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Ms. Ann Patterson coordinates the Twin Falls Salvation Army effort Tuesday to provide Christmas for needy families in the Magic Valley.

# A time to give to the needy

## Organizations say it's never too late to donate

By Pat Marcantonio Times-News writer  
**TWIN FALLS** - Christmas is only two days away, but there are still opportunities to give to needy families. "It's not too late. We can always use it," said Ms. Eddie Patterson with the Salvation Army in Twin Falls. The Salvation Army will distribute a total of 400 food boxes and toys for 725 children Tuesday and today. More families probably will seek help after that, he said. For its Christmas program, about \$27,000 has been raised from its kettles - \$3,000 more than last year, he said. Almost \$50,000 has

been raised from its mail appeal and donations of food and other items, a slight increase over last year. "The money we don't spend on Christmas goes into next year's winter relief, because the need doesn't go away," Patterson said. The East End Providers served 160 people compared to 132 last year. Organizer Cecille Griffiths of Kimberly said the need was so great the providers ran out of food and are seeking more to distribute. Meanwhile, the West End Ministerial Association distributed 140 food boxes compared to 104 last year, the Rev. Art Freund said. The Mini-Cassia Christmas

Council distributed 480 boxes of food and gifts last week, which is about 30 more than last year, member Jackie Handy said. At least two additional families a day have been requesting holiday boxes, but the contributions have kept up with the need. "The donations have increased. It's been wonderful," Handy said. "The community has pulled together wonderfully, but the need has been higher too," said Millie Cahala with the South Central Community Action Agency. Times-News staff writer Pat Marcantonio can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 242.

**Where to donate**

- Salvation Army will accept new toys, coats or money. Its office is open 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 248 Fourth Ave. N. or call 733-4720. It will close Christmas Eve.
- East End Providers is a special need of food and blankets that also will accept coats and toys. Bring items to Kimberly and Art, 248 N. Main St., from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. today and 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, at call 433-5426.
- Mini-Cassia Christmas Council will accept a variety of Christmas by calling South Central Community Action Agency at 733-2626 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to noon Thursday. The Mini-Cassia Christmas Council's office hours are best at this point. Send to P.O. Box 326, Burley, ID 83305, or call 438-8200.
- West End Ministerial Association will accept cash to help pay for 200 food boxes throughout the year. Send to P.O. Box 326, Burley, ID 83305, or call 438-8200.
- Mini-Cassia Christmas for Kids will accept toys of cash until Thursday at 2332 Blue James Blvd. N., between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. today. Call 733-1200 for Christmas Eve hours.

# Dropout rate slows in Idaho

Fox attributes drop to pair of factors

The Associated Press and The Times-News  
**BOISE** - Magic Valley numbers were mixed, but Idaho's high school dropout rate has dropped. Outgoing state schools chief Anne Fox attributed the statewide drop to a couple of factors: personal attention paid to at-risk students, and students' desire to keep driving privileges. About 5,000 students - some 5.6 percent of Idaho's ninth-through 12th-grade enrollment - dropped out during the 1997-98 school year. That was down from 6.2 percent the previous year and 6.9 percent in 1995-96, the state Department of Education reported. About 5,000 students ... dropped out during the 1997-98 school year.

Twain Falls School District's dropout rate slipped to 5.5 percent in the 1997-98 school year. That's down from 7.4 percent the previous year and from 8 percent in 1995-96. Jerome School District's rate fell to 3.4 percent in 1997-98. The district has logged a substantial decline since 1995-96, when the dropout rate reached 7.9 percent. The rate was 5.5 percent in 1996-97. The Cassia County School District saw a slight increase, to 4.8 percent in 1997-98. The rate was 4.2 percent in 1996-97. In 1996-97, the dropout rate totaled 5.4 percent. The Minidoka County School District also reported an increase, to 9 percent in 1997-98. The dropout rate had fallen sharply from 1995-96's 9.3 percent rate to a 7.3 percent rate in 1995-96. Fox credited reductions in dropouts to a "Schools Within A School" program that places students with teachers for a block of time during each school day, giving educators the chance to get to know students better and help them with studies. It has been adopted by a number of districts, and Fox said the results have been encouraging.

# Clinton calls on heavy hitters to make a case for censure

The Associated Press  
**WASHINGTON** - After miscalculating in the House, President Clinton's defenders have moved legalistic maneuvers to the background for now in favor of an aggressive lobbying effort to stop a Senate impeachment trial and promote censure instead. And like Monica Lewinsky, who shepherded her first lawyer last summer for two Washington insiders who won her an immunity deal with prosecutors, the White House is likely to turn to senior statesmen in both parties to make a case that senators will heed, advisers say.



Bill Clinton

"You have to have the wise men go up - people with the stature and instant credibility to be heard by 100 senators," said one adviser to the White House involved in the emerging strategy discussions. The decision to press more aggressively for censure has complications, as Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., made clear. The Senate's leading authority on history and protocol, Byrd said Monday he believed the Constitution allows for a censure, but he also warned that any such deal must originate with the White House and must flow from the current membership of the U.S. Senate. That's where big-name surrogates lie in presidential circles said. Former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell is already making an increased role in the White House effort, and his advice in dealing with the Senate and his ability to connect with Byrd, D-W.Va., made clear. The decision to press more aggressively for censure has complications, as Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., made clear. The Senate's leading authority on history and protocol, Byrd said Monday he believed the Constitution allows for a censure, but he also warned that any such deal must originate with the White House and must flow from the current membership of the U.S. Senate. That's where big-name surrogates lie in presidential circles said. Former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell is already making an increased role in the White House effort, and his advice in dealing with the Senate and his ability to connect with Byrd, D-W.Va., made clear.

# Surprise octuplets attract generosity

Mother, insisting on privacy, releases 1st statement  
The Associated Press  
**HOUSTON** - When Bobbi McCaughey became pregnant with septuplets her close-knit hometown in Iowa kept her secret for months. Once it was out, though, the countdown to the children's birth became a festive affair. In Houston, where the world's only known living octuplets were

born, the births surprised even next-door neighbors of Nkem Chukwu (with VEHM, child WOO) and Jyle Louis Udobi (with KAY and OBE). Ms. Chukwu, 27, has continued to insist on her privacy after delivering octuplets - one Dec. 8, the rest Sunday. They have released no pictures of the babies and only home-video images of Ms. Chukwu. Despite the couple's insistence on privacy, donations are flowing in - from cribs and diapers to a lifetime supply of oil changes. "Our family is very excited and grateful to God," Udobi, 41, said

Tuesday in the family's first public statement, which was released through the hospital. "We are very appreciative of the worldwide support over the past few days, particularly the prayers and spiritual connection at this special time of the year." The babies, who have yet to be named, were in critical condition at Texas Children's Hospital. Dr. Leonard Westman said one of the babies had a minor heart anomaly, which he said can be repaired with medication. The first baby was born Dec. 8, 15 weeks premature. Her two

brothers and five sisters who follow her, were born on Sunday morning were born 13 weeks early. The smallest was a girl weighing 10.2 pounds. All but the 2-week-old girl remained in incubators. "We're certainly concerned about the smallest baby," Westman said, adding that all eight are moving, requiring to light and sound, and doing as well as can be expected. Neighbors said they had no idea Ms. Chukwu was about to deliver eight babies, but several predicted the community would rush to the family's aid.



Kathy Lusser, director of public relations of a grocery store chain, arrives at St. Luke's Hospital Monday with a present for the Chukwu family.



# U.S. wants to keep weapons team

WASHINGTON (AP) — Battling to save the U.N. weapons inspection system, the Clinton administration stood firm Tuesday on the authority of Richard Butler and his commission to decide how to operate in Iraq.

"It is up to UNSCOM to decide how it can be most effective in the pursuit of its mission," Undersecretary of State Thomas Pickering said of the U.N. Special Commission on Iraq.

Three of the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — Russia, China and France — objected to the four-day U.S. and British bombing attack that followed Iraq's refusal to submit to inspections of its suspect weapons sites.

In the aftermath of the bombing, the three Council members could be getting ready to try to



Deputy U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Peter Burleigh helps push the country's position on Iraq Tuesday.

lift an eight-year-old U.N. oil embargo on Iraq, revise the inspection commission and force

our Richard Butler as its chief. Pickering told a news conference that the United States would be willing to consider boosting an exemption that permits Iraq to sell \$3.2 billion worth of oil every six months provided the proceeds are used for food and medicine.

With oil prices in decline, more oil may have to be sold to purchase food, although Iraq is deliberately limiting its production, the senior American diplomat said.

And, Pickering said, the United States would take "a careful look" at a Russian proposal to convene the 22 political commissioners next month for an "updated assessment" of UNSCOM's operations.

But he dismissed France's proposal to change the inspection system. The United States

intends to keep relying on "the technical and professional expertise" of Butler and his commission, Pickering said.

"It is up to UNSCOM to decide how it can be most effective, and intervention by the Security Council in dictating the work, role, personnel system and activities of UNSCOM ... would not be wise, would not be effective and would not be acceptable," he said at a news conference.

Pickering flew to New York on Monday to discuss the U.S. view with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

And Secretary of State Madeleine Albright spoke by telephone Tuesday with Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov.

# Women helped U.S. bomb Iraq

ABOARD THE USS ENTERPRISE (AP) — The U.S. attack on Iraq marked the first time that female pilots dropped bombs in a combat situation.

Navy Lt. Kendra Williams, 26, was the first of a group of female pilots to participate in the strikes. She flew her FA-18 fighter-bomber as part of the attack force launched from the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise in the Gulf.

There are 16 female aviators aboard the Enterprise.

Williams, who was raised in

Anchorage, Alaska, was among the first group of women allowed to train for fighter duty, military officials said. She graduated from jet training at the Naval Air Station in Kingsville, Texas, in 1997.

"Women have only been in combat aviation a few years," she said last year. "It's going to take time for people to adjust."

Women have been flying in combat missions over Bosnia and in the no-fly zones over southern Iraq for several years, but this is the first time that women have

dropped bombs on an attack mission, Navy officials said.

As well, women have flown in U.S. military helicopters since 1973.

However, women are not allowed to be part of ground combat in infantry, artillery or tank units. In 1994, the military ruled that women could be assigned to all units except those with a high probability of engaging in ground combat, direct exposure to enemy fire or direct physical contact with the enemy.

# President, first lady get into holiday spirit

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton busied himself with Christmas activity Tuesday, reading "A Visit from St. Nicholas" to about 50 children who chimed in with many of the words and gave him hugs.

"If you know the words, you can say it too. If you don't know the words, that's OK," Clinton said as he and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton settled on a long red bench

with Nanna Cheesecake sandwiched between them.

The children, mostly 4- to 8-year-olds from Washington schools, came through with the better-known stanzas of Clement C. Moore's 1822 poem about a father's Christmas Eve encounter with Santa Claus. It is more popularly known by its opening line, "Twas the night before Christmas ..."

When Clinton finished, most of the children raced off for cookies and other treats. A few lined up and hugged the president.

Andrew Smith, 6, whispered in Clinton's ear, and Tony DiStasio, 8, shook the president's hand and gave him a Christmas tree made of green construction paper.

Clinton fit the reading in before a regular meeting with aides about Social Security and a pair of holiday receptions in the White House residence for about 500 people.

Wearing a tie featuring Christmas trees, Clinton strove into the White House East Room to read just as some children began to tire after a third rendition of "Jingle Bells." Mrs.

Clinton followed him, wearing a red-and-green Christmas cardigan sweater and black slacks.

The president paused several times to show the children his favorite illustrations from the book, saying, "It has great pictures."

Fortney Stark, the 3-year-old son of Rep. Pete Stark, D-Calif., scooted close to Clinton's feet, plopping his worn Winnie the Pooh bear on the floor beside him.

Clare Lockhart, 4 — the daughter of White House spokesman Joe Lockhart — held first to the seat she sat on on the bench, despite her dad's efforts to lure her to a spot on the floor. Mrs. Clinton sat beside her. "You knew so many of the words!" Mrs. Clinton exclaimed as she stroked Clare's shoulder.



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# Gas-tank deadline hurts small stations

### Federal regs call for upgrading facilities

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — On the eve of the federal deadline that threatened to close many rural and mom-and-pop gas stations that have old underground storage tanks, the Environmental Protection Agency yesterday said it will ease the deadline.

By Wednesday, anyone with aging and leaky underground tanks was supposed to have someone to replace them. That's because the EPA was to begin enforcing tank guidelines, fixing or shutting down stations with potentially hazardous tanks.

EPA Administrator Carol M. Browner said she applauded the efforts of all companies that in recent years have upgraded their tanks. She said she was glad to see that many small businesses and rural gas stations had upgraded their tanks. But she said she was glad to see that many small businesses and rural gas stations had upgraded their tanks.



Carl Damerer pumps gas for a customer Monday at his Citgo Station in Canton, Ohio. Damerer stopped selling gas Tuesday because he refused to comply with federal regulations to upgrade his storage tanks.

seem to make it seriously are now getting a break."

In addition to giving smaller stations more time, the EPA has said it will at first place higher priority on state and local governments that operate tanks for their school bus, firetruck and police fleets, among others. Violators who now

turn themselves in may face reduced fines. The EPA's rules required operators of old underground storage tanks to make upgrades or replace the entire tanks because of concerns about fuel leaks into and contaminating groundwater. The cost can run up to

\$100,000 for replacing a three-tiered tank, which is common for gas stations. Upgrading a three-tank operation could cost about \$13,000.

Notwithstanding, the EPA believes 20,000 by the nation's 1 million active underground storage tanks are in violation.

# Tennessee reactor will provide tritium

WASHINGTON, AP — The Energy Department announced Tuesday it will make tritium, a rare isotope of hydrogen that is the primary of nuclear warheads, at a Tennessee reactor that will produce electricity to power and heat homes.



It is the "flexibility to meet the present and future tritium needs."

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson outlined a multi-billion dollar project to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce Tuesday. The project is to build a new nuclear reactor at the Savannah River Site in Aiken, S.C. The reactor will produce electricity to power and heat homes. It will also produce tritium, a rare isotope of hydrogen that is the primary of nuclear warheads. The project is to build a new nuclear reactor at the Savannah River Site in Aiken, S.C. The reactor will produce electricity to power and heat homes. It will also produce tritium, a rare isotope of hydrogen that is the primary of nuclear warheads.

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He added: "It gives us this maximum arms control flexibility. It allows us to produce tritium when we need it. It saves the taxpayer money and, most importantly, it's consistent with our national security and proliferation goals."

A report leased last August by the Congressional Budget Office found that using an existing reactor such as Watts Bar would cost \$1.1 billion over 40 years.

Tritium has not been produced in the United States since 1989, when the government shut down its last weapons reactor at the Savannah River Site in Aiken, S.C.

Among other options considered by the Energy Department was the TVA's unfinished Ballantine nuclear reactor, located outside Scotsboro, Ala. It also weighed the idea of building a new linear accelerator at the Savannah River Site and using the Fast Flux Test Facility, a reactor in the Hanford nuclear reservation in Washington state.

# Cold snap settles in over much of nation

The Associated Press

The first big cold wave of the season rolled across the nation Tuesday, dropping temperatures with startling speed and turning noses blue from frost to snow.

After weeks of weather so mild that ski resorts worried about business, the first full day of winter dawned with temperatures plunging 40 degrees overnight in Texas, frost warnings for Southern California citrus growers and a foot of new snow in Michigan.

The change in seasons hit the East like a bucket of ice water. Early in the day, the mercury hit record highs in the 60s as far north as Newark, N.J., then plummeted when the cold air rushed in.

"I made the mistake of going out this morning without my jacket," said Chris Jinks of the Berkshire Hills town of Florida, Mass., where readings fell from 56 to 38 in just two hours. "Now, darned if it isn't snowing." Jinks wasn't complaining. He works for the local road department and "no snow means no overtime. And I was just telling my wife that if the snow doesn't start soon, Santa's going to be making a short trip."

Temperatures fell from the 60s to the 20s overnight in northern Texas, and hit 10 below Tuesday morning in the Panhandle.

Dyersburg, Tenn., went from a high of 70 Monday to 19 later the same day. Nashville was at 37, while Columbia — just 40 miles away — basked in 70-degree warmth. "There are only a few more days left until Christmas and I just started my shopping," grumbled Jennifer Lang, a 32-year-old receptionist in Lubbock, Texas. "I guess when you wait this long, this is what you get."

The arctic air flooded out of Canada and into the northern Rockies and Plains over the weekend. Montana got the worst of it, with a low of 39 below zero Monday in Butte and 45 below at West Yellowstone.

Butte's low on Tuesday was almost mild by contrast at 18 below, as the nation's cold spot shifted southward to Craig, Colo., where the low was minus 31. The cold froze water pipes and car engines, and home furnaces quit. "People are becoming cranky," said Susan McCormack of the Mobile Home Service in Helena, Mont., which received hundreds of calls about broken pipes.

# Asteroid mission back on track

WASHINGTON (AP) — A robot spacecraft tracking an asteroid is sending data back to scientists on Earth again after a 27-hour blackout, but its mission to orbit the giant space rock next month has been postponed. Scientists were trying Tuesday to determine how they lost contact with the craft and why it shut itself down and began running in a so-called "safe mode" Sunday evening just as its speed was being boosted by a series of rocket engine firings.

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# Detroit apartment building fire injures 5

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Marchbanks, 33, said she smelled smoke and she and her husband went down the stairs, stopping on each floor to bang on doors and rouse other residents. "Some people would not come out," she said. "They just looked at me. It's serious, it's serious, come out."

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# Philadelphia recreates image

GOP will mark 2000

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — In 1998, Mayor Ed Rendell convened a meeting of area business leaders and politicians and announced the city would try to outpace the Democratic and Republican national conventions in 2000.

They weren't in it to be labeled. They wanted the GOP pick a Pennsylvania city with a Democratic mayor since aligned with the Clinton administration.

Some sentimentally, who would rather see it happen, swoon over chief Philadelphia, a city whose folk here was an immediate issue who came only in the name of a business conference that the national convention was held in 1995: what police brought a number in the radical group. Making more than all business in the general and selling it nearby.

Last month, Rendell was vindicated.

*'We've gone from a national laughingstock for the way the city operated its financial condition and lack of civility to one of the hottest cities in the country.'*

—Ed Rendell, mayor of Philadelphia

between Washington and New York.

Hundreds of millions of dollars worth of development is under way. 4,000 new hotel rooms are being built, and downtown Philadelphia is full of life.

The turnaround is a sweet victory for Rendell, a perpetually upbeat, overweight, rumped ex-courier who in 1992 took over a city that had little to offer aside from the Liberty Bell and a setting for "Rocky" sequels.

At the time, Philadelphia was a symbol of urban decay. Mismanaged and just plain bad, it was downgraded to junk status. City workers did not know if their next paychecks would clear. Businessmen and whites headed for

the border. Rendell's efforts helped turn an inherited \$200 million budget deficit into a \$169 million surplus, freeing up money to promote Philadelphia, the nation's fifth-largest city, with a population of 1.45 million, as a tourist destination.

"We've gone from a national laughingstock for the way the city operated, its financial condition and lack of vibrancy to one of the hottest cities in the country," Rendell said.

Fine restaurants are opening up all over downtown. There's a sparkling convention center and a new sports arena, First Union Center. Reading Terminal, a century-old farmer's market, was renovated.

After losing a startling 230,000 jobs in 30 years, the city had a gain of 10,000 jobs in the last two. In run-down neighborhoods like north Philadelphia, crumbling buildings are being replaced with new single-family homes and townhouses. Library hours have been extended and city pools reopened.

"This city just seems like a more comfortable place," said free-lance writer Tom Starner, 46, who moved to Philadelphia 14 years ago with his wife.

# Study says epidurals don't cause C-sections

CHICAGO (AP) — A new study challenges the notion that women who receive an epidural — a type of anesthesia administered through the spine during childbirth — are far more likely to require a C-section.

An analysis of 10 clinical trials, published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association, also found epidurals are more effective in relieving pain and had less effect on the health of newborns than narcotic injections.

Some doctors and mothers-to-be believe epidurals greatly raise the chances of a C-section by slowing labor and inhibiting the mother's ability to push. Some women also refuse epidurals in the belief that they should be able to tough out the pain and not expose their babies to painkillers.

Dr. Stephen Halpern, co-author of the report, said he hopes the findings will end worries about epidurals.

"Basically, if a woman needs pain relief, she should feel free to ask for it," said Halpern, director of obstetrical anesthesia at Women's College Hospital in Toronto.

The clinical trials, conducted in Europe, the United States and Canada, involved a total of 2,369 patients.

Of the 1,183 who received epidurals, 97 women, or 8.2 percent, had babies delivered by C-section. Of the 1,186 who received narcotic pain injections, 67 women, or 5.6 percent, had C-sections. The difference was considered statistically insignificant.

Halpern said he and his colleagues found epidurals are not the cause of C-sections. Rather, they are often used because complicated deliveries that end in C-sections are among the most painful, he said.

Scott McGlothlin, a certified nurse anesthetist in Denver, said that in his experience, epidurals decrease the number of C-sections at St. Luke's Presbyterian Medical Center.

# Court upholds Baby Bells' rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — A law forcing the nation's biggest local phone companies to meet special requirements before they can offer long-distance service to their customers is a major triumph, an appeals court ruled Tuesday in a ruling that government regulators.

The ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia says the law is valid because it means the nation's five regional Bell telephone companies will continue to meet high standards for service to their customers.

BellSouth, a regional Bell company, sought to overturn these requirements, contending in a 2005 case, arguing that they were an unconstitutional, unconstitutionally discriminatory agreement not to provide the Baby Bells because they don't apply to other local phone companies.

But the court disagreed in a 3-2 decision. The law was a valid exercise of the constitutional powers granted by BellSouth, the

court said.

Specifically, the law requires the Baby Bells to open their local phone markets to long-distance companies and other potential competitors before the Federal Communications Commission will let them sell their own long-distance service to local customers.

Yes Bell company has won such FCC approval because they haven't sufficiently opened their markets, the commission says.

The Bells provide a total of more than 30 percent of the local phone service in the United States.

The 1996 law's provisions go to the heart of the government's efforts to open the local phone market to competition.

"We're disappointed that we lost this decision," said BellSouth's associate general counsel William Barfield. The company hasn't decided whether to appeal to the Supreme Court.

# Lawyer describes details of dumping his mistress' body

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — A prominent lawyer said at a murder trial Tuesday that he stuffed the body of his former mistress into a cooler and dumped it at sea.

Thomas Capano, 49, is charged with first-degree murder in the 1996 death of Anne Marie Fahey, the governor's scheduling secretary. On Monday, Capano testified that Ms. Fahey was accidentally shot and killed by a second lover, Deborah MacIntyre, in a jealous rage at his home on June 27, 1996.

Capano said Ms. MacIntyre accidentally killed Ms. Fahey after discovering Capano with her at his home. Capano said Ms. MacIntyre was threatening suicide when he reached for her gun and it went off.

Ms. MacIntyre has testified that she was not at his house that night and that she gave Capano a gun a month earlier.

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## EDITORIAL

# City's subsidy of golf course is poor use of public money

Once again, the city of Twin Falls has increased some fees at the municipal golf course, and once again, Muni will lose money in the current fiscal year. This time, the deficit is estimated at more than \$63,000.

To cover the loss, city leaders will dip into the city's general fund. Running in the red is nothing new at Muni, where five of the past 10 years have been financial hoggys.

Overall, the cumulative deficit is more than \$158,000.

If golf really such a financial loser around here? Would the sport become unavailable if there were no subsidies from a government entity?

Last time we checked, there were several golf courses within a dozen strokes of Muni. At least two of them are fairly new, but they seem to be making a go of it. If they can't, they will either sell out to someone who can—or close down.

It's sink or swim, and it happens all the time in the private sector. Trouble is, Muni has been clinging to a city life preserver for far too long.

The city course is not a new venture that needs a little help before becoming self-sufficient. It is a fully mature operation that has been in business a long time. It should be pulling its own

weight to now.

Golf is extremely popular in the Magic Valley. With demand high, why is Muni losing money?

In fairness, Muni is spending a lot of money on improvements—including nearly \$50,000 for a new mower. And last spring was a wet one that kept many swimmers off the links. And there was some hot weather in summer that also kept golfers away.

And there's more competition from other courses in the area.

Perhaps the city should study how some of these other, newer courses are managed. The owners of Chandleridge Golf Course, for example, invested their money to create a profitable

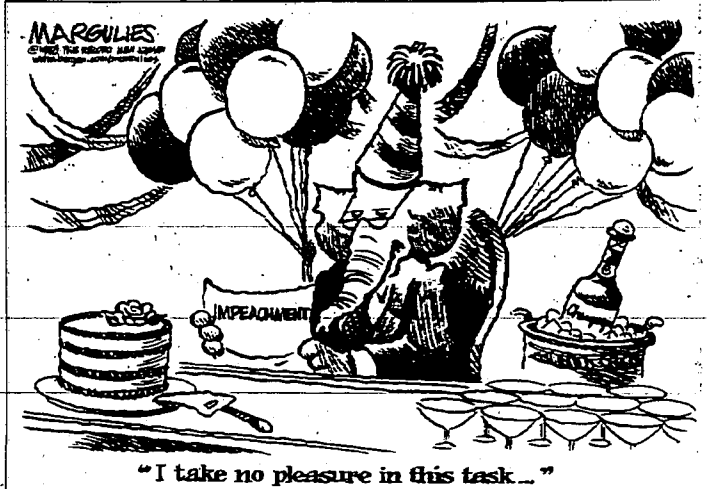
making business—and to subsidize nearby golfers.

If a private investor were to buy Muni's mature, well-maintained course at a profit, why can't the city do likewise?

If city officials are serious about wise fiscal stewardship, they would study all aspects of Muni's operation and bring a mid-term winter-private courses in the area. This includes the contract with Muni pro Mike Simolin.

If the city can't sustain economic power at Muni, it's time to get out of the golf business.

Running in the red is making news at Muni, where five of the past 10 years have been financial hoggys.



# Idaho needs coherent policy for factory farms

Fifteen years ago, I attended a *de facto* rally for business development called "The Idaho Economic Summit."

I asked a simple question: "Where in this whole process do we talk about social, cultural, environmental and spiritual values?"

"This isn't the time or the place," replied a red-faced Cecil Andrus. Later, he later came to my table and said, "It's your job to ask those questions when a project is proposed."

At a conference to discuss electrical deregulation, I asked one of the key speakers, Sen. Joseph Bingham of New Mexico, if the real issue was the need for a coherent, comprehensive and compassionate energy policy.

Sen. Bingham's answer was telling: "We don't do anything coherent here."

Amen, brother. Incoherent public policy has resulted in costly social, environmental and economic problems. It is the legacy of shortsighted and short-term thinking.

Albert Einstein summed things up nicely when he said, "We cannot solve our problems at the same level of thinking at which we created them."

There are many problems created by industrial-sized confined-animal feeding operations, which I define as more than 1,000 cows or pigs. Good neighborhood and animal husbandry questions are right up there with water quantity and quality, odors, property values, traffic and invasive light.

Should the neighbors have to prove the obvious impacts? Or could a value-based process for assessing these proposals avoid the problem?

Industrial hog farms and dairies are factories, not family farmssteads. They are assembly line operations that use high-tech methods to produce a product.

Industrial dairies already are a problem in the Magic Valley. Hog farm propo-



READER COMMENT  
**Bill Chisholm**

sals on the table, so can industrial poultry operations be far behind?

If Idaho continues to be seen as a soft touch with minimal regulations, will we be inundated as other states tighten up their laws? These operations are being billed as great gifts on the economic horizon, but they soon cloud up and rain on everybody else.

The hog farm fight is not a new one. It has been going on for years in Gooding, Jerome and Twin Falls counties, where the focus has been on neighborhood battles against industrial dairies. Different critics, but the issues are basically the same.

We have no coherent, comprehensive and, shall I say, compassionate, policy for factory farms.

Lots of folks admit there are serious issues, but state government pinns the finger at the counties and says they have the power to regulate these operations through zoning laws. The counties, in turn, say they can't because of language in the state land-use laws and the so-called "right to farm" laws either.

County governments should look to state agencies such as the Department of Agriculture, the Division of Environmental Quality and the Department of Water Resources to permit and regulate these operations. Politics, tight budgets and inadequate enforcement keeps adequate regulation from being reality.

Projects get put on the table, then generate tremendous expense and ef-

fort as people on all sides fight it out. A coherent long-term policy would resolve these squabbles and benefit everyone.

Meanwhile, our current process makes as much sense as trying to build a boat while floating down the river. Given that, it makes sense to call a time out, go ashore, build an adequate boat and then get back in the river.

That time out is called a "moratorium."

A moratorium is not permanent. It merely stops the clock and gives us time to build our boat. It provides time to discuss the issue fully—without the stress that accompanies a project on the table. It gives us an opportunity to talk about issues other than money.

Until we do, these industrial animal factories will seek the path of least resistance. The mega-industrial hog operation once proposed for Owyhee County now is aimed at Jefferson County, while the Twin Falls proposal has shifted to Cassia County.

In October, I asked Gov. Phil Batt to issue a moratorium on permits for industrial operations with more than 1,000 animals. My letter was supported by other letters and continues to be supported by petition.

Batt's immediate answer? "No, I don't have that authority."

He says the counties have adequate authority, but the counties say they don't. We need resolve this problem, and we need to do it without the presence of projects that are on the table.

We need a moratorium.

I believe the governor has the authority to issue one to protect the health, safety and general welfare of all Idahoans. A moratorium will give us an opportunity to get on top of this issue.

*Bill Chisholm is a Buhl-area environmental activist.*

Many holidays are celebrated

When we say "happy holidays," not many of us put much thought into what this means. Basically, this is the one time of the year when almost everyone, no matter what their religious beliefs, are celebrating Hanukkah has started, winter solstice has passed and people are preparing to celebrate the birth of Christ and that special yearly visit from the big guy man and his reindeer.

I believe that acceptance of other beliefs is especially important this time of year for everyone. Just because I do not personally celebrate Hanukkah does not mean that I have the right to say that it is not the true reason for the season, nor should anyone else say it. I also know that when my little brother sees cookies out for Santa Claus, I am not going to laugh at him because of his belief in Old St. Nick. It is not my place to say that the birth of Christ is not the original reason for Christmas, and it is

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no one else's place to tell me that winter solstice and yuletide are not reasons for celebration.

Basically, it is my hope that this holiday season everyone can celebrate together (no matter what that celebration may be called). Please teach your children acceptance of beliefs other than their own. And never within your own heart, do the same. For acceptance is what can bring all of us together for the holidays.

So Happy Hanukkah, Merry Yuletide and Merry Christmas ... or happy Holidays!

**TIA WELCH**  
Twin Falls

**Holiday spirit should last all year**

Lighting up the world around you doesn't have to be holiday season only. We have neighbors who spread good cheer and caring attitude for each other all year. Our area is truly magic. The

Sweets who live near us have a very spectacular Christmas scene. The unique thing about this display is that much of it was "made from scratch." Dave, being a builder, drew, sawed, carved, whittled and painted most of the characters. The family has also re-modeled an "old time worn" house into a beautiful home and surroundings.

We thank all our neighbors for sharing and caring and being truly great folks.

There is a special feeling of gratitude for the birth of a humble babe in Bethlehem. As we enjoy the warmth of our homes, let's remember the baby born in a stable. His life was an example of "peace on earth, good will toward men."

I wish we could always follow his teachings, a better world to make. Hopefully, we will strive more diligently, beginning a great new year.

Best wishes to all,

**MERYLE TEUSCHER**  
Twin Falls

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# Bombing Iraq was good choice, but Saddam needs to be removed

The bombardment of Iraq, now ended, was absolutely necessary. President Clinton made the right decision to commence a bombing campaign after receiving a definitive report of Iraqi obstruction from the head of the U.N. Special Commission, Richard Butler.

This administration, together with Congress, should make clear that our national goal in Iraq is the removal of Saddam Hussein from power. The missing component in our Iraq policy, in an Aug. 30, 1990, speech, I called for a national commitment to remove Saddam, saying, "Voluntary or involuntarily, he must go." I felt that his invasion and occupation of Kuwait proved that we confronted a ruler who could not be redeemed or moderated.

In announcing the latest military action Dec. 16, Clinton edged toward acknowledgment that containment isn't enough, saying, "The best way to end that threat once and for all is with a new Iraq agreement—a government ready to live in peace with its neighbors, a government that respects the rights of its people."

The next day, however, Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright said the attack against Iraq was not designed to take out Saddam.

A far more definitive and decisive administration policy is needed. Containment presupposes Saddam's continued reign despite his fundamental goal of bringing the United States and our interests. There can be no compromise in such a situation.

Containment has limited meaning when weapons of mass destruction are involved. Saddam has demonstrated the political will to use such weapons in a war with Iran and in suppression of his own people. We must comprehend the havoc that will be unleashed if Saddam develops the means to explode even one crude nuclear weapon in a U.S. base, the Saudi Arabian, or allied city or our own territory.

In addition to the potential for enormous loss of life, our economy, our international relationships and our sense of in-

terest all would suffer. On that day, Americans will ask why the administration and Congress took such rapid action toward Iraq, despite our knowledge of the Iraqi nuclear arsenal and his demonstrated willingness to use them.

Americans understandably are uncomfortable over an apparently hostile re-orientation. Our reluctance is to seek compromise, explore options and avoid war.

The Times-News and other allies that we can feel together would state clearly that the issue is Saddam himself. Until he is gone, we cannot trust in further U.N. resolutions. We should not grant economic, trade concessions. Saddam's removal should be the heart of our policy—rather than a stepping stone to other ventures—excluding potential successors in Iraq—whom may seek to acquire and use weapons of mass destruction.

Congress should, because Iraq's policy are not the same, sometimes it did at January 1991, and the administration should seek public support for a policy of removal.

We apply sufficient military pressure on Iraq, and to strengthen the confidence of Saddam's Iraqi advisors, we must take significant U.S. ground forces to the region. Operations in Iraq must allow the movement of U.S. troops, with all the equipment and supplies, to the region. If we remove a prerequisite to any U.S. action as a low priority of American operations.

This policy will cost money, and it may not always work. But the alternative, an endless, low-level conflict that does not stop Iraq's development of weapons of mass destruction—will cost the United States and the world much more.

Sen. Judd Gregg, D-N.H., is ranking member on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. He writes the *Foreign Policy Commentaries* for *The Washington Post*.

### Doonesbury



### By Garry Trudeau



### Mallard Fillmore



### By Bruce Tinsley



# Clinton benefits from Flynt's attack on hypocrisy

In a week without precedent in a city that has seen a lot of precedents, the biggest story was Larry Flynt exposing himself as a Democrat. It says a lot about a party that makes the likes of Flynt and the impeached Bill Clinton feel at home.

There was more talk last week about sin, forgiveness, reconciliation and healing than at any time since the last Billy Graham crusade in Washington.

Unlike Graham's, this talk, which came mostly from Democrats, was pious, something like criminals denouncing a crime wave.

The biggest laugh in a very sad week was the announcement of the president's "memoirs" relayed by spokesman Joe Lockhart, that the "politics of personal destruction must end." This is typical Clinton. While he sues in millions in illegal campaign contributions, he calls for campaign finance reform. While his minions sue his enemies, he pleads for the stinging to end.

Has he lost James Carville's phone number? It was Carville who proclaimed to Larry King, "This is war." People with ideological and professional links to the White House are in cahoots with Larry Flynt and others to stop Clinton from having to face



CAL THOMAS

a political judgment day. If Clinton would pay any price and bear any burden to get himself redempted, rest assured his slime machine will go into overdrive to make sure his impeached offenses are never cited in the Senate.

The rumor mill is white hot, asserting as pleasy more slime is coming. Don't look for peace on earth in Washington, much less any good will toward men this Christmas season.

Even former White House press secretary Mike McCurry is now saying that Bill Clinton can't be reelected. Speaking on the BBC, McCurry referred to the "incredibly bizarre personal behavior" of his former boss. He also called the president's actions "reckless" and "a national embarrassment."

McCurry added that while Clinton never asked anyone directly to lie, he allowed "the deception to go on, knowing the truth." That deceit extended to his sworn testimony and efforts to cover up his lies, which were at

the heart of the two articles of impeachment approved by the House of Representatives. Most people know or suspect, the president is guilty of a lot more than "lying about sex" and trying to cover it up. The feds had to settle for tax evasion to stop Al Capone. The House settled for lies and cover up in the case of Bill Clinton.

Rep. Bob Livingston (R-La.) announced he will not become Speaker of the House and will resign his seat in Congress in six months because of admitted adulteries. Livingston said he hoped his decision would be an example to President Clinton. It wasn't.

Clinton and other Democrats urged him not to quit. They need him to justify their doctrine of immoral equivalency. Clinton pulled out all the stops these last few days. He used his wife, a clergyman and his ample supply of sinners.

He used the vice president, who called the day of impeachment "the saddest day I have seen in our nation's capital." One might justifiably think that sad days were those on which the president of the United States sexually used a 21-year-old intern in the closest thing we have to a sacred public building in our country.

It isn't the Congress that is

responsible for division and "hate," as Democrats refer to people who stand for the law and principle. It is Bill Clinton.

His behavior alone has brought forth a slamed nation along with the calamitous idea that all men are created lechers and that they have evolved with certain unprincipled rights.

These include a right to abuse high office, lie to the public and their duly authorized elected and judicial representatives, and a general obtrusiveness to high and holy things in favor of low and debauched things.

The political apocalypse of the last week may be temporarily eclipsed by the holiday season, but it will come roaring back in January.

The Senate had better be ready, because if it moves forward with a trial, the Clinton people — for whom power is all that matters — will haul out every despicable weapon at their disposal.

They will attempt to destroy anyone who tries to prevent them from building their little bridge of deception, lies and arrogance to the 21st century. This was clear in the president's defiant pledge to remain in office "to the last hour of the last day of my term."

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

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### What is happening?

As I have been listening to the impeachment proceedings, I can't help but wonder what is happening to the country. As a father of seven children, I have tried to teach them the principles of honesty, integrity, morality and taking responsibility for your actions, be them right or wrong.

Our president has done the opposite of all that I have taught my children. A child, as everyone needs a hero to look up to and admire. The president should be the type of man that one would want his children to have for their hero.

Let's ask ourself if Clinton is suitable for this type of honor. Not for me or my children. He has done some good, but two rights don't correct a wrong. He has only apologized when his back is up against a wall when the pressure is on. He has not

truly admitted to anything except an improper affair, and he has repeatedly lied to all. If we leave this man in office, if then we will have sanctioned everything he has done. Then what will we teach our children?

**RICK NEFF**  
Maha

### FDR was not hated

As a regular reader of Times-News editorials, I am accustomed to the strange revelations from *The World According to Steve Hargrett*. But the strangest of all is in the Dec. 18 issue where the editorial notes that Franklin Roosevelt was hated by Main Street America — "though perhaps not as much as Bill Clinton."

Am I alone in recalling land-shake presidential visits by FDR — Main Street, Country Lane,

sea to shining sea?

And I clearly recall standing at attention on an Air Corps runway with several thousand others who were near or in tears at the sounding of taps at his memorial service. Mourning civilians from main streets lined the railroad tracks for hundreds of miles as FDR's body was transported to Washington, D.C.

Political posturing is a part of professional journalism, of course, but I was taught that we should also be concerned with the clear and candid transmission of ideas. My dictionary says "candid" means "free of bias, prejudice or malice."  
**LEN MIERACLE**  
Fiber

### Speaker put party first

Thank you, Bob Livingston! As a fiscal and moral conservative, I would like to comment

you for the devotion you showed to the Republican Party. Your forthrightness in declaring your adulterous affairs after becoming speaker-elect showed how willing you are to put the party before personal aspirations. It's very comforting to know that conservatives can count on leaders in the Republican Party to provide targets for the liberals to take easy pot shots at.

As I sit here watching the House of Representatives impeachment-proceedings, I'm thankful that, in the spirit of fairness, you have shown our nation that lack of integrity crosses party lines.

And, finally, thank you for reminding me of why I call myself a conservative rather than a Republican.  
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### Judge grants change of venue

**HAILEY** - District Judge James J. May granted the defense attorney's request for a change of venue for the trial of a Hailey woman accused of violently shaking a Jerome toddler to death.

Michelle L. Baldwin faces a new trial in Minidoka County in April 1999. She is charged with first-degree murder in connection with the death of 20-month-old Anthony Northrup, who died in January 1997. Prosecutors contend the child died from injuries due to shaking.

Baldwin's first trial in November ended in a mistrial because the jury was unable to come to a unanimous decision.

The judge granted the change of venue in part because of extensive coverage in local papers and *The Times-News* which would make it difficult to find jurors who hadn't formed some kind of opinion on the case.

### Boil order lifted for Carey residents

**CAREY** - A boil order for local residents drinking water was lifted Tuesday, City Council member Bob Simpson said.

The order was issued Friday after tests showed the presence of E. coli, a potentially dangerous bacteria, in the town's water supply. The town's storage tank, the suspected source, was cleaned over the weekend.

City councilmen then drank in a row, showing the water safe to drink again.

### Miners must file papers to keep claims

**BOISE** - Miners on public lands have until Dec. 30 to file documents to keep their claims open.

Miners who have filed a "small miner's exemption" now must file a report to the BLM. The claim is being actively worked. The paperwork must be filed with the Bureau of Land Management, which oversees mining on all federal lands.

The document must be postmarked by Dec. 30 and sent to: BLM State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, ID 83709, with a \$5 fee. The office will be closed Christmas Day.

Information is available at any BLM office in Idaho, or by calling 573-3850.

### Kempthorne takes VP spot in association

**BOISE** - Gov.-elect Dirk Kempthorne swept to his second victory in as many months last week.

Members of the Council of State Governments named Kempthorne vice president of the national, non-partisan state and territory government organization.

Kempthorne will serve with Wisconsin's GOP Gov. Tommy Thompson, the group's president, and Puerto Rico Sen. Kenneth McClintock, the chairman.

### Jackpot meeting lacks quorum again

**JACKPOT, Nev.** - The regular meeting of the Jackpot Advisory Board was canceled once again because of lack of a quorum.

It takes three of the five members present to constitute a quorum. The only two members present were Beth Williams and Kris Stone. Absent were Chairman Darrell Jack, Norma Prindle and Sherri Summers.

The October meeting also was canceled because a majority of the board didn't show.

Elko County commissioners will pick new board members at their first January meeting.

### Let us know about New Year's Eve events

**TWIN FALLS** - Whadya doin' New Year's Eve?

If you have a party, entertainment event or other event on the old celebration planned for Dec. 31 that you'd like the world to know about, give us a call and we'll include it in Friday's Weekend section.

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Twin Falls Police Officer Tim Gross buys himself a normal (non-merry) graveyard shift. During the season of giving, a sometimes grateful public may try to show their appreciation to the police by giving gifts to the officers, but city and county officers have strict guidelines on what they can accept.

## Giving can have its limits

### Police departments have strict policy on accepting gifts

By Brian Haynes  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Holidays are the time for giving, but if you're giving to your local law officers, there is only so much they can take.

Cookies, cakes and fruit baskets - OK. Money, televisions and books - not OK.

Departments generally accept food items that can be shared among officers and staff, but they'll probably decline anything else. Individual officers are forbidden to accept anything for themselves.

An officer who accepts gifts



is to be compared with a minute amount, and departments can discipline officers with suspension, written reprimand, or the worst case, firing.

It's a policy that throughout the county, most officers of various law enforcement agencies accept a gift, no matter how small, the giver might receive something in return. Cassia County Sheriff

Billy Crystal said. "It leads to too many problems," Crystal said. "We find it's not ethical for that to happen because at some point someone is going to say, 'I gave you a present on this occasion so you owe me.'"

Twin Falls Police Chief Lee DeVore agreed.

"We don't want to be obligated to someone or provide service more to one person than another," he said.

DeVore's last point was echoed by Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Touseley. When an officer accepts gifts, it can lead to biased protection and favoritism. It's also a kind of

double taxation. "We're already paid by the taxpayers to serve them, protect them and investigate crimes," Touseley said.

As an elected official Touseley can accept gifts worth up to \$50, but he doesn't as a matter of principle, he said.

Like most Magic Valley law enforcement agencies, Touseley's office accepts candy and other treats that can be shared around the office.

Even fruitcakes.

Times-News staff writer Brian Haynes can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 238.

## Agency picks deputy ranger

### Nourse hails from Alaska

By Margot Higgins  
Times-News correspondent

**STANLEY** - Hailing from Ketchikan, Ala., Becky Nourse has been selected as the new deputy area ranger for the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

Currently she fish and wildlife staff officer for the Henry Ford National Monument and Ketchikan Ranger District. Nourse will start her new position March 1.

"I am looking forward to learning a whole new part of the country and all of the people there," Nourse said by telephone Tuesday from her home in Alaska.

She'll fill a position with new duties on a daily basis in Stanley.

A native of North Bend, Wash., Nourse earned her bachelor's degree in biology in 1981 from Whanum College in Walla Walla, Wash. For three seasons from 1978 to '82 she was a fire forestry aide on the North Bend District of the Ketchikan Ranger District, National Forest in Washington. Nourse worked as a fish culturist for Washington Department of Wildlife hatcheries from 1982-'87 and then as assistant hatchery manager for Chiloche Hatchery until 1989.

In 1989 she received a permanent position as a forestry technician in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service. Later Nourse became the district fisheries biologist for the Heppner District of the Methuena National Forest in Oregon in 1993. Nourse was temporarily appointed to the Seward Range District of the Chugach National Forest in Alaska as the merchandise-supply supervisor for recreation, birds, mammals and heritage resources.

In the position, Nourse has held since 1992, she has responsibility for fish, wildlife, stream and endangered species, and watershed on 2-million acres of the Methuena National Forest and 1 million acres on the Ketchikan District.

"Becky brings with her some very good skills in building consensus through collaboration, both internally and externally," Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor Brent A. News said in a statement. "We are fortunate to have an individual with Becky's background training as a line officer of the Stanley area of the SNRA. Not only does she have good experience in fish, wildlife, stream and endangered species and watershed, but she currently works on a special area, managed under special congressional legislation."

The deputy area ranger is a new position in Stanley.

"The new position carries little additional salary," News said. "In the past we have had an assistant area ranger in Stanley; however, that individual did not have the decision-making authority that this deputy position will carry. We view having this position in Stanley as a positive move in working with our hunters, customers and elected officials in this area."

Nourse will receive an estimated \$45,000 and Forest Service personnel officer Sandy Newberry's exact salary wasn't available.

The new position replaces the former assistant area ranger position held by Dave Kimpton, who recently retired.

Times-News staff writer Margot Higgins can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 238.

## Ketchum eyes anti-glare law

### Ordinance would set a standard for outdoor lighting

By Margot Higgins  
Times-News correspondent

**KETCHUM** - The stars may soon shine a little brighter in downtown Ketchum.

The city is drafting a new "dark sky ordinance" to establish standards for outdoor lighting. The existing ordinance is ambiguous and requires lighting review only during design review, city planner Tori Canfield said.

The goals of the new ordinance include:

- Promoting efficient and cost-effective lighting.
- Providing safe roadways for motorists.
- Protecting the ability to view the night sky, preserving quality of life and tourist experience.
- Ensuring sufficient lighting for safety and security.
- Allowing for flexibility in light fixture design.
- Making it affordable and simple to make lighting conform with the ordinance.

Canfield hopes to present a final draft of the ordinance to the Ketchum

### Wood River Valley stories, see B4

City Council by the end of January.

Two years ago, Jr. Steve Panley, an amateur astronomer, urged the council to adopt a "dark sky ordinance." Panley pointed out the difference between "good lighting" and "bad lighting," and mentioned some common misconceptions about security lighting. Security lighting is not necessarily better, Panley said.

"Panley was instrumental in pointing out to us that we have some of the clearest skies in the world," council president Chris Pothoff recalled.

She remembered having trouble in 1997 viewing the Blue-Sky number because of the glare from a neighboring town dome.

"We want to make sure our light is safe and not pollute, but also to maintain our ability to see the stars," Pothoff said.

Times-News correspondent Margot Higgins can be reached at Ketchum at 734-7227.



Elementary teachers and Memorial Elementary School principal Brent Perry discuss the school's discipline procedure.

## School seeks new way to keep students in line

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** - A Rupert grade school has taken a different approach to disciplining its kindergarten through second-grade students.

The parents complained that Memorial Elementary School's "citizenship" program was too vague and arbitrary, so school administrators are going to take a second shot at setting a discipline policy.

Now, behavioral reports will be submitted at the controversial citizenship program, said Memorial principal Brent Perry.

The change came after Scott and Madeline Binham complained to the Blinnoka County School Board.

When their daughter received a citation, it was not clear to her parents

what she had done.

They were under the impression she had been cited for not having a permit to go to the bathroom; they later learned she had been cited for laughing loudly and talking in the bathroom.

The citation has since been dropped, but the Binhams were troubled by the policy that led to the citation in the first place.

They said a citation could be issued without warning and there was no way a student could work it off. Students issued citations would not be allowed to attend parties or events such as movies, bowling, or video parties in the school gym, Perry said.

After the Binhams and several other parents complained, meetings have been held at Memorial to revise the

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MAGIC VALLEY/THE EAST END SERVICES

Robert A. Smith of Twin Falls, 10 a.m.-today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Robertson Funeral Chapel)

Arnold K. Harper of Oakley, 11 a.m. today at the Oakley LDS Stake Center; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church.

Roger D. Steinberg of Twin Falls, 2 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

George Bruckner of Jerome, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Jerome Cemetery. (Today at the Jerome Cemetery.)

Evelyn M. Andrews of Nampa, 2 p.m. today at Miss Funeral Chapel in Nampa.

HOSPITALS

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Admitted: Teresa Guerrero and William Logan, both of Burley; Margaret Justesen and Adrian McKee, both of Heyburn; Shirley Lewis of Rupert; and James Osterhout of Declo.

Released: Horlinda Davis, Kytlin Hamby, Krista Hamby, Willie Harris and Selene Ortega-Rios, all of Burley; and Fern White of Oakley.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

A son was born to Blanca and Marcellino Sanchez of Paul; and a daughter was born to Gina and Scott Spencer.

Obituary/Services

Oro C. Marcourt of Shoshone, 3 p.m. Monday at Demary's Shoshone Chapel. Lurille F. Nabeaux of Boise, memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Ryleu Funeral Home, 318 N. Latuh in Boise (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Deaths

Babies were born to Irbel and Teresa Guerrero of Burley and Winn and Jamie Osterhout of Declo.

Births: Babies were born to Irbel and Teresa Guerrero of Burley and Winn and Jamie Osterhout of Declo.

Hansen board chooses architects

By Margaret Jones Times-News Staff Reporter

THE HANSEN board has chosen three architects to design a new 500,000-sq-ft, multi-story building for the Hansen Board of Education. The \$10-million-plus building is expected to cost about \$3 million.

Building Academy. Another business: The elementary school spell-checking software project.

The board discussed education requirements. Physical education requirements have been reduced from four credits to three, giving students time to pick up increased credits assigned in humanities or technology. A total of 50 credits are needed for graduation.

about its area survey of salaries paid for extracurricular bus driving and substitute teachers. Hansen's salary scale was within this guideline. Elementary school principal Tom Stauden announced the fourth-grade math assessment test will be held on Jan. 26. Adult computer classes will be offered after Christmas.

DEATH NOTICES

TWIN FALLS — Elizabeth M. Cavell, 77, of White Mortuary in Twin Falls. CLIFFORD A. BELLAMY, 77, of Gooding and formerly of Glenns Ferry, died Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1998, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center.

TWIN FALLS



Mary E. Yost, 75, of Wendell and Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 19, 1998, when she was hit by a car in Wendell. She was born July 15, 1923, in Lancaster, Pa., the daughter of Raymond and Elsie Goff. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education at Stroudsburg Teachers College in Pennsylvania, worked for the March of Dimes and earned a fellowship to the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, where she graduated in 1946 with a degree in physical therapy. She worked with polio patients in Illinois, then moved to Glenwood Springs, Colo., where she met Paul Raymond Yost, a native of Missouri. They moved to Mill Valley, Calif., and were married in November of 1948.

Mary worked as a physical therapist in the Mill Valley area seven years and in Salt Lake City, Utah, one year. In 1955, she and Paul moved to Twin Falls, where Mary had a private physical therapy practice for 34 years. She took great pride in her work. She loved helping handicapped children and she generously took care of many home-bound patients above and beyond the job description. Over the years, she worked for the Twin Falls Clinic, Jerome Nursing Home, and the Hazeldale-Sky View Manor. She also did home-health physical therapy throughout the Magic Valley and served six years on the Idaho State Board of Medicine.

Mary retired in 1989 and moved to Wendell, where she lived with her family. She enjoyed life, swimming daily at the local pool in the summertime, riding her three-wheeled bicycle, and cooking gourmet dinners for her family and friends. She is survived by her son, Garry Yost of Hagerman, his wife, Deann, and his daughter, Ivy Wallace, daughter, Terrell Williams of Wendell, daughter, Greg and their sons, Dylan and Simon, daughter, Katelyn Yost of Wendell and her son, James Carriello, and one sister, Marian Wood of Pennsylvania. Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Paul, in 1973.

A memorial service for Mary Yost will be conducted at 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, 1998, at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

BUHL

Richard L. Vincent, 16, of Richard Leland "Lee" Vincent joined his father in Heaven Dec. 16,

Obituary/Services

1998, surrounded by friends and family. He was born Sept. 6, 1935, in Altoona, Calif., living his first love to Pleasant Plain, Iowa, for a short time. He then stayed with his father in New Mexico for a brief time before joining the U.S. Navy in 1955. He was stationed in Miramar, Calif., and was trained as an electronics technician on light aircraft. He was briefly married to Joyce Rose and had one daughter, Kara Lee. He met Claudia Spurgeon, who was also a pilot, and they were married Dec. 31, 1965. He had two children, Peggy Marie and Cindy Jane. Lee served 19 1/2 years in the Navy before being discharged on a medical disability for a back injury, having attained the rank of Tradesman Petty Officer, First Class and earning numerous medals and awards.

After he left the Navy, he moved the family to Buhl to be near his longtime friends, Terry and Son Lechner, and enjoy Idaho's fishing and wildlife. He worked for Thousand Springs Trout Farms for several years, and then moved to Lapwai, where he worked as manager of Kendall-Jackson Winery Warehouse. He moved back to Buhl in 1993 and was suffering from cancer. While there he worked as manager of Kendall-Jackson Winery Warehouse. He moved back to Buhl in 1993 and was suffering from cancer. While there he worked as manager of Kendall-Jackson Winery Warehouse.

He is survived by his mother, Dorothy Steele; sisters, Carl Metzger and Gail Rupp, his three children, his grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He will be remembered and loved. At his request, he will be given a private burial at 10 a.m. Monday at a bond of faith, that even time can't sever, a gift to last throughout our lives, a family is forever. Memorials may be made to the Humana Society, P.O. Box 1163, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Hospice Services, Box 408, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

MALTA



Ardith Rigby, 81, beloved mother, grandmother and sister died Friday, Dec. 18, 1998, at Cassia Regional Medical Center. She was born Oct. 31, 1917, in Arkadelphia, Utah, the eldest daughter of Thomas and Anna Dennis. She attended schools in Malad, Idaho, and graduated from Idaho State University with a teaching certificate. She taught school in Juniper, Idaho, before her marriage to Fred Rigby on Aug. 27, 1939, in Ogden, Utah. The marriage was later solemnized in the Logan, Utah, LDS Temple on June 10, 1940. Following their marriage, they lived in a Sublet where she farmed. Rigby was an active member of the LDS Church serving in many capacities. She was active in genealogy work. She loved to read and was a great cook and a skilled seamstress and produced a bounteous garden every year.

Obituary/Services

Julian (Glady's Boy) of Pacifica, Calif. Ron (Katy) Dennis of Grandtation, Utah. She is also survived by 24 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred, and her parents.

RUPERT

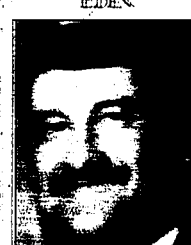


Ann L. Banks, 89, of Rupert, passed from the life of natural causes on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 20, 1998. She had been a resident at the Extended Care Facility of Minidoka Memorial Hospital for the past four years. She was born in Marquette, Mich., on Aug. 14, 1909, and was the youngest child of Rufus and Annie Woods Baker. She attended schools in Oklahoma and in Springfield, Ark. She is survived by her son, Don R. Banks. The family requests a short time in Springdale, Ark., after the time moved to Rupert, where she had a long and loving relationship to restore other people's lives, which became a passion.

She was a member of the Rupert First Methodist Church and was affiliated with the Rupert First Christian Church, where she was a member of the Christian Women's Fellowship. She was active in the church and was the Union Pacific Railroad Driver's Club. She also belonged to the Mary's Guild and cut for many years and was active in the church and was the Union Pacific Railroad Driver's Club. She also belonged to the Mary's Guild and cut for many years and was active in the church and was the Union Pacific Railroad Driver's Club.

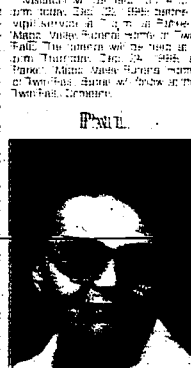
The Banks family enjoyed camping, fishing, travel and the joy of being outdoors with the many friends and family members. Ann was an excellent homemaker. As a daughter of a bakery shop parents, her mother's recipes in baking were always requested at many events. Ann loved to dance and in her later years enjoyed the Shoshone Center country dance. She also loved the music of the old songs and hymns, as well as country western music. She is survived by her son, Don R. Banks of Rupert, a grandson, Robert G. Banks, and a granddaughter, Deann Banks, both of Boise, Idaho; Richard Ewart of Pauline, Idaho; Alvin of Springdale, Ark., and additional nieces, and nephews of Missouri, Oklahoma and Nevada. She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Dorothy, two brothers and a nephew, David Banks, Ewart of Midwest, Idaho. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, 1998, at Springdale, Ark. No service will be held in Idaho. She will be buried in the Pacific Northwest at Buhl Cemetery in Springdale, Idaho. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel.

EDEN



Senarubio G. Hernandez, 62, of Sprague, Idaho, passed from this life on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 20, 1998. He was born Oct. 23, 1936, in Puerto Rico, and lived in Idaho for the last 10 years. He was married to Gladys Hernandez in 1962. He was a member of the Eden Baptist Church. He was a member of the Eden Baptist Church. He was a member of the Eden Baptist Church. He was a member of the Eden Baptist Church.

PAUL



Dena Schmittling Krupp, 80, of Paul, Idaho, passed from this life on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 20, 1998. She was born Oct. 23, 1918, in Paul, Idaho. She was a member of the Paul Baptist Church. She was a member of the Paul Baptist Church. She was a member of the Paul Baptist Church.

Obituary/Services

On April 7, 1928, Dena married Norman Krupp at the Paul Congregational Church to which she has been affiliated. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call one hour before the funeral today at the church. The family suggests contributions to the Paul Congregational Church of the Paul.

Obituary/Services

She is survived by all her children, 2 grand-children, 23 great-grand-children, four sisters, Emma Stimpson and Emma Russel, both of Hayburn, and Esther Wolfe and Frieda Bensch, both of Paul. A half-sister, Viola McClary of Paul, and two step-sisters, Emma Gutzack and Elsie Fox, both of California. She was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, the father, mother, two brothers, one sister, three step-sisters, one half-sister and a son-in-law.

Obituary/Services

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1998, at the Paul Congregational Church with Pastor Don Jones officiating. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call one hour before the funeral today at the church. The family suggests contributions to the Paul Congregational Church of the Paul.

Obituary/Services

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# Council to vote on development plan

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — The Burley City Council will decide today the fate of 25 years of development in the city.

As decision comes amidst controversy surrounding the proposed urban renewal plan for Burley and six acres of north Burley, within city limits but in Minidoka County.

"We've never done this before," said council member Curtis Mendenhall. "We can make mistakes — it all comes down to whether people trust what we're doing."

Mendenhall and the council will vote on the 25-year urban renewal proposal at a special council hearing at noon in City Hall.

The plan would help redevelop deteriorating parts of Burley. The redevelopment comes from attracting business to an area of the city by offering lower property costs and lower property taxes. This is made possible

through a tax assessment based on the entire city's assessed property value.

The urban renewal area cannot take in an area that accounts for more than 10 percent of the city's assessed property value — in the case, the area can have a value of no more than \$22.3 million, and the development area cannot exceed 10 percent of that value. This would keep the renewal area's boundaries close to the Snake River.

The areas deemed in need of development and improvement follow the Snake's south bank from the east end of Burley at the municipal golf course, to Max Herbold Inc. to the west.

Most of the deteriorated lands within the central part of the city, at the corner of Main Street and Overland Avenue, and stretching several blocks north of Main.

Improvements would include developing new businesses, housing projects and infrastructure, such as water, sewer and electricity.

In north Burley, the city plans to add a new fire station, a signal light and water and sewer line additions.

Some Minidoka County residents are wary of the Burley council's development motives. Many of them aired their concerns at a council hearing Monday.

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# Pegasus Gold eases into downsizing

RENO, Nev. (AP) — More than 11 months of litigating and negotiating ended with handshakes on Tuesday as Spokane, Wash.-based Pegasus Gold Inc. eased into history to be replaced by a scaled-down company.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Gregg Zive approved a reorganization of the company that merges Pegasus Gold International, Nevada's Florida Canyon Mine and Montana's Diamond Hill and Montana Tunnel mines into a new company called Apollo Gold.

Pegasus Gold once operated Black Pine Mine south of Burley. That mine has since closed down.

Thirteen other subsidiaries, mostly unprofitable mines, will be liquidated.

The effective date for the plan is Jan. 15, one day shy of a year after the company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

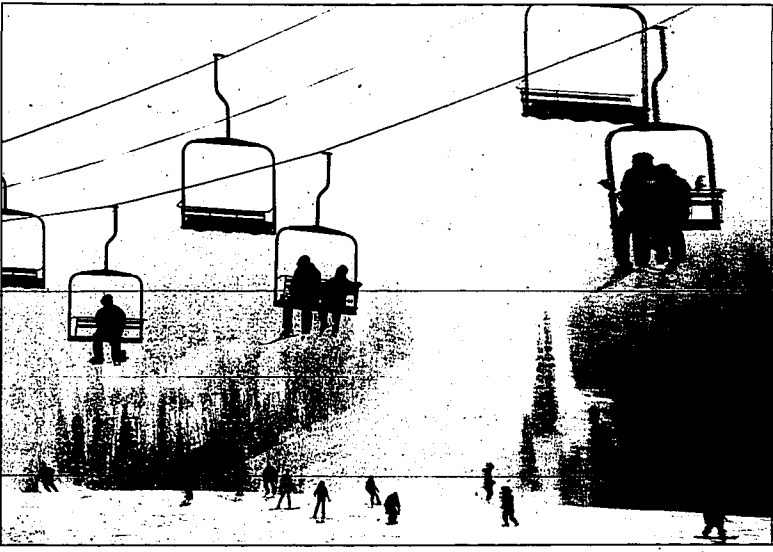
Zive conditionally approved the reorganization two weeks ago, but delayed a final okay until

Tuesday to be sure interim financing would be available to operate the new company.

An agreement was signed on Monday with G.E. Capital Corp. to provide up to \$20 million for as long as a year while Apollo Gold moves from being a new company with no ready cash to one that ideally will be showing a profit.

Another hurdle assures state and local governments in the areas where mines are being closed that reclamation of the sites will continue. Zive said the agreements are good for everybody because they will mitigate the effects of years of mining while providing work for people who otherwise would be losing their jobs.

The company turned to the court after a combination of dismal gold prices, high production costs and equipment failures at its Mt. Todd Mine in Australia left it with a \$512.8 million loss in 1997.



Both the lifts and the slopes are busy earlier this week at Sunlight Mountain resort in Glenwood Springs, Colo. The ski area, which is roughly halfway between Aspen and Vail, got almost 18 inches of snow Sunday and provided skiers with a reprieve from the drought-like conditions, just a time for Christmas.

# Idaho Power's rates remain among lowest

BOISE (AP) — A semiannual survey of investor-owned utilities shows Idaho Power Co. customers pay some of the lowest combined rates for electricity in the nation.

The survey of 150 companies, conducted in July by the Edison Electric Institute, found that the company's commercial and industrial customers pay some of the lowest rates in the nation.

Based on the consumption of 100 kilowatts of power, an average monthly bill for an Idaho Power medium-sized commercial customer would be \$1,139. In New York, that same customer would have paid \$4,551.

The savings for large commercial customers increases when it is based on 800 kilowatts. In Boise, the monthly bill for that amount of electricity would be \$5,675. In New York, the monthly bill would be \$22,499.

Idaho Power's residential customers also pay some of the lowest rates in the nation. Customers pay slightly over \$53 per month for 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity.

Only two other utilities offer lower rates. Spokane-based Washington Water Power, customer pay less, as do those of Lexington, Ky.-based Kentucky Utilities Company.

# State scientists credit regulations for improved air over Pocatello

POCATELLO (AP) — State scientists believe restrictions on wood stove smoke, road dust and industrial emissions have helped bring the city's air quality into compliance with federal pollution limits.

The Idaho Division of Environmental Quality is seeking public comments on its revised plan for demonstrating to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency officials that those con-

trols are effective.

In response to small-particle pollution levels recorded during January 1993 and before that violated federal air quality standards, Division of Environmental Quality regulators required J.R. Kincaid and Bannock Paving Co. to reduce emissions. The division also required state, county and city road crews in the area to start using less dusty traction materials on roads.

# School

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Parents complained the citation form was vague, the school is planning to use a specific form in the future, Perry said.

This is the first time Memorial has formalized its discipline process, he said.

Mammoth is a kindergarten through second-grade school. The discipline process was not formalized in the past because Perry did not believe it was needed for young children.

Parents will get more warnings, such as phone calls, when students are disruptive, throw objects, litter, lie, or use profanity.

Parents will be expected to come in and talk to the principal. "If I have to take time off work,

my kid better make sure I don't have to come in again," said Danelle Jones, a parent.

Students also can receive up to 10 minutes of reports before discipline-free party privileges are taken away. Instead of writing a note to parents, students will discuss behavior reports with the teacher on duty, Perry said.

Melinda Bingham and Jones were pleased with the changes in the policy.

The school will continue to work with parents to recess the discipline process, Perry said.

A final meeting to create a new behavior report form will be held after the holidays.

Times-News staff writer Lorraine Cavenar can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

# Cold wave grips West with subzero readings

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The frosty grip of a Yukon cold wave stretched across the West and as far south as the Mexican border. icy roads made Christmas-time travel treacherous and the biting cold left farmers in a struggle to save crops.

It was 21 below in Casper, Wyo., minus-10 degrees at Klamath Falls, Ore.; 0 degrees in Olympia, Wash.; 5 degrees in Hillsboro, Ore.; a Portland suburb, and 9 degrees in the desert town of Lancaster, Calif., just north of Los Angeles.

Meacham in the Blue Mountains of eastern Oregon was

## Cold elsewhere — A4

a bone-numbing 28 below. Temperatures dropped far below normal across Wyoming. In Cheyenne, the average temperature was minus-4 degrees. Casper's minus-21 degrees was 35 degrees below normal.

"Everyone has been put into the deep freeze," said meteorologist Jennifer Stark of the National Weather Service.

A San Francisco skier at Squaw Valley USA survived two nights lost in the Sierra Nevada

with temperatures as low as minus-20 before being rescued in the Truckee area. Nick Williams, 50, was stable Tuesday with frost-bitten feet at Tahoe Forest Hospital.

Ice box conditions made driving tricky.

"Trucks are having a hard time climbing in elevated areas and cars are spinning out because they don't have enough tread," Ron Scheele, spokesman for the Oregon Department of Transportation.

"It's been pretty bad. The ice just melted off my mirrors," long-haul trucker Billy Neal said while

driving south of Elgin, Ariz., on Interstate 17. He continues in Duluth, Ariz., and New Mexico across the trip considerably with "people being overly cautious," Neal said.

On the North Coast, on Interstate Highway 101, the report's main interruption. The California Highway Patrol shut down a 10-mile stretch between Williams and Grants.

Injuries in Multnomah County's Ironsides fell in Portland were left shivering in their walkways, and temperatures dropped into the 30s because of heavy rain.

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# THE NORTH SIDE/WOOD RIVER VALLEY Postal Service chooses new site

By Margot Higgins  
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - The U.S. Postal Service has indicated its No. 1 choice for the relocation of downtown Ketchum's post office is the corner of Second Avenue and Fourth Street.

Only a block away from the existing location, the new building will accommodate more Ketchum residents and provide more customer parking spaces. Postmaster John McDonald said the relocation has been in the works since 1988.

"We have been existing in an undersized building for quite some time now," he said. "... Parking is a major concern because 69 percent of our customers drive to the post office."

At least 18 employee spaces and 40 public parking spaces are expected to accompany the new

## What's next?

Ketchum residents may receive before Jan. 15 the proposed site plan for the new post office. The plan will be reviewed by the city council, and the post office location must be identified. Residents should identify the decision to which they object, and the reasons for it.

Mail responses to: Vice President Facilities, c/o Keith Larcker, Denver FSO, Denver Facilities Services Office, 955 E. Teller Ave., Suite 400, Denver, CO 80237-2881.

The site preference was announced in a letter to Mayor Guy Coles Friday and posted at the current post office, opening a 30-day period for public comment.

"Businesses in the area will be pleased by the proximity," Councilwoman Chris Porters said about the proposed site.

If there are no major objections from the public, real estate agents for the postal service will request funding from Washington, D.C. Cost of the new facility is expected to exceed the \$4 million price tag of the new post office in Hailey.

If funding for the new facility is approved, design and site planning will begin in spring 1999, and construction is expected in spring 2000.

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Times-News correspondent Margot Higgins can be reached in Ketchum at 736-7287.

# Ketchum council moves toward preserving historic buildings

By Margot Higgins  
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - City Council members are taking steps to preserve local history.

The council meeting Monday night featured a lengthy discussion on preservation of historic buildings.

The 13 buildings deemed historical in 1989 by the Ketchum/Sun Valley Historical Society, three already have disappeared to economic growth in the valley. Some community members, including longtime resident Ivan Swaner, are worried about losing pieces of the past.

"Our heritage should be carried on to future generations-for them to know how things in the pioneer days operated before our modern equipment," Swaner said.

Dorren Sadler, once a member of the historical society, said, "It's important to keep the character of this town."

But developer Bethann Benfroy urged the council to consider the great cost of such an undertaking. Three of his clients own properties labeled "historical" on the 1989 list.

"The issue that property owners want to make clear is that if historical preservation is the public, then the public should pay for it," Benfroy said. "A substantial amount of value for the owner is in the land. Property owners are concerned that they will be forced to lease buildings that aren't worth structurally."

Benfroy urged council members to make "a clear distinction of compensation to property owners" in any historical ordinance.

Councilman Dave Hutchinson told the audience the process will be slow and informative.

"We don't want to panic anyone towards demolition," he said.

In a unanimous decision, the council directed the city's planning and zoning staff to update the list of potential sites that are historically significant in downtown Ketchum. Then the city will determine which sites meet state and federal requirements for historic preservation.

The City Council will review the sites and determine whether a historical preservation ordinance should be formed to look into strategies, programs and incentives to help preserve Ketchum's older structures.

Times-News correspondent Margot Higgins can be reached in Ketchum at 736-7287.

# Gooding council revisits golf course subsidy

By Sharon Metcalf  
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - At least one council member says the lease of the public golf course by Gooding Country Club should be worth more than the paper it's written on.

Councilman Robert Reed, speaking on behalf of Rich Thompson for the club, told council members the golf course had a pump go out which pumps water back into its pond.

"I've got \$2,700 to replace that pump," Reed said. "The short lease is in a state with a shortage last year and were short of revenues. Now and then we have to give some thought as to whether the city could or should share in some of these costs. I think we should take it under consideration."

When a 30-year lease of a

Gooding's public golf course by the Gooding Country Club expired at the end of 1997, another local group requested the opportunity to bid for the lease.

The uproar that followed resulted in the city withdrawing its offer and a new lease agreement being made between the city and the country club.

The city formerly paid \$2,000 a year for the club, and city crews assisted with certain maintenance requirements. Under the new agreement, no yearly payment is made.

The lease outlined these responsibilities: Gooding Country Club agreed to continue to operate the property as a public golf course, keeping it thoroughly maintained and in good repair.

Gooding city agreed to be responsible for all legal assessments and taxes levied, and all

maintenance and operation charges for delivery of irrigation water.

The country club had deeded the golf course to the city under the original 30-year lease in order to qualify for money to install a sprinkler system.

This system reportedly is deteriorating, and the new lease implemented a 50-cent-per-nine-hole fee retained to the city for future improvements to the golf course.

No action was taken on Reed's suggestion. City Superintendent David Borman said he would look at a couple of old motors that might help get the pump running.

In other Gooding city business: A recent public hearing held by the city planning and zoning commission will have to be repeated. The rezoning for annexation of "Triangle 3" - an area west of town proposed for a

residential subdivision - failed to include other property which is part of the Triangle 3 area, near the canal and U.S. Highway 26. The meeting tentatively is scheduled Jan. 12.

Police Chief Paul Brown said a traffic safety survey by Tim Miller, law enforcement instructor at the College of Southern Idaho, indicated a 46 percent usage of seat belts in Gooding. This is the highest percentage in the Magic Valley, according to Miller's studies.

The city awarded an \$8,914.56 contract for wiring the new city shop building to Anderson Electric. The city also plans to have a radiant-tube heating system installed at a cost of \$2,197.

Times-News correspondent Sharon Metcalf can be reached in Gooding at 934-5292.

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**GOODING - Recent activity in Fifth District Court in Gooding County included the following:**

**Arraignments**  
Lynn Ann Alvord, 30, INDS 1700 E., Gooding, domestic battery, state hearing Jan. 22, 1999, Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Casady.  
Diane E. Burt, 44, 1415 E. 1st St., Gooding, driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, 30-day probation, state hearing Jan. 22, 1999, Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Casady.  
Vendell, driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, 30-day probation, state hearing Jan. 22, 1999, Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Casady.  
Lara Lynn Blum, 44, 406 Wyoming St., Gooding, disturbing the peace, failure to appear at hearing, possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, state hearing Jan. 22, 1999, Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Casady.  
Dorothy J. Caster, 58, 439 Third Ave. E., Gooding, driving under the influence, child plea sentencing, Jan. 21, 1999, Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Casady.  
Kathleen Lee DeLamont, 36, 800 Fourth St. N., driving under the influence, false name driver's license or person pleaded innocent, public defender appointed, state hearing Jan. 22, 1999, Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Casady.  
Daniel J. Ryan, 44, 414 W. 27th St., Burley, motion to revoke probation on driving under the influence, second offense and transportation of open container, failure to appear at hearing, Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Casady.  
Isaac Halvorson, 19, 9721 Pima, Boise, motion to revoke probation on minor consumption and failure to appear for misdemeanor status, failure to appear at hearing, assigned attorney, Jan. 7, 1999, Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Casady.  
Terry Lee Lacle, 50, no street or city address, driving under the influence, excessive or pleaded innocent, public defender appointed, state hearing Jan. 11, 1999, Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Casady.  
Thomas D. Maloney, 35, 151 E. Reed St., Hailey, motion to revoke probation on driving under the influence, second offense, driving without privileges, second offense, Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Casady.  
Michael J. Martin, 44, 1425 E. 29th S., Wendell, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, 30-day probation, state hearing Jan. 14, 1999, Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Casady.  
Scott Kirkham, 35, 474 E. 30th, Wendell, driving under the influence, under 21, minor consumption, hearing Jan. 21, 1999, Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Casady.  
Frances H. Swain, 51, 240 Second Ave. S., Wendell, battery, pleaded guilty, 30-day probation, assigned attorney, sentencing Jan. 14, 1999, Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Casady.

**Dismissals**  
Michael G. Baral, 35, 281 Camdent, Spore D12, Twin Falls, driving without privileges, public defender appointed, state motion to dismiss granted, Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Casady.  
Ray M. Smith, 40, 2155 E. 2000 E., Wendell, battery, dismissed by prosecutor, Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Casady.  
Joseph M. Wright, 15, 2024 E. 1400 S., Gooding, misdemeanor, driving, charge of 16th minor and only to dismiss, Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Casady.

**U.S. Bankruptcy Court**  
BOISE - Recent filings in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included:  
Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000  
12-month credit, 90 days jail, suspended, 12 months probation, supervised at discretion of probation officer, \$300 monthly, state hearing Jan. 22, 1999, Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Casady.  
Alcoholics Anonymous, one week for eight weeks, attend court monthly, Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Casady.  
Tiffani Ann Soderberg, 212 N. Second, Boise, individual, nonbusiness, chapter 7, 15 credits, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, case no. 98-04125.  
Marissa Shipp, 2111 E. Main St., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, chapter 7, 115 credits, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, case no. 98-04120.  
James Ray Taylor, 26, 21 W. Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, chapter 7, 1148 credits, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, case no. 98-04121.  
Wendell Hale and Crysta Hale, P.O. Box 202, Hailey, non-business, chapter 7, 204 credits, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, case no. 98-04122.  
Jae M. Olson, 34, 100 E. 1st, Boise, individual, nonbusiness, chapter 7, 1147 credits, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, case no. 98-04123.  
Ronald G. Lloyd and Rose N. Lloyd, 313 N. Burley, Burley, non-business, chapter 7, 1649 credits, assets \$50,000-\$100,000, liabilities \$100,000-\$500,000, case no. 98-04124.  
Faye B. Noyes, 416 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, chapter 7, 1649 credits, assets \$50,000-\$100,000, liabilities \$100,000-\$500,000, case no. 98-04125.

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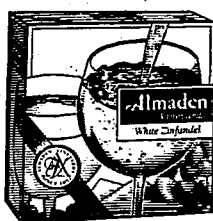
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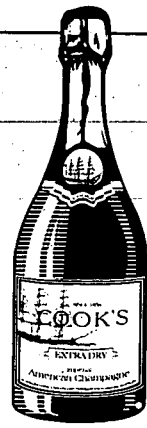
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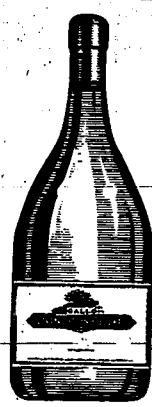
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# Next up for Mitchell: Olympic scandal

### Ex-majority leader will also help with Clinton's defense

NEW YORK AP — George Mitchell has another entry on his list of tough jobs — trying to get to the bottom of the biggest corruption scandal in Olympic history.

Mitchell, the former Senate majority leader who helped broker peace in Northern Ireland and is expected to play a key role in President Clinton's impeachment defense, was selected Tuesday to lead the probe into allegations of possible bribery surrounding the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics.

He had four others, including former White House chief of staff Les DuBois and base-

ball union chief Donald Fehr, will start their work for the U.S. Olympic Committee next week and hope to have a report by the end of February.

The goal, Mitchell said during a conference call, is to ensure that future Olympics in the United States are as clean as fairs and sponsors expect them to be.

"I believe the Olympic movement holds a special place in the hearts and minds of Americans and people around the world," Mitchell said. "We intend to investigate what happened in the past and make recommendations to assure that the selection of U.S. candidate cities for future Olympics is fair and above reproach."

The Mitchell inquiry is the third regarding accusations the Salt Lake City bidders violated

International Olympic Committee rules in the early 1990s by providing \$400,000 in scholarships to families of IOC members.

The Utah capital also gave away skis, custom shotguns and other lavish gifts, and even provided free medical care, according to interviews by The Associated Press and other news outlets.

The IOC and the Salt Lake Organizing Committee earlier began investigations, with senior IOC member Marc Hodler saying the bribery and blackmail goes far beyond the 2002 Games.

Mitchell, who helped broker the Northern Ireland peace accord and probably will play a key roll of contacting senators on Clinton's behalf as he faces trial, said he found the Olympic accusations "disturbing" but

not stunning.

"I spent 30 years in politics and the last three in Northern Ireland, and not much shocks me anymore," he said.

While his panel lacks subpoena power, Mitchell said it would cooperate with the other investigations in hopes of weeding out corruption. He said he would turn over any evidence of criminal wrongdoing to prosecutors. The Justice Department is conducting a preliminary review of the case.

"We would welcome any information that would help us determine how best to proceed," Justice Department spokesman Myron Marlin said.

In Salt Lake, SLOC senior vice president of public communications Shelley Thomas said organizers would cooperate with the USOC investigation, as they have pledged to do with the other inquiries.

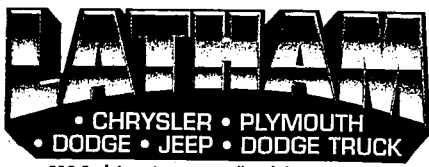


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Food Editor: Dennis Turner - 733-0917, ext. 24

## Put together a great guest room

**QUESTION:** I recently moved into a new house. Could you give me some tips on how to put together a guest room?  
—Jennifer Harrison, Daraburg, Ohio

**ANSWER:** Creating a space for guests in your home makes sure that providing them with a comfortable place to sleep, it's an opportunity to make them feel welcome and ensure that their time spent with you is memorable.

Ideally, a guest room is away from the main section of the house - this helps visitors feel as if they have a little space of their own within your home. An adjoining bathroom offers privacy and helps guests from feeling as if they are intruding on your personal area.

If the room is big enough, create a sitting area with a comfortable chair, a selection of books and magazines, perhaps a radio or CD player, and a desk with paper and pens for writing. Guests, especially those on an extended stay, will appreciate your efforts and be glad for a chance to spend some time alone (a luxury you will appreciate as well).

The most important piece of furniture in a guest room is the bed. It should be comfortable with crisp linens or cotton sheets. Plump pillows offer two pillows per guest - one medium to firm, the other soft, a light blanket and a heavy blanket or comforter for chilly nights. Include a cozy throw at the end of the bed for snuggling up with a book.

A bedside table should have a reading lamp, two music CDs and a vase of flowers and an alarm clock. But don't overdo it - allow your guest room for his or her own things.

If the room has wood floors, place a small rug beside the bed for bare feet to land on in the morning.

To make sure you use your guest room for other purposes when you don't have company, this is fine, but don't let visitors feel as though they are in the way of your things. Clean the room of clutter before they arrive, make sure there is ample space in the dresser and closets and provide plenty of sturdy clothes hangers. A full-length mirror is a bonus.

In the bathroom, clear space for toiletries on the countertop and in the shower, and provide towel racks or bins for hanging damp towels. Since they will be in unfamiliar surroundings, assist sleepy guests in finding their way with a low-level night light in the bathroom hallway.

**QUESTION:** Where does the belief that a bride should not see the groom on the day of the wedding come from?  
—Jennifer Wolf, Arlington, Va.

**ANSWER:** Like so many long-held wedding traditions, this "rule" is one that most of us have heard about, but few know why it exists.

The origins are not as romantic as we'd like to think. In the days of arranged marriages, a young woman was considered her father's property, and his financial burden, until she was married. He would send a marriage mediator and arrange the marriage, very often without introducing the bride and groom to each other.

In some the groom, from seeing his bride and changing his mind if he wasn't happy with her, the woman was kept out of sight until the wedding was complete. Therefore, it became "bad luck" for him to see her in advance.

Today, this archaic custom has evolved into a playful tradition: many couples still add to the excitement and anticipation of the ceremony if they don't see each other beforehand. And a groom's first sight of his bride as she walks down the aisle often becomes one of the most poignant moments in the wedding.

**QUESTION:** I have a cheese cake recipe that calls for the cake to be baked in a pan of water in the oven. What is the purpose of this?  
—Helen Elliott, Maple Ridge, British Columbia

**ANSWER:** Many recipes for cheese cakes and tarts, etc. call for baking in a water bath. The French term for this is

# Fun and food for the family

## When you come to Vito's, bring the kids

By Rachel Denny  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - With Italian opera playing softly in the background, Vito's Old Towne Pasta House provides a traditional atmosphere in a family-friendly environment.

The tablecloths are a green and white check. The floors are wood. "We're shooting toward the family side," said restaurant manager Jon Peavey. "Most of the parents enjoy it because we welcome families with kids."

Vito's was designed as an affordable Italian restaurant and new addition to Old Towne.

"We're trying to add another choice for people to come to Old Towne," said Rick Beus, general manager of the Old Mill Building where the restaurant is located. "We've already got an upscale steakhouse and a brewpub. This is neither. It's geared toward the families."

With children's meals ranging in price from 95 cents to \$4 and offering spaghetti and meatballs, in addition to smaller portions of adult entrees, just about any kid can be pleased.

Minestrone soups range from \$2 to \$3, and entrees are anywhere from \$5 to \$8. As for desserts, Beus has one that he says is a must.

"This is the best place in Idaho to get a Spumoni Pie (Italian ice cream pie)," Beus said.

"It consists of pistachio, cherry and chocolate ice cream in a chocolate cookie crumb crust with whipped cream and nuts. That dessert only sets the customer back \$3."

"The first couple weeks we were open,



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one couple came in five out of seven nights because they said they'd been waiting for this kind of restaurant," Peavey said.

Vito's makes adjustments when necessary to satisfy customers, but pizza-lovers need to know: There is no pizza.

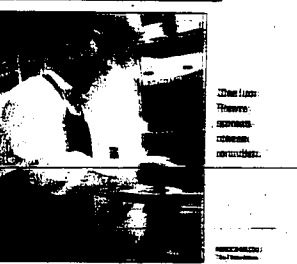
"This is Twin Falls," Beus said. "A lot

of people think that Italian food is pizza. We don't have pizza."

What Vito's has is the traditional spaghetti, lasagna, manicotti, ravioli and veal parmigiano - along with seating for 104 people and a non-smoking environment.

"This is a place to bring kids and not feel like you (the parents) are being stared at because they're rowdy," Peavey said.

"(But) with the simple things we've done, it makes it a little more classy than people would expect."

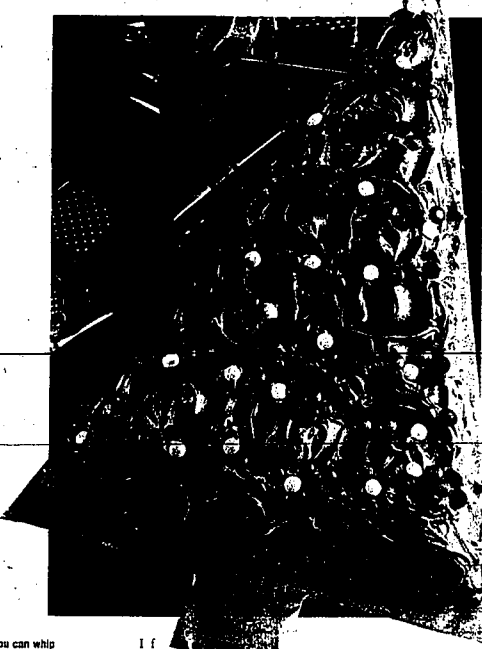


# Start some new holiday traditions

What's the distinctive aroma of the holidays? The delectable fragrance of fresh-baked goodies, still warm from the oven. And what's a unique activity we treasure this time of year? The fun of being creative in the kitchen.

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**HOLIDAY BROWNIE TREE**  
**BROWNIES:**  
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1/2 cup oil  
1/4 cup water  
2 eggs  
1 package (12 ounces) M&M's Chocolate Mini Baking Bits, divided  
**FROSTING AND TOPPING:**  
Few drops green food coloring  
1 can Pillsbury Creamy Supreme Vanilla Frosting  
Heat oven to 350 F. Line 13-by-9-inch pan with foil, extending foil over edges; grease foil.  
In large bowl, combine brownie mix, oil, water and eggs; beat 50 strokes with spoon. Stir in 1 cup mini baking bits. Spread batter in greased foil-lined pan. Bake for 28 to 30 minutes or until set. **DO NOT OVERBAKE.** Cool 30 minutes or until completely cooled. Freeze brownies 30 minutes. Using foil, lift brownies from pan, place on cutting board.  
To cut tree shape from brownies, starting at center of one short side, make 2 cuts diagonally to corners at opposite short side, forming a triangular piece in center. (See diagram.) Place 2 side pieces together on foil-lined serving tray to form tree shape.

Add green food coloring to can of vanilla frosting; stir to combine. Spread 1/3 cup frosting over tree shape; top with whole tree shape. Trim if necessary to line up edges. Frost sides and top of tree shape with remaining frosting. Sprinkle remaining baking bits decoratively over top of

tree or place in rows to form mountain shape. Makes 18 servings.

**SMOKIES/SHRUBS:**  
4 large marshmallows (about 4 cups) or 4 cups mini-marshmallows  
5 tablespoons margarine  
6 cupsraham cracker-type cereal  
1 package (12 ounces) M&M's Chocolate Mini Baking Bits, divided  
In a 4- to 5-quart pot over medium-low heat, melt marshmallows and margarine. Stir until smooth. Remove from heat; gently stir in cereal, then mix in 1 cup mini-baking bits. Using well-greased tongs, lightly form mixture into 2 1/2-ounce diameter balls. Immediately press remaining mini-baking bits into surface of balls. Wrap individually in cellophane or tissue wrap and tie with ribbon. Makes 18 or 20 balls.

**RED AND WHITE PEPPERMINT CAKE**  
1 package Pillsbury Moist Supreme White Cake Mix  
1 1/4 cups water  
1/4 cup oil  
3 egg whites  
1/2 cup crushed peppermint candy

**TOPPING:**  
1 can Pillsbury Creamy Supreme Vanilla Frosting  
1/4 cup crushed peppermint candy  
1/2 cup white icing  
Heat oven to 350 F. Grease and flour 13-by-9-inch pan; line pan with foil. Beat cake mix with water and oil. Stir in egg whites in two stages. Spread batter in prepared pan. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes or until cake pulls away from sides of pan and springs back when touched lightly in center. Cool completely. Spread frosting over entire cake; decorate with 1/4 cup crushed candy. Makes 12 servings.

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Desktop foliage: Employing plants in the office landscape

By Nancy Brachey Knight-Ridder News Service

Within the walls of your office cubicle, between the mouse and the keyboard, below the outboard and above the pencil cup, have you ever found the greenery?

It's perfect for desktop-size foliage and flowers that are suited to life under the fluorescent lights. Some such as flowering poinsettias, chrysanthemums and kalanchoe, will be transient, offering a bright spot for several weeks. Others may prove enduring, lasting success. They'll be with you until retirement.

Whether their work life proves long or short, office plants make cubicles prettier, nicer places. You may even find the soothing of prairie, or the soft colors of cyclamen, a momentary and pleasant distraction from the stresses of the work day. You may find the willingness of poinsettias and philodendrons to do what's expected an unexpected pleasure.

Yet, like workers, not every indoor plant is suited to every job.

Here's how I'd write their job descriptions. Seasonal workers: They arrive at your desk, make a splash, impress everybody, then leave. Of course, these are small potted plants such as cyclamens, chrysanthemums, kalanchoe, cinerarias, streptocarpus, and poinsettias. These are seasonal plants, often available for \$5 or so in small, 4-inch pots, suitable for even the most crowded desktop. Look upon these blooms as a temporary breath of fresh air inside your cubicle. Keep the plants evenly watered; enjoy them while the flowers last; then recognize they've gotten your money's worth and send them on their way. (You could plant the chrysanthemum outdoors.)

May stay until retirement: Despite their origin in tropical jungles, some potted plants seem tailor-made for office life. Leave the lights on day and night. Go off on vacation and leave them unattended. Get involved in a major project and forget to water them for days. No matter. Like employees who prosper despite repeated changes of supervisors, these plants hang tough. Of course, that means philodendron - it's like the duldest yet most dependable member of the staff. Chlorophytum, however, comes from Southeast Asia for cubicles planted far from natural sun.

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schedule. Combine the water with a water-soluble fertilizer labeled for foliage plants diluted to half-strength.

• Make sure the pot sits in a saucer. That will keep moisture from seeping onto your desk, papers and books. Be sure the water stand in the saucer. That could lead to rot. Drain the saucer shortly after you've watered the plant.

• Report the plant as it grows. As your plant prospers, signaled by strong growth, you'll eventually move it up to a slightly larger pot. Look for attractive, plastic ones in colors that suit most offices, such as gray, green, brown, black or burgundy. Some have concealed watering wells you fill with water. The water rises by capillary action to the soil, making it easy to keep the soil moisture right.

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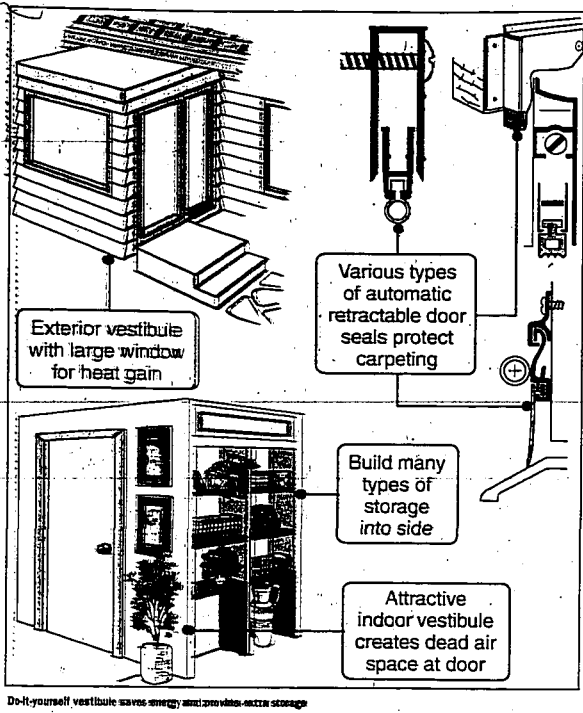
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Do-it-yourself vestibule saves energy and provides extra storage

# Entry vestibule saves energy

**DEAR JIM:** Our kids are always running in and out. This creates a chilly draft indoors and a lot of dirt. Does it make sense to build a simple vestibule at the door? What type of door threshold weatherstripping is best?



**SENSIBLE HOME**  
James Dullea

**DEAR SUE:** Building a door vestibule is an excellent idea and a fun do-it-yourself project. Not only will it cut your utility bills year-round, but it can be attractive and functional. The efficient air lock it creates at the door also blocks noise and the free flow of pollen, molds and dust into your home.

First, before even considering building a vestibule, be sure that your primary door is airtight. The threshold seal (under the door) usually takes the most abuse from children's feet. There are many types of replacement threshold seals to choose from: sweep, door shoe, vinyl bulb, automatic retractable, etc.

My favorite threshold seal is an automatic retractable design. When you open your door, the flexible seal at the door bottom automatically lifts slightly. This keeps it from wearing and discolored your carpeting. For the easiest and quickest installation, select a retractable design that screws to the interior face of the door. These are nicely finished and can make an attractive accent to the door bottom. Other non-retractable designs mount under the door and are hidden from view. These require

the door bottom to be trimmed. Once your door is sealed, you must determine the basic vestibule design you want. If you have a roomy foyer or space immediately across the front door, an interior vestibule is ideal. This space adjacent to a front door is seldom used, anyway. You can also build thresholds or shelves into the side of it.

An exterior outdoor vestibule is attractive for any door, but especially for a back door. This provides space for muddy shoes and boots to be removed and stored. Install a small bench, coat hooks and some shelves for small gear like coats, gloves, hats, etc. I keep my snowgrip repellent handy in mine.

The simplest exterior vestibule uses basic 2-by-4 wall framing and a half-inch rigid foam insulation board. Since the vestibule is not heated, an inexpensive non-insulated door is adequate. Good weatherstripping is important. Install a small window for natural lighting. An inexpensive single-pane window is adequate because the primary purpose of the vestibule is just to create an air seal. If the window faces south, con-

sider installing a larger thermal window and using foam insulation sheathing. You will be surprised at how warm the vestibule will get. With the large window, it is an excellent spot to start some plants in hanging baskets. When you open the house door, you will feel the warmth.

Write for Update Bulletin No. 616 - do-it-yourself instructions for making an outdoor and an indoor vestibule/bookcase, suppliers of automatic thresholds, and door sealing tips. Please include \$3 and a business-size SAE.

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

**DEAR JIM:** We are building a large wooden deck behind our house. We plan to have several electrical outlets on it. I have heard that ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) will not work on a deck?

**DEAR SUE:** Check your local codes, but I would recommend GFCI's outlets for your deck or any location that may get damp. Even small electrical currents, too small to trip a circuit breaker, can be dangerous. What you heard about decks and GFCI's is true of a dry deck. Since dry deck lumber is insulating from the ground, there usually is no ground fault. Even if you get between the hot and neutral wires, a GFCI probably will not trip.

# Ask owners about operation costs of electric heat pumps

**Q:** We are thinking of buying a 10-year-old house that is equipped with an electric heat pump. Some people have told us heat pumps are quite costly to run in winter. Is this true?

**A:** The best way to find out how much it costs to heat this home, or any home that is for sale, is to ask the owner for records of heating bills for the last several years. Make sure that a really "cold" winter is included in the records you see. If the owner can't or won't produce these records, you should think twice about buying.

Also, if there are other heat pumps in the community where you might buy a home, you should interview some of the owners. In general, the efficiency and operating cost of a standard air-source heat pump varies with the outside temperature. The pump, which provides both winter heating and summer air conditioning, extracts heat from outside air in winter and releases the heat inside the house. In summer, the pump extracts heat from inside air and releases it outside.

The cost of heating with an air-source heat pump can escalate when the outside temperature drops below 30 degrees, because there is very little heat that can be extracted from the air. To compensate, the heat pump switches to a backup heating mode. With most air-source pumps, the backup heat is an electric-resistance heater ("hot wires") that uses considerably more electricity than is used in normal operation.

Some heat pumps have gas as the backup heating source, and some are more efficient by extracting heat from the earth or underground water instead of outside air. All heat pumps work most economically in homes that are very energy efficient — well insulated and with few air leaks to allow outside air to enter and inside air to escape.

I have talked with many heat-pump owners over the years. Some are quite satisfied with the pumps, others literally hate them. A common heating complaint is that the air stream from registers is not comfortably warm.

**Q:** We recently bought a condominium with a shower floor of ceramic tiles. The floor is slippery and dangerous. Adhesive decals won't stick. Is there a non-slip paint that would work?

**A:** Epoxy paint containing anti-slip grit would give some traction. Both the paint and grit can be bought at some paint stores and home centers. However, I don't recommend trying to paint the floor. The shower floor would be absolutely clean when



**DO IT YOURSELF**  
Gene Austin

Painted or the paint will not stick. The tiles would also have to be degreased with sandpaper before painting. Finally, the frequent spraying with hot water might cause the paint to peel in a short time.

I think the best bet is a rubber-backed shower mat of the type with many suction cups on the bottom. If necessary, make a custom mat for the shower drain so that the mat doesn't interfere with drainage. Removing the mat after each shower and letting it dry out will help keep it clean and free of mildew.

**Q:** I have some tubes of caulk-ing compound left over from last fall. I know there is lots of caulk still in the tubes, but when I put them in my caulking gun and squeeze the trigger, nothing comes out. Can I salvage the caulk?

**A:** If a caulk cartridge or tube isn't very tightly sealed after the original seal is broken, a plug of hardened caulk will form in the nozzle of the cartridge and no amount of squeezing or poking with a nail will force it out.

Here's how to salvage the caulk: Use a sharp utility knife to cut open the cartridge's plastic nozzle lengthwise. Push the blade of a screwdriver or awl into the cut and pry out the plug of hard-

ened caulk. Wrap electrical tape around the nozzle to repair the cut. Push a long nail into the nozzle to remove any remaining obstruction. You should now be able to squeeze caulk from the cartridge as usual.

When you have finished caulking, push a long nail into the nozzle as a sort of removable cork. Then wrap the nozzle tightly with aluminum foil. This will often seal the caulk cartridge tightly enough to keep the caulk fresh for the next use.

Some caulk cartridges also come with plastic caps that can be screwed or pushed onto the nozzles to reseal the cartridges. If your next caulk comes with such a cap, save it and use it — the caulk will remain usable much longer. If slitting the nozzle of a caulk cartridge doesn't work, a last-ditch solution, if some caulk is needed in a hurry, is to cut open the body of the cartridge with a sharp knife. You'll generally find some usable caulk that can be dug out and applied with a putty knife.

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**Knight Rider News Service**

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**Side dishes' side effects**

From the grapefruit juice, check your medicine cabinet before drinking it. It tops a list of everyday foods that can cause side effects, even life-threatening problems, when consumed together with certain medications. Consumer Watch America's report shows that foods sometimes interact dangerously with medications. The National Consumers Union has begun a campaign to tell consumers exactly what food sometimes do not mix. For a free copy of "Food & Drug Interactions," call 1-800-635-9140.

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Elegance is made easy with the right combination of napkin rings, candle holders and glassware. Simple treatments also make an elegant statement.

## Hungry for a great dining room?

By Carmen Ruzsa Knight-Rider News Service

Creating an inviting dining room is a challenge shared by homeowners and restaurateurs. Both often have obstacles such as narrow ceilings, expanses of bland walls or cramped, narrow spaces.

"It's a real do-or-die for the owner and start taking notes. A favorite restaurant's décor often captures just the look and feel you're hungry for, whether it's a Tuscan villa, modern minimalist or comfortable country style."

Child, restaurateur and interior designer Barbara Lazaroff of Spauld and Pomeroy fame (her husband is famed chef Wolfgang Puck) did a segment on Home & Garden TV on the very subject. She says there are enough parallels to make it worth a second look. Her award-winning restaurants, including Spago, Palo Alto, Calif., are renowned for inventive uses of color, style and light.

"The most interesting, dramatic homes and restaurants are those with personality," she says. "A home should reflect the people who live there, how they live and maybe be something of their heritage."

The first step should always be to assess the space and determine lighting, views and intended uses.

"Then working within limitations and vision lines is the same for restaurateurs as it is for homeowners," she says.

The challenge of boring, boxy rooms without a scrap of architectural interest can be met by adding details like colorful artwork or displays of personal collections. A \$300,000 art collection enhances Cannes Las Vegas, but she says a more modest budget can create big effects as well, as long as the pieces have a real meaning to the owners.

Lazaroff loves to use color to create drama. She recommends adding doses of it to rooms in bold ways, whether it's on a wall, a sofa or piece of art.

Color is just one of the inspirations at the Star Anise in Walnut Creek, Calif., where restaurateur Kuan says she and her partner, Joe Kuan, dine but only during the restaurant's quiet hours but be inspired by a similar approach to décor.

Architect Jose Kuan, who co-owns the restaurant with his two chefs, says the inspiration for the lavishly appointed dining room was the family's urban neighborhood of San Francisco and the colors of Thailand. He chose these colors for their signifi-

### Top restaurants offer decorating ideas

While enjoying a meal out, take note of your surroundings, especially at four-star restaurants. Take advantage of the designer know-how on display and borrow decorating ideas. The list is long, but restaurants such as Prima in Walnut Creek, Calif., and Restaurant-Vergo in San Francisco all have lots of ideas to go.

Flowers, candles and linens are musts. Four-star restaurants use these basics for good reason. Integrate in a large, airy bouquet of fresh flowers, place it on a beautifully draped table, then light some candles.

Paint the wall that gets the most light two values lighter than the other walls. The wall "with" the room in light, says designer Craig Leavitt.

Older rooms or those with less than stellar views can become stunning with creative, unorthodox treatments. Stucco with windows that face an alley, Barbara Lazaroff used bamboo in pantries outside the windows, attached breaknests they need little soil or moisture and hogged last tubes to the wall, when she then filled with round mirrors. The resulting effect of filtered light coming through a jangle of plates is an "amazing display," she says.

Crystal drama in a high ceiling by tacking a wide-length of sheer fabrics in jewel tones as at Postino or in neutral, elegant colors.

A touch of whimsy never hurts. At Plumlock in San Francisco, the designers had curtains made from metal "ribbons."

Think large scale. Small decorative details tend to have equally small impact. Lark Creek Walnut Creek's hand-painted plates are oversized and bold, bright colors.

Add classic "architectural." Postino's entrance features massive concrete urns on columns. Check out garden centers for similar urns and dress up with low-maintenance plants.

Use seasonal touches such as festive holiday bows.

A theme makes decorating spaces manageable. Lark Creek's must of birds and bathhouses made short work of choosing accessories.

Lighting makes all the difference. Consider consulting a lighting designer when you can't find suitable fixtures at stores, have them custom-made.

Bring down high ceilings by anchoring large artwork at eye level.

Collections always add interest. Old cookbooks pages matted and framed add a touch of retro charm at Lark Creek, but the same result could be achieved with reproduction floor tiles, suit ties of food or other culinary theme.

Add decorative details to plain objects. Star Anise has simple vases transformed with acrylic paint and gold ribbon.

Of the salvage yards. We cleaned them up, gave them a nice gold finish and put them in front of the restaurant. With plants in them, they now have a surreal feel."

The elegant gold leading on a variety of surfaces at Star Anise has customers wanting how-to instructions. While not simple, the leading is something that can be done at home and adds polish, says Kuan. Gift front doors will make your neighbors sit up and take notice.

At the contemporary Obelisk in Rockridge, architect/owner Ric

Figueiredo commissioned Marsson Lighting in Novato to produce his own design of bronze pyramid light fixtures.

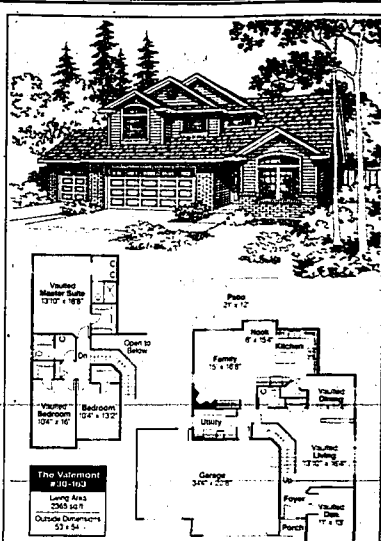
"You'd be surprised at how reasonable it can be to have light fixtures custom-made. I probably only saved \$300 to \$400, but the value I got knowing I have something no one else does is priceless."

The Lark Creek Walnut Creek nicely illustrates how a motif—in this case the Lark Creek "bird"—can provide a signature look. Art advisor Suzy Locke of Suzy R. Locke Associates in Oakland added a bevy of birdhouses and a series of colorful hand-painted plates over the open kitchen.

They are a bright touch that any homeowner can duplicate. Another series of plates are the handwork of manager Bryan Layton, who painted them himself at a nearby ceramics shop.

Charming paintings rendered on old seed windows, along with a collection of framed pages from old cookbooks also contribute to the restaurant's lighthearted effect and can be done at home, says Locke.

Fresco-style murals evocative of an Italian countryside are an inspiring décor idea homeowners can borrow from Pristino in Lafayette. The rough gilded walls are inset with murals featuring impressionistic brushstrokes that suggest trees and landscapes. For the faint-hearted, a decorative painter or art school student could be hired for the task.



## The Valemont has space to spread out

Four front gables draw eyes to the Valemont, a midsize contemporary home with an expansive three-car garage and plenty of space to spread out.

The entire main floor (excepting the utility room and powder room) is devoted to gathering spaces. Families who like to entertain will appreciate the many options, as will those whose relaxation needs are varied.

In the foyer, a plant shelf is illuminated by a high window above. The hallway ahead is open to the second floor. Rooms to the right are vaulted and generously windowed. The den could be a home office.

Living room and dining room flow together and are open to the hallway that skirts an open staircase winding up to the left. Graceful columns support a plant shelf here that defines the boundary between living room and dining room.

Formal rooms fill the rear. Family room, nook and kitchen are all of a piece and rich in natural light. In the family room, a

gas fireplace and home entertainment center nestle into the corner and wall furthest from the windows. Sliders in a rectangular bay expand the nook and provide patio access.

The large kitchen offers abundant storage and counter space, including a step-in pantry and central walk-in island.

A built-in desk next to the refrigerator is handy for managing the complexities of a modern household.

Upstairs, vaulted ceilings expand the volume of the Valemont's master suite and front bedroom. All three bedrooms have walk-in closets.

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# Party tidbits: Hors d'oeuvres to whet everyone's appetite

By Carolyn Jung  
Knight-Ridder News Service

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1/2 teaspoon ground ginger  
2 teaspoons ground cumin  
1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes  
1/4 cup sesame seeds  
3/4 cup sugar  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
3 cups whole blanched almonds

Mix salt, cumin, ginger, red pepper flakes and sesame seeds together with 1/4 cup sugar in a large bowl. Heat oil in a heavy-bottomed sauce pan over medium heat. Add nuts and stir continuously until they start to smell fragrant, taking care not to burn

them, about 2 minutes. Sprinkle in 1/2 cup sugar and shake pan occasionally to keep nuts from burning. Stir only when sugar starts to melt and caramelize. Remove the sauce pan from heat when nuts are a dark golden brown and smoking slightly. Add nuts to spice mixture and toss them quickly to coat well. Spread them out on a non-stick baking sheet. Using two forks, separate nuts from one another while still hot.

When cool enough to handle, finish separating them by hand. This must be done quickly; once nuts become cool and caramel sets, they are difficult to separate. Store in airtight container. They will keep for 2 to 3 weeks. Makes 20 servings.

**CHEESE STRAWS**  
1 1/2 cups finely grated Parmesan cheese  
1 cup finely grated sharp Cheddar cheese  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
Flour for dusting work surface  
1 pound frozen puff pastry, defrosted

1 egg beaten  
Mix cheeses, salt and cayenne in small bowl. Dust work surface with flour. If pastry dough is packed in two 12-pound sheets, roll 1 sheet or 8 ounces pastry on 10-by-18-inch rectangle. Brush entire surface of dough with beaten egg and sprinkle 1 cup cheese mixture over top half of dough. Fold bottom half over cheese and press edges with rolling pin to seal, then press dough gently in a few places to make layers stick together.

Roll dough into 10-by-28-inch rectangle. Sprinkle 1/2 cup cheese mixture over top of dough and with rolling pin press cheese into dough. Using pizza wheel, trim edges of dough and cut into 3/4-inch-wide strips. Sprinkle strips liberally with 4 or 5 times flour center out and place on parchment-lined cookie sheet.  
Repeat with remaining dough. Place cookie sheets in the refrigerator to allow dough to rest 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Bake cheese straws for 10 to 12 minutes until golden. Remove from oven and cool on wire rack. Serve at room temperature.



Creamy Hash Brown Casserole goes great with steak and other meats, too.

## Side dish casseroles are quick and easy

Sumptuous side dishes can make an ordinary meal extraordinary. Low country cooks — Carol Beever of Pryor, Okla., and Germa Stutzman of Adair, Okla. — teamed up to create this savory side dish that was featured in *East of Home* magazine.

**CREAMY HASH BROWN CASSEROLE**  
1 package (32 ounces) frozen Southern-style hash brown potatoes, thawed

1 pound process American cheese, cubed  
1 can (10 3/4 ounces) condensed cream of chicken soup, undiluted  
2 cups (16 ounces) sour cream  
3/4 cup butter or margarine, melted, divided  
3 tablespoons chopped onion  
1/4 teaspoon paprika  
2 cups cornflakes, slightly crushed

Fresh savory, optional  
In a large bowl, combine hash browns, cheese, soup, sour cream, 1/2 cup butter and onion. Spread into a greased 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking dish. Sprinkle with paprika. Combine cornflakes and remaining butter. Sprinkle on top. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 50 to 60 minutes or until heated through. Garnish with savory if desired. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

## Cheese wizardry: Try your own variations on grilled sandwich

By William Rice  
Chicago Tribune

**CHICAGO** — The story of the invention of the sandwich: The fourth Earl of Sandwich, John Montagu by name, is hungry but won't leave the gaming table at 11:30. So either he or, more likely, a clever butler orders a slice of meat served between two slices of bread. The Earl can eat this creation without leaving his seat and without having to put down his cards to pick up a knife and fork.

That happened in 1762. Just when the next great evolutionary step in sandwich fabrication occurred is not recorded. But soon after the end of the Napoleonic wars, as travel between England and France resumed, French visitors were praising "rotches rabbits" (Wish rabbit or rabbit), in which a mixture of Cheddar cheese and ale was spread on a slice of bread and then toasted.

This was an open-face sandwich. This was a grilled cheese sandwich. This was great eating, though considering what the French in search of English cooking in general, they may have overreacted in tasting something so palatable.

**SUNNY ITALY GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH**  
Makes one  
1 slice Italian bread, cut about 1/2-inch thick  
1 tablespoon pesto sauce, fresh or from a jar  
1 or 2 medium tomatoes in oil, drained and chopped  
1 ball fresh mozzarella cheese, sliced, and over one side of the bread. Scatter tomato pieces over the pesto. Cut as many 1 1/4-inch-thick slices from the mozzarella ball as needed to cover the bread. Broil in an oven or toaster oven until the cheese softens and begins to melt, about 1 to 2 minutes.

**GOUDA AND CHICKEN GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH**  
Makes one  
1 slice white bread, cut about 1/2-inch thick  
1 1/2 teaspoons mustard, sweet German preferred  
2 slices cooked chicken or turkey breast, cut about 1 1/2-inch thick  
1 teaspoon finely chopped sliced almonds

Sliced aged Gouda cheese as needed, cut about 1/8-inch thick (Smoked Gouda may be substituted).  
Lightly toast the bread on both sides. Spread mustard over one side of the bread. Place sliced chicken atop the mustard, leaving a border. Sprinkle almonds over the chicken. Cut as many slices of Gouda as needed to cover the bread. Broil in an oven or toaster oven until chicken is heated through and cheese has melted and begins to brown. If desired, garnish with additional sliced almonds.

**GRILLED DEVILED HAM AND CHEESE**  
Makes two sandwiches  
2 slices sourdough bread, cut about 1/2-inch thick  
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard  
1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
Dash cayenne pepper, optional  
1/4 cup chopped ham  
1/3 cup topped and shredded Cheddar cheese  
1 tablespoon chopped pickle.

**French cornichon preferred**  
In a small bowl, combine the mustard, Worcestershire and optional cayenne. Add the ham, cheese and pickle and mix well combined. Spread this mixture over one side of each slice of bread. Broil in an oven or toaster oven until cheese has melted and begins to turn brown.

**GRILLED TURTLE AND MONTEREY JACK SANDWICH**  
Makes four sandwiches (two servings)  
1 French baguette  
2 teaspoons olive oil  
4 sprigs fresh thyme  
4 slices Monterey Jack or Muenster, cut about 3/8-inch thick  
Freshly ground black pepper to taste  
Dash baguette oil, as in product  
4 slices, each 1/4-inch thick, Swiss cheese  
Paint one side of each slice with 1/2 teaspoon olive oil and trim the outer side in an oven or toaster oven. While the bread is warming, remove leaves from the thyme sprigs. Sprinkle leaves evenly over the toasted side of each slice. Cut cheese so it will cover the bread without hanging over the sides. Arrange cheese on the bread atop the thyme. Sprinkle with pepper and a few drops of olive oil. Return to broiler and heat until cheese bubbles and begins to turn brown. Allow two pieces per serving.  
—Adapted from "The Kitchen Garden Cookbook"

## TUNA AND PASTA An antidote to the hectic holidays

By Linda Gassenheimer  
Wright-Ridder News Service

Do you need a survival dinner for this frantic holiday period? Instead of sorting for make-or-buy, you can whip up this quick, healthy Tuna Penne Pasta. Penne pasta is perfect for this hearty nuttuto and tuna sauce, but any type of short-cut pasta such as shells or elbow macaroni can be used.

The Italian White Bean Salad is a quick side dish. It uses canned, rinsed, white Italian kidney beans sold in most supermarkets. It's simply drained even more, use a bagged, prewashed salad instead of romaine lettuce and a bottled low-fat dressing.

**TUNA PENNE PASTA**  
1/2 pound penne pasta  
2 cups canned, chopped tomatoes (including juice)  
1 tablespoon tomato paste  
2 garlic cloves, crushed  
1/4 cup fresh basil leaves  
1/4 ounce canned white-bean nuttuto-in-water

10 pitted black olives, cut in half  
1 teaspoon olive oil  
Salt and freshly ground pepper  
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese  
Heat 3 to 4 quarts of water in a large saucepan over high heat. When it boils, add penne and cook 9 minutes or until pasta is al dente (firm but cooked through).  
Meanwhile, mix tomatoes, tomato paste, garlic, basil and tuna together.

You can use a food processor. Pour mixture into a large serving bowl, stir in the olives, olive oil and salt and pepper to taste. When the pasta is cooked, drain and add to the bowl. Toss well. Sprinkle cheese on top. Makes 2 servings.

**ITALIAN WHITE BEAN SALAD**  
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar  
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard  
2 teaspoons olive oil  
1 tablespoon water  
Salt and freshly ground pepper  
1/4 small head romaine lettuce  
1 cup rinsed and drained canellini beans  
Mix vinegar, mustard, olive oil and water together in a salad bowl. Add salt and pepper to taste. (Or use 2 tablespoons bottled low-fat dressing instead of homemade.) Wash lettuce and tear into bite-size pieces. Add to bowl with beans and toss well. Makes 2 servings.



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FOOD & HOME

Santa might like to find these molasses cookies left out for him

Tomorrow is Christmas Eve... the night when Santa comes. If your home is anything like mine...



- 1/4 cup molasses
4 eggs
4 cups flour
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon cloves
1/4 teaspoon allspice
Cream shortening and sugar.

This is as tasty as it is colorful, and you have the option of using low- or fat-free ingredients to make it a very low-fat pie.

CRANBERRY PIE

- (18 ounces) package cream cheese, softened (can use low-fat or fat-free)
(8 ounces) package whipped topping (can use fat-free)
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
(1 1/6 ounces) can whole cranberry sauce.
1 baked pie shell (or you can use a graham cracker crust.)

These would be great to leave out for Santa.

MOLASSES COOKIES

- 1/2 cup shortening
1 1/2 cups brown sugar

freeze at least 4 hours till firm. Remove from the freezer about 10 minutes before serving.

Here's a different kind of bird for Christmas dinner.

ORANGE GLAZED CORNISH GAME HENS

- 6 Cornish game hens (thaw and remove the giblet sacks)
Marinate and glaze:
1 cup orange juice
1 tablespoon orange zest
2 green onions, chopped
2 tablespoons honey
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
1/2 teaspoon powdered mustard

- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
1 tablespoon olive oil
Salt and fresh ground pepper to taste

To prepare the marinade, place all the ingredients in a large non-aluminum bowl and whisk well. Taste for seasoning. Separate the skin from the six birds by slipping your fingers under the skin and loosening it; keep skin attached to the birds. Place the birds in the marinade, massage the skin and roll the birds around till they are all completely covered with marinade. Refrigerate for about 4 hours. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line a roasting pan with aluminum foil. Place the well marinated hens on the aluminum-lined pan. Roast the hens, basting with pan juices and more marinade as desired every 15 minutes for 45 minutes to 1 hour. When the birds are done the skin will be golden and when a thigh is pierced, the juice will run clear.

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

The Quest: A great-looking, yet affordable holiday table

By Kathleen Stanley The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Dinner at a restaurant is more satisfying as a special fortune on Seersucker. Earware, porcelain, crystal and accents of fresh flowers, and a menu of the uniform just seemed to serve the haute cuisine in multiple courses. Now, the rules are more relaxed. So are the prices.

Recently, we had the usual sort of creative holiday table settings. To find out how much price matters, we stripped each top and bottom ends of the menu.

We cruised through the menus at the tabletop department of Neiman Marcus, checked out the lavish spreads in a Miami and a high-end shop in Washington, then cruised the river in Old Town, Va., where dining specialties are one-of-a-kind delights. Then, we hit the budget trail. I began for a fashion-oriented restaurant in the Valley, a style on a shoestring and then, for its well-known brand of "democratic design."

The differences broke down into two basic categories: classic in time-honored whites, with touches of silver and gold and a bit of royal blue showed up at the low end. At the high end, the objects were more colorful and anything but basic. The cost-conscious goods were the main restrained.

At the opposite end of the price spectrum, the holiday spirit is positively held in place, either

and one the length to make a grid, to be used instead of place mats.
\* Napkin rings are a way of signaling that a special meal is on the way. The stores are full of inexpensive examples that incorporate faux jewels, tassels and other festive touches.
\* Holidays don't always mean traditional foods and traditional colors. Consider doing a menu and table with an Asian flair, and encourage your guests to take their chopsticks home with them.

\* Discover the world of charges, those oversized plates that act as a backdrop to a dinner plate.
\* Throwing a big open house, but hate the thought of all those paper and plastic products? Consider renting what you need. They'll even let you return everything dirty.

\* Create a theme for your table by shopping your own collections. Any grouping of like-minded stuff, from snuff boxes and fishing reels to dolls and Toby jugs, can make for an interesting effect.
\* Use a non-hermion quilt as a tablecloth.

Some's how to set a creative table:
\* Begonia napkins — either simple or fringed — at home — use an easy way to lend a festive air to a party. To give your guests a more practical way to clean up, use a napkin with a napkin pocket. A napkin with a napkin pocket means a napkin with a napkin pocket. A napkin with a napkin pocket means a napkin with a napkin pocket.

\* Banners — ready-made or made at home — add interest to a holiday table, especially on outdoor tables. Use a banner to welcome the guests.

Let your elves help bake these treats

By Jennifer Lowe The Orange County Register

Christmas without cookies would be like Santa without his reindeer. We've got some recipes that are good for kids to make.

CONFETTI POPCORN BARS

- 10 cups popcorn
1/2 cup chocolate-coated candy pieces, such as M&M's, or small gumdrops
1/3 cup unsalted peanuts
3 tablespoons margarine
2 cups miniature marshmallows
Grease an 8- or 9-inch square pan and a large bowl. In a large greased bowl, combine popcorn, candy and peanuts. Place margarine and marshmallows in a 4-cup microwave-safe measuring cup. Microwave on high for 1 1/2 to 2 minutes or until melted and smooth, stirring once halfway through cooking. Pour over popcorn mixture; stir quickly to coat. With buttered or wet hands, press mixture into greased pan. Refrigerate until firm. Cut into bars. Yield: 16 bars.
Variation: Prepare mixture as

directed. With buttered or wet hands, quickly shape mixture into 2 1/2- to 3-inch balls. Place on waxed paper. Let stand at room temperature 1 hour. Wrap each ball in plastic wrap.

—Source: "The Pillsbury Family Christmas Cookbook" (Doubleday, 1991)

RED-AND-GREEN HOLIDAY PINWHEELS

- (18-ounce) package refrigerated sugar-cookie dough
1/2 cup all-purpose flour, divided
3 tablespoons red decorator sugar
3 tablespoons green decorator sugar
Divide dough in half. Sprinkle 1/4 cup of the flour onto work surface. Roll out half of dough to a 12-by-7-inch rectangle. Repeat with remaining half of dough and 1/4 cup of flour. Sprinkle 1 rectangle evenly with red sugar; sprinkle green sugar evenly over second rectangle. Starting with short side, roll up each rectangle jelly-roll fashion. Wrap rolls in waxed paper; refrigerate at least 1 hour

for easier handling. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Cut each roll into 16 slices. Place slices 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 7-9 minutes or until edges are light golden brown. Cool 1 minute; remove from cookie sheets. Yield: 32 cookies

—Source: "Bars & Cookies" (Pillsbury Co., September 1998, \$2.99)

CELEBRATION STICKS

- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips (white or regular)
10 (8-inch) pretzel rods
Assorted colored sprinkles
Melt chocolate in top of double boiler or microwave in bowl for 1 to 2 minutes (watch closely) — chips can burn easily in the microwave. Stir it halfway through and when done. Dip pretzels in melted chocolate or use a plastic knife to spread them with chocolate. Roll in a bowl of sprinkles and dry on waxed paper. Yield: 10 servings
—Source: "Family Fun's Cookbook for Christmas" edited by Deanna F. Cook (Hyperion, \$9.95)

A nameless depression-era cake

By Ellen Hawkins The Baltimore Sun

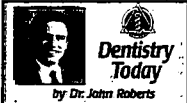
Marjorie Thomas of Bend, Ore., writes that she remembers the Depression years and a spicy cake that was "our favorite." It was a nameless cake that had chocolate-oreo-raisin-nut-nuts. The frosting was fluffy and contained coffee as well as vanilla.

Kathy Dullam of Bend, Ore., sent the recipe. "My mother-in-law, Louise Ackerman, always made this cake for my husband's birthday when he was growing up. Here's her recipe. I'm not sure where she got it."

- NAMELESS CAKE
1 tablespoon cider vinegar
3/4 cup milk
3/4 cup vegetable shortening
1 1/2 cups sugar
3 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon lemon extract
1 3/4 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder

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- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup milk
3/4 teaspoon margarine
1/2 cup white cream cheese
3 tablespoons cream powder
Mix together cream powder and milk and set aside. Combine together shortening and sugar and mix one at a time, and stir in. Stir dry ingredients together. After dry ingredients are mixed, measure to the creamed ingredients. Blend together well. Put batter into two greased and floured 8-inch cake pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes. Serve hot.
Variation:
1 cup milk
1/2 cup vegetable shortening
1 1/2 cups cream, to taste
1/2 teaspoon cream, hot
1/2 cup butter and vanilla
Bake at 350 for 25 to 30 minutes.



Dr. John Roberts

PHARMACEUTICAL CONCERN

In a previous article, I discussed the link between bacteria in the mouth and stroke/heart disease. If you have gum problems, you should ask your dentist about this relationship. Ironically, these conditions, because of their medications, can also lead to dental problems.

Some antidepressants, most antihistamines, as well as many other drugs can reduce saliva production. This leads to an increase in decay and will leave you susceptible to excess plaque, gum disease, and fungal infections. High blood pressure medications and some heart medications can also increase swelling your gums, which can open pockets for bacteria.

Telling your dentist the medications you are taking will alert him/her to these potential problems and allow him to take the necessary steps to minimize the dental side effects of these important drugs.

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FOOD & HOME IN BRIEF

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# Son spreads word about mother's cooking

Knight-Ridder News Service

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — If you've lived in the South, you've seen her: The Gracious Southern Lady. Call her a belle. Call her a steel magnolia, if you like. She's easy to spot. She calls her friends "the girls" even if they're well into their 80s. She gets her hair done — not styled — and dresses for the occasion. When someone dies, she's at the door before the coffin is nailed shut, bearing food and sympathy. She would never think of sending flowers instead of cookies or a card without a casserole. And come 5 o'clock, wherever she is, she'll have a watered-down bourbon in her hand.

Extinct? Not a chance. Martha Pearl Villas is proof of that. Charlotte's own ambassador of the old ways, she calls herself "just an old Southern housewife." But with her son, nationally known food writer James Villas, she has spread the gospel of fried chicken and biscuits all over the world, from "Good Morning, America" to the Cipriani Hotel Cooking School in Venice.

The Villas' first book, "My Mother's Southern Kitchen" (William Morrow, \$25), is packed with enough pralines, coconut cake and pecan pie to choke a church picnic.

Their new book, "My Mother's Southern Desserts" (William Morrow, \$25), is packed with enough pralines, coconut cake and pecan pie to choke a church picnic.

### THE DELTA QUEENS PRALINES

Makes about 3-1/2 dozen pralines.

- 2 cups firmly packed dark brown sugar
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter
- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 1 cup milk
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla or maple extract, or a combination
- 3 tablespoons light corn syrup
- 2 cups coarsely chopped pecans

In a large, heavy saucepan (a deep one, since mixture will boil up), combine all the ingredients except the pecans and mix until well-blended. Cook, stirring, over medium heat until the mixture registers 240 degrees on a candy thermometer, or forms a soft ball when a little is dropped into cold water. Remove from heat and let stand a minute or two to cool slightly, then beat briefly with a wooden spoon until creamy and smooth. Add the pecans and stir until well-blended and smooth. Drop the batter by teaspoonful onto waxed paper. Cool completely before serving or storing.

### PAWLEY'S ISLAND PIE

- 1 cup granulated sugar
  - 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
  - 2 large eggs
  - 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
  - 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, melted and cooled
  - 1 cup chopped walnuts
  - 1 (6-ounce) bag (1 cup) semi-sweet chocolate chips
  - 1 unbaked 10-inch pie shell
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large mixing bowl, combine the sugar, flour, eggs and vanilla and stir until well-blended. Add the butter and stir until completely incorporated and smooth. Add the walnuts and chocolate chips and stir until well-distributed. Scrape the batter into the pie shell and bake until golden brown, about 30 minutes. Let pie cool completely before serving.

# Martha

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bain marie, and it refers to placing the baking pan directly into a larger pan partly filled with water, then placing both in the oven to bake.

Most cheesecakes need to cook slowly to achieve the correct texture, and a water bath helps regulate the temperature, ensuring that the cake cooks evenly in the middle and

on the sides and that the surface doesn't crack.

The heat of the oven also causes the water to evaporate, creating steam which keeps the cake moist and the texture creamy. So if you prefer cheesecake with a drier texture, or if your cake has a crust that should be crisp, you might prefer another baking method.

An alternative is to place a

pan of water on the rack below the cake. The steam from the evaporating water will keep the cake moist as it bakes.

One important note: If you are using a springform pan, wrap the outside of the pan tightly with foil before placing it in a warmer than to prevent leakage.

Questions should be addressed to Martha Villars, care of The

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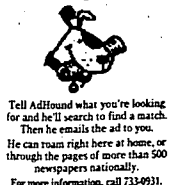
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FOOD & HOME



The Washington Post

Americans are in a money-to-burn mood, spending a record \$2 billion on candles and \$3 billion on candle accessories, according to industry sources. Candle parties, such as this recent gathering in Washington, have made PartyLite a major national candle supplier. Here, Bunny DeGrosso presents some of her waxy wares.

## Keeping the fire burning

Americans use candles to light up their lives

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Flickering candlelight beckons the eye to the windows of a Capitol-Hill brownstone on a chilly fall evening.

The living room of Washington lawyer Cheryl Steplight is a shrine to the candle. Dozens of votives and tapers burn on the mantel, coffee table and stereo speakers. A chunky eight-pound, three-wick wax drum with a burn time of 400 hours brightens the hallway. Tiny tea lights float in water in the tub in the darkened bathroom.

The aroma is a mix of honey-dew melon and vanilla, creme caramel and balsam pine. It's the smell of candles, one of the most universal home accessories of the 1990s.

Candles make us feel safe and cozy, sexy and spiritual. They soften the edges; they are relaxing; they don't cost much.

Americans are clearly in a money-to-burn mood. This year, we will spend a record \$2 billion on candles and \$3 billion on candle accessories, according to industry sources. Just like the lettuce crispers of Tempurware and the masccaras of Mary Kay Cosmetics, other direct-sales giants, candles are at the top of What Do Women Want lists.

All this has gathered 14 women to a candle party, a warm and tuzzy gathering that begins with candlelight and ends with women whipping out their credit cards.

"Did you know that the scent of cinnamon burning is an aphrodisiac?" a Candle Lady in a black turtleneck tells those gathered for her show-and-tell of waxy wares. This is Bunny DeGrosso of Owings Mills, Md., a candle consultant with PartyLite, a Plymouth, Mass.-based company that has been selling Colonial Candle of Cape Cod brand candles and candle accessories through home parties since 1973.

*Candles are also sold at every conceivable type of retail establishment: 7-Eleven, Neiman Marcus, Banana Republic. There are candles "designed" by Calkin Klein and Martha Stewart; there are bags of votive candles for \$1 at outlet malls and 10-wick drum candles that sell for hundreds of dollars and are almost as big as a piece of furniture. Upscale California purveyors such as Illume and Illuminations have all-candle mail-order catalogs, retail stores and Web sites.*

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### Keep it safe

- Never leave candles burning unattended; keep flammable objects and children and pets away from them.
- Place candles away from drafts and heating and cooling vents.
- Don't let candles burn down more than an inch or two from the top of the holder or the heat may damage it.
- Don't place candles directly on furniture.
- Trim wicks to 1/4 inch for best burning; a candle with a long wick can emit smoke and burn faster. Nail clippers are good for trimming deeply nestled wicks.
- Let wax drip from the holder before removing. To get them off candle sticks, melt wax with a blow dryer or freeze the holders and then peel it off.
- Using a candle snuffer to extinguish the flame prevents wax from splattering and also helps keep wicks centered. To clean wax from brass snuffers, freeze them for 20 minutes.
- Scented candles interfere with the natural aroma of food. Don't use them at dinner.
- Char wicks of candles on display to avoid the "model home" look.
- Store candles in a cool, dry and dark place.
- To make candles burn slower, wrap them in foil or plastic wrap and store them in the refrigerator.

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SPORTS

Poll: Suspensions don't affect BYU's image

PROVO, Utah (AP)—A majority of Utah County residents say their opinion of Brigham Young University was not affected by the suspensions of two athletes...

adults for the poll, which has a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percentage points. It was conducted Dec. 14-18, following the suspensions of two football players...

is not a weakness, it's a strength." Coach Lavell Edwards said running back Jenkins, and Robertson, who plays defensive back, will not be traveling with the team to Memphis for the Liberty Bowl on Dec. 31.

ing organization. Fehlbeger agreed. "The honor code permeates our recruiting and everything we do," he said. "It resonates with parents and athletes who want a school where values matter..."

Browns sign 1st players

CLEVELAND (AP)—More than 1,000 days since they were last seen on a football field, there are Cleveland Browns players again. The expansion team signed its first players today, giving the club its first on-field identity...

for fun, either. "We didn't just sign these guys just to sign them," he said. "It's too early to tell about a lot of these guys, but after we get a better look at them and through a couple of minicamps we'll know a lot better."

Bruins

Continued from D1. later in the period on four more points from Eldredge, but Paul ranked the length of the coast and dunked, and Gilligan grabbed a groove.

said. "We're still trying to figure some things out." Answers provided even more elude in the third quarter. Elko's Marcus Leabo broke out for five points in eight minutes, keying a 14-4 Elko run to draw the quarter to a close. Junior Jared Burks, starting for Jeremiah Shaddy, who missed practice this week to attend a funeral, scored for the Bruins on a put-back under the basket at the buzzer, but Twin Falls trailed 52-36 entering the fourth quarter.

and defense played by Jonas Brady denied Gilligan a single 3 through the second half, but the Bruins scored half no closer. Leabo found out with a minute left dropping an anvil-size foul into Brady on a screen, shouting or signaling a painful end to a painful game. Senior Dan DeBoer grabbed a game-high six rebounds to lead the Bruins down low, followed by Shaddy with five and Brady, Sudik and Burks with four each.

from then, the district tournament begins. Today's game against Madison was canceled. "We keep telling the kids to keep practicing and going hard," Vogt said. "We're still playing for something. That's what I keep telling them."

Bulldogs

Continued from D1. to one to end the period. The second quarter began uneventfully, with both teams still trying to find a low. Midway through the period, Kimberly began to assert its power on both ends of the floor. Its pressure defense heated up, forcing the Vikings into five easy steals and keeping Valley out of the paint and the boards.

shooting eye and bench play picked up. They extended a tight, two-way game with 3:10 remaining into a 14-point burst at the 40-second mark that set the tone for the rest of the game. "That second quarter was the key," Castesia said. "Their pressure D led to some easy transition baskets..."

was with a minute left in the third. In the fourth, Knight picked up where Arrossa left off. He picked off passes in the open court and finished with an easy layup. Off the defensive glass, his long arms would extend amid a melee of Vikings and end up grasping the ball.

schedule may have been a bit soft. "We played a very good team tonight," he said. "This was a good learning experience for us. (Kimberly) was physically into it and we haven't played a lot of big games, this will help us."

Lockout

Continued from D1. million a year. The union has offered restraints on that. The union has also offered restraints on salary for rookies. The only thing the union is insisting on is to let the middle-class players share in the benefits of playing in the NBA.

In an interview with James Brown for InterSport's special "Faces of Controversy," the civil rights leader said the players, their agents and the owners "must give something to the middle to restore a 'bond of trust' that has evaporated."

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

Men's college scores. Table listing scores for various college basketball games including Duke, Kentucky, Michigan State, etc.

IN THE BLEACHERS

Continental Basketball Association. Table listing scores for NBA games including Detroit, Chicago, Houston, etc.

HOCKEY

NHL Standings. Table showing league standings for Eastern Conference and Western Conference.

FOOTBALL

NFL Standings. Table showing league standings for AFC and NFC.

West Coast Hockey League

Table listing scores and statistics for West Coast Hockey League games.

ON THE AIR

Table listing TV and radio broadcasts for various sports events.

TELEVISION

Table listing TV and radio broadcasts for college basketball, soccer, and horse racing.

NFC Individual Leaders

Table listing top performers in the NFC for various statistics like passing yards, rushing yards, etc.

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Women's Basketball Scores

Table listing scores for women's college basketball games.

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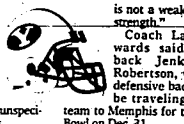
Table listing betting odds for various sports events.

WINNING

Table listing winning horse races and jockeys.

TRANSACTIONS

Table listing player movements between teams.





SPORTS

Wendell nips Gooding 47-46

WENDELL — The Wendell Trojans built a nine-point lead midway through the second half...

Local sports
Burley 69, Bonneville 56
BURLEY — The Bobcats stepped up their defense in the second half to get the boys' non-conference victory over Bonneville Tuesday.

to battle back out of that hole."
Buhl falls 3-4, and travels to Aberdeen on Dec. 30.

until battling Richfield on Jan. 5.
Aberdeen...
RICHFIELD — The Bears...

Clemens, not wanting to play for Astros, withdraws trade demand

SPRING, Texas (AP) — Roger Clemens reversed course Tuesday, saying he no longer was demanding that Toronto trade him and he would not play for the Houston Astros under their current management.

"I don't know them personally and they don't know me as a person," Clemens said of Scott and Hunsicker.

Gooding's Tom Bergstrom led all scorers with 23...

Hillcrest 75, Minico 48
RUPERT — Hillcrest jumped to an early lead and had the game in hand before Minico's last-quarter rally Tuesday night in a 75-48 A-1 boys' basketball win.

Murtaugh 56, Sho-Ban 49
FORT HALL — Murtaugh put its record on the winning side at 4-3 after a win against Sho-Ban, 56-49.

Hilcrest 55, Minico 39.
IDAHO FALLS — The Spartans came out cold in the third quarter and allowed Hilcrest to outscore them 19-6 as they lost girls' non-conference basketball Tuesday night.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

ABL folds in 3rd season, files for bankruptcy
PALO ALTO, Calif. — The American Basketball League would not be able to compete with its rival, which was backed by the money and marketing power of the NBA.

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No. 2 Duke beats No. 3 Kentucky in Top 5 battle

EAST RATHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — It didn't move the importance of the last two meetings between Duke and Kentucky. For the Blue Devils, though, it mattered most that it didn't have the same outcome.

Men's college basketball
Jaran Cornell made a season-high five 3-pointers and scored 20 points...

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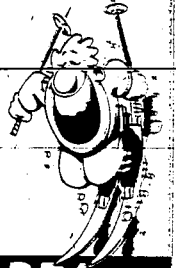
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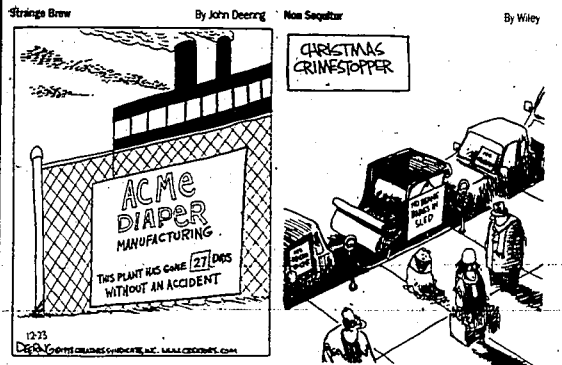
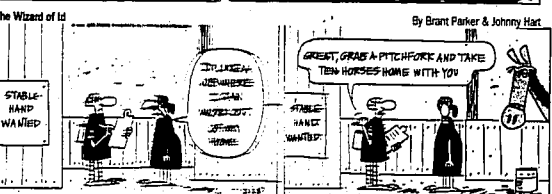
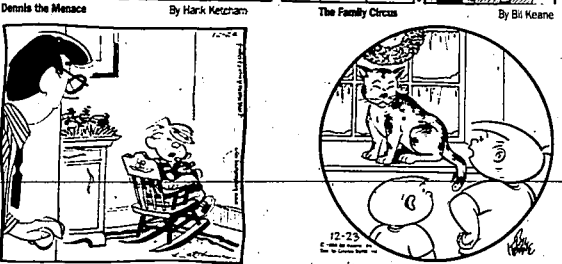
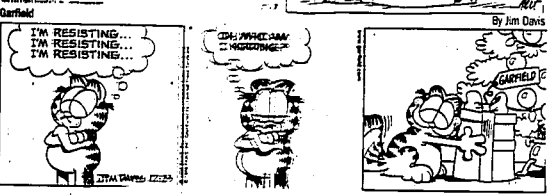
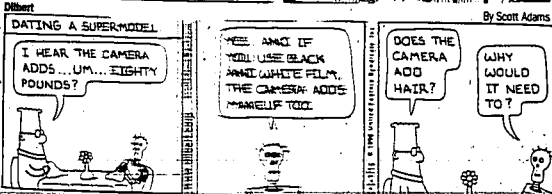
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Scarlett made less money than Rhett, who worked fewer days

Q. Only one U.S. city has three pro sports teams that all wear the same colors. What city? A. Pittsburgh, Pa. Q. Why does a can of Coke sink while a can of Diet Coke floats? A. Their sweeteners differ, so Coke is denser than water and Diet Coke isn't. Q. Where'd we get the word "vanessa"? A. From the name Venus, goddess of love. And the name Venus came from the Sanskrit "vanas" which had to do with perfume.

WHAT'S WHAT L.M. Boyd cent of a woman's weight is for that purpose. Or so say the experts. How they arrived at these findings, exactly, I do not know. Has to do with muscle-bone ratios. Forty-one percent of the average man's body is muscle, but only 35 percent of the average woman's is such.

In-laws' anniversary invitation is high price to pay to party

DEAR ABBY: My in-laws are having a large and expensive celebration for their 40th anniversary. They are demanding that all five children kick in \$250 toward the party. We live in another state and our tickets to attend are very expensive. Abby, we feel the cost of our tickets is enough expense without helping to pay for their party. They invited us! My father is 80 years old, and he and a mom will have a 50th anniversary soon. That is something to celebrate. I don't mind paying for it myself, and I won't ask anyone to help.

DEAR ABBY Alberta Varburton be forced to finance it. It would be gracious to chip in if you can afford to, but if you cannot, let your in-laws know it would cause financial hardship. Perhaps they will excuse you. P.S. The 10th, 20th, 25th, 40th, 50th and 60th are typically celebrated in style; but many couples also celebrate anniversaries in between with small parties with family or close friends.

DEAR JACKIE: Forty years of marriage is something to celebrate, and a party is appropriate. Usually the couple hosts the party, but if the children wish, they can give the party. If the children planned this celebration, then they should each pay a share. However, if your in-laws planned the party, they are the hosts and the children should not

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'Cap' labels don't fit all funds

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — When investors of the late 1990s look at a stock mutual fund, one of the first questions they ask is about its "cap" size.

Does it specialize in large, medium, small or even micro-cap companies, as measured by their capitalization, or the total market value of their outstanding shares?

The new systems for classifying funds that have been developed by the major independent fund research firms give great weight to this subject. And recent fund performance figures show clearly why they do that.

"Through the first 11 months of this year, according to Lipper Inc., large-cap funds posted a positive return (market appreciation plus dividends) of nearly 20 percent. Over exactly the same time span, small-cap funds had a negative return of 7.8 percent.

Mid-cap funds wound up approximately even, in the middle, with a minus 0.24 percent return. A category that Lipper analysts call "flexible cap" gained a shade more than 10 percent.

In a new system it is introducing for classifying funds, Lipper also groups them by five different degrees of aggressiveness: income, value, general, growth and aggressive.

"A very large amount of a fund's performance is explained by its category," said Stephen Lipper, senior vice president at the firm.

These days, investing institutions such as pension funds and charitable institutions increasingly emphasize classifications like these in choosing what securities to own.

As Stephen Lipper points out, this sort of thinking has helped

encourage a trend in the fund industry away from "po-yawhere" funds, which give a broad mandate to their managers, in favor of "more narrowly-based funds."

Many people see this as a move in the right direction, encouraging more discipline and professionalism in the way funds are managed now that the industry has grown into a \$5 trillion-plus behemoth.

And yet, the new emphasis may have its drawbacks, too. Investing is not a precise science that permits stocks and the businesses they represent to be sorted easily into artificial categories.

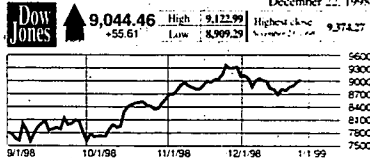
To cite just one example of the problems that arise, what should "small-cap" managers do with their most successful investments as those stocks grow on the

strength of their very success, to "recap" even larger-size funds? Sell them, perhaps hurting their own performance by doing so, or hang onto them and risk being castigated for the sin of "style drift"?

When Lipper set out to classify 3,239 stock funds under its new system, the largest single category, at 1,466, was flexible-capitalization. "Flex-caps" were created because Lipper's extensive research showed that many funds have broad capitalization ranges," the firm said.

"Flex-caps" generally will include a mixture of large, mid- and small-cap stocks. Forcing these funds into a narrow large-mid-small-cap structure would be an artificial oversimplification that could lead to inaccurate comparisons."

Talking with financial reporters recently, Stephen Lipper said he sees CAP. Page E2



S&P 500 sets another high, but most stocks fall

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The S&P 500 edged further into record terrain, but most stocks fell Tuesday amid profit-taking in the technology sector and other dismal showings by smaller-company shares.

The Dow Jones industrial average erased an early 40-point drop and rose 55.51 to 9,044.46, pushing its winning streak to four sessions and about 250 points.

The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index fell 17.05 to 2,120.98 after surging 128 points the prior three sessions, setting new highs on Friday and Monday.

The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 0.73 to 1,203.57, adding to Monday's record.

While Intel fell 3 5/8 to 119 1/16 and Microsoft fell 2 to 138 7/16, the profit-taking in the technology sector was rather selective.

IBM surged 5 7/8 to 182 1/4 to lead the Dow for a second straight day and Internet stocks put on another fireworks display, with

online auctioneer Ubid rising 50 3/8 to 134 3/8 and online shipping service IMail rising 16 3/8 to 25 1/2.

The indexes have continued to probe their highs as Internet stocks are seeing an unending reservoir of buying power, but the broader market is going unnoticed, untouched, neglected or being sold quietly, said A.C. Moore, chief investment strategist for Dunvegan Associates in Santa Barbara, Calif.

"It's a time of year that stocks are not likely to give anybody much difficulty," said Moore, referring to the strong flow of money from end-of-year bonuses, retirement plan contributions and tax strategies. "But the undercurrent of slippage could be problematic in a couple of weeks."

Blue-chip stocks have posted sizable gains in recent sessions despite a spate of profit warnings by leading companies, as well as Saturday's impeachment of President Clinton and the U.S.-led bombing of Iraq.

Micron's cost-cutting helps first-quarter profits

The Associated Press

NAMPA — Micron Electronics Inc. shipped a record number of computers and earned better-than-expected first-quarter profits despite strong competition.

The personal computer manufacturer on Monday reported it earned \$11.7 million, or 12 cents a share, in the quarter ended Dec. 3.

The company's profits are a 10-

fold increase over the \$1.07 million Micron Electronics earned in the same period a year earlier. Desktop computer sales increased 15 percent and notebook units 74 percent over the four quarter.

Even so, sales revenues fell 28 percent, from \$55 million in the first quarter last year to \$40.5 million. The company pointed to competition in the home and office computer mar-

ketplace. Micron is Canyon County's largest employer, with 2,700 people on the payroll.

Employees have followed a strict cost-cutting plan since Joel Koehler joined the company in January as chief executive officer. Some of the savings "we used to hire 100 new sales representatives."

"We still have work to do, but we're very encouraged by our

progress and look forward to our new calendar year," Koehler said.

The company also announced it will close sales and marketing offices in Japan.

"Our Japan office has been a drag on earnings and a distraction for us since it was launched last year," Koehler said. "We have decided, when the time is right, to expand internationally. We have prioritized Europe ahead of Asia."

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Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg. Lists various stocks and their prices.

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Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, GAINERS, LOSERS, DIARY, and INDEXES.

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Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg. Lists various NASDAQ stocks.

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 25 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange... Most active on the NASDAQ National Market... Most active on the American Stock Exchange.

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Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg. Lists various American Stock Exchange stocks.

Large table at the bottom of the page with multiple columns and rows of stock data.

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After 3 rapid-fire rate cuts, the Fed stands pat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve policy-makers decided Tuesday to watch and wait for now after helping calm...

The central bank officials ended a closed-door meeting without any announcement, a signal they left the benchmark interest rate on overnight loans...

The U.S. economy's continuing strength, despite a world slump, means the central bank may hold off until well into next year before cutting rates again, economists say.

In fact, the three quarter-point cuts engineered by the Fed between Sept. 29 and Nov. 17 may be enough to sustain the U.S. economy through any remaining...

But don't think there's going to be another interest-rate hike, the economist David Jones of Aubrey G. Lantson & Co. of New York says.

For now, economic demand from abroad appears confined to factories and farms. And economic growth in 1998 should come in well below 3 percent for the fourth time in five years.

The creation of service jobs has more than compensated for job losses at factories, holding the unemployment rate at 4.4 percent, just a notch above the 28-year low of 4.3 percent achieved last spring.

AMERICAN STORES BEGINS PROCESS OF CUTTING JOBS

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — American Stores Co. has begun a process of cutting jobs, according to sources who say the company is looking at a number of...

Albertson's also reportedly is interested in buying the Ore-Ida Foods line corporate headquarters in Boise, located near Albertson's headquarters.

Employees in the corporate accounting division have been notified that Albertson's is planning to lay off about 70 employees by Nov. 30, and possibly longer, Zivnek said.

Neither he nor Albertson's spokesman Mike Reed would confirm Monday that Albertson's is interested in the Ore-Ida build-

Cap

observed. "Many of the successful funds are flex funds. Fund managers themselves have mixed views on the whole business of classification. Here is what Ronald Barr, generally known as a small-cap specialist, writes in the annual report of the Barron Asset Fund: "How do we manage your ... and our money? We don't think it's just about numbers, about more stocks or fewer stocks. It's not just about growth, momentum, or value. It's not just about small cap, big cap or all cap."

"It's not just about asset allocation, about continually rebalancing our investment portfolio, although we do have opinions about all these choices. "We focus our investments in a relatively few, entrepreneurially managed, small and medium-sized, very profitable, fast-growing businesses, with strong barriers to competitors ... businesses that have an opportunity to get bigger. A lot bigger. And we expect that when these companies do get bigger, we'll still be shareholders."

MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table listing various mutual funds with columns for Name, Assets, and other details. Includes categories like American Funds, Fidelity, and others.

WORLD

Moscow looks festive, but tinsel can't hide gloom

MOSCOW — On orders of the mayor, Moscow is looking down-right festive these days.

Every store in the city is festooned with mandatory holiday decorations. Streets are aglow with colored bulbs. The beaming face of Grandfather Frost — Russia's Santa Claus — can be seen everywhere, lighting the populace a Happy New Year.

With Mayor Yuri Luzhkov leading the way, Muscovites are throwing themselves into the spirit of the season. But the tinsel can't hide the gloom in the air. The economic crisis has sharply cut most Russians' buying power, and holiday gift-buying has become a depressing exercise in making do with less.

Merchants are especially downcast. Asked how business was going, fair, seller Valentin Goncharikov laughed bitterly. "I can give you a really short answer: It's really bad," he said. Even in bad times, this is a magical time of year in the Russian capital. The city is fully cloaked in snow, the air has an invigorating bite to it (a nice way of saying it's frigid), the theater, ballet and opera seasons are at their peak and people are busy preparing for the big day.

That would be New Year's, not Christmas. After 70 years of state-enforced atheism, Christmas is still largely an afterthought here — literally, since it falls on Jan. 7 on the Russian calendar. But Russians celebrate New Year's much as many Westerners celebrate Christmas, with alcohol-fueled family gatherings around the "yolki," or New Year's tree, and gift exchanges with family and friends.

One glance at the throngs now mobbing the city's shops and outdoor markets would be enough to convince a newcomer to Moscow that the city is still the post-communist-boomtown-some-people were describing a year or two ago. But merchants say the crowds



Young women laugh as they look at toys in a shop in Moscow earlier this week. Muscovites are throwing themselves into the spirit of the season as best they can, but the economic crisis has cut sharply into most Russians' buying power.

are thinner than last year, and that that people are buying less and dining harder lunches. Shoppers agree that this will be a leaner, meaner New Year as a result of the ruble devaluation and economic crash that hit Russia hard in August.

Russian parliament puts START II treaty on hold

MOSCOW — Russia's parliament has put off debate on START II until next spring at the earliest, in part because the bombing of Iraq has stirred up anti-American sentiment.

A visiting U.S. delegation had said earlier this month that Russia's parliament might ratify the arms control accord this year. But Vladimir Ryzhkov, the deputy speaker of parliament's lower house, said today the treaty was put on the agenda for the spring session of the State Duma. Ryzhkov supported the treaty. But he said Russian lawmakers still had a "sharply negative atti-

tude" toward last week's U.S. and British airstrikes against Iraq. Russia and the United States signed START II in 1993, and the U.S. Senate ratified it in 1996. Communists and other hardliners opposed the pact for its weakness on Russia's security and would be too expensive to implement.

Pope John Paul II asks for prayers for faithful

VATICAN CITY — Newly recovered from the flu, Pope John Paul II on Tuesday asked the faithful to pray for him so he could keep carrying out his duties as he starts the third decade of his papacy.

John Paul spoke to Rome's cardinals in his annual state-of-the-church address. Although it focused mainly on the work of this past year, the speech came in the run-up to the 2000 Jubilee. "My heart will be drawn even to his papacy. It was one of the pope's first

World news

...arrangements after a flu last week that sent its temperature to 100 degrees, forcing him to cancel some appointments.

He is scheduled to keep up his tradition of appearing for tourists and pilgrims in the square at noon on Christmas Day when he reads a Christmas message and gives holiday greetings in dozens of languages.

Crime rate among young Japanese rises sharply

TOYO — The number of serious crimes, including murder, committed by Japanese youths surged during the first 11 months of 1998, according to a police report published Tuesday.

Violent 14- to 23-year-olds were arrested or taken into preventive custody for alleged crimes in 11 months through November, the report said, up 3.1 percent from the same period last year.

The report also said 257 were arrested for serious crimes, including murder and attempted murder. That figure was the highest since police began compiling such statistics in 1975.

Rising juvenile delinquency like this led to a new round of soul-searching about Japan's education system and the way children are raised.

Round-the-world balloonists drift

INDIAN — Three round-the-world balloonists drifted high over the Himalayas on Tuesday, trying to catch a jet stream out of Himalayan Chinese airspace as quickly as possible.

The crew members, Richard Brunton, American millionaire Steve Brosser, and Per Lindstrand

of Sweden, aloft in the ICO Global, had been crossing eastward around the globe, had received permission to cross China below 26 degrees east longitude.

But they drifted further north Monday after negotiating around the Mediterranean shores and closed airspace over Iraq, Iran and Russia.

"We are going to look ... for the fastest, most direct route out of China, which is what the balloonists want to do anyway," project director Mike Kendrick said as the Chinese halted at approving the balloon's course.

Report: 50 journalists were killed in 1998

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Norbert Zeno was a leading journalist in Burkina Faso, but Lykov denounced criticism in Russia. Arsen Malayev criticized Serbian policy towards the Albanian population of Kosovo.

All three were killed by gunmen and were among 50 journalists — including one photographer — who died this year, the International Federation of Journalists said in a report published Tuesday.

Of the 30 victims, 30 journalists and the photographer were killed for reasons tied to their work. IFJ general secretary Aidan White said. The IFJ is still investigating the other ones.

The highest death rate was in Colombia, where 10 journalists were killed in 1998, followed by Mexico and Russia, where six and five journalists were slain, respectively.

Judge frees 5 convicted in S. Africa massacre

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Five men convicted in the politically motivated Christmas massacre of 15 people were freed Tuesday, less than three years after the killings.

Judge Jan Hugo, ruling on an appeal, overturned the convictions of five of 13 men convicted in the massacre. The judge found they had been wrongly convicted. The South African Press Association reported.

The attack was carried out by supporters of the Zulu nationalist Inkatha Freedom Party in Shobshobane, a village 330 miles southeast of Johannesburg. It was a particularly shocking episode in the decade-long war between Inkatha and followers of the African National Congress.

The fighting in the years before all-race elections in 1994 killed more than 10,000 people. With the next elections in mid-1999, many fear a resurgence of tensions.

Peace workers in Kosovo see persistent violence

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia — Kosovo Albanian guerrillas warned of all-out war Tuesday unless Serb police pull out of central parts of the province, where new violence left one ethnic Albanian dead.

U.S. officials met with top guerrilla commanders in Kosovo's rugged countryside on Tuesday apparently to reestablish a truce. The source said police withdrew and paved the way for negotiations on the Serbian province's future.

The Serb-run Media Center reported that police who were pursuing suspects in recent shootings killed one ethnic Albanian and arrested six others. The source said police encountered gunfire and killed the ethnic Albanian when firing back.

The head of U.S. peace monitors in Kosovo, Sharon Byrnes, and State Department official Larry Rossin met top commanders of the Kosovo Liberation Army in a remote village in central Kosovo.

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'It is a painful thing / To look at your own trouble and know / That you yourself and no one else has made it'

Sophocles

Today's South adopted a sensible and successful plan to prevent further cashing his spade suit. Unfortunately, one of his own making. After West's spade queen went to South's king, how to play the minor suits? If South finessed in clubs first and lost, a spade ruff would jeopardize the game if West held the diamond king.

South decided to attack West's most possible entry. He led a heart to dummy's ace. East led a diamond finesse. On the way, disaster struck. East dropped his heart queen under dummy's ace. West was shifted to holding the heart king when East was beating the game when East was club king and three heart winners.

South's reasoning was on target. However, he need not have made trouble for himself in the heart suit. Instead of crossing to the heart ace and finessing, South could have led low, crossed at trick two. If West wins, he has his entry to run his spades. And, if he ducks, dummy's queen wins, and South has time to win nine tricks despite losing the club finesse.

Might South have recovered had he taken the club finesse first? Yes, but it would require some luck. After East took the club king and clears spades, South must exhaust West of hearts and clubs and give West lead in spades. In the endgame, West must give South his diamond king, giving South a five finesse and nine winners.

North 12 13 14, East 10 11 12 13 14, South 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14, West 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

Vulnerable: Both Dealer: South The bidding: South West North East 1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT All pass Opening lead: Spade queen

BID WITH THE ACES 12 13 14, South holds: 7 5 3 2, A 10 9, K 8 3, Q A 10 9, North: 1 2 3, South: 3

ANSWER: Four diamonds. Partner will look hard with long diamonds. Continue the play, forcing the opponents to make a decision at the four-level.

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