from the city of Ketchum, \$288,000 from Pacific Harbor Construction (PHC) of Portland, Ore., and \$696,000 from the Federal HOME Program in the form of a low-interest 40-year loan. Fulmer described the deal as "very creative."

Tuesday, after an engineer's report determined that 9,000 of the approx-

imate 10,000 square feet of the

land would be used for a

parking lot and a

storage area.

The project is expected to

begin construction

next spring.

For more information,

contact Karl Fulmer at



Twin Falls City Engineer Gary Young, left, helps as crews repair a broken water line outside Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Tuesday.

# Board to scrutinize wasted time

**By Liz Wright**  
**Times-News writer**

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls School Board members agreed Tuesday evening to research how much class time is disrupted by well-intentioned, but potentially time-consuming activities.

Their interest in studying the matter was prompted by a request from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to have Twin Falls students participate in a statewide survey on dental health.

Board members reluctantly agreed to allow students' participation in the survey.

Chairman David Sass asked Twin Falls Superintendent Terrell Donicich to have every school principal draft a list of special occasions that take students away from classes.

Upon reading the lists, the Twin Falls School Board may decide to drop some activities to restore class time to appropriate levels, Sass said.

Sass said he respects the intentions behind special school activities, but "there is a real long list of people parading through the schools," some of whom may be taking too much time away from academics, he said.

In other business, district public relations coordinator

# Blaine County nears joint housing authority deal

**By Marty Krouse**  
**Times-News correspondent**

HAILEY - The City of Ketchum and Blaine County came one step closer Tuesday to forming a joint housing authority, as negotiators talked over the finer points of the arrangement.

The agreement is sought to pool city and county resources, and form an autonomous organization to build affordable housing.

According to a proposed budget, Blaine County would be asked to contribute \$25,600. Ketchum has contributed almost \$83,000, including \$11,000 on a countywide housing needs assessment.

Ketchum Housing Coordinator Karl Fulmer said next year's budget could be lower.

Fulmer, who would also step up to become director of the proposed housing authority, said the authority also would be "actively involved in looking for land acquisition in the county," and would propose zoning and land use policy changes.

Blaine County Commissioner Len Harlig expressed concern about how

much work Fulmer could give the authority, while working for the city of Ketchum.

Ketchum City Council member David Hutchinson said regular city and county reviews would enable either party to review the authority's productivity.

Ketchum Mayor Guy Coles said he did not have a problem with Fulmer's work for authority.

"His enthusiasm would be enough for the whole county," Coles said.

Fulmer said the city was willing to cover the county's share of Fulmer's salary for the rest of the 1996-97 budget year.

Newly elected Blaine County Commissioner Dennis Wright questioned the deal.

"The money you're coming in here with you've already taken from your taxpayers, and our money comes partly from your taxpayers," he said.

But Fulmer said that the housing authority could, after time, begin to support itself.

"If we do this," said Coles, "let's do it right."

Representatives from Hailey and Blaine County also were present. Please see BLAINE, Page B3

MAGIC VALLEY

DEATH NOTICES

George Crowser - George TWIN FALLS - George Crowser, 83, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Jan. 13, 1997, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

LaVan G. Henderson - RUPERT - LaVan G. Henderson, 64, of Rupert, died Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1997, at the Mindoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

Sharon Moreland Caviness - TWIN FALLS - Sharon Moreland Caviness, 49, of Florence, Ariz., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 11, 1997, in Arizona.

Alex Smith - TWIN FALLS - Alex Smith, 68, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Jan. 13, 1997, at his home.

Alma Price - TWIN FALLS - Alma Price, 92, of Ogden, Utah, and formerly of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Jan. 14,

1997, at the home of her granddaughter in Ogden.

Lula Elma Wolverson Spencer - RICHFIELD - Lula Elma Wolverson Spencer, 80, of Richfield, died Sunday, Jan. 12, 1997, at the Wood River Care Center in Shoshone.

Clara S. Armstrong, of Jerome, 10 a.m. today, Hove-Roberts Funeral Chapel, Jerome.

Kenneth Elwood Masoner, of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. today, 1st Ward LDS Church, Elizabeth Beyers, of Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Ruby Louisa (Palmer) Matson Durfee, of Twin Falls, 1 p.m. today, Twin Falls 6th Ward LDS Church, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. today at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Bernice "Bonnie" Schaner, of Burley, Mass. of Christian Burial, 2 p.m. - today, St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Rupert. Friends may call one hour before Mass at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Roy Ellis and Verma Marie Raymond, of Twin Falls, memorial service, 4 p.m. today, Roper Auditorium at Twin Falls High School. A reception will follow at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Ave. (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

LDS Church, with Bishop Mark Bowers conducting. Burial will follow at the Richfield Cemetery. Friends may call from 7 to 7:30 p.m. Friday at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel.

Lillian S. Dougherty - FILER - Lillian S. Dougherty, 85, of Filer, died Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1997, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Miguel Angel Conarrumbain (Mike Conarrumbain), of Carey, vigil service, 7 p.m. today, St. Charles Catholic Church, Hailey. Funeral Mass, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, St. Charles Catholic Church. There will also be a gathering of his life at 2 p.m. at the Carey LDS Church, followed by burial at the Carey Cemetery (Wood River Funeral Chapel in Hailey).

Shirley Rae Henry Floyd, of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of Kimberly, 11 a.m. Friday, LDS Chapel on Lincoln-Ammon Road, just south of 17th Street in Idaho Falls. The family will greet friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Wood Funeral Home, 273 North Ridge, Idaho Falls. Interment will follow at approximately 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls.

Dawn Adele Cluff, of Meridian, 11 a.m. Friday, Meridian United Methodist Church (Relief Funeral Chapel in Boise).

Edna Marie Williams, of north Shoshone, 10 a.m. Saturday, Demaray's Shoshone Chapel. Friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral chapel.

SERVICES

Filer School District steers clear of the busing business

By Melinda Gilbert Times-News correspondent

FILER - Filer School District won't go into the busing business anytime soon, School Board members decided in an emergency meeting.

The School Board has deliberated for the past several months on whether to continue contracting out for school bus services, or to purchase and maintain its own fleet.

A Siberian Accenter, which should be in China this time of year, has been flitting around Hailey for the last three weeks.

Internet last week that a Siberian Accenter was in the United States. Since then he has been getting calls from birders nationwide who want to add the rare find to their Life List - a record of the birds they have spotted.

Clark and another Idaho State doctoral student, Lucy Wang, watched the Siberian Accenter for five minutes one morning last week.

Clark posted a notice on the Boise (AP) - Hailey architect Jon Marvel angereed Gov. Phil Batt and likely lost his bid for a state grazing lease in southeastern Idaho by arguing that Republicans are using partisan politics against him.

Marvel later tried to respond directly to another Lance criticism of his case, but Batt intervened.

Marvel then argued that although he would graze livestock on the parcel involved, more than 20,000 acres of other grazing land leased to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and Department of Parks and Recreation is not used for that purpose.

Marvel said that the fact that his group has failed to win a single grazing lease in spite of more than a dozen attempts.

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contract with D&L Bus Co., the district spends about \$68,000 per year out-of-pocket, or 15 percent of the total expense, to bus children to school and extracurricular activities.

If the district were to lease-purchase 15 buses, state reimbursement would include a percentage of the lease/purchase price, but on a 10-year depreciation scale.

Paul Nielson, accountant for the school district, prepared a five-year comparison of projected costs. Although the district could save money the first few years by lease/purchasing buses, "it will be close to a wash by the fifth year," Nielson said.

Board members see-sawed back and forth; in the end, a 3-2 vote decided that Filer would once again contract bus services.

"We've been doing it for 40 some years and we feel we are competitive and never try to gouge the district," Williamson said.

"We're hanging out there with the juncos and finches," she said.

The bird has lived up to the neighborhood birders' hopes by signing a guest book in a bag suspended from a tree. Children are selling hot chocolate.

"We've created a little chaos," she said. "It's been a lot of fun. The most fun is meeting all the people from all over the country."

Bird watchers flock to see Siberian Accenter spotted in Hailey yard

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HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER - Wallace of Rupert. Some names are omitted at patients' request. Admitted: Curma Hamby of Hazelton.

BIRTHS - A baby was born to Angel and Angelica Gastelum of Burley; and Brian and Sherry Sandlian of Heburn.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER - Admitted: Dorothy Nelson, David Pockel and Angelica Gastelum, all of Burley; Laura Fessenden of Rupert; and Sherry Sandlian of Heburn.

BIRTHS - A daughter was born to Shannon and Guillermina Carrasco of Paul; and to George and Diana Ramirez of Rupert.

OBITUARIES

OAKLEY



Mary M. Hunter - Mary Mae Hunter, 80-year-old Oakley resident, died Monday, Jan. 13, 1997, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Tult of Provo, Utah; two sons, David (Joan) Hunter of Hyrum, Utah, and Jerry (Judy) Hunter of Ogden; three stepsons, Robert (Maria) Gray of Layton, Utah, Jay (Carol) Gray of Green River, Wyo., and Kay (John) Gray of Stockton, Utah; one stepdaughter, Sharlene (DeOrn) Spiers of Gault, Calif.; two brothers, Frank Atkinson and Coleman Atkinson of Indianapolis, Ind.; two grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, 1997, at the Oakley LDS Stake Center, with Bishop Ronald Christfield officiating. Burial will follow at the Oakley Cemetery.

TWIN FALLS

Robert R. Geer - Robert Ralph Geer, 83, of Twin Falls, died Saturday evening, Jan. 11, 1997, at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Marion of Twin Falls; sister, June (Paul) Drouba of Rio Verde, Ariz.; brother, Dick Geer of Hagerman; three sons, Robert (Donna Tomah) Geer of Salt Lake City, Utah, James (Susan) Geer of Meridian, and Mac (Lynn Geer) of Twin Falls; five grandchildren, Brendon and Josh Geer, Ryan (Amanda) Alysia, and Kevin (Candice) Geer; one great-grandchild, McKayla Geer.

Following cremation, an open house and wake will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, 1997, at the home of his son, Mac Geer, 777 Monroe St., Twin Falls. Friends of the family are welcome.

KIMBERLY

Patrick C. O'Marra - Patrick C. O'Marra, 67, of Kimberly, died Monday, Jan. 13, 1997, at his home.

He was born Jan. 27, 1929, in Markew, Okla., the son of Patrick and Kathryn Rogers O'Marra. Patrick was married on Sept. 3, 1951, to Barbara S. Savaga in Eko, Nev.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara, at home; two daughters, Connie O'Marra and Sonya; and Kirk Hazen of Twin Falls, Ed Sarah (Kirk) Vawser of American Falls.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

The family suggests memorials be given to the American Diabetes Association, 1528 Vista Ave., Boise, Idaho, 83705.

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# California company buys Twin Falls stations

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - You can still expect to hear oldies, contemporary country music and talk radio after the sale of three Twin Falls stations to a new company.

KEZJ-FM, KLXX-AM and KLDX-FM have been purchased for an undisclosed price by Larigue Multimedia Systems Inc., a newly formed company founded by John Lynch, who lives near San Diego, Calif.

Bob Barron, president of B and B Broadcasting Inc. of Spokane, Wash., said the decision to sell was difficult, but said Lynch has a great reputation as a broadcaster.

Federal Communication Commission approval of the sale is expected within 90 days.

B and B Broadcasting has owned country station KEZJ for nine years and news-talk station KLDX for four years. KLDX-FM, better known as K-96, plays oldies. Barron expects

the new owners to make no changes in formats or staffing.

"They are very pleased with the way the station has been run," Barron said.

The stations employ 12 to 13 full-time employees and about four part-time staff members, said vice-president and general manager, Terry Tarlo.

"I'm real excited about (the sale) and it's a real positive thing," he added.

According to a Seattle rating company, KEZJ is the top station in the Twin Falls and Jerome counties. The Willright Research Corp. conducted the survey between Oct. 19 and Dec. 13.

KEZJ had a 34.1 percent share of the audience during the week between 6 a.m. to midnight among people 12 years and older, Tarlo

said. That means at any given 15-minute period of time, 34.1 percent of the listening audience was tuned to the station. The next competing station had a 15 percent share, he said.

The other two stations had a smaller percentage of the audience's ear, Tarlo said.

"I'm thrilled to be able to make investments in Idaho and specifically in Twin Falls for personal and professional reasons," Lynch said in a news release.

Lynch is a veteran radio broadcaster who owned and managed stations throughout the country, including San Diego, Denver and Boston, according to the release. He also is completing other acquisitions in Idaho for his new company.

B and B Broadcasting still owns seven stations in Oregon and Washington.

*"They are very pleased with the way the station has been run."*

— Bob Barron, president of B and B Broadcasting Inc.

# Feds say WIPP will open in November, despite suits

By Phil Stewart  
States News Service

WASHINGTON - The future home for some of Idaho's nuclear waste will roll out its welcome mat in November, federal officials predicted Tuesday.

That is, of course, if the Department of Energy can withstand legal challenges surrounding the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, its proposed permanent burial ground for the nation's plutonium-contaminated trash.

"I believe that we can overcome reasonable challenges to opening the site," outgoing Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary said during a telephone interview. "I am absolutely certain WIPP will open in November."

The Idaho National Engineering Laboratory stores about 2.3 million cubic feet of plutonium-contaminated waste at its 890-square-mile site.

The Energy Department has long planned to move the INEL's plutonium-contaminated waste to WIPP, outside Carlsbad, N.M. But the project still faces legal

challenges which could cause significant delay in its opening.

New Mexico Attorney General Tom Udall, joined by a number of environmental groups, has sued EPA over its environmental assessment of the site.

A public hearing on a supplemental environmental impact statement for WIPP will be held today in Boise. Other hearings will be held in New Mexico and at other sites along the transportation route.

Once the site opens, 9,000 truckloads of the INEL's waste will head down Idaho's Interstate 84 to New Mexico. Another 17,000 truckloads from the Hanford nuclear reservation in Washington state will be trucked through Idaho.

But Idahoans anxious to rid their state of radioactive waste have had their hopes crushed before November is just the latest of a number of slated WIPP openings.

Since 1983, the site's inauguration has been repeatedly delayed because the Energy Department could not prove to EPA and the public that WIPP was safe.

*"I believe that we can overcome reasonable challenges to opening the site."*

— Hazel O'Leary, outgoing Energy Secretary

# Board grants extension on Declo school

## Winter weather hinders building headway

By Lori Battineski  
Times-News writer

DECLO - The challenges of building an 85,000-square-foot high school in the dead of winter were evident Tuesday as construction crews worked inside a plastic tent.

The 30-foot high tent, which has blown down four times in the past few weeks, surrounds the area where the new Declo High School is being built. The tent creates a shelter inside for workers; heaters keep the ground below from freezing.

"We have all the men working on this that we can handle right now with these temperatures," said project superintendent Russell Lyday.

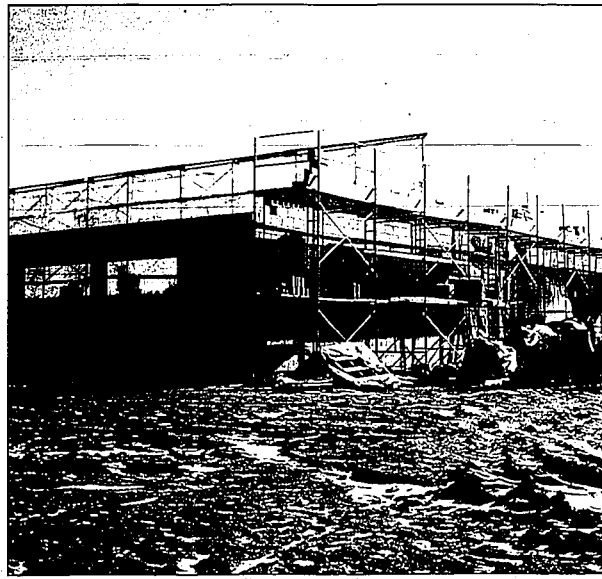
Rain showers, snowstorms and freezing temperatures have slowed construction on the new school, and delayed the completion date by one month. The Cassia County School Board Tuesday night granted a 30-day extension to Bateman-Hall Construction. The new completion date is Sept. 15.

"We're still hoping that if everything works out, it will be finished in August," said Superintendent Thomas Morley. "The weather is just something we'll have to work with here."

Severe rainstorms forced crews to pump water out of the building site for three straight days, said Mitch Bausman, owner's representative for the school district. But only minor damage resulted.

As general contractor, Bateman-Hall Construction will continue to oversee the work of masons, carpenters, plumbers, electricians and concrete workers.

Depending on weather, Bausman said classrooms will be ready for students by August. The rest of the school will be



A 30-foot high plastic tent with heaters inside has enabled crews to continue working on the new Declo High School this week despite freezing temperatures. Until the roof is built, the tent will be used through winter.

complete by Dec. 20. Construction on a new school in Oakley remains slightly ahead of schedule because crews were able to get the roof in place before winter conditions set in. The school's completion date is Jan. 15.

Other than a few wind gusts, Bausman said construction has proceeded without any major problems.

"We're moving right along," Bausman said. "After we get the walls finished, we'll start putting the sheetrock in."

Under the direction of general contractor J Bar S Construction,

crews have nearly finished installing the walls and are arranging plumbing and electrical work inside.

School officials expect plans back from the state early next week for the new Burley High School. Plans were sent to the state for review Dec. 20.

Voters last March approved a \$21.9 million bond to pay for three new high schools, plus additions at Raft River High School, a vocational agriculture building at Burley High School, a regional technology center for the district and a multi-purpose room at Declo High School.

Bausman said plans are under way for the Raft River High School additions and the multi-purpose room at Declo High School. Bids will likely

open for the projects within a month.

District officials have decided to solicit bids for the Declo multipurpose building and the Burley High School vocational agriculture building separately. The decision is a change from their initial plans.

To date, the district has stayed "at budget" with all construction projects, Bausman said.

"Every day we're keeping costs in mind and making sure the community is getting its dollars worth," he said.

Cassia County taxpayers made the first payment toward the bond last month. Property taxes increased \$1.50 for every \$1,000 in assessed market value to help finance the projects.

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# Board

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Considers director Linda Baird recommended that the board consider a \$5,000 to \$8,000 proposal to delve more deeply into the public's concerns about education in the Twin Falls School District.

Board members Vera Redman and Calvin Lamborn said they don't like the idea of paying people to participate in the survey, when so many people volunteer their time on various committees for the district. Baird said that when participants are paid, surveys tend to produce results that

are more reflective of the general public.

A survey performed last year showed that while 64 percent of respondents felt the district was doing a good job of educating children, only 41 percent said the district was adequately preparing children for college and only 29 percent felt the district was doing a good job in preparing students for the workforce, Baird said.

"There is some disparity in that information and we need to go out in the community and find out why," Baird said.

Baird suggested the board approve a plan which includes five focus groups of 10 to 12 people, and a trained facilitator, with every group being videotaped to study which topics spring up naturally among the participants and which topics are encouraged by the facilitator.

Also in other business, Donich said the district will pay \$4,500 to install fire-alarm speakers in classrooms at Oregon Trail Elementary School. The contractors and subcontractors will compensate the district for other

problems, which have taken a year to fix.

The district also will seek compensation from whomever is to blame for the problems with Twin Falls High School gymnasium's fire-alarm system, Donich said.

Also, the board heard briefly about bid opening dates to wire the entire school district for computer capability, a plan that is estimated to cost about \$480,000. It is the second phase of a strategy to bring the district up to speed technologically.

# Housing

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market price of about \$30 per square foot, will be purchased in part with Low Income Housing Credits, which Fulmer said PHC has had past success in acquiring.

A partnership between the upcoming Ketchum/Blaine County Housing Authority and PHC will be arranged to finance the project and manage the property, and the two entities will divide the project's cash flow, with the authority expected to receive an estimated \$500 per month, Fulmer said.

company is midway through a campaign to outfit ditchriders with company-owned trucks, Alberdi said. In addition to making the job more attractive, the fleet of new trucks will give the company a sharper, more professional image, he said.

"There seems to be a lot of pride at the canal company these days and I think it's merited," said local attorney John Rosholt, whose firm represents the canal company.

# Canal

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and required a colossal amount of gravel and bentonite to repair. Another big sinkhole was detected south of Kimberly.

The canal company added 10 more settling ponds in 1996, bringing its total to 30, Alberdi said. Settling ponds capture dirt from irrigation returns before the water is routed back to the Snake.

# Blaine

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Bellevue voiced their concerns about the proposal, Bellevue City Clerk James Horont asked whether the authority could give her city.

Fulmer said he would be willing to work with other cities to work on housing issues.

Haley junior Carl Hjelm said he encouraged construction within cities, to cut down on traffic problems and comply with the county comprehensive plan, which encourages the preserva-

tion of rural open spaces.

With a large land acquisition deal hanging in the balance, Ketchum city representatives were eager to see the agreement reached.

The purchase of 1.1 acres of land by the city of Ketchum and Pacific Harbor Construction of Portland, Ore., will rely on forming a limited partnership with the housing authority in time for a Feb. 3 tax credit application deadline.

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MAGIC VALLEY

# Hagerman gives OK for Windes to upgrade school computer system

By Gina Mulder  
Times-News correspondent

**HAGERMAN** — Robin Windes may be remembered as the person responsible for escorting the Hagerman school district into "cyberspace age."

The Hagerman School Board Monday night authorized Windes to pursue her proposals to upgrade the school district's computer technology and ready the schools for Internet connection.

Windes, a sixth-grade teacher at Hagerman Elementary School, recently secured two grants totaling \$50,886 to finance the project.

The school received a \$27,486 Idaho Public Utilities Commission grant from US West Communications for the software and hardware needed for Internet hookup and computer networking.

Outlined in Windes' preliminary budget were plans to install cables in each classroom — kindergarten through sixth grade — to accommodate future audio

and visual equipment, a telecommunications system and five computer terminal ports.

The Idaho Technology Fund provided a \$33,400 grant to finance training, service contracts, software needs and computerizing of the high school's library. Windes also plans to purchase as many new computers as the budget will allow.

Superintendent Ron Worrel said it has always been a goal of the School Board to upgrade the computer system. However, past budget constraints prevented those goals from becoming reality.

"There was never enough money to accomplish our goal of updating our equipment," Worrel said. "Now with this windfall from US West, we're no longer in the position of piecemealing together a system over time. We can do all

the work at one time and be in a better position to keep up with the changing technology."

Windes added, "It is so important for the kids to be able to have resources like the Internet available to them. It will be such a source of information, well beyond what is available at the tiny library in Hagerman."

— Ron Worrel, superintendent

In other School Board news Monday:

- The Hagerman Parent/Teacher Volunteers recently were awarded a \$4,000 grant from the Idaho Community Foundation in Boise to purchase the Accelerated Reader program for grades kindergarten through eight.

The motivational reading program will dovetail text and computers to improve reading practices and comprehension.

# Stranded team camps in Hansen school.

By Margaret Jones  
Times-News correspondent

**HANSEN** — Sixty Dietrich basketball team members and patrons stayed at the "Hansen Hilton" Saturday night. Bob Wayment told the Hansen City Council.

Twenty Hansen families donated sleeping bags and blankets for the storm-marooned Dietrich residents to stay in the Hansen school. Junior high teacher Valeria Worden stayed up until 4 a.m. baking cinnamon rolls to feed the group before it left for home Sunday morning, Wayment said.

Wayment, Hansen recreation director and school maintenance supervisor, told the City Council Monday night that many towns are using pitching machines for the younger groups in their little league programs. He asked for the council's opinion on purchasing machines, and the group decided to meet with players

parents to get comments on the machines' value.

Wayment said players' fees need to be raised from \$15 to \$20 to cover increases in insurance and other expenses.

He also said residents had expressed interest in forming soccer teams. Wayment said he needed people willing to work with a soccer program.

In other Hansen city business Monday:

- The council granted a five-year special-use permit to the school for a modular classroom to ease first-grade overcrowding. The new unit will be used for the Title One students, the speech therapist and the elementary counselor. This will free up a room in the elementary building for an additional first grade.

- The council voted to purchase an infrared heat sensor for the fire department. This equipment will identify hot spots hidden in walls or other areas without tearing out the walls, and will reduce the return calls the fire

department receives when fire moves to hidden areas.

- The council also voted to send four firefighters to a training session in Burley and to obtain tire chains for the fire trucks.

- Fire Chief John Hinton said the department has a fire hose washer and a hose dryer for sale.

- Mayor Joe Ratto said the city received a \$940 check from Operations Maintenance International for money that was not needed for wastewater plant repair under the city's 1996 contract with OMI.

- Brad Baily told the city that the Baily Garage property will be sold and gave the city a chance to consider buying it, as it is adjacent to city property. The council will look at the property.

- Liquor licenses for Daw's Market, the Corner Convenience Store, South Hills Saloon and the Town Tavern were renewed, and US West received permission for excavation for Wilbur-Ellis' phone service.

# Ketchum to hire full plan consultant

By Marly Krouse  
Times-News correspondent

**KETCHUM** — The city of Ketchum announced plans to make a final selection Friday in the search for a consultant to assist in an 18-month revision of Ketchum's comprehensive plan.


Two proposals have been chosen for final consideration. The mayor, City Council members and city planners on Friday will interview Lee Nellis, a planning consultant from Pocatello, and JUB Engineers, out of Boise.

Planning Administrator Lisa Majdiak would not comment on the contents of either proposal, but said she was confident about their quality. She added that relatively few proposals were submitted.

"I was a little surprised we didn't get more," Majdiak said.

Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commissioner Robert Fallowfield said he hopes the public will become actively involved in the development of the new comprehensive plan, as well as in other city planning and zoning matters.

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## IDAHO IN BRIEF

### Ex-coach gets probation after prison time

**BLACKFOOT** — After six months in a state prison boot camp for the sexual battery of two teenage girls, former Blackfoot High School football coach Kenneth Mack has been released on six years of probation.

But 7th District Judge Gregory Anderson set several stringent conditions on Mack's release Monday. One requires him to be in the company of another adult any time he is in a public place frequented by children — including parks, recreation areas and schools.

Mack, 34, pleaded guilty last July to one felony count of sexual battery of a minor for trying to engage in sexual relations with two Blackfoot High School cheerleaders. The father of four has spent the last six months at the Northern Idaho Correction Facility in Cottonwood, where inmates receive counseling for psychological and substance abuse problems.

### Superintendent calls for police protection

**RIRIE** — The superintendent of the Ririe School District, L. Dean Birch, called for police protection at the school board meeting Monday night.

With a Bonneville County sheriff's deputy on hand to watch a standing-room only crowd, nothing happened but the incident points up how heated feelings have become over suspended principal Nikki Miller.

In November, Miller, principal at Ririe Elementary School, was placed on administrative leave on Birch's recommendation. Board members allege she violated procedures for conducting the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills. Parsons and some teachers support Miller. Birch has been acting as principal in Miller's absence.

Seventh District Judge Ted Wood granted temporary restraining orders against the board last month preventing it from holding a dismissal hearing for Miller. A hearing on the legal battle will be Feb. 5.

### Man pleads innocent to killing his wife

**WALLACE** — A Shoshone County man has pleaded innocent to first-degree murder of his wife last November.

John Whipple, 45, of Wallace returned to the county jail after entering the plea on Monday before 1st District Judge Craig Kosenen. He is being held without bond for the Nov. 18 slaying of his wife, Deborah, 46.

Prosecutor John Cossel said he would decide by Feb. 15 whether to seek the death penalty if Whipple is convicted. A trial date has yet to be set.

### Town-residents told to move mobile homes

**RATHDRUM** — The Rathdrum Public Works Department has sent notices to 38 households to move their mobile homes by the end of June because of a potential flood threat.

Toni White, a resident of the Willow Creek mobile home park, said she does not understand why the city is forcing her to move. But building official Glenn Miller said the pressure is coming from the federal government.

White received her notice from Miller's office Saturday. "Your home lies in the floodway and will have to be moved," the letter states.

### Students may face 30% hike over 3 years

**BOISE** — Boise State University tuition could increase at least 30 percent over the next three years as the college looks for ways to keep pace with growth in tight budget times.

"We anticipate very little wiggle room," BSU President Charles Ruch said Monday in his annual State of the University address.

If the trend continues, Boise State's tuition will have nearly doubled between 1990 and 2000. Tuition now is \$897 a semester, the highest of Idaho's public universities and colleges. That price does not include health insurance. At Boise State, that costs \$155 a semester.

If costs are increased 10 percent a year, students by 2000 would pay nearly \$1,200 a semester, not including insurance.

### New sheriff promptly fires 2 lieutenants

**MOSCOW** — Jeff Couch, Latah County's new sheriff, was sworn into office Monday morning and promptly made good on a promise to fire his predecessor's two lieutenants.

Vern Moses and Tom Idol, who served under the administration of previous Sheriff Joe Overstreet, said they received a termination letter within an hour of Couch taking office. Both men attended the swearing-in ceremony, as did Overstreet.

Monday's turnover at the sheriff's department came on the day a jury was selected in a civil suit filed by former Latah County sheriff's Deputy Charles Whitley against the county.

### School board to decide if Mather keeps job

**COEUR D'ALENE** — The school board is expected to vote this week whether to extend or cut short the career of a teacher cleared of sexual charges.

Superintendent Doug Cresswell said he will meet with the district's legal counsel later this week and then bring a recommendation to the board about the status of Paul Mather, a Canfield Middle School teacher and baseball coach at Coeur d'Alene High School.

A Kootenai County jury acquitted Mather, 49, of two charges of sexual abuse of a child. Five students or former students accused Mather of hugging and touching them inappropriately this spring.

Mather, who was taught in Coeur d'Alene since 1987, was suspended in June and remains on suspension with pay.

Compiled from wire reports

# Globe to return crime scene photos

**BOULDER, Colo. (AP)** — A supermarket raid that published crime-scene photos in the JonBenet Ramsey strangling agreed Tuesday to return them to Boulder County officials, the tabloid's attorney said.

Mike Kahane, attorney for The Globe, said that Boulder County officials pledged to drop a request for a court order blocking further publication of the photos, and to drop its civil lawsuit against The Globe.

Boulder officials could not be immediately reached for comment.

Kahane said that also under the agreement, "we deny all wrongdoing, we deny all liability," but The Globe reserves the right to republish any of the five photos that appeared in the tabloid Monday and to publish any material it obtains in the future. Two other crime-scene photos obtained by The Globe but not published will be returned to Boulder County, he said.

The Monday edition of The Globe, a 1.3-million circulation weekly based in Boca Raton, Fla., contained five crime-scene photos — one used twice. They show a garage — a cord-wrapped stick that might have been used to strangle JonBenet — and a rope around one of her wrists.

District Judge Roxanne Bailin



John Kareski, owner of Johnny's Newsstand in Denver, holds the latest issue of The Globe, a weekly tabloid, which contains autopsy and crime scene photos from the murder investigation of JonBenet Ramsey.

was asked Monday by Boulder County officials to stop The Globe from publishing more crime-scene photos. Globe Editor Tony Frost had said he might run more photos next week to illustrate a followup story on the JonBenet slaying, and he

announced Tuesday The Globe plans to match the Ramseys' \$50,000 reward for information leading to arrests in the case.

The Boulder County sheriff's office continued its investigation Tuesday into how The Globe obtained the photos, which the Rocky Mountain News reported the tabloid purchased for \$5,000.

Sheriff George Epp said six people — employees of the coroner's office and from the photo lab that processed the crime-scene photos — have been administered polygraph tests and more tests are scheduled. Authorities said whoever leaked the photos could face better charges.

JonBenet, a former National Title Miss Beauty, was found a dead Dec. 26, eight hours after her mother called 911 to report she had found a ransom note and her daughter was missing. Her father found her body in the basement of their Beverly Hills home.

Police said the 6-year-old was strangled but would not confirm reports she was sexually assaulted and her skull fractured. JonBenet's parents, John and Patricia Ramsey, have asked to their private investigators team a former FBI agent who has the inspiration for an investigator in "The Silence of the Lambs" — John Douglas, former head of the

FBI's behavioral science unit. Earlier, the Ramseys each hired an attorney; private investigators and a spokesman, Pat Kortzen.

Kortzen declined to say what Douglas' role in the investigation will be, but said his findings will be shared with police.

"Our folks have been in close to daily contact with police," Kortzen said. "If we turn up any information we believe could be useful, we'll share it with them."

He said the Ramseys' attorneys already have shared information with investigators.

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## INS hiring 2,000 more to protect Southwest border

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — With a record \$3.1 billion budget, the nation's immigration service is allocating \$400 million in new money to deter illegal crossings along the Southwest border and remove undocumented aliens from the country's interior.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service is using part of the extra money provided by Congress to hire 2,000 new personnel — including 1,000 new Border Patrol agents and 350 inspectors at land border crossings and airports.

"Our first priority remains to secure the border," INS Commissioner Doris Meissner told a news conference Tuesday.

California will gain 506 of the new agents, inspectors and support personnel, followed by Texas with 473, Arizona with 224, New Mexico with 98 and New York

with 62. "We are continuing to concentrate these agents in the highest illegal immigration corridors," Meissner said.

One chronically underfunded, INS has seen its fortunes improve dramatically in recent years while other federal agencies have had to scale back. The budget for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1 is more than double the \$1.5 billion received at the start of the Clinton administration in 1993.

"Our borders have been greatly strengthened with more personnel and better technology, work-place enforcement has gotten tougher, and a record number of criminal aliens have been deported," President Clinton said in a statement. "Today's announcement represents continuing wise management of the additional resources requested by me and provided by the Congress."

## LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press

**Introduced in House**  
HB81 (Human Resources) — Allows companies to adopt drug and alcohol testing policies and receive 5 percent discount in workers compensation premiums for four years.  
HB82 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Holds person charged with a crime responsible for his or her crime even if they were intoxicated or under the influence of drugs at time of the crime.  
HB83 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Provides state with authority to appeal decisions rendered by juvenile court.

HB84 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Allows court to order criminal defendant to pay Victim's Compensation Fund for money the fund has paid to

crime victims.  
HB85 (Taylor) — Provides that only the state will issue licenses or restrictions on electrical contractors and journeymen electricians.  
HB86 (Hornbeck) — Allows beer and wine licensees to cater beer or wine at events serving beer or wine under same conditions as liquor licensees.

**Introduced in Senate**  
SCR101 (Judiciary and Rules) — Proposes amendment to Joint Rules of Senate and House to require proposed amendments to Idaho Constitution to be introduced on or before 56th day of a session.  
SB101 (Whitworth, Dunklin, McLaughlin, Stennett, Sweeney) — Increases state minimum wage from \$3.35 per hour to \$4.75 on April 1 and to \$5.15 per hour on Sept. 1, 1997.

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# Tragedy strikes as avalanche kills trio of campers in Utah

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — A trio of experienced backcountry campers were killed when their tent was crushed beneath an avalanche in the wind-swept mountains southeast of Logan.

Officials said they are not sure when the slide tumbled down Rameback Ridge. The men were found inside their sleeping bags in their crushed tent beneath four to six feet of snow.

"It looks like they never knew what hit them," said Cache County sheriff's Chief Deputy Mike Saunders.

The trio had apparently been waiting out weekend blizzard conditions that included howling winds and wind-chill temperatures of 50 below zero.

## Inmates wield weights during Utah jail break

MOAB, Utah (AP) — A 17-year-old jail escapee was captured late Monday but another youth remains at large after allegedly using fire weights on break out a brick wall of the Grand County Jail.

Authorities said 17-year-old Christopher Robert Gomez was captured last night walking the streets of Moab while still dressed in his orange prison jumpsuit.

He had endured two days of wet weather and temperatures that dipped into the 20s.

Still at large Tuesday was Daniel Frederick Matthews Jr., an 18-year-old Austin, Texas, man who had been jailed for criminal interference.

Sheriff's deputies have arrested four of the five men who broke out Saturday.

Gomez, of Van Zandt, Texas, is juvenile certified as an adult. He had been jailed on charges of kidnapping and attempted assault with a gun. He was charged in the hijacking of a German tourist's mobile home last year.

All three men were experienced backcountry skiers and campers and were well-equipped for the weather.

"They were not babes in the woods," Stauffer said.

"Indications are that this was a tragic, unavoidable winter accident which even experienced winter mountaineers could not have anticipated," said sheriff's Capt. Robert DeGasser in a prepared statement.

The dead were identified as Keith Maas, 36, a Crete, Neb., nurse and Logan resident, and Karl Mueggler, 29, and Max Lerner, 38, both Cache Valley residents who had been teaching outdoor survival skills in California.

Chris Gaddis, a member of the Backcountry Emergency Response Team that helped recover the bodies late Monday night, said Maas was an "amazing, ultimate athlete" and expert kayaker, skier and climber.

The trio had left for the area of Little Big Mountain, in the Dry Canyon Drainage five miles southeast of Logan, Saturday. They planned to camp Saturday and Sunday nights, and return Monday.

Logan is 50 miles north of Salt Lake City.

DeGasser said the sheriff's office was notified Monday at 6:30 p.m. MST by family mem-

bers when the men did not come home.

Meantime, snowmobilers Monday afternoon spotted slide debris in the area where the men were known to have camped.

Searchers located the bodies partially because one of the victims was wearing an electronic emergency locating beacon.

The tent had been swept downhill by the avalanche, according to a news release. DeGasser said the men apparently died from "trauma and suffocation."

Tim Vitale, a longtime friend of Maas, said the men were in their element.

"Those guys could handle it," he said. "They've been there before."

Last summer, Maas and Lyon climbed Alaska's Mount Huntington — the 12,240-foot pyramid-shaped mountain in the shadow of Mount McKinley. Its west face is considered one of the 50 classic climbs in North America.

Vitale described Maas as an exceptional athlete.

"He was an animal," he said. "And you know what, Max was exactly like him."

Vitale said Maas was level-headed in an emergency.

"He was someone you could count on to do the right thing," he said.

# No one hurt after airliner slips off taxiway

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Delta airliner slid or was driven off an airport taxiway after landing during a snowstorm Tuesday.

There were no injuries and all 44 passengers and five crew members deplaned safely.

The occupants of Flight 1144 from Kansas City were taken to the terminal in buses, said Delta spokesman Todd Clay.

"When it landed it was taxiing to the terminal, and because there are a couple of inches of

snow out there, one tire of the main landing gear and (one from) the nose gear slid off the taxiway," Clay said.

But Clay later said Delta operations personnel at the scene said the twin-engine MD-90 didn't skid off the tarmac at Salt Lake City International Airport, "but merely slipped off the edge of the taxiway."

"I think it's a fair assumption that with 2 inches of snow on the ground, both the taxiway and the

dirt or grass around it were hard to distinguish," Clay said.

After the passengers deplaned, Delta crews prepared to pull the plane back on the taxiway with motorized tugs and chains, Clay said.

Clay said the plane was not damaged and stressed it was not traveling at excessive speed.

A hail of moisture settled over the Salt Lake Valley early Tuesday, dumping about 3 inches of wet snow.

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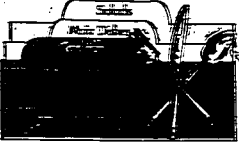
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Section C



## Zesty salmon burgers tempt palate

By Denise Turner  
Times-News Staff

**TWIN FALLS**—In response to a reader request, here's a recipe for Zesty Salmon Burgers from Bonnie, from Oaxaca, Redfield of Denver.

- STEVES**  
**PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICH**
- 2 cups sugar
  - 1/2 cup water
  - 1 1/2 cups light corn syrup
  - 2 cups salted butter
  - 2 1/2 cups peanut butter
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla
  - 2 teaspoons baking soda

Mix peanuts, peanut butter and vanilla together in a medium bowl.  
Combine sugar and water in heavy saucepan and bring mixture to a boil over high heat, stirring all the while; spoon hot syrup up the sides of kettle to keep sugar crystals washed down.

Stir in corn syrup, cook to hard crack stage, 280 to 300 degrees. Remove syrup from heat at once, stir in peanut butter mixture. Stir in salted puree onto a buttered cookie sheet and quickly spread with a fork. Cool and break into pieces. Yield: About 5 pounds.

Note: 280 to 300 degrees is far sea-level temperature. In Denver, 280 degrees for 4,200-foot elevation. In addition, it boils the peanut butter, peanuts and vanilla won't enough float hard on butter of pan) to make spreading easy. Warning: cookie sheet will also make spreading easier.

Here's a recipe for salmon burgers from the magazine. They're from Barbara Witt's new book, "Pan-Asian Express" (Sensory Books, \$14.95), an accessible collection of recipes that are clever, but not complicated. For those times the time is short, the ingredients are spread with honey mustard or you can spike mayonnaise with some wasabi for a little heat. Serve with spicy sriracha sauce, or a mild mayonnaise with fresh dill.

- SEMI-ORANGE SALMON BURGERS**
- 4 servings
  - 3 1/4 pounds boneless, skinless salmon
  - 1 teaspoon ground orange zest, or 2 drops pure orange oil
  - 2 tablespoons minced scallions, with some of the juice
  - 1 teaspoon garlic and ground fresh ginger, with juice
  - 2 teaspoons soy sauce
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1/4 teaspoon oil
  - 2 tablespoons cornstarch
  - 1 tablespoon sesame seeds
  - 1 tablespoon light sesame oil or peanut oil
  - 4 scallions, sliced
  - 1 bunch scallions, cleaned and minced

Mince the salmon with a very sharp knife to simulate coarsely ground beef, or pulse briefly in a food processor. Mix in the orange zest, scallions, ginger, soy sauce and light sesame oil. Sprinkle from the salmon into a bowl. Stir the cornstarch onto a plate. Spread the sesame seeds over it. Press each ball against in the coating, lightly pressing it in. Gently flatten the balls into patties.

Put the light sesame oil in a nonstick skillet over medium-high heat, and when the pan is hot, sear the burgers on both sides. Lower the heat slightly and cook patties about 3 minutes on each side. Make a nest of scallions on each bun half and set the burgers on top.

Per serving: 420 calories, 34 gm protein, 25 gm carbohydrates, 16 gm fat, 76 mg cholesterol, 2 gm saturated fat, 549 mg sodium.

**Requests**  
Lucille Wilmore of Mendell writes, "I was in Magic Valley Regional Hospital over Thanksgiving, and my holiday dinner had a cannybell Jell-O salad which was delicious. (It was in my cannybell Jell-O and a creamy dressing. I would like anyone here the recipe? I would sure appreciate it. I might still have all of the dinner was delicious."  
A reader is looking for a recipe for scotch egg. Please.

Recipes to share or requests for recipes to share should be sent to Denise Turner, Food Editor, The Times-News, P.O. Box 549, Twin Falls, Idaho 83421-0549. Please include your address and phone number.

# Guilt-free decadent desserts

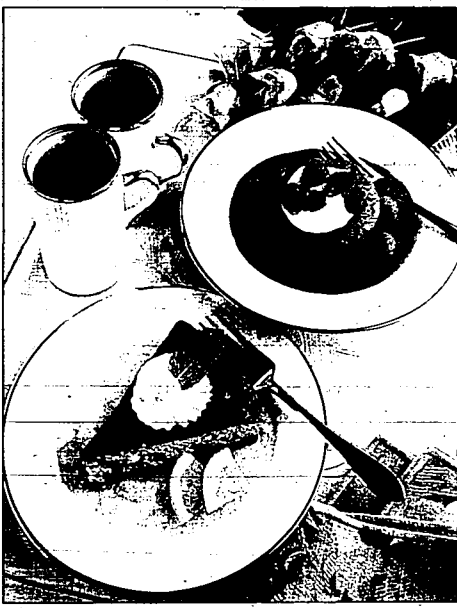
Everyone loves desserts. Even the most health-conscious people crave those satisfying sweet indulgences. Yet, if we listen and obey our natural cravings by indulging in a decadent treat, many of us feel guilty for "cheating" on our otherwise healthy diet. If this sounds all too familiar, take heart. There is a way to have your sweets, good health and none of the guilt.

So, how do we fill this penchant for comforting, satisfying sweets without tipping the scales? The secret is using a diet's plum-based puree in place of some of the shortening, butter or oil in your cakes, cookies or baked goods recipes. Dried plums (prunes) are an especially good fat substitute because they mimic fat characteristics that enhance flavor and keep baked goods moist and tender. The result? Reduced fat or low fat desserts with satisfyingly, heavenly flavor and a moist, tender texture that's often preferred by kids and adults alike.

Dried plums (prune) puree is also simple to use. Whether you're baking from scratch or using a packaged mix, the puree can easily be substituted in any of your favorite recipes ranging from muffins, scones or quickbreads to cakes and cookies.

To replace the butter, margarine or oil in your baked goods, use this simple formula: when pruning the fat use only 1/2 the butter or oil from the original recipe. Replace the amount removed with 1/2 measure of prune puree. For example, if the recipe calls for 1 cup butter, use 1/2 cup butter and replace the second 1/2 cup of butter with 1/4 cup of prune puree. If you want even skinier baked goods, try removing the butter or oil, replacing the amount removed with roughly 1/2 as much prune puree. For example, if the recipe calls for 1 cup of butter, remove 2/3 cup butter and replace it with 1/3 cups prune puree.

Of course, tasting is believing. For your next family get-together or special occasion dinner, try one of the following dessert recipes. Your family and friends will am believe these to-be-for desserts are reduced fat or low fat. (In fact, don't tell them until after there's nothing left but crumbs and watch their surprised



Walnut Cake with Orange Sauce entices even the most selective dessert connoisseur with its tangy flavor.

(Pictured)  
Walnut Cake  
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup prune puree or prepared fruit puree\*

reaction! Make this the year you resolve to have your cake and eat it too - you and your family and friends will be amazed at how simple pruning the fat for guilt-free eating can be.

**WALNUT CAKE WITH ORANGE SAUCE**

## Making magic à la Dutch oven style



During the winter, golf pro John Peterson leaves the driving range and finds success over his kitchen range.

## Local golf pro swings a mean ladle

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME**—Jon Peterson, a golf pro at the Jerome Country Club, has a hidden talent. He does Dutch oven cooking for friends and neighbors, often feeding large crowds, both indoors and out.

At the Peterson home, there is a kitchen where the everyday cooking is done and there is the back porch where Peterson has his Dutch oven and other outdoor cooking appliances set up.

At Thanksgiving he made a prime rib in the Dutch oven, and his family gathered on the porch in the wind to watch. Just before Christmas, he treated a large group of friends to an outdoor Dutch-oven dinner in the South Hills.

As a golf pro, Peterson works a lot in the summer but is generally idle in the winter. His wife, Syd, works a lot in the winter and is basically idle in the summer. She comes home after work these blustery winter days and asks, "What's for dinner, dear?" He gets to ask that question in the summer.

Five years ago, Peterson took a class on Dutch Oven Cookery at the College of Southern Idaho.

He enjoyed it so much he bought the cookbooks, the Dutch oven and outdoor cooking equipment. Recently, he bought a book about herbs and spices so he could understand what spices go well together and which do not.

### LAMB IN BEER

- Serves 4 to 6  
3 1/2 pounds lamb  
2 tablespoons cooking oil  
12 ounces beer  
1 cup chopped onion  
1 cup chopped carrot  
1 cup chopped celery  
1/2 cup tomato paste  
1 clove minced garlic  
1 bay leaf  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon pepper  
Noodles  
Shredded parsley  
Cut lamb into bite-sized pieces. Brown in oil and drain. Mix beer, onions, carrots, celery, tomato sauce, garlic, bay leaf, salt and pepper. Pour over lamb. Cook at 350 degrees until tender, about 1 1/2 hours. Remove lamb and vegetables from the liquid. Arrange lamb and veggies over noodles on a hot platter. Remove bay leaf from the liquid tomato mixture and discard. Skin off the excess fat then boil the mixture uncovered for 5 to 7 minutes. Season to

taste. Spoon over the lamb and veggies. Sprinkle with parsley.  
This can be done outside with coals or indoors in the oven. It is time-consuming, but well worth the wait. Chalkier and quail are also excellent with this recipe.

### COINTREAU PHEASANT

- 1 pheasant  
1 1/2 pounds unsalted butter  
1/2 Spanish onion, chopped  
1 clove garlic  
4 tablespoons butter  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
4 tart green apples  
1/2 cup cream cheese  
1 1/4 cup cream  
Salt and pepper  
Dice bacon and sauté with onion and garlic in butter and oil in a Dutch Oven until golden brown. Cut pheasant into bite-sized pieces, brown in fats and remove. Peel and slice the apples thickly. Sauté in remaining fat. Pour cointreau in then remove apples. Skim fat from the pan juices and return to casserole. Surround with apples slices, bacon bits, onion and garlic then cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Stir in cream. Add salt and pepper to taste and finish cooking at 275 degrees, long and slow.

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## Selecting the perfect caviar for that special occasion

Question: I'm trying to learn about caviar. Quality, variety, shelf life, how to serve it. Can you fill me in?

—Jackie Wesolowski, Borington, Ill.

A: Caviar is an indulgence, but it's worth it, particularly for a special occasion. These salted fish eggs, or roe, are beautiful, elegant and delicious. Caviar is salty, but the salt shouldn't be overwhelming; caviar can also be fruity, nutty, spicy and/or tangy and it should always taste of the sea.

The best caviar is considered to be beluga, the roe of the beluga sturgeon from the Caspian Sea. It is also the most expensive. Beluga caviar is known for its large eggs, delicate flavor and its color, which ranges from pale gray to black.  
Osetra and sevruga also come from Caspian Sea sturgeons; they are both



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excellent and are preferred to beluga by some aficionados.  
These three types of caviar can all be called "malossol," which means they are preserved with little salt.  
Less expensive options include American sturgeon, from the paddlefish, which can be very good. Pressed caviar, a mixture of damaged or broken eggs, has an intense flavor that is something of an acquired taste. Salmon caviar, with its large, orange eggs, has a

less complex flavor.  
Always buy caviar from a knowledgeable dealer, such as a good specialty-food store—the staff can advise you and may offer a tasting.

Also ask about its shelf life—depending on how it is packed, caviar can be kept refrigerated for between 10 days and several weeks (if you're not sure, use it within 10 days).

Caviar is perishable, so it must always be kept in the coldest part of the refrigerator. To keep it cold, caviar is often served in a small glass bowl set over a bowl of ice. Metal is said to give the eggs a metallic taste, which is why the tiny spoons used to served are often made of tortoiseshell or horn.  
Some wonderful recipes call for caviar, but I think it is best served simply—roast points, creme fraiche or sour cream, hard-boiled egg and finely diced

tomato are traditional accompaniments. And what could be more appropriate to drink than a glass of champagne?

Question: I have some newspaper clippings from the Obit section that I'd like to keep. How can I store them so they don't turn yellow?

—Evelyn Clouston, Atlanta.

A: Most paper will yellow and deteriorate over time, but because newspaper is low-quality paper, it does so much more quickly.  
To preserve the clippings, you can spray them with a product called Bookkeeper. It can't prevent damage that has already occurred, but it does neutralize the acids in paper, greatly slowing down deterioration.  
As an alternative, you can photocopy  
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# HOME & GARDEN

## Act now to prevent peach leaf curl

Four gardening chores are waiting on you. There are the peach trees, the "nicer" damage, the house plants and the soil test waiting attention in mid-January.



**GREEN**  
**THUMBPRINTS**  
Cathy Walworth

At the time you see peach leaf curl in mid-summer, it's too late to do much about it. Ideally, the first application of lime sulfur was put on in December. Then the second spray in January would prevent the curling, crinkling leaves.

Peach leaf curl overwinters on the bark, twigs and old, infected leaves. The spores enter the bud scales in late winter just as the buds begin to swell. That's why the spray must be in place before that happens. If left to progress, peach leaf curl can leave a tree leafless.

Use lime sulfur or fixed copper with a sprayer/sticker, according to label directions.

Check the base of all your tree trunks for teeth marks. Field mice get hungry and gnaw all around a

tree, girdling it. When the bark is removed all around a tree, the tree can't transport nutrients up and down, and it dies.

If you see evidence of something snacking on your trees, get a scrap of window screen and cut it big enough to fit loosely around the base of the tree. A couple of inches clearance will keep the little beasts from chewing right through. Cut the screen about 18 inches high. Staple the ends together and let the screen sit loosely on the ground. These free circles have put an end to the screen crutch at our trees.

House plants have usually

slowed down some this time of year, but they need attention just when you're not all that busy outside. They need water when the top of the soil feels dry. They also need a monthly feeding, an insect check, and a bath.

Spider mites cause those clear, sticky little drops of sap on the leaves and stems. If the leaf color looks stippled or spotty, or there are teeny-weeny little webs on the undersides of leaves or on the "elbow" between the branch and leaf, that's evidence of spider mites.

The mites themselves are rarely seen because they're so tiny. A magnifying glass will show you that the little reddish-brown dots on the bottoms of the leaves have legs, though.

Wash the leaves, stems and branches with warm water and soap, such as Palmolive dishwashing soap (not Ivory; it has lotions and things plants don't like). Use an old, soft sponge or

sturdy paper towel top and bottom. This is sloppy: Give your plants their baths someplace where you won't mind a little soap and water here and there. Rinse with a tepid, weak tea solution. This helps the pores close again and rinses off all the soap residue. And the whole process gives spider mites and their eggs the heave-ho.

If the garden soil is thawed, call up the extension office and ask about a soil test. The people there will tell you how to do it and where to send the samples. There will be a small charge.

When you've gotten all that done, sit down with a steaming cup of tea. You can relax: It's too early to start seeds.

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

# PETS

## If you shiver, it's too cold outside for pets

**By Dr. Nano Sayer**  
Knight-Ridder News Service



How cold is too cold for a dog or cat to stay outside? It seems a funny question as I sit in shorts-sleeves on my porch in January, but it is certain that the cold snap we Southerners call winter will soon be upon us. When the temperature drops below freezing, we are the less prepared than our friends to the north.

So, in the name of being prepared, I am planning ahead for my animals.

I often hear folks say that a dog can stay out in the cold because he has a thick coat. No doubt, the breeds with thick coats are more comfortable than those who are nearly naked. The huskie, akita, samoyed and related breeds are quite well-suited for cold temperatures. Chihuahuas and other light-coated dogs certainly can't be expected to handle the more frigid days outdoors. These guys have such a sensitivity to cold that they shiver in the house with us! Common sense tells us that they do not do well when it is even a little chilly outside.

But remember, even a warm coat doesn't keep a human comfortable if he is sleeping on the cold ground in a winter wind. Dogs and cats need the same things we do: a wind-proof shelter, warm bedding off the floor and a source of external heat. If any one of the three are missing, then the other two will not suffice.

We are not just talking esoteric comfort levels here. The body has a certain amount of energy available from the food it takes in. That energy allotment must be proportioned for the needs of the body: some keeping each organ going, some for exercise and movement, some for reproduction in the adult and some for heat production.

When the body is exposed to a

virus or bacteria, there must be some allotment of energy available to fight off the illness that could result. If an animal is using a large proportion of its ingested energy to simply shiver and stay warm, all the other areas will run short.

It simply makes sense for us to provide some outside energy in the form of a heat source, and to keep that heat from floating away by enclosing it in a shelter.

So, to readress the original question, my dogs and cats stay outside down to a crisp 45 degrees. After that, I know I would not be comfortable in their outside shelter. And if I shiver, then the temperature is too cold for them.

*Dr. Nano Sayer is a veterinarian at Northwood Hills Animal Hospital in Gulfport, Miss.*

## Winter is the best time to repot plants

PHOENIX (AP) — This is a good time to check whether plants growing in containers will benefit from repotting. Spring transplanting also tends to stimulate new growth, which can be even more of a benefit.

Plants that appreciate larger quarters usually provide ample clues.

Look for discolored or yellowing leaves, roots coming out of the drain hole or growing exposed on top, a plant that wilts frequently and needs daily watering, or water that runs out of a pot as soon as applied.

Those are symptoms of a pot-bound plant.

A secondary benefit of spring repotting is the opportunity to reassess the placement and number of outdoor containers.

Since too many small containers are a guaranteed maintenance nightmare, can the plants be grouped into larger containers? Did the plants seem to suffer last year in the afternoon sun? Did the containers get too hot? Is a shift to a location with morning sun feasible?

Many house plants can be root- and top-pruned and returned to the same pot after adding fresh

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Repotting used to be called "dormant" — transferring a plant from a small to a larger pot — and the rules were inflexible. Only the next-size pot could be used: A plant growing in a 4-inch pot had to be moved to a 5-inch one. The size of a pot, incidentally, is measured by its diameter at the top.

These days, the process is more flexible, but many of the old practices still are good basics. They developed from commercial needs, where plants were grown to be shipped.

One example is that pots must be clean. Try not to move plants while the ball of soil is wet, wait until it's dry enough to crumble. Plants should never be re-set deeper than they were growing originally. Foliage should be pruned to match any loss of roots in transplanting.

Another good rule: If the plant did well in the old container, stick with the same type — plastic or clay.

In the home, plants should survive if moved from 2-inch to 4-inch pots or from 4-inch to 6-inch pots. But don't give them too great a shift. That can create drainage problems. Remember, too, that hardwood plants such as azaleas, roses and palms are more tricky than softwood ones like flossers.

It's also wise to standardize the growing medium. A good mix will drain well, hold water, have sufficient nutrients and allow oxygen to penetrate.

Garden soil, even if topsoil, is certain to be a headache in containers. Most container mixes are soilless types based on equal parts of sphagnum peat moss, perlite and coarse sand, plus fertilizer and lime. For cactus, try half peat, 40 percent sand and 10 percent perlite.

A slow-release fertilizer is good insurance with a soilless mix. If you are repotting only a few plants, it's usually simpler to buy a commercial mix.

To get the plant out of a container, turn it upside down, hold it firmly with one hand and tap the rim sharply on a solid surface.

Cut the rootball on the sides and bottom, about 1/4-inch deep, and lightly induce the roots to break from the dimensions of the old pot.

Put sufficient growing medium into the new pot so the plant will stand about an inch below the rim, with the soil level about the same as it was originally. Jam the new mix around it, using your thumbs.

Water the plant until water comes out of the drainage hole.

Container growing has been around for centuries. Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics show plants growing in containers.

Some old practices, such as covering the drainage hole with broken pieces of clay pots or stones, now are questioned. Most gardeners use a hunk of sphagnum moss to cover the drainage hole.

## Tiles making mark beyond bathrooms

Knight-Ridder News Service

Think tiles. Think bathrooms and kitchens? Yes. But also think living rooms, dining rooms, foyers, basements, sun rooms, patios. Think just about any room in your house. Tiles are making their mark on stairways, framing doorways as well as fireplaces, even masquerading as rugs, right down to the fringe.

Not since early in the century has there been so much interest — or so much variety — in tiles. "Everybody is into tile," says Saz Zachary, manager of Charles Tiles in Philadelphia.

"In the last five years, tile consumption in America has doubled," says Jill Herbers, author of "Tile" (Arts, \$35), who visited Country Floors showroom in Philadelphia recently for a presentation. "People start out renovating a kitchen or bathroom, but they just keep going. ... It becomes an obsession with a lot of people."

Americans often see ceramic tile used to great effect in Europe, Zachary says, and come home wanting their houses to reflect the same warmth.

"The majority of people who come in now like the old European look," she says, "which doesn't mean you have to use old tiles, or Italian or French tile. You can use stuff that is handmade in America to get the same look."

Home-grown artisans provide a dizzying number of options. Small ceramics studios are popping up everywhere, Herbers says, as artisans who had worked in other media apply their art to tiles.

"Every way tile could possibly be explored, it is being done," she adds. "There are tiles with metal glazes, tiles that are handmade by artisans and embedded with different designs, tiles that are raised, that look like stone, that

artists emerged, producing wonderfully varied creations."

"Why is this happening now? For the same reasons gardening and woodworking have become phenomenally popular in the last decade, Herbers believes — a reaction to an increasingly high-tech world.

"People are getting back to something that is ancient, handmade," she says. "It's society compensating for staring at

do a master bath or kitchen using all one color — like white on white, or solid blue — and use bas relief tiles to give it dimension. Combine that with a tumbled marble or a French limestone on the floor, and you get a look that is classic but warm. ... It gives it that old European look."

Phil and Pat Seibold were looking "for something with a traditional approach" when they got to the bathroom stage of their home renovation in the Philadelphia area.

"We are redoing a Scarborough house that was built in the late '60s," says Phil Seibold. "We've added a dormer where the new master bath is, and the old master bath is my daughter Tricia's bathroom. We were trying to keep it on the light side, because neither bathroom is too large."

Since they had worked successfully with Charles Tiles when they redid their kitchen several years ago, they turned to the four-store chain for help.

What they ended up with was a variety of tumbled marble on walls and floors that was combined with handmade ceramic tiles for kitchens, baths, pools and powder rooms, says Zachary. (Tumbled marble has been advertised so that it looks antique; it has a pitted texture and is mottled in color.)

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*"We are witnessing nothing less than a renaissance in tile design."*

— Olivia Bell Buchl, author, in her new book "Tiles: Choosing, Designing and Living With Ceramic Tile."

are reproductions of tiles in the 1920s — which is the last time in this country that tile was used this way."

She's not the only design writer to pay attention to the explosion of tile style.

"We are witnessing nothing less than a renaissance in tile design," writes Olivia Bell Buchl, former editor of both Home and Decorating & Remodeling magazines, in her new "Tiles: Choosing, Designing and Living With Ceramic Tile" (Potter, \$40).

"Not since the 1920s, when the American Arts and Crafts era was in full flower, have so many tile

a computer screen. People want to be connected to history, to humanity, to natural materials, and tile has all three of them."

Tile, however, doesn't mean just ceramic tile.

"The look that is popular now is combining stone, tumbled marble, and antique limestones or slates with handmade bas relief tiles for kitchens, baths, pools and powder rooms," says Zachary. (Tumbled marble has been advertised so that it looks antique; it has a pitted texture and is mottled in color.)

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# Solar heater can be built by the unhandy

Q: I'm not handy with tools, but I would like to build a low-cost solar heater for my house. My heating bills are too high now. What simple design, that is not really a big roof collector, is best? -T. J.

A: In the past several years, there has been a resurgence of homeowners' interest in using various methods of solar heating. Residential solar heating is free, quiet and non-polluting. Building one yourself also sets a good example for your children and helps protect the environment.

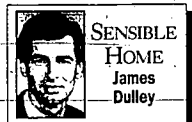
There are several simple do-it-yourself solar heater designs that can easily heat one or two rooms on a sunny winter day. In the summer, these solar heaters convert to natural whole-house exhaust fans.

A flat (only 5 inches deep) solar heater, mounted on a wall, is the least expensive and easiest design to build. Its construction plans call for many common scrap materials to keep the cost low.

If you finish the edges neatly with cheap aluminum angle, it will look just like a large picture window on your house. If you do not need natural ventilation in the summer, it can easily be removed and stored in a garage.

Old corrugated metal roofing, sheet metal or scrap printing plates from a print shop make efficient solar collector sheets. Use an old storm door or inexpensive clear plastic for the front cover. Size the heater to use standard lumber (4-by-8-foot) for the least waste and lowest cost.

This basic solar design concept is a shallow box with a clear front cover. Inside, a black solar collector sheet absorbs the sun's heat. Room air circulates between the insulated back of the solar box



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James Dulley

and the collector sheet. The air picks up the solar heat from the collector sheet.

Scrap corrugated metal roofing is particularly good to use because it causes turbulence in the air flow. This increases the heat transfer to the room air and boosts its efficiency. It also catches more of the sun's rays.

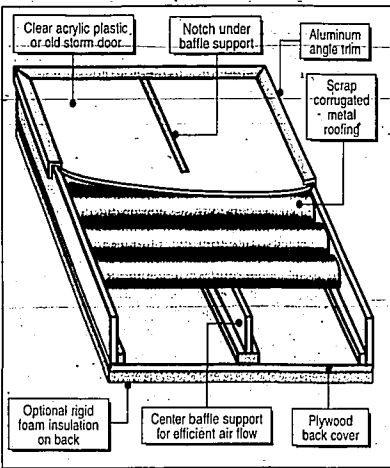
For the greatest solar heat output, mount the solar heater with the inlet and outlet openings both at the bottom. This design requires a small air circulation fan to force the cool room air in and the heated air back out.

To avoid using a fan, mount the solar heater on its side with one opening above the other. The less dense heated air will naturally flow up and out.

Another effective design is a solar Trombe wall. This is a decorative masonry wall built just behind a large window. The wall stores the sun's heat during the day as room air circulates past it for distribution.

Write for Update Bulletin No. 940, showing do-it-yourself instructions, diagrams and materials list for making a simple solar heater and a solar Trombe wall. Please include \$2 and a business-size SASE. To rush bulletin delivery or read 90 previous columns - <http://www.dulley.com>

Write to James Dulley, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244.  
Q: I replaced the cover off of my wall thermostat to clean it. I saw a small insect inside with some numbers like .1 to 1.2 on it. How



Easy-to-make, low-cost solar heater is effective

should I adjust this for the best efficiency? -R. B.

A: What you saw inside was a heat anticipator. It is a small device that helps the thermostat hold room temperatures more constant as the furnace cycles on and off.

You really should not try to adjust it yourself. Your service technician uses an ammeter to set it properly for a specific current. If you did move it, adjust it to the center setting and have your serviceman check it later.

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208-page book, *Sun-Wood-Wind, compiling 51 of his solar and alternative energy Update Bulletins and columns.*

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# Hospital food fails nutrition guidelines

By Don Colburn  
The Washington Post

Hospital food, which rarely scores high on the taste test, also flunks on nutrition, researchers report after a dietary survey of 57 university hospitals.

Menus in only four of the 57 teaching hospitals met all seven dietary guidelines adopted by the U.S. Public Health Service as national health goals for the year 2000. For example, those guidelines suggest that people limit fat to 30 percent or less of the calories they consume and saturated

fat to 10 percent or less.

Thirty-nine percent of the menus exceeded the recommended levels for fat content, 47 percent for saturated fat, 41 percent for cholesterol and 54 percent for sodium. Fewer than half of the hospitals provided patients with information about the nutritional value of foods on the menu.

Researchers called the results "disappointing" and concluded that "many teaching hospitals do not design house diets to meet nationally recognized dietary recommendations and do not supply patients with enough information to help them make healthful

dietary choices."

The research team, from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and New York University, reported its findings last month in a letter to the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Each hospital in the survey was asked to provide three daily menus offered to patients who were not under specific dietary restrictions and did not make their own selections.

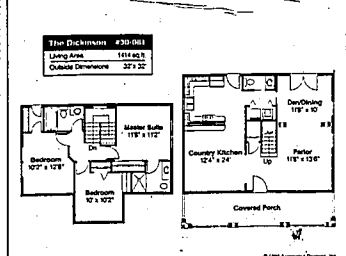
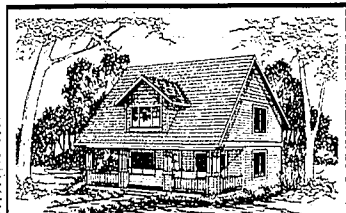
"Hospitals should assume a greater role in promoting more healthful diets," the researchers concluded. "We cannot think of

more appropriate place to encourage the nutritional health of Americans."

About 90 percent of the hospitals did meet the guideline for calcium intake and provided an adequate number of servings of fruits and vegetables and grains. Nearly half of the hospitals met the guideline for consumption of dietary fiber.

The findings parallel those of an Israeli study, which reported in 1991 that none of the university hospitals in Israel served diets meeting the dietary goals of the American Heart Association.

# DICKINSON Dickinson from early days



The Dickinson's symmetrical exterior, gabled dormer and full front porch are reminiscent of the Craftsman-style homes, popular in the first quarter of this century. The windows too, multipaned on top and single paned at bottom, are typical of this period. Measuring in at just a little more than 1,400 square feet of living space, this plan is economical to build as well as to heat, making it ideal for a young family.

Following tradition, family living spaces are on the lower level, bedrooms above. Fully half of the main floor is devoted to the wide open country kitchen, sure to be the most popular area in the house. There's a space here for an eating bar, a large kitchen table, and maybe even a couch and a desk for the family computer. Utilities and a small powder room are conveniently close to every thing.

Parlor and dining room flow together, their boundaries defined by a half-wall capped with twin posts similar to those supporting the front porch. Each area is windowed on two sides. Double doors at the rear provide access to the back yard. If outdoor living is important, you can easily add a deck or patio.

The master suite isn't fancy, but it does have its own private bathroom

complete with an oversized shower. Secondary bedrooms share a third bathroom.

A big bonus in the Dickinson is something that isn't apparent from the floor plan. It's an attic space that spans the full width of the home at the back. The ceiling tapers down to four feet at the rear. Access is through the closet in the left bedroom.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$15 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Dr., Eugene, Ore. 97402. Please specify the Dickinson 30-081 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring more than 170 home plans is available for \$12. For more information call (800) 634-0123.

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# Slippery outdoor steps can be made safer

Slippery outdoor steps, a hazard at many homes, can be made significantly safer with do-it-yourself treatments. Ice on steps in winter is the most dangerous slipper, but some steps become slippery when wet and pose a longer-lasting peril.

A strong hand railing is one of the best defenses against falls. Any flight of outdoor steps should have a railing.

Several approaches can be taken to installing one. Many home centers and lumberyards sell metal railing systems that are relatively easy to install. These systems use prefabricated railing sections, complete with rails and balusters, that can be flexed or adjusted to suit the slope of the steps and cut to fit with a hacksaw. Flanges to hold the metal posts that support the railing sections can be screwed to masonry or wood surfaces.

Metal railing systems include installation instructions. An electric drill is generally the only power tool needed to install them.

A wood railing is another option. Again, some home centers and lumberyards sell attractive wood railing systems that are easily assembled and can be tailored to fit almost any flight of steps. Posts, rails and balusters made from pressure-treated wood, which will hold up well under outdoor conditions, are available.

In some cases, if the stairs run beside a wall of the house, a simple wood railing can be attached to the wall, eliminating the need for posts or balusters. A length of pressure-treated or cedar decking with rounded edges makes a good railing, and can be attached to wood-block spacers to hold it a few inches from the wall.

Antislip tape should be installed on dry, clean surfaces when the temperature is above 50 degrees. Cut the tape to lengths that match the width of the steps or the part of the steps most used for walking. Fasten a strip of tape about an inch from the front edge of each step, and one or more strips at one-inch intervals behind the first strip. Three strips of tape generally give good traction on a typical step. Press the strips firmly against the surface with a wallpaper seam-roller or small pastry rolling pin.

Rubber stair treads with molded antislip surfaces can also reduce step hazards. The treads are typically about two feet wide and 10 inches deep. The treads

can be fastened to wood steps with nails or staples, and on masonry steps with a waterproof construction adhesive or adhesive sealer, such as Polysulfacem. A mail-order source of rubber stair treads is Vermont Country Store in Weston, Vt. (802-362-4647). The treads cost about \$4 each.

Steps can also be given a skid-resistant surface by coating them with paint containing a gritty material that leaves a rough surface. The grit is sold at some paint stores and can be added to water-based or oil-based paint. However, be sure to use an exterior paint that is designed for heavy-wear surfaces. These are usually labeled "porch and floor" or "porch and deck" paints. Also, if the steps are masonry or metal, make sure the paint is suitable for those surfaces. Carefully read and follow the application instructions on the paint container. Most paints should not be applied when the temperature is below 60 degrees.

Finally, use common sense when climbing or descending outdoor steps. Be wet, snowy or freezing weather — don't hurry or carry large objects or packages that obstruct vision. Good lighting can also make outdoor steps safer.

Readers' questions and comments are welcome and should be sent to Gene Austin, the Philadelphia Inquirer, Box 861, Blue Bell, Pa. 19422. Questions cannot be answered personally.

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FOOD & HOME

# Historian traces ketchup's exotic past

NEW YORK (AP) — This was no burger-and-fries crew. We're definitely talking the pardon-me-would-you-have-any-Grey-Poupon set here.

Didn't matter. Gentle elbows were thrown by people with French accents. Men in bow ties clutched at Chinese plates. These words were actually uttered: "Excuse me — I'm trying to get to the mushroom ketchup."

But anticipation — and a healthy crowd — was keeping members of a culinary history group waiting to taste more than 57 varieties of ketchup culled by Andrew F. Smith, who knows the stuff like nobody's business.

A good thing, too, since it's become his business.

Smith, a culinary historian whose last book traced the tomato's beginnings, spent five years researching the history of the french fry's favorite lotion for his new book, "Pure Ketchup."

Smith talks with great animation about the condiment that has ruled his life for much of the 1990s. He is a font of ketchup (catsup?) knowledge, from the purported origins of the name (an unwritten southern Chinese word, "ketchiap") to the recipe for coochie ketchup (a secret port, anchovies and garlic).

"Ketchup is a thread to our past, a glimpse into our present and a link to our future," says Smith, 50.

"Fortunately, there's a trace of irony in his voice — but not much.

So why spend a chunk of your life gathering data about a venerable foodstuff that's usually served in a little packet at McDonald's?"

"For us, history was taught as kings and queens and battles and wars," he says. "Those things are important. But the things we do



Andrew Smith, author of a new book, "Pure Ketchup: The History of America's National Condiment," poses with some of his favorite toppings at New York's Roger Smith Hotel last October. Smith gives seminars about ketchup and also offers his attendees a taste of history.

in our daily lives are important to us."

The book starts out as a sweeping history — ketchup in and

ancient Mediterranean, ketchup evolving with the help of the British Empire — but finds its stride in an amazing variety of

fun historical nuggets that Smith uncovered about ketchup's evolution.

"You have a fish sauce, and all of a sudden you have tomato ketchup," he says. "And they're not the same, but there's a link between them."

Consider the use of coal-tar dyes in the late 1800s to make ketchup a brilliant scarlet; what the 1906 Pure Food and Drug Act did to the ketchup industry; the invention of preservative-free ketchup in 1937; the consolidation of the industry in the 1920s and 1930s; and the history of ketchup advertising.

Smith became a man obsessed. "The more I got into ketchup, the more I fell in love with it," he says. "It's got foreign intrigue, mean adulterators, captains of industry. All the elements of a great story are there."

He goes on to deal with the Heinz juggernaut and, of course, the 1980s ketchup debacle, when the condiment was declared a vegetable by the Reagan administration to save money on the federal school lunch program. He seems to have no opinion on the matter.

These days, he says, homemade ketchup is making a comeback — in blueberry, plum, even grape varieties. And designer ketchups are sweeping the nation today to compete with ketchup's biggest competitor: salsa. This we have "New England Chippy Ketchup" and "McIlhenny Farms Spicy Ketchup" appearing on shelves.

And ketchup is seeping, as it were, back into other cultures. Japanese now use it on their cabbage rolls, Greeks on their pasta and Swedes on their fish balls.

"Pure Ketchup: A History of America's National Condiment," is available from University of South Carolina Press. The cost is \$24.95.

# Winterize a bed without more covers

Chicago Tribune

One of Albert Einstein's pithier sayings was: "Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler."

The concept can be applied to the science (and art) of winterizing your bed. What should you pile on it and in to keep you cozy when the world is frosty?

With the increased availability of unusual fiber producers with keen insulating properties, extra-thick flannels, billow down comforters that make you feel like you're sleeping under a dollop of meningitis and alternatives far fewer with strings, you it is now possible to build that perfect winter cocoon, without spinning yourself in a web of woody sheets and covers.

The logic of more lightweight warmth has been debunked. As few as three, well-chosen layers can inspire thermal bliss. Europeans have been sleeping this way for centuries.

We asked two bedding experts to give us their best ideas for creating the warmest, lightest and airy winter bed. No electric pads or electric blankets allowed.

Diane Brush, director of merchandise at New Hampshire-based Gerber FIBR, a cataloger for high-quality, natural fiber bedding, put together the elements for our hot and light, down bed.

Allen Josephson, vice president of merchandising at Southern California-based Stryker's Linen Experts, concurred an option for people who are allergic or have an aversion to down and feathers. Grounds has seven stores in the Chicago area and specializes in moderately to upper-moderately priced items.

An added benefit to keeping things simple: Easy maintenance. With fewer layers, you won't break out in a sweat making your bed in the morning.

As for pillows: Depends on how much sinkage you like. Could be down, cotton or wool-filled — the wool-filled being the

most sturdy and thick. "It is really whatever you like. I love the down because you really can get lost in it." Cover them in a flannel case.

As for pj's: Make them silk (if you really want to treat yourself) or cotton. "Don't wear flannel pj's into your flannel sheets. You can't roll. You have to think of the total bed."

In the morning: "Turn your bed back and let it air dry all day." That means neatly pulling back the comforter and folding it down near the foot of the bed or a bit higher up. Smooth out the exposed fitted sheet and plump up the pillows and brush.

Comments from Diane Brush, Garnet Hill:

1. Wool mattress pad. "I find it real cozy and really warm. The fleece is incredibly soft, not at all scratchy." Like comparing cashmere to a Shetland sweater. The wool has a "natural lift," as opposed to a squishy feeling.
2. English flannel bottom (fitted or flat) sheet. "There are many places in the world that make flannel, but because of the width you need for bedding, they don't make bedding. They don't have that size loom." The major players in flannel bedding: Portugal, Germany and England. Portugal makes their flannel "light and drapery." Germany offers a "mid-weight." England makes their flannel "incredibly thick."

3. Down comforter, wrapped in an English flannel comforter cover. No need for a top sheet this way. You are sandwiched between the flannel bottom sheet and the flannel duvet. Combined with the heating properties of the down itself, this is plenty warm and snuggly.

Brush likes the karo model of down comforters because the construction features interior baffles (tunnels) that allow the down room to loft and move about yet remain evenly distributed throughout the comforter. For mega-warmth, look for a fill power of 625 or above.

# Experts: People at the root of many tree ailments

Knight-Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — There is no such thing as a bad tree, only bad tree owners, say the experts who work with trees. Left alone to grow the way nature intended, trees develop sturdy trunks with magnificent canopies.

But at the hands of some people with saws, trees are topped, chopped and left to struggle in a hostile setting. Little wonder that they topple over in storms, drop leaves on the ground, and keel over with disease and neglect.

"People do terrible things to trees," says Mark Beaudoin, the San Jose city arborist, who oversees an urban forest of more than 1 million trees. "Any pruning that substantially destroys the natural character of a tree really upsets me."

"The No. 1 problem I see from homeowners is lack of understanding the importance of the root system," says Steve Hayden, certified arborist and owner of Solid Ground, a horticultural consultant in San Jose. "This lack of understanding underlies all the tree's other problems."

For instance:

- Trees in the wrong places. Most people recognize the folly of planting a weeping willow above a sewer line, but there are tree sins. Beaudoin has seen the Eucalyptus sideroxylon 'Rosea', used as a parking lot tree, for example. "Blossom clusters drop sugary water all winter long. Large branches crash down on cars. Whole trees crash down on cars," he says.

- He sees redwood trees planted in two-foot-wide strips near sound walls that destroy curbs and gutters. And "when planted away from a swimming pool, redwood tree foliage stains pool concrete and plaster black," he says.

- He is saddened by Lombardy poplars installed in tight spaces. They have vigorous root systems that destroy curbs and sidewalks. "And then the tree dies," he says.
- And he shudders over Leyland cypress planted as a screen plant. "They grow quickly 30 feet, then the whole row dies of disease, with expensive removal cost and screen loss," he says.

What to do: Choose the right tree for your landscape situation.

"Sunset Western Garden Book" is a good starting point, with both warnings and recommendations for homeowners seeking the right tree.

Ask questions at the nursery, consult an arborist, talk with other tree owners. Keep in mind that it is easier (and smarter) to plant a small "patio" tree than to choose a giant and then mangle it by pruning in an effort to keep it small.

Trees such as Eastern redbud, flowering cherry, flowering plum, crab apple and crape myrtle work in small spaces.

If you are buying a home, look at the trees in the yard with the same critical eye that you use with the bathroom plumbing and electrical wiring. You can make the sales contract contingent on getting the trees fixed. If in doubt, have the trees evaluated by a professional.

Topping and other careless cuts. Trees that become too big, too rooty or too out of sync suffer even more insult.

They are "topped" to bring the tree under control. This is a drastic pruning method that removes the top canopy of the tree to curtail its height.

Roots lifting the pavement are cut back. Pruning or shaving roots is such a drastic treatment that you won't even find it mentioned in pruning books. It seriously weakens a tree.

Pollarding is used to cut back the framework of a tree to stubs so the tree crown remains small. Only a few trees — sycamores, for one — can stand the shock of pollarding.

Beaudoin has particularly harsh words on the topic of topping — mostly because he has seen so much damage done to trees.

"The worst-ever tree mistreatment I've seen was cutting a 60-foot canopy tree back to a 12-foot-high stump that developed

numerous weakly attached sprouts," he says.

Then there was the case of 200-foot-tall redwood trees planted under high-tension electric lines that were topped at 20 feet each year, destroying their natural character.

Or the oak tree that was cut back to 18-inch diameter, stubbed branches, destroying the tree's character as a broad canopy.

What to do: Start with a good pruning book — both Sunset and Ortho publish excellent basic guides. "The American Horticultural Society Pruning and Training," by Christopher Brickell and David Joyce (DK Publishing, \$34.95) is a top-notch, fully illustrated manual.

There are less-radical ways to reduce size of a tree — by selectively pruning branches, giving the tree a haircut (shearing) and other steps. If you are not sure what to do, call a professional arborist for assistance.

Remember, once you've made the cut — right or wrong — there is no second chance.

If your tree is causing sidewalk problems, notify your city streets department and let the experts handle that headache. If the tree roots are lifting your patio or cracking your swimming pool, let a tree expert handle it. This is no job for novices.

—Landscape mistakes. When landscapes are installed around

established trees, the trees' root systems may be damaged through stiling and trenching and by people and vehicle traffic. "These insults to the root system weaken the tree's ability to sustain and defend itself from attack by insects and disease," Hayden says.

What to do: Deal with professional, licensed firms. Ask questions and make sure your firm is aware of your tree concerns.

Sometimes, despite the best intentions, trees are damaged, but by being alert and concerned — and working with pros — you should get the best results.

—Care and feeding. After a tree is planted, some owners fail to follow through and make sure the tree is put on the right amount of water and nutrients.

"For many trees, it's either drought or flood, feast or famine," Hayden says. "These problems are often compounded when a tree is put on a schedule of irrigation and fertilizing without regard to the seasonal variations in need."

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# Animal shelters can't offer haven to all homeless pets

**DEAR ABBY:** I work in an animal shelter. Thank God more people are bringing unwanted animals to shelters instead of dumping them in the roadside where they risk being struck and killed by cars or attacked by wild animals. At least these animals have a chance at life if they are brought to a shelter.



**DEAR ABBY**  
Abby VanBarren

There is a poster in the shelter where I work which reads: There aren't enough homes for all of them.

For those who are not lucky enough to be chosen, the shelter provides the most humane deal possible, with a loving attendant by their sides as they are put to sleep. But what a waste of beautiful life.

Abby, as I write this, I am in tears. The cats and dogs whose cages I clean daily are wonderful, loving animals. It breaks my

heart when no one comes to adopt them because when we run out of space, we must choose which ones will be euthanized.

Please print this so pet owners will think about what happens when our country is overpopulated with animals. If only owners of dogs, cats or neuter their pets, there wouldn't be so many unwanted animals that must be put to death.

—BEGGING FOR THE ANIMALS IN ARLINGTON, VT.

**DEAR BEGGING:** Thank you for writing. For years I have encouraged my readers to spay or neuter their pets, and go to shelters to choose an animal companion.

A very dear friend of mine, Rhonda Fleming Mann, went to an animal shelter to get a dog. There she found an adorable mongrel whom she named Sparky. No one could hope for a more loving pet. (He looks like a Pomeranian whose mother had more than a sniffing acquaintance with a fox terrier.)

Sparky is now 14 years old and still going strong. Rhonda's husband, Ted Mann, is also crazy about Sparky and walks him frequently.

So, dear readers, if you want a pet, consider adopting one from an animal shelter, thereby saving a life.

**DEAR ABBY:** As a gentleman, I greet other men with a firm handshake. However, over the years I have found that most women do not care to shake hands with men or women.

Occasionally, a woman will offer a hand to shake, but in a very feminine way. The women who do offer a hand tend to be middle-aged or professional women who are accustomed to formality. Older and young women usually do not offer to shake hands. Once I asked a woman why she chose not to, and she replied, "It's a guy thing."

Some women roll their eyes and grudgingly give me a light handshake, apparently just to appease me.

Recently, however, I greeted a woman by just saying, "Hello, Fin pleased to meet you." To my surprise, she offered her hand,

so I shook it with medium firmness. She said, "Come on, give me a real shake."

Since I have been rebuffed so much in the past, I no longer extend my hand unless the woman does so first, but how do I know whether to shake a lady's hand firmly or lightly?

—ON SHAKY GROUND, LOS ANGELES

**DEAR ON SHAKY GROUND:** To be on the safe side, do not offer your hand until the lady has indicated she wishes to use this form of greeting. Then take the middle road and shake her hand with medium firmness.

**DEAR ABBY:** I often hear people misquoting famous sayings. One in particular gets my goat. The classic adage is NOT "Ignorance is bliss." Correctly, it is "With ignorance is bliss," "is folly to be wise."

Would you help me set the record straight?  
—A READER IN LIBERTYVILLE, ILL.

**DEAR READER:** I'm happy to help set the record straight, but let's make sure it's correct. The quote, "WHERE ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise," is from a poem titled "Ode on a Distant Prospect of Eton College," by Thomas Gray, who lived from 1716 to 1771.

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Finally, take a walk around the house to look for energy-efficient features. Check out the appliances, the windows, water heater and other features. Look at the doors and windows to see if they need caulking or weatherstripping.

## Mrs. Fields offers more than great cookies

Providence Journal-Bulletin

Debbi Fields is no Martha Stewart.

"I'm a working mom," she said yesterday during a hectic cross-country tour promoting her new cookbook, "Debbi Fields' Great American Desserts: 100 Mouthwatering, Easy-to-Prepare Desserts" (Simon & Schuster; \$25) the companion book for her weekly *Debbi's* show.

"What matters for me is, first, family, and second, things that work," says Fields, a 39-year-old mother of five daughters. "I have to have things that don't take a lot of time, that are not fussy with the basic ingredients I have in my kitchen and absolutely taste great."

It is a basic book. Recipes include pie, pineapple upside-down and German chocolate cakes and sections on muffins, freezer desserts, coffee cakes and, of course, cookies.

The founder of the Mrs. Fields cookie chain says that she's never been an over-the-top baker. She grew up in a very basic Oakland, Calif., household, the daughter of a welder father and housewife mom. "I have never been formally trained," she said via cell phone as she checked in for a flight from Tampa to her home in Park City, Utah. "I don't have a fancy kitchen."

And to that end, she has written this dessert book with everyone in mind. She says most people buy a cookie because it's a simple recipe and elegant result.

Fields, who has sold her interest in Mrs. Fields Cookies and recently stepped down as a consultant to the new owners, says that she thinks her brand of dessert-making is right for the times.

"We live in a high-tech world. The things that are going to be heart-warming are going to be high-tech."

Fields, who is more animated and engaging than she is on her scripted PBS show ("they want me to be more education-oriented than spontaneous or funny"), has written two other cookbooks: "I Love Chocolate" and "100 Recipes from the Kitchen of Debbi Fields." The latter, the first cookbook to top the New York Times best-seller list, has sold 1.5 million copies. Fields started her cookie business when she was 20. But she says anyone could do it again.

"The only thing is overcoming the attitude of 'It's impossible' or 'I can't.' That's the only thing."

**CAPPUCINO TRUFFLE MOUSSE PIE**

**CRUST:**  
2 cups skinned hazelnuts  
4 tablespoons flour  
1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
2 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cut into pieces  
Mousse filling:

2 large egg yolks  
1 1/3 cups heavy cream  
1 tablespoon vanilla extract  
2 tablespoons instant coffee crystals dissolved in 1 tablespoon hot water

**GARNISH:**

1 cup heavy cream, divided  
8 ounces white chocolate, chopped  
3 tablespoons powdered sugar  
Butter a 9-inch tart pan with removable bottom.

**Crust:** Combine nuts, flour, brown sugar, nutmeg and butter in a food processor and pulse until nuts are finely ground and butter is incorporated. Press the crust over the bottom and up the sides of the tart pan. Bake for 15 minutes, then set on a rack to cool.

**Filling:** In the top of a double boiler set over barely simmering water, whisk together the egg yolks. Whisk in the cream and cook, stirring, until thickened to 10 minutes. Stir in the chopped chocolate and vanilla and whisk until the chocolate is melted and the mixture is smooth.

Four 2/3 of the warm chocolate filling into the pre-baked crust, then refrigerate for 1 hour. While the remaining chocolate filling is still warm, add the dissolved coffee mixture and whisk until smooth. Cover with plastic wrap and let cool on a wire rack for 30 minutes.

For the whipped cream into the cool cappuccino mixture until no white streaks remain. Spoon the filling over the chilled chocolate filling in the pie shell, spreading it evenly, and refrigerate the pie again for 4 hours. Garnish in a ceramic or glass bowl covered with plastic wrap, heat 1/3 cup of the heavy cream with the white chocolate on High in a microwave oven for 30-second intervals, stirring after each interval, until smooth.

Put the remaining 2/3 cup of cream and the powdered sugar in a chilled bowl and beat using the electric mixer until stiff peaks form.

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Garnish the top of the pie with dollops of the whipped cream, then drizzle the white chocolate cream decoratively over the cream and pie.

(A squeeze bottle is recommended for drizzling the white chocolate.)

**THREE-LAYER CHOCOLATE CARROT CAKE**

1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon soda  
4 eggs, at room temperature  
24 tablespoons (3 sticks) unsalted butter, melted

1 tablespoon vanilla extract  
2 cups grated, peeled carrots (about 4 large)  
1 cup crushed pineapple, drained in its own juice, unpacked

3 tablespoons heavy cream  
**COCOA BUTTER CREAM CHEESE FROSTING**  
16 ounces cream cheese  
8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened

2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice  
2 pounds powdered sugar  
**GARNISH**  
Chopped pecans pecans; toasted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter and flour three 9-inch cake pans. **CAKE:**

In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, cocoa, baking soda, baking powder and salt.

Put the eggs, butter and vanilla in a large bowl and beat until smooth, using an electric mixer on medium speed. Add the dry ingredients to the egg mixture and beat until smooth. Beat in the carrots and pineapple until thoroughly blended. Divide the batter among the prepared pans and smooth the tops.

Bake on the middle rack of the oven for 30 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the centers comes out clean. Remove the cake pans to wire racks and cool for 10 minutes, then turn them out onto the racks and let cool to room temperature. While the layers are still warm, brush with 1 tablespoon heavy cream.

**Cream cheese frosting:** Put the cream cheese and butter in a bowl and beat until smooth using an electric mixer on medium speed. Scrape down the bowl. Add the vanilla and lemon juice, and beat until combined. Gradually beat in the sugar on low speed until well blended and smooth.

Place a cake layer on a serving plate with wax paper under the edges and spread the top with a thin layer of frosting. Place a second layer on top and spread it with a thin layer of frosting. Place the remaining layer on top and frost the sides of the cake. Spread the remaining frosting over the top. Remove the wax paper. Garnish the sides of the cake with the chopped pecans, pressing them gently on with your hands. Garnish the top with more pecans.

## Check copies of old utility bills on new home

By Ken Sheinkopf  
The Orlando Sentinel

**Q. We have been house-hunting for a while, and real estate agents at many of the homes told us the houses were energy-efficient. How can we tell if this is really the case?**

**A. There are a couple of things you can do to verify this claim.**

Begin by looking at the owners' utility bills from the past couple of years. If they didn't keep them, you might ask them to contact the utility company and get the records for you. Their lifestyles may be significantly different from yours, such as they might have a bigger family or like to keep the house cooler, but it ought to be obvious from looking at the bills whether the house is efficient or a major energy waster.

Also, you can ask the owners if they have had an energy audit by the utility company or a private contractor. If so, look at the auditor's recommendations, such as adding insulation or replacing windows. Were these changes made? Did the house need other improvements that might not have been made?

If you can't get copies of the utility bills or an energy audit, one suggestion if you want to buy the house is to make the final sale contingent on the results of a professional energy audit, and contract to have one done.

If the house is new, ask the builder to show you a copy of the energy code form or building rating form the builder may have filled out.

Finally, take a walk around the house to look for energy-efficient features. Check out the appliances, the windows, water heater and other features. Look at the doors and windows to see if they need caulking or weatherstripping.

Turn on the heater or air conditioner and check for draft leakage in the garage or attic. Look at the insulation in the attic.

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COMICS

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Dibbert By Scott Adams. ... SO YOU DIDN'T READ THE SOFTWARE LICENSE AND YOU INADVERTENTLY AGREED TO BE BILL GATES TOWEL BOY IN HIS HUGE NEW HOUSE. WHEN DO WE MOVE? RRRUMBLE! PREPARE FOR ASSIMILATION! THE HOUSE HAS COME FOR ME.

B.C. By Jerry Hart. NEAR BY ANYTHING FROM A SKY WEARING OPEN SLIPPERS. ADVICE.

Garfield By Jim Davis. GARTFIELD! PRINNER! Z. GARFIELD'S PRINNER! YOU DROPS ME.

Hi and Lois By Charles Branson. HEY! WHAT'S THAT IN MY BELLY BUTTON? SEE, IT LOOKS AND FEELS JUST LIKE THAT STUFF THAT COMES OUT OF MY TEDDY BEAR. YEEES! I'M LOSING MY STUFFING!

The Wizard of Id By Brent Parker & Jerry Hart. WHAT'S THIS ONE FOR? THEY'RE FRIGIDERS OR LESS. Passionate love between a husband and wife rarely lasts long...

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Branson. SON, SOMEDAY ALL THIS WILL BE YOURS!! ANOTHER BATCH OF BILLS JUST ARRIVED HAGAR! CAN I HAVE THEM?

Boetie Bailey By Murt Wadler. IN THE WORDS OF GEN. MACARTHUR, "I SHALL RETURN!" MACARTHUR ALSO SAID "IF SOLDIERS NEVER DIE, THEY JUST FADE AWAY."

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves. ALL MY LITTLE TIME-RELEASE PILLS EXPLODED AT THE SAME TIME!

The Bom Loser By Art Samson & Chip. WHO CAN TELL ME WHAT THE WORD 'COSMOS' MEANS? COSMOS MEANS BELONGING TO OUTER SPACE.

Far Better or Far Worse By Lynn Johnston. SHAKE SHAKE. I PUT SAULT ON THE STAMPS LIKE YOU ASKED ME TO. BUT IT'S SURGE TONK. A BOTTLE OF SURGE TONK.

Beats By Dean Young & Stan Drake. THIS CURRENT STORM WILL CONTINUE TO GROW WORSE. YOU CAN EXPECT LONG DELAYS ON EVERY ARTERY GOING INTO THE CITY. HAVE A NICE DAY!

Picks By Brian Crane. MY MOM SAYS I TAKE AFTER MY GRANDPA. THAT'S BECAUSE OF HEREDITY? HEREDITY? OH, WELL, IT'S LIKE THAT. I'M A GOOD FATHER DIDN'T HAVE ANY KIDS, AND MY FATHER DIDN'T HAVE ANY KIDS EITHER.

Donna's Miscellany By Hank Ketcham. THE Family Circus By Bill Keane. I think I'll put a chain on this spoon - like the ones on post office pens.

Orchids outlast many humans. WHAT'S WHAT? L.M. Boyd. IF JANUARY 15 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, you're in a dramatic, exciting, attractive...

Horoscope Sydney Omar. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Those who attempt to hold you back are being selfish. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Diversity, make inquiries, learn more about finances and how they get what you want. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Individual who declared, "I'm leaving, no returning" will be back soon...

Yesterday's Puzzle solved: A crossword puzzle grid with the solution provided. The grid is 15x15 and contains words like GOLF, MEAS, CHEF, HALE, RISE, TOAD, ORBIT, MIRA, DAINS, DOWDY, PLEAS, SUETY, SLAW.

- DOWN: 1 One of two equal parts, 2 Tallest hill, 3 Capital of Italy, 4 OK city, 5 Stages or parking end, 6 Snake, 7 Newspaper VIPs, 8 Phases for a rug, 9 Component of water, 10 Automobile extract, 11 Haplog, 12 Garden undergrowth, 13 Gender, 14 Dry, 15 Honking birds, 16 Party given, 17 Musical work, 18 Musical work, 19 Small taste, 20 Dog or cat, 21 Bean, 22 Claw, 23 Harvest, 24 Tn. n.p., 25 Train stop; abbr., 26 Coll - dry, 27 Runes, 28 Great reward, 29 Age, 30 Eye of a camera lens, 31 Punta del, 32 Twosome.

Helpful tips for those resolved to lose weight in the new year

Orange County Register

Just all sorts of bits and pieces to digest as we get the new year underway...

mix packs 260 calories and 12 grams of fat. Top it with ready-to-spread frosting...

"The bigger the package, the more you eat". That's how the Tufts University, Diet and Nutrition Letter describes studies...

overeating and overestimate positive things, such as exercise, the Journal of the American Dietetic Association found...

On the exercise front, 74 percent of Americans resolve to exercise more. And as part of their New Year's resolution-making...

eating, from the 5-A-Day campaign of the cancer institute...

Prunes

Confined from CI aside. In large mixer bowl, beat prune puree and sugar to blend thoroughly...

spoons orange juice and 2 teaspoons grated orange peel to blend thoroughly...

BAKED CHOCOLATE PUDDING WITH RASPBERRY SAUCE

2/3 cup semisweet chocolate bits 4 large egg whites 1/2 cup sugar 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder...

ter of oven. Pour in enough boiling water to reach halfway up sides of cake...

a 9-by-9-by-2-inch pan with vegetable cooking spray; set aside. Sift together flour, baking soda, spices and salt; set aside...

8-inch square baking pan with vegetable cooking spray. Cut chocolate into 1-inch pieces...

Cherry Sauce and 1/4 cup frozen yogurt. Makes 8 servings.

Meanwhile, prepare Rum Soaking Syrup. In small saucepan, mix sugar, rum and citrus juices. Stir over low heat...

6 tablespoons prune puree or prepared fruit puree 1/2 cup sugar 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder...

Nutritional Information Per Serving: Calories - 112; fat - 5 g; cholesterol - 35 mg; sodium - 368 mg; carbohydrate - 85 g; fiber - 2 g; and protein - 9 g.

Turn batter into prepare pan, smoothing top, and bake in center of oven 35 to 40 minutes...

Spread batter in pan. Bake in center of oven about 30 minutes until springs to the touch...

Cherry Sauce: In bowl, mix 1 cup (21 ounces) cherry pie filling...

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you can also paint the walls a color. Pale blues and greens are always good in bathrooms...

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Heat butter and oil in Dutch oven. Add zucchini, salt, pepper and garlic powder to taste...

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1/4 cup flour 1/2 cup soft butter 1/2 cup chopped nuts (optional)

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FOOD & HOME

Breads, cakes make great do-ahead treats for expected company

"I'm not much of a 'party-thrower,' and I've only hosted one large event in my home. That is, until the day after Christmas, when I hosted my second gathering. Although this event was attended by mostly family and a few friends, I was looking at serving lunch to about 30 people. The right kind of food in adequate amounts would be the only way to make it a success.

The most difficult part for me was getting everything done while holding my newborn daughter. Babies are very cute and lots of fun to hold, but after two or three hours, they get heavy. I found a great contraption I call "The Sling Thing" that wraps around me like a toga and holds my daughter up against me, leaving my hands free.

I decided that a wide variety of sweet breads and cakes would be nice finger foods to supplement the soup, salads, shrimp and sandwiches. (The "s" sounds were just a bonus.) I made the breads a week in advance and put in the freezer for storing. And allowing the breads to stand for 24 hours before slicing improves their flavor.

The cakes were made the evening before the luncheon, and the soup waited until that morning. When the guests began arriving I was just slicing the breads and putting them out on the table.

Although my guests were happily chatting, eating and just enjoying themselves, I don't think I'll be hosting another party in my home for a while. I'll just share some of the recipes I used so all of you can do the hosting. Send me an invitation, though.

**CARROT CAKE**  
 3/4 cup cake flour or 2/3 cup all-purpose flour  
 1/2 cup whole wheat flour  
 1 1/4 teaspoon baking powder  
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 1/4 teaspoon baking soda  
 3/4 cup sugar  
 1/2 cup vegetable oil  
 2 eggs  
 1 cup shredded carrots  
 1/2 can (8-ounce size) crushed pineapple (about 1/4 cup)  
 Cream Cheese Frosting (below)  
 Heat oven to 350. Grease and flour round pan, 9-by-1 1/2-inches. Mix flours, baking powder, cinnamon, salt and baking soda in large bowl. Beat in sugar, oil and eggs until blended. Stir in remaining ingredients except Cream Cheese Frosting. Pour into pan.  
 Bake about 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted into center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes; remove from pan. Cool completely. Frost with Cream Cheese Frosting. Garnish with carrot knots and parsley or toasted coconut if desired. Refrigerate until ready to serve. After serving, immediately refrigerate any remaining cake.

**CREAM CHEESE FROSTING**  
 1/2 package (8-ounce) cream cheese, softened  
 2 tablespoons butter, softened  
 2 cups powdered sugar  
 Beat all ingredients until smooth and spreading consistency.

**LEMON BREAD WITH LEMON GLAZE**  
 1 1/2 cups flour  
 1 teaspoon baking powder  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 6 tablespoons butter at room temperature  
 1 cup sugar  
 2 large eggs  
 Grated zest of 1 medium lemon  
 1/2 cup buttermilk  
 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice  
 1/3 cup sugar  
 Preheat oven to 350. Coat a 9-by-5-by-3-inch loaf pan with vegetable spray. Thoroughly mix flour, baking powder and salt in medium bowl. Cream butter and sugar in large bowl of electric mixer for 3 minutes or until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, one at a time, then lemon zest and buttermilk. On low speed, blend in dry ingredients just until combined; do not overmix. Spoon batter into prepared pan.



VALLEY COOK  
 Rebecca Tateoka

of the grated lemon. Stir lemon juice and sugar in a bowl until sugar is dissolved. When bread is removed from oven, immediately turn out onto large piece of foil and pierce top in several places with toothpick. Rest in lemon glaze mixture and slowly drizzle over bread. Cool completely.

**BLUEBERRY BUCLE COFFEECAKE**  
 2 cups flour

3/4 cup sugar  
 2 1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
 3/4 teaspoons salt  
 1/4 cup shortening  
 3/4 cup milk  
 1 egg  
 2 cups frozen (thawed and drained) blueberries  
 Crumb Topping (below)  
 -Glaze (below)  
 Heat oven to 375. Grease round pan, 9-by-1 1/2-inches. Blend flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, short-

ening milk and egg; beat 30 seconds. Carefully stir in blueberries. Spread batter in pan. Sprinkle with Crumb Topping. Bake 45 to 50 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Drizzle with Glaze. Serve warm, if possible.  
 Crumb Topping:  
 -1/2 cup sugar  
 -1/3 cup flour  
 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 1/4 cup butter, softened

Mix all ingredients until crumbly.  
 Glaze:  
 1/2 cup powdered sugar  
 1/4 teaspoon vanilla  
 1 1/2 to 2 teaspoons hot water  
 Mix all ingredients until drizzling consistency.

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SPORTS

Revelations of sexual abuse by coach stun hockey-mad nation

TORONTO (AP) — While scandalous by sports standards, Canadians clung to a belief that youth hockey remained pure.

Hundreds of thousands of youngsters play in fiercely competitive leagues nationwide, with many of the better athletes living away from home.

They are changed with revelations that the admired coach of a championship team sexually abused his players for years.

"We were somewhat naive to think this couldn't happen to us," said Murray Costello, president of the Canadian Hockey Association.

He was referring to the case of Graham James, sentenced Jan. 2 to 3 1/2 years in jail after pleading guilty to sexually abusing two of his players over a 12-year span starting in 1982.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Robert Isray, who on a snowy night in 1984 packed the moving vans and took his Baltimore Colts away to Indianapolis, died Tuesday, more than a year after suffering a stroke. He was 73.

Isray had been in and out of hospitals since the stroke. He was taken Monday to Indiana University Hospital, where his condition deteriorated. Death was attributed to heart and kidney failure.

Forever scorned in Baltimore for his

infamous midnight flight, he gained a reputation there as a meek, sensitive, rightist tyrant.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue called Isray a "loyal and devoted member" of the league family.

Born in Chicago, Isray made his fortune in heating and air conditioning. In 1972, he purchased the Los Angeles Rams and swapped ownership with Carroll Rosenbloom, who owned the Baltimore franchise.

Costello urged parents to be alert to possible problems. He said longues should try to ensure that there is more than one adult with a team at all times.

"We need to send a message to predators — if they're looking for a safe haven in hockey they're not going to find it," Costello said.

He conceded that mandatory background checks for coaches might deter some qualified people from volunteering.

The debate has focused attention on some long-standing practices in Canadian youth hockey,

particularly in the upper echelon of leagues in the most talented teenagers.

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Rodman reaches 10K mark

CHICAGO (AP) — Michael Jordan scored 33 points, including eight in the final two minutes, and Dennis Rodman reached 10,000 career rebounds Tuesday night as the Chicago Bulls beat the Washington Bullets 105-100.

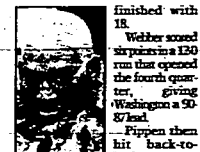
Scottie Pippen added 25 points and made three key 3-pointers in the final quarter for Chicago, which won its seventh straight and improved its NBA-best record to 32-4.

Rodman got his 14th rebound of the game, good for No. 10,000, with 1:58 left in the third quarter and got a glowing ovation during a timeout.

Legionnaires remained concerned, however, about continuing behavioral problems.

The money was not a major part when the post made its decision, said Legion adjutant, Roland Gardner.

"If we can't live by the rules established to run this program, then we shouldn't have the program," Gardner said.



Dennis Rodman finished with 18 rebounds and 12 points.

Atlanta — Mookie Blaylock made two free throws with five minutes of a second remaining to give Atlanta a 95-93 victory over Minnesota on Tuesday night.

Boston — Rick Fox scored 23 points, Eric Williams had 21 and both made key baskets down the stretch as the Boston Celtics broke a two-game losing streak by beating the Golden State Warriors 116-103 Tuesday night.

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SCORES AND STATS

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NBA LEADERS Points, Rebounds, Assists, Steals, Blocks

MAJOR MEN'S COLLEGE SCORES

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HOCKEY NHL Standings Eastern Conference, Western Conference

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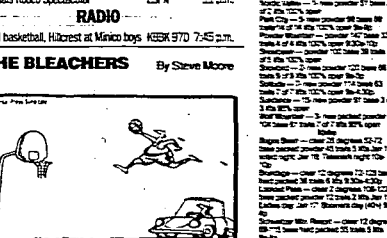
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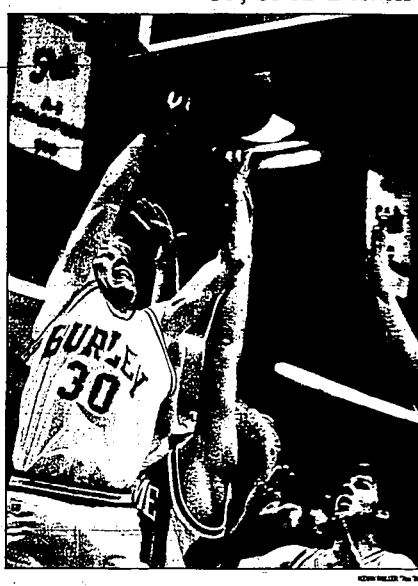
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LOCAL SPORTS

STANDINGS

Girls' high school basketball (Through Jan. 13)
Class A-1, Region III
Class A-2, District 4
Class A-3, Canyon Conference
Class A-4, Northside Conference
Class A-4, Southside Conference



Chris Hilliard, Burley, celebrates after scoring a basket.

Madison takes A-1 top spot in AP poll

A couple of overtime upsets vaulted Madison of Rexburg to the top of the weekly Associated Press boys' high school basketball poll. That is the biggest change among the leaders as chosen by the state's sportswriters and broadcasters. The top picks among the smaller schools all widened their leads over their challengers.

Girls' high school basketball scoring leaders

Table with columns: Player, Team, Avg. Total pts.
Class A-2: Petersen, TF 11.2 146; Peterson, Min 8.7 96; Soale, Mir 8.3 91; Goochman, Bur 7.6 91.
Class A-3, District 4: Watson, Buhl 18.2 255; S. Rubin, Jr 13.7 178; Barnes, Jer 10.8 141; Moore, Bluff 10.1 141; Kitch, WF 9.1 127.
Class A-4, Canyon Conference: Rorer, Valley 18.2 236; McEwen, Kim 18.9 265; Farris, GF 12.8 153; Estepman, Declo 10.9 120; Cowley, Pier 10.2 151; Bryant, GF 9.5 114; H. Lowe, Good 9.2 119; Gennette, GF 8.6 103; Graydon, Good 8.2 107; Hynes, Pier 8.0 104.
Class A-4, District 4: Bell, Mir 13.7 295; Cuffman, Har 13.3 244; Gibson, Har 12.9 208; Huff, Cap 12.1 211; Norman, Det 13.1 183; Huffman, Bliss 12.8 153; Meyer, TCA 12.7 152; Peterson, Carey 12.5 152; Robinson, Det 12.3 172; Isaac, Rich 11.8 141.

Male boys' basketball poll

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pts.
A-1: 1. Declo (11) 10 0 62; 2. Firth (1) 9 1 46; 3. Teton (3) 7 2 32; 4. Mendon (1) 6 1 28; 5. Madras 4 6 11.
A-2: 1. Madison (11) 9 0 62; 2. Highland (1) 8 1 42; 3. Rigby 7 2 30; 4. Pocatello 6 2 29; 5. Eagle (1) 6 3 25.
A-3: 1. Bishop Kelly (12) 9 0 62; 2. Kuna (1) 7 0 43; 3. Salmon 7 2 38; 4. Sagar Salem 7 3 12; 5. Milling 4 3 21.
A-4: 1. Nampa Christian (7) 8 2 53; 2. Lapwai (3) 8 1 41; 3. Troy 6 3 38; 4. Oley 5 3 32; 5. Carey 5 3 12.
A-5: 1. Nampa Christian (7) 8 2 53; 2. Lapwai (3) 8 1 41; 3. Troy 6 3 38; 4. Oley 5 3 32; 5. Carey 5 3 12.

WENDELL 45, VALLEY 43, OT

Game Summary: LeeAnn Pope hit two free throws with one second remaining to tie the game, then added four more points in overtime to lead the Trojans. Wendell, who trailed by 12 points in the first half, came storming back in the fourth quarter behind a tenacious full court press and some timely shooting by Pope and Cindy Chandler.

Richfield takes catfight, 54-50; Dietrich downs ISDB

CAREY - The Richfield Tigers rallied in the second half to defeat the Carey Panthers 54-50 in boys' Northside Conference basketball Tuesday. The hard-fought game was even throughout much of the night, but in the end the Tigers were able to connect on their shots as they tied the game with two minutes remaining before taking the lead for good.

Boys' high school basketball

SHOSHONE 72, Bliss 31 - Bliss - The Shoshone Indians trounced the Bliss Bears 72-31 in boys' Northside Conference basketball Tuesday night. The Indians built a 25-point lead by the half. Torrey Roberts led a trio in double figures with 19 points.

Brwin wrestlers extend streak

TWIN FALLS - The Bruins extended their undefeated dual streak to 10-0 Tuesday in a wrestling meet with Elko and Nampa. Twin Falls beat Elko 35-29 and followed with a win over Nampa 39-27.

Bulldogs escape Gooding with 1-point victory; Jerome edges Mountain Home

GOODING - With a three-point lead and little time left in the game, the Bulldogs put Gooding to the line for three shots and a chance to tie. The Senators hit two of the three as Kimbly slipped by with its second Canyon Conference girls' basketball victory Tuesday.

Girls' high school basketball

33 victory over non-conference girls' basketball opponent Mountain Home. Barnes ended the night with 23 points, 15 rebounds and five assists. Mandy Lloyd led Jerome with six assists.

Jerome 56, Mt. Home 53

Mountain Home - With most of her team in early foul trouble, Lannie Barnes stepped up for Jerome, helping the Tigers to a 56-53 victory over Mountain Home.

Girls' 85, Rimrock 43

GRANDVIEW - After staying within 15 points in the first half, Glens Ferry began running in the second half and easily pulled away for the 85-43 non-conference girls' basketball win over Rimrock Tuesday.

Dietrich JV 71, ISDB 18

DIETRICH - Behind a solid defense which held Idaho School for the Deal and Ribnd scoresless in the first half, the Dietrich junior varsity girls' basketball team dominated the Raptors 71-18 Tuesday.

Murtagh 49, Oakley 36

OAKLEY - The hometown Hornets came out of the locker room at half and went scoreless for six minutes in a girls' A-4 Southside conference matchup

SPORTS

Battling cancer, Armstrong aims to ride again

PARIS (AP) — He is wearing a cap to hide a bald head and two years since the result of cancer and brain surgery. It is just one of many adjustments Lance Armstrong has to make these days.

"I lost a lot of conditioning," he said. "I lost muscle and put on some fat. I have to start working on my strength."

Forced out of the Tour de France this summer in the sixth stage with bronchitis, Armstrong finished sixth in the time trial and 12th in the road race at the Olympics.

He took two stages of the Tour de France, including a stage after his teammate Fabio Casarotto died in a crash in the Pyrenees in July 1995.

Players go ballistic at Australian Open

Say soft, dead balls should be banned

MEIBOURN, Australia (AP) — Tennis handlers who play with the same can of tennis balls week after week, or sometimes three weeks, wouldn't work up much sympathy for the players whining at the Australian Open.



Boris Becker argues about a line call during his five-set loss to Spain's Carlos Moya at the Australian Open Sunday. Becker didn't blame the defeat on the soft, heavy Stanger balls used at the Open, but several other tennis stars have complained about the balls.

"A lot of these tournaments have their deals with Penn and Wilson, and this tournament has a deal with Slazenger," he said, not mentioning that Wimbledon also uses Slazenger balls and he's won there three times and here once.

"I don't know why they are doing this," said Ivanisovic, who hit a record 1,477 aces in 1996 on his way to five ATP Tour titles.

"I've been playing this game for a lot of years and I can tell if the balls are a little bit different from year to year and I think they are here," Sampras said, adding the balls are not so terrible for him.

"I can still serve and volley, and I think in some ways it gives me a little bit more time to return and kind of get a rhythm out of them. It's tough to put the ball away. It's tough to be aggressive."

"The balls please," the umpire's traditional call is to change every nine games, in talking on a different meaning, especially with \$7.5 million at stake.

For Sampras claims he has to wear his tired arm in for 20 minutes after every practice and match because of the balls.

"This isn't how the players see it. They see a conspiracy to slow the game, reducing the balls and offset some of the power of the big, booming racketers. The trouble, the players say, is that soft balls cause them to swing harder to generate their usual speed on serves and groundstrokes."

"It's killing the game," he said. "It's a little of us today but not every day. Usually, the ball is typical for him in three quick sets. The balls have always been pretty soft here but it seems like this year they are a little inconsistent, some are soft, some are okay."

"It's tough to put the ball away, to be aggressive but at this point there's no reason to complain because they (tournament officials) can't do anything."

Skating champion surrenders on drunken driving charge

BLOOMSBURG, Conn. (AP) — Olympic champion figure skater Olympia Baiul surrendered to police Tuesday on charges she drove drunk and recklessly when her Mercedes went off the road in an early morning crash Sunday.



Olympia Baiul

who runs the Simsbury skating center where Baiul trains, said the skater realizes the "inappropriate" other mistake.

deal with any thing like this in her life. She's got to pay a very big price for this mistake. And she's already paying for it."

Nancy Kerrigan for the gold. In November, she withdrew from a competition in Nova Scotia, citing a back injury.

Baiul, the little skater who won the 1994 Olympic gold medal in Lillehammer, Norway, had a blood-alcohol level of 0.15 percent after she crashed her car while returning home from a night out in Hartford, according to a hospital report obtained by The Associated Press.

"She is not trying to hide anything," Young said. "She wants to deal with the consequences."

Baiul has skated infrequently since Lillehammer, where the 24-year-old skater captivated the crowd and judges, edging

NCAA wraps up historic convention

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The NCAA voted Tuesday to make basketball players think twice before going early into the NBA draft, just one day after giving athletes more liberty and more say than ever before.

Turned down a measure to let basketball recruiters make unlimited phone calls to prospects 48 hours before and after the first day of the national signing period.

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During a heavy schedule on Monday, delegates approved the final piece of a far-reaching restructuring process. No longer will big-time schools join smaller institutions once a year with every college having one vote on rules and policy.

Three years ago, the NCAA decided to permit undergraduates to enter the draft and retain their eligibility as long as they did not hire or agent or sign a contract.

"The NBA has rendered the intent of the (original) legislation useless by establishing a rule which does not allow players to re-enter the draft," Mike Tranghese, commissioner of the Big East Conference, said.

"We're working with the NCAA and our players' association to put something together and think it's a good idea," Brienza said.

"Consider the welfare of the student-athlete. Look at this legislation on the principle of honesty and trust, not fear of abuse," said Niland, who ran track and cross country at the University of New York-Buffalo.

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# MONEY

## Prices rise in 1996, but underlying inflation rate tame

**The Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — Consumer prices rose 3.3 percent in 1996, the biggest increase in six years.

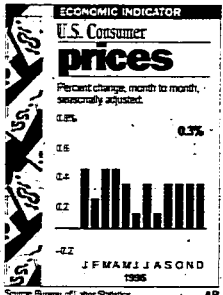
But aside from higher energy and food costs, the underlying inflation rate turned in its best performance in 31 years.

Financial markets cheered the inflation news and a second report showing a 0.6 percent rebound in retail sales in December.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up more than 70 points in late afternoon trading, while higher demand sent bond yields lower.

Analysts said investors were heartened that retail sales rebounded after having fallen in November, meaning the economy entered 1997 without a big overhang of unsold goods. But at the same time, inflation has remained stable, giving the Federal Reserve no reason to start raising interest rates.

President Clinton, who campaigned for re-election on a good economy, also expressed pleasure in Tuesday's report, saying the good economy provided an



excellent opportunity to balance the budget.

The Labor Department reported the 3.3 percent increase in its Consumer Price Index was the largest rise since a

6.1 percent jump in 1990, another year of surging energy costs.

Prices had risen just 2.5 percent in 1995, the fourth straight year that inflation had been below 3 percent, a record

not matched since the mid-1960s.

But discounting the spurt in energy and food costs, the underlying rate of inflation was up just 2.6 percent in 1996, matching the 1994 increase and the lowest rate since a 1.5 percent increase in 1965.

The core rate of inflation had risen by 3 percent in 1995 and analysts said it was remarkable to see such an improvement last year, given that the economy was finishing up its sixth year of expansion, a time when tight labor markets normally trigger higher inflation.

For December, overall prices posted a fourth straight 0.3 percent increase, reflecting a 1.6 percent jump in energy costs, the biggest increase since April. But reflecting the pattern for the year, outside energy and food, the core rate of inflation was up a much more modest 0.1 percent.

While rising energy prices could at some point filter into price pressures in other sectors, economists noted that crude oil prices have already started to retreat and they predicted more good news on energy in 1997 as extra supplies from Iraq begin flowing onto world markets.

Energy prices, which had fallen by 1.3 percent in 1995, rose 8.6 percent for all of 1996, the biggest advance since an 18.1 percent jump in 1990.

Food costs rose 4.2 percent in 1996, the worst showing since 1990. But there as well analysts said the outlook was more favorable for 1997, pointing to recent declines in grain harvests following bumper harvests.

Aside from food and energy, there was little evidence of any inflationary pressures last year.

The cost of medical care was up just 3 percent in 1996, the smallest annual increase since a 2.8 percent rise in 1965. Clothing costs actually fell for the year, dipping by 0.2 percent, the best showing since last year.

But airline fares, reflecting higher fuel costs, were up 14.7 percent in 1996, the biggest increase since a 17 percent jump in 1993.

The 0.6 percent increase in retail sales followed a 0.2 percent drop in November. Sales of autos climbed 0.8 percent while sales at department stores were up 0.5 percent and clothing stores posted an even better 1.5 percent jump.

## MARKETS

### Dow-Jones

NYSE Composite	10,214.42
Dow Jones Industrial	8,451.14
Dow Jones Tech	11,814.32
Dow Jones Energy	4,123.56
Dow Jones Health Care	3,812.45
Dow Jones Financial	2,912.34
Dow Jones Real Estate	1,512.23
Dow Jones Consumer Goods	1,212.12
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Music Go Round owners Peter and Carole Barceloux have a jam session with some of the store's used instruments earlier this month in Bellevue, Wash.

## Store sells secondhand instruments - for a song

BELLEVUE, Wash. (AP) — Considering this region's penchant for recycling, you'd think someone would have come up with an idea like Music Go Round before.

Carole and Peter Barceloux took advantage of that oversight, opening the Eastside's first Music Go Round franchise in mid-November.

Though it trades in some new merchandise, the store focuses on buying and selling used musical instruments, from guitars and banjos to saxophones and electronic keyboards to violins and mandolins.

"Everybody that comes in, we explain the concept. We focus on the idea of recycling ... and they can't believe somebody hasn't done it sooner," says Carole Barceloux.

She figures the idea is particularly appealing to parents of students who are just learning about music but aren't really sure which instrument they want to play. They might start with a saxophone but then learn that their real talent lies with (gulp!) the trumpet.

Such experimentation can become costly, though, when you're dealing with new instruments. At Music Go Round, you can buy a used instrument at a lower price, probably about the same as renting on a one-year contract, says Peter Barceloux (pronounced BAR-sel-oo).

The store offers a seven-day guarantee, so music teachers can pass judgment on the instruments. If the student tires of playing, say, a piccolo, the store will buy it back.

Typically, Music Go Round will pay about half of what the instrument will sell for again, which is usually about half of what it would cost new, Peter says.

Music Go Round is one of five "recycling" concepts fostered by Minneapolis-based Grow Biz Inc. The company also offers franchises for Play It Again Sports (for sports equipment), Disc Go Round (for music CDs), Computer Renaissance (for computer equipment) and Once Upon a Child (for kids' clothes, cribs and the like).

Peter and Carole Barceloux and their two children moved to Issaquah 10 years ago from Northern California. The couple operates a Basin-Robbins franchise on the Sammamish Plateau and two in Bellevue and were

looking for one more piece to their entrepreneurial puzzle when they happened on Music Go Round.

After first looking into the concept in April, they came to an agreement with Grow Biz executives to start an Eastside franchise, which coincidentally is across the street from Bellevue's Play It Again Sports store.

They spent nearly a week in Minneapolis learning and developing a financial plan for their store and nearly two weeks learning more about musical instruments and accessories the store sells.

Their teen-age children are involved in the music programs at their Issaquah schools, which has given Peter and Carole the perfect chance to talk about their project with music instructors and parents of some other students.

In the coming months they hope to talk with teachers and parents in other Eastside schools. While Carole plays woodwinds, such as clarinet and saxophone, and Peter used to play the trumpet, they felt they needed someone in their store who is part of the music business. The store has two part-time employees, but the one full-timer is Jeff Heller, a guitarist who plays in local groups.

They say they will deal in just about any instrument except full-sized pianos. "And organs," Peter adds. "They're too hard to lift."

The most unusual used instrument they've received in their short existence is a melophone, a kind of French horn that uses trumpet-like valves rather than the typical levers.

The instrument has a bigger brass sound than a French horn, but isn't much in vogue any more. It was used mostly in the late 1800s and early 1900s by marching units.

This particular melophone has one valve that sticks but otherwise appears to be in good condition. They'll look for a buyer once it's repaired.

— Carole Barceloux,  
Music Go Round  
co-owner

## Junk bond funds: The other bull market

By Chet Currier  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — While stocks have been the big stars of the 1990s bull market on Wall Street, any investor in junk bond mutual funds knows they haven't been the whole story.

For the last six years, funds that invest in higher yielding, lower quality debt securities have been rolling up gains at better than 12 percent a year.

That's not quite in the same league with domestic stock funds' 16 percent-plus returns, as reported by Morningstar Mutual Funds in Chicago. But it's still a dazzling performance over a sustained period.

By comparison, funds investing in higher quality long-term corporate bonds have returned 8.77 percent a year over the five-year period ended Nov. 30, Morningstar reports. The junk bond funds' gain actually surpassed international stock mutual funds, which averaged an 11.18 percent gain per year.

What makes their rise even more impressive is its humble origins. In both 1989 and 1990, high-yield funds took a beating as junk bonds struggled through a recession and the collapse of their market's mainstay investment firm, Drexel Burnham Lambert.

Since that time, however, the junk bond market has come on stronger than ever before as a financing medium for newer and smaller companies — as well as a home for debt securities whose issuers' credit ratings fall below "investment grade."

With the help of continuing growth in the economy and relatively easy credit conditions, junk bond issuers have generally prospered, rewarding investors willing to take greater default risk in return for higher yields.

And that good performance has attracted additional investment. Morningstar now tracks some 164 junk bond funds with \$70 billion in assets, which compares pretty favorably to \$125 billion in all types of government bond funds.

While most other types of bond funds have shown little or no growth in recent years, notes Alice Lowenstein, a Morningstar analyst, "junk funds have been deluged with assets."

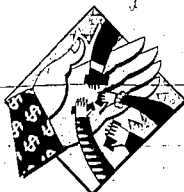
All this happy news has reached the point, however, where some analysts and managers have turned wary.

After a long decline to very low levels, they say, the rate of defaults by junk bond issuers may be starting to creep up again. While enthusiasm for junk bond investments has mounted, their yield spreads — or the extra interest return they offer in comparison with blue-chip alternatives such as Treasury bonds — have narrowed.

"I think the markets are telling us that caution ought to be the byword," says John Bianchi, a portfolio manager who oversees \$3 billion in high-yield bond assets at Smith Barney Mutual Funds.

There are still good investments to be made in junk bonds, he says, "but you've got to be more selective. If you're just going to buy the entire market, I think you're going to have poor results."

Conservative small investors



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shouldn't be tempted to switch money from, say, a bank certificate of deposit into a junk bond

fund, chasing higher yields without understanding the difference in risk, Bianchi says. "The risks exist out there for disappointment."

Professionals like Bianchi say the bull market in junk bonds owes a lot to the stock market's prosperity. A strong stock market, for one thing, allows companies that have relied heavily on capital from the junk bond market to broaden their financial bases by selling stock.

Junk bonds frequently behave more like stocks than bonds anyway. Their prices tend to rise and fall with changes in the fortunes of their issuing companies, rather than simply with the ups and

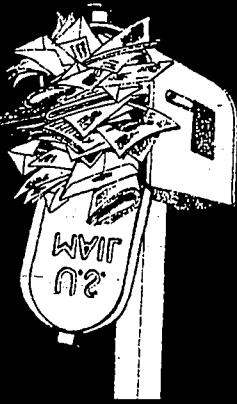
downs of interest rates.

But a rise in interest rates can also be a problem for junk bonds since it increases a key cost for debtors who often don't have very much maneuvering room in their cash flow.

Says Ms. Lowenstein a Morningstar: "The biggest danger to high-yield bonds is a recession, which would be especially brutal to financially shaky companies."

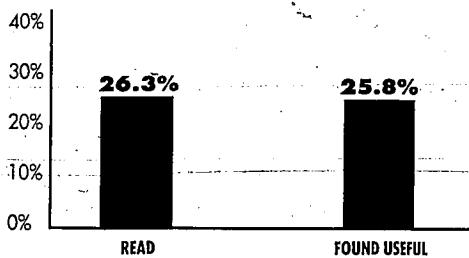
All in all, she concludes, "The prime reason junk bonds offer such sweet rewards is to offset the risks inherent in the securities. It stands to reason that at some point, at least some of that risk will be realized."

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## Companies form 'ethernet' alliance

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Ethernet technology is used to link computers into networks. As computers perform more complex tasks, including imaging, video conferencing and storage of vast amounts of data, the pathways that link computers into networks must carry information at greater speeds.

Standard ethernet technology operates at 100 megabits per second. Gigabit ethernet technology hopes to "move information" at 1,000 megabits per second.

The alliance places Packet and Symbios Logic in position to be first to the market with several gigabit ethernet products this spring, said Bernard Daines, president and chief executive officer of Packet.



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There will be a pre-bid meeting on January 17, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the proposal and to answer questions. Bidders are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Details and specifications may be obtained from the District Administration Office, 201 Main Avenue West, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

REQUEST FOR BID The Board of Trustees of the Minidoka County Joint School District No. 331 will receive sealed bids on or before 9:00 a.m., January 22, 1997 for the purchase of at least 25 Macintosh computers.

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Any person desiring to comment on this application may do so by submitting written comments within 30 days of the date of the first publication of this notice to: Deputy Comptroller, 50 Fremont, Suite #3900, San Francisco, CA 94105. The public file is available for inspection in that office during regular business hours.

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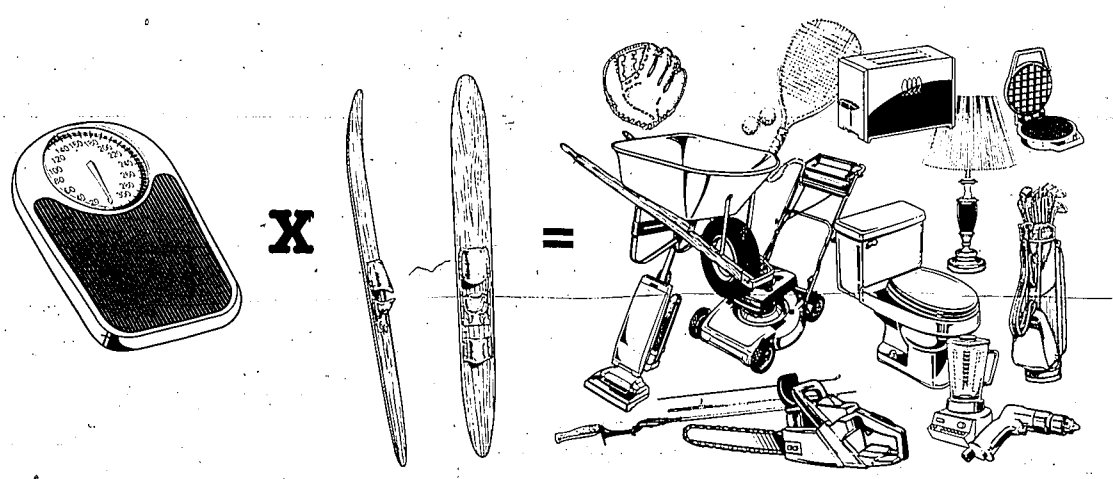
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