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Quiet pervades Statehouse

By Michael Journee Times-News writer

BOISE — Just a few legislators remained at the Statehouse Tuesday. Committee rooms, usually bustling with lawmakers doing the state's business, were empty and quiet.

The sorrowful atmosphere left by Monday's death of Senate President Pro Tem Jerry Twigg,

Twigg's funeral set

Funeral services for Senate President Pro Tem Jerry Twigg will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at the Blackfoot Idaho West LDS State Center, 101 N. 900 W., Blackfoot. For more information about the service call (208) 785-1320.

There will also be a viewing Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Hill, Hawker & Sandberg Funeral Home, 224 S. University in Blackfoot. For more information on the viewing call (208) 684-3195.

death forced a one-week delay in the start of the 2000 session. Senior legislators expect little or no official work to be done until after Twigg's funeral Friday.

"I realize this ship needs to get back on course, but Twigg is still here. It's just not going to happen now," said Senate Assistant Majority Leader John Sandy, R-Hagerman, explaining. Please see CAPITO, Page A2

R-Blackfoot, hangs in the corridors of the Capitol.

Most legislators have returned home for the week, after Twigg's

KEEP IT CLEAN



Craig Moore casts his vote in a bylaw election at the Twin Falls Canal Co. office in Twin Falls on Tuesday. A bylaw was passed making irrigators responsible for the water they discharge.

Water users OK quality measure

By N.S. Nokkentved Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Irrigators voted Tuesday to hold themselves to a higher standard on water quality. By a wide margin, irrigators approved a proposed change in Twin Falls Canal Co. bylaws to hold water users responsible for the quality of water they discharge.

How they voted

Canal company vote:
• Yes - 19,296 - 81.5 percent
• No - 4,356 - 18.5 percent
At least a 66 percent majority was required to pass.

The polls closed at 6 p.m. Earlier in the day, while a steady rain fell outside, canal company

shareholders discussed the measure during the company's annual meeting, which drew a better-than-average turnout.

Canal company board members proposed changing company bylaws to require all shareholders to ensure any water they discharge meets water quality standards. If the shareholder continues to fail to meet standards, the canal company can shut off deliv-

ery to that irrigator until the problem is resolved.

The move is a response to anticipated changes in federal water quality laws that now exempt irrigation companies from discharge regulations, company officials say.

The change gives canal company managers some teeth in dealing with violators.

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In a first, Land Board grants leases to Marvel

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE — Conservationist Jon Marvel won another round in his campaign to reduce the effects of livestock on public property as the state Land Board finally granted him a handful of leases across southern Idaho.

The Hailey architect and head of the Idaho Watersheds Project called it a successful step in his

effort to demonstrate that lands abused by overgrazing can recover or dramatically if livestock are removed.

The ranchers in attendance questioned what he actually gained Tuesday.

Marvel won his first victory last April when the Idaho Supreme Court voided 38 grazing lease auctions he was denied a legitimate chance of winning, including the lands considered Tuesday.

Midway through Tuesday's meeting, state Controller J.D. Williams won approval of guidelines for awarding leases in conflict bids.

If the Land Board denies the highest bid, it must articulate why it is in the best interest of the state school endowment which receives money from the use of state property. It also must explain the unique reason that parcel affects neighboring land

such as being a watering source.

The board must look at the long-term benefit to the state's school endowment fund. If there is no difference in benefit, the board would go with the high bidder, Williams said. But if there is a difference, the board would give it to the bidder who would provide the best for the endowment.

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Clinton creates three new monuments

Presidential action draws praise, criticism

The Associated Press

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, Ariz. — Amid criticisms that he was just polishing his legacy, President Clinton extended national monument status Tuesday to colorful, prime lands around the Grand Canyon and three other areas. "This is an act of humility for all of us," he said.

Like every president since 1906 except three, Clinton used the Antiquities Act to protect the federal by owned scenic areas from harm from activities such as mining or development. The largest area, the

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Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument, covers a million acres filled with vegetation, minerals, and Paleozoic rock. "You know, 10,000 or 20,000 years from now, if the good Lord lets us all survive as a human race, no one will remember who set aside this land on this day," Clinton said. "But the children still will enjoy it." The Antiquities Act, passed by Congress in 1906, has been used by

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Death casts doubt over success of session

The Associated Press

BOISE — The sudden death of Senate President Pro Tem Jerry Twigg clouded the potential of the 2000 legislative session as maneuvering got under way to succeed the respected lawmaker in the Senate's top leadership job.

Not only was the business of the Legislature pushed back one week to accommodate the funeral at 11 a.m. Friday in Blackfoot, but the advent of new Senate leader essentially wipes out much, if not all, of the ground-work laid over the summer and fall on some of the most critical issues facing lawmakers.

"Now it's going to be a long, slow process," one veteran lobbyist said.

His sense of foreboding was based partly on uncertainty and partly on the sure knowledge of what was lost.

A myriad of interests had reached understandings with Twigg on any number of issues, some as recently as last Friday. And Twigg and House Speaker Bruce Newcomb had worked out their own arrangements on several of the most volatile ones. Parental consent for minors seeking abortions and handling public school building safety and health problems were at the top of that list.

But now, no matter who the new Senate president pro tem is, all bets are off. And the business of legislating begins next Monday without the benefit of the kind of deals that have been responsible for letting lawmakers wrap up their work around mid-March in recent years.

Also gone is Twigg's ability to hold disparate interests together without alienating any, but the most rabid of activists. With the support of the Republican majority, he managed seven sessions, more than any other president pro tem but James Ellsworth, who served from 1969 through 1976.

"He kept his word. What more can you say," Orfino Sen. Marguerite McLaughlin, the Legislature's senior Democrat, said. "We needed his steadfast hand on these issues."

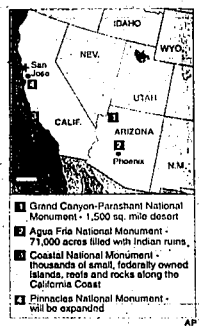
Aggravating concern has been the icy relationship between Newcomb and the early frontrunner to succeed Twigg, Republican Floor Leader James Risch. Absence of the House-Senate cooperation that has marked recent sessions, many fear, could create endless confrontation that would not only lengthen the session but jeopardize decisive action.

The decision on Twigg's successor will likely be made within a week.

Risch's most probable challenger is Robert Geddes Jr., an environmental engineer from Soda Springs who has earned the respect of his colleagues over five years in the Senate, the last one as chairman of the Republican Caucus.

Risch is known for the hardball politics that enabled him to rise quickly in the leadership ranks in the 1980s, when he

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THE REGION

Carnas Prairie

High: 24 Low: 14
Fog early today then mostly cloudy with good chance of snow. Chance tonight. Fog Thursday, then mostly cloudy, high 34.

Treasure Valley

High: 39 Low: 28
Fog early today then mostly cloudy with chance of rain. Chance tonight. Fog Thursday, then mostly cloudy, high 40.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 32 Low: 11
Fog early today then mostly cloudy with good chance of snow. Chance tonight. Fog Thursday, then mostly cloudy, high 33.

Eastern Idaho

High: 30 Low: 13
Mostly cloudy today and tonight with chance of snow. Partly cloudy Thursday, chance of rain, high 33.

Northern Idaho

High: 29 Low: 24
Mostly cloudy today and tonight with chance of snow. Chance Thursday, snow likely, high 30.

Northern Utah

High: 38 Low: 22
Snow likely early today, then decreasing. Partly cloudy Thursday, mild with highs in the 40s.

Northern Nevada

High: 37 Low: 24
Fog early today then mostly cloudy with chance of rain. Chance tonight. Fog Thursday, then mostly cloudy, high 40.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High: 37 Low: 26 Fog early then mostly cloudy, chance of snow. Same tonight.	High: 40 Low: 28 Fog early then mostly cloudy, chance of snow. Same tonight.	High: 40s Low: 20s Partly cloudy with chance of rain.	High: 40s Low: 20s Partly cloudy with chance of rain.	High: 30s Low: teens Partly cloudy with chance of snow.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday 43	Yesterday in Twin Falls — 1.8
Last week 32	Month to date: .46
Normal 35	Normal mo. to date: .32
	Water year to date: 1.12
	Normal year to date: 3.48

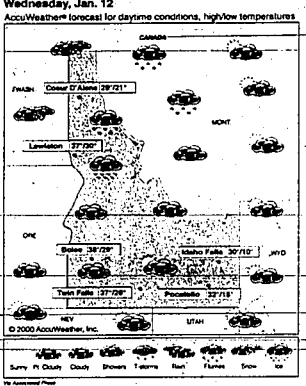
Idaho

Area	Min	Pcp	Idaho: High, 40	degrees at Malta.
Boise	45	36	25	Low, 23 degrees at
Burley	45	38	20	Salmon
Coeur d'Alene	34	27	04	Nation: High, 86 at
Grangeville	m	m	m	Laughlin AFB, Nev.
Hagerman	47	32	25	High, 89 at
Idaho Falls	38	27	04	N.D., -15 at Minot,
Lewiston	32	28	07	N.D.
Malad	45	m	m	
Malta	48	32	01	Noon humidity: 65%
McCall	33	25	11	Noon barometer: 29.61
Pocatello	42	31	25	
Salmon	28	23	22	Pollen and mold counts:
Stanley	32	27	08	The reporting season has
Sun Valley	33	21	85	ended for the year.

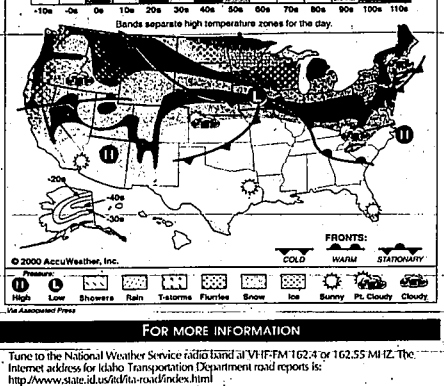
The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	59	28	0.0
Anchorage	6	6	0.0
Atlanta	62	44	0.0
Boston	32	24	0.0
Chicago	36	32	0.0
Dallas	72	44	0.0
Denver	42	15	0.0
Des Moines	30	23	0.0
Detroit	39	36	0.0
Honolulu	30	20	0.0
Houston	79	52	0.0
Indianapolis	47	36	0.0
Kansas City	47	36	0.0
Las Vegas	62	37	0.0
Los Angeles	62	37	0.0
Los Angeles	62	37	0.0
Miami Beach	84	64	0.0
Minneapolis	15	15	.09
New Orleans	76	54	0.0
New York	53	47	0.0
Oklahoma City	60	32	0.0
Omaha	35	23	0.0
Phoenix	71	43	0.0
Pittsburgh	44	42	0.0
Portland, Me.	52	38	.75
Portland, Ore.	48	35	.19
Reno	53	42	.35
St. Louis	46	37	0.0
San Diego	62	47	0.0
San Francisco	58	52	.08
Seattle	51	45	.15
Spokane	51	40	.01
Washington	57	40	0.0
Yuma	71	40	0.0

Idaho weather



National weather



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Index: 0 (minimal)
Burn time: 60 minutes

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SKYWATCH

Sunrise today 5:27 p.m.
Sunset tomorrow 8:06 a.m.
Lunar phase: First quarter, Jan. 14; full, Jan. 20; last quarter, Jan. 26; new, Feb. 5.

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: A cold front extending from southwest Montana, through central Idaho and into northeast Oregon produced widespread cloudiness and extensive rain and snow in the lower Snake River Plane and snow from Blaine to Fremont counties.

Elsewhere: Light rain and snow were scattered Tuesday over much of the nation, with dry skies and mild temperatures in the South. Rain pushed east into New England, and snow

Joint Finance Appropriations Committee

Figuring into the leadership mix will be attitudes toward candidates who may also be vying for Kemphorne's nod to be the next lieutenant governor, assuming fourth-term Lt. Gov. Butch Otter wins the 1st District congressional seat from which U.S. Rep. Helen Kenoweth-Hage is retiring. While the success rate for Otter has been high, lieutenant governors have been seen as logical gubernatorial nominees.

Risch, a Boise attorney who planned to run for governor in 1998 before Kemphorne got into

Marvel

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Marvel panned the decision made as the board was busily handing out leases.

"Doesn't this show the bankruptcy of the Land Board where in order to protect themselves in court, they change their own policy in the middle of a meeting?" he said.

In the board's rulings:

- It renewed Simplot Livestock Co.'s possession of more than 14,000 acres of ground on the Nevada border. Simplot bid \$3,500 to beat out Idaho Watersheds.
- Randy Seed, an adjacent landowner, secured 920 acres in the Lava Hot Springs area of eastern Idaho with \$2.9 million.
- Idaho Watersheds was the lone applicant for 426 acres along Poison Creek about 20 miles east of Fairfield and took that parcel.
- Late last year, Marvel beat out Emmett rancher Brad Little for 777 acres in the Boise foothills, which Little's Highland Land & Livestock Co. has used to move sheep to other grazing land for years. The board gave Marvel the lease for \$1,500, but required him to allow Little to trail his sheep flocks over the parcel to reach Little's grazing area.
- "If he won, I wonder who lost," Little said. "It may be more inconvenient than before. They had a victory in the Supreme Court, but not today."
- The Land Board allowed the Sawtooth Grazing Association to keep 640 acres in the Hailey area for \$400. But it accepted Kelley Weston's bid of \$1,250 for 2,612 acres. Weston conceded that he was not a Watersheds member when he embarked on the effort, but he since has joined up.

Success

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served six years as president pro tem before being ousted by voters during the brief Democratic insurgency.

Since his appointment to the Senate in 1995 by then Gov. Phil Batt, Risch has built on a history of masterfully fending off challengers in leadership races that has earned him a reputation as the best internal vote counter in the Senate.

But his often authoritarian

Water

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ing with the few water users who refuse to do anything to improve the quality of runoff water, board president Chuck Conner said.

The rules and standards will be developed by a committee of 10 water users appointed by board members.

The North Side Canal Co. passed a similar measure about three years ago.

The Twin Falls Canal Co. already has been active in efforts to limit pollutants entering the mid-Snake River and has built 65 sediment-trapping ponds on company returns to the river.

In 1990 the average amount of sediment in those return flows was 136 milligrams of sediment per liter of water. In 1998 the average had dropped to 99 milligrams per liter.

Under the mid-Snake cleanup plan — known as TMDL, short for Total Maximum Daily Load, the amount of pollutant the river can assimilate — the goal for irrigation return flows is 52 milligrams per liter. That's a reduction of almost

Capitol

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why the few legislators remaining in Boise are reluctant to talk business until next week.

The delay of the session and its irregular kickoff by the governor's State of the State speech, was designed to give Twigg's colleagues time to recuperate from the shock of his death. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's State of the State speech is scheduled for Monday, and committee meetings will begin that afternoon.

That in itself is a departure. Usually, the State of the State address is the only official business conducted during the first legislative day.

Twigg was found dead on a jogging path on the Boise greenbelt early Monday morning. He was the apparent victim of a heart attack.

Twigg's death has left a hole in Republican leadership at the Statehouse. In addition to serving as Senate president pro tem, Kempthorne said Monday that Twigg was on the short list of possible appointees to lieutenant governor if current Lt. Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, is successful in his bid for Congress this year. And finding Twigg's successor as the third-highest ranking member of state government will likely leave another slot in Republican leadership vacant.

But Sandy and other senior Senate members from the Magic Valley — Denton Darrington, R-Declo and Laird Norr, R-Kimberly

Monuments

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presidents to safeguard federal lands as in the words of the act, "objects of historic and scientific

interest." Only Presidents Nixon, Reagan and Bush declined to use it. President Carter used the law to preserve large sections of Alaskan wilderness in the 1970s.

Monumental reactions

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Worker accuses Army of Utah plant cover-up

WASHINGTON (AP) — Officials at the Army's chemical weapons incinerator in Utah falsified tests and records to conceal safety problems from state regulators, the plant's former permit coordinator said Tuesday.

Gary Harris also said officials at the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility allowed scrap metal still contaminated with the deadly nerve agent sarin to be sent for disposal to a metal recycler in Colorado. Harris, who resigned from the plant in 1996, said he is suffering from mental sluggishness and other health problems because of repeated exposure to nerve agents and other chemicals.

When he and other workers pointed out safety problems to the Army and the company running the plant, "they countered by threatening us with our jobs," Harris told The Associated Press.

An Army spokesman said military officials would investigate, but "the Army is confident the allegations will be proven untrue."

"We take the allegations seriously, of course," said Greg Mahall, a spokesman for the Army's chemical weapons destruction program. "It doesn't do us any good to let these go unchallenged. We're going to defend ourselves against those allegations, and we will investigate them."

Harris repeated to reporters accusations he made in a sworn statement to a group suing to



Gary Harris

shut down the Utah incinerator. The Chemical Weapons Working Group also opposes similar proposed chemical weapons incinerators at military facilities in Alabama, Arkansas and Oregon.

Harris is the fifth official at the Utah incinerator to accuse the Army and incinerator operator EG&G Defense Systems Inc. of trying to cover up safety or environmental problems.

Federal courts reinstated Steve Jones as the incinerator's chief safety officer last year after ruling he had been fired for criticizing safety at the plant in 1994, when it was still under construction. Army and incinerator officials have said the facility is not a threat to public health or the environment.

Harris said incinerator officials manipulated data to conceal the fact that nerve agent was not staying in one furnace long enough to be completely destroyed. He said tests of another furnace were falsified to conceal problems in burning Cold War-era nerve agents that had solidified. Harris said that misleading information was given to Utah regulators, whose environmental permit was needed to allow the incinerator to operate.

FBI photo may void Waco claims

ST. LOUIS (AP) — An FBI photograph says to discredit claims that flashes of light filmed during the 1993 assault on the Branch Davidian compound were gunfire from government agents, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported Tuesday.

The Post-Dispatch said the surveillance photo appears to have been snapped within seconds of the time when a flash appears on a separate infrared tape at 11:24 a.m. on April 19, 1993.

The Branch Davidians and their experts claim flashes on the

infrared film are muzzle flashes from FBI agents' guns. But the surveillance photo shows nobody in the vicinity of the flashes.

It is part of a batch of photos the government recently turned over to John C. Danforth and U.S. District Judge Walter S. Smith.

Smith is presiding over a wrongful-death lawsuit filed by Branch Davidian survivors. Danforth was appointed last year to investigate whether the FBI tried to cover up its actions at the group's compound near Waco, Texas.

Court ruling diminishes federal power

WASHINGTON (AP) — Whittling away more of the federal government's power over states, the Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that state employees cannot go into federal court to sue over age bias.

The court, by a 5-4 vote, said Congress exceeded its authority when allowing such lawsuits against the states under 1974 amendments to the Age

Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967. The ruling killed three separate federal cases from Florida and Alabama.

The federal law cannot trump states' 11th Amendment immunity against being sued in federal courts, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote for the court.

Tuesday's ruling extended a series of recent decisions in which the court — by identical

votes each time — ignited what legal scholars have called a states' rights revolution by eroding the federal government's sway over states.

Joining O'Connor again were Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Antonin Scalia, Anthony M. Kennedy and Clarence Thomas. Once again left in dissent were the court's more liberal justices — John Paul

Stevens, David H. Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer.

The court said Congress does not enjoy the same power to enforce the 14th Amendment's equal-protection guarantee when seeking to protect people against age discrimination as it does when the bias is based on race, national origin, religion or sex.

Justices doubt validity of rape victims law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court justices expressed doubts Tuesday about whether Congress had the authority to enact a law allowing rape victims to sue their attackers in federal court.

"Your approach ... would justify a federal remedy for alimony or child support," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor told Solicitor General Seth Waxman, who asked the court to reinstate a key provision of the 1994 Violence Against Women Act.

Julie Goldscheid, representing a former Virginia Tech student who wants to sue two football players she says raped her, argued along with Waxman that the law is needed to combat gender-based violence — "one of the most persistent barriers to women's equality and full participation in the economy." Such violence reduces national productivity and restricts women's choices in jobs and travel, Goldscheid said.

But Justice Antonin Scalia said all types of crime could have similar effects.

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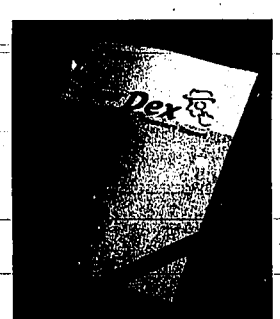
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NATION

Sergeants face charges concerning trainees

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (AP) — Four Army staff sergeants — three men and one woman — face court-martial in a sexual misconduct case involving trainees.

The four, charged Monday, were based at Fort Eustis, where they trained soldiers in such skills as truck driving and aviation maintenance.

Among those charged was instructor Leroy Barnwell, 26, accused of making a false statement and in appropriate advances toward female students; drill sergeant Reginald Blanding, 32, accused of obstruction and sodomy; and instructor Julio Jaramillo, 27, accused of

obstruction of justice, indecent acts and sodomy.

Drill sergeant Diane Cooper, 28, was charged with making a false statement and forgery. She is accused of wrongfully having a personal relationship with a student she married two weeks after training ended and lying to investigators about it.

In addition, all four were charged with violating a regulation that governs the relationship between permanently assigned personnel and soldiers who are on base for training. Military code forbids even consensual sexual relations between trainers and trainees.

Rate hike gets sticky for Postal Service

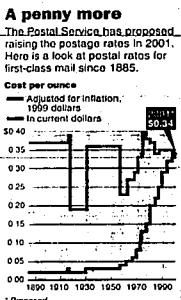
WASHINGTON (AP) — Expect to pay a penny more to send cards and letters starting early next year.

And the cost of mailing magazines and catalogs is expected to go up significantly — proposals that are stirring up a hornet's nest in the business community.

Sending post cards and letters would cost 21 cents and 34 cents respectively under new rates proposed Tuesday by the Postal Service.

"We looked at it and held off as long as we could hold off," said Einar V. Dyhrkoop, chairman of the postal board of governors. He said the new rates won't take effect until 2001.

The proposed increases average about 6 percent over all classes of mail, he said.



Source: Postal Rate Commission AP

While postal officials say they have seen little impact so far from the growth of the Internet, Gene Del Polito of the American Association for Postal Commerce says the proposed increases would make that happen.

The proposed increases average about 6 percent over all classes of mail, he said. They now go to the independent Postal Rate Commission, which will hold hearings before ruling on them.

Increases vary among the various types of mail and some of the proposals were not sitting well.

"It's devastating. The average increase for (magazines) looks to be about 15 percent, which is a terrible blow," said Jim Cregan of the Magazine Publishers Association.

Officials find dead Chinese stowaways

SEATTLE (AP) — Three Chinese stowaways were found dead this week in a cargo container that arrived aboard a ship from Hong Kong — the first known deaths in what has suddenly become one of the busiest methods of smuggling immigrants into the United States.

Crammed into 40-foot, canvas-topped corrugated-metal boxes, the stowaways try to survive on bottled water and little food for the two-week voyage across the Pacific from China.

Immigration officers have stepped up efforts to catch the immigrants and the smugglers they pay up to \$50,000 to make the trip, but the boxes keep coming.

"Until now, the prices migrants have paid for illegal passage to the United States have been high in terms of dollars," said Bob Coleman, acting director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Seattle, "but in a situation like this, where lives are lost, the cost is unfathomable."

On Monday, federal officials boarded the Cape May, a Japanese-owned freighter that left Hong Kong for Seattle on Dec. 27, and found three dead Chinese and 15 others in threadbare clothes and bare feet. All of them required medical care, and four remained hospitalized Tuesday. The cause of death was not immediately released.

On Tuesday morning, 19 more immigrants, all in relatively good health, were found in a container from a ship that likewise docked in Hong Kong before arriving here.

INS spokeswoman Irene Mortensen said conditions inside the container from the Cape May were deplorable. People barely had enough room to lie down, and had only the bedding and survival gear they brought with them.

Food consisted of slowly rotting vegetables and crackers. The only toilet was a bucket; the only ventilation came from holes cut in the canvas roof.

Russian rocket troubles delay space station again

MOSCOW (AP) — The long-delayed International Space Station has been postponed once again due to flaws in a booster rocket, while Russia's Mir space station may get a new lease on life, space officials said Tuesday.

A new launch date will be discussed next month, said Sergei Gromov, spokesman for Energia,

the company that built the module. He said that some software problems with Zvezda's computers also must be resolved before the launch. "Obviously, the Americans are not pleased with the delay, but they react with understanding," he said.

The launch of the crucial crew compartment for the multibillion-

dollar, 16-nation space station has been long behind schedule because of the Russian government's failure to provide funds for its manufacture. Then, when the module was almost ready, two crashes of Proton booster rockets pushed officials to postpone the launch date again Tuesday. The Zvezda (Star) mod-

ule is to be carried into space by a Proton.

Gromov said the crashes were caused by a manufacturing flaw in the rocket's second-stage engines. The Voronezh Mechanical Works, which built the engines, promised to replace them by the end of June, he told The Associated Press.

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NATION

Clinton proposes increase in defense spending

WASHINGTON - President Clinton intends to ask Congress in his 2001 budget for a \$2.2 billion increase in spending for a national missile defense, mainly for an expanded arsenal of interceptor rockets to be based in Alaska or North Dakota, defense officials said Tuesday.

Just a year ago the Clinton administration added \$5.6 billion to the Pentagon's missile defense budget, and officials now estimate deployment of such a system will cost \$12.7 billion in the next five years.

The Pentagon argues that the United States faces a growing threat from missile attack. Several countries hostile to the United States, including North Korea, Iran and Iraq, are said to be seeking a capability to launch intercontinental ballistic missiles. U.S. satellites can detect missile launches anywhere on the globe, but the United States has no means of shooting down long-range missiles in flight.

Clinton is to decide as early as July whether to go ahead with deployment.

Critics say the system is unlikely to provide a reliable defense against ballistic missiles and that it will require the United States to withdraw from the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, which many consider the bedrock of arms control.

INS does not plan to force Cuban boy's return yet

MIAMI - The Immigration and Naturalization Service said today it has no plans to forcibly return Elian Gonzalez to Cuba in the wake of a state judge's decision to grant emergency custody of the 6-year-old boy to his great-uncle in Miami.

The INS last week ruled that the boy's father in Cuba should have custody, and gave a target date of this Friday for his return. The ruling was endorsed by President Clinton and Attorney General Janet Reno.

On Monday, Miami-Dade County Circuit Judge Rosa Rodriguez ruled that Elian should remain with his U.S. relatives until March 6 so the court can hear arguments from Lazaro Gonzalez, his great-uncle, who is seeking temporary custody.

Researchers find viral link in Lou Gehrig's disease

A viral infection found in the spinal cords of some victims of Lou Gehrig's disease may offer new clues about the cause of the devastating nerve disorder.

A research team working at the Rockefeller University in New York, N.Y., reported the findings in the January issue of Neurology.

"Many researchers have suspected a viral link to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)," said one of the researchers, Martina Berger, now at the Department of Medicine at University of California, Irvine. "But in this study we were able to identify a virus known for nerve damage in the exact areas of the nervous system that are affected by this disease."

Editorial comments accompanying the article underlined that the work is preliminary, and that there may be other reasons for the presence of virus in the nerve cells of ALS victims.

Someone removed ropes before bonfire collapse

COLLEGE STATION, Texas - Stabilizing ropes were removed hours before a stack of bonfire logs collapsed at Texas A&M University in a deadly accident last fall, according to a new report.

Four of eight ropes used to stabilize the center pole within the 60-foot stack were cut free from the pole two to three hours before the collapse that killed 12 students, according to the report by Rogers Engineering Services released on Monday.

The report does not cite the source of the rope information or the reason the ropes were cut. The report does not suggest the ropes or the stack's first tier caused the collapse.

Judge releases molester on his promise to leave state

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. - A man found guilty of molesting two girls was released from jail after promising a judge that he would leave Nebraska within 24 hours.

Stanley Patterson, 58, was freed Monday in an agreement with Judge Donald Rowlands. He said he would return to Oregon.

Nation in brief

Man who killed girlfriend's parents at 17 is executed

RICHMOND, Va. - Douglas Christopher Thomas was executed by injection late Monday for killing his girlfriend's parents when he was 17. Thomas, 26, made no final statement. Thomas fatally shot James

Baxter Wiseman and Kathy Wiseman as they slept in their Middlesex home on Nov. 10, 1990. The Wisemans had been trying to end the relationship between Thomas and their daughter, who was also convicted in the killing.

In a telephone interview last week, Thomas said it was unfair that he faced execution while his girlfriend, convicted as a juvenile for the same crime, was released

years ago. Jessica Wiseman was 14 when she urged Thomas to kill her parents. She was convicted of murder as a juvenile because she was too young to be tried as an adult and was released in 1997.

Thomas' appeal was based on an international agreement that prohibits executing juveniles. It was signed by the United States, but the Senate has refused to ratify it.

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EDITORIAL

With budgets down, schools should seek new economies

The road to prosperity isn't always paved, as the Twin Falls School District is beginning to find out. Though population in the city has been growing smoothly, student enrollment across the district is down about 3 percent.

Fewer students means less money from the state. For the Twin Falls district, the shortfall is expected to total about \$500,000 this year. If things don't change, next year's budget loss could hit \$750,000.

That's discouraging news, but it's not a crippling blow. The growth curve in Twin Falls is still climbing and, after a short dip, student enrollments will doubtless follow suit.

In Minidoka County, however, the news is bleaker. Enrollment there has declined steadily since the 1993-94 school year; since 1990, it is down more than 7.8 percent. Rightly or wrongly, declines of that magnitude have a way of dampening local enthusiasm for new school construction—and higher property taxes to finance it.

Though discouraging, revenue shortfalls don't inevitably spell disaster. Any budget downturn, regardless of magnitude or duration, offers a golden opportunity to trim, tighten and seek greater efficiencies. As William Shakespeare put it, "Sweet are the uses of adversity..."

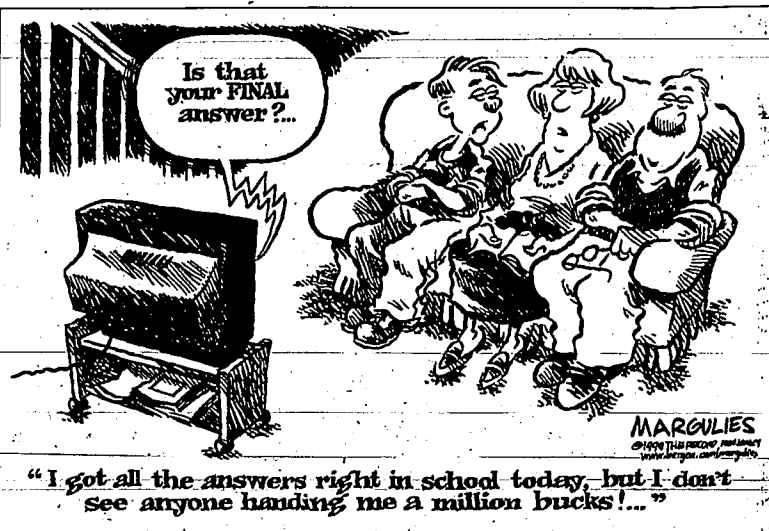
Like all successful businesses, school districts with declining budgets should seize the opportunity to prioritize their staffing needs. When an employee retires, or moves away, district leaders should scrutinize the vacant position to determine if it really must be filled. Some jobs are essential and others may not be, but all vacancies represent a golden opportunity for change when they go dark.

The process can be difficult, but it's an opportunity that shouldn't be missed.

There's another lesson here, and it's one that hinges on competition. Though charter schools are still more of a concept than a reality, parents exercise school choice whenever they enroll their children in private schools or home schools. Simply put, parents are increasingly inclined to vote with their feet.

For the Twin Falls School District, declining school enrollment is likely to be a short-term thing. Yes, it's unpleasant, but it's also an opportunity to make the district more nimble in the face of increasing competition. Focusing on core priorities and streamlining operations is easier to do when money is tight. Given present circumstances, now is the time to act.

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Accountability in education gets a lift

Education reform got a big boost last week from a surprising source: the federal courts. That hasn't always been the case. In past years, courts have often played a pernicious role in education, more concerned with promoting social equality than learning. But last week, a federal judge actually did something that could improve the quality of education not just in Texas, where the decision was handed down, but throughout the nation.



LINDA CHAVEZ

In a case brought by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF), U.S. District Court Judge Edward Prado upheld the right of the Texas Education Agency to require graduating students to pass a competency test in order to receive a high-school diploma. Judge Prado rejected MALDEF's claim that the test, the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills or TAAS, was discriminatory simply because blacks and Hispanics failed the test at higher rates than whites.

MALDEF hoped that Judge Prado would strike down the test, but instead, he showed admirable deference to the political process. "This Court has no authority to tell the state of Texas what a well-educated high-school graduate should demonstrably know at the end of 12 years of education," Judge Prado wrote. "Ultimately, resolution of this case turns not on the validity of the parties' views on education but on the state's right to pursue educational policies that it legitimately believes are in the best interest of Texas students."

Texas is one of 19 states that requires students to pass a test in order to graduate. States have adopted such tests to ensure that students have some command of basic skills before they graduate, especially in an era of social promotion and inflated grades. The TAAS, administered to all 10th-graders in Texas, measures proficiency in reading, writing and math, with many of the questions based on eighth-grade materials.

Students who fail the test on the first try have an opportunity to take the exam up to seven additional times. In 1999, 86 percent of white sophomores, 64 percent of Hispanics, and 60 percent of blacks passed the test on the first round. But critics allege that about 20 percent of minority students, compared with 10 percent of whites, never pass the test, and therefore, do not receive their high-school diplomas, despite having attended classes and received passing grades.

As this fair, especially if black and Hispanic students are more likely to attend poorly funded schools that do a lousy job of teaching the basics?

Judge Prado was sympathetic to MALDEF's claim that black and Hispanic students have not always had equal educational opportunity because many of them attend underfunded school districts. But he viewed the state education agency's implementation of a standardized achievement test as a way

to measure the disparities between poor and affluent districts, minority and non-minority schools, and give credit to the state for attempting to correct these disparities. "The results of the TAAS are used, in many cases quite effectively, to motivate not only students but schools and teachers to raise and meet educational standards," Judge Prado wrote.

Texas was one of the first states to adopt a high-school graduation exam requirement in the mid-1980s. Since that time, Texas has made good progress in closing the racial achievement gap, with black and Hispanic scores rising consistently in the last few years. Surely, much of the reason has been the state's emphasis on holding students—and teachers and administrators—accountable. Thankfully, Judge Prado has left it up to the people of Texas to determine how best to determine that accountability.

Judge Prado's decision has far-reaching implications. Had MALDEF prevailed in striking down the Texas test, other challenges to state graduation tests would have been quick to follow. But Judge Prado may not have the last word. MALDEF has warned it may appeal the decision. If so, education reformers can only hope that other judges who take up this issue will pay close attention to Judge Prado's words:

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LETTERS

Creationists misinterpret science

Regarding Greg Hegman's recent letter, I am sure we have creationists who are equally misinformed as to what science really is and are parroting arguments put forth by others or are deliberately misrepresenting science in an attempt to deceive. I have seen both, but I'll give Mr. Hegman the benefit of the doubt and assume he belongs in the former category.

In general, the letter reflects a common creationist ostrich mentality. "Where's the evidence for evolution?" To a scientist, the very question is absurd. Watch Nova, the Discovery Channel or the Learning Channel. Read National Geographic, Smithsonian, Discover, Science or any of dozens of other science periodicals. The evidence is ubiquitous and overwhelming.

As to specifics, the First Law of Thermodynamics states that energy cannot be created or destroyed in a closed system. However, the universe isn't a closed system. We only observe a limited part of the universe; namely, the portion within which light has had time to reach us since the universe was created. What's beyond is unknown and unknowable. So his "you can't get something from nothing" argument is a red herring.

Secondly, he presents a favorite creationist fallacy by misstating the Second Law of Thermodynamics (order tends toward disorder in a closed system). But again, earth isn't a closed system—it has constant input of energy from the sun, thus allowing complexity to arise from simplicity. By analogy, imagine a puzzle consisting of a few simple pieces. Put in a box, we would never expect the puzzle to assemble itself. But shaking the box (adding energy) will eventually cause the pieces to fall into place. Violate Order from disorder.

Finally, he cites the supposed lack of transitional fossils (another tiresome creationist fallacy). It simply isn't true. More transitional forms are discovered all the time. Fossils—transitional and otherwise—are rare because the processes that produce them are rare, and few survive over geologic time. Punctuated equilibrium merely acknowledges that the environmental pressures forcing evolutionary change are infrequent and drastic. This

reflects the emergence of catastrophism over gradualism as the leading theory of natural processes and demonstrates science's greatest strength: its ability to self-correct (a quality faith-based belief systems do not enjoy).

I know my arguments won't sway those who put faith before reason. But they should at least be aware when facts are being twisted in an attempt to discredit science.

CHRIS ANDERSON
Twin Falls

Leave historical names intact

I have enjoyed the write-ups about Box Canyon Springs but was a little disturbed to think anyone would want to change the name. All of the springs should keep their names to honor our ancestors. So our children, for years to come know the history—Box Canyon, Blind Canyon, Thousand Springs and Banbury Springs should keep their names. It's been more than 100 years.

Why change the names? Someone give me a good reason. What's wrong coming next for a name change? Why do you want to throw history down the drain?

Idaho should be proud to have the 11th largest spring—Box Canyon. Leave it as it was. Thousand Springs Conservancy—Thousand Springs is known worldwide. Please don't mess it up.

GLENN A. RUFFING
Wendell

Sheriff's department does good job

First of all, I am very upset over the judge's sentencing of Mr. Thrush. He is guilty of the death of an innocent child, whether deliberate or not.

But why categorize our whole Sheriff's office as bad guys and gals? There are surely some of you out there who needed their assistance. Weren't they there for you?

If the mother had been worried about leaving the child in Mr. Thrush's care, she wouldn't have done it. Who among us haven't done things we deeply regret? We were lucky ours didn't lead to death.

I, for one, appreciate the hard work and dedication our law enforcement performs for us. They do a good job.

JOYCE SMITH
Twin Falls

Hog farm could benefit Raft River

At first hearing of a mega-sized hog operation developing in the Raft River area where I live, the idea seemed unlikable. Not only was it hard to conceive such a grand scale operation but even harder to see how it could be beneficial to the area.

After a closer look at the proposal, it is apparent that Ron Aches has a well-developed plan and has gone to a lot of effort to assure environmental safety. If all the conditions in his plan are met, I see no reason that the farming community in the Raft River Valley could not co-exist in harmony and balance with the proposed hog operation.

Ron Aches has a strong financial background. When I saw his structured layout to compete with a global market in a world economy, it made me realize that his innovative ideas put a new outlook on the farming industry. With the slump that farming is in, we need to look at new ideas; we need a change. This size of operation would need more than 100,000 acres of feed to be grown each year. The

farmers in this area could greatly benefit with this additional marketing opportunity for a cash crop.

I believe that Ron Aches should be allowed to obtain a permit for this operation and given a chance to improve the area's economy.

NORMAN BODILY
Raft River

Deaths give cause for suspicion

How many more negative things must happen within our law enforcement and judicial system before the people of our beautiful community say "enough is enough!"

Davin Homolka—dead, Mike Winkler—dead, Little Hailley—dead.

If nobody has anything to hide, why haven't the Homolka and Winkler families received copies of files from the county? Little Hailley, do you think Officer Jesse Thrush did a good job of protecting and serving here? How many other cases of wrongful acts are there that the people of Magic Valley do not know about? What if it ends up to be someone in your family?

ly? What if it ends up to be you? DAWN J. KIRKPATRICK
Twin Falls

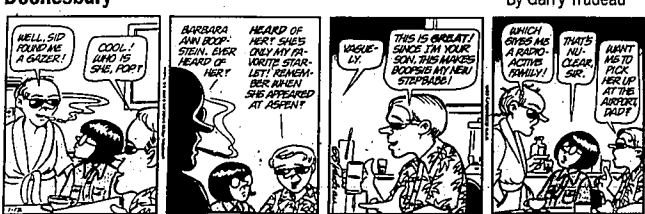
Any surplus should pay down debt

One of the hot topics in the current presidential political arena is how to spend the so-called budget surplus. Maybe within the next few years, a president, along with members of the House and Senate, will awaken to the realization that there is no budget surplus! This nation has a national debt that could eventually undermine the foundations of its economy.

No amount of fancy accounting by either the General Accounting Office or the Treasury Department can gloss over the fact that our liabilities are larger than our assets. Given this situation, the federal government is in debt and there is no budget surplus. All available funds should be applied to reducing the principal on the national debt, and now is the time to tackle the issue.

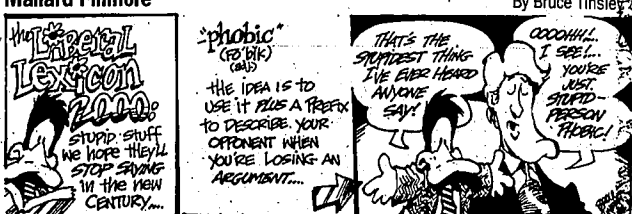
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WORLD

Civilians killed in Chechnya, despite assurances

URUS-MARTAN, Russia (AP) — Assured by Russian authorities that it was safe to return to Chechnya, 4-year-old Liana Shamsudinova and her family were settling into their home when a tank shell ripped into the bedroom.

The exploding shell tore the house to bits, killing Liana's mother, her 3-year-old brother and an 8-year-old sister, said the girl's only surviving relative, her aunt Raisa Davlitmirzayeva.

Liana was hospitalized with a fractured skull and shell fragments in her legs. The little girl cried, clutching a plastic doll as a nurse checked the bandages covering her shaved skull and then the plastic tubes draining pus from holes in her left leg.

"They called it a liberated town. They said it was safe," said the girl's aunt, tears running down her face.

For more than two months, Russian authorities have been urging 250,000 refugees from Chechnya to return to parts of the republic occupied by federal forces, promising they would be safe. But many refugees who



A doctor in a hospital in the southern Russian town of Sleptsyovskaya dresses the wounds of 4-year-old Chechen girl, Liana Shamsudinova, last week, while a nurse, right, holds the girl's aunt, who fainted after seeing the wounds. The family fled Chechnya for a refugee camp in the neighboring Russian republic of Ingushetia.

have returned say they come under regular Russian artillery fire and get caught in the middle of fierce battles.

With Chechen forces launching counterattacks and striking deep into Russian-held territory, villages and towns have become virtual free-fire zones. Russian mili-

tary officers concede that many areas supposedly under federal control remain dangerous.

Liana and her family first fled Chechnya in late September, more than a month after Russia began its campaign to wipe out Chechnya-based Islamic militants, and found shelter in a

The family returned home to the western Chechen town of Urus-Martan — 12 miles southwest of the capital Grozny — on New Year's Eve.

Chechen refugees are told little about possible dangers, as the Russian government, burdened with caring for the refugees, tries to get civilians to go home.

Of the 250,000 people who fled Chechnya for Ingushetia, more than 80,000 have returned home, said Nikolai Koshman, Russia's chief emissary to Chechnya. Russian officials insist the returns are purely voluntary.

"Never, under no circumstances, will we support the idea of forced repatriation of people," said an official with the federal migration service, Vladimir Kolomanov.

But he refused to say whether he thought Chechnya was safe enough for civilians to return.

Serbs plead innocent in genocide trial

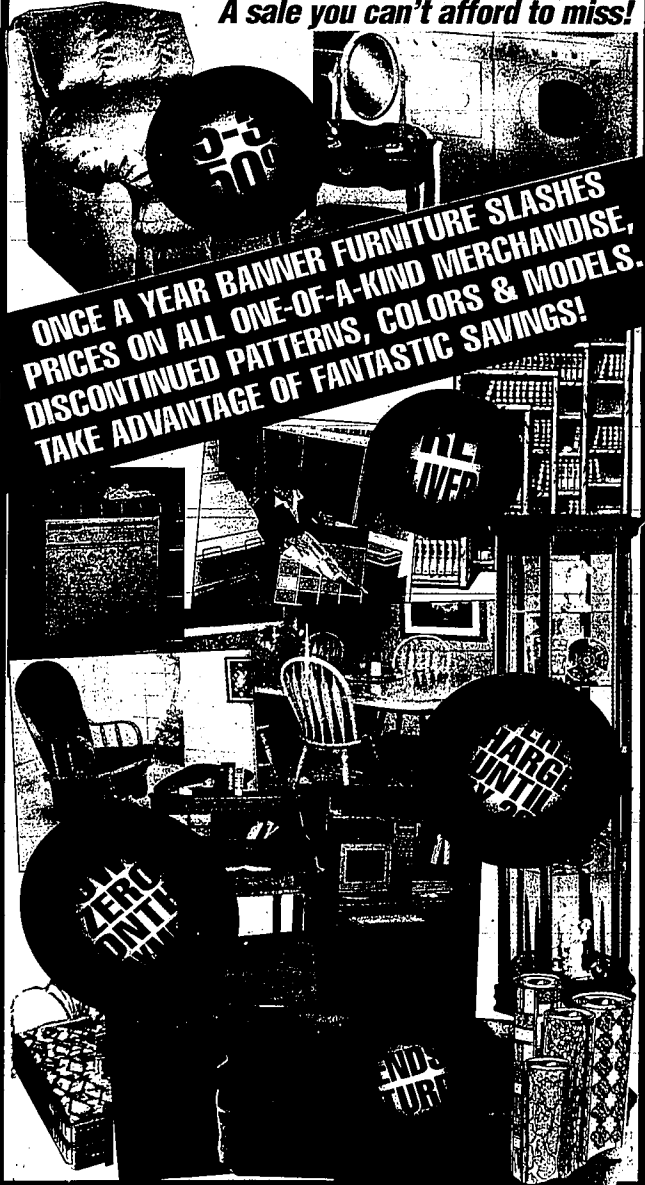
THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Two Bosnian Serbs who allegedly led an onslaught that killed hundreds of Muslims and Croats, and sent tens of thousands fleeing for their lives, pleaded innocent Tuesday to 12 counts of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

The case of Gen. Momir Talic and Radoslav Brdjanin comes as the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal reaps a harvest of increasingly senior Serb military commanders detained for trial. Talic, the current Bosnian Serb military chief, and Brdjanin, a former deputy prime minister, appeared at a pre-trial hearing on their joint indictment.

Judge David Hunt read out each of the charges, which include extermination, torture and destruction of cities.

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Car hits house, driver flees scene Tuesday

HANSEN - Authorities were searching for a driver who crashed his car into a house Tuesday night. The crash happened around 6:50 p.m. at 394 N. 3600 E., said Nancy Howell of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

The blue Ford Probe was heading east on 4000 N. and lost control where the road curves south into 3600 E., Howell said.

The car drove through some brush and hit the north side of the house. No one in the house was hurt, she said.

After the crash the car's occupants fled into the night and remained at large, she said.

Lipman steps down as Amalgamated chief exec

TWIN FALLS - Allan M. Lipman will step down as chief executive officer of The Amalgamated Sugar Co. and president of the Snake River Sugar Cooperative, the company announced Tuesday.

The announcement came at Snake River Sugar Cooperative's annual meeting in Boise, a news release said. Lipman will be succeeded by Larry Corry, president of Amalgamated Sugar.

Lipman, who joined Amalgamated in 1968 as legal counsel, will continue to be president of Amalgamated Research Inc., a separate technology firm that maintains a working relationship with Amalgamated Sugar.

"Allan's leadership has made an extraordinary impact on Amalgamated and on the nation's sugar policy. Yet at every opportunity, he gives the growers of Amalgamated the credit for his success," said Terry Ketterling, chairman of the board for Amalgamated Sugar Co.

U.S. Census Bureau plans business presentation

JEROME - The U.S. Census Bureau will give a presentation today on how local businesses can partner with their local census committee to ensure an accurate and complete census count for the April 1, 2000 census.

The presentation will begin at noon at the El Sombrero Restaurant at 143 W. Main in Jerome. The speaker will be Juliana Dovolina, a community partnership specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau.

For more information, call Marjorie Schmidt at 324-3330 or Art Brown at 324-8811, Ext. 144.

Wendell School Board will meet at high school

WENDELL - The School Board will meet at 7 p.m. today inside the board room at the high school.

Tonight's agenda includes a discussion on the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition program. The meeting is open to the public.

Following the open session, the board will meet in a closed session to conduct an evaluation of the superintendent.

Kimberly sponsors rabies clinic today at City Hall

KIMBERLY - The city of Kimberly assisted by Dr. Jerry Jackson will sponsor a rabies clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in the garage at City Hall.

Residents will be able to have their dogs vaccinated and to purchase licenses. Vaccinations are \$7.50 and the dog license fee is \$5.

For more information, call 423-1151.

Eden residents asked to license dogs second time

EDEN - The City Council on Monday instructed a City Clerk Edith Ur to notify city residents a second time about keeping their dogs licensed and at home.

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Three more years with ARTEC

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls School Board on Tuesday renewed another one-year contract with the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition, a consortium of school districts and businesses pooling resources to expand high school educational opportunities.

Cost to the district in the coming year will be between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

In other ARTEC-related business, school districts in the region are considering adoption of the same calendars in an effort to make it simpler to share programs so students don't miss classes when one district is on break and another remains in session.

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Skiers welcome storm's handiwork

SUN VALLEY - Winter storms that are passing through the state this week have left smiles on skiers' faces and aches in homeowners' backs as they dig out of nearly two-feet of thick, heavy wet snow.

The storm, accompanied by high winds and valley rain, left 23 inches of snow on Bald Mountain and 21 inches on the valley floor. More snow is forecast through Thursday.

While the white stuff is a welcome sight for resort officials, it did cause some safety concerns. Snow slides and small avalanches on Bald Mountain triggered Sun Valley Co. officials to close the mountain for skiers until 10:30 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Ski patrolmen using explosives to blast away unstable snow caused some slides while others occurred naturally.

Exhibition Run, a challenging ski run normally crowded with skiers, slid away Tuesday, a first in recent memory, said Sun Valley Co. publicist Jack Sibbach.

No one was hurt in the slides, Sibbach said.

Portions of Bald Mountain were opened at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday with remaining runs opened throughout the day as they were stabilized. Seattle Ridge, which was closed all day, will probably open Wednesday, Sibbach said.

The Idaho Transportation Department reported road closures on Highway 75 over Galena Summit in addition to the stretch between Stanley and Challis. The Stanley-Challis stretch closed Monday night at 11:20 p.m. and was reopened Tuesday at 4:12 p.m.

Monday night, Galena Summit received 22 inches of new snow accompanied by high winds gusting to 80 miles per hour. Snow slides and drifting snow closed the highway at 8 a.m. Tuesday morning and crews were still working Tuesday night to reopen the road.

Highway 93 between Carey and Arco was closed early Tuesday morning but was opened later that afternoon.

The Blaine County Sheriff's Department reported several slide-offs but no major accidents. School buses arrived late for school, but the storm did not cause any school closures. With

the heavy, wet snow on top of the existing snowpack, the local avalanche hotline warned skiers to stay out of the backcountry on Tuesday and take extra caution

on other slopes. The National Weather Service forecasts continued snowstorms through Thursday which could bring three more inches of snow

to the Wood River Valley. Warmer temperatures are expected Friday along with rain in the valley and snow in the mountains.

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would share common Christmas vacations.

Teachers who work outside of Twin Falls like the prospect of having the same vacation days as their children who attend school in their hometowns, Graybill said.

Marijuana advocate gets prison

TWIN FALLS - A judge Tuesday revoked the appeal bond of a medical-marijuana advocate, sending the 52-year-old woman to prison on her conviction on a charge of possession of marijuana with intent to deliver.

Kathy Tadlock of Twin Falls had been free on bond while her case was appealed to a higher court, and as a condition of the bond Tadlock had to take regular drug tests with the state's department of probation and parole.

She had come up negative on all her tests. But Twin Falls County Deputy Prosecutor Jill Sweezy asked for the bond to be revoked, saying Tadlock had been uncooperative during her tests and hadn't paid for any of them.

District Judge Nathan Higer agreed, saying Tadlock had not been a model of cooperation. He revoked her bond and she was taken into custody to begin serving her one- to five-year prison sentence.

Tadlock's son, Troy Tadlock, said his mother would embark on a hunger strike to protest her imprisonment.

A jury convicted Tadlock in September 1999 after Higer rejected the use of a medical marijuana defense, and she was sentenced in November. Her lawyer, Public Defender John Hansen, filed an immediate appeal, and Tadlock was allowed to remain free.

She was put in jail at the end of November because of a technicality with the bond and served about a month before she was freed again.

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Frank Smith of Bellevue digs his way out of the storm that hit the Wood River Valley Monday night. More snow is expected today and Thursday.

Judge lets sentence stand in chair-beating incident

By Ruth Stroeter Times-News writer

BURLEY - A Burley man, fighting a judge's sentence and a jury's decision, lost his first battle Tuesday morning.

After being sentenced in July to four to 10 years in prison on an aggravated assault charge, stemming from a chair-beating incident, Dana Lynn Rose asked a judge for a reduced sentence.

But after a hearing Tuesday, District Judge Monte B. Carlson let his original sentence stand.

"There comes a time when a judge sits back and says probation is just not an option," said Carlson, after recounting Rose's criminal history, which spanned more than 10 years.

"I think they prosecuted the victim in this case," Rose said following the hearing.

Rose was convicted of striking a chair several times with a baseball bat, while his ex-girlfriend lay next the chair.

Brenda Bettis, Rose's ex-girlfriend, attended Tuesday's hearing, and said she was not surprised at the judge's decision. None of the testimony that was given at the trial was heard at Tuesday's hearing, testimony that Bettis said clearly showed her life had been threatened.

Rose cited ineffective counsel as one reason why a jury found him guilty. He said his attorney did not call key witnesses that Rose had recommended.

Rose also attributed his criminal record to an ongoing dispute over the ownership of his home. The charge of burglary, grand theft and battery on a peace officer are "all related to problems involving this home, and (his) attempts to regain possession of that home," said Rose's new attorney, David Hale, acting as a public defender.

Rose was convicted by a jury of battery in 1996 because he

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Fire crews suspect arson in early afternoon house fire; no injuries

The Times-News

BURLEY - Fire crews suspect arson in a Monday afternoon fire that consumed the interior of a Burley home.

No one was injured in the fire. Heavy smoke was coming from 634 Almo Ave. when Cassia County sheriff's officials arrived just after 2 p.m., according to a police report.

When Burley firefighters arrived shortly thereafter, it took only 10 to 15 minutes to get the fire under control, but the fire had been burning a while, fire chief Phil Heiner said.

"(It) pretty much destroyed the interior of the home," said Heiner, who estimated damage of the double-wide mobile home to be around \$50,000.

Investigators are presuming arson because no evidence inside the home points to an accidental fire, Heiner said.

The home was being rented by Amie Castillo of Burley.



Investigators suspect arson in a Monday fire that caused an estimated \$50,000 damage to a Burley home.

Nobody was home at the time of the fire and all the doors had been locked, Heiner said. Investigators have a possible

suspect, Cassia County detective Tim Little said. The home had not been insured, he said.

Enviros blast BLM grazing plan

BOISE (AP)—The management plan for a series of federal lands in the high desert of Owyhee County has been signed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, but conservationists warn little is being done about the extensive damage from livestock.

Idaho BLM Director Martha Hahn has signed the record of decision for the Owyhee Resource Management Area plan. It will guide the use of 1.3 million acres of public land for the next 20 years and beyond.

The plan balances resource conservation and commodity use of public lands, area manager Daryl Albiston said.

"Livestock grazing, mineral

exploration, off-highway vehicle use and a wide range of recreational activities will continue, but management changes will be made where needed to reduce soil erosion, provide clean water, improve fisheries and wildlife habitat, protect cultural resources, and improve the overall health of the public lands," he said.

BLM managers said the livestock grazing will be adjusted to achieve federal and state guidelines. Site-specific assessments will be made within five years on high-priority grazing allotments and within 10 years on all allotments. Grazing will continue at current levels and will be adjusted

if need be through the assessments.

About 7,500 acres of juniper trees will be burned intentionally each year to improve watershed and wildlife habitat. A total of 105,000 acres is identified for prescribed burning.

Off-highway motor vehicles will be limited to existing or designated roads through most of the area. A herd of about 200 wild horses will be maintained in the Owyhee Mountains.

About 325,000 acres are identified as available for potential land exchange or sale.

New facilities will be created to foster equestrian use, camping and backcountry hiking.

Shoshone board hears progress report on new gymnasium work

By Mickey Brown
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE—The School Board received a progress report Monday on the project to put new bleachers in the school's new gymnasium.

Superintendent Max Excell said the bleachers will arrive next week and the district will need an additional week to complete the installation. The bleachers will accommodate 800 spectators.

Excell also reported on the approval of the district's three-year technology plan by the State Department of Education. The confirmation qualifies the district for a \$250,000 grant sponsored by the Albion Foundation.

The district also received the results from its annual state accreditation findings.

Meeting set

Representatives of the Shoshone and Richfield school districts will hold a special meeting to discuss sharing resources at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Shoshone district office. The meeting is open to the public.

"Our kindergarten through sixth grades are on the approval list with no deviations," Excell said. "The junior-senior high was also approved with just three demerits."

Enrollment for the district, as of Jan. 1, was 461 students, five students lower than the same time last year.

"We had two more students in the elementary, two less in the junior high and two more in the high school than we did the

month before," Excell said. "So we increased by two students over that month. Of course, we have so many students going in and out. Our transiency rate every year runs about 30 to 40 percent."

Other School Board business:

- The board approved the district to participate in the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition program for another year.
- The board approved a calendar that would have the district starting and ending the school year at the same time as other schools in the region. The regional calendar will also schedule spring and Christmas breaks at similar times.

Times-News correspondent Mickey Brown can be reached in Buhl at 543-6562.

Hansen swears in a new mayor

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN—The City Council on Monday swore in new Mayor George Urie and new council members Roger Shanahan and Ruth Mitchell. Councilwoman Laura Nelson administered the oath of office.

Also Monday, the council heard that City Clerk Darlene Miller had resigned after 20 years in the position. Her resignation was effective Jan. 1. Andrea Clements is filling in until a new city clerk can be hired.

In other action Monday, Urie told the council that Operations Maintenance International will monitor the waste water plant until a contract for plant management can be arranged. He said OMI had reported the plant was in excellent shape.

Other City Council business:

- The council suspended the impounding of dogs until repairs can be made at the dog pound.
- Urie said the city may need to hire a full time maintenance man within 10 days of accepting applications for the

maintenance and city clerk positions.

- Manie Fernandez spoke to the council about a proposed bean washing facility to be located in the old Ferry-Morse building west of Hansen. He asked about the possibility of connecting to city services and Urie said the council would take his request into consideration. Fernandez did not say how many people the plant would employ.

Times-News correspondent Margaret Jones can be reached in Kirtland at 723-5330.

Buhl approves water, sewer rate hikes

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL—The City Council on Monday approved \$4 hikes in water and sewer fee increases.

Water rates will go up to \$15.50 from \$11.50 and residents will receive the first 4,000 gallons of water free.

Sewer fees will increase to \$14.75 from \$10.75.

There was no increase to sanitation fees.

Also Monday, the council approved Homestead Properties of Boise to begin construction on a planned unit development in Buhl.

City council workshop

The Buhl City Council will hold a workshop to discuss garbage pickup fees and other sanitation issues at 5 p.m. Monday at City Hall. The workshop will be followed by a meeting with the Buhl Joint Fire Board at 7 p.m. Both the workshop and the meeting are open to the public.

Lucie is now discussing an access road off Highway 30 into the development with area residents. Lucie has the easement rights.

Fire Chief Mark Grimes said he would like the road to be paved. Property owner Brian Dey said he would donate a share of his land to help the city develop the road according to city street requirements. A meeting with property owners is being planned to discuss who will build and finance the access road.

In other action Monday, Tom Richmond, owner of Buhl Mobile Estates, asked the council to reconsider fees for garbage pickup at the mobile park. Richmond said he had been paying about \$25 per month but does not use the city service as single trash receptacles are not feasible for the park. He said the city does not provide adequate service and that he pays an independent contractor for garbage pickup.

Mayor Barbara Gietzen said the council will meet Monday to discuss sanitation issues.

Also Tuesday, Gietzen swore in councilmen Charles Geska and Robert Vandewater. Geska was elected council president. The council approved the mayor's appointments of Sharon Sheets as city clerk, Mark Grimes as fire chief, Terry Tipton as police chief, Gary Winn as public works director. Also approved were Scott Bybee as city engineer, William Nungester as city attorney, Tom Gannon as planning and zoning clerk and Junior McLeroy as building inspector. Department commissioners were also approved, including Robert Vandewater, Airport and Fire Department; Chuck Geska, Library and Planning and Zoning; Jim Wilson, Parks and Recreation; and Irving Twardy, police commissioner. Gordon Christopherson was appointed to a two-year term on the Airport Commission.

Other City Council business:

- The council heard a second reading of a new parking ordinance.
- The council approved the annexation of a planned unit development located on Fair Street to the city limits.

Times-News correspondent Mary Lou Potts can be reached in Buhl at 543-8854.

SERVICES

Barbara Jean Livestock Hatch of Twin Falls, services at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

Mona Pauline "Annis" Dodd of Rogerson, graveside services at noon today at the Kaysville City Cemetery in Kaysville, Utah (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Marjorie Tweed Eldredge of Phoenix, Ariz., formerly of Shoshone and Gooding, memorial services at 4 p.m. Jan. 17, at the Shoshone Baptist Church (Demaray's Funeral Chapel in Shoshone).

Marvin W. Zimmers of Buhl, memorial services at 1 p.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church, 516 Main St. in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Vern V. Harvey of Buhl, mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m.

today at Immaculate Conception, Catholic Church in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Cherrilyn Severe of Oakley, services at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Oakley LDS Stake Center. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Payne Mortuary at 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and

from 10 to 10:45 a.m. prior to services Thursday at the church.

Jim B. Hitt of Declo, services at 2 p.m. today at the Declo LDS Stake Center, 213 W. Main St. in Declo. Friends may call from 1-1:45 p.m. prior to services today at the church (Payne Mortuary).

DEATH NOTICES

Bruce M. Vaughn

DEL RIO, Texas—Bruce Mayo Vaughn, 67, of Del Rio, Texas, formerly of Jerome, died Monday, Jan. 10, 2000, in Del Rio, Texas. At Mr. Vaughn's request, no services will be held. Arrangements and cremation were under the direction of G. W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home in Del Rio, Texas. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in the memory of Krystal Surles and

Kaylene Harris, c/o Del Rio National Bank, 525 S. Main St., Del Rio, Texas 78840.

Charles Underwood

TWIN FALLS—Charles Underwood, 70, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2000, at the Veteran's Regional Medical Center in Boise. Services are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Barbara Barlett, Frank Eslinger, Evelyn Malberg and Hector Maldonado, all of Twin Falls; and Deborah Hare of Paul.

Admitted

Vernon Graham of Bliss.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-9331, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

SEELEY LAKE, MONT.

Lucinda 'Cindi' Rae Haga Houtchens

Lucinda "Cindi" Rae Haga Houtchens, 31, a resident of Seeley Lake, Montana, formerly of Shoshone, died Saturday, January 8, 2000, at her home after a seven-year battle with cancer. Cindi was born on February 16, 1968, in Jerome, Idaho, the daughter of Raymond and Grace Haga. She was raised and educated in Shoshone, graduating from Shoshone High School in 1986. Cindi attended the College of Southern Idaho for one year, and worked at several jobs in the area. Cindi married Tom Houtchens on July 2, 1991, in Shoshone. They made their home in the Magic Valley area before moving in August of 1996 to Seeley Lake, Montana. Cindi was a member of the Living Water Catholic Church in Seeley Lake.

Cindi is survived by her husband, Tom Houtchens, her son, Kyle Richard Houtchens, and her daughter, Kaitlyn Rae Houtchens, all of Seeley Lake, Montana. Her parents, Raymond and Grace Haga of Shoshone; her mother-in-law, Mary Houtchens of Shoshone; two brothers, Russel (Chris) Haga of Wendell, and Bernie (Shel) Haga of Shoshone; several brother-in-laws, sister-in-laws, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cindi was preceded in death by her brother, Jerry, and her maternal grandparents.

Rosary services will be recited at 7 p.m. Wednesday, January 12, 2000, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Shoshone. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 13, 2000, at St. Peter's Catholic

TWIN FALLS

Jack Christensen

Jack Christensen, 75, of Twin Falls, passed away January 9, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center after a short illness.

Jack was born July 8, 1924, to Joseph Ozro and Hazel Pratt Christensen in Salt Lake City, Utah. He married Rachel Haio on September 11, 1947, in the Idaho Falls Temple. As a young child, he moved with his family to various places in Nevada, where his father sought employment during the depression years. They eventually settled in Las Vegas, where he later graduated from Las Vegas High School. He served in the United States Air Force during World War II, and later attended BYU. After his

marriage and move to Twin Falls, he was employed by several local architects for many years. He operated his own architectural drafting and planning service up until the time of his illness. In 1991, he and his wife served 18 months in the Kentucky Louisville Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was an active member of the LDS Church, and served in various callings throughout his life, including bishop's counselor, ward clerk, Explorer Scout Leader and stake music chairman.

Jack was artistic, meticulous and organized. He loved beautiful, classical music and hymns, and good literature. He was also an excellent carpenter who took great pride in his work.

He is survived by his wife, Rachel, of Twin Falls; his daughters, Shirley Hall of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Kaitlyn (Grace) Randall of Olympia, Washington; his son, Wesley (Dobbie) Christensen, of Twin Falls; daughter-in-law, Lucy Christensen, of Yucca, California; his brother, Lyle (Mary) Christensen, of Reno, Nevada; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, Joseph Wayne Christensen, September 1999; his parents; his brother, Lynn; and an infant brother and sister.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 13, 2000, at the LDS Church Sixth Ward at 600 Harrison St. in Twin Falls. Burial will be at the site to be Bishop Hoby Stanger. Burial will be held following services at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, January 12, 2000, at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls, and from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Thursday, January 13, 2000, at the church.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center staff for their care and compassion.

L-80 sniper gets at least 20 years

RENO, Nev. (AP)—A former high school honor student was sentenced Tuesday to at least 20 years in prison for a sniper attack on Interstate 80 that he said was to start a cross-country shooting spree.

District Judge Steven Kosach imposed the sentence on Christopher Merritt, 21, of Mankato, Minn., who earlier pleaded guilty to six counts of attempted murder in last winter's shooting rampage.

One person was hit in the chest and hospitalized but no one was killed.

"I'd like to live with this," Kosach told Merritt. "You committed a cowardly act and pulled the trigger at least 12 times. Thank God you're a bad shot."

Merritt, handcuffed and shackled in a jail jump suit, appeared somber throughout the hearing and declined a chance to address the judge.

Kosach sentenced him to a range of 20 to 55 years. Merritt won't be eligible for parole until serving the minimum.

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Health board skirts water quality issue

SPOKANE (AP) - Spokane County's health board Tuesday declined to take a position on a train refueling depot over the region's main source of drinking water.

The Spokane Regional Health District board will likely issue its opinion at its next regular meeting on Jan. 20, said Dr. Kim Thorburn, a member of the board.

Ruch took a position to take a position," Thorburn said of the special meeting held Tuesday morning to discuss the proposed Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway depot.

The health district expects Kootenai County commissioners this week to schedule public hearings on the railroad's proposal, rather than approve or deny the depot, Thorburn said.

That will give the district more time to formulate an opinion on the depot, she said.

Discussion at Tuesday's special meeting centered on two positions Thorburn said.

One was adopting a "zero-risk position," in which the district would oppose placing the depot over the Spokane Valley. Rather, Paulette Aquilar, which provides drinking water to some 400,000 people in the Spokane area and northern Idaho.

The other is a "minimal risk" position, which would require the railroad to agree to be held

liable in perpetuity for any spill, Thorburn said.

Either way, the district's position is strictly advisory, since it has no power to regulate activities in Idaho, Thorburn said.

Washington Gov. Gary Locke has already come out against the refueling depot.

Last week, Kootenai County hearing examiner Jean DeBarbieris ruled against the 500,000-gallon depot, saying it posed too big a risk to the water supply.

DeBarbieris' report goes to the Kootenai County commissioners, who will make the final local decision.

Burlington Northern officials want to build a 500,000-gallon diesel fueling facility at its Houser yard near Rathdrum. They say Houser is the only logical site for the depot, which is vital to the company's future.

Railway officials have said they expect that half the train running through the 70-mile Sandpoint-Spokane corridor would stop at the depot. Roughly 60 million gallons of diesel would move through the facility annually.

Meanwhile, federal laws dating from the 19th century could outweigh any local objections to a proposed depot. Regardless of the commissioners' decision, the state can take its case to federal court and likely win.

Game officials want money to repair dam

LEWISTON (AP) - A leak in the Winchester Dam may drain a portion of the state's budget if the Idaho Department of Fish and Game has its way.

The department is asking the Legislature for \$250,000 in general funds to fix the dam's leaking. Allocating the cash would be precedent setting since the department has only been financed with sportsmen's fees and federal money.

Because Winchester Lake benefits the public at large as a recreation destination and contributes to the local economy, the cash-strapped department is asking taxpayers to pony up for the repairs - a scaled-back version of a plan officials abandoned last year to secure millions of dollars in general tax support "because the department's operations benefit more than fee-paying hunters and anglers."

"There is an understanding that fishing equals tourism, equals money," fisheries biologist David Schriener said.

The lake actually is an old mill pond that sits on land owned by

the department and managed as Winchester State Park. It is a popular destination for anglers and campers that generates up to 45,000 hours of fishing each year.

The department stocks the lake with 14 species of rainbow trout and, according to a 1995 study, the popular fishery contributes about \$382,000 to the local economy each year.

Since anglers pay for the stocking program, the department hopes the Legislature will help with repair costs. The dam has leaked for years, but the volume of outflow has increased recently.

Part Manager Mitch Silvers said fishing docks could be left high and dry during the summer, drastically affecting visitor use.

Chief Fish and Game engineer Paul Smith said there is no money in the dam fall. But he said it does need an improved spillway and flood gates.

There has been no indication whether Gov. Dirk Kempthorne will approve the unprecedented proposal in the budget that will be released next week.

Governor's aide hopes warning system works

PENDELTON, Ore. (AP) - Fears, resentments and complaints about failures in the warning system for a chemical weapons stockpile bubbled up Tuesday as an aide to the governor stepped in to move the effort back on track.

Federal, state and local officials involved in putting together the \$48 million warning system met with Stephanie Hallock, an aide to Gov. John Kitzhaber, to discuss a false alarm last month that broadcast false warnings of a release of toxic material from the Umatilla Chemical Depot outside Hermiston.

"In this process we have a humongous erosion of trust," said Umatilla County Commissioner Dennis Doherty. "We've demonstrated again that we just can't get out of this gridlock."

But afterwards, Hallock said she was encouraged that people could forget their differences and produce a warning system that will protect the public.

"I have heard things today that make me feel better about people's willingness to work together," she said.

Later, at a meeting at the Hermiston Community Center, Hallock expressed the governor's apologies for the false alarm.

our citizens at risk because of the inability of government to set aside differences and work with each other... is unforgivable and inexcusable."

The warning system is designed to alert the 30,000 people living within a one-mile radius of the Umatilla Chemical Depot to take shelter indoors if there is a release of deadly nerve gas or other chemical agents from the rockets, bombs, artillery shells and containers stored there.

The 3,717 tons of nerve gas and other chemical agents amount to 13 years of the nation's stockpiles left over from the Cold War. An incinerator under construction on the depot is scheduled to begin burning the weapons in October 2001. It will be the second of the eight sites in the country to begin destroying weapons.

The warning system, which has yet to be completed, must be up and running properly before Kitzhaber will give permission to start incineration.

The latest incident demonstrating the failings of the system came Dec. 30, when sirens sounded for three minutes and loudspeakers blared in Spanish, but not English, for people to get indoors. Nine highway reader boards warned "Toxic Hazard Ahead. Road Closed. Depart Next Exit."



Work continues Tuesday on a new parking garage on the Boise State University campus.

BSU chief wants campus upgrades

BOISE (AP) - Boise State University must build new classrooms in Boise and Nampa by the middle of the decade or limit the number of students because of growth, school President Charles Ruch said.

Ruch also said Monday in his annual spring semester address to employees that the university needs to start work on a second parking garage almost as soon as the first garage is finished this summer. Boise State's enrollment is growing at 2 percent annually and reached a state university record of more than 16,000 stu-

dents in the fall semester. All classrooms are filled in the existing Canyon County building for classes after 3 p.m. Ninety-five percent of the classrooms on the Boise campus are filled during the week.

"By '05 - give or take a year - we are going to be excluding students because we don't have room," Ruch said.

At the same time, he said, he was optimistic more classrooms would be built to provide the room. They would be in a new multipurpose classroom structure to be constructed on the main

campus and in the first building planned for Boise State West, in Nampa near the Idaho Center.

Ruch said this year, Boise State officials are asking the Idaho Legislature to approve \$3 million to finish the infrastructure for BSU West, and another \$500,000 for designing the first building that will serve as a mini-college.

Work already is under way on \$2 million in site preparation and initial infrastructure work. Students now take classes in the Canyon County Center in Nampa.

Boise State is seeking approval from lawmakers this year for

another \$1 million to extend power, phone lines and computer data lines to its expansion area south of University Drive so it can construct more buildings in the expansion zone.

Lack of parking - a main complaint of students - also will limit growth, Ruch said. Boise State needs to add about 250 to 300 spaces annually just to accommodate the growth in enrollment, said Larry Blake, facilities planning director. The university's first parking structure is being built near University Drive and Brady Street.

Jury troubles plague major work safety case

POCATELLO (AP) - An alternate juror in the case of one of the worst violations of workplace safety has again denied that the defendant in the case tried to bribe her.

But during a hearing on the petition of Allan Elias for a new trial, two other jurors involved in last spring's trial claimed "It's Elias did try to bribe the alternate by asking her, 'What would it take to win your vote?'"

"Some of the jurors have changed slightly their recall of

what happened," federal prosecutor George Breitsameter conceded.

Elias was convicted of knowingly exposing employee Scott Dominguez to cyanide gas, illegally disposing of the material and then lying about it to investigators. He faces up to 30 years in prison.

Dominguez suffered severe brain damage and is suing Elias, his company Evergreen Resources Inc. and others for more than \$1.5 million in dam-

ages. A trial in that case is set for November.

Elias claims that the report of the alleged conversation with the alternate to others on the jury biased them against him, prompting their guilty verdict - the only conviction the government has gotten of an employer for knowingly exposing a worker to hazardous waste. Elias was under a court order not to talk with jurors.

During the hearing before U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winnmill,

Breitsameter argued that while the alternate reported the encounter to other jurors and court personnel, she told Winnmill at the time that Elias had simply greeted her.

"We attempted to establish that the contact had no effect on jury deliberations," Breitsameter said.

Winnmill has given both sides until next week to make written arguments and responses on the petition for a new trial. He has promised a quick decision.

Utah lawmakers still face work on gun issues

OGDEN, Utah (AP) - Although lawmakers couldn't agree on new gun regulations last fall, the issue is not forgotten with a handful of gun bills filed for the session beginning Monday.

But House Speaker Marty Stephens, R-Farr West, said the issue may be at a stalemate.

"There's so much rhetoric going around on this issue that you can't argue it on its merits any more," he said Monday. "It's become an issue of, 'You're either for gun control or you're opposed to gun control.'"

And, said Stephens, neither side can make a compelling argu-

ment that guns should or should not be banned in schools.

"What you're basically arguing over is something you can't say one way or the other would help. How it's going to resolve itself, I don't know. But this has been very frustrating to deal with," said Stephens.

Going into the 2000 Legislature, the lawmakers face at least two dozen firearms-related bills, including an effort to ban all guns from schools.

Stephens plans to bring the gun issues up early in the session.

"We want to get them taken care of early in the session, and

we don't want them tying up all 45 days of the session," Stephens said.

House Majority Leader Kevin Garn, R-Layton, said lawmakers have already made schools gun-free zones in 1993 and stiffened the law a year later.

"If there's something more we need to do, we'll do it," said Garn. But he and Stephens don't want to take guns away from Utah residents with concealed carry permits.

"There's never been a kid injured or killed or anything in a school by a concealed weapon," Stephens said. "Society is looking

for something. They're looking for the magic bullet, if you will, that will stop this."

Garn is sponsoring a bill that would require a person applying for a concealed weapons permit to show competency with firearms.

The House will consider a proposed amendment to the law banning firearms from churches, eliminating the requirement that churches post off-limits signs.

Other bills would expand weapons background checks to cover some violent misdemeanor crimes and amend criminal records of juveniles.

Researcher turns neutrons loose on chronic arthritis

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Neutrons may someday relieve the pain of severe rheumatoid arthritis due to a physicist's research in collaboration with the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

Physicist Jacquelyn Yanch of

the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has devised a way to kill the synovium, the lining that overgrows and ruins a joint afflicted with rheumatoid arthritis.

Yanch is testing the technique on rabbits and hopes to try it on humans in a few years.

She injects a boron compound into an arthritic joint and exposes the joint to a beam of neutrons. The boron absorbs some of the neutrons and forms a radioactive substance that quickly decays. Radiation from the decay kills the synovium and vanishes as

soon as the neutron beam is turned off. The INEEL has conducted research on boron neutron capture therapy for more than 10 years. The boron therapy has been used as a way to treat brain cancer.

Beating

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had had no legal counsel, Haley said. No attorney would take on the complicated case without a substantial retainer, nor did Rose qualify for a public defender, Haley said.

Haley also cited several errors in a presentence report. Haley also said Rose had been harassed by Bettis, who had been harassing him.

gain her attention," he said.

Cody Thornton, who operates Helping Hands Mission in Burley, said Rose volunteered with work while he stayed at the mission, and never posed a threat to Thornton, his wife or the other residents. Such a threat from residents "is something we pay very close attention to," he said.

Deputy prosecutor Howard Smysler pointed to Rose's significant criminal record and said Rose had threatened the life of a

human being.

"For some reason or another, there seems to be a perception that this is a crime against some chair," he said.

Had Rose fired several gunshots at the chair, Smysler continued, there would be no doubt about the severity of the charge.

"He scares people and he has the potential of hurting people," Smysler said. And testimony from Thornton, who said Rose was at the mission

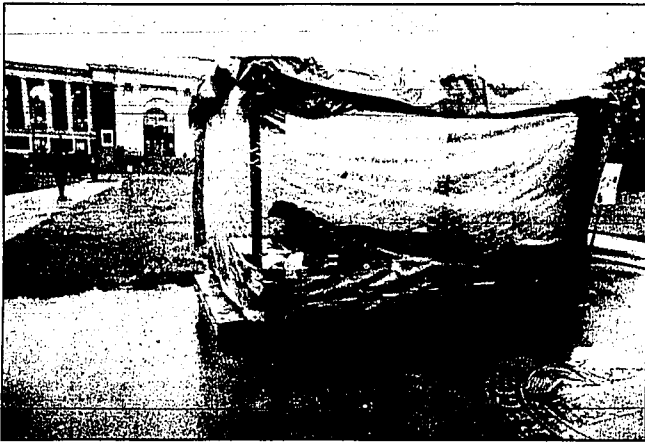
in June 1999, contradicted Rose's own testimony that he was in jail that month. Rose had said he couldn't appear for court in Minidoka County at that time, because he was in jail.

Rose is also appealing the verdict of the jury, which found him guilty in May 1999 of aggravated assault.

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OUTSIDE AND HUNGRY FOR A CAUSE



Oregon State University student Sommer Chambers on Monday spends a rainy day inside an improvised shelter on the Memorial Union Quad. She and two other protesters plan to stay in the chicken wire cages on a hunger strike until Thursday, in protest of the winter term animal surgery class.

With doubts, Valley accepts exit standards

By Julie Pence
Times-News correspondent

HAZELTON - In spite of doubts about state exiting standards for high school seniors, the Valley School Board voted Monday to bring in consultants to help the staff implement the program.

A group of consultants from the Midwest, which has been working on the idea of exiting standards since the 1960s, will be brought in to help teachers in many Magic Valley districts implement the high-stakes exiting standards for graduating seniors starting in 2005.

Signing contracts with the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition, a valleywide technical program, would be by far the cheaper way to align Valley's curriculum with the exiting standards, said Keith Huettig, chairman of ARTEC's board.

Board member John Brune

questioned the necessity of changing the curriculum. Huettig said the Valley curriculum might already meet the standards in many ways, but a comparison should be made.

Superintendent Laural Nelson added that the district has never identified each necessary skill at each level. The standards, she said, will give teachers direction. She also said students will always be judged on their standardized test scores and exiting standards would help raise those scores.

Board member Mark Okelberry wanted to know how teachers feel about exiting standards. "I think all teachers statewide are uncomfortable," Nelson said. "When schools and teachers and scores are compared, I don't think anyone is comfortable."

She also said the project from the state level on down is turning out to be far more complicated than originally anticipated.

The 2000 Legislature will consider a funding plan for exiting standards.

In other business Monday: • The Board and the Valley Recreation District agreed to form a subcommittee to study how to lease school facilities to the Recreation District.

• The Viking Pride Foundation agreed to finance large school projects. From now on, smaller projects will be funded as they were before the foundation was involved.

The board listened to an explanation from Catmull Plumbers on work done in August near the football field. Board members said the bill seemed too high, but agreed to pay \$6,000 after the company deducted \$739 altogether.

• The board studied a tentative plan to add four classrooms and an extra gym, to be constructed by Starr Corp.

Gooding mulls communication ordinance

By Aimee Wilson
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - County commissioners on Monday heard a report from county Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman David Adair on a proposed telecommunications ordinance.

Adair said planners would like to have the ordinance require tower owners to pay \$1 per month per connection for 911 usage. He said many cellular phone users do not have roaming access which makes it difficult for the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center to identify callers. Adair said cellular phone manufacturers are hoping to produce a phone that will automatically identify callers by October 2001.

Without roaming access, callers will be connected to the

nearest cellular provider which will be identified as their location. Unless they specify where they are calling from, SIRCOMM will dispatch assistance to the provider location.

Other county commission business: • Commissioners heard that the value of Gooding County has been assessed at \$378,212.40.

• Fox Canyon Dairy has petitioned to add 276 animal units to its current 620 units.

• Thomas Warner has requested permission to add 2,758 animal units on a new 394-acre site. • Planning and Zoning Commission members will not be allowed to inspect property unless accompanied by another member.

• Commissioners approved a liquor license for "The Skinny Pig" in Blaine to serve beer and liquor by the glass.

• The Brown Schools asked to lease the facility in Gooding until the new facility in Mountain Home is ready for occupation. • County commissioners said they were impressed with renovation work being done at the jail.

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Judge sends man to prison for DUI death

SANDPOINT - (AP)

A Rathdrum man was sentenced to three to seven years in prison and lost his driver's license for three years after his release for causing the accident that killed 18-year-old Jessica Haller last March.

After an emotional three-hour sentencing hearing in a crowded town hall, 1st District Judge James Michael sentenced Timothy Cooper to two years in prison on each of four counts of aggravated drunken driving and seven years for vehicular manslaughter. But he ordered the terms served concurrently.

Michael said he took into account Cooper's prior criminal driving record, which includes a drunken driving conviction. But the judge said he did not consider six arrests for domestic assault in his decision.

"It's fortunate for you that the victims don't impose the sentence," Michael told Cooper, who was 33 at the time of the accident.

Cooper's blood alcohol content was more than double the legal limit when he drove across the centerline of U.S. Highway 95 and careened into the car driven by Haller.

Injured in the crash were Haller's mother, boyfriend and two sisters, as well as Cooper and Cooper's 8-year-old son, neither of whom were wearing seat belts. "How does it feel to know you slaughtered that girl?" the sister, 24-year-old Amanda Haller, asked Cooper during her statement. "God did not take Jessica that night. God's not a drunk idiot."

Cooper, who apologized to Haller's family in tears just

moments before Michael declared the sentence, was led away in handcuffs despite his attorney's last-minute attempt to free him for an appeal or to set bail at an attainable level.

Michael denied both requests. Three sheriff's deputies and three court bailiffs were on hand in case the large crowd became unruly. About 90 of Haller's family and friends - identifiable by the red ribbons and buttons they wore - packed the Sandpoint Community Center, where the hearing was held because no courtroom could contain them all.

Haller's mother, Deborah Wiemers, suffered a broken neck, collapsed lung, broken ribs and broken collarbone in the accident. On Monday, she showed Michael an album of photos related to the crash.

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Grow beautiful orchids

In almost every room in my house, at some point in the year, you will find an orchid in bloom. As the flowers reach colorful, delicate peaks, they're given a prominent spot in the kitchen, the home office, the sunroom or the bath until the blooming is finished, when they're returned to the greenhouse to replenish themselves.

Only a small portion of the world's orchids are suitable for growing in our homes. But don't let that intimidate you. The key to success is choosing the right orchid for the conditions you have to offer.

It's essential to obtain your orchid from a good dealer who can help you make a knowledgeable choice. Catalogs and retail greenhouses often rate orchids by their level of difficulty and will spell out exactly what an orchid requires with respect to light and temperature.

Before you purchase an orchid, evaluate the window sill where it will grow for light. Place your hand about 6 inches above the position the plant will occupy and observe the shadow. A crisp shadow indicates high light levels, while a softer shadow denotes low to medium light. If there isn't a shadow at all, the chances of successfully raising an orchid are pretty slim; even an orchid that grows with low light levels will still require around eight hours of daily exposure.

Humidity

Check the level of humidity in your home; 40 percent or better is the level that encourages the healthiest growth. Radiators and air conditioners can cause humidity to drop, and you will need to compensate for any fluctuations by standing the orchid above water-filled pebble trays, misting the orchid regularly or running a cool humidifier. You can purchase an inexpensive hygrometer from a florist or cigar shop to keep tabs on your room's humidity. Some orchids do especially well in semi-enclosed glass cases or fishbowls, but usually not in a true terrarium, which can suffocate the plant.

Watering methods and potting mediums

Orchids that grow on the ground (terrestrials) will need a medium that retains water longer than an orchid that grows in trees (epiphytic). The former do well with a blend of sphagnum moss, fine bark and sharp sand. The latter flourish with a medium composed of bark, pumice or perlite, and chopped sphagnum. The focus of the watering should be on the potting medium, not the flowers and foliage. Flood the soil with water that's warmer than 50 degrees F and let it drain before putting it back in its place. You can also alternate in six-day intervals between pure water and a mixture of water and blossom-boosting fertilizer at half the recommended strength.

Repotting

When the bark pieces begin to break down or the roots exceed the size of the container, it's time to repot. Time the repotting so it coincides with the first sign of the root tips turning green, usually in the spring.

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Even though school lunches include things like pizza, most schools make sure that the fat content is low and students also have vegetables and fruit to eat.

It's not your parents' school lunch

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

Jerome cafeteria provides more variety, less fat

JEROME—School lunches are not what they used to be. Oh sure, you can still find cinnamon rolls and chili. But like all the food served in the school cafeteria, even these have undergone a fundamental facelift. The fat, sugar and salt content has been lowered.

Evelyn Jones, School Lunch Supervisor for the Jerome schools, said, "Research shows that childhood obesity has doubled since 1970. As a result, the school lunch program has had to make drastic changes."

Jones explained that food eaten at school accounts for a third of a child's daily nutritional requirements.

"Those children, who are well fed

learn better, are happier, better adjusted and healthier than those who are hungry or eating a poor diet," she said. "That is why the food service is considered as important as any other portion of the curriculum at the Jerome schools."

Jones has worked in school lunch programs for 12 years—seven years in Twin Falls and five in Jerome. Each day now, the menu is analyzed by computer to determine its nutritional content, and meals are adjusted accordingly.

"We used to get butter free from the government," Jones said. "Cooking used to dip the dinner rolls, as well as the cinnamon rolls, in butter before baking."

no more.

"Butter is no longer used in school lunches," said Jones. "A lot of applesauce and prune puree are used as fat substitutes. Even the bacon, hot dogs, hamburger and French fries are the low-fat variety."

There are always two choices on today's school menus, so children with food restrictions can make substitutions. For instance, fresh fruit is available for children with diabetes who are on sugar-restricted diets.

In Jerome, Jones said, the kitchen staff feeds lunch to some 2,000 children each day in about a two-hour period of time. Breakfast is served to about 400 students. Three days a week, breakfast

is cereal and juice. Two days a week, there are larger breakfasts of bacon, eggs etc.

Kitchen staff members arrive about 6:30 a.m. to start the day. They end their day around 2 p.m. In February, Jones will be attending the American School Food Service Association 28th Annual Legislative Action Conference in Washington, D.C. She is one of three delegates from Idaho who will meet with representatives and senators to lobby and listen to testimony before the House Committee on Child and Adult Care Food Programs.

Jones supplied recipes for the two favorite foods served in the Jerome schools.

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Indoor camping, treats create fun

You need not go far to find a fun and flavorful winter activity for the whole family. A few easy recipes and a little creativity is all that's required to have an indoor camp-out in your very own home.

Whether you're hosting a slumber party for the neighborhood kids or setting aside a special evening for your family, it will be easy to cook up an experience everyone will love.

Although these tasty treats can be made for any occasion, they're a perfect fit for your camping theme.

INDOOR S'MORES

8 cups Golden Grahams cereal
5 cups miniature marshmallows
1 1/2 cups milk chocolate chips
1/4 cup light corn syrup
5 tablespoons margarine or butter (do not use spread or tub products)
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 up miniature marshmallows, if desired
Butter rectangular pan, 13-by-9-by-2 inches. Measure cereal into large bowl, set aside. Melt 5 cups marshmallows, the chocolate chips, corn syrup and margarine in 3-quart saucepan over low heat, stirring occasionally, until melted. Remove from heat. Stir in vanilla. Pour over cereal in bowl; quickly toss until evenly coated. Stir in 1 cup marshmallows. Press in pan, using buttered back of spoon. Let stand uncovered at

least 1 hour, or refrigerate for a firmer bar. Cut into 6 rows by 6 rows. Store loosely covered at room temperature up to 2 days. 36 bars.

RAISIN-OAT COOKIES

1 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup margarine or butter, softened (do not use spread or tub products)
1 egg
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups Golden Grahams cereal
1 cup quick-cooking or old-fashioned oats
1 cup raisins
Heat oven to 350. Stir together brown sugar, margarine and egg in large bowl. Stir in remaining ingredients (dough will be stiff). Drop by rounded tablespoons about 2 inches apart onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until edges are golden brown. Cool 1 minute; remove from cookie sheet. About 2 dozen cookies.

CARAMEL APPLE LAYER BARS

5 cups Golden Grahams cereal
1/3 cup margarine or butter, softened (do not use spread or tub products)
1/2 bag (14-ounce size) caramels
1 tablespoon water
2 cups thinly sliced, peeled tart apples



1 cup chopped nuts
Heat oven to 350. Finely crush cereal; set aside. Melt margarine in rectangular pan, 13-by-9-by-2 inches, in oven. Stir in apples and nuts. Melt caramels and water in 2-quart saucepan over medium heat, stirring constantly. Drizzle caramel over cereal mixture. Layer with apples and nuts. Bake 24 minutes. Loosen edges while warm; cool. For bars, cut into 9 rows by 4 rows. Store loosely covered. 36 bars.

PEANUT BUTTER SNACKERS
5 cups Cinnamon Grahams cereal
1 cup dry-roasted peanuts
1/4 cup creamy peanut butter
1 tablespoon margarine or butter (do not use spread or tub products)
2 cups small pretzel twists

1 cup raisins
Heat oven to 325. Stir together cereal and peanuts in large bowl; set aside.
Heat peanut butter and margarine in 1-quart saucepan over low heat, stirring occasionally, just until blended. Pour over cereal mixture, stirring until evenly coated. Spread in rectangular pan, 13-by-9-by-2 inches.
Bake 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in pretzels and raisins. Spread on waxed paper or aluminum foil; cool completely. Store in airtight container. About 9 cups snack mix.
Mix-and-go Snack (no peanut butter): Omit peanut butter and margarine. Mix cereal, peanuts, pretzels and raisins. Store tightly covered. About 9 cups snack mix.

Quick tips for your indoor camp-out

- ✓ Roll out your sleeping bags in front of the fireplace and settle in for a cozy night.
- ✓ Sing your family's favorite campfire songs and let everyone tell a spooky story.
- ✓ Place special items (such as leaves, branches and stuffed animals) throughout the house and send the kids on a scavenger hunt.
- ✓ Play a CD with nature sounds like crickets, rain and wind.
- ✓ Turn off all the lamps and use only flashlights to see each other.
- ✓ Take a hike—around the neighborhood!
- ✓ Build a fort by draping big blankets over chairs and other furniture.
- ✓ Provide each camper with a thermos for beverages.

PEANUT BUTTER CHOCOLATE CHUNKS

4 cups Cinnamon Grahams cereal
1 cup coarsely broken pretzels
1 package (10 ounces) peanut butter chips
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
1 cup toffee chips
1 Stir together cereal and pretzels in large bowl; set aside. Heat peanut butter chips and chocolate chips in 2-quart saucepan over low heat, stirring constantly, until melted.
2 Pour over cereal mixture, stirring until evenly coated. Stir in toffee bits.
3 Spread on waxed paper or aluminum foil. If desired, sprinkle with additional coarsely broken pretzels. Cool until firm or refrigerate 1 hour. Break into chunks. Store in airtight container. 20 servings.

FOOD & HOME

Christmas cacti crave more light, less water

Heard the latest? Plant by numbers. Really.

The people who make Reemay, the landscape fabric, have printed the stuff with a pattern that looks something like a paint-by-numbers kit.

They figured that if they put numbered circles on the fabric, you wouldn't have to think at all when it comes time to plant your spring garden. All you have to do is rake the old weeds out, lay the weed barrier down and read it.

Then you go buy the flowers called for in the grid, cut X's in the fabric and plug the flowers in. That way, you have a picture-perfect garden - just like the ones you see in the catalogs - with no weeds in the middle. For those who don't want to play by somebody else's rules, "the Reemay folks do admit that we can choose our own flowers and



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

cut our own X's wherever we like.

Dear Cathy, I am having trouble with my Christmas cacti. One is in an east window, the other two in a shaded west window. All drop their leaves. I try not to water too much, but nothing seems to help. I put them outside for a while last summer and it seemed to help, but now they look ragged. I'm about ready to chuck the whole bunch.

-Not in the Christmas Mood

Dear Not, Let there be light. You answered your own question when you said you put your cacti outside and they were happier. That's because they crave more light. This time of year, the cacti should be through their blooming period and want to quiet down a little. They want less water, no fertilizer till spring, and lots more light than you're giving them. If you don't have a brighter window, switch on a light.

You can use an ordinary lamp with a 100-watt bulb, but make sure it is three feet away from the plants. Incandescent bulbs burn leaves and dry out the soil. Fluorescent bulbs don't put off any heat to speak of, and can be positioned only inches away from plant tops without damage. You don't have to buy the expensive ones labeled just for

plants, either. Thanks for writing. Tip of the Week: My mom used to do this when I was little and I loved it: Stick three toothpicks into a sweet potato around its middle and set it in a glass of water so that the toothpicks are resting on the top of the glass. You want the water to just reach the potato. Location is important here: Pick a spot that offers filtered sunlight and trilling potential. You can run some string up a wall or window sill with thumbtacks for the vine to climb, or if you're really ambitious (or your kids are really bored), try building an actual, small-scale trellis.

What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper, or e-mail her at: caww@cgberhighway.net.

Tiffany home brings in feeling of openness

Soaring rooflines and a square-columned portico create a dramatic entry in the Tiffany, a contemporary two-story home by guest designer Tim Thompson of Springfield, Ore. A brick planter adds color, while simple bargeboards and decorative windows give the eye plenty to appreciate.

Vaulted ceilings in the living room and dining room bring the feeling of openness inside. The angled foyer is a full two stories high, and bright. Multipaned windows sweep up the left side of the door, and stack up on top. A balcony overlooks the entry, which has a plant shelf.

The foyer puts you smack dab in the center of everything. Straight ahead, an open balustrade rises to the second floor where all the bedrooms are located. Formal rooms are to the left, family room, utility room and a bathroom with exterior access are to the right. The kitchen is at the back, between the dining room and family room.

An arched opening marks the

entrance to the family room, which has a fireplace and French doors that open onto a small patio covered by a wooden arbor. Wide bay windows expand and brighten a large country kitchen with every modern convenience. Features include an appliance center, desk, pantry, built-in oven, range and dishwasher, and an eating bar with a sink facing into the family room.

Upstairs, the Tiffany's master suite has a huge walk-in closet and skylit private bathroom with twin lavs, a garden tub, and enclosed water closet. The other two bedrooms share a bathroom that also has a double vanity.

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FOOD & HOME

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Dear Jim: After all the holiday stress and overeating, I would like to relax and sweat off a few pounds in a sauna after work. Are there any small, home-size sauna kits that do not cost a fortune to heat?

-Donna W

Dear Donna: If you are like I did over the holidays, it will take more than a little perspiration to get the waist back in shape. Seriously though, saunas are very relaxing and supposedly cleanse the body of toxins.

Some of the smaller, personal-size saunas use only about \$5 worth of electricity per month, assuming three saunas per week. When you are feeling chilly, a short sauna bath can make you feel toasty warm so you are less apt to set the furnace thermostat a little higher. There are many sauna kit options for your home ranging from small, one-person snap-together kits on castors to fancy, multi-person models with electronic controls, timers, fiber-optic lights, built-in stereo speakers, etc.

If you are on a limited budget, a portable personal sauna kit is a good choice. It is delivered in two completely finished halves. Each half is on castors and it is small enough to roll through a standard door opening. The two halves slide together and are locked in place with a simple cam lock mechanism. These have either a small 1.7- (for 15 amp wall outlets) or 2.1-kilowatt (for 20-amp outlets) electric heater. It takes about five minutes to attach the two halves. Plug the cord in and switch it on.

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Write for Update Bulletin No. 771 - buyer's guide of 11 sauna kits, sizes, materials, designs, heaters, controls and features. Please include \$3 and a business-size SASE. Write to James Dullely, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244.

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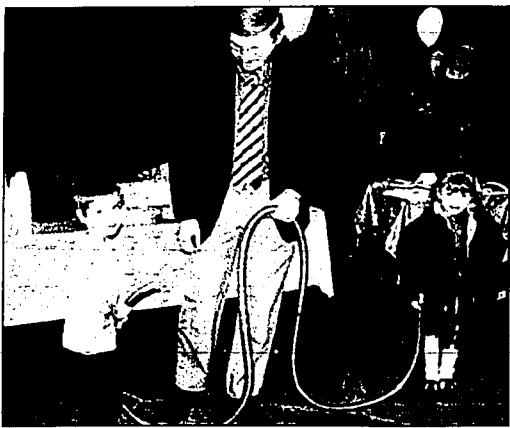
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Left to right, Jacob Coolidge, Rob Coolidge and Halley Miller show off a clear plastic tube filled with quarters collected to help support missionaries in Africa. Collecting the money was one of the goals set by the Rupert First Christian Church.

Church celebrates goals of 2,000 prayers and quarters

RUPERT — The Rupert First Christian Church held a victory party Jan. 2 to celebrate the goals the congregation reached during the last quarter of 1999. The goals were to collect 2,000 quarters, say 2,000 prayers and gather 200 cans of food. The 2,000 quarters were given to Keith and Kathy Ham, missionaries in Africa. They will use the money to build a school for children of missionaries in the Turkana region of eastern Africa, the church says. The 2,000 prayers were for the church,

families, people in public service, the military, missionaries and public leaders, among others, the church says. The food collected will go into the church pantry for needy families in the community. During the year 2000, the church says it will focus on the congregation reading 2,000 Christian books over the year. In the first quarter of 2000, the goal is 2,000 "Acts of Encouragement" sent throughout the community and the nation. Subsequent quarters of the year will have other events dealing with the number 2000, the church says.

Jerome High School holds conferences

JEROME — Parents of Jerome High School students are encouraged to pick up copies of second trimester mid-term report cards and meet with teachers from 6:30 p.m. Thursday or from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Friday in the high school gymnasium. Report cards not picked up by parents during conference times will be available to students on Monday. Parents of ninth-, 10th- and 11th-grade students will also receive a copy of their son or daughter's October 1999 Tests of Achievement and Proficiency Skills standardized-test scores. For more information, call the Jerome High School Counseling Department at 324-8137.

La Leche League sets monthly meetings

TWIN FALLS — La Leche League of the Magic Valley will meet at 10 a.m. the second Thursday of each month, starting Thursday in the room at the South Central Health District Department at 1020 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls and the third Thursday of each month from 7 p.m. starting Jan. 20 at 115 W. Fifth St. in the old St. Benedict's dialysis building in Jerome. Monthly meetings cover the advantages of breast-feeding to the mother and child, issues concerning the family and the breast-fed baby, the art of breast-feeding, avoiding difficulties, nutrition and weaning. Meetings are informal and babies and small children are welcome. All interested women are invited to attend. For more information or breast-feed-

ing help, call Holly at 733-2133, Heather at 735-1497, Amy at 844-9628 or Judy at 733-9639.

Gastric bypass support group holds meeting

BURLEY — The Gastric Bypass Patient Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month, starting Thursday at Cassia Regional Medical Center at 1501 Hilland Ave. in Burley. The meeting is for all gastric bypass patients, friends and family, and people interested in learning more about the surgical treatment of obesity. Support groups are designed to educate, support and encourage patients to maintain a healthy and normal weight following gastric bypass surgery, coordinators say. Meetings are informal. For more information, call group leader Ed Henkel at 677-2527 or the St. Mark's Center for the Surgical Treatment of Obesity in Salt Lake City, Utah, at 1-800-339-9129.

Magic Valley Chorale starts rehearsal

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Chorale, under the direction of Joe Casperson, will start rehearsing for the spring concert Thursday in room 113 of the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts building. Registration will begin at 7 p.m. with the rehearsal following at 7:30 p.m. The chorale will have rehearsals every Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Duplicate bridge club announces winners

GOODING — The Gooding

Duplicate Bridge Club announced the results of its Jan. 7 match held at the City Hall in Gooding.

First place in the north-south division went to Doris Watts and Bev Clark, second place honors went to Gail Brown and Lonnie Burns and Marge Pierson and Betty Greenawald landed third place. East-west results were Don and Lorna Bard in first place, Lucy Gustofson and Mary Steele in second and Cecil Davidson and Jodi Faulkner landed in third place. Refreshments were served with birthday treats for Bev Clark. Bridge players are invited to attend at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Gooding City Hall.

Idaho Writer's League plans meeting Saturday

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Writer's League will meet at 2 p.m. Saturday at Idaho Joe's Restaurant on Blue Lakes Boulevard North in Twin Falls. Information for year 2000 writing contests will be available and critiques will be offered. All writers are welcome to attend. For more information, call 324-7694 or e-mail at ihelm@northrim.net.

Historical society plans meeting Thursday

JEROME — The Jerome Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Jerome Library at 100 First Ave. E. in Jerome. Donald Watts, historic preservation planner at the state Historic Preservation Office in Boise, will present a program on Idaho's Pegram Trust Railroad Bridges. For more information, call Emma Coupe at 324-6121.

Parents meet teachers today at West Minico

PAUL — Parent and teacher conferences will be held from 2:30 p.m. today at West Minico Junior High School.

General Cancer Support Group holds meeting

TWIN FALLS — The General Cancer Support Group will meet from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday in the Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center Reception Area at 656 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Cancer patients, spouses, family members and friends are invited to attend. A round table discussion will be held and refreshments served. For more information, call Char Basila at 732-2800 or Vangie Fandino at 737-2560.

Miss-Blaine County pageant set this month

HAILEY — The Miss Blaine County Pageant, sponsored by the Miss Idaho Scholarship program, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29 at Wood River High School at 1050 Fox Acres Road in Hailey. The newly-formed pageant is open to women between the ages of 17-24, residing in the Wood River Valley, who are unmarried and attending college or who will graduate from high school in 2000. The winner of Miss Blaine County will earn scholarship money for college and compete for the title of Miss Idaho on June 17 in Boise. The deadline for contestants is Jan. 26. For more information, call Lenda Eloy at 788-3489 or Brenda Tanabe at 853-6721.

Civic

Rotary Clubs
Blue Lakes - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Weston Plaza Hotel & Convention Center in Twin Falls; 734-7007 or 734-4187.
Burley - Noon Tuesdays at Burley Inn Convention Center; 738-2221.
Buhl - Noon Thursdays at the Acapulco Restaurant in Buhl; 543-6841 or 543-5506.
Gooding - 12:15 p.m. Friday at the Lincoln Inn; 934-4585.
Hailey - Noon Thursday at the Senior Center of Blaine County; 788-0897 or 788-2114.
Jerome - Noon Tuesday at China Village; 324-7000 or 324-4511.
Ketchum - Noon on Tuesday at Clarion Inn Restaurant; Bob Stone at 725-4100.
Rupert - Noon Wednesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge. Call Jack Bell at 436-5611.
Shoshone - Noon Wednesday at the Senior Citizens Center; 886-2221 or 886-2883.
Twin Falls - Noon Wednesdays at the Turf Club in Twin Falls; 735-4023 or 734-6549.

Clubs
Buhl Chamber of Commerce - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Buhl Chamber of Commerce - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Grandstands Sports at Noon at Grandstands Sports.
Lambda Delta Sigma sorority - meets at 7 p.m. each Thursday at the Burley Elks Lodge; 735-6600.
Occidental Ave. New members welcome. Call 678-6392 or 678-1622.

Musical
Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Jerome's Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome; 734-5689.
Majors Barber Shop Chorus - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the First United Methodist Church, Shoshone Street and Fourth Ave. Twin Falls; 734-2664.
Magic Philharmonic Orchestra - 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Burley High School band room; 678-7430.
Snake River Flats - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Harmony Hall, 123 K St. in Rupert; 436-6047 or 438-8148.
Sweet Adelines Chorus - Members car pool to Boise chorus every Tuesday evening. Call 733-6238.

Hobbies
Bingo - 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the War Memorial Hall in Gooding. Participants must be over 18.
Bridge - 1 p.m. Mondays at Magic Valley Bridge House, 246 Falls Ave. Twin Falls; 733-8699. Newcomers welcome.
Magic Valley Chess Club - 9:30 to 9:30 p.m. Every other Saturday at Barnes & Noble in Twin Falls; 733-6181.
Magic Valley Pinocchio Club - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Disabled American Veterans Hall, Harrison Street and Shopp Avenue, Twin Falls.
Valley Vista Retirement Center

1959 or 436-6861.
Twin Falls - 7 p.m. Mondays at 702 Airport Loop at Joslin Field; call Gary Thietzen at 734-4061.
Other clubs
Magic Valley Juwees - 7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at Magic's pizza in Twin Falls; call 734-2543 or 734-2917.
Society for Creative Anachronism - The Shrine of Two Ladies, 3 p.m. Sundays at the Twin Falls City Park; 326-4425.
Gooding - Business and Professional Women - Noon Monday at the Lincoln Inn; 934-8452 or 934-8205.
Magic Valley Toastmasters - 12:10 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays in Magic Valley Mental Health Services conference room, 823 Harrison; 733-5408.
Soroptimist International of Twin Falls - first, third and fourth Tuesdays at 12 p.m. at Jade Buffet, 1719 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. All business women are invited. Call 734-0946.
Xi Alpha Tau chapter of Beta Sigma Phi - 7:30 p.m. today; 734-1654 or 734-1367.
Buhl Chamber of Commerce - First and third Thursdays at Noon at Grandstands Sports.
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Weight loss
Weight Watchers - 6 p.m. Mondays at the Odd Fellows Hall, 13th and Oakley Ave., Burley; 654-2221.
TOPS Clubs
Burley Chapter 256 - 6 to 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Heyburn School lunch room.
Gooding Chapter 251 - 5 p.m. Thursdays at the Gooding Senior Citizens Center, 308 Senior Ave.; 934-4638.
Jerome Chapter 48 - 6 p.m. Tuesdays at the public library; 324-7426 or 324-5722.
Twin Falls Chapter 3 - 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E.; 733-3304 or 326-6833.
Twin Falls Chapter 309 - 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the recreation room at 725 Casswell Ave. W.; 734-5132 or 736-2391.

Support Groups
Health Care Provider 12 Step Recovery Program - 6:30 p.m. Mondays at 425 2nd Ave. N., Twin Falls. Call Denise at 734-4727 or Brian at 426-1122.
Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families - 5 p.m. Wednesdays at the Walker Center, 262 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls; 734-4200.
Al-Anon - For information on meeting times and places, call 736-3555.
Alateen - 6 p.m. Mondays at Falls Professional Center, Suite 211, 201 Falls Ave. E. in Twin Falls; 734-0664.
Senior Support Group for Blind and Visually Impaired people, noon at the Twin Falls Senior Center the last Wednesday of the month, meeting following lunch, call 733-5073.
DivorceCare - 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Burley United Methodist Church; 736-550 E. 27th St.; 678-2184 or 678-5199.
DivorceCare - 7 p.m. Mondays at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Dr. N.; 733-6126.
DivorceCare - 7-8:30 p.m.

CLUB CALENDAR

Pinocchio Club - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays in the community center at 653 Rose St. N. in Twin Falls; 733-5531.
Writers Support Group - 6 p.m. Bookstore, 120 N. Main, Hailey; 726-5425.
Magic Valley Bingo, 126 2nd Ave. S. Twin Falls, 7 p.m. daily except Wednesdays and Sundays; 736-1895.
Pre-school story hour, 10 a.m. Tuesdays at the Gooding Public Library, 306 5th Ave. W., 3 to 5 year-olds, and parents welcome, call 934-4069.
Magic Valley Gallery League indoor match - 6 p.m. Fridays at 253 5th Ave. W. Juniors and adults welcome. Call Stu at 324-5960 or Mark at 734-3923.

Wednesdays at Twin Falls First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N. Beginning Jan. 5 for 12 weeks; 733-0610.
Grandparents - Touch
Christian grandmothers who pray for their grandchildren; for information call Lorraine at 734-7015.
Brain Injury Support Group and Referral Service - For information, call Cassandra-Bukley at 326-4080.
Consensus in Church - Meets at various times throughout the week to pray for their children, their schools and their teachers. For information, call 825-9694.
New Life Fellowship (a 12-step recovery group and bible study) - 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays at the First Baptist Church of Twin Falls, corner of Ninth and Shoshone; 724-6714.
Overcomers Outreach - Christ centered 12-Step Support Group (for addictive and compulsive behavior) - 7 p.m. Mondays at First Baptist Church, 262 Hilland Ave., Burley; 678-3678.
Parents of Down Syndrome Children - For information, call 733-8865, leave a message.
Post Polio Support Group - For information, call 678-2571.
Southern Idaho Twin Falls Singers - 8 p.m. Saturdays at Spahnauer's Barn for dancing; 733-3712.
Mini-Cassia Singles - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at 1901 W St. in Heyburn; 678-5328.
Substance Abuse Volunteer Efforts - For information, call 436-9600.
Substance Abuse Volunteer Efforts - 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sundays at the Mountain View Elementary School lunchroom, 333 W. 27th St., Burley; 678-4747.
Mental Health Support Group - 7 p.m. first and third Mondays at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital conference room; (800) 572-9940.
Senior Citizens Cancer Support Group - Call 654-2241.
Mothers of Young Children - 7 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Dr. N.; 324-7035.
Alzheimer's Support Group - 7 to 8:30 p.m. Second Tuesday at Bridgeview Estates, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd., Twin Falls; 736-3923.
Breath Easy Club and Magic Valley Breathers Club of Idaho. For more information, call 344-6567.
Christian 12-Step Support Group - For information, call 734-7201.
Cocaine Anonymous - For information, call 732-5317.
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Codependents Anonymous - 5 p.m. Thursdays at the Walker Center in Gooding; 934-9461.
Alcoholics Anonymous
Twin Falls - For information, call 733-3000, 736-8446 or 733-7897.
Spokane - 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the Fellowship Hall,

801 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls; 736-7258.
Sunday Breakfast Group - Sundays alternates between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. at Edith's - Cafe, Highway 81 E., across from the golf course, Burley; 678-0798 or 678-0293.
Burley Group - 8 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays at St. James Episcopal Church, 20th St. and Oakley, Burley; 678-9414.
Spanish Speaking 1 p.m. Sundays at the Snow Blvd. - Cafe, Oakley Ave. No. 9, Burley; 677-9040.
Women's Group - 5 p.m. Mondays at the Snow Blvd., 1321 Oakley Ave. No. 9, 678-9414 or 678-9424.
Mini-Cassia Group - 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Snow Blvd., 1321 Oakley Ave. No. 9; 677-9040 or 436-5448.
Rupert Group - 8 p.m. Mondays and Fridays at the Team Support Bldg. 548 E. St.; 436-5842, 436-9449 or 436-7118.
Rupert Group - Noon on Wednesdays at 220 E. Ellis, Paul; 432-6718.
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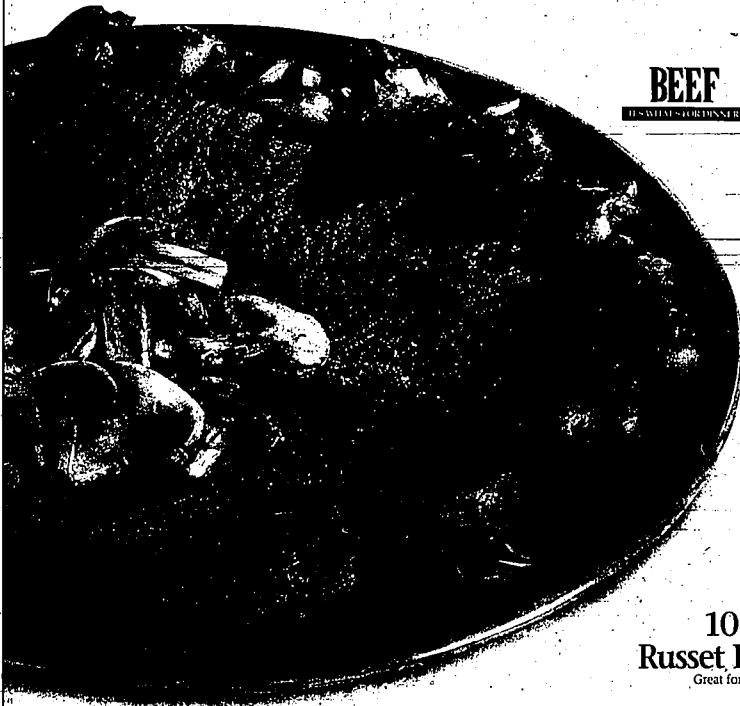
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FOOD & HOME

If Parisians can use chicken broth, so can you

By Jane Snow
Knight Rider News Service

Beef broth or chicken broth? That is the question. When it comes to French onion soup, most cooks would consider it heresy to use chicken broth. Thirty years ago, when Americans started making French food (thanks to Chef Child), beef broth was the only way to go.

What a surprise, then, to discover that the most renowned onion soup in Paris is made with

chicken broth. The soup at Pied de Cochon, an all-night brasserie in the Les Halles food market area, is made with sliced onions slow-roasted in butter and white wine and ladled into chubby crocks with steaming chicken broth.

In decades past when the market was still a bustling concern (many of the greengrocers and butchers have since moved to a market in the suburbs), workers would repair to Pied de Cochon for bowls of onion soup for a pick-me-up.

The restaurant still exists, and Parisians and tourists still make pilgrimages to the shrine of onion soup. Patricia Wells covered the recipe from the owners for her 1989 book, "Bistro Cooking."

FRENCH ONION SOUP
1 pound white onion, sliced thin
2 cups dry white wine
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
6 cups (1 1/2-ounce can) chicken broth
6 1/2-inch-thick slices crusty

baguette, toasted
2 cups shredded Gruyere cheese

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Combine onions, wine and butter in a 9-by-12-inch baking pan. Bake until the onion is very soft and most of the liquid is absorbed, about 45 minutes. Bring broth to a simmer. Divide the warm onions among six soup bowls or crocks. Ladle broth over onions. Top each with a slice of baguette. Top with cheese. Broil until the cheese melts, 2 to 3 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

Lunch

Continued from C1.

PIZZA
(Serves 100 - makes five large pizzas)
2 ounces yeast
2 quarts plus 1/2 cup water
7 quarts flour
2/3 cup soybean oil
2 1/2 teaspoons salt
2 ounces sugar
5 ounces cornmeal

For best results, have all ingredients at room temperature. Dissolve dry yeast in warm water. Let stand for 4 to 5 minutes. Place flour in large mixer bowl. Make a well in the center. Pour in dissolved yeast, oil, salt and sugar. Gradually work into the flour using the dough hook on slow speed. Knead for 15 minutes at medium speed.

Divide and shape the dough into five balls. Let rest for 20 minutes. Lightly oil five sheet pans (18-by-26-by-1-inch). Sprinkle each pan with 1 ounce (3 tablespoons) cornmeal. Place dough ball in the center of each pan. Flatten dough by rolling pin or spreading dough 1/8-inch thick to the rim of the pan. Keep edges thicker than the center.

Topping:
1 1/2 teaspoons red cayenne pepper

6 pounds 9 ounces raw weight ground pork, cooked
1 cup 2 ounces dehydrated onion flakes
1 tablespoon plus 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic powder
1 tablespoon black pepper
1/2 of a Number 10 can of tomato paste
3 1/2 quarts water
1/4 cup plus 2 ounces basil
2 tablespoons oregano
1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon marjoram
1 1/2 teaspoons thyme
4 pounds mozzarella cheese, shredded
1/4 cup fennel seed
2 tablespoons plus 1 1/2 teaspoons sage

Brown the ground pork and drain. Add onions and garlic powder. Cook for 3 minutes. Add pepper, tomato paste, water and seasonings. Simmer for 15 minutes. Sprinkle 6 ounces (1 1/2 cups) shredded cheese evenly over each pizza crust. Spread 3 1/4 cups pork mixture over each pan. Sprinkle 9 ounces (2 1/4 cups) shredded cheese evenly over topping on each pan. Bake until crust is lightly browned - in a conventional oven at 475 degrees for 15 to 18 minutes or in a convection oven at 400 degrees for 15 minutes. Cut each sheet pan of pizza into 20 pieces.

ROYAL BROWNIES
(50 servings)
3/4 cup vegetable oil
1/4 cup sugar
1 1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
2 1/2 cups applesauce
1 1/2 cups or 10 large egg whites
3 1/2 cups flour
1 1/2 cups plus 2 tablespoons cocoa
1 tablespoon baking powder.
1 cup walnuts (optional)

Cream the oil, sugar, vanilla and applesauce for 5 minutes in mixing bowl on medium speed, using paddle attachment and scraping down sides of the bowl. Add egg whites and beat for 1 minute on medium speed, scraping down sides of bowl. Beat together flour, cocoa and baking powder. Add to wet ingredients

and mix for 30 seconds on low speed, then for 1 minute on medium speed. Scrape down sides of the bowl. Batter will be very thick. Spread batter in a lightly-greased 18-by-13-by-1-inch sheet pan. Sprinkle nuts over batter. Bake in a conventional oven at 350 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes or in a convection oven at 300

degrees for 18 to 20 minutes. Bake until set but still moist in the center.

Swiss Brownies: To make Swiss Brownies, use the above recipe except decrease the cocoa to 1 1/2 cups. Brownies can be frosted with chocolate frosting, sprinkled with powdered sugar or eaten plain.

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FOOD & HOME

Omelettes warm up winter nights

By Jimmy Schmitt
Detroit Free Press

What better way to spend cold Sunday mornings in January before all those play-off football games than with a fabulous brunch?

Omelettes are a trendy and tasty way to carry the month of Sunday brunches. An omelette is scrambled eggs formed around a savory filling. It looks great on a plate and tastes even better. Depending upon how adventurous some your palate is, omelettes can be served plain or embellished with cheese, ham, onion, peppers, sausage, mushrooms, spinach, etc.

Basic omelette preparation: Begin as you would in the preparation of scrambled eggs by beating the eggs with seasonings. Heat a medium to large nonstick pan over medium-high heat. Add the butter to melt. As the butter begins to sizzle slightly, add the eggs to cook the bottom of the pan. As the eggs begin to coagulate or stiffen, pull the firm eggs from the sides of the pan to allow the still-fluid eggs to reach the pan and cook. Repeat this process until all of the eggs have started cooking. Flip the omelette over or place under a broiler to finish the top. Sprinkle the fillings over the surface. Fold over half with a rubber spatula and slide onto a warmed plate.

Selecting fillings: Cheese is the all-time favorite. Sharp cheeses have a more pronounced flavor, so less is required to tantalize your taste buds. Vegetables such as sweet peppers, onions, mushrooms and spinach are welcome additions. If you like to add meat, sausage, bacon and ham work well. The ingredients are completely up to you; just remember that having everything chopped or cut before you begin is a must.

Tricks of the trade: Select the appropriate size pan for the number of eggs you are cooking. A pan that is too large makes an omelette like a pancake; one that is too small produces an omelette too thick to cook all the way through. Use a 6-inch pan for two eggs, a 6-inch pan for three eggs and upward as the meal demands.

THREE-CHEESE OMELETTE
3 eggs, beaten
Salt to taste
Freshly ground black pepper to taste

2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 tablespoon fresh snipped chives, divided
2 ounces sliced ripe Brie cheese
1 ounce Boursin cheese in small chunks
1 ounce grated sharp cheddar
Season the beaten eggs with salt and pepper. Heat a medium to large nonstick pan over medium-high heat. Melt the butter in the pan. As the butter begins to sizzle slightly, add the eggs. Sprinkle half of the chives over the eggs. As the eggs begin to stiffen, pull some from the sides of the pan to allow the fluid portion to flow onto the pan and cook. Repeat the process until all of the eggs have started cooking. Flip the omelette over or place under a broiler to finish the top. Sprinkle the cheese fillings over the surface of the eggs. Shake

the omelette to the front of the pan, fold with a rubber spatula and slide onto a warmed serving plate. Sprinkle the remaining chives and black pepper over the omelette. Serve immediately. Makes 1 large omelette.

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Transform those leftover candy canes into more appealing treats

By Carol J. G. Ward
Knight Ridder News Service

It's that time of year again. The time when you wonder, "What was I thinking when I bought all these candy canes?" They're hard to resist when they first show up on store shelves before the holidays. During December, they hung from Christmas trees and you gladly handed them out to any child that showed up at your house. But now you're stuck with them...

A Greenwood, S.C. reader says that her family has a long-standing tradition with leftover candy canes and peppermint candies. They put them in an airtight jar and save them until the Fourth of July. Then they make homemade Chocolate Chip/Peppermint Ice Cream: Chop 1 cup chocolate chips on the grate setting of a blender. Then make 3/4 cup finely ground peppermint using the pure setting. Add the chocolate and peppermint to a four-quart recipe of vanilla ice cream when it is almost done.

For a grown-up taste, try a minty candy cane concoction from T.G.I. Friday's restaurant chain: Combine 2 tablespoons white creme de cacao, 2 tablespoons peppermint schnapps, 2

tablespoons half-and-half, 1/2 cup vanilla ice cream and 1/4 cup crushed ice in a blender. Blend until smooth. Swirl a glass with grenadine from bottom to top. Quickly pour in drink. Top with whipped cream and a candy cane. Or use them in cookies and candy, hot chocolate or a dessert sauce.

PEPPERMINT-STICK SAUCE
8 servings
1 1/2 cups finely crushed peppermint candies
1 1/2 cups whipping cream
1 jar (7 ounces) marshmallow creme
In a medium saucepan, combine all ingredients. Stirring constantly with a wooden spoon, cook over medium heat until smooth. Remove from heat. Pour into an airtight container and refrigerate. Serve chilled over ice cream.

PEPPERMINT SNAPS
5 dozen cookies
1 package (10 ounces) mint chocolate morsels
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup margarine or butter, softened
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup light corn syrup

1 egg
1 cup coarsely crushed peppermint candy.
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a cookie sheet with heavy duty aluminum foil; set aside. In a microwave-safe bowl, place chocolate morsels. Microwave on high until soft, 1 to 1 1/2 minutes. Stir until melted; set aside. On a sheet of wax paper, combine flour, baking soda and salt; set aside. In a large mixing bowl, with electric mixer, beat margarine and sugar until light and fluffy. Add corn syrup, egg and melted chocolate; beat until blended. Mix in flour mixture. Shape dough into 1-inch balls and roll in crushed candy. Place 2 inches apart on foil-lined cookie sheet. Bake until cookies spread and crack on top, 10 to 12 minutes. While the cookies bake, spoon cookie dough on a second sheet of foil. When the first cookies are done, slide foil off cookie sheet. Slide on the foil sheet with cookie dough and bake. Let cookies cool completely before removing from foil.
-From The Reynolds-Kitchens
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CANDY CANE HOT WHITE CHOCOLATE
12 cups milk
9 ounces good-quality white

chocolate, chopped
1 cup crushed red-and-white-striped candy canes or hard peppermint candies
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups peppermint schnapps, optional
Whipped cream
Additional crushed red-and-white-striped candy canes or hard peppermint candies
Bring milk to simmer in heavy large saucepan. Reduce heat to medium-low. Add white chocolate, 1 cup candy and salt; whisk until smooth. Add schnapps, if desired. Ladle hot chocolate into

mugs, dividing equally. Top with whipped cream and additional candy.
-From Bon Appetit magazine
EASY NO-COOK DIVINITY
5 dozen candies
1 package white frosting mix
1/3 cup light corn syrup
1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract
1/2 cup boiling water
1 (16-ounce package) powdered sugar
1 cup crushed peppermint candies
In a small bowl, mix together

frosting mix, corn syrup, peppermint extract and boiling water. Beat with an electric mixer on highest speed for about 5 minutes or until stiff peaks form. Transfer mixture to a large mixing bowl. With the mixer on low speed, gradually add powdered sugar. Stir in peppermint candy. (For a swirl effect, stir in food coloring along with the candy.) Drop by spoonfuls onto wax paper. When outside of candy is dry, turn over. Continue drying for at least 6 hours. Store in airtight container. (Yields 5-6 dozen)
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SPORTSQUOTE

“ I don't like it I don't agree with it ... but if you're not tough enough to handle it, you shouldn't be in the business in the first place. ”

—Cham Gailey, fired as head coach of the Dallas Cowboys Tuesday

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Wrestling
Kimberly at Gooding
Pilar at Wood River
Burley at Jerome

Boys' basketball
Burley at Pocatello
Minico at Century
Jerome at Highland

IN BRIEF

Boxing Smoker set for return to Expo

TWIN FALLS — The annual Cowboy and Cowgirl Boxing Smoker sponsored by Latham Motors is scheduled for the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center Saturday, Jan. 29 at 8 p.m. The toughest cowboys and cowgirls from rodeo programs at CSI, Western Montana, Utah State, Uintah Basin and Weber State are signing up for the Rocky Mountain Regional Championship.

Former world champion boxer Gene Fuller will make a special guest appearance at this year's event, according to CSI rodeo coach Shawn Davis. Since the event is usually a sellout, purchasing advance tickets is recommended. Call the CSI Expo Center at 733-9554, extension 2620, or Latham Motors at 733-5776. Reserved tickets are \$10, general admission tickets are \$8 and rindside seats are selling for \$20. All proceeds support the CSI rodeo program.

Marlins swim team is looking for new members

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Marlins swim team is swimming its newly covered pool and looking for new members to join the team.

The Marlins swim Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Twin Falls city pool. Anyone interested in joining or receiving more information should call Debra Tucker at 734-5428, or talk to Gretchen at the city pool.

NMSU, North Texas leave for Sun Belt

IRVINE, Calif. — New Mexico State University and the University of North Texas are leaving the Big West Conference early to play in the Sun Belt Conference.

The two schools will leave this year, one year before they were scheduled to depart.

The schools' football teams will still play in the Big West Conference, but all other sports will leave for the 2000-01 season to play in the Sun Belt Conference. Big West Conference Council officials announced.

New Mexico State and North Texas will be classified as associate members of the Big West Conference for the upcoming football season.

With the teams' departure for other sports, the Big West will have nine full members for the 2000-2001 season: Boise State, Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo, Cal State-Fullerton, Long Beach State, UC Irvine, UC Santa Barbara, Idaho, Pacific and Utah State.

Hornets are on move in AP poll

The Times-News

Shuffling continued in the state's Associated Press boys' high school basketball poll this week, especially in Class A-4. No, Mackay did not relinquish the top spot in voting conducted among Idaho's sports-writers and broadcasters. But a new No. 2 was crowned, and—for the next week anyway—the previously fourth-ranked Oakley Hornets (8-2) can call themselves second best in the

Complete polls - D3

state. Oakley advanced into the second position beating Richfield and Murtaugh. Former No. 2 Notus, which made its own charge up the standings the week before, lost to Wilder and dropped to No. 4, while Richfield, despite the loss to Oakley, moved up from No. 5 to No. 3. Clark Fork beat Kootenai, but fell from No. 3 to No. 5 to round out the small-

school rankings.

Behind Class A-3 leader Melba, Valley held tight at No. 2 despite a 59-51 loss to A-2 Wendell, and Ririe moved up from the fifth spot to No. 5 with wins over West Jefferson and Firth. Declo, tied last week at No. 3 with Lapwai, absorbed its second and third losses of the season to Aberdeen and Filer—which has now beaten the Hornets twice this year—and plummeted to No. 5. Lapwai split its two games last week, beating Prairie but falling to Podtatch,

and dropped to No. 4.

In Class A-2, Snake River assumed the top spot from Bishop Kelly although both schools won both games they played last week. St. Maries, Sugar-Salem and Lakeland round out the Top 5.

Finally, the poll went unchanged in Class A-1. Centennial and Pocatello remain unbeaten at No. 1 and No. 2, respectively, followed by Meridian, Lake City and Twin Falls, which beat Century in overtime but lost to Burley.

Minico sweeps tri-meet



LOAN GASTON/The Times-News

Joey Vall helped Minico defeat Buhl with a close decision over Nate Heck in the 162-pound class at the Twin Falls tri-meet on Tuesday.

Spartans stop Bruins, then blank Buhl 71-0

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Call them the Magic Valley mat mutters. Under the pale glow of a single light, the once-beaten Minico Spartans pinned back their ears and got busy on the mats, notching a sweep of host Twin Falls (53-12) and Buhl (71-0) in the Twin Falls tri-meet on Tuesday. The Bruins managed a 51-30 defeat of the Indians in the last match.

Although hesitant to call it a dominating performance, Spartans coach Brad Cooper acknowledged his team's success

on the blue nylon in the warm-up to this weekend's Madison Invitational.

"We won more than we lost," he said. "We didn't wrestle bad. We're coming off a long weekend and so we were hoping we wouldn't be a little flat. It's kind of tough to come back on Tuesday."

The Bruins took a brief 3-0 lead when Ryan Pohlmann decisioned Gabe Frank at 103 pounds to open the battle. But a forfeit at 112 gave Minico the lead at 6-3, which the Spartans never relinquished. Up stepped Spartan Jesus Tamayo at 119, a state champion last season at 112, and

Tamayo delivered with a whopping 16-3 major decision of David Roy for four points and the 10-3 lead.

The Spartans added 10 more points on a second major decision (wins by eight or more points are awarded four points) and another forfeit at 130 pounds for the 20-3 lead. Bruin Jason Hamilton, at 135 pounds, stopped the bleeding with a 5-2 win over Willy Uscola and, after Minico's Mike Berenger—decisioned Brady Calver at 140, a scrappy Miller McMillen gave the Bruins their third win with a tough, 5-4 decision of Justin Reed at 145 pounds, drawing the deficit to 23-9.

But the Spartans came back with a vengeance, rolling off five consecutive pinfalls before Twin Falls heavyweight Klint Kuykendall ended the dry spell with a 6-1 win over Adam Cox.

"We have a long way to go," said Bruins coach Dave Sloten. "Every year (Minico) is strong, but we're getting better every time we step on the mat. We're a little banged-up right now, which is common, but we're improving." Buhl fielded a team of only 10 wrestlers, which guaranteed the Spartans 24 points in their matchup. Along with the four forfeits, Minico scored pins at 119.

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Fisk, Perez to enter Hall of Fame

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Twenty-five years after clearing the Hall, Carlton Fisk and Tony Perez made the Hall.

The pair, linked by home runs in perhaps the greatest World Series ever, were elected to the Hall of Fame on Tuesday, wiping away the times they fell just short.

"I'll be happy and proud to be standing up here in July at the same podium as he is," Fisk said.

Fisk is best remembered for waving his 12th-inning homer fair in Game 6 of the 1975 World Series. Perez's two-run shot off Bill Lee the following night, which helped rally Cincinnati from a three-run deficit to the title, is largely overlooked.

"It's sweet now, when I'm in. It doesn't matter how long I had to wait," said Perez, who made it on his ninth try. "The first thing I thought of was calling my mother in Cuba. The family was there, too. They started jumping around. My mother was crying."

Fisk, who caught the most games in major league history (2,226) and hit a record 351 of 376 career home runs while playing the position, received 397 votes among the record 499 ballots cast by 10-year members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Perez received 385 votes.

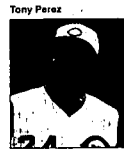
To be elected, a player had to be listed on 375 ballots (75 percent). Fisk, who fell 43 votes short last year in his first time on the ballot, received 79.6 percent and made it with 22 votes to spare.

Perez, 71, votes shy last year when Nolan Ryan, George Brett and Robin Yount were chosen, got 77.2 percent and was elected with 10 votes to spare, becoming the first Cuban chosen by the BBWA.

And it could be an even bigger '75 reunion

Perez and Fisk set for enshrinement

The Baseball Writers' Association of America has selected Tony Perez and Carlton Fisk to be inducted into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame on July 23.



Vote: Perez received 385 votes and was elected in his ninth year on the ballot.

Career: 2,732 Hits; 270 Avg.; 370 HR; 1,652 RBI; 1,272 Runs

Highlights: ● Rank 18th on the all-time RBI list (1,652)

● Seven-time All-Star

● Played in six League Championship Series and five World Series.

A SHINING MOMENT

Carlton Fisk was inducted into the Hall of Fame based on his career production. He will forever be remembered for the home run that won Game six of the 1975 World Series in the 12th inning. This home run is considered one of the most dramatic in major league history.



Vote: Fisk received 397 votes and was elected in his second year on the ballot.

Career: 2,356 Hits; 269 Avg.; 370 HR; 1,330 RBI; 1,278 Runs

Highlights: ● 1972 American League Rookie of the Year

● 11-time All-Star

● Holds major league record for catchers: most games (2,226) and home runs (351).

Rankings change very little for state wrestlers

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The status quo remains intact atop the state's wrestling ranks.

Last weekend's Buhl Invitational — one of a handful of indicator wrestling tournaments leading up to February's state championships — saw Class A-3 North Fremont emerge victorious from a pack of 20 teams representing all points on the Idaho compass.

That title parlayed itself into six Huskies ranked at the top of the state's 14 weight divisions, with two others in second and third, respectively.

The tournament also helped align several weight classes across the A-1, A-2 and A-3 boards, with previously ranked wrestlers put into their proper weights, according to independent wrestling authority Rocky Bärter.

In the Magic and Wood River valleys, only three wrestlers — all state champions — were listed as the best in the state. Kimberly's Casey Gambrel remains the best at the A-2, 140-pound division. The senior sports a 17-0 record with 36 pins. At the A-2, 171-pound class, Wood River's Casey Golocoe, wrestling 19 pounds heavier than last year's 152 pounds when he won the state

title, is still the one to beat.

Complete wrestling rankings - D3

And Declo heavyweight LANCE Osterhout reigns as the premier 275-pounder in Class A-3, if not statewide. Osterhout, who is very near the 100-mach win mark in his career, easily outclassed his foes at the Buhl Invitational, scoring two quick pins.

In team rankings, Blackfoot held the No. 1 position in A-1, but changes did occur down the ladder. Behind runner-up Skyview, Capital rose from a preseason ranking of fifth to third while Sandpoint fell from third to fourth. Minico and Centennial completely dropped out of the six-team picture with No. 5, Lewiston and sixth-ranked Idaho Falls making their debuts.

At A-2, defending state champion Snake River remained No. 1 with American Falls right behind in second. Sugar-Salem moved up from sixth to third, followed by Weiser in fourth. Kuna debuts at fifth, and Lakeland fell from fourth to sixth.

Behind top-ranked North Fremont in the A-3 poll, unranked Parma pulled to second followed by Malad, Teton, Aberdeen and Declo.

More high school coverage - D2

PAYING TO PLAY

TF School Board will decide on soccer funding in February

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Soccer boosters asked the Twin Falls School Board on Tuesday to put the sport on a level playing field with other district-sponsored athletic programs at Twin Falls High School.

But school board members did not readily embrace more athletic spending at a time when the district is facing cuts in staffing, services

and materials and supplies because of a drop in enrollment. The district saw an approximate 3 percent drop in enrollment this year.

State funding is tied to enrollment — if enrollment drops, so does the district's state appropriation.

The board tabled a decision on the soccer plan until February and asked the Magic Valley Youth Soccer Association and school athletic director Andy Barron to seek revenue sources other than district money.

At the beginning of the 2000-01 school year, soccer officially becomes a state-sanctioned high school sport. It has been a club sport in Idaho, which means in most cases it has not received financial support from local school districts.

The Twin Falls School District supports school athletic programs with money for transportation and coaching salaries, Barron said. He is asking the district to do the same for soccer, and the estimated annual cost for those expenses is around \$25,000 annually.

"Then we just need to scrap, save and do what we can to keep our costs minimal," he said.

That would leave boosters to make up the difference for a program that comes with a projected start-up cost of about \$45,000.

District Superintendent Terrell Donich said he doesn't recommend a budget commit \$25,000 to the program considering the looming budget cutbacks. But down the road that could change if the district's financial picture improves.

School board chairman Paul See SOCCER, Page D3

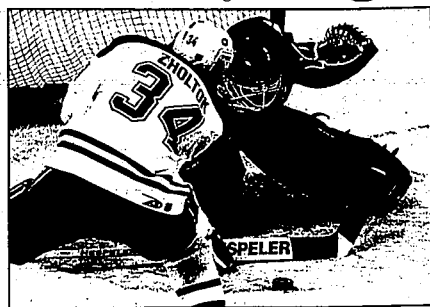
Theodore rocks Red Wings with second shutout Soccer

MONTREAL (AP) — Jose Theodore made 28 saves for his second shutout of the season as the Montreal Canadiens ended a seven-game winless streak Tuesday night with a 3-0 victory over the Detroit Red Wings.

NHL Sergei Zholtok and Benoit Brunet scored in the second period and Dainius Zubrus added one in the third for the Canadiens, 0-4-3 in seven games.

Theodore, starting in place of flu-ridden Jeff Hackett, picked up his third career shutout as Montreal won for the first time since Dec. 10.

The Red Wings, who own the NHL's best record (27-12-4), ended a two-game winning streak and were shut out for the first time this season.



Detroit goaltender Chris Osgoode makes the save off Montreal's Sergei Zholtok during the first period Tuesday.

The Canadiens' unbeaten streak to nine games with a victory over struggling Tampa Bay.

The Devils' longest streak (7-0-2), the NHL's unbeaten this season, is the team's best since a

franchise record-tying 13-game run two years ago. The Lightning are in the midst of a 12-game winless drought (0-10-2), their fourth winless streak of 10 or more in the past three seasons.

The victory was the Devils' season-high fifth straight.

Flayers 3, Hurricanes 3 RALEIGH, N.C. — Simon Gagne scored a late power-play goal as Philadelphia extended its winning streak to six with a win over Carolina.

An apparent game-winning goal by Carolina's Tommy Westlund with 2:50 remaining was waved off by referee Richard Trotter, who said Westlund interfered with Flyers goalie John Vanbiesbrouck.

Gary Roberts scored his 300th career goal with 12:43 left as Carolina took a 3-2 lead.

Valeri Zhelezynskii, Rod Brind'Amour and John LeClair also scored for Flyers, 6-0-1 in seven games.

Martin Gelinas and Andrei Kovalenko had the other Carolina goals.

Maple Leafs 3, Bruins 2 BOSTON — Igor Korolev scored twice and Dmitri Khristich had two assists against the team that walked away from him as Toronto beat Boston.

Toronto improved to 8-0 in games when Korolev has scored this season. Curtis Joseph stopped 33 shots for the Maple Leafs, who won for the second time in six games.

Rob Tallas made 23 saves for the Bruins, who are winless (0-4-2) in six games and have won just once in 11 games. Anson Carter and Steve Heinze had Boston goals.

Christich won a \$2.8 million arbitration award from the Bruins this fall but the team "walked away" from the decision — the first time an NHL team had taken advantage of the right.

Continued from D1 Vera Redman articulated the dilemma of starting a new sports program at a time when academic spending faces cutbacks. That is hard for people to swallow, she said. She will take the request, she said, but she wanted more information about funding.

Twin Falls High School principal Ben Allen said the school's athletic budget is bare-bones, leaving little room for shuffling resources.

"We're as close to pay-to-play as you can get," he said. The Magic Valley Youth Soccer Association is ready to make a high school soccer program work, said Ken Edmunds, representing the association. Association members just want soccer to have the fair share of support, but he said they realize they are the newcomers.

Times-News education reporter Jennifer Edmunds can be reached at 733-0931 or by e-mail at jandman@magicalvalley.com.

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

NBA Standings EASTERN CONFERENCE

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists teams like Miami Heat, New York Knicks, Orlando Magic, etc.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists teams like Los Angeles Lakers, San Antonio Spurs, Houston Rockets, etc.

IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore

Reported from week (Jan. 3-9)

Table with columns for Game, Date, Score, Location. Lists games like New York Knicks vs Miami Heat, etc.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Table with columns for Game, Date, Score, Location. Lists college games like Duke vs Georgetown, etc.

ON THE AIR

TELEVISION

College Basketball, Georgia Tech at Duke

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WTA Women's Leaders

Table with columns for Player, Points, Titles. Lists tennis players like Jennifer Capriati, Lindsay Davenport, etc.

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SPORTS

'Freak' named best defensive rookie

NEW YORK (AP) - The Freak Show drew rare reviews this season.

It was so good that Jevon Kearse, the record-setting rookie end of the Tennessee Titans nicknamed "The Freak," ran away with the voting for The Associated Press Defensive Rookie of the Year, announced Tuesday.

Kearse, selected 16th overall in last year's draft because some teams felt he was too light to play end, had 14.5 sacks, tops in the AFC and a rookie mark. He also had 18 pressures, keying the Titans' fearsome pass rush, and forced uncounted motion penalties from blockers.

Then there were the 10 forced fumbles. Yes, 10. That was good enough to earn all but one of the votes from a nationwide panel of 50 media members. Washington cornerback Champ Bailey received one vote.

"I didn't expect the moves I had to be so successful," Kearse said. "I kind of expected them to play me for my speed move a lot. I've come up with a lot more."

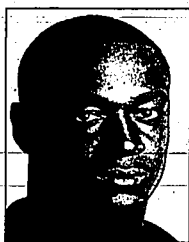
And whatever he's come up with, offenses have struggled containing him. In Pittsburgh in Week 10, he reached what he considers perfection.

Kearse sacked Mike Tomczak, forcing a fumble. Kearse picked it up and scored before halftime.

"I'm one of the people who isn't satisfied with just taking on my block or just beating the tackle," he said. "What I want to do is beat the tackle. That's one phase. Get to the quarterback when he has the ball, another phase. Then strip the ball and pick it up and go score with it."

"It's the perfect play," Bruce Smith, the career postseason sacks leader and a perennial All-Pro - he didn't make it this year, while Kearse did in his first season studied Kearse on film to see what the fuss was all about.

"I've watched closely," Smith said.



Jevon 'The Freak' Kearse
Defensive Rookie of the Year

said. "I'm very impressed by the outstanding year that he's had. His physical attributes, his wingspan, his tall frame, his explosiveness, the way he can run down a running back or a wide receiver - I tell you I haven't seen that before since the likes of guys like Lawrence Taylor."

"The hard part will come now... Now that he's made a name for himself, he's going to have to do this every year..."

Kearse plans on it. The Titans surged from 8-5 to 13-3 and the best wild-card record in NFL history in part because of how the defense freaked out opponents.

"Those players like Bruce Smith, Lawrence Taylor are players that really stick out as Pro Bowl players that you really keep an eye on them," Kearse said. "When I first got to Florida, I started watching defensive ends and watching those guys..."

"Hopefully, I'll be able to carry on the tradition and be good in years and years to come."

Kearse is only the second member of the Tennessee/Houston franchise to win top defensive rookie honors. Linebacker Robert Brazile took the 1975 award.

Spartans remain undefeated

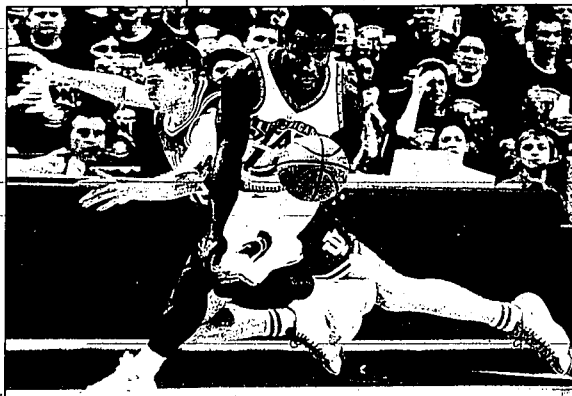
EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) - Morris Peterson forced overtime with a three-pointer and scored four more points in the extra session as No. 11 Michigan State defeated No. 9 Indiana 77-71 to take over first place in the Big Ten on Tuesday night.

The win left the **NCAA Top 25** Spartans (12-4, 3-0 Big Ten) the lone unbeaten team in conference play.

Indiana (12-2, 2-1), which never led in the five-minute overtime, was held to just one basket in the extra period, a three-pointer by Michael Lewis with 4:0 remaining.

Charlie Bell led the Spartans with 22 points and Peterson finished with 17.

A.J. Guyton scored 28 points for the Hoosiers.



Michigan State's Mateen Cleaves, front, steals the ball from Indiana's Kyle Hornsby in the first half Tuesday in East Lansing, Michigan.

No. 7 Syracuse 76, West Virginia 63

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - Tony Bland scored nine of his 22 points in the final five minutes as Syracuse remained the only unbeaten team in Division I.

Etan Thomas added 14 points, 15 rebounds and five blocks as the Orangemen (12-0, 3-0 Big East) won for the second straight time on the road following a 10-game homestand.

Junior Calvin Bowman scored a career-high 21 points on 10-of-16 shooting, most of them inside shots. Marcus Goree added 17 and Lionel Armstead 12 for West Virginia (7-6, 0-3).

No. 16 Oklahoma 76, Baylor 43

NORMAN, Okla. - Oklahoma held Baylor to 13 first-half points while bombarding the Bears' front line and coasted to the victory.

J.R. Raymond scored 20 and Eduardo Najera had 18 for the Sooners (14-1, 2-0 Big 12), who held Baylor to four field goals in the first half and 32 percent shooting for the game.

The Bears (9-4, 0-2), who scored only 17 in

the first half of their conference opener against Texas last week, were held to the second-fewest points in a half in school history. The school record is seven points, against Illinois State in 1984.

Cowboys fire Gailey after just two seasons

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Chan is no longer the man running the Dallas Cowboys.

Team owner Jerry Jones fired Chan Gailey as coach Tuesday, two days after the team was knocked out of the playoffs in the first round.

"This decision I had to make is about football," Jones said. "It wasn't about egos. It wasn't about competitiveness."

Jones gave no specific reason for firing Gailey, but said it would take too much time and energy to get "everyone on the same page" for next season.

Chan Gailey, relative to when he accepted this job, burned the midnight oil, he said. "He worked hard, he was diligent, he was honest. He did everything I imagined."

Gailey led Dallas to an 18-14 record in two regular seasons, but the Cowboys were eliminated from the playoffs in the first round both years. He said during an afternoon news conference that he believes postseason failure led to his dismissal.

"We didn't make it. I'm disappointed we didn't. I understand it's my responsibility," Gailey said.

"It just didn't work out," Gailey said he has no specific plans. "I've never been fired, so it's a new experience for me," he said.

Gailey, the fourth coach in the team's 40-year history and the third Jones has hired, leaves with the dubious distinction of being the first without a Super Bowl victory. His tenure also was the shortest.

There was no immediate word on a replacement. Washington coach Norv Turner, a former Dallas offensive coordinator, is



Chan Gailey
Ex-coach of the Dallas Cowboys

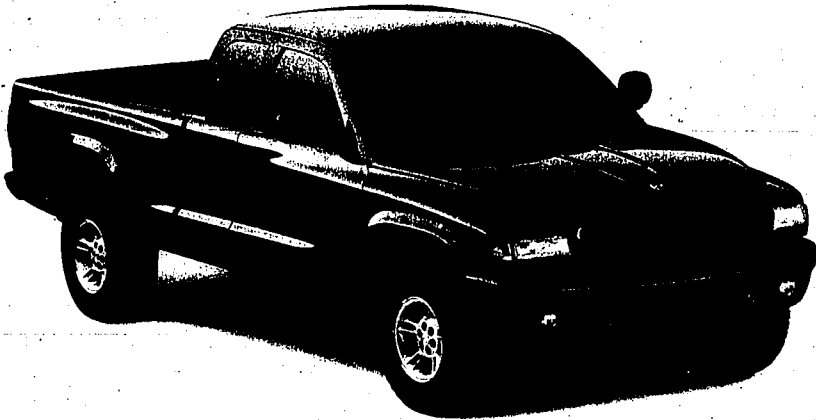
still beloved by many players - especially quarterback Troy Aikman - but he's still under contract with the Redskins.

Jones is likely to seek an offensive-minded coach. Other hot commodities this offseason include St. Louis offensive coordinator Mike Martz and Gary Kubiak, Denver's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. Martz could not be interviewed until the Rams' season is over.

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Source: International Paper Corp.

Cold-storage plant gets warm reception

Independent Meat opens freezer warehouse southeast of Twin Falls

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Pork buyers from Japan got a chilly reception in Twin Falls Tuesday.

That's quite literal, as they came to help Independent Meat celebrate the opening of its new cold-storage facility southeast of town.

"This is a strange time of year to worry about opening a freezer warehouse," Sumio Arai, president of trading company Shinto International Inc., told the gathering.

His comment brought laughs from the shivering audience: Independent Meat customers from the Pacific Rim and the United States, local business people, City Council members, Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce representatives, Independent Meat chief executive Patrick Florence's family members and employees, trucking operators, meat producers and some of the people who designed, built or permitted the Twin Falls company's expansion.

Freezer blasts made their way into a heated tent that was erected inside the cold-storage building to accommodate jazz musicians and a buffet lunch.

City and chamber leaders lauded Independent Meat's newly finished facility, at the site of an intermodal-freight center under construction, as a promising economic development for Twin Falls.

Japan, dependent on meat imports, will benefit too, Arai said. His company, which imports Idaho pork, brought along representatives of some key Japanese

customers Tuesday, including a supermarket company and a pork processor.

Ben Homma, manager of Shinto's food division in Los Angeles, said he is "just so excited" about the new freezer facility.

Now, he said, "we can move forward more volume of products."

Shinto has been dealing with Independent Meat for three years to ship pork to Japan. When they started, Homma said, the Twin Falls company had no experience exporting to Japan, but it has learned much since then.

Shinto can drum up all the demand Independent Meat can supply, he said, and Shinto is ready to increase shipments as soon as Independent Meat is.

Saturday and Sunday, Independent Meat moved product into its new freezer building, and the first shipment left the building Sunday night, headed to Magic Valley restaurants and other Idaho customers, plant engineer Rob Stephens said.

"Our shipping crew moved approximately 2 million pounds over the weekend," he said.

"A business can't remain static," Florence told his guests. So Independent Meat opted to grow here, partly because livestock and feed grains are available in the area, the community accepts growth, and the company's customers urge growth, he said.

More could come. Independent Meat sees an opportunity for production expansion in the next three to five years, likely in the

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Dewayne Huff, right, walks Grant Hyatt through a freezer that will be kept at 46 degrees below zero when it is stocked with product. Independent Meat held a grand opening Tuesday for its new cold-storage facility on the site of a new intermodal-freight center on Twin Falls' Hankins Road.

About Independent Meat and the new cold-storage facility

Independent Meat

- Primarily a pork processor, cutting and processing 3,500 pigs every week.
- Also involved with suppliers' animal genetics and feed science.
- 20 percent of sales are distributed on Independent Meat trucks.
- 40 percent of sales are to other distributors and warehouses around the nation.

- 40 percent of sales are exports, primarily to Japan, Taiwan and Mexico.
- Also produces feed-supplement and leather products.

The facility

- 38,000 square feet.
- 200 tons of refrigeration capacity.
- Holds about 3.5 million pounds of product.
- 12,000-square-foot freezer is kept at 10 degrees Fahrenheit below zero.

- 12,000-square-foot storage refrigerator is kept at 30 degrees.
- Dock and over-assembly area stays at 35 degrees.
- Two blast freezers, at 46 degrees below zero, can flash-freeze 40,000 pounds of product in 12 hours, for export to Japan.

Source: Independent Meat officials

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Census 2000 tops agenda in Jerome

Jerome - Census 2000 is on the agenda today at the Jerome Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

The event begins at noon at El Sombrero Restaurant. Juliana Doyalina will speak about U.S. Census Bureau activities in Idaho. She'll tell local business leaders how they can collaborate with the 2000 census, the chamber said.

Mini-Cassia chamber hosts two special events

Burley - The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce announced two special events for this week:

From 6 to 7 p.m. today is an open house at Warren House, 1301 Bennett Ave. in Burley, for a chance to meet the new facility manager and tour the alternate living facility.

At 8 a.m. Thursday is the first of many legislative teleconference calls. The chamber invites business people to its own office for the call, to learn what legislators are up to and what issues may affect local businesses.

Home Depot chief gets big play in publications

Atlanta - Home Depot Chief Executive Arthur Blank smiles from the cover of Forbes (Jan. 24) in the latest of many magazine articles about the Atlanta-based retailer of home-improvement products, which is opening a Twin Falls store.

The secret to the company's success, says Forbes, is its "relentless tinkering with merchandising, the browbeating of suppliers, the exploitation of technology that makes Home Depot such a terrifying competitor. ... Big Orange has demolished once-thriving chains, not to mention mom-and-pop hardware stores."

The average Home Depot outlet sells an average of \$850,000 worth of items a week. The company chalked up more than \$360 billion in revenue last year.

"Right now the only credible threat to Home Depot's dominance of hardware retailing is Lowe's Cos. of Wilkesboro, N.C., which is half in size in sales and store count," Forbes says.

Blank and co-founder Bernie Marcus have been featured in at least half a dozen magazines in the past year, sometimes in the cover stories.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Curbside crisis: Downtown parking is cramped

Sparse space hurts business-recruitment

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - If downtown Twin Falls is to recruit national retailers, something needs to be

done about the lack of parking downtown, an area leader says.

And the solution may be a parking garage. Historic Downtown Business Improvement District Executive Director Randy Bombardier told the BID board Tuesday.

With the addition of two parking lots downtown, many board

members say there is enough parking. But that is not the case, Bombardier said.

"Parking may seem like it's OK" downtown, Bombardier said. "But Realtors will tell us that parking is an issue."

"For every 1,000 square feet of retail space we need five parking spots," he said. According to that

concept, downtown falls extremely short of large retail expectations.

In addition to fueling business development, a parking garage would add momentum to the concept of upper-loft housing downtown, which would not be possible without more parking.

But the parking situation also

needs more immediate changes. Things such as changing the lease structure could also add more parking downtown, and increasing lease rates could create more revenue, Bombardier said.

The BID has specific spaces rented to specific businesses, and

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Proposal would have folks climbing the walls

Developers envision gym, retail center

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Two developers have responded to the Urban Renewal Agency's request for development proposals for a climbing gym and retail center at the site where an old blue granary once sat on Shoshone Street.

Bob Seastrom with Seastrom Manufacturing Co. Inc. and Jack Prudek with Adventure Outfitters both propose developing such a center in Old Towne,

the agency's Executive Director Dave McAlindin said.

But Prudek said he has not officially submitted a proposal.

"I don't have a final one," Prudek said. The "plan at this time" is to finalize a proposal and submit it to Urban Renewal. Prudek declined comment on whether any other investors would be included in the proposal or when he hoped to have the document to Urban Renewal.

Since it was announced the granary was to be demolished,

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Critics roast salmon protection idea

Jail time, fines in draft of rules draw some fire

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A federal salmon proposal unveiled last month was supposed to be good news for loggers, developers and other industries in Idaho and three other states - abide by certain state and local rules and get an exemption from the federal ones.

But businessmen in Washington, Oregon, California and Idaho see big problems ahead.

The same proposal makes people who kill, harm or harass 14 threatened salmon populations

or their habitat subject to up to a year in jail and a \$50,000 fine.

Many say such a stiff penalty, even for indirectly hurting the fish, goes too far.

"Northwesterners are now at the mercy of federal officials, accountable to no one, and many Northwesterners will dare not offend them," attorney James Buchal, who represents business on salmon issues, wrote in a critique of the plan.

The proposal announced Dec. 14 will indeed result in more endangered species prosecutions, according to the National Marine Fisheries Service.

But the prosecutions will be limited and targeted at the most egregious incidents of destroying salmon habitat, dumping toxic

chemicals in rivers and applying pesticides in ways that damage streams, agency officials said.

The Fisheries Service has neither the staff nor desire to aggressively track down all violators across the 159,000 square miles the plan covers, they said.

But fisheries biologist Garth Griffin says the proposal shows that his agency is serious about recovering the fish.

Federal law imposes possible jail and fines on anyone harming any of the nation's 934 species listed as in danger of becoming extinct. Only a special federal permit can immunize people from those penalties.

But the Endangered Species Act does not extend the penal-

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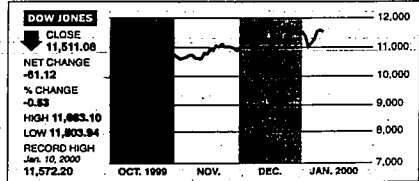
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MONEY

Stocks tumble, bond yields rise

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks gave up an early advance and finished lower Tuesday as investors were distracted once again by rising bond yields and lost some of their enthusiasm over American Online's deal to buy Time Warner. Internet company stocks led the Nasdaq composite index in a steep decline.



The Dow Jones industrial average fell 61.12 to 11,511.08, dipping below the new closing high set Monday. Earlier in Tuesday's session, the Dow rose as much as 90 points.

The Nasdaq fell 128.48 to 3,921.19. The technology-dominated index has swung more than 100 points in five of seven sessions so far this year, a sign of extraordinary volatility after a sprint to record highs at the close of 1999.

meeting on Feb. 1 and 2. The Fed raised rates three times in 1999 in a bid to keep inflation from escalating, and continued signs of economic growth have convinced many economists that an increase in February is almost guaranteed.

In recent sessions, the bond market has been much more sensitive than stocks to the possibility of further rate hikes. Last week, bond and stock prices dropped jointly and the interest-rate concerns before stock investors resumed buying on the promise of strong corporate profits and a solid economy.

levels since September 1997, drawing some investors away from stocks.

Rising bond yields can make it difficult for stocks to advance, partly because they can present an appealing alternative to investors looking for stable returns.

Internet companies mostly fell Tuesday as investors collected profits. AOL fell 9/8 to 6 1/2 at 5:45 p.m. EST. Analysts said investors were struggling with the notion that AOL, a high-flying Internet leader that has commanded premium stock prices, will now behave more like a traditional media company.

Knight Rider News Service

DENVER - One of Colorado's oldest monopolies is headed for dramatic changes that could lower the price - and boost the quality - of telephone service in Colorado in the years to come.

That monopoly isn't U S West, which is merging with Qwest Communications International and also provides local phone service to the Magic Valley. In fact, it's much smaller than U S West - even though it just sold the Baby Bell to cough up nearly \$13 million.

This monopolist is state-run, employs 90 people and occupies 2 1/2 floors of an unremarkable, glass-enclosed brick building near Downtown Denver. It's logo doesn't even grace the structure.

Yet the winds of competition that are spawning changes at U S West and AT&T also are buffeting the way the Colorado Public Utilities Commission does business.

"The last bastion of monopolism in telecommunications is the monopoly regulators have. There are going to be dramatic changes that we're going to see," said Kathleen Wallman, head of Wallman Strategic Consulting in Washington, D.C.

"Competition will change the job of regulators"

Said PUC Director Bruce Smith: "There's no question that it's already changing."

Today, as in the past, the three commissioners wield the threat of company returns to try to ensure phone and internet customer service acceptable service. Just last week the three ordered U S West to pay Colorado customers a \$129 million refund for substandard telephone service. Commission data crunches, meanwhile, help OK or nix the rates charged by U S West and Public Service Company of Colorado, the state's biggest provider of electricity and natural gas.

Those responsibilities will change over time, experts say. To be sure, however, it will probably take years.

In Colorado, competition - and not the commission - will dictate rates companies charge for such services as in-state long-distance dialing and, ultimately, basic local phone service.

Rules change for utility regulators

Experts liken the situation to the 1984 breakup of the old AT&T, when Ma Bell shed its local phone operations and concentrated on long-distance service. At that point, the company accounted for 50 percent of sales in long-distance service. But the rise of MCI Sprint and other carriers cut that share to 52 percent in 1995. The FCC then declared AT&T was no longer a "dominant" carrier and subjected the company's long-distance rates to market forces rather than FCC scrutiny. Prices, in the meantime, have tumbled.

What other changes can customers expect? Once phone customers get the ability to dump their local carrier and select a rival, except the commission to get less involved in enforcing service quality, as it does with U S West. That job will fall to customers who can take their money and business to another company.

"Eventually, even issues as thorny as customer service and quality of service will be turned over to the marketplace," said Ron Binz, the former director of Colorado's Office of Consumer Counsel and president of the Competition Policy Institute.

Gym

Continued from E1 suggestions began flowing into Urban Renewal as to what should be done with the property. Urban Renewal determined a climbing center, coupled with a retail center, might be feasible.

"The climbing-center concept" was recommended, McAlindin said in recent Times-News interview. "A recreation-type thing."

Urban Renewal was looking for a developer who would be able to complete the project within 18 months of approval by the agency and would put in at least \$500,000 of capital improvements for the purpose of constructing a climbing gym and retail center, according to the agency's request for development proposals.

two requests for development, the next step will be to call an Urban Renewal meeting - probably early next week, McAlindin said.

The Urban Renewal can accept, amend or decline either proposal, he said.

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Zions affiliate makes major purchase

PRESCOTT, Ariz. (AP) - National Bank of Arizona bought Prescott-based County Bank in a deal involving stock in National's parent Zions Bancorporation of Salt Lake City.

Other terms in this week's purchase were not disclosed. Zions has branches in the Magic Valley. County Bank has 150 employees with offices in Prescott,

Prescott Valley, Page, Cottonwood, Parker and Yuma.

National bought Tempe's Rio Salado Bank in 1999, and Salt Lake City's Zions Bank in 1996. With \$1.57 million in assets, National now is Arizona's fourth largest with 37 branches throughout the state.

County Bank was organized in 1993 when a group of Prescott investors raised \$3.4 million to

purchase the troubled Desert Sun Bank in Yuma and moved it to Prescott. It grew into an institution with seven branches, \$250 million in assets, \$127 million in deposits and \$157 million in loans.

"It's a very well run bank that is focused on the same sort of customer as we are," said Cheryl Holdrege, National's vice president of marketing.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, Consol, Net Change, High, Low, Record High, Record Low. Includes major indices like DJIA, S&P 500, and various sector indices.

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Here are the best most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the American Stock Exchange and the 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Market leader: Microsoft.

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Parking

Continued from E1. The rates are \$12 per month or \$108 per year. If the BID did not have these spaces and had "floating leases," it would open up more parking.

Business people would park on a first-come, first-served basis and would have certificates to hang in their vehicles allowing them to park beyond the two-hour limit.

But for some businesses, that would not work, BID Chairman Ron Thompson said. Some such as furniture stores lease spaces close to their stores so they don't move merchandise, he said.

"I don't know what the solutions are to parking, but it always seems to be a hot issue," Thompson said.

In other business news, the BID board: *Elected new officers. Thompson is the new chair-

man, Gordon Curtis was re-elected vice chairman, and Steve Garner was elected secretary/treasurer. Glenda Thompson is the new City Council liaison to the BID.

*Discussed the upcoming and important issues facing the board. Two work sessions from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Jan. 21 and 22 will go to those issues in more detail.

*Discussed community surveys recently sent out by the city. The surveys are showing a strong support for downtown, which will affect the strategic planning of the City Council, Mayor Elaine Steele said.

There is about 90 percent community support for downtown, she said. Times-News correspondent Rachel Denny can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3780.

MEAT

Continued from E1. Magic Valley, Stephens said. He declined to give details. An estimated owned truck-trailer transfer site just north of the new cold-storage building didn't meet its year-end target for operation, but that doesn't pose a problem for the pork processor.

Independent Meat has a very perishable product, shipped primarily by truck. The company may sometime find it convenient to use the railroad, Stephens said. "That's not in our plan at this point."

The intermodal center has shippers ready to start using the site, center-spokesman Todd Blass said, but it's a difficult time of year for the center's operators to move in.

The new target is to have all intermodal facilities functioning by spring, Blass said. Location at a future transportation hub does help Independent Meat "ship more faster and easier" and improve service, said the processor's distribution manager, Mel VanBuren.

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SALMON

Continued from E1. While the rules call for penalties, including 20 of the 26 protected salmon runs in the Northwest. The other six are listed as endangered.

Last month's proposal would change that, and that has some landowners worried about being targeted by the fisheries service. The fisheries service brought just 19 cases against alleged endangered species violators in the region during the 12 months through September, down from 23 a year earlier.

The government plans 22 hearings on proposed rules during Feb. 3. The rules could have much to worry about. For those requests, or any other suggestions about improving the "Money report, please call Ramona Jones at 733-0931, Ext. 262.

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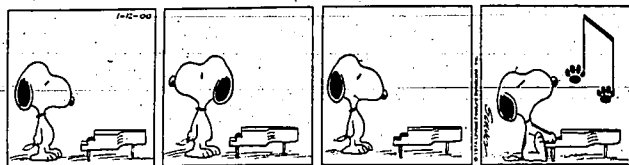
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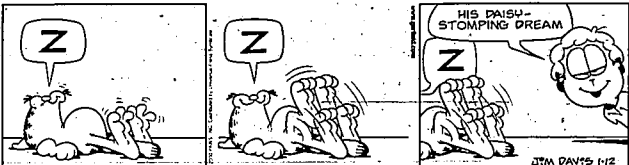
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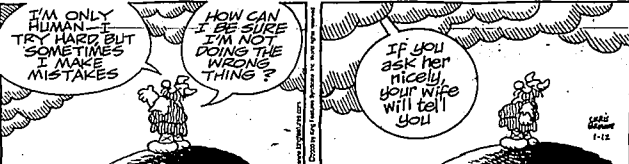
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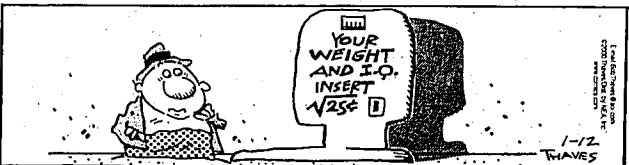
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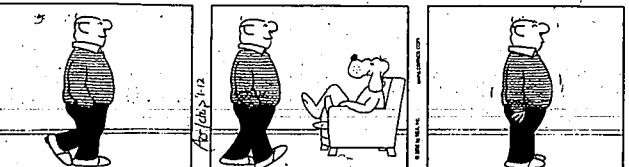
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♥ K J 10 7
♦ Q 5
♣ 5

WEST ♠ 10 01-18
♥ A 5 4
♦ Q 8 4
♣ A K J 8 7 6

EAST ♠ A 5 4 2
♥ 6
♦ A 9 6 5 3 2
♣ A 9 4 5 3 2

SOUTH ♠ K 3
♥ Q J 10 9 7 2
♦ 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♣ 10 3 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

The bidding:
North East South West
1♠ Pass 4♥ All pass

Opening lead: Club king

BID WITH THE ACES 01-18

South holds: ♠ 10
♥ A 5 4
♦ Q 8 4
♣ A K J 8 7 6

South North
1♠ 1♠

ANSWER: Two clubs. It's not quite strong enough for a jump rebid. Had North responded in a more descriptive.

And if South tries to run spades after West's shift to a trump, West ruffs the second spade, cashes his trump ace, and sees two more clubs for an even better result.

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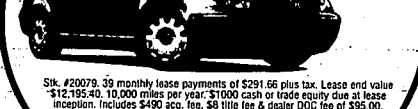
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1998 JEEP GR. CHEROKEE Stock #9324	Was \$22895	\$19670
1997 DODGE 1500 C/C 4x4 Stock #9365, SLT, 350 V-8, Power, AM/FM Cass, CD, Air	Was \$23895	\$19878
1997 DODGE 1500 C/C 4x4 Stock #8957, SLT, Auto, AM/FM Cassette, Tire Pressure	Was \$23895	\$19988
1997 DODGE 1500 C/C 4x4 Stock #9257, CD & Cassette, Power, Cruise, Auto	Was \$23895	\$20765
1997 GMC YUKON Stock #8993, Loaded, All Power & Seats, Tow Package	Was \$24895	\$21764
1998 FORD EXPEDITION 4x4 Stock #9205, Air, 23,000 Miles, 5.4L V-8, Auto, Power	Was \$28895	\$25480
2000 CHEVY 1500 C/C Stock #9584, 271 Miles, LS, Power, CD, 3 Door, V-8	Was \$28895	\$27655
2000 CHEVY 1500 C/C 4x4 Stock #9228, Auto, Cruise, Power, Stereo Cassette, CD	Was \$30895	\$27690
2000 GMC 2500 C/C 4x4 Stock #9413, 5 GL V-8, Auto, Air, Cruise, Tilt, CD	Was \$30895	\$27970
2000 GMC 1500 C/C 4x4 Stock #9111, Bucket Seats, Auto, Cruise, Air, Power	Was \$31895	\$28690
2000 CHEVY 1500 C/C Stock #9597	Was \$31895	SOLD
1999 CHEVY SUBURBAN Stock #3001	Was \$31895	\$28870
2000 FORD EXCURSION 4x4 Stock #9506, 1,552 Miles, V-10, Air, Power, Rear Heat	Was \$36895	\$33690
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 <p>1994 MITSUBISHI GALANT ES Cruise, Automatic, Air, Tilt, Stereo.</p> <p>\$0 DOWN \$149 MO. OR \$6988</p> <p><small>Stock #246E. Units subject to prior sale. Tax, title for (18/02) and Dealer DOC for (19/02) are not included in the monthly payment. 10.2% APR. No cash down, 60 monthly payments - see dealer presentation.</small></p>	 <p>1998 PONTIAC SUNFIRE Automatic, Air Conditioning, Cruise, Cassette.</p> <p>\$0 DOWN \$149 MO. OR \$6988</p> <p><small>Stock #120L. Units subject to prior sale. Tax, title for (18/02) and Dealer DOC for (19/02) are not included in the monthly payment. 10.2% APR. No cash down, 60 monthly payments - see dealer presentation.</small></p>	 <p>1990 TOYOTA 4 RUNNER SR5 5 Speed, Air, Cassette, Power Windows & Locks.</p> <p>\$0 DOWN \$169 MO. OR \$7988</p> <p><small>Stock #9741. Units subject to prior sale. Tax, title for (18/02) and Dealer DOC for (19/02) are not included in the monthly payment. 9.1% APR. No cash down, 60 monthly payments - see dealer presentation.</small></p>	 <p>1995 TOYOTA CELICA GT Automatic, Air, Tilt, Cruise, Loaded.</p> <p>\$0 DOWN \$189 MO. OR \$9988</p> <p><small>Stock #441L. Units subject to prior sale. Tax, title for (18/02) and Dealer DOC for (19/02) are not included in the monthly payment. 8.1% APR. No cash down, 60 monthly payments - see dealer presentation.</small></p>	 <p>1991 TOYOTA LANDCRUISER 4x4 Automatic, 6-Cylinder, Loaded.</p> <p>\$0 DOWN \$189 MO. OR \$9988</p> <p><small>Stock #991L. Units subject to prior sale. Tax, title for (18/02) and Dealer DOC for (19/02) are not included in the monthly payment. 8.1% APR. No cash down, 60 monthly payments - see dealer presentation.</small></p>
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