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More money paid in unemployment benefits

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Fewer Idahoans stood in unemployment lines last year, but the amount of unemployment benefits paid was more than the previous year.

However, one doesn't necessarily follow in line with the other, says an Idaho Department of Labor spokesman.

During 1996, the department paid \$99.4 million in benefits to Idaho resi-

| Benefits paid during 1996 | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Unemployment benefits paid in 1996, by county: | |
| Blaine County: \$2 million. | Gooding County: \$812,952. |
| Camas County: \$57,984. | Jerome County: \$1.2 million. |
| Cassia County: \$1.8 million. | Lincoln County: \$354,194. |
| Elmore County: \$1.5 million. | Minidoka County: \$2.3 million. |
| | Twin Falls County: \$4.3 million. |

dents. That's up \$3.3 million from the previous year.

Yet in 1996, the state's had its lowest

unemployment rate in 27 years. Idaho's jobless rate averaged 5 percent, compared with 5.4 percent in 1995, according

to the governor's office.

There are many reasons why the jobless rate went down but the jobless benefits went up, says Tom Valasek, a department spokesman in Boise.

"The weekly benefit amount may have increased or the people may have drawn benefits for a longer period of time," Valasek said.

For example, Idahoans in 1996 filed for 570,900 weeks' worth of benefits, com-

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FIRST LOOK



Berneice Climer and her granddaughter, Athena Climer, view the interior of their new home for the first time Tuesday afternoon. "Grandma Climer" will live at the home with Athena and her other granddaughter, Brittany Climer, when volunteers finish remodeling the structure.

Friends in need

New foundation helps Kimberly grandmother build new home

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY - Berneice Climer's world went up in smoke on Nov. 6.

With two granddaughters to raise, Climer couldn't afford to refurbish her flame-ravaged Kimberly home. And Idaho Power Co. wouldn't turn on the lights again until several thousand dollars worth of repairs were made.

"We kind of camped out for a month," said Climer, 59. "I couldn't believe it when somebody offered to build me a new house."

If you want to help

If you know of a family of limited means that needs housing, call Gordon Carter at 734-8241, or write to Charity Anywhere Foundation, 1746 Addison Ave., E. Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. Donations may also be sent to this address.

That somebody was Steve Olsen, a Kimberly contractor. He drew up a floor plan on his computer, scoured Twin Falls-area businesses to find materials, and, with the help of Ken Field of

Kimberly, called on every strong pair of arms he could find.

Then he went to see Gordon Carter.

Carter, a who owns the Professional Driving School of Twin Falls, came with an idea for a non-profit organization called Charity Anywhere Foundation. He offered to help raise the money for the home and write the checks if Olsen would organize the work.

Ten weeks after the fire, the walls of a brand-new house are up, the roof is on, and only painting and trim work remain to be done on the three-bedroom, 884-

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Pacific storm track turns '96 into wettest year on record

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Storms slamming into the West Coast and moisture marching north in the Atlantic made last year the wettest on record on opposite sides of the country.

For Oregon and Idaho in the West and Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and West Virginia in the East, 1996 recorded the most rain and snow ever. For New York, it was the second wettest, according to

new figures from the National Climatic Data Center.

"It's pretty obvious what caused the West to be so wet; it was the prevalent storm track hitting the West Coast, as it's doing right now," William O. Brown of the Asheville, N.C., climate center, a part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said Tuesday.

"For the Northeast, he said, the No. 1 cause was the pretty active westerly (wind) flow. It caused storm develop-

ment in the Gulf of Mexico, which caused the wetness. ... Also, we had an active tropical season."

For the nation as a whole, year-end figures compiled by the Data Center show precipitation averaged 32.32 inches across the country, the fifth wettest year on record. The record is 33.99 inches in 1973.

But it was the all-time wettest year in the Northeast with 51.66 inches, and the Northwest was also a record-setter at

37.85. In a normal year, the Northeast gets 41.63 inches and the Northwest 27.50.

In addition to the record states, those where precipitation put them among their 10 wettest years ever were Washington and California in the West. In the East, other states with years among their 10 wettest were Indiana, Ohio, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Feds lose track of adopted horses, cover up errors

The Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - A federal program to protect wild horses and burros has lost track of more than 32,000 animals placed in adoption, allowing people to neglect, abuse and even slaughter some of them for profit.

In addition, officials of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management may have falsified records to cover up the problem and ignored warnings that thousands of adopters have not been checked and have not received titles to their animals, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

"Records are systematically fal-

sified and no one wants to know about it," said Reed Smith, a former BLM administrator who retired from the New Mexico office in 1995.

In 1971, Congress enacted a law to protect wild horses and burros and place excess animals for adoption. In 1979, to better prevent their slaughter or sale, it created a system of legal titles. The adopter would keep each animal for one year, comply with a health check, then get title.

Until the title is issued, the animal would remain government property.

Using the BLM's computerized records maintained in Denver and

obtained through the Freedom of Information Act, the AP found that 32,774 of all adopted animals - 20 percent - remain untitled. Legally, those horses and burros are still federal property.

Earlier this year, the AP reported that the \$16 million-a-year program has allowed thousands of titled wild horses and burros to be slaughtered. And the AP found that BLM employees are among those profiting from the slaughter.

In response to the first report, Wild Horse and Burro Program chief Thomas Pogacnik wrote, "Once title is issued, the animal is private property."

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Tagged with a number, this horse waits to be slaughtered at a packing plant in Redmond, Ore., in December.

Poachers may face property loss

By Karen Tokkinnen
Times-News writer

BOISE - Convicted poachers would be treated almost like drug traffickers under a proposal circulating at the state Legislature.

While the bill has not yet been formally introduced, members of the Idaho Wildlife Federation have spoken to lawmakers and lined up sponsors for the proposal, which would permit judges to seize any equipment used in poaching, including trucks, horses, guns or all-terrain vehicles. It also would increase fines and penalties, and has the support of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

"Sooner or later we've got to put these...wildlife thieves out of business," said Pat Cudmore, Fish and Game's policy coordinator. "They're not hunters. They're not sportsmen. They're thieves."

But the bill already has drawn fire from some hunters and conservative lawmakers.

"It kind of it's going way too far," said Rep. John Wood, R-Rigby, who sits on the House Resources and Conservation Committee, which will hear the legislation if it passes through the Senate.

"Owning vehicles and personal equipment is a constitutional right," Wood said.

She questioned why anyone was talking about strengthening penalties when judges already fail to use the full extent of the law in sentencing offenders. Others on the House committee agree with her, she said.

Spurring goods store owner Gerry Sweet opposes the measure because of the complexities involved in providing for third-party claims on the equipment, such as a wife's claim on a vehicle, used to pursue a poached animal.

"I want to get the bad guys, but how does it impact the innocent person associated with the poacher?" he asked.

The bill would allow Fish and Game officials to inventory the poacher's possessions after citations. The official would present to a judge a list and description of items used in poaching, including a horse used to retrieve the animal, a trailer to carry it, a truck to pull the trailer and a weapon to kill the animal.

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WEATHER

IDAHO Weather

Wednesday, Jan. 23
An AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions at 55° temperatures.

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FORECAST

Source: National Weather Service

Magic Valley

Areas of morning fog and low clouds today otherwise mostly sunny. Highs 35 to 40. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight mostly clear. Patchy fog. Lows in the upper teens to lower 20s. Thursday mostly sunny and warmer. Highs in the mid 40s.

The ultraviolet index forecast is 2, a minimal exposure level.

Extended regional forecast

Friday through Sunday mostly cloudy with a chance of valley rain and mountain snow. Lows in the mid-20s to the mid-30s. Highs in the lower 40s to lower 50s.

Carnas Prairie, Wood River Valley

Patchy morning fog this morning otherwise mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 20s to mid 30s. Tonight mostly clear. Lows in the teens. Thursday increasing cloudiness with a slight chance of snow or rain showers. A little warmer with highs 35 to 45.

Treasure Valley

Areas of morning fog and low clouds then becoming mostly sunny today. Highs around 40. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph. Tonight mostly clear. Patchy late night fog. Lows 25 to 30. Thursday mostly sunny and warmer. Highs in the upper 40s.

Sawtooth Mountains

Mostly sunny today. Highs in the upper 20s to lower 30s. Tonight mostly clear. Lows 5 to 15 except near 10 below in the Stanley area. Thursday increasing high cloudiness and a little warmer. Highs 35 to 40.

Eastern Idaho

Partly cloudy today. Highs in the middle 30s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight patchy early morning fog otherwise clear. Highs in the lower to mid teens. Thursday sunny. Highs near 40.

Northern Idaho

Areas of morning low clouds and fog becoming mostly sunny today. Highs in the mid 30s to around 40. Light east wind. Tonight increasing high cloudiness. Patchy late night fog. Lows in the upper 20s to lower 30s. Thursday cloudy and warmer with a chance of showers. Highs in the 40s.

Northern Nevada

Partly cloudy this morning becoming mostly sunny after noon. Variable wind 5 to 10 mph. Highs near 40. Tonight mostly clear. Highs 10 to 15. Thursday mostly sunny and warmer. Highs 45 to 50.

Northern Utah

Partly cloudy today. Highs lower to mid 40s. Tonight and Thursday mostly clear. Lows 20 to 25. Highs in the 40s.

The ultraviolet index forecast is 2, a minimal exposure level.

ACROSS THE NATION

Rain drenches East Coast as central states shiver in record cold

The Associated Press

Rain moved across much of the eastern third of the nation Tuesday, with a damaging funnel cloud in Florida and snow in New England, and temperatures dropped to record below zero lows on the central Plains.

The wet weather in the East broke out along a cold front that curved from New England along the East Coast and westward into the Gulf of Mexico. During the morning, rain stretched all the way from Texas through the Florida Panhandle to Maine, with thunderstorms across the Gulf Coast states.

A high pressure system centered over the Plains dragged cold air from the Dakotas all the way to Texas, where afternoon temperatures were only in the low 40s as far south as the Gulf Coast.

Chanute, Kan., chilled to a record morning low of 5 below zero, while Russell, Kan., tied its record at minus 4.

In the West, showers were scattered across Nevada and southern Idaho into Utah as the latest Pacific storm system moved out of the Pacific Northwest. A few showers also were scattered over California, where many rivers were full from heavy rain during the weekend.

Tuesday's lowest wind chill was 49 below zero at Worthington and Grand Marais, Minn.

An early morning funnel cloud pulled the roof off a small strip mall in the Pensacola, Fla., suburb of Easley, damaging two stores and a dentist's office. No one was injured and the funnel cloud never touched down.

Snow fell along the northern end of the frost, with the heaviest snowfall in northern New York and northern New England. New Hampshire got up to 9 inches of snow overnight, and parts of Maine got up to a foot.

Wind gusted to 71 mph at Falmouth, Mass., and to 62 mph at Eastham, Mass., the National Weather Service said.

By afternoon, as the front pushed toward the east, showers lingered along the coast from New Jersey into Maine, with light snow at higher elevations of New England.

ALMANAC

Idaho

| Max | Min | Pcp |
|-------------|-----|-----|
| Boise | 34 | 30 |
| Burley | 39 | 24 |
| Fairfield | 32 | 14 |
| Gooding | 34 | 29 |
| Hagerman | 42 | 25 |
| Idaho Falls | 31 | 17 |
| Jerome | 30 | 23 |
| Lewiston | 33 | 25 |
| Malad | m | m |
| Matta | 39 | 27 |
| McCall | 36 | 12 |
| Pocatello | 35 | 20 |
| Salt Lake | 21 | 0 |
| Stanley | 15 | 2 |
| Sun Valley | 37 | 4 |

Twin Falls

| Max | Min | Pcp |
|-----------|-----|-----|
| Yesterday | 38 | 23 |
| Last year | 53 | 28 |
| Normal | 37 | 19 |

Precipitation

| Normal mo. to date: | Water year to date: | Normal year to date: |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 2.66 | 9.84 | 9.84 |
| 0.09 | 3.00 | 3.00 |

Comfort factors

| Humidity at noon: | Barometer at noon: | Pollen count: Reports ended: |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 98 pct. | 30.28 R | until next season. |

IDAHO WEATHER SUMMARY

Precipitation was general across southern Idaho Tuesday. The Magic Valley and southern portion of the Upper Snake River Valley had rain, the Treasure Valley had clear while the northern sections of the Upper Snake River Valley had snow. The central mountains and Panhandle had cloudy skies. Afternoon temperatures ranged from the lower 20s to the upper 30s.

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Wednesday, Jan. 23.

Max Min Pcp

| | | | |
|-----------------|----|-----|------|
| Albuquerque | 46 | 28 | — |
| Atlanta | 58 | 55 | .64 |
| Boston | 45 | 26 | .4 |
| Chicago | 9 | 2 | — |
| Dallas | 39 | 19 | — |
| Denver | 42 | 13 | .01 |
| Des Moines | 42 | 21 | — |
| Detroit | 22 | 20 | — |
| Houston | 82 | 76 | — |
| Honolulu | 82 | 76 | — |
| Indianapolis | 15 | 7 | .03 |
| Kansas City | 15 | 45 | — |
| Las Vegas | 58 | 45 | — |
| Los Angeles | 78 | 46 | — |
| Memphis | 30 | 24 | .95 |
| Miami Beach | 80 | 69 | — |
| Milwaukee | 9 | 2 | — |
| Minneapolis | 4 | 1.7 | — |
| New Orleans | 69 | 57 | 1.46 |
| New York | 50 | 34 | 5.56 |
| Oklahoma City | 36 | 7 | — |
| Omaha | 12 | — | — |
| Phoenix | 69 | 52 | — |
| Pittsburgh | 30 | 28 | 2.22 |
| Portland, Ore. | 42 | 21 | .85 |
| Portland, Ore. | 39 | 31 | .45 |
| Reno | 53 | 36 | .03 |
| San Louis | 42 | 21 | .85 |
| San Luis Obispo | 40 | 32 | .02 |
| San Francisco | 59 | 52 | .35 |
| Seattle | 49 | 29 | .27 |
| Spokane | 24 | 19 | .43 |
| Washington | 50 | 39 | .36 |

FRONTS:

COLD WARM STATIONARY

PRECIPITATION: HAIL SPORADIC RAIN FLOODING FURIOUS SNOW ICE SUNNY PT. CLOUDY CLOUDY

HIGHS & LOWS

Idaho: High, 43 degrees at Emmett, Low, 2 degrees below zero at Stanley. Nation: High, 84 at Fort Myers, Fla. Low, 40 below zero at Hardin, Mont.

SKWATCH

Sunset today 5:48 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:54 a.m.
Lunar phase: Full, Jan. 23, last quarter, Jan. 31; new, Feb. 7; first quarter, Feb. 14.
Visible planets: Morning: Mars, Mercury.
Evening: Saturn, Mars.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Friends

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square foot structure. Olsen figures Climer and her grandchildren, aged 12 and 11, will be able to move in by the end of February.

Total cost: \$8,000 to \$9,000 each, plus another \$15,000 to \$30,000 in donated labor and materials, Olsen said.

"For me, the best kind of charity is people helping their neighbors," Carter said. "There's no shortage of people willing to donate money and time. Right now we're mostly looking for people who need help."

Carter's project grew out of a series of youth tours he led to Mexico to refurbish orphanages and a Mormon missionary school, and with his children's experience with CHOICE, a Salt Lake

City charitable organization that specializes in volunteer building and refurbishing projects.

"The kids got so much out of this experience, and so did I," he said. "So I started looking for projects closer to home."

Charity Anywhere filed with the Internal Revenue Service last year as a non-profit foundation, which allows it to accept tax-deductible contributions.

Meanwhile, Carter is exploring other sources of funds for a home and homebuilding project: a two-room house in Kimberly for another family in need. Estimated cash needed: \$18,000.

"We talked to South-Central Community Action and the Farmers Home Administration, and I think they can make some money available," he said.

The Red Cross also lent support to the Climer project.

"Mrs. Climer's house wasn't a total charity project," Olsen said. "The Climers put some money into it. I figure 25 businesses have donated services or materials and about 70 people have donated time."

Carter said Charity Anywhere will help the needy of any religion or ethnic origin.

"It doesn't matter," he said. "As a matter of fact, I'd rather not know what religion you are."

Climer, who has been living temporarily in Twin Falls, says her grandchildren, Athena and Brittany, are looking forward to rooms of their own.

"I won't have to drive them out to Kimberly to school every day," she said. "I sure appreciate it."

Benefits

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designed to cover all living expenses, but to help people through a period of unemployment, Valasek adds.

While that state check may seem less than helpful at times, the money goes right into the economy, says Lon McDonald, labor analyst with the state Department of Labor office in Twin Falls.

"It's big money and just about all it goes right on paying rents, paying food and heat," McDonald said.

"These benefits are paid to workers who become unemployed through no fault of their own," said Dwight Johnson, another labor department spokesman in Boise. "Unemployment insurance benefits serve as a significant economic stabilizer by providing unemployed workers with a temporary financial safety net while seeking new employment or awaiting seasonal employment to resume."

Other provisions of the proposal include doubling the fine for each successive animal, and stripping a poacher's hunting privileges for life.

At least one local hunter supports the measure.

"If it were a major offense like shooting a moose or a bighorn sheep, I can see taking their equipment," said Tony Stauffer, a member of the Sportsman's Heritage Defense Fund and area coordinator of the campaign against an initiative to restrict black bear hunting. "I guess if you get caught poaching, you deserve to have it taken away."

Goodnight expects the confiscation provision to stir the most opposition.

"If we have to sacrifice the confiscation provisions to get the other elements in law, we would consider that," he said.

Seizure

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If the poacher is convicted, the judge could choose to order those items seized and sold off, with the proceeds going to schools and departments other than Fish and Game, said Bill Goodnight, spokesman for the Idaho Wildlife Federation.

"I think, quite frankly, that it's going to take a pretty flagrant case for a magistrate to impose these penalties," he said.

To make sure, the bill outlines "flagrant violations" that would warrant the penalties, including using night scopes, catching twice the legal limit of small game, illegal sale of wildlife, the illegal taking of two or more big game animals, shooting big game out of season or using illegal ammunition during seasons reserved for bowhunters or muzzleloaders.

"The guy who makes an honest mistake shouldn't be punished," Goodnight said.

Horses

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Under the 1971 law, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is mandated by Congress to protect wild horses and burros on public lands. Babbitt refused to comment for this story Tuesday.

BLM officials say they rely on spot checks to check on horses that remain untitled but Larry Woodard, the former state director of New Mexico's BLM office, called spot checks "ineffective."

"One out of every five animals adopted by the Bureau never being titled would indicate that the tiling aspect of the adoption program has not been a subject of intense concern," Woodard wrote in a 1993 memo.

A U.S. Justice Department memo from April 1996 indicated that the BLM is not carefully screening adopters because the agency does not want to know what happens to the animals.

"The Adopt-a-Horse program is seriously flawed... BLM has an unstated policy of not looking too

closely at proposed adoptions," wrote Charles Broderick, a Department attorney who had been assisting the Texas U.S. attorney's office with an investigation of the program. "The agency's approach to this was its version of 'don't ask, don't tell.'"

A March 27, 1995, internal memo from that investigation quotes BLM law enforcement agent John Brenna as saying that Lili Thomas, a BLM official, made "a tacit admission of back-dating documents used in the Wild Horse and Burro Program."

"Her additional comments were that she did not know if this was illegal or not," Brenna wrote. "We did not immediately respond to messages left Tuesday requesting comment. Brenna wouldn't comment."

In the 25 years since the law's passage, the BLM has gathered 165,635 animals in 10 Western states deemed "excess" and given most of them to adopters

for \$125 each. About 40,000 horses and burros remain in the wild.

The adopted horses were given to more than 18,000 different people.

Thomas Sharp, a 43-year-old writer and alpha farmer, sits in a West Texas penitentiary, the only person in the country in federal prison for selling untitled horses.

He says he couldn't afford to feed the animals and didn't bother to send in a form requesting a title. "They got me on a signature, but they got me, that's for sure," he said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Hank Heckermeier of Oklahoma said he hoped Sharp's four-month sentence would serve as an example.

"Our purpose for prosecuting this case was to send a message that under this program you can't ostensibly adopt these horses and then sell them before you have title," he said.

The AP contacted 20 adopters of untitled horses this week, but only two still had their animals.

Simpson jury begins work

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — O.J. Simpson's fate was placed in the hands of a jury Tuesday after a final theatrical flourish from an attorney who waved a wad of bills at the football game and accused him of cheapening the lives of the victims.

The panel deliberated two hours before quitting for the night. They must decide whether Simpson should be held responsible for the slaying of his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and the slaying of Ronald Goldman. Simpson was acquitted of the crime of a year and a half ago.

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation reported snow in many areas of Idaho Tuesday, making driving hazardous. Road conditions:

U.S. 95 — Plummer-Coeur d'Alene, wet, snowing; Coeur d'Alene-Sandpoint, Canadian border, wet, rain, snowing; Riggin-Whitebird Hill, wet; Whitebird Hill, wet, rain; Grangeville-Lewiston, wet, rain; Lewiston Hill-Masew, wet, icy spots; Weiser-Now Meadows, wet; Marsing-Oregon line, wet, rain, fog.

Interstate 90 — Fouring of John Canyon, wet, snowing; Lookout Pass, wet, drifts.

U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Orlino, wet; Orlino-Kooskia, wet, broken snow floor; Lewell-Lolo Pass, snow floor, snowing.

Interstate 84 — Oregon line-Nampa area, wet; Boise area, wet, fog; Boise-Cleary Ferry-Burley, wet; Burley-Idaho Falls, wet, fog, snowing.

Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend-Donnelly, wet, snowing; Donnelly-New Meadows, icy spots, broken snow floor, snowing.

Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, wet, icy spots, rain; Idaho City-Lowman,

icy spots, broken snow floor; Lowman-Basalt, Summit, icy spots, broken snow floor.

U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, wet, broken snow floor; Fairfield-Carey, wet; Arco-Idaho Falls, icy spots, freezing rain; Idaho Falls-Ashton, icy spots, rain, fog, broken snow floor, snowing, drifts, icy spots; Blackfoot-Idaho Falls, snowing line, snowing, drifts, icy spots; Blackfoot-Arco, wet.

Idaho 51 — Wet, snowing.

U.S. 30 — Nevada line-Arco, wet; Arco-Salmon, wet, icy spots, broken snow floor; Lost Trail Pass, wet, icy spots.

Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchikan, wet, icy spots; Galena-Summit, snow floor, snowing.

Interstate 86 — Wet, rain.

Interstate 15 — Utah line-Malad Pass, wet, snowing; Pocatello-Idaho Falls, wet, rain, snowing, drifts; wet, icy spots, rain; Monida Pass, icy spots.

U.S. 30 — McCammon-Soda Springs, wet, drifts; Soda Springs-Montpelier, wet, snowing, drifts; Montpelier-Wyoming line, wet, broken snow floor, snowing.

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NATION IN BRIEF

Gingrich's lawyer says decision pending.

WASHINGTON — Rep. Newt Gingrich's attorney said Tuesday he hopes to complete a review by week's end on whether the speaker should use personal funds or some other method to pay a \$300,000 penalty to the House ethics committee.

J. Randolph Evans said the review includes the question of how the payments would affect Gingrich's taxes.

Once a decision is made, Evans has said, agencies such as the Federal Election Commission might be asked for advisory opinions that could delay actual payment for several months.

Miss Universe striving to slim down again

NEW YORK — Miss Universe hit the gym Tuesday, trying to control her expanding dimensions before the Big Binge turns her career into a black hole.

Since winning the crown in May, 20-year-old Alicia Machado of Venezuela has clearly added a little padding to her well-rounded curves.

"I was in other countries with other foods," Miss Machado explained.

Now, with the support of Donald Trump, who co-owns the Miss Universe pageant with CBS, she's shedding the pounds for all the world to see.

Cosby's wife brushes off extramarital affair

NEW YORK — Bill Cosby's wife brushed aside the possibility he fathered a child during a long-ago affair, saying Tuesday: "All old personal negative issues between Bill and me were resolved years ago. We are a united couple."

"What occurred 23 years ago is not important to me except for the current issue of extortion," Camille Cosby, the comedian's wife of 33 years, said in a statement issued through her husband's publicist.

"Mrs. Cosby said her focus is on finding answers in the Jan. 16 homicide slaying of her 27-year-old son, Ennis."

"What is very important to me is the apprehension of the person or persons who killed our son," she said. "I appeal to all of you to help us find the murderer."

INS mistake may deny immigrants refuge

WASHINGTON — Some Central American refugees may soon learn a hard lesson about life in the United States: The government sometimes goof.

Because of a mistake by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, an unknown number of Guatemalans and Salvadorans who sought safe harbor here may not be notified about the interview they need to gain asylum.

The mistake occurred when an INS employee last August shut down a special post office box used to correspond with the tens of thousands of Central Americans who fled unrest in their countries in the 1980s. The error wasn't discovered until December.

General Davis stamp released Tuesday

WASHINGTON — A commemorative stamp honoring Benjamin O. Davis, the nation's first black general, was released Tuesday by the Postal Service.

Retired Gen. Colin Powell was on hand for the ceremonies here, along with Davis' son, Benjamin O. Davis Jr., himself a retired Air Force general.

Born in Washington, the senior Davis joined the Army as a private and served in the Spanish-American War, became a major during World War I and a colonel in 1936. He became the nation's first black general in 1940 and during World War II served as a special advisor to the commander of the European Theater and in other posts.

N.Y. Senate defeats casino gambling bill

ALBANY, N.Y. — The state Senate defeated a proposed amendment Tuesday to legalize casino gambling off Indian lands.

The Republican-controlled chamber voted 41-19 against the measure.

Because of Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno's insistence that the proposed amendment, if defeated, would not be brought up again in 1997 or 1998, the vote effectively shelve the legalization of non-Indian casinos in New York until at least the year 2001.

Woman wins \$4.9 million in medical case

NEW YORK — A jury awarded a woman \$4.9 million, finding that a prominent cancer doctor removed her reproductive organs before receiving results of a test that showed she didn't have ovarian cancer.

A biopsy taken at the start of the January 1993 surgery showed that Davina Kraskey, then 36, had a benign ovarian cyst. The biopsy results came during the surgery to remove her ovaries, uterus and Fallopian tubes.

In its verdict Monday, the jury found that Dr. John Lewis Jr., now-retired chief of gynecological oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering hospital, was personally responsible for the mistake.

Compiled from wire reports

Clinton: White House not for sale

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton conceded Tuesday that "mistakes were made" by the White House in raising millions of dollars for his reelection campaign.

But he insisted his administration was never for sale to fat-cat contributors.

"I never made a decision for anybody because they were contributors of money," the president declared. He said investigators will have to decide whether fundraising mistakes were made deliberately or inadvertently.

Clinton readily acknowledged it had been wrong to have the nation's top banking regulator meet with major bankers at a White House session arranged by Democratic fund-raisers last May. But he said there was nothing improper about his own attendance, or that of Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin.

"I think those meetings are good," said Clinton, defending White House sessions with major donors. "I think the president should keep in touch with the people."

Clinton said he had ordered aides to cooperate with an upcoming Senate investigation. But a Republican Sen. Fred Thompson, who will lead the hearings, said he was skeptical of White House cooperation in light



President Clinton answers a question during his news conference in the East Room of the White House on Tuesday. The president discussed his budget, education plans and campaign finance reform.

of past "grudging release of information."

A few hours after the news conference, Clinton was the featured speaker at a fund-raiser expected to bring in about \$1 million from business leaders.

The president, at the first news

conference of his second term, answered questions for 55 minutes in the elegant East Room.

Many of the questions dealt with suspicious Democratic fund raising, but the president also made those points on other topics.

• He still expects to hold a

summit in March with Russian President Boris Yeltsin despite Yeltsin's slow recovery from open heart surgery. Clinton said he had no information to contradict Moscow's statement that Yeltsin is steadily recovering.

• His approach to China has not yielded the progress he wanted on human rights but "I still believe that the policy we're following is the correct one." Clinton said he hoped China would not crack down on civil liberties when it takes control of Hong Kong in July.

• The budget he will submit to Congress on Feb. 6 will pay for all of his campaign pledges, including a capital gains tax cut of up to \$500,000 for couples who sell their homes, and the revocation of a ban on aid to legal immigrants.

• He is confident that Saudi Arabia — "in the end" — will cooperate with the FBI investigation of the Dhabran bombing that killed 19 American servicemen. Attorney General Janet Reno and FBI Director Louis Freeh have raised concerns about the Saudis' cooperation.

• The president opened the news conference saying that with his four years of state legislatures before it became part of the Constitution.

Democrats submit new budget amendment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats introduced a balanced budget amendment Tuesday that, unlike the Republican-backed version that will dominate the debate, removes the Social Security trust fund from budget calculations.

"This amendment will require the fiscal discipline that is needed in this country, but it will not misuse Social Security trust funds to pretend the budget is in balance when it is not," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.

The Democratic bill has no chance of passing, but it could deprive the GOP bill of the two-thirds majority needed for a constitutional amendment.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Judiciary Committee and a leading proponent of the GOP version, said Monday he had 68 votes, one more than needed. That includes all 55 Republicans, nine Democrats who voted for the balanced budget amendment last year and four freshman Democrats who pledged support for the amendment during their campaigns.

The focus will be on whether the freshmen — Max Cleland of Georgia, Tim Johnson of South Dakota, Mary Landrieu of Louisiana and Robert Tortorelli of New Jersey — support the Republican or Democratic versions.

The Social Security trust fund,

which currently brings in more money every year than goes out, is included in general budget calculations, and both the Clinton administration and Republican plans to balance the budget by 2002 rely on trust fund money as a source of revenue.

"Neither the Republicans nor I and the Congress could produce a balanced budget tomorrow that could pass" if the trust funds aren't counted, President Clinton said Tuesday at a news conference.

But Clinton opposes an amendment that would rely on Social Security revenues to balance the budget. "When you amend the Constitution you do it forever," he said, warning that Congress might have to impound trust fund money in the future when other revenue sources fall short.

Republicans likened the Social Security issue to Democratic campaign rhetoric that

Republicans were trying to kill Medicare. "It's another effort to scare older Americans for political purposes," Hatch said Monday.

An identical Republican version got 300 votes in the House in 1995, 10 more than needed, but fell one vote short in the Senate. A second Senate vote last year also failed. This time,

Senate backers say they have the votes while GOP leaders in the House, where Democrats gained seats in the November election, are calling it a tossup.

An amendment would still need to be ratified by three-fourths of state legislatures before it became part of the Constitution.

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City: Don't drink and dance

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — From couples arriving in a limousine and taxis may not be allowed into the dance this spring without passing the same breath test the police give to suspected drunken drivers.

The school board in this city of almost 300,000 people is scheduled to vote Feb. 6 on whether to subject all prom-goers to a breath or saliva test to ensure they haven't been drinking.

"We have a responsibility and an obligation to provide a safe environment for students. Alcohol is illegal, at least for high school students, and we must do all we can to uphold the law," said Steve Jacoby, executive director of student services for the 53,000-student district.

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Military closing gender gap in fitness requirements

WASHINGTON (AP) — When the drill sergeant yells, "Drop and give me 20!" women as well as men are expected to respond. But in most of the services women do not have to do as many.

Updated fitness requirements have closed the gender gap, though not all the way. Gone are the days when female Marines ran 1.5 miles while their male counterparts ran twice as far. As of this month, all Marines run three miles. Women can run a slightly slower time and still rate a perfect score.

Before the new rules took effect, women in the Marine Corps had to do 50 sit-ups in two minutes as part of their standard fitness test. Now they do 80 as do the men.

"I'm glad we're getting more on equal terms. It's long overdue," said Gurnery Sgt. Karen Imhoff, an 18-year veteran of the Corps.

"The transition wasn't difficult at all because I'd always done more than what the minimum requirements were for us."

The Army likewise has closed the gap on sit-ups, and all soldiers run two miles. Female soldiers, however, can run a slower time and can do fewer push-ups than the men and still pass. The Navy's rules are similar. The Air Force administers a stationary cycle stress test, with some differences in severity based on gender.

At a time when women make up only 13.2 percent of the active-duty force — up slightly from 11 percent in 1990 — and recruiters encounter difficulty attracting women into the military, officers explain the equalized fitness rules as a morale booster.

Marine Corps Gen. Charles Krulak, the service's top officer, started the move toward equalized fitness rules two years ago.

"What signal do we send to the

Military fitness

Over the years, fitness requirements for male and female members of the military have become more similar. Service members must pass a test once or twice a year.

Army

- ▶ **Two minutes of pushups**
Men: 42 minimum; 60 for perfect score
Women: 18 minimum; 30 for perfect score
- ▶ **Two minutes of situps**
Men: 52 minimum; 80 for perfect score
Women: 30 minimum; 60 for perfect score
- ▶ **Two-mile run**
Men: 15:54 maximum time; 11:54 for perfect score
Women: 18:54 maximum; 14:54 for perfect score

Navy

- ▶ **Two minutes of pushups**
Men: at least 29
Women: at least 11
- ▶ **Two minutes of situps**
Men: at least 40
Women: at least 32
- ▶ **1.5-mile run**
Men: 15:45 maximum time
Women: 18:45 maximum time

Source: The Pentagon

Marine Corps

- ▶ **Two minutes of situps**
Men: 42 minimum; 60 for perfect score
Women: 42 minimum; 60 for perfect score
- ▶ **Pushups, no time limit**
Men: 100 minimum; 200 for maximum score
Women: 100 minimum; 200 for maximum score
- ▶ **3-mile run**
Men: 21 maximum; 17 minutes for perfect score
Women: 21 maximum; 17 minutes for perfect score

Air Force

- ▶ **Two minutes of pushups**
Men: 42 minimum; 60 for perfect score
Women: 18 minimum; 30 for perfect score
- ▶ **Two minutes of situps**
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"When double standards are introduced in matters of physical training and performance, they work against these very concepts," Welch wrote.

Three female Marine sergeants said in an interview that grumbling from men about lighter fitness requirements for women occurs only when women do only the bare minimum of what is required.

In most cases, they say, women do more. "Women would always try to keep up with the men in the room," said Gurnery Sgt. Melissa Crane. "Even when we would finish the run we would always try to do as many sit-ups."

The Marines still make a concession on upper body strength, recognizing basic physiological differences between the male and female body. Thus women do a "flexed arm hang" — hanging from an overhead bar with arms bent — while the men do between three and 20 pullups. Failure in any of the three exercise categories — running, situps and pullups — means a failing overall grade.

"It's a barrier," said Maj. Leon Pappas, head of ground training at the U.S. Marine Corps base at Quantico, Va. "We no longer have a male or female sit-up. We have a Marine Corps sit-up test. The run is the same."

Combat and specialty training, as opposed to fitness testing, is the same regardless of gender.

In the Army, a male soldier in the 17-21 age group must do between 42 and 82 push-ups, 52 and 92 sit-ups, and run two miles in no more than 15:54. A female in the same age group must do between 18 and 58 push-ups, 50 and 90 sit-ups, and the two-mile run in no more than 18:54.

"There are physiological differences that are taken into account. Women will never be able to do as many push-ups as males do," said Frank Palkoska, chief of doctrine at the Army physical fitness center at Fort Benning, Ga.

has toughened the sit-up requirements for women after its fitness experts concluded that the typically lighter upper body weight of women made this exercise easier for them than for men.

The problem the Army notices is not an inability of women to pass fitness tests but poor overall results for all its young recruits. "They have the highest failure rate," Palkoska said of the youngest soldiers. Societal changes, the growing ranks of couch potatoes, are contributing factors. "Most have never had the opportunity to go out and basically sweat. They've never run more than a quarter mile in their life."

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Oklahoma bombing investigators moved from lab

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three senior FBI agents who evaluated evidence in the Oklahoma City bombing case have been removed from their jobs in the bureau's crime lab as a result of a Justice Department investigation. The Associated Press learned Tuesday.

As a result of problems uncovered by that probe, federal prosecutors have decided against calling one of the three as an expert witness on explosive residues when Timothy McVeigh goes on trial in March for the 1995 truck bombing that killed 168 people, officials said. "It's the worst self-

inflicted wound since President Nixon released the White House tapes" during the Watergate scandal, said McVeigh's attorney, Stephen James Justice. Department officials expressed confidence other experts can present all the forensic evidence they will need in the case.

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Riot police help Milosevic reassert control

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Clubbing protesters and blocking opposition leaders from city hall, riot police helped Slobodan Milosevic's Socialists take control Tuesday of a town won by the opposition.

Riot police surrounded the town hall Tuesday in Smederevska Palanka, 50 miles south of Belgrade, while the Socialists held the town council's inaugural session.

Deputies from the opposition were kept outside. Cheered by hundreds of supporters, they held their own assembly in front of the building.

Opposition supporters then tried to march through the center of town, but riot police prevented them with clubs, Dragoslav



Travica, a local opposition leader, told The Associated Press by telephone. Fifteen protesters were injured, including Ljubisa Bekic, an opposition member who had

been elected to the town's council Nov. 17.

"Without any provocation, air warning, policemen, mostly local, clubbed demonstrators," Urasevic said.

Vuk Draskovic, a leader of the Zajedno coalition, said the opposition might call for a complete boycott of local government and establish parallel municipal governments unless Milosevic's orders and recognizes opposition victories in 14 cities, including Belgrade.

"Time is running out, and we can't wait forever... The fear is great that confrontations might turn into major clashes," Draskovic said.

Over the past four days, police have intervened in the Belgrade

process, clubbing demonstrators and injuring at least 25 of them.

Bravica, a traditional ally of Serbia, urged Milosevic to recognize the opposition's election victories. The request appeared to have little impact.

Bosnia's deputy foreign minister, Egir Ibrahimovic, praised a December report by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe that said the opposition won 64 communities including Belgrade.

Ibrahimovic met with Milosevic late Tuesday. A statement from the Serbian president's office said elections are an internal matter for every country and that all solutions "imposed from abroad" should be excluded.

Tree loss angers Canadians

TORONTO (AP) — One of Canada's most famous trees, a 300-year-old spruce with golden needles revered by generations of Haida Indians, has been cut down by a vandal.

The tree now lies toppled on the forest floor in the Queen Charlotte Islands, off the British Columbia coast not far from Alaska's southern tip.

The chainsaw attack on the 164-foot tree has left loggers, Indians

and environmentalists — often bitter adversaries in the Canadian wilderness — united in outrage.

Grant Hadwin, 48, has been arrested on a charge of mischief for last week's cutting, and faces a maximum six-month jail term.

The Haida, local media and some environmental groups received a rambling letter saying the tree was felled to vent "rage and hatred towards university-trained professionals."

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Yeltsin returns to Kremlin

MOSCOW (AP) — A trimmer, more vigorous Boris Yeltsin was shown working in the Kremlin Tuesday in the first picture released of the Russian president in more than three weeks.

Yeltsin spent nearly three hours at work in his first trip to the Kremlin since a brief visit Jan. 22 after getting out of the hospital, where he was treated for pneumonia. He since has been resting at home.

Photos and film released by the Kremlin showed a smiling but slightly pale Yeltsin greeting Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin and then sitting at a table, gesturing with his hands.

Yeltsin clearly had lost weight since his heart bypass in November but was moving more vigorously than he had in months.

The Russian leader met with Chernomyrdin and Ivan Kurchenko, secretary of the Commonwealth of Independent States, presidential aides said.

He also worked on government documents before returning to his country house west of Moscow. Yeltsin, who turns 66 on Saturday, plans to celebrate his birthday there with his family, aides said.

Nuns delay voting for new leader of order

CALCUTTA, India (AP) — Voting for the head of Mother Teresa's order was postponed indefinitely Tuesday, giving the Missionaries of Charity nuns more time to decide whether to replace their ailing leader.

Mother Teresa, 86, has told friends that because of her failing health, she wants to step down as head of the order she founded 50 years ago. When she made a similar request in 1990, the nuns re-elected her anyway.

A brief message from Calcutta Archbishop Henry D'Souza gave no explanation for the decision to postpone Sunday's vote, and set no new date.

The order's constitution calls for leadership elections every six years, but the 1996 vote reportedly was delayed because Mother Teresa was ill. She underwent an angioplasty to remove blockages from two arteries late last year after a mild heart attack. Her recovery was impeded by a persistent lung infection and kidney problems.

In recent days, she has been confined to a wheelchair because of back pain linked to arthritis and osteoporosis, and often needs oxygen to help her breathe.

Burmese group protests jail terms

RANGOON, Burma (AP) — Fourteen more people have been sentenced to seven-year prison terms in connection with student unrest, the military said Tuesday, prompting pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi to denounce the secret trials.

The December protests, involving hundreds of students, marked Burma's biggest street protest since 1988, when troops gunned down thousands of demonstrators demanding an end to military rule.

Five of those found guilty of agitation and throwing rocks at security forces belonged to Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party, the military statement said. The others were not identified.

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EDITORIAL

In drug investigations, watch the watchdogs

The acquittal of former drug investigator Don Walden on charges of racketeering and misuse of public funds brings to a close one of more bizarre chapters of Magic Valley law enforcement.

Walden and his former partner Juan Nunez (who was convicted last year of racketeering, misuse of public money and sales-tax violations) were the heart of the Tri-County Drug Task Force.

Like too many agencies of this kind, the task force relied in part on cash from drug seizures to pay its salaries. In addition, Walden and Nunez had far too broad discretion in handling the money and drugs they seized.

Walden's own testimony showed that he clearly had trouble managing the office.

This was a cowboy-cop operation that functioned without any reasonable supervision from the cities and counties that sponsored it.

Its work, and that of the Magic Valley Drug Task force that preceded it, was marred almost from the start. Indictments, brought by then-prosecutor E. Ellen Baxter and her assistant, Frank Nichols, had to be dismissed because of flawed procedures.

It's hard to escape the conclusion that comprehensive drug enforcement is better left to the state and federal governments, who have the technical support, trained personnel and experience to handle the job.

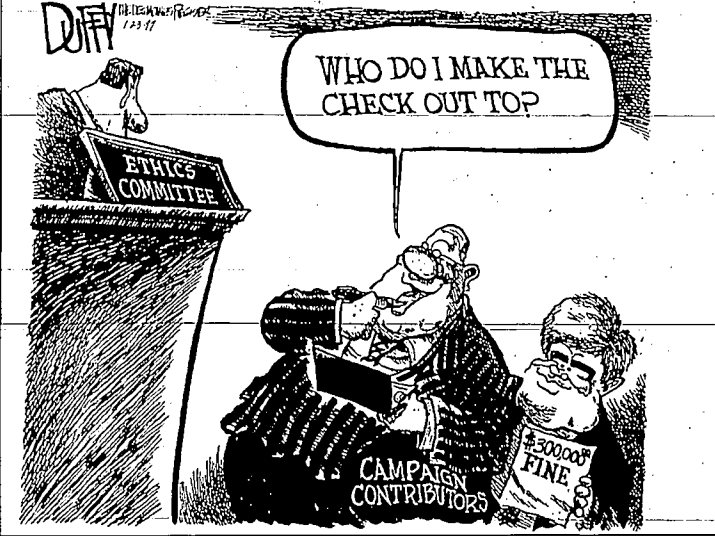
Local cops can and do enforce drug laws effectively, but only with proper supervision and a clear sense that justice, and not merely the volume of arrests and seizures, is the primary goal.

The U.S. Supreme Court left open the door to abuse when it ruled that property may be seized in drug and money-laundering cases without due process, and without the owner being convicted of a crime.

That partly removed state and federal courts from their constitutional role as a check on the prerogatives of prosecutors. What's left is the integrity of law enforcement agencies and their willingness and ability to police their own actions.

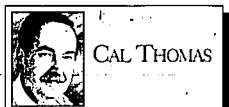
Without proper supervision, regional drug task forces can be loose cannons, jeopardizing not only the public's rights but its confidence in law enforcement.

That's too high a price to pay for getting drugs off the street.



Misuse, abuse abound in political fund-raising

Fred Wertheimer, the former president of Common Cause and a moral icon to some when it comes to defining the straight-and-narrow way of money and politics, describes fund-raising by the Clinton administration and the Democratic National Committee as "a systematic misuse of the White House." He called the alleged cash-for-access-to-the-president scheme "unprecedented." Because Wertheimer has been a critic of fund-raising by Republicans and Democrats, his description carries more weight than the usual partisan complaints.



CAL THOMAS

Hundreds of pages of new documents show that President Clinton participated in 71 "coffees" with corporate donors and supporters. Hillary Clinton, Vice President Al Gore and his wife attended 32 more coffees at the White House with big donors and Democratic fund-raisers. Prior to the release of the documents, the administration had called these gatherings mundane and claimed no fund-raising took place.

Technically there may have been no appeal for money during the meetings, but the documents reveal that those who gained access to the president coughed up \$5.5 million to his reelection campaign, and at least \$600,000 of that amount was given shortly after the visits.

Other papers show that former Deputy Chief of Staff Harold Ickes instructed aides to devise plans to win the support of Asian-Americans, Hispanics, blacks and other ethnic groups. Republicans were

frequently demonized at such gatherings, especially when the audience was black. "College-educated black professionals have a different perspective than black 'blue-collar' workers," said one of the papers. "Blacks in rural areas think differently than blacks in urban areas." Any Republican who said that would be labeled a racist.

The strategy document for winning Asian votes was written by John Huang, a central figure in the growing fund-raising scandal.

White House special associate counsel Larry Davis said those involved in the project to target ethnic voters contributed their time over and above the 40-hour workweek and thus did not violate the Hatch Act. That will bear looking into, as will the flipping and flopping done by Gore over his visit to a California Buddhist Temple, an event that raised \$140,000 for the party. At first Gore denied knowing of any fund-raising at the temple, then acknowledged it had occurred, but now says, "I did not know that it was a fund-raiser."

The documents reveal that other participants in the coffee meetings with the president included some of the nation's

most prominent bankers and at least one senior banking regulator, the Treasury secretary and the top fund-raiser for the Democratic Party. If these meetings weren't about raising campaign contributions, why did the fund-raiser attend? While meetings between any president and potential donors are common in an election year, it is not common for such events to be organized by a political party nor for those who regulate an industry to be present at such gatherings.

Republicans will have a more difficult time investigating these matters than in the first Clinton term because the president is conducting a pre-emptive strike in bipartisanship. From his calling for a volunterism summit to be co-chaired by former President George Bush and Colin Powell, to his proposed reduction in the increase in Medicare spending (for which he and the Democrats demonized Republicans during the campaign), Clinton is trying to build a royal public relations hedge around himself in case the scandals become too much even for a public largely anesthetized by his charm. Now that he no longer needs to run again, says he'll stop taking "soft money" campaign contributions if Republicans do the same. Last week, he pledged to improve the quality of our food.

No matter how difficult the task, Congress must investigate every misuse, abuse and excuse in the White House fund-raising debacle.

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LETTERS

Bigotry is learned from parents

To Ms. Waddles, whose sad tale of woe I read about in the Jan. 22, 1997, paper - yes, it is 1997, isn't it? I wonder if I could call you backward and small minded and get away with it? But I would have to add paranoid and presumptuous to it. I'll bet that I have had, and most of the people reading this have had, more stars than you have gotten when I go places. Could it be that everyone hates me? Did it ever occur to you that people might enjoy the same variety in town?

And did anyone ever enlighten you to the fact that kids are cruel? They'll find something to tease about. Mine have certainly had their share of name-calling, teasing and physical harm done to them.

It's people like you who perpetuate these kinds of myths and instill paranoia in others. But hey, if it works, why not keep it going?

You are right about one thing though, racism and bigotry are being taught to children, and from the looks of your article it's clear to me that it's your children that it's being taught to. Maybe we should all line up so you can separate those to us who are "open minded" and those who are "bigots." I wonder which side you would stand on? So, Ms. Waddles, whatever you're looking for, you're going to have to look elsewhere because I'm not buying into your tactics.

STEPHANIE HOLMAN
Twin Falls

Editor's note: Stephanie Holman's letter was published on Tuesday with a key sentence modified or omitted. We reproduce it in its entirety.

Gift of reason a double-edged sword

Yes, Eric Heidemann, I'm back, tipping your fresh-out-of-high school idealistic gibberish with my own. Carolyn Wolter's letter was in reference to the unfair advantage man has taken over his cunning but certainly not superhuman opponent.

The cosmic joke on humanity started back when we first misused our gift of reason to propel ourselves "above" the lesser creatures, skewing the natural cycles of co-existence. "Reason"

proved we could stop getting our manicured hands dirty by building factories, grocery stores, shopping malls, guns, hydroelectric dams, computers, western medicine, educational systems, bombs, legging mills, automobiles - and the list goes on with each second, wherein some inventor gets an idea that makes George Jetson's world closer to reality for the misguided souls of this planet.

At the rate we're digging, we'll reach China very soon. What happens when you can't dig any farther? You fall through the hole you proudly excavated for your posterity to gape into and think, "Why the hell would Grandpa dig this hole? All I wanted was the knowledge to build my own shelter and find a way to put food in my starving stomach." What did you leave for him to work with, Grandpa? Metals that don't apply when grocery stores are figments in tales about your grandparents' fallen Babylon and you're forced to dirty your manicured but skeletal thin hands with radioactive earth you try to plant your tomatoes in.

And Mark Swanson - Adam didn't receive his brainwashing at your "taxpayer-supported university," rather he's trying to eliminate the 20 years of b.s. our American educational system has shoved down his throat. Were he receiving his divinations from the afore-labeled universities, wouldn't he be there thriving off bourgeoisie teachings of worldly professions?

No, Adam seeks to rejoin the food chain, so perhaps he won't be punished by the karmic laws about to whip his robotized brothers' porcelain posteriors. Perhaps he'll convince our kind Mother Earth that we're not all reared with the intention of bruising and beating her calloused epidermis as we hate to date. Hopefully, your "plastic egg" baby will have the chance to test his own powers of speculation on his father's narrow views.

As the Eastern thinker Shankara revealed, "Disease is not cured by pronouncing the name of medicine but by taking medicine." With that as my mantra, I'll take my medicine, for it's all in the action, not the word.

LINDA R. MILLER
Twin Falls

Parents know kids better than experts

Test your kid's brain. Test your kid's urine. All in the comfort of your own home. Thousands of parents are buying an IQ test on CD-ROM designed for kindergarten through third-graders and fourth-through sixth-graders. Next month, Virtual Entertainment, a Massachusetts company, will ship a version for seventh- through ninth-graders. It costs \$29.95.

By March, thousands more will be buying a kit that lets them send their child's urine to a lab that tests for cocaine, heroin, marijuana, PCP, amphetamines and other drugs. The Food and Drug Administration, which insists that the urine and matter is a "medical device," approved the kit last week. Dr. Brown's Home Drug Testing System will sell for less than \$30 over the counter wherever aspirin is sold.

The IQ test exploits parental pride; the drug test exploits parental fears. Both give parents control of information about their children. And both are being attacked by those who think parents can't handle the information wisely.

First, parents are blamed for slacking off and letting "the village" raise their kids. Then they're blamed for trying too hard and relying too much on their own judgment.

The home drug test also has the potential

JOANNE JACOBS

for good, evil or swenson parents' money. When that bright child turns sullen, withdrawn, irritable or apathetic, parents wonder if it's adolescent growing pains or symptoms of a drug habit. Ideally, they can talk to their child about it. But not all families are ideal. Desperate parents who don't trust their children may turn to a home drug test.

Dr. Brown's "system" is a paper cup for collecting urine, two tubes for storing it, a bubble mailing package for shipping urine, a government-approved lab, and an 800-number that parents can call for results, information on testing accuracy and referrals to drug counseling and treatment. A code number preserves anonymity, so there's no risk a child will be arrested or appear on a data base as a known drug user.

A Georgia woman named Sunny Cloud sells a similar Parent's Alert kit. Last year, the FDA ordered her to stop selling an unapproved "medical device," questioning whether parents would use information on their child's drug use wisely. Under heavy pressure from Congress, the FDA agreed to let home drug kits be sold without approval while a policy is

being formulated. Clinton is being hammered by the Republicans for the rise in teen-age marijuana use, and can't afford to stand between parents and their child's urine.

When Dr. Brown's was approved (11 months after applying), Donna Shalala, secretary of Health and Human Services, was quick to praise it as a new tool for parents. "The Clinton administration has zero tolerance for illicit drugs," she said.

Still up in the air is a hair-analysis drug test kit developed by Psychemedics, a Boston company. Psychemedics says analyzing 1 1/2 inches of hair reveals drug use in the past 90 days. Most drugs can't be detected in urine after two or three days. If Psychemedics wins the right to market to home users, look for more kids with shaved heads and glassy eyes.

I'm dubious about the usefulness of these tests. If your bright child scores a mediocre 100 on an IQ test, should you stop thinking she's bright and giving her chances to stretch her mind? If you can't talk to your child, will communications open up if you force him to pee in a cup, or mail a hair from her brush to a lab?

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Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



LETTERS

Teach our precious children lessons young

So many times we feel the sadness for grief-stricken families who have just lost a loved one due to an accident caused by failure to stop at a stop sign or railroad crossing. We see ads on television warning us of the danger that failure to stop could cause. One ad in particular shows a man crossing the railroad track for the last time (in a hearse). This commercial has touched my 8-year-old daughter in a way that I am sure she will always obey the railroad crossing signs.

I was most saddened to see a mother driving with her children down the other day. As we both approached the railroad tracks (coming to them from different directions), I stopped to look both ways, she did not! Not only was she failing to stop at a stop sign, but she was sending a message to her children that you do not need to obey the traffic sign nor the safety of the railroad crossing. I truly hope that she and others teach their children the importance of traffic signs and safety, as someday these children will be behind the wheel of a vehicle and could perhaps become one of the families we all share the pain with when a tragic accident happens.

In closing, please remember that our children are precious. They learn from watching the actions of the ones they love and respect. Take the time to teach your children while they are young the importance of right vs. wrong, safety vs. danger, love vs. hate and watch your children grow to be someone you can be proud of. CRICKET LEONARD Kimberley

Taxpayers need to ask questions of commissioners

Whenever a baby dies of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and an autopsy is performed, the state of Idaho sends the county coroner \$200. This check is made out to the office of the county coroner. Our coroner then turns the endorsed check over to the clerk to deposit into the general fund for reimbursement. So here is the \$400 from fiscal 1996? It was not reimbursed in 1996 or so far in 1997. Is this a simple mistake or are the commissioners guilty of misappropriation of funds? Have they refused to give the money in a continual harassment of the coroner's office? Why do they insist on denying the coroner's office much-needed money? Coroner Turley is so frustrated that he is considering not requesting any more SIDS money from the state (something like \$600 so far this year). He believes why waste the money when other coroner's officers statewide could use it (and would receive it from their commissioners).

We, the taxpayers, ought to ask these questions to our commissioners. We have invested quite a bit of money in training and educating our coroner (he is board certified in forensic examinations, but since being moved to part time, he has been underfunded to use this training), why do we allow our commissioners to waste this precious commodity? Why do we take the chance of losing our coroner to a better-paying department out of state? (Maybe you do not know that in-state and out-of-state agencies have so much respect for our coroner's office that they send cases to them for review and comment.) Do not allow our commissioners to run amok and waste your tax dollars. Write or call them and let them know what you think. DAVE BAILEY-II Buhl

No fair law is practiced without prayer behind it. Have you wondered why, when so many people have

been praying for our country, that you see no real healing? We're being told by people who don't want to be involved that we should do nothing but pray because there are Christian lawyers working to pray and Bible study back into school and to stop abortion. Let me tell you something: These so-called Christian lawyers are using the old Roman law enforced through martial law by our corporate military government. We've been under martial law since our government was dissolved at the start of the war between the states. There is no such thing as a Christian lawyer licensed by our communist military government. The communists hate Christians, that's why they lied so they could take prayer out of school. They incorporate churches so they can control them. There are Christians who are lawyers licensed by our government to practice Roman corporate law. Tell me this, can you use Satan to cast out Satan? Our nation was founded on God's law as described in the

King James Bible. Our people lived by and governed themselves by God's law long before and long after the war for independence from England. God's law was the law of the land before the Constitution and is still the law of the land 136 years after the Constitution was set aside. The Constitution was merely man's way to guarantee our ability to keep God's law and to use it to govern ourselves, and that is why Satan's people set our Constitution aside. Your prayers have been heard, but the answer was with you before the prayer was said; the answer is God's law. But you need to learn how to apply the law to yourself to govern your life but especially in our military courts. There are true Christian lawyers who practice God's law, but our satanist government will not license them and you won't find them in an incorporated church. TONY ROBERT KIRK Fairfield

'Ebonics' would be totally foreign in West African nations

Nothing prepared me for the assignment of American English and colloquial American speech. Six months after arriving in this country, I am still in a state of linguistic shock. To come here from Nigeria, I had been required to take a test of English as a foreign language by the American Embassy in my country. If I had failed, I wouldn't be here. Which is why I am surprised to discover that there are Americans who cannot speak standard English. To survive in America, I have to understand a broad range of American colloquialisms, and a strange tongue called "Ebonics". Americans speak of the "elevators instead of 'lifts'; instead of 'boot,' they say 'trunk'; for 'railway station,' they substitute 'metro or train'; the college 'bus' is called 'shuttle'; instead of 'petrol,' Americans say 'gas.' I have often referred to the small space I share with two colleagues as a 'flat,' but I am told it is an 'apartment.' When I refer to my colleagues as 'flamantes,' I am told they are 'flamantes' although we do not live in the same room. I've also discovered that Americans rarely pronounce the consonant 't.' Every university teacher is a 'professor.' Every 'press boy' is a 'journalist.' Every 'girl' is a 'lady.' Everybody calls everyone else by their first names. A bartender once asked me if I wanted my 'tab,' and I told him I didn't need any tablets because I was not ill. I turned out he wanted me to settle my bill. My roommate and I met a lady in the elevator and she asked us 'Hi, guys, what's cooking?' We told her we don't know how to cook. Yet another lady had responded, after I'd greeted her 'good morning.' 'What's going on? What's the matter?' I thought I had offended her until I was told she merely wanted to start a conversation. Well, I missed the opportunity. Several times, I have heard an American sprinkle a conversation with 'Oh my God' and I always responded 'sorry,' thinking that he or she is in some form of pain. I have since discovered that Americans call on God as my father

of habit, to express surprise, joy, regret, all at once. But I have since realized that the success of my 10-month stay in this country depends on my being able to understand the people. When I tell Americans that they confuse me with their pronunciation, they tell me I have a funny accent. Or that they have problems understanding the English I speak. Yet I speak simple, standard English as handed down by Her Majesty, the Queen of England's government to the former colonies. The problem is probably with the English language. Every society that inherited it from the English has had to infuse it with local color and experience. But 'Ebonics' stretches my patience and frustrates me. Often, I meet African Americans and because they look so familiar, I experience an instant racial bonding. I feel like talking with them to let them know that meeting and seeing them makes me feel at home, as if I am in the midst of my own family. But this natural identification collapses immediately when the African American begins to speak 'Ebonics.' On several occasions, I have heard my brothers and sisters in diaspora tell me 'Yo!' 'She say, he say.' 'We was.' 'I n.' 'I be.'

At such moments, the genetic coding fails and I am forced to note the difference between nature and nurture. To me, 'Ebonics' is totally unrecognizable and those who argue that it has a West African origin are merely contrasting a thesis to justify nonsense. True, West Africans speak a kind of English called 'pidgin English' but it is the language of the illiterate, a tribute to incompetence, and it bears no resemblance even to 'Ebonics.' Those who speak pidgin English in West Africa and other parts of Africa would rather speak standard English. James Baldwin may have made a case for 'Ebonics,' it may well work as literature and music. African Americans are also probably entitled to a linguistic 'inside

baseball.' But they should not be encouraged to cling to a dialect that is bound to increase their alienation from their brothers and sisters in Africa; their fellow Americans, and the rest of the English-speaking world. The success of African Americans and all black men who speak and write good, proper English proves the point that 'Ebonics' is not in the genes. It is certainly not in the African gene. Reuben Abati is a Nigerian journalist studying at the University of Maryland on a Hubert Humphrey fellowship. He wrote this commentary for the Baltimore Sun.

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IDAHO IN BRIEF

Pocatello school plans up for review again

POCATELLO — Trying to defuse debate about whether a proposed third high school should be built in the north or south end of the city, Superintendent David Peck urged voters to remember the pressing need.

"The important issue is we need space to put the children in," Peck said.

Voters will decide March 4 whether to issue bonds to finance a new school. The proposal is for a 1,200-student school for \$21 million, and some remodeling to Pocatello High School for \$6 million. The bond issue requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass.

Energy Department adds 'E' to site

IDAHO FALLS — The U.S. Department of Energy site known for almost 23 years as the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory has a new name.

Today it becomes the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory to reflect the site's emerging emphasis on environmental cleanup and research. Sen. Dirk Kempthorne has been promoting the change since 1993.

Environmental cleanup has become the site's chief mission since the end of the Cold War reduced its role as a recycler of Navy spent nuclear fuel rods.

Official's business deal raises questions

MOSCOW — One of three companies considering locating at the proposed University of Idaho Post Falls research park leases space from Idaho Board of Education member Judy Meyer and her husband.

Meyer said Monday she did not believe her personal business ties in the region constituted a conflict of interest, but has taken steps to monitor potential problems. Meyer has played a significant role in the development of the University of Idaho's research park proposal.

Meyer is a partner with her husband, Stephen, in Parkwood Business Properties. They own and operate Prairie Commerce Park, the Hayden Lake site where Advance Input Devices leases space. The firm was listed in a memo to University of Idaho President Robert Hoover last week as one of three companies interested in locating at the proposed park.

Compiled from wire reports

Bi-partisan coalition targets logging roads

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of Congress' top Republican budget negotiators threw his support behind a plan Tuesday to stop subsidizing timber companies' construction of logging roads on national forests.

Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Budget Committee, joined an unusual coalition of liberals and conservatives in backing the proposal, which they said could save taxpayers more than \$100 million over five years.

But Rep. Bob Smith, R-Ore., chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, and timber industry leaders quickly began rallying support against the idea. They say there is no subsidy.

While environmentalists have advocated an end to subsidizing logging roads for years based on concerns about ecological damage, the attack on "corporate welfare" Tuesday centered on fiscal arguments.

"We've reformed welfare for those who don't have money or powerful Washington lobbyists," Kasich said. "Now it is time we did the same thing for those corporate welfare programs that aid the rich and powerful at the expense of tapping families."

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader lent his support to the effort, as did leaders of the U.S. Public Interest Research Group and Friends of the Earth, who took specific aim at the Forest Service program that helps timber companies pay for the roads.

"There's just no reason we should be helping timber corporations spin sawdust into gold," said Courtney Cuff of Friends of the Earth.



House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, called subsidization of logging roads corporate welfare.

More significant in terms of political support was backing from a series of conservative organizations, including the National Taxpayers Union, Competitive Enterprise Institute and Citizens Against Government Waste.

The logging-road proposal was among a dozen spending items the coalition members said they want to eliminate.

Even before the list was unveiled, Smith sent a letter to Kasich with a series of questions that he said need to be answered before federal logging programs are cut.

"I have come to realize that the Forest Service timber and road building programs, while needing some serious adjustments, are

not subsidies to the forest products industry," Smith wrote.

Kasich earlier asked the General Accounting Office to conduct an audit of the Forest Service's logging road program. Coalition leaders said preliminary reports from the GAO indicate both timber companies and recreational users are being subsidized in their use of the roads.

"If private companies are going to profit from activities on public lands, they should pay all associated costs, including the costs of road construction," the coalition said.

Timber industry leaders defended the Forest Service program, which in most cases provides companies with credits to use in bidding for federal timber in exchange for the cost of constructing the roads.

"We do agree companies shouldn't be subsidized. The answer in our case is we are not," said Doug Grandell, a timber expert at the American Forest & Paper Association. "This is more an issue that has been brought up by people who don't want trees cut on federal lands. This is a con-

venient way to get at that."

Chris West, vice president of the Northwest Forestry Association in Portland, Ore., said roads can be built cheaper under the current credit program. Rising costs of road construction would cause timber companies to bid less for timber, providing less money to the federal treasury, he said.

"Right now, we are the only ones who use the roads who have to pay for them," West said. "Roads are not used strictly for timber. All sorts of them are used for fire access, recreation, etc."

Rep. Robert Andrews, R-N.J., acknowledged a change in Forest Service policy could result in an increase in lumber prices and cost some timber jobs.

"Yes, every time you take a subsidy away, there is going to be some dislocation, that is indisputably true," Andrews said. "If we had a government program that subsidized building pyramids, that would be true. The people who sold bricks to build pyramids would not like the fact we stopped building pyramids."

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SB1008 (Appropriations) — Supplemental appropriation of \$7,200 for state Historical Society in current budget.

SB1014 (Appropriations) — Supplemental appropriation of \$3.6 million to Department of Lands for forest fire fighting expense.

SB1015 (Appropriations) — Supplemental appropriation of \$50,000 in current budget to Division of Environmental Quality.

SB1016 (Appropriations) — Supplemental appropriation in current budget of \$73,100 to Department of Agriculture for plant industries program.

Introduced in House

HJM1 (State Affairs) — Urges Congress to pass Balanced Budget Amendment.

HB148 (Revenue and Taxation) — Allows school districts to establish a fixed levy to collect revenue for new facilities through growth.

HB149 (Revenue and Taxation) — Raises state sales tax to 6.25 percent with revenue to be used to lower county property taxes.

HB150 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Adds to the penalties for graffiti to allow suspension of driver's license for up to one year.

HB151 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Updates the 1864 habeas corpus law.

HB152 (Business) — Amends Idaho Telephone Solicitation Act to forbid sending unsolicited ads to fax machines.

HB153 (Business) — Requires that rights of floating home marina owners and owners of floating homes must be

set out in written rental agreement.

HB154 (Business) — Allows state bank which has relocated to Idaho to continue banking in Idaho even if for business reasons it becomes necessary to return its charter to the prior state.

HB155 (Business) — Amends compliance standards for gas-fired room heaters.

HB156 (Revenue and Taxation) — Increases from 5 acres to 12 acres exempt for the speculative portion of value of agricultural land in a subdivision.

HB157 (Revenue and Taxation) — Allows counties to enter into regional local option sales tax agreements.

Introduced in Senate

SJM102 (Local Government and Taxation) — Urges Congress to approve a balanced budget amendment to the constitutional.

SB1072 (Judiciary and Rules) — Allows for judges to elect a reduced retirement benefit so spouses can obtain an increased benefit allowance after their deaths.

SB1073 (Judiciary and Rules) — Creates the misdemeanor of injury to a child for an adult under the influence of alcohol or drugs to transport the child in a vehicle.

SB1074 (Judiciary and Rules) — Clarifies the state's drunken driving law on impairment.

SB1075 (Judiciary and Rules) — Creates a state criminal justice information system.

SB1076 (State Affairs) — Sets criteria for retaining paper records in digital form.

SB1077 (State Affairs) — Provides for assignment of a notice of claim of lien.

SB1078 (State Affairs) — Permits limited liability companies to be registered agents.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

United Way announces spending plans today

TWIN FALLS - The United Way of Magic Valley will announce its 1997 allocations today at the group's annual meeting. The session is scheduled for noon at the KMVT-TV Community Room, 11000 Blue Lakeside Dr. The public is invited.

Simus specialists here to learn modern technique

TWIN FALLS - One dozen sinus surgery specialists, including two from Spain, are expected to attend the third course on a state-of-the-art surgery method. The course will be held Friday and Saturday by the Western Institute for Surgical Education in cooperation with the College of Southern Idaho.

Co-directors include Dr. H. Peter Dabille III, a member of the Gradenius Clinic of Twin Falls, experienced with the present-day functional endoscopic sinus surgery. Dr. Eileen C. Sciff III, director of the Simus Care Center in Sioux Falls, S.D., is the innovator of the surgery method, also known as the Sciff technique. The technique represents a significant change in the way sinus disease is treated, according to the institute, part of the teaching division of the Gradenius Clinic. When sets the treatment from from other procedures is improved results, increased safety, decreased risk of complications and less discomfort.

The specialists will learn how to perform the surgery in this procedure. The CSI interactive video discussions will be used for lectures and a live operation will be broadcast from the Surgery Center in Twin Falls. Participants also will perform dissections on specimens.

With the assistance of CSI, a unique biologic specimen laboratory has been constructed to imitate a real operating room environment, coordinators say.

"We have students coming from all over the country and all over the world," Dabille said.

4 snowmobilers rescued near Oakley after blizzard

OAKLEY - Four snowmobilers were nearly to spend the night Saturday in a unoccupied snow cave when rescuers found them trapped on a windy ridge, police reported. It took rescuers less than two hours to track down the group of snowmobilers, stranded on the northern edge of Elburon Ridge after three of four machines quit working.

Tragically, Justin Demare and Kenny and Michelle Sanford all were taken out safely by members of the Mini-Cassia Search and Rescue, Mount Hancock Snowmobile Club and the Scenic County team at 1:30 a.m. Sunday.

The group said police had found one snow machine in a deep canyon, then burned up the engine in another one. A third machine ran out of gas, leaving them with just one working snowmobile, they told police.

Local student selected to meet with governor

TWIN FALLS - A College of Southern Idaho student was selected to attend Student Day at the Legislature in Boise Monday. Justin Time represented the college's vocational program, along with other students from vocational organizations throughout the state.

Time met with Gov. Phil Blain, who signed a proclamation recognizing Feb. 10-15 as Vocational Education Week in Idaho. Blain later spoke to students, legislators and the Idaho Workforce Development Council about his commitment to Idaho students and businesses.

Vocational education served more than 70 percent of all Idaho high school students last year, a press release from the state Division of Vocational Education said.

Times-News seeks stories of breast cancer survival

TWIN FALLS - If you're a breast cancer survivor who was diagnosed with the disease before the age of 50, we'd like to hear your story.

The Times-News is preparing an article on whether women in their 30s and 40s should have mammograms. Studies in the United States suggest mammograms aren't a significant help in reducing breast cancer deaths in women under 50, but the American Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute disagree.

If you'd like to share your story, call Steve Crump at 733-1931 or 1-800-468-5863, Ext. 223.

Compiled from staff reports

Stubbs' campaign reform package shot down

By Karen Tulkidjian
Times-News writer

BOISE - After watching his campaign finance reform bills disintegrate in a House committee Tuesday, Rep. Mark Stubbs made a comment highly out of character for a state legislator.

"I think a citizen's initiative is going to have to come forward to address this issue because I don't think this body is capable of making this kind of a decision," said the Twin Falls Republican, moments after members of the House State Affairs Committee tabled his package for the 1997 legislative session.

The eliminated Stubbs' proposals to:

- Require a political candidate to ask permission from contributors before shifting their donations to another candidate,
- Donations of \$500 or more must be

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reported to the Secretary of State's office 48 hours before the election. The 48-hour law now covers donations of \$1,000 or more.

- Prohibit a candidate from accepting more than 10 percent of total contributions from a single donor.
 - Require at least 25 percent of donations to come from within a candidate's district.
 - Ban out-of-state contributions of more than \$100.
- Committee members objected to the

balls for several reasons. Some said the current system hasn't been flagrantly abused; others said the new requirements would be burdensome.

Critics have said the proposals would create a false sense of security, while driving contributions underground. They also found the reforms cumbersome and objected to requiring candidates to return money at the end of the campaign if they exceeded a fund-raising limit, even if the money had been spent.

Critics also said the rule changes would benefit wealthy candidates, who could spend unlimited amounts of their own money.

"While this would have been sexy legislation, it did not address the real problem of campaign finance reform, which is the amount of money spent on campaigns," said Kent Kunz, a freshman Republican

from Pocatello. Their objections frustrated Stubbs.

"I can't accommodate everybody's little petty picky points of view," he said. "I don't mean to disparage my fellow legislators, but I think they ought to look at the broader picture."

House Minority Leader Wendy Jurgens of Ketchum, whose disclosure bill was also shot down, said that broader picture comes down to public perception.

"I think people think the federal (law-makers) are owned and they think we're owned," she said.

The specter of a voter-driven initiative hovers not far away.

"If we don't do something, it's ripe for the initiative process to address the issue," said Rep. David Callister, R-Boise, who cosponsored three bills with Stubbs, and drew

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ROLLING IN THE FOG



Crews from Magic Valley Towing work to right a truck that ran off Interstate 84 and tumbled on its side Tuesday afternoon. Rhonda Mitcheson, 32, of Spokane, Wash., was eastbound about a mile and a half from Jerome when the truck went off the south side of the road, Idaho State Police Sgt. Kent Oliver said. Mitcheson, who was wearing a seat belt, overcorrected and the rig's trailer flipped, he said. Her husband, Carl Mitcheson, 50, was asleep in the cab's sleeper section at the time of the accident; both were uninjured. Police were unsure what caused the wreck.

2 plead guilty to drug manufacturing

By Kristan Kennedy
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Two men will each spend 2 1/2 years in prison after pleading guilty to charges stemming from the April 1996 raid of a methamphetamine lab in Hailey.

Michael McCall, 40, of Twin Falls, and Michael Basye, 35, of Hailey, were supposed to face trial beginning

Tuesday, but last week both struck a plea agreement with the Blaine County prosecutor's office.

McCall pleaded guilty to the manufacture of methamphetamine, or "cat," a cousin to methamphetamine. In exchange for the guilty plea, the state dismissed one felony count of methamphetamine possession.

Basye pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting the manufacture of meth-

cathinone, and the state dismissed one count of cocaine possession. The state also dismissed Basye's status as a persistent violator. He had two controlled substance felonies on his record.

In the plea agreement filed in 5th District Court, both men agreed to spend 2 1/2 years in the state prison

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Neighbors decry dairy plans

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

JEROME - Two neighbors of a proposed dairy north of Jerome brought their case before county planners, claiming the dairy could ruin their quality of life.

But proponents of the dairy said its owner, Lane Franco, had met or surpassed all requirements for a clean, legal operation.

County planning and zoning commissioners also heard testimony Monday from Planning and Zoning Administrator Art Brown, who said Franco's proposal was in line with the county's zoning ordinances.

The commission won't vote on

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Shopping A to Z



Nutritional adviser Gloria Harrison compares labels on canned beans at Ridley's Food & Drug in Rupert. Harrison and other nutritional advisers throughout the Magic Valley will meet with families in their homes to teach them how to shop smart.

Advisers help families shop, prepare meals

By Jennifer Bunch
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Armed with information about how to search out grocery store bargains and make healthy eating choices, nutritionists will spend an hour a week for an entire year with some local families.

Advisers will go to homes to give cooking demonstrations, come along on shopping sprees and analyze food labels.

The Idaho Family Nutrition Program, a free program, will be offered in Minidoka, Cassia, Jerome, Gooding, and Twin Falls counties through the University of Idaho Cooperative Extension System. Families who rely on food stamps likely will be the most involved.

"We're trying to reach limited resource and low-income families," said Rita Ruhter, a U of I extension educator in Jerome. "We're trying to teach them how to stretch their resources and still provide nutritious meals."

For some families, changes in the state's welfare system that take effect in July will make food budgets tighter.

Under the changes, families only will be eligible for benefits of up to \$278 per month plus food stamps, said Patty Brown, Magic Valley regional manager for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's welfare programs.

The monthly benefits that have been offered through Aid to Families with Dependent Children will be down from an average of \$302. Brown says.

Eligibility guidelines will make it tougher to get assistance restrict the aid to 24 months.

"I think this program works in really well with welfare reform, because I think it gives people a lot of skills they need in other areas of their life," Ruhter said.

Nutritionists will try to teach families to manage their grocery budgets to make sure children are getting proper nourishment, Ruhter said. Studies have shown children who

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Groups laud 'Year of the Family'

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - At the onset of a meeting to plan events promoting the family, Brent Reinke asked those present to shake the hands of people they didn't know.

But most of the 50 people at the Boys & Girls Club gymnasium Tuesday evening already shared a common bond. Children.

Spurred by a Year of the Family resolution passed by the Twin Falls County Commission, coordinators hope to fill 1997 with events to rebuild families in the traditional and community sense.

The goal is to prevent crime, violence and substance abuse by young people.

"We are not creating another organization here," said Reinke, a county commissioner. Instead, he called on those in attendance to get to know each other and work

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

House panel rejects recommendations on schools

BOISE (AP) — The House Education Committee has voted to reject five proposals from a package of changes in the rules used to operate public schools.

Included was perhaps the most controversial recommendation, that physical education and the humanities be dropped as courses required for high school graduation in favor of more math and science.

If the rest of the Legislature goes along, that leaves Idaho school districts with no high school graduation standards after April 1.

In a series of votes that sometimes were close, the committee also rejected:



testing of students, a program that has been pushed by Schools Superintendent Anne Fox.

A rule to greatly expand counseling and career guidance programs, with students getting exposure to career options even in grade school.

A rule to tighten restrictions on using misassigned teachers, or those teaching in areas or subjects they are not certified in.



Rep. Don Hansen, chairman of the House Education Committee, said that if necessary, the education board can adopt temporary rules as its next measure. But before the rules can become permanent, they must go before the Legislature again.

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plans that the school rules were cumbersome, outdated and redundant.

Again, if the Legislature goes along with the rejection of five rules, it would be up to the state Board of Education to adopt replacements.

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He said he will communicate with Sen. Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, chairman of Senate Education, on his committee's actions. "We will try to find a common ground there or come up with a concurrent resolution to reject the rules."

Schools Superintendent Anne Fox said she was disappointed the committee voted against the extensive testing program she's been pushing in the public schools. Committee members received testimony from some teachers that the numerous tests took too much time away from classroom instruction.

Fox said one vote was very clear, rejecting the proposal to leave it up to local school districts to set teacher-student ratios. "That was a clear message," she said, and the lawmakers obviously want to keep the current rule setting teacher-student ratios kindergarten through third grade.

Fox, who is on the Board of Education, said it will be difficult to give board members a clear picture why some of the recommendations were rejected.

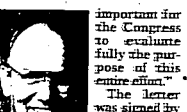
"The problem the state board will have is that their (lawmakers) comments are not necessarily consistent," Fox said. "They had all different reasons."

Western senators seek hearing regarding BLM, private lands

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Senators from three Western states are seeking a hearing to review proposed U.S. Bureau of Land Management rules that critics contend would broaden BLM authority over activities on private lands.

"We have heard from hundreds of our constituents who are concerned with these proposed rules and the new authority the BLM may gain if they are implemented," said the letter to Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, chairman of the Subcommittee on Forest and Public Land Management.

"The proposed regulations are confusing and unclear and it is



Larry Craig

important for the Congress to carefully consider the purpose of this entire effort."

The letter was signed by Wyoming Sen. Craig Thomas and Mike Enzi and Idaho Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Montana, and Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

Craig's subcommittee oversees the BLM. The letter asks for a hearing on the controversial

Finance chairman asks health districts to dip into agency funds

BOISE (AP) — As the search continued for cash to cover potential spring flood damage, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday suggested public health districts dip into their contingency funds.

That would allow the state to reduce its already limited financial support.

"We're exploring all state agencies to make a hit," Republican Atwell Barry of Malba told district officials. "It was just our feeling the public health districts could be a good source."

Lawmakers want to build a \$10 million cushion for Gov. Phil Barr's budget but that already cuts massive spending to the bone.

One of the options is to staff state employees on the modest 2 percent pay raise that is recommended. The governor says he does not want to do that, although there have been other officials.

spring flooding rises. But a number of lawmakers want an alternative to financing emergency expenses out of the pockets of state employees.

Casting an eye on the multimillion-dollar contingency funds of the health districts was just another example of the frustration budget writers are feeling in dealing with the 1998 budget. They are trying to accommodate what they admit are legitimate budget requests within a tight revenue estimate sapped by a \$50 million diversion for property tax relief.

Worse, some consider the revenue estimate too optimistic.

The seven health districts have built up \$4.7 million in contingency funds to handle cash flow problems, public health emergencies and a disruption of local government support as they cope with declining federal funds and capped property taxing ability.

But Cheryl Juntunen of Twin Falls, director of the southwestern Idaho district, told Barry the contingency funds average less

than six weeks operating expenses and some are good for as little as three weeks. The largest, \$1.5 million in the southeastern Idaho district, equals three months of operating expenses.

"With some of the cash flow problems we have, there is concern about our ability to keep going," Juntunen said.

The health districts get less than \$8 million — just 22 percent — of their combined \$43 million annual budget from the state treasury. More than twice that much comes from the fees they charge for services. Another \$12.5 million is funneled to the districts through contracts with the Department of Health and Welfare. County property taxpayers chip in another \$6 million.

Although barely a fifth of their budgets, the state money is critical because of limits on the other three sources to generate additional cash, said Darvin Casper, a Jefferson County commissioner and head of the public health district trustees.

OBITUARIES

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RUPERT

Blake C. Hone, 54-year-old Rupert resident, died Sunday, Jan. 26, 1997, at his home in Rupert of a heart attack.

He was born Aug. 14, 1942, in Payette, the son of Juanita Caldwell Hone and Darwin Lee Hone. He grew up in Idaho and Nevada, where his father farmed until moving to the Blackfoot area in his teen years. He attended both Blackfoot and Snake River high schools, where he was active in sports, loved cars and racing and was a member of the Hot Rod Club.

He married Mary Ann Johnson on June 14, 1963, in Blackfoot. They were later divorced. He then married Doris Holmes on Oct. 6, 1972 in Idaho Falls.

He raised his family in the Minicassia area. He had been active in local clubs, community events and enjoyed fishing and hunting.

He is survived by his wife, Doris of Rupert, three daughters, Loesia of Rupert, Nita Saras of Blackfoot and Jona Sol of Oakley, one brother, Gary Lee Hone of Blackfoot, two sisters, Gwend Doss of Rad Cliffe, Iowa, and Sharon Lundblad of Couer d'Alene, and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, 1997, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call one hour before the funeral today at the funeral chapel.

Arthur L. Parton

Arthur L. Parton, 54-year-old Rupert resident, died Monday, Jan. 27, 1997, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

He was born May 25, 1942, in Buckingham, Va., the son of Arthur Parton and Rosa Buddy Parton. He attended schools in Minidoka County. He moved here with his parents when he was five. He married Helen Ballance on Dec. 20, 1963, in Rupert. He was employed at J.R. Simplot Co. for 29 years until his retirement, due to health problems.

WENDELL

Mable June Knowlton Buchi

Mable June Knowlton Buchi, 73 of Wendell, died Sunday, Jan. 26, 1997, at her residence.

Our sweet mother, grandmother and great-grandmother passed her beloved husband in death on Jan. 26, 1997, at her residence in Wendell, where June and Keith lived for the past three years.

She was born June 25, 1923, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Leonard W. and Mable Jean Lee Knowlton and she married Keith Victor Buchi March 29, 1945. The marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple. They lived in Salt Lake City for 13 years, then moved to Bonifield, Utah, where they lived for 33 years.

June was a professional seamstress. She hosted a local TV "Puff Blowing Show" during the "80s". She was also well-known for

designing and sewing costumes for the "Star Fringe."

She raised her two children to confident young women, to love and respect, to be great mothers and to be successful. She was a devoted mother, a devoted grandmother, a devoted sister, a devoted friend, a devoted neighbor, a devoted volunteer.

Survivors include her wife, Helen of Rupert, her children, Wesley Parton of Spokane, Wash. (Sandy) Parton of Rupert, Jeffery Parton of Jackport, Nev., and Christina Parton of Rupert, her parents, Arthur E. Parton and Mike Parton, both of Burley, Betty Sue Hanel of Portland, Ore., Steve Parton of Snowville, Utah, and Lee Parton, David Parton, and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, 1997, at the Grace Christian Center in Rupert, with Pastor Jay Greenwald officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour before the funeral on Thursday at the church.

KIMBERLY

Elton Miller

Elton Allen Miller, 63 of Hamlet, Colorado, died Saturday, Jan. 25, 1997, at the Twin Falls County Hospital.

He was born April 6, 1934, at Alton, Kan., to John and Martha Miller. He grew up and attended schools in Kimberly, Idaho, and worked the way and across during World War II.

His great love was driving semi-trucks, especially during his family "household" days and as a "household" member. He was loved and will be missed by all.

Survivors include his sons, Ed Miller, David Miller, and sons, Gene Emory Miller of Kimberly, Ted Miller of Hamlet, and Larry Miller of Hamlet. He is also survived by his daughter, Jan Miller of Twin Falls, eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and two sons, James (Garrett) Stone of Hamlet and James (Jay) Johnson of Jerome. He was preceded in death by his parents, John Miller and Martha Miller.

A memorial service will be held at noon on Saturday, Feb. 1, 1997, at the Twin Falls County Hospital. The service will be officiated by Rev. Don Williams.

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DEATH-NOTICES

Kathryn E. Crisp
RUPERT — Kathryn E. Crisp, 86 of Rupert, died Monday, Jan. 27, 1997, at the Minidoka Memorial Extended Care in Rupert.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, with Dr. Steven Higgins officiating. Burial will follow at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Friends may call from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour before the funeral on Saturday at the funeral chapel.

Verna E. Silvey Ellison
RUPERT — Verna E. Silvey Ellison, 84, of Ruhl and formerly of Blackfoot, died Monday, Jan. 27, 1997, at her residence.

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

Dorothy Wilson
RUPERT — Dorothy Wilson, 73,

of Rupert, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1997, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Rupert Cemetery, with Bishop Richard Dalley officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Theresa M. Henschel, of Rupert, funeral Mass, 11 a.m. today, St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Rupert. Friends and family may call one hour before Mass at the church, (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Henry C. (Papa Honey) Eggleston of Ruhl, Mass of Christian Burial, 1 p.m. today, Immaculate Conception Church, Ruhl, (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Ruhl).

Lowell "Larry" G. Fields
GOODING — Lowell "Larry" G. Fields, 60, of Gooding, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1997, at his residence.

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

Melba Lillie Broadhead Larson, formerly of Rupert, 1 p.m. today, Orem Park 7th Ward, 1160 W. 400 S., Orem, Utah. A brief viewing will be held at the church, (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Jean Berry Hering, of Hornbrook, Calif. and formerly of Rupert, funeral service, Christian Burial, 11 a.m. today, 401 E. First, Glens Ferry, (Howe-Burton Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

HOSPITALS

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Released: Estelita Brown, David Clark, Davie Martinez, Julia Munoz and Nancy Redder, all of Burley; Michelle Banks and Federico Huerigo, both of Burley; Glenn Bellver, Dean McFarland and Bernard Wurdell, all of Heyburn.

Released: Mabel Hammond of Rupert; and Shirley Williams of Heyburn.

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Released: Jan Groo, Jim McCord, Julia Munoz, Muriel Scott and Elvin Taylor, all of Burley; Ernest Handy and Clyde Lintz, both of Heyburn; and Elmo Woodhouse of Oakley.

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Prosecution calls key witnesses in Butcher trial

By Mike Maller
Times-Herald Correspondent

BOISE - Testimony by two key prosecution witnesses Tuesday linked Cody Butcher to the murder of Blake Morgan in Rupert April during the second day of the trial.

The defense will continue to try to undermine the credibility of Todd Maas, who reportedly talked with Butcher about the Morgan murder while the two were in the Twin Falls County Jail.

Defense attorney Randy Stoker also is trying to make a possible partial confession by Butcher to Stuart Robinson of the Idaho Department of Law Enforcement look vague and extricated.

The prosecution is expected to finish presenting its case today with witnesses presenting evidence about fingerprint and ballistic evidence.

The pathologist who will testify for the prosecution is out of the country and will not be available until Monday. Judge J. William Hart indicated that the trial may be recessed Thursday to allow for transportation of defense witnesses, many of whom are in jail.

Other witnesses Tuesday helped establish evidence involving the murder scene and getaway vehicle.

Maas and Robinson were the prosecution's two key witnesses tying Butcher to the crime.

Robinson, who had testified

about crime scene evidence on Monday, was recalled to the stand Tuesday. After about a half an hour of Robinson's testimony and cross-examination, Maas was brought from the courtroom and remained on the stand for about 70 minutes.

The two witnesses are key to the prosecution's case laid out Tuesday.

"He's just a lot of independent points of corroboration," said John Bradley, Minidoka County's special prosecutor in the case.

Robinson met with Butcher a week after the April 10, 1996, death of Morgan. Butcher was being held in connection with an armed robbery of a Twin Falls convenience store.

On the stand, Robinson said that after reading Butcher the Minidoka warnings and asking questions about the defendant's connections to Morgan, the officer directed the interview towards the murder.

"You see, when you enter a house at 4 a.m. in the morning and shoot a 9 mm (pistol) three times, it makes people look out, and they say you leave in the van with the lights off," Robinson recalled for the jury. "At Morgan, Butcher was behind the wheel and he got his head down and looked at his feet and swallowed hard enough I could see it, and he said 'Yes, they probably did.'"

From there, Robinson said Butcher wanted a lawyer and the officer told Butcher he would be charged with the murder of

Maas.

During cross-examination, Stoker tried to establish that Robinson attempted to trick Butcher to a confession.

Robinson responded: "I concluded when I was the one who shot Blake Morgan."

Robinson said at the end of the cross-examination:

Maas testified about a conversation he had with Butcher while in a Twin Falls County Jail inmate unit, which holds up to 100 people when they first come into custody. Maas said the talk went on and off for about 10 hours on April 15.

The two knew each other from hanging out on the streets in Butcher.

Maas said their conversations started with news about mutual friends and eventually worked towards the Morgan murder. In time, Maas said the conversations became more detailed.

"Enough detail to know that the either had to be there or knew something," he said.

Maas said Butcher wanted him, cautioning him not to talk about their conversations. Butcher then talked about the crime.

Maas explained to the jury that Butcher described climbing over Morgan's fence, looking in windows to see where the victim was sleeping while an unidentified partner looked in the door.

"They got in," Maas related.

"He shot Blake Morgan lying on the couch. He started to get up

and the shot him."

Each time, the prosecution and defense questioned Maas about what prosecutors have promised Maas in exchange for his testimony. Maas is serving a two- to six-year prison sentence on an aggravated assault conviction.

Maas has sought a deal to keep his sentence at a minimum, and to offer him relocation at state expense after his release. Maas said he is seeking the deal for his own protection.

In cross-examination, Stoker questioned Maas about his cleanliness, neatly dressed appearance, then shifted to attempt to catch the witness in lies.

Maas remained calm through almost an hour of cross-examination, including a reading by Stoker of about 20 items from Maas' prison records from 1981 to 1995, including five tickets, misdemeanor and felony convictions and dismissed charges.

Calling Maas a jailhouse snitch, Stoker claimed the witness went to prison because he was unable to help himself from trouble with inmates in the state prison. Maas denied several times that he approached police with his evidence against Butcher, saying he did not want anything to do with the case.

"There were no surprises in the testimony of either one of those two persons," Stoker said after the trial recessed for the day. "Mr. Maas, I think he had all kinds of inconsistencies in his testimony."

the rest of this year," Neilson said. "If they aren't, then it's hard to say how much water we'll be faced with."

As of Tuesday, precipitation reports for the statewide Snake River basin indicated inflow to Goose Creek is nearing 182 percent of average. Past reports have indicated there is a 50 percent chance of snow in the area.

Officials are also concerned about two other drainage areas in Cassin County. The Mash Creek Dam and Dardo is near 244 percent of average snowmelt, while the Huff River Dam is near 249 percent of average snowmelt.

Neilson said 10 people will travel to Raft River Wednesday to survey the area and discuss plans to deal with high water this spring.

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repairs on the Internet. And Gov. Phil Batt has proposals to cap some commissions and completely ban them.

Will something pass this session? Even the optimistic Jaquet is doubtful.

"Maybe next year," she said.

BLM offers canals to help control flood waters

By Lori Bettleski
Times-Herald writer

OAKLEY - Bureau of Land Management officials announced Monday that a series of abandoned canals located near Oakley Reservoir can be used if the reservoir dries this spring in jail.

State and local officials can use the canals if needed.

"We wanted this to be another alternative for consideration," said Tom Dyer, BLM area manager in Raft River. "Since the canals are already built, we figured it would be an easy way to help control flooding."

The 25-mile series of canals northwest of Oakley were built around the turn of the century. Dyer said the BLM took ownership of the canals as farmers realized agricultural opportunities were limited.

State canals haven't been used in almost 80 years, but Dyer said they can easily be tied to the main canal that comes out of Oakley Reservoir. Before any water is col-

lected, the canals must be cleaned and dug deeper so water can permeate through them.

Plans to begin clearing the canals will be discussed further during a meeting Saturday at Burley City Hall. Representatives from the Natural Resource Conservation Service, Oakley Creek drainage area in the Snake River Plain Aquifer using 13 wells in the Southwest Irrigation District. They could use additional 20 abandoned injection wells on private land near the reservoir.

Fred Neilson, civilian conservationist for the Natural Resource Conservation Service, said managers are discussing the possibility with the BLM developing a series of terraces across public land to hold water back while it seeps into the aquifer.

"This plan, and the others we've discussed, are all ways to prepare for what could happen, but we're going to have to deal with nearly the water we did back in 1954," he said. "I think we can get rid of the water with a lot less drastic measures."

When flood waters caught towards the Oakley Reservoir spillway in April 1954, Cassin County residents joined together to build two diversion canals in the Snake River and Blinnish Lake.

The canals saved millions of dollars in crops and several million dollars in property damage in Butcher.

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comparisons to the term limits initiative passed in 1994. "If we can't do it, the people will do it for us."

Voters in 1974 passed the sunshine law now on the books - requiring lobbyists to register, and setting the current campaign con-

tribution disclosure laws.

"The prospect of an initiative disturbs Jaquet."

"I think we could write better bills in the Legislature," she said.

"When you go to an initiative process, you end up getting legislation that hasn't had as much scruti-

Family

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together because they often deal with the same families.

A county juvenile justice task force suggested the family campaign. Participants were asked to plan events in keeping with a monthly theme, such as family tradition in September or child abuse in October.

Most of the people who attended represented public or private agencies or groups who work with the spiritual, physical, emotional or safety needs of children and their families.

Others offered resources or were worried about what was happen-

ing to their community. Most agreed the touchstone is a family.

Dr. Harry Brumbach says he was disturbed that someone had fired a gun at his neighbor's home.

"What it tells me is Twin Falls isn't what it was when I came here 40 years ago. It tells me I have to get involved," Brumbach said.

"The churches cannot create a healthy environment on their own," said Ann Nielsen, who heads a youth ministry at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls.

"Young people are the key to the future, and the key to future crime," said L. J. Mack with the regional Idaho Juvenile Justice

Council. Fewer juvenile offenses will mean fewer adult criminals, he added.

Judith Gager of Butch works with the county juvenile justice program, but she also came to the meeting for her grandchildren.

"We want them to enjoy some of the quality of life we enjoyed," she said.

"If you're a normal citizen, I'm here to find out what's going on," said Ann Anderson of Kimberly.

"We are a family of sermons," said Michael Pepper, Juvenile Recreational District director. "We came together as a family."

"The family is the key to all of

Drugs

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without chance of parole. Both also were fined \$500 to offset prosecution costs. Formal sentencing is set for Feb. 10.

"I'm pleased, I think we were looking at a two-week-plus trial which is a drain on the county," chief deputy prosecutor Jim Thomas said. "But in a case like this, if they wouldn't have agreed to a good deal, we were certainly going to take it the way."

Thomas said he wasn't surprised about the plea agreement, which prohibits McCall and Basye from appealing to state or federal courts.

The agreement put an end to a case that broke in the early morning on April 5, 1995, when Hailey police arrested seven people at a home believed to be the site of a methamphetamine lab, said Hailey police chief Jack Stoneaker.

When the house at 215 E. Galena was raided, a 7-year-old boy was present.

Officials found Pyrex dishes, stain remover, paint thinner, a drain cleaner, battery acid and the chemical ephedrine, a common ingredient in cold medicines. All those ingredients can be used to manufacture methamphetamine.

They also found vials of small amounts of liquid believed initially to be methamphetamine. Later, test results indicated some of the liquid was another illegal stimulant, methcath-

none, or "cat," another drug manufactured and abused like crack, said Thomas.

According to Thomas, only one other "cat" lab has been busted in Idaho, in Lewiston last year.

While crack has been growing in use and popularity in Idaho, methcathinone is rare. It is derived from the chit plant, an African plant. Natives chew the plant's leaves as a stimulant.

When condensed and cooked with other toxic ingredients, it becomes nearly a twin to methamphetamine, known in some circles as "poor man's cocaine." Both cat and crack can be snorted or injected. Both are gaining in popularity, especially among teens. Narcotic experts say the drugs can be instantly addictive, more than cocaine. In some users, small doses cause breaks out on the face, as the toxins leave the skin.

In the Hailey house, police found needles, burned spoons and other paraphernalia indicating the users were shooting the drug, said Thomas.

Following the April arrest, a preliminary hearing stretched out into July. Testimony was complex and centered on chemical makeup of the substances found at the house.

The two have remained in the Blaine County jail since last April, unable to meet \$25,000 bonds.

Daines

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whether to approve Franco's plans any sooner than Feb. 3.

Franco wants to convert about 40 acres of the 700-acre home along 700 North road into a dairy. That would give him room for a maximum of 2,500 cows.

He told the board that he has no plans to expand beyond those 40 acres, though he owns along 700 North road.

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"I don't want this dairy going in right across the road from my house, and I don't think anybody else would feel differently," she said.

She, her husband, Tom Logan, and another neighbor, Francis Deahl, filed an appeal against Franco's proposed dairy last fall.

Carmen Logan said she worries about her well being contaminated with dairy waste.

"Maybe the contamination won't happen. But maybe it will, and I don't want it to be my family taking a chance out there," she said.

Deahl is on oxygen for asthma and wasn't able to come to the hearing, so she videotaped her comments for the commission. She said she has lived just down the road from the proposed dairy for over 60 years and is worried that dust could be a health hazard for her.

"My land is the savings of a lifetime to me and a good location," she said. Deahl said she isn't opposed to Franco putting in a dairy, but she doesn't like the current plan.

"I only wish he'd have a smaller number of cows and not put them so close to my home," she said.

Meals

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to school without breakfast suffer from decreased learning capacity. Malnutrition also can inhibit overall development.

Families will learn on a one-to-one basis, Rutherford said. Nutritionists will teach them how to prepare meals and handle food safely.

Smart shopping - such as buying a box of crackers and a block of cheese rather than prepared snack foods - are simple tips to help families stretch their money, Rutherford said.

Families will learn to budget their money so they can afford to buy larger quantities of less-expensive food, said Diane Schumberba, an extension educator in Minidoka County. They will learn why buying in large quantities is the best buy.

Another lesson will be in the importance of having a shopping list, and knowing how supermarket stimuli can influence purchases, Schumberba said. It's important

to have "the almighty list in hand" to not be tempted to buy unnecessary or unhealthy items, she said.


The program begins next week and will be evaluated in six weeks to see if families have changed

their habits. A one-year \$35,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, including matching money from the U of I, is paying

for the program.

The program has been successful in other parts of the state, so community educators are confident they will be able to offer it again health care year, Rutherford said.

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Commission likes 'attractive' housing planned for Ketchum

By Marty Kouse
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — It may not be affordable housing, but Ketchum can count on 11 more residential units along Wood River Drive in lower west Ketchum.

In a preliminary design review Monday night, Ketchum planning and zoning commissioners praised the two-building complex fronting the Wood River Trails bike path.

"It's a very attractive project," planning commissioner Robert Fallowfield said.

Architect Floyd Town said the proposed building materials are wood shingle with some log trim

Meeting scheduled

Planning commissioners from around the county will meet next month to talk about countywide planning concerns. Blaine County planning commission Chairman Tom Bowman invited planners from each of the county's municipalities to a joint meeting at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 13 in the court-house in Halley. The joint meeting is to "identify areas of mutual concern" for area planners, according to a letter from Bowman to the Ketchum planning commission.

which conforms to common Ketchum design standards.

Because of the structure's visibility from Wood River Drive and the bike trail, Town said, the outward facade of the project will be treated the same as the inward-facing building fronts.

But Trent Jones, a neighbor of the site, expressed concern about limited landscaping on the proposed development.

City planner Tory Frank suggested the use of a heated driveway so that more landscaping could replace some of the area now set aside for snow storage.

But Town said that the cost for such a driveway is too high.

Fallowfield urged the architect to make additions to the proposed landscaping.

Castleford students score high

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — The Castleford School Board has voted to rehire Superintendent Kelly A. Murphey for another one-year term.

Also recently, Principal Andy Wiseman reported that Castleford students, as a group, placed above the national average in the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, which checks English, language arts, math and social studies. The national average increased for 1996 and Castleford students met the challenge by exceeding the average in most

areas, he said.

Fifth-graders' scores were the lowest.

Wiseman also reported enrollment is 345, with 10 preschool students.

Teacher in-service days will be held Feb. 2 and 26. The classes will be geared to computer use and Internet introduction.

In other School Board business last week:

• A negotiation team was chosen to meet with teachers on contracts, vacations and salaries. Team members for the board are Mary Patweck, Scott Tverdy and Mike Buldley.

• Murphey presented some additions and concerns for next year's budget: electric and cleaning costs, an insurance increase, carpet replacements, an aide position, added funds for technology and some contingency costs for the ag/gymnasium construction.

• A letter will be written to Idaho Power Co. concerning the possible increase of power to the new construction.

• Murphey also said that two technology grants will be written dealing with Goals 2000.

• Katie Varin was named as a Coca-Cola Scholarship finalist.

Zoning matters top Buhl agenda

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Some happy and some not-so-happy homeowners left the City Council meeting on Buhl zoning changes this week.

Linda Novelancko was relieved that the council left her property zoned for a single-family dwelling but was disappointed that the three quarters of an acre nearby would be zoned multiple-family. There is an apartment building behind the Novelancko property, and surrounding homeowners don't want another one built.

Also Monday evening the East End Neighborhood Alliance — of homeowners along the east end of Highway 30 — came in support of their proposal to the council.

Spokesman Lynn Schneidermann presented Mayor

Ted Pence with 156 signatures supporting the alliance's proposal: leave the residential area along Highway 30 zoned agricultural, and change the zoning of the area south of the railroad tracks as it is being used.

The mayor said that the land-use map must be used as a guideline for zoning. So the alliance has taken steps to go before the zoning committee to have the land-use map changed from commercial to agricultural in the area.

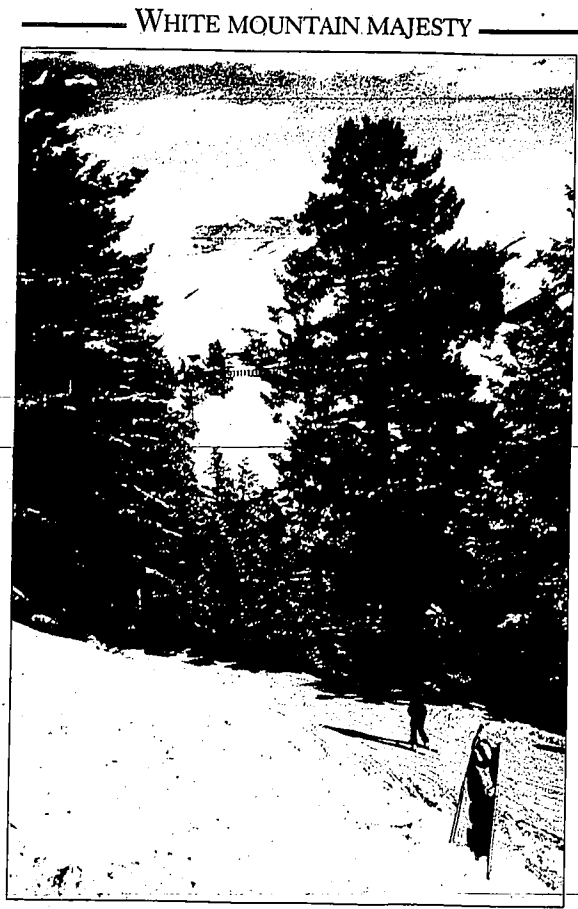
The City Council voted to follow the land-use map and zone the area commercial with a B-2 rating, which means the land between the homes and commercial use must be buffered to cut down on noise.

The council also voted to zone the area of Coors Brewery Co.

Elevator as light industrial, and a 400-foot strip along Highway 30 as commercial with a B-3 restriction.

"East End Neighborhood Alliance was satisfied with the buffer zone north of Highway 30 and south of the railroad tracks," Schneidermann said. "However, we were disappointed the large area east of town was rezoned industrial and commercial. The alliance will continue to speak out for decent and controlled growth for Buhl."

The mayor said some zoning-change sections may be sent back to the planning and zoning committee for clarification, but the motions voted upon Monday will be incorporated in the ordinance book, and the council still must approve the book as a whole.



The snow-covered Pioneer Mountains dominate the view from Bald Mountain in Sun Valley. The snowpack is 210 percent of normal for this time of year, according to data collected from remote measurement stations in the Big Wood River drainage, promising full reservoirs this spring. Bald Mountain has 89 inches of snow on top, and skiers are enjoying skiable terrain 100 percent open.

Investigators: No evidence delay

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — The head of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation says there will be no delay in processing DNA evidence in the JonBenet Ramsey murder investigation.

The Rocky Mountain News reported Tuesday that a state law could delay production of the DNA evidence because it restricts authorities to share evidence with defense attorneys for their own tests.

The newspaper said semen could prove to be a critical piece of forensic evidence as investigators try to find the 6-year-old beauty queen's killer.

But the sample is so small police would have a hard time that requires giving defendants the chance to monitor testing or conduct their own, a source close to the Ramsey family told the News.

Carl Whiteside said the FBI is aware of the law, but said it only applies if there has been a suspect named in the case.

"Unless there is a defendant who has been charged and wishes to be present during testing, we can conduct those tests we deem necessary to identify a suspect in a crime case," Whiteside said. "We will go forward and analyze evidence."

Leslie Anholm, spokeswoman for the city, said Tuesday no charges have been filed and no arrests are pending.

Meanwhile, Boulder County officials said Monday they will file a motion in Boulder District Court this week asking to seal the autopsy results.

The girl's body was discovered

by her father in the basement of the family's Boulder home.

Blood, hair and handwriting samples have been collected by police from JonBenet's parents, John and Patsia Ramsey, as well as friends, relatives and even employees of Ramsey's \$1 billion computer firm, Boulder's Access Graphics.

County attorney Madeline Mason said Monday that county officials will file the request to seal the autopsy results sometime this week.

She said officials would cite the same arguments made when they won an order sealing the search warrant for the Ramsey house — "that releasing certain details would compromise the investigation."

Quarterback backs forestry donations

BOISE (AP) — Seattle Seahawks' quarterback John Friesz has seen the destruction that December's ice storm did to trees in his home town of Coeur d'Alene and asks taxpayers to donate to the Idaho Community Forestry Trust Account.

The former University of Idaho standout is promoting the program funded by a checkoff on state returns. He also appears in a public service announcement.

"I live in Coeur d'Alene and the ice storm knocked down so many trees, it made that much more obvious I should get involved in this," he said.

"Funds from the Idaho Community Forestry Account would be available to assist with the recovery and replacement of trees damaged in natural catastrophes."

In 1992, the Legislature created the checkoff on line 59 of the state income tax forms for the forestry program.

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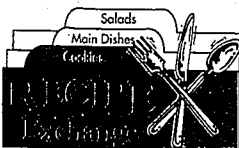
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Section C



Perfect potatoes every time

By Denise Turner
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — "Is there some secret recipe for roasting whole potatoes?" asked Jerry Carter of Baltimore in a letter to the Baltimore Sun. "In some 20 to 30 cookbooks I can't find a single recipe. I once read that they could be done in a Crock-Pot. Help!"

Fran Rowe of Stevenson, Md., knew a simple and delicious way to roast potatoes, which she shared. Two other readers also sent in recipes.

ROWE'S ROASTED POTATOES

1/2 cup vegetable oil
10 potatoes all about the same size, peeled
Paprika
Heat oven to 350 degrees.
In an 8-inch-square glass baking dish, pour in oil and roll potatoes in the oil. Sprinkle them lightly with paprika and place in oven. As they bake, continue to roll them in the oil and sprinkle additional paprika lightly to taste.

Bake about 45 to 50 minutes, or until the potatoes are golden and are soft when pierced with a fork or small knife.

Connie Sheckler of Marriottsville sent a recipe from Marilyn Neill's 1975 book, "Rival Crock Pot Cooking."

POTATOES PERFECT

1/4 pound bacon, diced
2 medium onions, thinly sliced
4 medium potatoes, thinly sliced
1/2 pound Gruyere or Cheddar cheese, thinly sliced
Salt and pepper to taste
Butter

Line the Crock-Pot with aluminum foil, leaving enough at top to overlap potatoes. Layer half of the bacon, onions, potatoes and cheese in the pot. Season to taste and dot with butter. Repeat this layer and also dot with butter. Overlap with the remaining foil. Cover the pot and cook on low setting for 10 to 12 hours or on high setting for 3 to 4 hours. Serves 4 to 6.

Terry Chaconas of Woodbine, Md., sent a recipe from "The Six Minute Souffle" by Carol Cutler.

ROASTED POTATOES

12 medium new potatoes or 18 small
1 stick (8 tablespoons) butter
Salt and pepper to taste
3 tablespoons chopped parsley
Scrub potatoes and dry. Melt butter in heavy skillet or casserole large enough to hold potatoes in one layer. Add potatoes and roll around to cover all surfaces with butter. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, cover, reduce heat and allow the potatoes to "sweat" in the butter until they are soft when pierced with a sharp knife, about 45 minutes. Roll or turn potatoes from time to time. Serve in a deep dish and sprinkle with parsley.

Zucchini Parmesan was the request from Diane Gartner of Owings Mills, Md. Josie Kaesmer of Timonium, Md., responded.

KAESMER'S ZUCCHINI PARMESAN

4 zucchini, each about 5 inches long
2 garlic cloves, mashed
3 tablespoons butter or margarine
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
Dash of oregano
2/3 cup grated Parmesan or Romano cheese
Steam whole zucchini until crisp and tender, about 8 to 10 minutes. Cut in 1/4-inch slices. Heat the broiler. Mash garlic with butter or margarine. Add salt, pepper and oregano. Place zucchini on a baking sheet, spread butter mixture on zucchini and top with cheese. Broil about 5 inches away from heat source, 4 servings.

Requests

Lucy Harmon of Twin Falls writes, "I certainly appreciate the service you render in finding hard-to-find recipes for Times-News readers. When my children were little, I had a favorite recipe for Date Nut Pinwheels which I used quite often. After making them over the years, I lost the recipe. I sure hope someone has a recipe someone would love to make them again — Yummy."

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

Delight in catchy catfish dishes



Judy Ray, a native from Michigan, grew up without palette-pleasing catfish dishes. Since marrying her husband, she has collected many recipes that use this fish. Here she prepared it with an array of spices.

Fried, marinated, baked... any way you do it, it's scrumptious

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN — Judy Ray grew up not knowing what she was missing. She was born and reared in Michigan, where folks eat fish like trout, perch, and bluegill, but definitely not catfish. Catfish was something Ray didn't think civilized people ought to be eating. Then she met a man from Oklahoma who introduced her to catfish, a mainstay of the Oklahoma diet.

She married the man from Oklahoma, catfish and all. Judy and Leo Ray started farming catfish in California in 1969. They soon discovered the natural hot artesian water of the Hagerman valley and moved the fish farm to the Hagerman area in 1973. They named it Fish Breeders of Idaho, Inc.

For the catfish, the natural hot artesian water is cooled to 82 degrees, the ideal temperature for the Channel catfish raised on the Ray farm. The fish are harvested at 2 to 3 pounds, which renders two 8 to 10-ounce fillets.

The Rays keep brood fish, that can get as big as 10 pounds, for spawning, but they also import catfish eggs. The catfish are kept in raceways where the warm water is changed every 15 minutes. The constant changing of water keeps the fish meat texture firm and the flavor mild. Swimming in a constant clean warm current, the catfish develop a firm texture.

Catfish is a white meat fish that can be substituted for lobster in recipes. In addition to the catfish, the Rays also raise trout and alligator on their farm. Judy Ray says their alligators are well fed so they're not usually looking for lunch.

According to Judy Ray, catfish must be cooked hot and quick. She learned the basics of cooking from her own mother, but learned southern cookery, including catfish cooking, from her mother-in-law. She took some formal cooking classes in California.

Anyone interested in trying catfish can call the fish processing plant at 837-6114 or stop by at 18374 Highway 30 in Hagerman to pick up some catfish.

Ray suggests the following recipes for catfish dishes.

POLYNESIAN FRIED CATFISH

Serves 6
2 pounds skinned catfish fillets or other skinned fish fillets frozen or frozen
1/4 cup soy sauce
1/2 cup cornstarch
1/2 cup flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon pepper
1 egg beaten
Pineapple sauce
Thaw frozen fillets, cut into strips, approximately 1 by 2 inches. Place fish in a shallow dish. Pour soy sauce over fish and let stand for 30 minutes, turning once. Sift dry ingredients together. Combine water and egg; blend into the flour mixture. Dip fish in batter. Fry immediately in deep fat, 350 degrees, for 5 to 6 minutes or until brown and fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Drain on absorbent paper. Keep warm. Pour pineapple sauce on a warm platter. Place fish on top.

Pineapple Sauce
Makes about 3 cups
1 can (1 pound 4 1/2 ounces) pineapple tidbits
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/3 cup cold water
1/4 cup cider vinegar
1/4 cup brown sugar
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 medium green pepper, chopped
1 (4 ounces) can mushrooms, drained
Heat pineapple and juice; add vinegar, sugar and soy sauce. Dissolve cornstarch in water. Add gradually to pineapple and cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Add green pepper and mushrooms. Keep warm.

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Pears for little people, full of nutrition

When it comes to food, kids have their own idea of what's healthy. How do you convince a child that a nutritious snack is more than a bag of potato chips and a candy bar?

Your kids can even help with this one. Just fill in the middle of a sliced, cored pear with peanut butter or creamed cheese.

For those who prefer a "cool" after-school treat, serve Mountainop Pear Bowls. Cored pear halves are filled with a scoop of fruit-flavored sherbet — a nutritious sweet without the fat and calories. Talk about fun! Even the most finicky of eaters will "hop" up to the table for Bunny Hop Salad. A pear half is decorated to look like a bunny with almond ears, carrot whiskers, raisin eyes and marshmallows for a nose and tail. Another "I can skip" recipe.

Most kids would rather skip the meal and go straight to dessert. With PearBear's Secret Surprise Cake, dessert is welcome. The surprise? Sweet juicy pears baked into the batter — they'll never know you snuck in the good stuff. This easy-cake cake uses a packaged double chocolate-cake mix and is topped with brown sugar and cinnamon. This makes it irresistible for kids and a cinch for you to prepare.

'Pearfection'

- To avoid discoloration, dip pears in lemon juice before using or serving.
- Ripen pears by placing them in a paper bag and folding down the top. Leave pears at room temperature for a few days. Pears are ready when they are slightly soft at the stem end.

Pears...Variety Galore
There are many varieties and colors of USA Pears. Here are some of the most popular:
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 Bosc: brown
 Comice: green with red cheeks
 Seckels: small, dark green with dark red cheeks

Pears May Be Eaten In a Number of Ways

- Fresh and ripe
- Sliced in salads
- Cooked in pies, cakes, breads and muffins
- Sliced into cereal
- Poached with fruit sauce
- Baked with raisins and fruit juice

PEAR BREAKFAST SUFFLE

2 tablespoons margarine
5 slices enriched white bread, cut in half
3 eggs, beaten
1 cup evaporated skimmed milk
2 tablespoons sugar
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
Dash salt
2 USA Bartlett pears, pared, cored and sliced
Lemon juice
4 ounces low-fat sausage, cooked and drained
1/4 cup shredded low-fat Cheddar cheese

Spread half of margarine on one side of each slice of



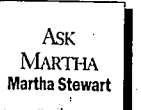
PearBear, who likes pears as much as Winnie-the-Pooh likes honey, was designed to help children want nutritious snacks.

bread; place spread-side down in bottom of 8-inch square baking dish. Spread remaining margarine on tops of bread. With sharp knife, cut bread into 1-inch squares. Combine eggs, milk, sugar, nutmeg and salt; pour over bread. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Let

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The science of packing revealed by traveler

I travel frequently for work, so over the years I've established a system for packing quickly and efficiently. Now I think I've got it down to a science. Whether you travel weekly for business or take one or two vacations a year, knowing how to pack well is important. It will save you time and keep your clothes looking their best when you reach your destination. The first thing to think about is the kind of trip you're taking. You will pack very differently for a beach vacation, a ski weekend and a



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MARTHA
Martha Stewart

carrying the maximum amount of casual clothes in your bag is the goal, other techniques are more effective. For most any trip, you'll use a garment bag, suitcase, duffel bag or a combination of these. Each kind of luggage has its advantages — here are tips on which one to use, and how to use it best.

Garment Bag
A hanging garment bag is ideal when you're packing formal clothes or business suits. A good dry cleaner can pro-

vide you with plastic bags, tissue paper and cardboard covers that fit over hangers. Arrange clothes this way: Place a cardboard cover over the hanger's bar, then fold tissue over the bar and hang pants from it. Drape tissue over the hanger's shoulders, hand a shirt over it and stuff the jacket with tissue paper. Finally, hang a sweater over that, pulling the shirt's sleeves through its sleeves. Make sure the jacket isn't crumpling the shirt's collar.

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HOME & GARDEN

Fungus gnats pesky, though harmless

Dear Cathy,
We are being bugged by bugs, more accurately little flying gnats. The little critters run faster than they can fly or so it seems, as they have very long legs compared to their bodies. Apparently the young ones are in and the older ones lack black bodies, and are about 1 to 2 mm in length. I don't know just where they come from but my wife brought home a Star of Holland Amaryllis that bloomed just after Christmas and hasn't been outside. It had two stalks with five or six big, beautiful blooms on each. Later, I have noticed an increase of the little flies. The stalks are wilted and, when we took the plastic cover off the pot to check for moisture and cut the stalk, the pot was crawling with what I am hoping that you may suggest remedies for.



Dear Buggy,
Ho, Ho, Ho. You are not going to like my answer.
It sounds like you're being overrun with fungus gnats, all right, and there is no Magic Bullet to give you an instant cure.
But these gnats are pretty much harmless.
The gnats didn't have anything to do with the wilting of the Amaryllis. The Amaryllis, like all bulb flowers, is supposed to wilt after it blooms. Don't cut bulb flowers back until the leaves are brown and gone.
There is, of course, if you plan to

keep the plant. I wouldn't. The first thing I would do is throw the Amaryllis out. Put the whole pot and caboodle in a plastic bag and put it in the trash. Wash down the window sill or wherever it was sitting with soap and water.
Check the rest of your plants. Fungus gnats live in the top of the soil, usually, and they like it nicely moist. Add about a half teaspoon of soap, such as Palmolive or Amway LOC, to your watering can and use this mixture every time you water. Don't use anything else, because many brands have lotions and ammonia that plants don't like or want.
Water your plants until the water drains into the saucer below, then throw away the water in that saucer. It sounds like you left the pretty fall on the Amaryllis—that's a definite no-no—and things got pretty icky in there. Water plants only when

they feel dry on top, and always let them drain.
Wash your fruit. Yes, Mom was right: You can bring bugs into the house on the banana. Run a sink full of cool water and add the LOC or Palmolive. Wash all your fruit and rinse with clear water. You will probably wash away some insect eggs you really didn't want to know about.
I'm not going to recommend an insecticidal spray because there aren't any out there you would want in your house. Try the cleaning up and letting your plants dry out: The gnats will leave in a few weeks. Be patient. And in the meantime, cover your mouth when you yawn. Thanks for writing.
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 33303.

Timely tasks prepare garden for springtime

Night-Rider News Service

Green tips of daffodil leaves are poking out of the ground. That means the next spring is closer than the last Thanksgiving, which should make all of us feel better.
The next few weeks will be, to say the least, unpredictable. They could be mild, sunny, dry and gorgeous—or cold, gray, damp and miserable.
Most likely, they will be a mixture of these two extremes, and that will give us time to do some essential work that will put the garden in prime form for the start of spring.

Don't prune simply because you think you should.

These timely tasks, done in increments over the next several weeks, will put you ahead of the game when the big rush starts in late March and continues through April and May.
People invariably panic when the leaves of daffodils rising at the same time they are due to be iced by a deep freeze. Do not worry. Daffodil leaves (also tulips and hyacinths) are very hardy and will not be harmed by the cold.
And don't try to protect them by piling on leaf mulch. That will make the daffodil leaves turn yellow.
But the bulbs will benefit from the application of fertilizer, about 3 pounds of 10-10-10 per 100 square feet of bulb bed. Or use a special fertilizer for bulbs at the rate directed on the package.
Tools, including the lawn mower, trimmers and other power equipment you will use

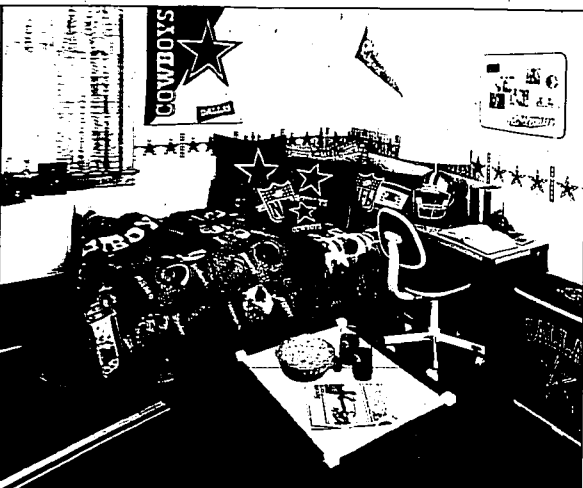
soon, also need a checkup and servicing, because mowing and trimming season starts early in the Piedmont. Also, check your hand tools, and get them cleaned and sharpened if needed.
Take care where you use those pruning tools this time of year. Pruning in winter is ideal for some plants, but spring-flowering shrubs such as azaleas, forsythia and rhododendrons must not be pruned until after they bloom.
This year's blooms are already on the stems. Instead, prune such summer-flowering plants as glossy abelia, althea, buddleia, summer spirea and vitex. These plants bloom on new wood, which won't be growing until spring.
Don't prune simply because you think you should. Pruning should shape a plant, direct growth and remove wayward branches.
Unfortunately, it is also done to keep a plant within an assigned space that is too small. If that's a problem, — an azalea is rising above the window sill — consider moving the plant soon.
You can plant all kinds of trees and shrubs most of the year. And that's a particularly delightful task on a sweater-wearing afternoon.
Should it snow, as it can do even in March, you should be prepared to use a broom to brush off accumulated snow on evergreens. If you wait until the snow freezes, it can weigh down and possibly break the branches, wrecking the appearance of a handsome evergreen.

Kids want style, personality in their room

Money spent on child's decor is good investment

Night-Rider News Service

You're willing to make the investment in new furniture for your child's room because of one thing.
You're fed up.
Fed up with opening the door and not knowing what will ambush you. Fed up with stuff heaping out of the drawers, piled up on the bed, formed into so many mounds on the floor. Tired of yelling "Clean up your room!" and having that supersede any advice you might dispense on sex, drugs or homework.



Courtesy photo

So you're ready to invest in furniture that will help the fun in the mess, and that is durable, stylish and functional enough for your child to take (you hope and pray) when he or she leaves.
That's one choice you could make.

Another is investing in quality custom furniture that can be passed down as an heirloom or showcased in your home as an accent piece after the kids leave. Parents some believe in having hand-painted in nursery-rhyme motifs.
Whichever tack you take, furniture for children's rooms has come a long way since the plastic table-and-chair sets you give your child, the wood-veneer bunk beds and hutch you grew up on.
"Kids still need a desk but they need lots more drawers for sweaters and clean-up toys than their closets," says Diane Burke, who hand-paints children's and doll furniture and accessories for her company, Ring Around the Rosey, in Ardmore, Pa., outside Philadelphia. "They need more shelving for more collectibles. I also think kids really want to enjoy their rooms as they're looking at them."

Children also want more style and personality in their decor, says Linda Grant, who founded and designs colorful children's furniture for LD, Kids, based in Tenopah, Ill. "If you stand kids up and ask them what their favorite color, they wouldn't say brown," she says.
The furniture market is saturated with children's furniture, from the traditional lines of the Stanley Furniture Co. to custom work from independent craftspeople.
All of them attest to the notion that children make up a growing market with specific needs.
Grant got the idea to start LD, Kids a few years ago after listening to her friends, the soccer moms, complain about the lack of style and quality in children's furnishings. "Linda, isn't there anything out there that's cool?" they'd ask.
She knew there was. As an interior designer, she had made children's furniture that looked like "high-tech, European-style kitchens" for years. She made built-in modules with splashes of hot pink and purple, she installed headboards with black granite

Decor such as this can help bring out a child's personality and ultimately relax better in his quarters.

veneer, she put in lots of slaps and angles to give the furniture a contemporary look—sort of Ikea in Technicolor.
But until the soccer moms weighed in, most of her work was custom-made for well-heeled clients. Grant made her first affordable by collaborating with a manufacturer that made furniture for schools and hospitals.
Now the LD, Kids line is featured in major furniture stores, a sign of its individual appeal," Grant says. "It wasn't rewarded adult furniture. It addresses everything from ergonomic size and comfort needs to safety and durability."

LD, Kids' most definable characteristic is color. Each piece of furniture is available in 21 colors and patterns that accent white, black, ash or walnut finishes. Colored accents, such as drawers and desk tops, can be

changed as the child changes, and the laminates help ensure the furniture's durability.
"A child puts a sticker on a piece of furniture because he thinks it's cool," Grant says. "But have you ever tried to get a sticker off a piece of wood furniture? I mean, you can't take acetone to it. You'd have to refinish the whole piece."
Simple also sells. So say the folks at Stanley Furniture, who've been

making children's furniture for 73 years. Children's furniture accounts for roughly 35 percent of Stanley's sales every year. The company attributes its success to the broad appeal of the unisex pieces with traditional themes and no-fuss embellishments. A bedroom set starts at about \$2,500.
But more and more, people are looking to buy heirloom furniture—pieces that can be passed from generation to generation. Craftsmen have satisfied the demand by custom-making and hand-painting furniture and accessories for children.
In her business, Ring Around the Rosey, Diane Burke paints whimsical images of flowers, giraffes and sailboats on her furniture. She can also personalize pieces with the child's name and add decorative touches with smaller accents, such as hand-painted picture frames.
"We have things that you can't buy in mass production, and things that can be coordinated with things that are mass-produced," says Burke, whose prices

range from \$29 for a picture frame to \$299 for a five-piece table-and-chair set. "It's all customized to make a pretty room look very pretty."
Beauty is part of what drives customers willing to shell out big bucks for their kids' rooms.
Barbara Wertz and Jan Williamson, who operate Plenty's Horn out of Pittsburgh, Texas, count Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones among their clients.
"Barbara and I have an armoire from Plenty's Horn costs \$3,000. Clearly their market is upscale."
"We deal with customers who appreciate what goes into art," Wertz says.
Williamson hand-paints all of their furniture's animals with "personality"—her geese are haughty, her pigs prissy. Her paintings are scenes with a theme. The headboard of her twin beds show squirrels throwing nuts. The foobards show their mates catching the nuts. Whimsical accents include ruffets (as in "Little Miss Muffet") with a hand-turned wooden button.

Be safe in home decor; stick with tradition

The Orange County Register

If you're going into a new house this year or making over your existing home, you may want to consider what the people at Better Homes & Gardens think will be the trends this year. But take it all with a little salt. Trends are fun and sometimes hang on for years, but there's nothing like tradition to keep your home solidly grounded.
In its January issue, the magazine predicts that "cool colors" will dominate. "Nature has inspired this year's palette, which adds lavender, cerulean and seafoam to the herbal greens Americans have always loved."
Not content to have us believing there is anything in nature that "lavender curlicue," the Homes & Gardens article further predicts that brown is the new black.
"Cocoa brown is the apparel-influenced home hue that is fast becoming the new basic black." Didn't all those people in the apparel industry do away with brown about 20 years ago? Aren't they the ones who heaped disgust on it as an earth-tone color from the '70s? So now they're telling us it's back!

Use brown sparingly. After all, isn't it wise to provide your home with a light, open feeling? Brown can be a wonderful element for contrast, but used too much, its ability

to darken a room is significant.
One area where brown might come in handy is in a home office in which a computer is used. Here, brown may work to your advantage by darkening the room. A darkened room can ease the task of looking at a computer screen.
Make sure you have the ability to lighten the room when you need it, though. Window coverings that can be opened and made lighting should be sufficient to keep the room light and airy when you're not using the computer.
Other trend predictions is that more people will concentrate on harmonic home elements.
"We're searching for more balance in our lives, and natural materials, hand-crafted elements, soothing scents and even the sound of indoor fountains are all calming our souls at home."
In terms of increased emphasis on "hand-crafted elements," one need only look as far as the nearest shelter magazine to see this is true. Have you noticed the increase in advertising of fine-crafted furniture, especially the Mission and Craftsman styles? That's been building slowly for about five years, also.
Perhaps it all has to do with an increased emphasis on the home. More people are "cocooning," content to spend more time in their homes.

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Q: Our local home center store sells attractive pellet stoves (some with large glass doors) and bags of pellets. Are these heaters efficient and do I need to build a chimney to use one? -H.W.



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dullea

A: Pellet stoves are good for your wallet and for the environment. I have tested several designs of pellet stoves in my own home for the past five years. They are efficient, quiet, clean and convenient to use. Bags of pellets are often available in hardware, feed and some discount stores.

Most pellets are made from compressed waste sawdust from lumber mills. Depending on the area of the country, waste peanut shells, cherry pits, etc. are also used. Using the homegrown fuel not only reduces landfill waste, but it keeps jobs and energy dollars in the United States.

Most pellet stoves are about the same size as a small wood-burning stove and are very decorative. The large glass door allows you to watch the flames.

Being highly efficient, the exhaust gases are not very hot and can be vented outdoors horizontally with a 4-inch pipe - no chimney needed. I installed mine in about an hour. Fireplace insert models are also available.

To operate a pellet stove, dump a bag of pellets into the hopper and push a button to light it. An auger slowly feeds the pellets into the firepot. The heat output is controlled by adjusting the pellet feed rate or connecting it to a wall thermostat.

On the medium heat setting, a single bag of pellets will last about one day. On the high setting, some pellet stoves can heat up to a 2,500 square foot efficient

house. Variable-speed blower controls allow you to control the heated air flow. Some models also have adjustable directional louvers.

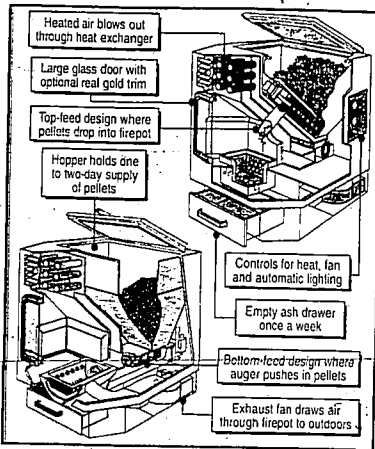
The built-in hoppers hold up to three bags. Some pellets burn completely and contain only about one percent ash; the ash drawer needs to be emptied only once a week. There is no need to put out the fire to empty the drawer.

There are two basic designs of pellet stoves - an auger feed from the top or the bottom. The top-feed system burns slightly more efficiently, but it consumes premium, low ash pellets. This is the type that I use in my home.

A bottom-feed design can use regular-quality pellets with higher ash content. These can also burn lined coal. If you live in the grain belt, unusable waste feed can be an extremely cheap source of clean heat.

If you have frequent power outages, select a model with a battery backup. This keeps the auger and exhaust runner running. Some designs contain a solar panel for electrical power and do not keep the battery charged.

Write for *Entrepreneur* Bulletin No. 806 showing a buyer's guide to 19 pellet stoves, listing design, heat output, burner quality, features, prices and a fuel cost comparison chart. Please include \$2



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Write to James Dullea, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244.

Q: I am remodeling my kitchen. People have recommended using indirect lighting instead of recessed lighting. Exactly what is the difference and which type of lighting is most efficient? -E. J.

A: Your advisors are compar-

ing apples and oranges. Indirect lighting usually refers to lights directed toward the ceiling or the walls. It provides good background light, but is not always the most efficient choice.

Recessed lighting refers to a type of light fixture. It can be used as general lighting or specific task lighting. Recessed task lights, directly over a counter, for example, are a very efficient light source.

Gas logs can douse fireplace problems

Daily Press

Lugging in cords of wood and shoveling up buckets of ashes from the fireplace or woodstove gets old after a while.

Gas logs can extinguish that hassle.

Whether they are in an existing masonry fireplace, free-standing stove or fireplace insert that needs no chimney, gas logs will burn on natural or bottled propane gas.

There are molded ceramic logs and compressed fiber logs. Both types are painted for detail and have long lifespans.

The ceramic ones may offer more log-like detail while the fiber ones usually produce better flames and a nice glow. You can even get logs with a remote control, a feature that older and disabled people may find handy.

Basically there are two types of gas logs.

• **Vented.** The house literally becomes your chimney because the combustion byproducts are released into your home's air and so is lots of heat. These logs will continue to operate and warm your house if the power goes out. The logs need

the fresh air in your home to operate so all the logs are equipped with an oxygen depletion sensor that automatically shuts off the unit if the oxygen levels drop to unsafe levels.

"The safety record is outstanding on the oxygen depletion sensors," says Dave Coppinger, owner of Taproot Hearth and Patio in Williamsburg.

Before gas logs are installed in a fireplace where wood was burned, the fireplace and chimney should be cleaned so the highly flammable creosote is removed, says Al Miller, who has a master gas-fitters license to install logs.

When vented logs are installed, the damper must be clipped so it can't be closed entirely, says Miller. For vent-free logs, the damper can be sealed or left unsealed. Decorative glass doors can be used to cover the fireplace but they should be kept open when gas logs are burning.

Homeowners should research what's best for their home and personal use and not just buy what a friend or relative selected, says Coppinger.

"See the logs burn, watch them and see if you smell anything," advises John Yonkers at the Fireplace and Don't Put Shop in Hampton, Va. "Hot job stick up a set of logs off the shelf and take them home."

HOME REMODELING Q&A

The Orlando Sentinel

Q: We have a covered porch on the back of our house. There is already a concrete slab and a door leading outside. What should we consider when building the porch, and how much should it cost?

A: If it is a screened porch without air conditioning that you desire, then the most important decision is whether to build an aluminum screen room or a wood-framed porch. A screen room can be built with an aluminum pan roof and screening or vinyl windows.

This job can be done by an aluminum specialty contractor who can arrange the services of an electrician to install lighting and fans. A typical 12-by-20-foot screen room can be built for less than \$5,000. Be sure to check references, and understand the length of the warranty period for looks.

The next step up is to build a wood-framed roof. This could be either a pitched roof with shingles or a flat roof with rolled roofing material, depending on the configuration of the house and the new porch. If possible, try to design a porch with a pitched roof because there is much less chance of the roof leaking.

Foundation footings may need to be dug and poured under the existing slab to support the added structure. This should be determined at the first meeting with the contractor because the extra work can add \$500 to \$1,000 to the cost of the project.

A wood-framed roof can be built on block columns or on wooden posts, typically 4-by-4 or 6-by-6 pressure-treated lumber. Make sure your contractor specifies the materials to be used on

the walls and ceiling. Stucco or cedar is expensive to install but will give the porch a finished appearance that will make it look like part of the original house.

A typical 12-by-20-foot wood-framed porch can be built in the \$8,000 to \$12,000 range.

Q: We have a crawlspace on the rear of our house that we would like to convert to a living space and open up to our family room. What should be considered?

A: There are a lot of factors to consider when converting a porch to living space. The floor of the porch will need to be poured with concrete to the level of the existing house. This is required by building code and is intended to minimize the possibility of water getting into the house.

Foundation footings may need to be dug and poured under the slab; the roof may have to be temporarily supported if the existing walls are demolished; and the existing slab may have to be drilled for termite treatment.

These issues should be discussed with the contractor at the first meeting, and the contractor should spell out during the design stage what needs to be done.

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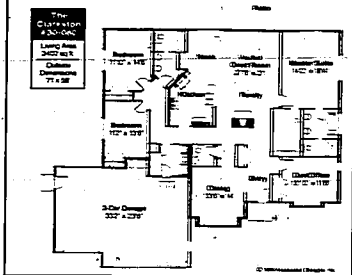
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A freestanding fireplace is at the core of this informal plan. Its central location allows enjoyment of the warmth and colorful flames from the kitchen, nook and family room. The home has no living room, which many contemporary families see as a plus. But it does boast a large dining room facing the street, along with another bright room that could be outfitted as a home office, den or a fourth bedroom.

Efficiency was a major consideration in designing this kitchen. Range, sink and refrigerator are set in a tight triangle that minimizes wasted steps. Sliding glass doors provide patio access for outdoor dining. Utilities are tucked in a pass-through space that

connects the house with a three-car garage. A small powder room is nearby.

Master suite and secondary bedrooms are on opposite sides of the great room. Master suite amenities include a huge walk-in closet, and a private bathroom. A pocket door separates the toilet and shower from the tub and double vanity, while sliders in the sleeping area open onto the patio.

The Clarkston's secondary-bedroom shares another dual-compartment bathroom. The double vanity in the outer section allows teens the luxury of extended mirror view without blocking access to the toilet or tub.

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Flexibility is the key to work space in garage

Orange County Register

Organizing or reorganizing the work space in your garage is like a work of art in progress. You may think you have everything just the way you want it, but you'll probably change at least a few things as time goes on.

You'll change for two or three reasons. First, you'll probably add tools or find you use certain tools more than others as the years go by. Second, the type of work you do may change. Third, you may have more or less space for your workshop in the future.

If you're just getting started in creating a work area in your home or you're thinking of reorganizing, there are certain principles you might consider. While you should develop a plan, realize that you may have to be flexible if you want to keep things run-

ning smoothly.

Begin by visualizing what type of work you'll do or have done most often in your workshop. For most people, that means general household maintenance. Tools such as hammers, crescent wrenches, a pipe wrench, electric and portable drills, screwdrivers, measuring devices, a level, drill bits, hand saws and other devices you use most of the time should be located as close as possible to the center of your workshop.

The lighter tools can be hung on hooks from pegboard or on similar hanging devices. Don't try to hang every tool just because it's light. Some tools are more efficiently placed in drawers or on shelves.

You may have a variety of chisels or similar tools for working with wood. They may look nice hanging from your pegboard, but

if you're cramped for space, you can fit many such hand tools in a drawer in a much smaller space than they'd take hanging from pegboard.

Heavier tools, such as a circular saw or router, can be stored under the workbench surface or shelves or in drawers depending on their size. Where you place the devices that go with these tools is another question. It may not be prudent for the sake of the blades or for the sake of youngsters to place circular saw blades in a drawer or shelves for something such as router bits, you may want them where you can see them

easily. That could mean stored in a cabinet or with their shafts mounted in a sight board.

If you want to sit at your workbench, try to place those tools you'll need for the type of work you do sitting down within an easy arm's reach.

Supplies for certain tools you use most often should be located close also.

If the type of work you do over the years changes, don't hesitate to reorganize your workshop. A completely new plan might save you a great deal of time and energy and make the work you have to do that much more tolerable.



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HOME & GARDEN

Wife lacks ginger to join dance act

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married 14 years. He is a good provider and a loving father to our two children.

We are part of a social circle that entertains frequently, and this is where the problem lies. My husband dances with every woman at the party while I sit at the table watching him make all kinds of sexy movements with them. He doesn't ignore me completely, but I am uncomfortable watching him touch all these other women.

If I say anything, my husband argues that I am the one he goes home with, buys the jewelry and gifts for, and comes home to every night. He says my disapproving looks spoil his fun, and claims he just likes to have a good time.

He shows his affection toward me when we are alone. We go on "weekend" vacations frequently. He says he loves me and the children and that our marriage is forever. But this dancing thing is bothering me.

How do I handle this? Should I just not pay attention, or try to give him a dose of his own medicine (but I am not the type to go around asking every woman's husband to dance)?



DEAR ABBY
Abby Cadabby

-SITTING ON THE SIDELINES IN NEW YORK
DEAR ON THE SIDELINES: Your husband is acting as though he has nothing to hide, and apparently he doesn't. He comes home to you every day and is affectionate and generous in word and deed.

Since no one else reacts negatively to his dancing, evidently he is not behaving inappropriately. Considering taking some lessons, thereby making yourself a more interesting and enjoyable dance partner. Then perhaps your husband will ask you to dance more often.

DEAR ABBY: This is another true story about a kind act from a man of character: Harry S. Truman.

Many years ago, I was a young Army wife traveling with an infant. I was at Washington National Airport, having been bumped from my connecting flight, badly in need of a bath-

room, but I could not leave my baby alone.

A gentleman sitting on the bench with me saw my distress and said, "I will be here for the next half-hour and I am experienced in child care, as I have a young daughter." His face was familiar, but I could not place it until the loud speaker blared, "Senator Truman, please come to the desk." As he left, he said, "Don't worry, I'll be right back."

He was true to his word, and I felt very comfortable letting the man who had recently been nominated for the vice presidency baby-sit for me. When I returned, he proudly said, "Your baby needed a change, so I found your diaper bag and took care of everything."

How the world has changed!
-NANCY HERTZBERG,
PALM BEACH, FLA.

DEAR NANCY: What a wonderfully warm memory of President Truman. Obviously, he could be counted on to do whatever had to be done in any situation. Thank you for sharing it.

DEAR ABBY: The letter from the woman whose husband talked too much reminded me of a humorous incident in which I was involved.

Some years ago a new priest was appointed to our parish. Shortly after the arrival, my wife invited him to our home for dinner as a welcoming gesture. As a special treat, she also invited another couple who were mutual friends. The wife had been a parochial school chaperone of the priest, and the husband had been his fraternity brother at the university before he decided to study for the priesthood.

Abby, I love this woman like a sister, but I've often said that she's the only person I know who talks more than my wife. All through the cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and well into dinner that woman dominated — no, she monopolized — the conversation.

After we finished the main course, the women went into the kitchen to prepare dessert. At this point, the priest turned to the two of us and said, "You know, chaperone isn't that bad!"

-SID NAME
GIR TOWN PLEASE

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get in off your chair by writing on Dear Abby, P.O. Box 6948, St. Joseph, Mo. 64506. For a general reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.



Updating a house doesn't need to include big structural changes. Changing a look can be as simple as adding a valance or changing some furniture pieces.

Here's how to begin home update project

The Ontario Sentinel

Q: I want to update the interior of my home and don't anticipate any structural changes like moving walls or adding on. I know I want a new feel but don't know where to start. Can you help me?

A: There are many households that can use an update. Most people begin by buying decorating books or magazines that show just the kinds of projects you probably have in mind. Most of these magazines are aimed at the do-it-yourself crowd. However, most of us do not have the time, space, energy or know-how to create a finished product that matches the quality that we see in the magazines.

Not only that, but the time we've finished reading all those magazines, our heads are spinning. There are so many things that can be done, it is difficult to decide where to start. It's equally difficult to pull where to stop.

So the best place to start is with a plan. Make a list of the things you like and dislike about your house. Why a list of things you like? Balance. Good design, whether residential architecture or interior design is a delicate balance of opposition. Ever hear the term "form vs. function"? Design can be compared with falling dominoes. As long as each one hits the other, everything goes off like clockwork. If one misses, the whole exercise ends in a frustrating halt.

Writing down your likes and dislikes will help you put the project that you want to tackle into

perspective. Keep in mind that whatever your project, the result needs to blend harmoniously with its surroundings. So many things need to coordinate — flooring, window coverings, flooring, wall and trim colors, ceilings, cabinets, counter tops, light fixtures and so on.

Create color or sample boards by gluing together sections of the materials and samples you like to see how they relate to each other. Remember, view large enough samples so that you can see what entire patterns and grainings look like.

Another way to get ideas is to call friends who have redecorated and ask them about the designers they used. Builders and architects usually can recommend someone. You can expect to pay by the hour, and the time involved can vary.

If you have begun researching the project yourself and have samples that you like and just can't make the final decision, the designer probably can assist you in two or three hours. More work will take more time. Most people who have hired design professionals agree that the investment was valuable to the process.

Another avenue is to call your local college. Most have interior design courses. Perhaps the teacher could recommend a particularly talented student to work with you.

Finally, many suppliers have designers on staff. They will be happy to assist you in making selections as well as directing you to installers.

Home work: Cabinets can keep drafts away

The Baltimore Sun

There are fads in building construction as well as fashion, and some of them become commonplace and some are discarded as better methods come along.

It's not uncommon for older houses to have interior and exterior walls made of masonry (usually brick) and coated on the inside with plaster. That's it. No insulation and nothing to stop warm, moist interior air from condensing on cold exterior walls in the winter.

No place to run electrical wires or heating or air conditioning ducts either — and no good way to install cabinetry. Until after World War II, a lot of kitchens didn't have built-in cabinets — they had furniture. A cast-iron sink unit. A china cupboard. A table, with chairs.

There has been some interest in recent years in returning to the old-fashioned "unfitted" kitchen, but so far it's confined to the upper end of the market. For most people, cabinets are the way to go.

And those masonry walls can be a problem, as a reader in Baltimore has discovered.

"Our two-story Cape Cod was built around 1925 with a construction of 'Northern' masonry familiar with us. The entire first floor outer walls are brick faced over concrete blocks, without any studs. This makes for walls that can become very cold in the winter. The kitchen is our next big project, and we intend to gut the entire room and begin from bare walls and floor. The existing homemade cabinets are affixed to an (exterior) wall, but are made of open-back 'shelving' which uses the exterior surface of the outside wall as the back of the cabinet.

"Naturally, these cabinets become cold inside during the winter, and we have noticed that, under some circumstances, a light layer of condensation will form on that back wall.

"This raises questions/concerns about installing new kitchen cabinets that will have their own back resting against the outside wall. Do we need to be concerned about moisture formation with the new cabinets? We were told many years ago the only way to insulate these first floor exterior walls would be to open holes in the brick on the outside and



Cabinets add space and grace to kitchens. With old houses there is occasionally the problem of cupboards being cold. Remedies are available for such situations.

attempt to blow insulation into the wall itself. The price at that time was astronomical and sounded dubious at best.

"We would like new cabinets that don't emit a blast of cold air when opened in the winter! But more importantly, we don't want condensation forming between the back of the cabinets and the outside wall. Help!"

The condensation issue first: Condensation occurs when warm, moist interior air meets a cold surface. This can happen in lots of places — windows, doors, metal vents mounted on exterior walls or roof surfaces. The solution is to keep the warm air separated from the cold surface — and that means insulation. The wall where the condensation is occurring is too cold.

Insulating the cores of the blocks would not provide much protection, and still there would be no separation from the warm air inside.

It's possible to insulate the outside of the house, using a stucco-covered insulated building board, such as Dryvit. But still that could be too little insulation to stop the condensation.

There's also a problem installing cabinets on the plaster-over-masonry surface. Traditionally, masons

sometimes would leave a block of wood embedded in the brick to secure things to, but in a couple of decades the wood could rot, and the plaster could become brittle. A friend of Karol's whose cabinets were screwed into the exposed brick kitchen walls happened to be standing in the right place to catch one when it launched itself off the wall toward her son, then in a high chair.

Another problem with a brick or block surface is that it's likely to be uneven, which makes it hard to install the cabinets so they fit properly together.

Because the reader already is committed to putting the interior of the room, the best solution is to install the framing that's missing.

The walls should be framed with 2x4s to 16 inches on center, finished with 1/2 inch sheetrock. Use either R-11 (3 1/2 inches thick) or R-19 (6 inches thick). Extra framing members, supported between the studs, will provide more anchoring for cabinets.

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HOME & GARDEN

New home to become wheelchair friendly

The Orange County Register

BREA, Calif. — The new year is shaping up to be quite a good one for David and Susan McCoy. This will be the first year in their new home. At this time last year, the McCoy's never dreamed they'd be in a home so special.

It's special for a lot of reasons, not the least of which is that David requires a special home. Partly paralyzed four years ago in a motorcycle accident, David is in a wheelchair.

"We'd been looking at homes for nearly a year," David recalls. "Most of the homes we were looking at were existing homes. I had this belief that you had to start with an existing home because it was cheaper than a new home."

But after checking out several possibilities and asking a contractor friend how much it would cost to adapt the homes to wheelchair use, David decided it might be more cost-effective to consider a new home.

"We found one development that we really liked, but when we asked the sales representative if we could make some changes, she just stared at us and we left."

The McCoy's left a bit dejectedly. But Susan didn't give up hope. "We found this place (the Pacific Gateway Homes' Buena Vista development in Brea) and my wife liked the model right away," David recalled. "The only trouble was it was a two-story house."

The McCoy's cautiously approached the sales agent and asked if they could make some changes.

"Make me a list," the agent told them. "I was really surprised," David said. "I can't tell you what that reaction meant to us."

So the McCoy's made a list of the modifications David wanted. Among the special items:

- Ramps to the home's entrances.
- Wheelchairwide doors.
- A roll-in shower.
- Space under the master bath sink so David could roll his chair under it.
- A raised kitchen floor so David could reach counters more easily.
- And an elevator to help him get to the second floor and back.

Because the home had not been built, it was the perfect time to work with David, Pacific Gateway Homes President Rita Lamkin said.

"We can work with people who need special adaptations for their homes even when a home is built," she said, "but it's going to cost us and them a lot more. If they come to us early — before anything's been built — we'll do what we can for them."

Lamkin said it's important for a special-needs customer to get started on planning as early as possible, especially concerning aspects of grading — for ramps — and plumbing problems.

"In the McCoy's case, it helped to know early that he wanted an elevator," Lamkin said. Because the elevator is in the laundry room area on the ground floor, that greatly affected plumbing. The elevator comes out in a large, walk-in closet in the second-floor master bath area.

Pacific Gateway is not the only company that has increased its attention to special-needs customers. Lewis Homes, for example, is considered one of the leaders in the West in developing special-needs homes.

GARDENING NOTES

Knight-Ridder News Service

Cats — a.k.a. garden lions — get star treatment in Barbara Wort's 1997 calendar aptly named "Cats in the Garden."

Wort, a Palo Alto, Calif., rose grower and photographer, turned her camera on her own cats, plus others she met while photographing gardens in the United States and Europe. The result is pure Wort — and a treat for cat lovers and gardeners alike.

"Cats in the Garden" is an 8-1/2-by-11 inch wall calendar with 17 original photographs featuring such characters as Orson (a black-and-white kitten), Esmeralda and Fat Cat. The price is \$19.99.

What sets Wort's calendars apart from all the others produced each year are the original name-finish paintings used to illustrate the months. She clips each photograph to size, glues it into place, and hand letters information about that photograph.

"This is pretty labor-intensive stuff, but the calendars are very personal to me," says Wort, who works at Bell's Book Store in Palo Alto.

Besides "Cats," Wort has produced two other calendars: "Sundials and Gardens," a 5-1/2-by-8-1/2 desk calendar with 14 original photographs that sells for \$14.99; and a repeat of last year's big hit, "In Praise of English Roses," which features 14 photographs and sells for \$17.95.

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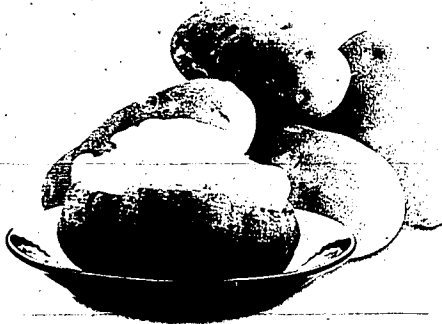
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FOOD & HOME

Living large: Martha Stewart's global recipes

The Washington Post

It was 1990 when people began to suspect Martha Stewart had designs on the universe. Caricatured in the New Yorker, the high priestess of homemaking was portrayed staging formal dinner on Mars, Sunday brunch on Pluto and an "Ultra-Perfect Christmas Feast for 200 in Alpha Centauri System."

The cartoonist's lampoon may only have been premature: Stewart is poised for liftoff. With Martha Stewart Living magazine at a circulation of 2 million, she is seeking to wrest control from Time Warner. After five years as merely a consultant in the venture built on her name, Stewart is engaged in "discussions over the nature of their partnership," says her spokeswoman, Susan Magrino. An announcement is expected early this year.

Martha watchers have always been as interested in her business acumen as in her recipe for Valentine's Day raspberry tart. The first lady of domestic arts is a megabrand of more than national dimension. Her lifestyle empire is estimated at \$200 million. She is busily updating with a name: Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia — that suggests omnipresence to come. On the horizon: the Internet.

Earth to Martha: Will souffles rise in cyberspace?

Declared one of the year's "10 Most Fascinating People" last month by Barbara Walters, Stewart herself set the imagination rolling. At the National Press Club in November, she described an expanding "media modigliani" of television, books, the magazine and a profusion of products under her name. What's more, she warned, her business of "living" has "no limits whatsoever."

"We have thought of everything," she added, "with enough vagueness to set off questions on whether she planned to open boutiques or issue stock. (No to the first, "possibly" to the second: "We love the stock market.")

Stewart has declined to elaborate, leaving marketing specialists to wonder whether more and more Martha will always be mer-



Martha Stewart is a household name, but can it permeate homes on foreign soil?

rier. Though as golden as Ralph Lauren today, they say, she could easily tarnish her image through overexposure and begin a descent as classic as that of Pierre Cardin.

"Martha Stewart right now in everyone's bank is very, very successful. But everyone in our business is concerned that she focus on her brand, what it stands for," says Clay Timon, chief executive officer of Lander Associates, a San Francisco-based firm specializing in global positioning. "Pierre Cardin started out as a French clothing designer, right

along the lines of Yves Saint Laurent," he explains, "but he branched out and put his name on various levels and lines of products, got into food stores and delis and basically overextended."

Others have trouble envisioning Stewart as more than an American icon. "It takes a lot of effort to translate a brand across borders," says Bob Horton, a public relations executive with Burson-Marsteller in New York.

Those who can't picture Martha smiling in a dirndl or donning a spatsuit should recall that Stewart's lofty sense of possi-

bility enabled her to contemplate whipping up a Tobler chocolate soufflé for Blaine Trump at 15,000 feet on Kilimanjaro. (Fellow adventurer Sharon Hoge survived to tell the tale in Forbes.) Stewart celebrated Christmas no fewer than six times last year, stringing a mere 14,400 lights for the annual TV extravaganza, with Miss Piggy and Mireille Jordan.

A practiced globetrotter, Stewart shops Paris for a petal-shaped tart form or a five-volume work on French pastries, conducts research in Japan, Ireland or Brazil, travels to London for magazine shoots and vacations in the Galapagos Islands. This Christmas, she enjoyed a perfect view of the pyramids from her hotel room in Egypt. (Watch for camel-shaped cookies for next year's holiday season.)

An almost militant proponent of decorative arts, Stewart has been dusting the planet with domestic perfection since her first book, "Entertaining," was issued by Crown Publishers in 1982. These days, audiences in Britain, France, Germany, Holland and Japan are being treated to nine of her volumes on homemaking as high art — or, as her complainer, how to create the most elaborate, costly and anxiety-inducing party, meal, garden or wedding.

Stewart has not minimized her upping as a Polish-American girl in suburban New Jersey. She has graduated from the brown velvet hot pants of her stockbroker prada to Armani, Ralph and Prada. Still blond at 55, she smiles through such titles as the (fit) of domesticity or the dominatrix, no doubt exulting. "It's a good thing" all the way to the bank — or home to her Manhattan apartment, the estate in Connecticut or houses in the Hamptons, where her daughter, Alexis, has established her own fashionable presence with a hotel, consignment shop and gym.

In fact, virtually every Stewart enterprise has been chronicled as success, except for Martha's marriage to book publisher Andy Stewart, who left her after 27 years. The divorce was acrimonious; she still recoils at the name Andy.

Trend watchers wonder whether Stewart can succeed

The Washington Post

Trend watchers scour the stars for evidence that the Martha Stewart luster will fade, be diluted by overexposure or at least fail to translate in the global arena.

Cheri De Luca, who handles foreign editions of Stewart's books for the publisher Clarkson N. Potter, draws the limits of the moguldrom around "the G-7 countries." She adds, "It becomes a question sometimes of how much money people have to spend."

In August, Fortune magazine described Stewart as the "world's No. 1 living megabrand." But links with companies such as Kmart and an advertising and promotion deal with Minute Maid, whose frozen orange juice comes from concentrate, have raised questions about her image as a purveyor of high-quality domestic arts.

One worrisome barometer is the parody. When brand names become the butt of jokes, trouble could lie ahead. At Christmas, a

paper doll parody called "Mad About Martha" showed Stewart with-fork and knife tattooed on her arm. "You can't cut her out of your life," the intro declares, "but you can cut her out of this book."

"Martha Stewart has widespread appeal but clearly not universal appeal," says Rajeev Barua, associate professor of marketing at the University of Michigan School of Business. He warns of "a clear danger as she extends herself in more media, more ventures and becomes more omnipresent" that she will violate the rule of scarcity.

So far, the proof may be in the tart tatin. The French language edition of "Martha Stewart's Pies and Tarts" was into its fourth printing as 1996 drew to a close. A compendium of lavishly photographed traditional recipes for galettes, crustades and simple tarts, it has all the appeal of the finest pastisserie. Trust the French to appreciate what Stewart has been trying to sell to her American audience: a quality of life.

Marzipan memory sparks fun for children



Dixie Thomas Reale

When I was a young woman in college, I worked afternoons and weekends in an ice cream parlor for a couple of years. Every few days a customer would come into the store and ask for Marzipan candy. We didn't carry it. I had no idea what it was except for a customer's brief description of almond-flavored candy.

I'd completely forgotten about marzipan until a few years ago. I was cleaning out the drawers in an old Jell-O gelatin freebie book filled with recipes and ideas. Marzipan was among the recipes included in the booklet. The colored pictures of miniature fruits and vegetables made me think my grandchildren would enjoy making a batch of marzipan. They certainly enjoy helping Grandma make cookies.

I clipped the recipe out and stashed it away for future use when the grandchildren come to visit. We'll clear off the kitchen table and have a good time making little fruits and vegetables, and probably a few snakes and dinosaurs, too, with this edible molding candy dough.

I may even give a photocopy of the recipe to their daddy for him to use with them at home.

MARZIPAN CANDY
 Makes 2 to 3 dozen candies.
 1 package (3 ounce) Baker's coconut
 1 package (3 ounce) Jell-O (any fruit flavor)
 1 cup grated blanched almonds
 2/3 cup sweetened condensed milk
 1 1/2 teaspoons sugar
 1 teaspoon almond extract
 Thoroughly mix all ingredients. Shape as small fruits, vegetables, Valentines, Easter eggs or other forms. If desired, use food coloring to paint details on fruit and add stems of whole clover. Chill until dry. Store covered, at room temperature. Match the appropriate Jell-O color to the kind of fruit you are making: red for strawberries, cherries, apples; yellow for bananas, pears; lemon purple for grapes, plums; blueberries, green for limes, green apples, etc.

CRUMB CRUST
 Makes crust for 1 pie
 We are all familiar with the graham cracker crust used with cheesecakes. But, you aren't im-

roll the cookies into crumbs.)

SOUR CREAM DESSERT
 Makes 3 cups, or 6 servings.
 1 package (3 ounce) Jell-O, any fruit flavor (for Valentine's Day, red would be nice)
 1 tablespoon sugar
 1/8 teaspoon salt
 1 1/2 cups boiling water
 1 cup light cream (may use low-fat milk)
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
 1/2 cup sour cream (may use low-fat sour cream)
 Dissolve Jell-O, sugar, and salt in boiling water. Stir in light cream and vanilla. (Mixture may look curdled but it will become smooth.) Stir in sour cream. Chill until slightly thickened. Beat until smooth. Pour into a 3- or 4-cup ring mold. Chill until firm. Unmold. Serve with fruit, if desired.

RED VELVET VALENTINE CAKE
 Use heart-shaped pans
 1/2 cup Crisco
 1 1/2 cups sugar
 2 eggs
 2 1/4 cups flour
 1 teaspoon baking soda

1 tablespoon vanilla
 2 tablespoons cocoa
 1 tablespoon white vinegar
 1 1/2 cups buttermilk
 2 ounces red food coloring
 1/2 teaspoon salt

Icing for Valentine Cake:
 1/2 cup butter or margarine
 4 tablespoons can milk
 1 box confectioners sugar
 1 tablespoon Crisco
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 Enough drops red food coloring as desired

Cream Crisco and sugar. Add eggs; beat well. Sift flour with salt. Add to Crisco mixture alternately with the buttermilk. Make a paste of the cocoa and food coloring in a separate bowl. Add to Crisco mixture. Stir in vanilla, soda and vinegar. Mix well. Bake at 300 degrees in 2 greased and floured 9-inch heart-shaped pans for 20 to 30 minutes. Fill and frost with Creamy White Frosting (mix all together).

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

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Easy clean-up with one-pot dinner Catfish

The Washington Post

BOW TIES WITH CREAMY CHICKEN AND MUSHROOMS

(4 servings)
Clean-up's a snap, and it's a great one-dish combination of chicken, mushrooms and pasta from "Chicken Dinners in One Pot" by Peggy Fallon (HarperCollins, \$17.50).

- 1 pound bow-tie pasta (farfalle)
- 3 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves (about 1 pound)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3 medium shallots, minced
- 1/2 pound sliced mushrooms
- 1/2 cup chicken broth

• cup heavy (whipping) cream
1 1/2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme or 1/2 teaspoon dried
Grated Parmesan cheese
In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook the pasta until tender but still firm, about 12 minutes (but be guided by the time given by the manufacturer). Rinse and drain well.

Rinse the chicken under cold running water and pat dry. Cut into thin strips and season with 1/2 teaspoon of the salt and • teaspoon of the pepper.

In the same pot, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Cook the chicken, stirring, until white throughout but still juicy, 3 to 5 minutes. Remove the chicken and set aside.

Melt the butter in the same pot over medium heat. Add the shallots and cook until softened, about 1 minute. Add the mushrooms and cook, stirring often, until they give up their juices and the liquid evaporates, 5 to 7 minutes.

Stir in the chicken broth and cream and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce the heat to low and stir in the pasta, chicken, the remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt and • teaspoon pepper and the thyme. Cook, tossing lightly, until heated through, 1 to 2 minutes. Pass a bowl of grated Parmesan cheese at the table.

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POLYNESIAN GRILLED CATFISH

2 pounds catfish fillets with skins on.

Marinate for several hours in 1/2 cup soy sauce. Place on a hot grill and baste with pineapple sauce. When the fish flakes easily with a fork, take a spatula and slip between fillet and skin. The fillet will slip easily off the skin onto plate. Serve with additional sauce.

BAKED CATFISH FILLETS WITH CHEESE

Serves 6
2 pounds catfish fillets
1 can cream of tomato soup
3 tablespoons chopped onion
1 1/2 teaspoons oregano
1 1/2 teaspoons parsley
1 1/2 teaspoons basil
3/4 teaspoon salt
Pepper to taste
1 cup grated cheddar cheese

Cut fillets into six servings and place in a well-greased baking dish about 9-by-12 inches. Combine soup, onion, salt, pepper, oregano, parsley and basil; pour over fish. Sprinkle with grated cheese and bake, at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes, or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork.

BROILED CATFISH

Serves 4 to 6
2 pounds skinned catfish fillets
Cajun seasoning
Melted butter or margarine
Cut fish into serving portions. Place fish on broiler pan that has been sprayed with Pam. Brush fish with butter and sprinkle with Cajun seasoning. Broil 3 to 5 inches from the source of heat for 6 to 15 minutes, depending on the thickness of fish. Turn carefully and brush with remaining butter and sprinkle with seasoning. Broil 6 to 15 minutes longer until fish flakes easily with a fork. Serve with tartar sauce.

1 (8 ounces) container sour cream or non-fat sour cream
1 medium minced onion
1/2 to 3/4 cup sweet pickle relish
Garlic to taste
Cool shake of Tabasco sauce
Mix together.

TARTAR SAUCE

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Mix together.

CATFISH CHILI RELLENOS CASEROLE

2 pounds skinned catfish fillets
1 cup evaporated skim milk
2 eggs or 2 egg beaters
1/3 cup flour
1 (4 ounces) cans whole green chilies
1/2 pound Monterey jack cheese, grated
1/2 pound cheddar cheese, grated
1 (8 ounces) can tomato sauce
Note: Low-fat cheese may be used.

Beat evaporated skim milk with eggs or egg beaters and flour until smooth. Split open chilies; rinse out seeds if desired. Drain on paper towel. Mix cheeses. Reserve 1/2 cup for topping. Spray 9-by-12-inch baking dish with Pam. Place one layer of green chilies in bottom. Top with catfish fillet and another layer of chilies. Layer egg mixture, chilies, and cheese twice. Pour tomato sauce over top. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 1/4 hour or until cooked in center. Thirty minutes before it's done, sprinkle remaining cheese over top.

SAVORY FARM-RAISED CATFISH QUICHE

Serves 6

2 cups cooked, flaked farm-raised catfish

1 frozen 9-inch unbaked pastry shell, defrosted

1 1/2 cups shredded Swiss cheese

3 eggs

1 (10 3/4 ounce) can condensed cream of onion soup

1 (2 ounce) can mushroom stems and pieces, drained and chopped

1/4 teaspoon liquid smoke

1 tablespoon instant minced onion

3/4 teaspoon lemon-pepper seasoning

1/8 teaspoon paprika

Parsley sprigs (garnish)

Sprinkle 1 cup cheese over bottom of pastry shell. Using mixer, beat eggs and soup together. Stir in flaked catfish, mushrooms, liquid smoke, minced onion and lemon pepper seasoning. Pour into pastry shell. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup cheese and paprika. Place on baking sheet.

Make in a moderate oven, 375 degrees, on the lowest shelf for 35 to 40 minutes or until golden brown and filling is set. Cool 10 minutes before serving. Garnish with parsley sprigs.

FLAKED FARM-RAISED CATFISH

Yield 2 cups
1 1/2 pounds farm-raised catfish fillets, fresh or frozen

1 quart boiling water

1 tablespoon salt

Thaw fish if frozen. Place fillets in boiling, salted water. Cover and return to the boiling point. Reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes or until fish flakes when tested with a fork. Drain and flake.

Pear

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stand at room temperature 30 minutes before baking. Dip pears in lemon juice to retard discoloration. Top bread mixture with layer of sausage then with slice pears. Bake at 325 degrees for 45 to 55 minutes or until bread mixture sets. Sprinkle with cheese and bake 5 minutes longer or until cheese melts.

Makes 4 servings
Recipe can be doubled; use a 13-by-21-inch baking dish.

PEARBEAR'S PICNIC BLANKETS

1 medium USA pear, cored and cut into 8 wedges

Lemon juice (optional)
8 thin slices cooked turkey or lean ham

2 tablespoons cranberry sauce

Dip pear wedges in lemon juice, if desired. Spread each slice cooked turkey or lean ham with cranberry sauce. Wrap each pear wedge in turkey or ham.

Makes 8 snack servings.

PEARBEAR'S AFTER-SCHOOL SNACK

1 medium USA pear, cored and

quartered

2 tablespoons peanut butter or prepared cream cheese spread

Spread cut sides of pear with peanut butter or prepared cream cheese spread. Pear may be spread, put together, wrapped in plastic wrap and packed for lunch or snack.

Makes 2 servings.

MOUNTAINTOP PEAR BOWLS

1 medium USA pear, cored and halved

2 medium scoops fruit-flavored sherbet

Scoop out center of pear halves, leaving at least 1/2 inch on all sides. Fill centers with medium scoops of sherbet.

Makes 2 servings.

BUNNY HOP SALAD

1 medium USA pear, cored and halved

Lemon juice (optional)
2 large almonds, split
12 thin strips carrot
Miniature marshmallows

quartered

Dip cut side of pears in lemon juice, if desired. Place pear halves on serving plate, cut side down. Decorate top end of each half with 2 raisins for eyes, almonds for ears, 6 carrot strips for whiskers and miniature marshmallows for nose and tail.

Makes 2 servings.

PEARBEAR'S SECRET SURPRISE CAKE

1 package (about 18 ounces) chocolate cake mix

2 medium USA pears, cored and sliced

1/4 cup packed brown sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 cup margarine

Prepare chocolate cake mix according to package directions. Pour batter into greased 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking pan. Press sliced pears into batter. Combine flour, brown sugar and cinnamon; stir in margarine. Sprinkle mixture over pears. Bake at 350 degrees 35 to 40 minutes or until wooden pick inserted into center comes out clean. Serve warm or cold.

Makes 12 servings.

Martha

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Slip a plastic dry-cleaning bag over the whole tin, and hang it in the garment bag. The tissue paper helps the clothes keep their shape and the plastic reduces friction, so clothes hang naturally.

Never overstuff a garment bag. If it is bursting at the seams, your clothes will suffer.

Suitcase

The plastic bags are effective in a suitcase, too; place each garment in its own bag.

Overlapping the clothes as you pack them reduces the hard folds that cause creasing. For example, lay the upper half of a pair of trousers in the suitcase, letting the legs overlap the side. Then add a shirt, so half of it overhangs the front of the case. Fold the pant legs into the bag over the shirt and the other shirt over the pant legs.

Pack the edges of a suitcase with socks, lingerie and accessories. Shoes should be tucked in along the hinges.

Duffel Bag

Soft luggage is excellent for casual clothes. When I traveled to Mount Kilimanjaro, I packed

absolutely everything into two small bags by rolling the clothes into neat little bundles.

Heavy items, like shoes, should be at the bottom, followed by rolled clothes.

A duffel can still work even when you have blouses and jackets to pack; encase them in the plastic bags and fold just once before laying into the bag near the top.

If possible, lay a raincoat or other jacket across the top before zipping the bag.

If you need to squeeze a few more things into the duffel, try this. Close the bag, lift it by its handle and drop it on the floor. The items will settle, creating a little more space.

A Few More Tips

Unlike a garment bag, suitcases and duffel bags should be filled to capacity; if not, the clothes will shift about, which leads to wrinkles.

Place duffel bags and soft-sided suitcases on a hard, flat surface when you're packing - this will allow you to fill them evenly and completely. Never fold an item more times than is necessary; most will fit into a bag with just one fold.

Each pair of shoes should be kept in its own plastic or cloth to protect the clothes around them; stuff with tissue or pairs of socks first so they maintain their shape.

Instead of traveling with large, heavy bottles, transfer shampoo and other toiletries to small plastic containers. Squeeze the bottles to force out air and form a vacuum.

Don't forget to double-bag cosmetics. Place them in a plastic-lined toiletries bag, then in a large sealable plastic bag.

It's always a good idea to keep valuables, travel documents, reading and business materials, maps, cosmetics and a change of clothes in a separate carry-on bag. With these essentials, even if your luggage doesn't accompany you to your destination right away, you can still enjoy your trip.

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FOOD & HOME

Italian chefs, incredible food grace Californian cook-a-thon

Los Angeles Times

Things could be going better this Friday afternoon at Rex II Ristorante for a dozen jet-lagged chefs — all women — who are trying in vain to concentrate on their cooking tasks. All of them are strangers to Southern California; all speak little English. Most of the cooking products are unfamiliar and the chefs are lost in the gigantic Los Angeles kitchen.

Chief Anna Maria Casadei Bellotti, for one, is in shock. Rex chef Odette Fada just told her to use 30 egg yolks to make two pounds of "tagliolini" pasta. California yolks are much lighter in color than those laid by Italian chickens, and they don't bind the pasta as well, Fada explains. In her restaurant in Cesena, Italy, Bellotti uses 20 yolks, tops.

Angela Campana, who flew in from Barletta, is preparing an eggplant dish and can't find the dried cherry.

Now Fada is on the phone yet again, trying to locate potato starch for Maria Pulini, who just arrived from New York on the red-eye. She needs the starch for her flourless pound cake, "Sabbiosa."



A dozen Italian chefs, all women, jetted into California for a cook-a-thon to benefit Charge Against Hunger.

Meanwhile, other chefs discuss the previous night's dinner at Lawry's Prime Rib. "The meat was excellent!"

The chefs jetted from Italy for a whirlwind cook-a-thon at the "ristorante di eleganza" where owner Mauro Vincenti is hosting an event he calls "Le Donne" (that's Italian for "The Women").

The two-day benefit for Charge Against Hunger, a nonprofit hunger relief partnership between American Express and Share Our Strength, includes a 12-course "pink Eve" Saturday-night dinner and an elaborate Sunday buffet.

That the event has drawn 12 chefs — women who own top

restaurants — is something that would be almost unheard of in France, and only a little more likely here. In Italy there is a grand tradition of women chefs and, in fact, it is as common to find a wife cooking and a man running the front of the house as the reverse.

The diminutive Fada dashes around boxes of broccoli and fennel fetching whatever the visiting women need. Right now, it's a hand-held electric blender for a frazzled Rossana De Pra of Dolada, a large, elegant restaurant in a town called Plois in Pieve d'Alpago, near the Austrian border. She needs the blender for the pot of creamy pumpkin soup she's just made — her second of the day.

The first batch didn't work because American pumpkin is not at its best right now and the soup was flavorless. Now she's using a combination of butternut and acorn squash and sweetening it with a dash of amaretto. It is dress-rehearsal time and there's still a lot to do. Alessandra Buriati, who owns a restaurant that bears her name near Bologna, patiently bones guinea fowl for the "rotoli di farosana,"

her take on "hollito misto," the classic Italian boiled dinner. Eventually the rolled poultry will be sliced and served with julienned vegetables tossed in balsamic vinegar.

Vincenti walks through the kitchen door, shaking his head. He has 175 bookings for the Saturday dinner. That means 2,100 dishes must move out of the kitchen like clockwork. Vegetables cooked to order, pasta cooked to order, risotto cooked to order. The plates must look beautiful. The langoustines have to be the same size, each facing the same direction, carefully perched on a heap of white beans and tomato concasse. Even the three basil leaves and tomato-flower garnish must be placed just so.

"We have to serve 12 dishes in two and a half hours," Vincenti tells the chefs for the umpteenth time. "Everything has got to come out on schedule or we'll lose them. No one is going to sit at a table any longer than that."

Remember, it's your reputation that's at stake."

He turns away, backing out the door. "I'm not in control and I don't like it," he mutters.

The idea of Le Donne — to raise money for refrigerated vans that would pick up leftover food from restaurants all over the city — was hatched two years ago by Vincenti, shortly after the L.A. riots. Vincenti had tried to put together a huge food festival in Central Los Angeles to build a town square where people could meet and talk, something Italians have been doing for 3,000 years. The town square, he says, is a time-proven way to build community.

He was close to pulling it off when the major sponsor backed out at the last minute. Then Vincenti came up with a new cause: feeding the homeless. Recruiting the Italian Trade Commission and some of his purveyors as sponsors, he persuaded 12 of his favorite Italian chefs to come and cook.

A taste of Italy with all the calories included

Los Angeles Times

No, it's not a mistake. There really is supposed to be 1 1/2 cups of oil in chef Gabriella Cattaneo's fabulous bread sticks. It's the oil and the large quantity of water that makes the dough so easy to work with and ensures a light and crispy end result. The secret to their good taste, though, is to use good-quality extra-virgin olive oil. Sesame seeds or coarse black pepper can be substituted for the peanuts.

- BREAD STICKS**
- 1 ounce or about 3 tablespoons dry yeast
 - 1/4 teaspoon sugar
 - 2 pounds or about 6 2/3 cups flour
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1 1/2 cups extra-virgin olive oil
 - 1 cup finely chopped peanuts
- In bowl of heavy-duty electric mixer fitted with dough hook, stir

yeast, sugar and 1/2 cup warm water. Set mixture aside until yeast starts foaming, about 5 minutes. Stir in flour and salt. Add olive oil and 1 1/2 cups water. Knead on medium speed until dough is smooth and elastic, at least 10 minutes.

Cover bowl loosely with kitchen towel. Let rise in warm place until doubled in bulk, about 1 hour.

Punch down dough. Roll into 8- by 30-inch rectangles. Dough will be very soft. With pastry cutter, or sharp knife, cut into 8-inch strips about 1/2-inch wide. Cut each strip in half again. On pastry board, gently roll each 4-inch strip in finely chopped peanuts, stretching until shaped into 15-inch-long bread sticks. Place on baking sheets. Let rise uncovered, 20 minutes. Bake at 350 degrees about 20 to 30 minutes, or until golden brown. Makes

about 50 bread sticks.

Each bread stick contains about: 219 calories; 49 mg sodium; 0 cholesterol; 6 grams fat; 9 grams carbohydrates; 2 grams protein; 0.16-gram fiber.

The freshest produce and catch of the day are a must when making Franco Franceschini's dish of langoustines with beans and tomatoes. A good, fair olive oil is also essential to this simple bean dish. We've substituted shrimp in this adaptation.

- SHRIMP WITH BEANS AND TOMATOES**
- 1 cup cannellini or great northern beans, soaked overnight in plenty of water to cover
 - 4 large leeks
 - 2 cloves garlic, cut in half
 - 1/2 pound shrimp
 - 2 tomatoes, peeled, seeded, and sliced

8 basil leaves, cut into thin strips

1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil

Salt, pepper

Drain and rinse beans. In saucepan, cook beans, sage and garlic in water to cover over low heat until just tender, about 45 minutes. Be careful not to overcook. Drain. Set beans aside.

Meanwhile, bring pot of lightly salted water to boil. Shell and devein shrimp. Drop shrimp into boiling water. Cook about 2 minutes or just until pink and opaque.

When beans are done, lightly toss with tomatoes and basil in large bowl. Add olive oil. Gently toss again. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Arrange 4 shrimp on each plate. Makes 4 servings.

Each serving contains about: 312 calories; 117 mg sodium; 32 mg cholesterol; 15 grams fat; 32 grams carbohydrates; 15 grams protein; 3.54 grams fiber.

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Report: Volunteers given little training before death

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Inexperienced volunteers were briefed for just two minutes on how to control bungee cords before an acrobat plummeted to her death during rehearsal for the Super Bowl halftime show, The Times-Picayune reported Tuesday.

One of the bungee handlers said they were told by the company in charge of the act that they should not let the performers know about the volunteers' lack of experience.

Fourteen of 16 volunteers engaged as riggers had never worked with bungee cords, and because of theatrical lighting, could see little except the shadow of the jumper they were assisting, the newspaper said.

"Even though it is very simple, we're not experienced and we shouldn't have been doing it," the newspaper quoted an unidentified volunteer as saying.

The man, a local resident with a degree in social work but no bungee-jumping experience or special athletic skills, was not directly involved with the fatal jump, the newspaper said.

Representatives of Branam Enterprises, the Southern California company staging the act, have told police they knew they were working with amateurs. However, the company had no comment on the allegations in the Times-Picayune.

Lora "Dinky" Patterson, 41, of Sarasota, Fla., was one of eight bungee jumpers who were to bounce twice, performing acrobatics, and then be lowered simultaneously to the ground along the football field's sidelines as part of the Sunday halftime show.

But Patterson, a former circus aerialist, hit the ground on her second dive in a rehearsal Thursday night. Her death was attributed to a severe head injury.

The segment was scrapped and the halftime show was dedicated "to the memory and spirit of Dinky Patterson."

The newspaper reported Sunday that volunteers apparently let out too much line. The seven other jumpers, including Patterson's husband and sister, were unharmed.

Winter XGames hits cruising speed

SIPAPU, N.M. (AP) — Do not adjust your television sets, they are beyond your control.

The alien life forms who pose as TV producers and have brought you "The X-Files," "Third Rock from the Sun" and "American Gladiators" are at it again.

Get ready for the inaugural Winter XGames, an assemblage of made-for-TV sports coming your way Jan. 30-Feb. 2 from Snow Summit Ski Resort near Big Bear Lake, Calif. The games were organized by ESPN and will be televised on ESPN, ESPN2, ABC-TV and MTV.

To prove that Roswell isn't the only New Mexico community with links to extraterrestrials, the sport of super-modified shovel racing will be featured in these Winter XGames.

Shovel racing was born at Angel Fire, N.M., and the 24th annual World Championship Shovel Races will be there Feb. 7-9, an event that also will receive national television attention.

The sport started with ski lift operators looking for a quick ride down the mountain at the end of the day. They would cut on the scoop of their grain hoppers and cruise the slopes.

It was exciting and it was fast — but not fast enough for aliens skilled in speeding away from mutilated cattle carcasses and the cops. The creatures took it a step further, developing today's supermodified shovels that look as much like the originals as a wagen bugs look like space shuttles.

These are rocket sleds on skis.



John Strader kicks up a plume of snow as he hits the brakes after a second successful test run in his modified shovel racing sled last week in New Mexico. He will begin competing Thursday in the Winter XGames, a made-for-TV sporting event organized by ESPN.

Naturally, New Mexico is providing the bulk of the drivers for this competition. "We are the world champions," says John Strader of Taos and guru for Team Shovelmeister. "Only 12 shovels are being allowed in the XGames, and we have four of them."

In all, New Mexico is providing half of the field. Kermit Brown of Angel Fire and a Taos team called Loco Motion also are competing.

Gail Boles, the reigning world champion in both production and supermodified, is a member of Team Shovelmeister. He trains

by tilting back the seat of his Subaru and doing 75 miles an hour down dirt roads.

"It's really fast," Boles says. "If you're not willing to go fast, this is not the sport for you."

Boles drives a shovel called Thor's Hammer. It's 180 pounds of steel frame covered by fire engine sheet metal and sponsor decals. Its brakes are activated by liquid nitrogen and it races on 240-cm speed skis. It's won the world championship three times.

Although ESPN is concentrating on supermodified racing, Angel Fire also has light-modi-

fied and production shovel races. The light-modifieds are simply shovels with skis mounted on their scoops.

In the supermodifieds, the shovels must be mounted within 12 inches of the drivers' butts. The supermodifieds must weigh less than 500 pounds and they include a roll cage, two brakes and a harness to keep the drivers from being thrown from the vehicle. They are capable of reaching speeds in excess of 80 mph, and a catch net is used at the end of the 1,000-foot runs just in case the brakes fail.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Rockets lose some of their spark

HOUSTON — The Houston Rockets learned Tuesday that injuries will sideline All-Star Charles Barkley for 10 days and Clyde Drexler for two games.

Drexler became the third Rockets player chosen to the Western Conference All-Star team Tuesday, joining starters Barkley and Hakeem Olajuwon. No other team has more than two players.

But their health may determine if Barkley and Drexler play in the Feb. 9 All-Star game at Cleveland.

Both players were injured in Saturday night's game against Utah. Drexler injured his right hamstring and Barkley re-injured his right ankle. Barkley first hurt the ankle Jan. 16.

Rosset, Enqvist advance at indoors event

ZAGREB, Croatia — Marc Rosset of Switzerland put on a show born of fury as he came from behind to beat Josef Krocok of Hungary 2-6, 7-4, 6-2 Tuesday in the Croatian Indoors tournament.

Rosset bounced a ball off his forehead and foot while overcoming a determined upsid bid.

Second-seeded Thomas Enqvist was cool and calm as he beat fellow Swede Patrik Fredriksson 6-7 (1-7), 6-3, 6-3. Jan Siemerink of the Netherlands had some difficulties tuning his serve before advancing past Czech Radomir Vasek 6-3, 5-7, 6-4, while Adrian Panatta of Romania defeated Spaniard Aurelio Gorri 7-6 (7-2), 6-3.

Pouting Gallant suspended for 1 game

DALLAS — Chris Gallant, the Dallas Mavericks' leading scorer and rebounder, was suspended without pay from Tuesday night's game against the Los Angeles Lakers for leaving a team practice.

Gallant, a leading contender for the NBA's Sixth Man Award, left practice before it began Monday, then was called by management and told not to show up for work Tuesday. "I know what I did was wrong. I was just frustrated. I was upset with myself and the way the team was going," Gallant said before Tuesday night's game.

The last day's pay was between \$20,000 and \$30,000 of the \$21.3 million, five-year contract he signed last summer.

Campbell attacks Indians' Chief Wahoo

CLEVELAND — Billboards critical of the big-nosed, red-faced Chief Wahoo logo of the Cleveland Indians will go on display next month at two city locations, backers said Tuesday.

The billboard was designed by Edgar Heap of Birds, a half-Cheyenne and half-Arapaho American Indian who is an associate professor of art at the University of Oklahoma. It depicts Wahoo with the words, "Smile for Racism."

The team has defended the Wahoo logo as honoring Louis Sockolowitz, a Penobscot from Maine who was the first Native American to play major league baseball. He played for Cleveland from 1897-99.

Ex-Huskies' coach James in Hall of Fame

SEATTLE — Don James, who coached Washington for four Rose Bowl victories, is being inducted to the College Football Hall of Fame.

"This is probably the single greatest honor a football coach can receive," James said Tuesday. "I really can't think of anything better than this."

James coached at Washington for 18 years and at Kent State for four years. His career record was 178-75-3, a 698 winning percentage. He resigned before the 1993 season after the Pacific-10 Conference handed Washington a two-year bowl ban for NCAA rules violations.

Carl Lewis not retiring, attorney contends

LOS ANGELES — Contrary to a report out of Australia over the weekend, Olympic track and field star Carl Lewis will extend his career beyond this year, his attorney said Tuesday.

On the day he returned with Lewis from a weeklong trip to New Zealand and Australia, David Greifinger said a story saying Lewis would retire in his hometown of Houston in June was simply not true.

Seahawks reportedly eyeing new camp

SPOKANE, Wash. — Seattle Seahawks officials say they have discussed a plan to move their training camp back to Eastern Washington University, where the NFL team trained during the club's first decade.

Randy Mueller, Seahawks vice president of football operations, told The Spokesman-Review in a story published Tuesday that the Cheney site is under consideration as a training camp.

"It's being talked about," Mueller said. "No decision has been made."

Bash Brothers resurrected in Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics, who have spent the past few seasons trying to regenerate their powerhouse teams of the late 1980s, have reached back to the past again.

The A's reunited the Bash Brothers on Monday by trading for Jose Canseco, who with Mark McGwire formed one of baseball's most explosive combos in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Oakland got Canseco and \$1 million, which will be used to pay part of Canseco's \$4.5 million base salary this season, from the Boston Red Sox for right-handed pitcher John Wasdin.

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NFL chief to rule on Parcels tiff

Providence Journal-Bulletin

FOXBORO, Mass. — NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue could issue a ruling as early as today in the contract battle between the Patriots and Bill Parcells.

Tagliabue held a hearing by conference call Tuesday with Kraft and his lawyers, but Parcells and Kraft did not have the face-to-face meeting they two have repeatedly said they would over the last few months. Instead, Kraft sat in his Boston office and Parcells huddled with his lawyers across town.

Tagliabue was in Los Angeles, on his way to Hawaii for the Pro Bowl.

The teleconference lasted an hour and focused on the provisions of a contract Kraft and Parcells rewrote last January. Kraft claims there is an amendment to the revised deal that prohibits Parcells from coaching anywhere but New England next season.

Parcells wants to coach elsewhere next season, namely the New York Jets, and believes he should be free to leave. Kraft feels the Pats should receive compensation if Parcells moves to a competing franchise. Parcells disputes that, and sources say he feels he should be able to pay Kraft \$1.2 million to escape the contract.

Tagliabue has barred Parcells from negotiating with any other club until he resolves the matter. But the Jets' job clearly is his. The team has not pursued a replacement for fired coach Rich Kotite in hopes that Parcells would be free.

Patriots spokesman Don Lowery said the team would have no comment until Tagliabue issued his decision.

Ditka accepts challenge with Saints

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — For 11 years, Mike Ditka won hearts and football games in Chicago. Along the way, he gained a reputation as a tough, no-nonsense coach.

On Tuesday, Ditka made an emotional return to the NFL in a new city, and showed a soft side to his hard-edged approach.

"I thought this would be easy," Ditka said, tears in his eyes, his voice shaking, after being introduced as coach of the New Orleans Saints. "It isn't."

Ditka, considered the champion of Chicago's shot-and-a-beer crowd when he led the Bears to their Super Bowl win in 1985, gave into emotion after deciding to give up the city he loved five years after he was fired by the Bears.

"I'm serving a lot of ties, a lot of things that have happened in my life," Ditka said. "Thirty years, and it's tough."

A first-round draft pick for the Bears in 1951, Ditka's association with the team ended after they went 5-11 in 1992. His fellowship with the city, though, remained.

Ditka stayed in Chicago, spent four years as a football analyst for NBC and also did a radio show. Next week, his restaurant "Iron Mike's" is scheduled to open.

"Life to me is about challenges and climbing mountains and that's what I intend to do, try and climb another mountain," Ditka said, admitting he discussed a possible coaching return two years ago with the St. Louis Rams.

Ditka is the latest coach to leave the broadcast



Mike Ditka and his wife, Diana, talk at the New Orleans Saints training facility Tuesday in New Orleans. He returned to coaching Tuesday five years after he was fired by the Chicago Bears.

booth and get back into coaching. Earlier this month, Dick Vermeil returned as coach of the St. Louis Rams after 14 years, and last year Jimmy Johnson replaced Don Shula in Miami after a two-year stay at Fox Sports.

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IRS gives farmers break

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bowing to pressure from farm-state lawmakers, the Internal Revenue Service has delayed enforcing a ruling that would strip growers of a big tax break.

The IRS ruling would bar farmers from using commodity contracts to defer taxes from one year to the next. The agency on Tuesday said it will suspend the ruling to give Congress time to change the law in favor of farmers.

After a year of good crops and high prices in 1996, farmers could have been stuck with huge tax bills under the IRS ruling, that was upheld last fall by a federal judge in Iowa.

"This is good news for farmers who want to comply with the tax law and properly report this income on their returns," IRS Commissioner Margaret Miller Richardson said.

Some 57 senators have co-sponsored legislation that would rewrite the 1986 law on which the IRS based its ruling. Similar legislation has been introduced in the House.

Farmers use commodity contracts to smooth swings in their tax bills by deferring income from one year to the next.

Under the contracts, farmers deliver their crop one year and get paid in the following one. The IRS ruled the income should be taxed in the year the crop is sold.

For example, a grower who earns

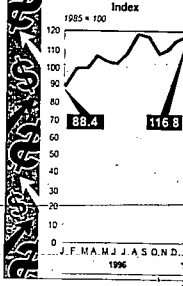
\$100,000 one year and nothing the next may pay more taxes than a salaried worker who earns \$50,000 annually because the farmer is in a higher tax bracket during the profitable year.

"No one should have to pay taxes on income they haven't yet received," Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa said. "Now Congress has time to provide certainty for family farmers in the future."

Sponsors are optimistic the pro-farmer legislation will pass. While standing by the IRS ruling, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin has expressed support for the legislation. "There's no such thing as a slam dunk in this town, but we're as close to having assurance as we could," Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., said.

ECONOMIC INDICATOR Consumer Confidence

From a monthly survey of 5,000 U.S. households.



Wages inch up, but confidence worrisome

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Workers' wages and benefits rose a moderate 2.9 percent last year, the government reported Tuesday, triggering a temporary rally in financial markets despite a worrisome separate report on consumer confidence.

Analysts were divided over what impact the seemingly conflicting reports would have on interest rates.

Some said the modest increase in the Labor Department's Employment Cost Index showed inflation remained under control and would permit Federal Reserve

policy-makers to leave interest rates unchanged when they meet next week. "This Employment Cost Index report should allow (Chairman) Alan Greenspan and the Fed to sit tight for at least another month or so," said economist Bill Cheney of John Hancock Financial Services in Boston.

"It confirms the impression that the labor market isn't getting so tight that they will start increasing it," he said.

The Conference Board, a business research group, reported that its consumer confidence index jumped in January to a 112.2.

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DOW JONES

Table with columns: NEW YORK (DJ) Final Dow-Jones averages for 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030.

DOW JONES ACTIVES

Table with columns: NEW YORK (DJ) - Sales, closing price and change of the Dow Jones Industrial Average, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030.

NASDAQ ACTIVES

Table with columns: NEW YORK (NASDAQ) - Most active Nasdaq stocks, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030.

CLOSING FUTURES

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Includes items like Wheat, Soybean, Corn, etc.

BEANS

Table with columns: Variety Beans, Price per bushel, market news.

GRAINS

Table with columns: Prices, Price per bushel, market news for various grains.

MARKETS

Table with columns: Market, Price, Change. Includes various market indices and commodity prices.

LIVESTOCK

Table with columns: Livestock, Price, Change. Includes prices for cattle, hogs, etc.

POTATOES

Table with columns: Potato, Price, Change. Includes prices for various potato varieties.

SUGAR

Table with columns: Sugar, Price, Change. Includes prices for various sugar grades.

METALS

Table with columns: Metal, Price, Change. Includes prices for gold, silver, copper, etc.

SEEDS

Table with columns: Seed, Price, Change. Includes prices for various seed types.

WHEAT

Table with columns: Wheat, Price, Change. Includes prices for various wheat grades.

CORN

Table with columns: Corn, Price, Change. Includes prices for various corn grades.

FOSIL FUELS

Table with columns: Fuel, Price, Change. Includes prices for oil, gas, etc.

COAL

Table with columns: Coal, Price, Change. Includes prices for various coal grades.

LOCAL INTEREST

Table with columns: Institution, Rate, Change. Includes interest rates for various banks and institutions.

STOCK LISTINGS

Large table listing various stocks with columns for company name, price, and change.

COMICS

Pearlita By Charles M. Schulz

AND I CONCLUDE MY REPORT BY OFFERING THIS SUGGESTION...

AS SOON AS A CHILD IS BORN, HE OR SHE SHOULD BE ISSUED A DOG AND A BANJO.

WAAH... THAT'S RIGHT. A FAMILY OF EIGHT... EIGHT IDEAS AND EIGHT SANDWICHES.

YES, WAAH... WE'RE TALKING HAPPINESS HERE!

Dibert By Scott Adams

AS YOU REQUESTED, HERE IS A SCHEDULE OF ALL FUTURE UNPLANNED NETWORK OUTAGES.

I TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO INCLUDE A SCHEDULE OF ALL FUTURE SICK DAYS, VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS, EARTHQUAKES AND HURRICANES.

THIS IS THE POINT WHEN YOU REALIZE HOW STUPID YOUR REQUEST WAS AND WE HAVE A GOOD LAUGH.

DOES ANYONE MIND ABOUT THIS?

B.C. By Jimmy Hart

DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WORLD TODAY?

YES, IT'S OFF CENTER OFF ITS ROTATIONAL AXIS.

NEVER OFF ITS PHILOSOPHY WITH A SEWAGE BREAK.

NEVER OFF ITS ROTATIONAL AXIS.

Garfield By Jim Davis

WOO WOO

JUST CALL HIM "WOO WOO" "WOO WOO" "WOO WOO" "WOO WOO"

WOO WOO

Hi and Lois By Chance Brown

G'NIGHT, EVERYBODY!

AND PLEASE, AS YOU DON'T COME TO LIFE WITH A 'G' NIGHT.

WELL, I'M NOT SURE.

The Wizard of Id By Short Platter & Jimmy Hart

CHEER UP! YOU'RE THE LUCKIEST GUY IN THIS JUNGLE!

WHY?

WHO WOULD HAVE HESITATED TO WALK INTO A WIZARD'S TOWER AND TAKE HIS OWN WIZARDRY?

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

YOUR MEDICAL PROBLEMS COULD BE CAUSED BY BAD MEDICINE OR A GOBLIN IN YOUR CELLAR, OR MAYBE BATHING TOO MUCH.

KNACK! KNACK!

DO YOU THINK YOUR DRUGS COULD POSSIBLY WANT OUTSIDE?

Boatle Bailey By Marc Walker

I HATE SKINING!

TOO COLDF!

TOO COVERED UP!

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

WILL YOU QUIT CALLING THE TIME AND TEMPERATURE NUMBERS!!

The Born Loser By Art Sisson & Chip

I'VE BEEN TOLD IT TAKES 47 MUSCLES TO FORM A FROWN.

AT LAST I'VE FOUND A FORM OF EXERCISE I ENJOY!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

I'M GOING TO BED, MOM. I GOT A CLAS AT 8.

YOU GOTTA PULL AN ALL-NIGHTER?

WELL, GOOD LUCK, MAN. G'NIGHT, WEED.

SHNOGGHKK

Shoggy By Dean Young & Stan Ortle

THAT TAKE-OUT FRIED CHICKEN YESTERDAY WAS AWFUL!! IT TASTED LIKE SANDUST!!

WE HAVEN'T MADE ANY FRIED CHICKEN IN WEEKS!

OMIGOSH! I'M IN THE WRONG PLACE!

IF YOU COULD PLEASE TELL ME WHERE THE A-1 DELI IS, I'LL TRY TO WORK UP ANOTHER HISSY FIT!

Pickles By Brian Crane

LOOK AT THE MTV! PLAYING IN THE BOX! I'VE GOT THAT ADORABLE!

YOU WANT ADORABLE? I'LL SHOW YOU ADORABLE!

OH, LOOK AT MUFFIN!

GET OUT OF MY TUBBERWARE, YOU GILLY CAT!

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

WOW! THIS IS BETTER THAN A YARD SALE!

Horoscope Sydney Omarr

IF JANUARY 29 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Names mean much to you - your own name changed at least once for professional or other reasons. You are unorthodox, fascinated by astrology and science, including astrology, Cancer, Leo, Aquarius persons play exciting roles in your life. Current cycle highlights partnership, cooperative efforts, public appearances, sale or purchase of property, marital status. June will be your most romantic, exciting, profitable month of the year.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll be saying, "At last it has come through!" Focus on answers to questions concerning local status. Take all you can of marriage. Gemini, Sagittarius persons involved.

TALUS (April 20-May 20): You have yet to find just the right thing. Barter will soon be removed - repair work limited; you'll be righting, "It's close - the right thing!" Scorpio figures in dynamic scenario.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Lost love returns - you get proverbial second chance. Excellent for reading, writing, charting, filming. Some things just fine - exciting changes, challenges, successes yours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Family member confides, "Being with you helps tremendously - don't ever leave!" Home decorated, repairs will be completed. Enjoy excellent cuisine, and music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Play waiting game! What was taken from you will be returned, much to your delight. Last article local, financial opportunity comes out of the blue. Pisces, Virgo persons in dramatic roles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Continue to be a genius of your own life - you will receive reward for efforts. What only recently was cold reception will be received - enthusiastic warm. Involves love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Cycle moves up in intensity. What was kept from you will be returned. Focus on universal appeal, the acquiring of distance, language obstacles. The man is your own, dance to it! Aries in picture.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Very soon enlightenment! What was kept from you for your own good will be returned. Career and love involved - fresh start in necessary and necessary. Leo figures in scenario.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): decaurion intellect will soon be accurate again. Avoid being involved out into what begins as short trip, ends as wild goose chase. Hope, wishes fulfilled, you win friend, influence people.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Brides lifted, girl adds to wardrobe, you look and feel good, and you bid adieu. Lunar position emphasizes career, promotion, production, prestige. Gemini, Sagittarius persons involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Refuse to be locked to any concept - be independent, creative and free. Cancer native claims your time is - my time. Focus on distance, language, travel, foreign. Enjoy!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll draw to you people who read and write, people literate in communications. Be receptive, encourage those with talent. Your life more exciting due to flirtation, change of venue.

Tiny Tim was big on cleanliness

WHAT'S WHAT?
L.M. Boyd

Q. What are the three kinds of animals that walk naturally by alternately moving the two feet left, then the two right feet?

A. Giraffes, camels and cats, research reveals.

Q. Why did the late Tiny Tim always ask for paper plates and plastic flowers when eating out?

A. He thought germs couldn't be completely washed off china and silver. It was the Romans who first took chickens to the British Isles.

An old nobody knows why the wolverine is called a wolverine.

Q. What's "Kick 'Em Jenny"? And where is it?

A. An underwater Caribbean volcano near Grenada.

Portuguese explorers inveigled permission to take a few convicts on their voyages to the southerly coasts of the New World. So they could send some ashore first. To find out whether the natives were cannibals.

A man can pick about 500 coconuts a day, a monkey about 1,700.

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- Bandit
- Kharyyam
- Battery terminal
- Inspiration
- Magnitude
- Leather for sharpening
- Do in
- Fortune
- Different people
- Charitable dispensation
- Speaks very softly
- Clowns of TV
- Clowns of TV
- Furrow
- Excited
- Others called
- A little
- Alternative word
- Playfulness
- Cap part
- Kind of wheel
- Tequila, long ago
- Culinary herb
- Spock
- Pitcher
- Academy
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- Enamel
- Pitcher
- Building annex

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- Supervisor
- Leaves unmentioned
- Labyrinth
- Company of crabs
- Fertilized place
- Dyed wool
- Conservative
- Tokyo, long ago
- Natural accumulations
- Academy
- Lazy
- Triangle king
- Calendar divisions
- Forfeit
- D'Urville's name
- In advance
- Dramas
- Thesaurus name
- Pitcher
- Building annex
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A BILLION ISN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE: When John D. Rockefeller was alive, and worth \$1.4 billion, his wealth was equivalent to one-sixth of the nation's gross national product.

CRAYON TRIVA: Jimmy & Smith, the people who make Crayola crayons, are on the verge of securing eight new colors. To mark the occasion, they offer some fun-to-use face paint crayons.

THE PURSUE BURSTS: When the Olympic Games ended in Atlanta last summer, real life set in for some document entrepreneurs, reports Life magazine.

Compiled from news reports

Loans help poor start businesses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Loans to help poor people set up small businesses and improve their lives are part of a new trend in countries called microloans.

lenders — private banks, foundations, U.N. agencies — have created a powerful tool, to help people out of poverty.

Economy

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year high. Some analysts suggested the steep advance could lead to sharply increased consumer spending, which represents two-thirds of the nation's economic activity.

Stromley & Co. has predicted Fed policy makers will snuff out short-term interest rates up an next week's meeting.

Consumer confidence really suggests that we have got a very impressive head of steam going into 1997 that, if anything, will put further heat on wages and inflation," commented economist Stephen S. Roach of Morgan

Wages and salaries — nearly three-fourths of total compensation — rose 3.3 percent, steady state a 3.5 percent jump in 1996. But benefit costs inched up just 2 percent, the smallest gain in record.

Choosing financial adviser requires care

NEW YORK (AP) — Choosing financial adviser is a resolution money people make and few fully accomplish, at least by themselves.

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2. Determine goals. They'll vary depending on age, income and marital status...
3. Understand the categories. There are many professionals in the financial planning and services industry...

work for some but it is often inadequate and potentially foolish, Harvey said. "We're talking about what to do with their finances, what to do with their lives."

The choice for most people should be largely contingent upon their income, net worth and demographic background. But more importantly, it should depend on why they're seeking help in the first place.

Those with difficulties in cash flow or setting aside retirement funds may need a comprehensive plan that includes budgeting and long-term savings and investment techniques. They'll likely need several meetings with a certified public accountant (CPA) or certified financial planner (CFP), many of whom charge an hourly rate.

People who are merely looking to invest and diversify their assets might be better off choosing a professional who can provide some expertise and oversight in their investment transactions, such as licensed brokers. Commissions typically range from between 3 percent and 5 percent of the assets invested.

FINANCIAL PLANNER
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"How could you possibly lose a trump trick with that combination?" asked a startled North. "You call the wrong card from dummy."

"No, I called the correct card," replied South curiously. "What better chance did I have to make the game?"

"South took his club ace and exited with a second club, East winning. East tried the ace and another heart, but South ruffed and led a trump to dummy's nine! This led to East's 10, and East tried a trump to dummy's ace. A diamond from dummy went to South's 10 and West's ace, but West had a safe exit in clubs. South ruffed, but with no entry to dummy to repeat the diamond finesse, South had to lose another diamond for two down."

It was true that South didn't have to lose a trump trick. Was North's criticism justified?

No, it wasn't. South played the hand well. Assume South had cashed the trump ace and taken the diamond finesse. To keep from losing another diamond to East's queen, South had to hope for only Q-x or a singleton diamond queen with East. Otherwise, South would have to sacrifice, a club and a heart."

The chances of finding East with Q-x or a singleton queen were considerably less than playing West for the spade 10 and the spade 10. And if West held the spade 10, South could then have taken two finesses against East's diamond queen to make his game.

NORTH 1-2-3-4
 ♠ A 9
 ♥ J 7 5 3 2
 ♦ 4 2
 ♣ 7 5

EAST
 ♠ 10 4
 ♥ A K 10
 ♦ A Q 6 3
 ♣ K J 6 3

SOUTH
 ♠ K Q J 8 7 5
 ♥ A 10
 ♦ A K J 10
 ♣ A 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South West North East
 1♠ 2♠ Pass 3♠
 2♠ Pass 4♦ All pass

Opening Lead: Club King

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
 ♠ 10 4
 ♥ A 8
 ♦ Q 6 3
 ♣ 10 8 4

North 1-2-3-4
 ♠ A 9
 ♥ A K 10
 ♦ A Q 6 3
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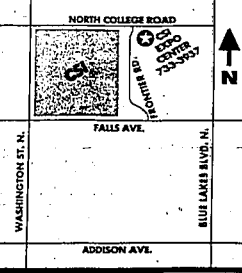
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