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MARK TO BE MADE



Scott Bedke attends his son's fifth-grade basketball game at the Whitepine Elementary school gym in Burley Saturday, the day before he left for the legislative session. The Oakley resident was appointed last week to the Idaho House of Representatives.

Oakley's Bedke brings family name to Statehouse

By Michael Journeé
Times-News writer

OAKLEY — The Bedke name is nearly a household term in the Oakley valley.

For four generations the family has run its cattle along the 5th Hills' Goose Creek. They've been mayors, city council members, supporters and participants of the local arts council, and strong church members. It's not uncommon to see the name on high school football and basketball rosters in Cassia County.

Scott Bedke, 42, has just taken the family's name one step further. Wednesday he was appointed to the Idaho House of Representatives by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

"Since then the vocal, at-times confrontational protector of public

lands grazing has been tying up as many loose ends as possible. For instance, he made time last week to fit in one more of his 11-year-old boy's basketball games before starting his new job today, the first day of the 56th Idaho Legislature.

"I've got a hard deadline to finish everything up before Monday," Bedke said Friday morning, just before heading out to test his herd for new pregnancies.

That herd, part of the year, grazes on the Goose Creek allotment, which has been the center of the Bedke family and the Wild Rose Grazing Association's battles with range conservationists from the U.S. Forest Service and

the Bureau of Land Management.

"I'm getting the idea we're getting screwed," Bedke once told federal land managers who ordered a 28-day shortening of the association's grazing season on public land. The penalty was assessed because of grazing lease violations from the previous year.

"We've gone from range management to policing," he argued.

Since those days in 1994, Bedke has become more involved in ranching and community issues.

He serves as president of the Idaho Cattle Association, is on the board of directors of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, and is a member of

the Oakley City Council. He was also part of former Gov. Phil Batt's public lands management task force, which looked into the possibility of state-federal joint management of federal lands.

He will resign his seat on the council this week to concentrate on his legislative duties.

Bedke has spent time testifying in front of congressional and legislative committees in Washington, D.C., and Boise on ranching issues.

His move to the Statehouse, where he will replace former Rep. Jim Kempton, R-Albion, a five-term lawmaker who accepted Kempthorne's appointment to the Northwest Power Planning Council late last month — is simply an extension of his and his

Kempthorne greets session with optimism

Legislature convenes today

The Associated Press

BOISE — The nation's most Republican Legislature convenes at midday today, awash in cash and waiting for Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to chart the course for disposing of the unprecedented state surplus.

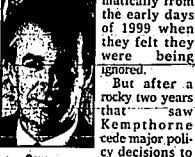
Kempthorne believes the problems that plagued his first two years are behind him.

"We're doing new things, trying new things, testing new things," the governor said during an interview as his 2001 agenda was being finalized.

Key lawmakers agree that communication has improved dramatically from the early days of 1999 when they felt they were being ignored.

But after a rocky two years that saw Kempthorne's executive policy decisions to the Legislature, the governor indicated that he was well aware of the importance of wresting control of the policy debate back from lawmakers and the significance Monday's State of the State address and Wednesday's budget message will play.

"We're going to keep working to bring this state together so



Governor Dirk Kempthorne

that the regions don't feel that they're just left out there," the governor said.

Still, the former Boise mayor and U.S. senator continued to express confidence in the Legislature's likely contribution to the final product.

A surplus of more than \$300 million and revenue for the 2001-2002 budget year that will exceed \$2 billion for the first time has emboldened tax-cutters, who were held in check a year ago because of economic skittishness.

There has been no question for months that a major tax cut will be enacted this winter. But that skittishness has returned to fuel

a debate over just how much the tax system should be permanently cut and how much revenue should just be returned to taxpayers on a one-time basis with any future rebate depending on the economy generating more surpluses.

Concern that what is clearly a slowing of Idaho's economic expansion will end up a recession has left an air of caution over the beginning of the 56th Legislature.

Kempthorne, who spent Saturday in Texas discussing priorities with President-elect

Scene reveals little

State police release inventory list from officers' shooting

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

EDEN — Amid the clutter left Sunday inside the half-finished Eden home of George Timothy Williams was somber evidence of three quick and violent deaths.

But the scattered bullet holes and patches of blood on the floor at 255 Atherton Ave. reveal only a little about what happened there Wednesday night — and nothing about why it happened.

An inventory list of what was taken from the house by Idaho State Police investigators also shed little light on the circumstances surrounding the shooting deaths of Williams, 47, and Jerome County sheriff's deputies Phillip Anderson, 23, and James Moulson, 30.

Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver said Anderson and Moulson were among deputies fired upon while trying to serve a narcotics warrant at Williams' house, and Williams was killed when deputies returned fire.

Investigators at about 5:30 p.m. Friday opened the house to friends and relatives of Williams, said Jerry DeWaal, Williams' next-door neighbor and friend.

Investigators left behind four copies of the inventory list for Williams' friends and relatives. DeWaal said. The Times-News obtained a copy of the list Sunday.

Utah senator suggests Bush pardon Clinton

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate Judiciary Committee's top Republican suggested Sunday that President-elect Bush pardon President Clinton — whether he is indicted or not — to "end a problem in America that needs to be ended."

The independent counsel investigating Clinton's conduct in the Monica Lewinsky scandal has said a decision to prosecute will come "very shortly" after Clinton leaves office Jan. 20.

"I would do that ... just end the whole thing," Sen. Orrin Hatch said on "Fox News Sunday." "I would pardon him," the Utah Republican responded when asked if he would do so whether Clinton was indicted or not.



Sen. Orrin Hatch

In Vegas ... Elvis has yet to leave the building

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The white jumpsuit with its gaudy jewels is unwrapped to reveal just the right amount of bare chest. The hairstyle is slick, black and out of date. The sideburns unmistakable.

Perfect. It's showtime for Ron DeCar.

"Do you both agree to adopt each other's bound dogs, not to wear your blue suede shoes in the rain, to always be each other's teddy bear and to never have a blue Christmas without one another?" he asks at the Viva-Las-Vegas-Wedding

Chapel.

A few songs later, Jason Sealock and Rashell McCann are married, by the King of Rock 'n' Roll no less.

The city of neon glitz and extravagance refuses to give up on the power of Elvis Presley, who would have been 66-years-old Monday. He's been dead almost 24 years, but in Vegas, Elvis has yet to leave the building.

Elvis impersonators still pack 'em in — that distinctive voice can be heard resonating from slot machines and even flying Elvis in the sky aren't uncommon.

Then there are the Elvis ministers, who are so wonderfully unusual that many tourists can't seem to resist them.

"I don't know many people that can say they were married by Elvis," said Sealock, 26, of Seattle, after he and McCann tied the knot.

DeCar makes his living as a ministerial Elvis. He also owns the hotel behind the chapel and takes pride in its pink and black Elvis and Priscilla room. Anyone interested in sleeping in-a-bed that is built into the



The reflection of Elvis impersonator Soany Boline is seen in a mirror among the many items for sale in the gift shop of the Elvis-A-Rama Museum Saturday in Las Vegas.

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday

Temperature: High 45° Low 15°

Precipitation: 24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday: 0.00"

Month to date: 0.00"

Normal month to date: 0.23"

Year to date: 0.00"

Humidity: Yesterday at noon: 95%

Barometric Pressure: Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 30.14 in.

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls: Grass: Absent; Trees: Absent; Mold: Absent

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy, snow and flurries.	Flurries early, then cloudy.	Clouds and some sun.	Chance for snow on snow mixed with rain.	Cloudy with snow showers.	Partly breaking clouds with snow.
▲ 36°	▼ 26°	▲ 38° ▼ 30°	▲ 38° ▼ 26°	▲ 34° ▼ 22°	▲ 34° ▼ 20°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Patches of valley fog this morning; otherwise, mostly cloudy today with showers of rain and snow. A rain or snow shower early tonight, then partly to mostly cloudy.

Boise: Mostly cloudy today with flurries, snow showers and some spotty ice. Mostly cloudy tonight. Intervals of clouds and sunshine tomorrow.

Northern Nevada: A storm system will spread rain and snow into the western part of the region today. Sunshine will fade behind increasing clouds in the east.

Northern Utah: With high pressure in control of the region today, there will be no snow showers in the east. However, as a storm approaches the west, clouds will increase.

Northern Idaho: A storm spreading moisture into the state today will provide snow showers and flurries today into tonight. Intervals of clouds and sunshine tomorrow.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday (for the 48 contiguous states): High 79° in McAllen, TX Low -21° in West Yellowstone, MT

NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are high for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.



CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Tue.
Calgary	HI 10° LO 10° W	HI 10° LO 10° W
Edmonton	HI 10° LO 10° W	HI 10° LO 10° W
Regina	HI 12° LO 12° W	HI 12° LO 12° W
Saskatoon	HI 12° LO 12° W	HI 12° LO 12° W
Toronto	HI 23° LO 17° W	HI 23° LO 17° W
Vancouver	HI 50° LO 38° W	HI 50° LO 38° W
Winnipeg	HI 12° LO 12° W	HI 12° LO 12° W

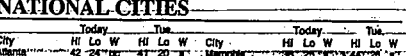
WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Tue.
Athens	HI 63° LO 53° W	HI 63° LO 53° W
Buenos Aires	HI 72° LO 60° W	HI 72° LO 60° W
London	HI 50° LO 40° W	HI 50° LO 40° W
Los Angeles	HI 67° LO 57° W	HI 67° LO 57° W
Manila	HI 80° LO 70° W	HI 80° LO 70° W
San Francisco	HI 58° LO 48° W	HI 58° LO 48° W
Seattle	HI 50° LO 40° W	HI 50° LO 40° W
Washington	HI 50° LO 40° W	HI 50° LO 40° W

SUN AND MOON

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonset
Jan 8	7:22 a.m.	5:22 p.m.	11:52 p.m.
Jan 9	7:23 a.m.	5:23 p.m.	11:53 p.m.
Jan 10	7:24 a.m.	5:24 p.m.	11:54 p.m.
Jan 11	7:25 a.m.	5:25 p.m.	11:55 p.m.
Jan 12	7:26 a.m.	5:26 p.m.	11:56 p.m.

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NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tue.
Atlanta	HI 24° LO 14° W	HI 24° LO 14° W
Baltimore	HI 24° LO 14° W	HI 24° LO 14° W
Boston	HI 24° LO 14° W	HI 24° LO 14° W
Chicago	HI 24° LO 14° W	HI 24° LO 14° W
Denver	HI 24° LO 14° W	HI 24° LO 14° W
Houston	HI 24° LO 14° W	HI 24° LO 14° W
Los Angeles	HI 24° LO 14° W	HI 24° LO 14° W
Miami	HI 24° LO 14° W	HI 24° LO 14° W
Minneapolis	HI 24° LO 14° W	HI 24° LO 14° W
New York	HI 24° LO 14° W	HI 24° LO 14° W
Philadelphia	HI 24° LO 14° W	HI 24° LO 14° W
Portland, ME	HI 24° LO 14° W	HI 24° LO 14° W
Raleigh	HI 24° LO 14° W	HI 24° LO 14° W
Rapid City	HI 24° LO 14° W	HI 24° LO 14° W
San Diego	HI 24° LO 14° W	HI 24° LO 14° W
Seattle	HI 24° LO 14° W	HI 24° LO 14° W
St. Louis	HI 24° LO 14° W	HI 24° LO 14° W
Tucson	HI 24° LO 14° W	HI 24° LO 14° W
Washington, DC	HI 24° LO 14° W	HI 24° LO 14° W

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tue.
Bosco	HI 28° LO 20° W	HI 28° LO 20° W
Bonners Ferry	HI 28° LO 20° W	HI 28° LO 20° W
Burley	HI 28° LO 20° W	HI 28° LO 20° W
Coeur d'Alene	HI 28° LO 20° W	HI 28° LO 20° W
Elko	HI 28° LO 20° W	HI 28° LO 20° W
Eugene, OR	HI 28° LO 20° W	HI 28° LO 20° W
Hagerman	HI 28° LO 20° W	HI 28° LO 20° W
Idaho Falls	HI 28° LO 20° W	HI 28° LO 20° W
Ketchikan, AK	HI 28° LO 20° W	HI 28° LO 20° W
Lowellton	HI 28° LO 20° W	HI 28° LO 20° W
Malad	HI 28° LO 20° W	HI 28° LO 20° W
Malia	HI 28° LO 20° W	HI 28° LO 20° W

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Shooting

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ISP investigations Capt. Clark Rollins said investigators are required by law to leave such lists, and the lists must include everything investigators took with them.

The interior of the house indicated Wednesday's gunfire took place in tight quarters.

The front door of Williams' home leads directly into a two-car garage. One body was found there, according to the inventory list. At the far end of the garage, another door leads to living quarters. A second body was found at the base of a set of stairs in a narrow hallway just inside the living quarters. A third body was found inside the master bedroom — its doorway is at the left end of the hallway.

The list does not say which body was found where.

The inventory list also lists the following items:

- A total of 28 shell casings recovered from the house. Those included casings from .45-caliber, .40-caliber and 9 mm weapons. All three weapons are commonly used by law enforcement officers.

Service, motorcade set

A memorial service for Jerome County Sheriff's Capt. James Moulton and Philip Anderson will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Chapel of Southern Idaho in Pocatello.

A memorial motorcade will leave CSI sometime between 3 and 4 p.m. It will travel east on Falls Avenue to Eastland Drive, then to Sunset Park. The motorcade is expected to involve hundreds of vehicles, according to the Idaho State Police. So the following intersections could be blocked for up to 45 minutes:

- Falls Avenue and Blue-Lakes Boulevard North.
- Falls Avenue and Eastland Drive.
- Addison Avenue and Eastland Drive.
- Kimberly Road and Eastland Drive.

During that time, the ISP suggests using Pole Line Road, Washington Street and Orchard Drive as alternate routes.

For more information, call ISP Sgt. Doug McFall at 736-3072.

Day-care services will also be provided for kindergarten-aged and younger children during the memorial service, said Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Nancy Howell. The day care is free, and parents should check with officers directing traffic, before the memorial service for more information.

A trace amount of a substance, thought to be marijuana, was found on a bed inside the house, as well as two pipes designed for smoking the drug. In an upstairs kitchen, investigators also found what they suspect is marijuana residue, and a set of scales. No other narcotics or drug paraphernalia were found.

Rollins-Sunday declined to comment on the inventory list or other specific aspects of the investigation.

He did say the FBI has been involved in the case, mostly because the ISP-named extra hands.

Investigators aren't trying to hide anything by keeping a tight lid on the case, Rollins said, but are just trying to be meticulous.

"Give us some time," he said. "We know the officer's families, the suspect's family, are all victims in this."

It is hoped that within a week or two, the ISP will have a complete packet of information to hand over to Jerome County Prosecutor John Nicholson, Rollins said.

It will then be up to Nicholson to decide whether he wants to consider the case himself or hand it over to a prosecutor outside Jerome County, Rollins said.

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Elvis

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front-haul of an actual 1954 pink Cadillac would love it.

Sleeping like the King is one thing, but having him perform your marriage ceremony is another.

"Most of the people that come to Las Vegas envision themselves being married by the King," declares DeCar, noting that he's 42, the same age Elvis was when he died.

Maybe, but Callie Fortin looked a bit puzzled after watching her friends' marriage ceremony.

That seems the consensus.

"There's no question in my mind it was the right choice," said Tom Geary, former president of the Idaho Farm Bureau and one of the 10 original candidates to succeed Kempton. "He's got his own wishes, programs and desires, but he realizes you have to listen to other people and the concerns they have."

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Clinton to Israel: 'Divide this land'

NEW YORK (AP) — President Clinton told the people of Israel and the Palestinians to "divide this land into two states for two people."

Clinton also urged the Palestinians in a major address to the United Nations to accept his framework for a negotiated settlement and "not hold out for the impossible more."

He vowed to use his remaining days in the White House to narrow differences between Israel and the Palestinians, but with less than two weeks left he made no prediction of success.

"We've got a mess on our hands," Clinton said.

In a speech to the Israel Policy Forum, a think tank on the Middle East, Clinton outlined key elements of his framework for a negotiated settlement and said it was a fair one that "responds to each side's essential needs if not to their utmost desires."

He said he was sending veteran U.S. mediator Dennis B. Ross to the region this week to talk to Israeli and Palestinian leaders again.

Clinton will seek their approval for an accord that would give the Palestinians a state with its capital in Jerusalem "that is larger and more vibrant than any seen in history."

On Palestinian refugees, a key sticking point, Clinton appeared to hold to his position that they should have the right to return to a Palestinian homeland — not to Israel — or to help in finding new homes, whether in the Arab countries in which they now live or elsewhere.

Bedke

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family's involvement in Idaho is not surprising, is protecting property rights and the multiple use of public lands — but he insists his tenure in the House will not be a one-dimensional crusade.

In fact, even his one of his conservationist adversaries sees Bedke's potential as a lawmaker.

"He's a guy who will get involved," said Lynn Kinnannon of the Idaho Conservation League's Ketchum office.

"Putting politics aside and how it might affect his view on issues, he's probably a decent person to have in the Legislature from that point of view. But is he going to represent what I think? No. But perhaps he'll be the perfect legislator for that area."

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Legislature

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George W. Bush and 17 other Republican chief executives, said his program will mix permanent with one-time tax cuts on top of a solid basic budget augmented by significant investment in one-time expenditures like building construction or development incentives.

"Our president-elect has indicated there's going to be, in all possibility, a recession," the governor said. "It will be very interesting to watch the 108 legislators because they will all have their thoughts and suggestions on what you can do with a surplus."

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Democrats preview combative hearing

Nominee proves controversial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic senators criticized John Ashcroft on Sunday as a "divisive" pick for attorney general, previewing a bruising confirmation hearing for President-elect Bush's most contentious Cabinet choice.

At least one Democrat said he might oppose the former Missouri senator. The Judiciary Committee's top Republican defended the conservative Ashcroft's ability to impartially enforce all the nation's laws and said he would "resent" any votes against him.

The committee has not scheduled a hearing, but Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, the Democrat who is chairman until Bush takes office Jan. 20, has said he wants to vote before then and continue after inauguration.

Among Ashcroft's most vocal critics on the Sunday talk shows was Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., who said it was "a divisive not unifying nomination" even though Bush "has specifically



Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., left, and the Rev. Jesse Jackson discuss the nomination of John Ashcroft for attorney general on the set of ABC's 'This Week' in Washington Sunday.

said he is a unifier, not a divider."

Kerry said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that Ashcroft has been "on the fringe of a number of different issues that really challenge the ... minority community that the president-elect is going to have to bring together."

Jesse Jackson and civil rights groups are mobilizing against Ashcroft, who last year helped scuttle the nomination of a black Missouri Supreme Court judge, Ronnie White, to the federal

bench. White may testify against Ashcroft.

Ashcroft also has criticized desegregation lawsuits in Kansas City, Mo., and St. Louis.

Some Democrats wonder how Ashcroft, an abortion opponent, would enforce federal laws banning violence against abortion clinics or laws that restrict gun ownership.

Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., said Ashcroft, who lost his reelection bid in November, said must convince the Senate he "will vigor-



John Ashcroft

ously pursue the civil rights laws that he has — with good reason, from his perspective — argued against for the past 20 years."

And Sen. e-d Biden: "There's only two places race can be resolved — in the courts and the justice system. I may oppose his nomination."

Sen. Orrin Hatch, who resumed his post as Judiciary Committee chairman once Bush is sworn in, said Ashcroft is "a man of high quality."

"I would personally resent any votes against him. I really think that it's ridiculous, and I think we've gone way too far in this country just because you differ with somebody on abortion ... or because you find some fault one side or the other and try to make a racial issue out of something that is not," Hatch, R-Utah, said on "Fox News Sunday." "And I get a little sick and tired of that."

Sen. John Kyl, R-Ariz., said the

attacks on Ashcroft were "outrageous," and would ruin a bipartisan spirit Congress is trying to build.

"It's appropriate to ask the attorney general nominee, 'Will you enforce the laws properly?' ... But to create innuendo or insinuate that there are reasons to believe he won't, I think, is inappropriate," Kyl said on NBC.

Ashcroft objected to White because he said the judge was soft on the death penalty and was "pro-criminal." He and his supporters have defended his record on diversity, which includes placing the first woman on Missouri's highest court and the first black judge on the Missouri Court of Appeals in Kansas City.

As Missouri governor from 1985 to 1993, Ashcroft signed into law a state holiday honoring King, established musician Scott Joplin's house as Missouri's only historic site honoring a black individual; created an award honoring black educator George Washington Carver; named a black woman to a state judgeship; and led a fight to save Lincoln University, which was founded by black soldiers.

House speaker decides not to give colleague coveted committee post

WASHINGTON (AP) — Late on an already long day, Dennis Hastert had a difficult call to make. The House speaker had decided against an old friend and Illinois Republican colleague for a powerful post — the House's chief tax law writer — that he was in line for and long had coveted, and Hastert needed to let him know.

To cushion the blow, Hastert was offering Rep. Philip Crane the chance to remain chairman of the House Ways and Means trade subcommittee or head the largely ceremonial Joint Committee on Taxation, said a source familiar with the talks. By day's end and after several more telephone conversations, Hastert essentially rescinded the offer, said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Primarily deciding Crane's future would be Rep. Bill Thomas of California, who had leaptfrogged over the more senior Crane for the chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee.

The speaker, normally the most powerful person in Congress and second in the line of succession to the presidency, had deferred to the bright but often abrasive Thomas.

Hastert's aides characterize Hastert's first call to Crane on Thursday as more of an inquiry than a promise. Later, Hastert was only making clear to Crane that normal House procedures — in other words, going through Thomas — would have to be followed for Crane to get any consolation posts, Hastert spokesman John Feehery said.

But they acknowledge that the day, mostly because of the Ways and Means decision as well as an equally difficult one involving a second Illinois lawmaker, Rep. Henry Hyde, was one of the speaker's most emotional. Hastert appeared grim and exhausted by nightfall.

"You have to choose between your friends — it's very hard," Feehery said.

House Republicans were forced to settle on 13 new committee aides under rules set when they came to power in 1995 that limited chairmen to six years. This was the first real test of those rules and Hastert set up a 25-member steering committee to pick the replacements for shoved aside chairmen.

Seekers engaged in months of



House speaker Dennis Hastert

intense.

Crane, a favorite of conservatives and the House's most senior Republican, was trying to succeed the retired Ways and Means chairman, Texas' Bill Archer.

Hastert also was under pressure from back home to help Illinois increase its Capitol Hill clout by awarding Crane the gavel once temporarily held by former Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, a Chicago Democrat.

But Crane, 70, faced questions about his level of involvement in committee action. And in March, he admitted to alcoholism and entered a monthlong treatment program.

Thomas, 59, marketed his reputation as a skilled if occasionally temperamental legislator and an expert on health care and entitlement programs as chairman of Ways and Means' health subcommittee.

The steering committee's vote, expected to be close, ended up being unanimous for Thomas, according to several sources, all speaking on condition of anonymity.

Hastert then rang Crane with the news and his offer about 3:30 p.m., one source said. They talked again and Crane made it clear he wanted both the trade subcommittee and the Joint Taxation panel. By the conference vote near 6 p.m., he had been assured nothing.

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WASHINGTON — In a memorandum sent to federal agencies, President Clinton has ordered that all federal employees — especially persons running short on sick leave — have at least four hours of leave available annually for mammograms, pap smears, blood pressure, cholesterol checks and other health-care screenings.

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Nominee housed illegal immigrant

CHICAGO TRIBUNE — AUSTIN, Texas — Labor Secretary-designate Linda Chavez housed and gave money to an illegal immigrant who did "chores around the house" during the early 1990s, a Bush transition spokesman confirmed Sunday.

Already one of President-elect George W. Bush's most controversial Cabinet choices because of her deeply conservative views and opposition to increasing the minimum wage, Chavez faced strengthened opposition to her confirmation following disclosure

of the arrangement. The arrangement, first reported by ABC News, raises some of the same issues that surfaced during the controversy over President Clinton's attorney general candidates Zoe Baird and Kimba Wood. Both withdrew from consideration following reports that each had employed illegal immigrants as domestic help.

But Bush spokesman Tucker Eskew rejected any parallel with those cases, saying Chavez did not consider the arrangement employment but rather a "charitable and compassionate act."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Car accident sends three to Boise hospital

TWIN FALLS—Nine people were in two cars which collided late Friday near the Magic Valley Mall in Twin Falls, a police officer said Sunday.

All nine were taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, and three were later taken to Life-Tight to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, said Twin Falls Police Sgt. Steve Benkula.

But Benkula and dispatchers at the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center on Sunday did not know the names of any of the injured people. Benkula knew only the drivers' names, and could not say if the drivers were among the seriously injured.

At about 11 p.m. Friday, a 1999 Honda Accord driven by Jerome resident Christopher Balls, age not available, left the Magic Valley Mall and apparently started to turn left on Blue Lakes Boulevard, Benkula said. The accord was struck in the middle of the driver's side by a 1992 Ford Probe driven by Ashley Webster, whose age and address were not available Sunday, Benkula said.

Names of Shoshone crash victims released

SHOSHONE - A young Hailey mother and her 22 month-old son were in serious and critical condition at a Boise hospital late Sunday, after a two-vehicle crash Saturday near Shoshone.

Marlene McElhinney, 19, was listed in serious condition, said a spokesman for St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center. She suffered a broken neck, fractured left arm and multiple lacerations, according to the Idaho State Police.

Her son, whose name was not available, was listed in critical condition. He suffered a head injury, fractures to both legs and a fractured arm, according to the ISP.

McElhinney was not wearing a seat belt and her son was not in a child safety seat when the 1989 Ford Crown Victoria she was driving collided with the rear trailer of a 1998 Mack truck pulling two trailers and driven by Peggy A. Brown, 46, of Buhl. The wreck happened at about 6:15 p.m. as the Mack was turning southbound on U.S. Highway 93 from Idaho State Highway 24, according to the ISP.

Idaho Falls resident Maria Perez, 38, was a passenger in the Ford and suffered a broken leg, broken ribs, a possible broken neck and several broken teeth. Perez was not wearing a seat belt. A press release from the ISP did not indicate which hospital Perez was taken to. The St. Alphonsus spokesman said Perez was not a patient there Sunday.

Perez's daughter, 4, who was not named, suffered minor head injuries. She was not wearing a seat belt, according to the ISP.

The accident was still under investigation Sunday.

Idaho students to take state tests this month

TWIN FALLS - Idaho students will be taking more state tests this month.

The Idaho Department of Education published a list of state tests that will be administered to public school students in January.

Students in kindergarten through third grades will take the winter Idaho Reading Indicator, a 10-minute assessment of literacy skills. Districts will administer the tests throughout the month.

Fourth- and eighth-graders are scheduled to take the Direct Math Assessment on Thursday. Students in fourth, eighth, and 11th grades will take the Direct Writing Assessment on Jan. 30.

Business assessments are very different from the standardized tests most people are familiar with," Sally Tiel, the Education Department's testing coordinator, said in a news release. "Both provide educators and the public with information about student achievement. Our state tests show students are meeting specific expectations and the standardized tests show how students rank compared to other students."

The state assessments require students to demonstrate their skills and knowledge. A student must show work done to solve a math problem or must write an essay. In contrast, a standardized test such as the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills asks students to select an answer from among multiple choices," the news release said.

Compiled from staff reports

Council to try imaging devices

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

Fire Department to demonstrate new equipment

TWIN FALLS—The City Council will get a chance to see the light today—or the infrared. The Twin Falls Fire Department will demonstrate the new thermal imaging devices the department recently received to aid in fighting fires.

At \$20,000 a pop, the devices allow firefighters to see through blinding, choking smoke, showing not only images in a room, but any hot spots.

Here's how it works: Weighing about five pounds, the yellow U-shaped device hooks onto the firefighter's helmet. The firefighter can then adjust it to see peripherally and through the device's viewfinder. Through the viewfinder, images are black and white. Objects that don't emit any heat are dark, and objects that emit heat are white. If a person presses a hand on the wall, the handprint will be visible for several minutes.

The Twin Falls Fire District bought the devices for \$65,000. Battalion Chief Dick Capps said the devices have already been used. "They've worked great," Capps said. "There are four or five places where we've used them in the investigation stages, to actually pinpoint the source of a fire. We were able to save a bunch of time and money not having to actually pull cables or tear

our roofs." Other agencies, including Caldwell's Fire Department, have used the devices to locate people within a burning building. That has not been done yet in Twin Falls, Capps said. The Nampa Fire Department has three devices and bought the first one about two years ago for about \$25,000. The council will also discuss other business today, holding a

More information
The Twin Falls City Council will meet at 5 p.m. tonight at City Hall. No public hearings are scheduled.

closed executive session to discuss deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property.

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Commissioner enjoys retirement

By Karen Bosack
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Len Harlig had planned to indulge in skiing, biking and running when he retired to his home alongside the Big Wood River north of Ketchum. He put those plans on hold 16 years ago when he flung himself into the work of planning and zoning commissioner, then the job of county commissioner.

Come today, the 67-year-old Harlig will be running again - under the hills he helped protect from subdivisions, along the wooded river he helped preserve with riparian setbacks, past a new hospital he helped get built, and through the valley he helped guide as its population burgeoned from about 5,000 to 20,000.

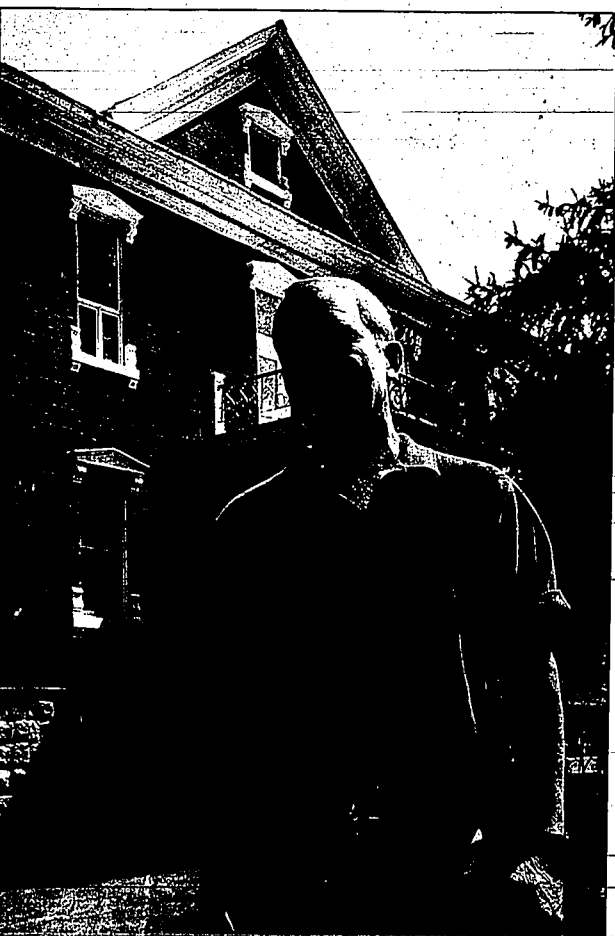
And perhaps occasionally, he'll run past the old courthouse where he spent 100 hours a week scrutinizing developers' proposals, county road projects, affordable housing plans, airport budgets and hospital blueprints. "He made a job out of the P&Z," said former Planning and Zoning Commissioner Nick Purdy, who said Harlig helped shake up a part of "sometimes more interested in getting the meetings out of the way so they could go quaff a few brews." But times changed and he was the right man for the times.

Harlig had never considered a political life, or as he prefers to call it, "being a servant of the public."

He even stumbled on Sun Valley. At 41, he became burned out running the 2,200-seat southern California restaurant-and-banquet facility his father had founded. Sporting shoulder-length hair and tie-dye clothes, he traveled the country by van - until he came to Sun Valley, a town then so small he could have fit the entire population in his banquet facility. Attracted by the makeup of the community - a place where you could have intelligent conversation anywhere - he sold his business and winged his way north.

A vacationer, despite of, because of his years in the restaurant business, he started training for ironman competitions. He completed his first - a swim across Alturas Lake, a bike ride over Galena Summit to Sawtooth National Recreation Area headquarters and a run from there to Elkhorn Resort - even after he'd been sideswiped by a wide car mirror.

"When he gets interested in something he gets into it 100 percent," said Carol Harlig, his wife



Len Harlig has spent up to 100 hours a week inside the old County Courthouse in Hailey.

of nearly 27 years. While Len Harlig is visible in the community, few residents know his private side. He once learned to speak French, using a Parisian's phrases, when he

dated a French girl many years ago. He likes to hide clues in the dish washer-and-grandfather clock when giving his wife a present. He has written seven books of poetry, including one of love

poems to his wife. "He's a very interesting man of many layers. And he doesn't let people see many of those layers," Carol Harlig said.

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MC schools organize with planners

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

BURLEY - They promote school spirit, give useful information and motivational hints, provide a calendar and a schedule, and can even be organizational tools.

In other words, the student planners handed out at all Mini-Cassia schools at the beginning of each school year have had the desired effect, school officials said.

"Any time you have organizing tools, it really does help," said Dan Morley, the assistant principal at Burley High School.

Put in 1993-94 school year and in 1999-2000 school year, the planners are all similar. Each is embellished with a saying or picture for each school, and con-

tains the school's policies. The planners also include world-maps, periodic-tables-and-other-reference-material. It is not unusual to see students digging for facts during chemistry labs and other classes, said Minico High School principal Dan Rogers.

"There's a lot of information in them that they use," Rogers said. Like anything, they are useful only if students take the time to enter information into them, but Burley High School principal Doug Bailey said a majority of students use them.

"Some kids use them all the time," said Mike Matthews, principal at Declo High School. "Other kids wouldn't use them if they were gold-plated."

Burley High School sophomore Jen Holloway relies on her planner. Holloway, who describes herself as "unorganized" and "forgetful," uses her planner to

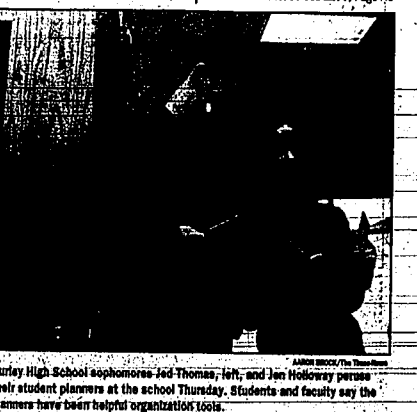
keep track of assignments. "I have a really busy schedule after school," she said, "so I don't have time to just sit there and think about what homework I'm supposed to do."

Instead, she just thumbs through her planner to the appropriate page, and knows immediately what must be handed in the next day.

"Those people who really use them, it helps them a lot," district superintendent Jerry Doggett said. Officials say the planners cost \$3 to \$5 each, but it's money well-spent.

"It's really been a benefit for us," Bailey said. "We feel that the benefits outweigh the costs."

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Burley High School sophomore Jen Holloway, left, and Aaron Brock discuss their student planners at school Thursday. Students and faculty say the planners have been helpful organization tools.

Minidoka fire district asks for levy

This time, taxpayers won't pay more

By Ruth Streyer
Times-News writer

HEYBURN - If three times isn't a charm, the Minidoka County Fire Protection District will head the will of the voters.

Next month, fire district commissioners will make their third attempt since August to pass a permanent override levy to give the district financial stability, but this time residents won't be asked to pay more taxes.

On Aug. 1 and Nov. 7, voters were asked to approve a permanent budget increase of \$290,000 per year, compared to the two-year \$240,000 per-year override. levy they are paying for now.

"It's just a tough time to pass an increase," district Chief Mike Brown said. Fire district officials decided to not increase after talking with people who said they didn't feel they could afford another tax hike.

"The people I talked to said there's no way we're going to increase our taxes," Commissioner Ralph Butters said.

On Feb. 6, voters instead will be asked to make permanent the \$240,000 override levy they passed in 1999. Override levies supplement a district's current permanent base levy. The Minidoka County Fire Protection District's base levy is currently \$75,655.

That means property owners will continue to pay 84 cents on every \$1,000 of valuation. A homeowner with an exemption on a \$80,000 home will continue to pay \$33.58 a year for fire protection. Agricultural land will continue to be assessed at 63 cents per acre.

"In fact, many taxpayers may experience a reduced fire district tax bill as a result of an overall greater assessed value in the county," fire district attorney Kent Fletcher wrote in a letter.

Three Minidoka County fire stations make up the district: Heyburn Fire Department, North Side Fire District and the East End Fire District. The district covers more than 300 square miles in the eastern portion of Minidoka County, the southeast corner of Blaine County and includes the cities of Heyburn, Accriss and Minidoka.

Recognizing that override levies deny fire districts the sta-

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CSI TODAY

ON THE AGENDA

Today

Registration continues for spring semester, which begins Jan. 22. Training for Head Start staff, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Taylor 258. U.S. Forest Service open house and public hearing on forest plan revision to Sawtooth, Boise and Fayette national forests, 1 to 9 p.m., Taylor 276277.

Tuesday

Twin Falls Canal Co. annual stockholders meeting, 9 a.m. to noon, Fine Arts Auditorium. Training for Head Start staff, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Taylor 258. Intermountain Cow Symposium education sessions, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m., Asper 108. "Mingle in the Jungle" reptile raffle, 6 p.m., Herrett Center. Rainforest exhibit. Free admission.

Wednesday

Training for Head Start staff, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Taylor 258. Intermountain Cow Symposium, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

Expo Center. Idaho Agriculture Department pesticide applicator exam, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Desert 113. Magic Valley Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Shields 107.

Thursday

Training for Head Start staff, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Taylor 258. Intermountain Cow Symposium, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Expo Center. Amalgamated Sugar Co. annual sugarbeet conference, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Aspen and Shields buildings. Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition superintendents meeting, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Taylor 277. Golden Eagle women's basketball vs. Treasure Valley Community College, 5:30 p.m. in Ontario, Ore.

Friday

Training for Head Start staff, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Taylor 258. Amalgamated Sugar Co. annual sugarbeet conference, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Aspen and Shields buildings. "More Than Meets the Eye," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. Narcotics Anonymous weekly

meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 112. Bell's Family Books sponsors author Roger Young speaking on "As a Thief In The Night, The New Jerusalem," 7 p.m., Shields 117.

Saturday

Certified Nursing Assistant national testing, 8 a.m., Aspen 108. Judo clinic, all day, gymnasium rooms 236 and 104. "The Explorers," 2 and 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. "More Than Meets the Eye," 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. Magic Valley Astronomical Society monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Frost classroom, Herrett Center. "Brightest Planets," 8:30 p.m., Herrett Center. Golden Eagle men's basketball vs. Treasure Valley Community College, 7:30 p.m. in Ontario, Ore.

Sunday

Judo clinic, all day, gymnasium rooms 236 and 104. Magic Valley Bible Church, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shields 117 and 118. Church of Christ, 10:30 a.m., Evergreen A05. "Stop the Violence" training, 3 p.m., Shields 104 and 115.

Today

Acquia City Council, 8 p.m., Acquia Automotive, 20602 F Street. Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse. Bull City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers. Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse. Camas County School Board, 7 p.m., high school. Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse. Eden City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse. Gooding County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse. Hailey City Council, 6 p.m., Hatley Town Center. Hansen City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall. Hootier City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., city council chambers. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse. Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall. Lincoln County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse. Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Board, 6 p.m., Sage Room at Education Center. Idaho Electric Co-op conference room. Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse. Richfield City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 180 W. Lincoln. Richfield School Board, 8 p.m., high school. Shoshone School Board, 7:30 p.m., district office. Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m.,

City Hall. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse. Twin Falls County Parks and Waterways Advisory Board, 7:30 p.m., Parks and Waterways building, 450 Sixth Ave. W. Valley School Board (Eden-Hazelton), 7 p.m., superintendent's office.

Today

Blaine County School Board, 7:30 p.m., school in the district. Dietrich School Board, 7:30 p.m., school's business room. Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., district administration office. Hootier School Board, 7 p.m., Hootier School. Kimberly City Council, 7 p.m., county center. Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., City Hall. Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse. Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., administrative office, 201 Main Ave. W.

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Today

Murtaugh School Board, 7 p.m., high school library. Paul City Council, 7:30 p.m., city office. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse. Twin Falls Public Library Board, 5 p.m., library board room. Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Wendell School Board, 7 p.m., high school.

Thursday

Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Cassia County School Board, 7 p.m., central office, 237-19th St., Burley. Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Hagerman Senior Center. Jackpot Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Jackpot Recreation Center. Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, noon, Price's Cafe, Burley. Minidoka City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall. Murtaugh Highway-District, 7 p.m., district office. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse. Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., county building, 246 Third Ave. E.

Friday

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Legislators shy from gun-control bills

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A year ago, Utah lawmakers were considering 39 gun-safety measures covering everything from banning guns in schools and churches to taking weapons from violent criminals and the mentally ill. This year only one gun-related bill has been prepared for a session that begins next week, even though polls continue to show strong public support for gun safety. A new Deseret News/KSL-TV poll indicates 69 percent of Utah residents want to prohibit concealed-weapon holders from bringing guns to schools or churches. Pollster Dan Jones & Associates found that 27 percent of Utahns oppose such a law, while 5 percent have no opinion. But that sentiment hasn't found its way among legislators, and its chief gun-safety advocate, Rep. Dave Jones, D-Salt Lake City, has left the Legislature. New House Minority Leader Ralph Becker,

D-Salt Lake, says no House Democrat will push the issue. "I don't think there is less support among the public," Becker told the Deseret News in a copy-right story. "It's just that we've dealt with these issues for years in the Legislature, and they haven't gone anywhere. I guess we'll just look to 2002 and the citizen petition." Republican Gov. Mike Leavitt isn't in a hurry to push for gun safety, either. Leavitt drew the ire of GOP conservatives when he tried to build support for a special legislative session on guns in the wake of several high-profile shootings in Salt Lake City during the summer of 1999. Leavitt dropped his bid when House Republicans refused to cooperate and deferred to last year's failed ballot referendum. "Any kind of even simple-minded gun control, items that by far most people support, has been taken off the table," Utah Legislature Speaker Bill Nash said in Utahns Against Gun Violence.

Utah Shooting Sports Council lobbyist Rod Bishop said 2000 was an election-year that motivated some gun-control efforts that flopped in the cauldron of state politics. "Republicans - hold - heavy majorities in the Utah House and Senate. Nash says moderate Republicans have a hard time getting gun-control measure past their party's ring wing. Last year, Sen. Terry Spencer, R-Layton, a lawyer, unsuccessfully tried to draft a bill taking guns away from people convicted of violent misdemeanors. He gave up in the face of strong opposition and doesn't plan to renew the effort. "That was the governor's idea. I was just carrying water for him, and he doesn't want to do that again. So I won't," Spencer said. By last week, the only weapons bill on the Capitol agenda was a measure from Sen. Paula Juander, D-Salt Lake City, that calls for gun owners who don't safeguard their weapons.

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Friends remember slain family

COLVILLE, Wash. (AP) - More than 500 people gathered at the high school gymnasium here over the weekend to remember Robert and Diana Lembecke, their youngest son - all slain in a blast of rage for which the family's 16-year-old middle son has been charged. Many of those at the Colville High gym knew the family. They remembered Robert H. Lembecke, a self-employed logger and a quick-wit and ready smile, and his wife, Diana, who worked at his side for many years before she was stricken with multiple sclerosis. Their daughter, Jolene, 18, was engaged to be married and looking forward to graduation from school in this community, about 15 miles north of the family home near rural Addy and about 70 miles north of Spokane. Wesley, 12, was an avid

Nintendo player who made his fellow sixth graders laugh. Friends, family and members of the community - some with tears in their eyes - sat silently in the bleachers Saturday. "This is a time of great difficulty," said the friend Jerry Schilling, who led the memorial. "When a tragedy like this occurs, you're always left with the same question: Why?" Only once did he mention the Lembeckes' middle son, the one authority has confessed to the killings. William L. Lembecke, 16 - one of the family's two surviving sons - is in jail, charged with four counts of aggravated first-degree murder. The eldest son, Clinton, 24, no longer lives at the family home and was not there the night of the shootings. As grief-stricken relatives left the hour-long memorial, they stopped to look at a small gallery

of family photos - many depicting the Lembecke children as babies. In one, the family is seated around the dinner table. Another is a portrait of pretty, smiling Jolene with a pink rose, her straight, shoulder-length blond hair shining. In a card sent with Wesley's sixth-grade class at Fort Colville School, classmate Dustin Willey wrote: "I miss you and the funny jokes you said to me." Wesley, 11, never forgets the day now eight-year-old Wesley took collection to school," his teacher wrote. "There's a hole in our classroom without you." Some of Jolene's friends wept as they recalled a young woman who always smiled, who never spoke ill of anyone. "She was a great friend," said Brad Carpenter, 17. "We had a good friendship, which unfortunately was cut short."

Team raises money for inaugural trip

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - They have jumped for word titles and double dutched their way to Australia. Now the jump-rope team from eastern Idaho is looking to perform their techniques for a U.S. president. The ProForm Airborne Jump Rope Team has been invited to Washington, D.C. to take part in the inauguration of President-elect George W. Bush on Jan. 20. The team is one of two groups

from Idaho invited to be in the inaugural parade. The other is a musical parade group from Coeur d'Alene known as the Red Hot Mamas. The 9- to 20-year-old rope jumpers have their double-unders, three wheels, 360s, and group routines down pat. The only thing they need now is some cash to get them to Washington, D.C. "Community support is so important in this," said coach

Shirley Orme, who along with another coach, will escort them to the parade. "It's such a wonderful opportunity for these kids." Thirteen members of the team plan to appear along the parade route, but need money to pay hotel and travel expenses. The ProForm team will show its stuff at a free public performance this week to raise money. Donations will be accepted at the show.

California targets suppliers for refunds

As millions of Northern Californians brace for an immediate electricity rate increase - with the possibility of more to come - state officials are quietly pursuing a highly speculative multibillion dollar rescue plan in hopes of cushioning that blow. It all hinges on their ability to uncover sufficient evidence of power suppliers who have tried to give back more - if not all - of the enormous profits they have racked up in the last year. Many people blame those high profits for throwing California's electricity system into the financial crisis that prompted last week's decision to raise consumer rates by an average of about \$5 a month, with more increases expected. But the power suppliers targeted insist that they have done nothing wrong and the outcome of the investigations remains far from certain. Some investigators say they're having a hard time proving that power suppliers may have conspired to set prices or took other clear steps to gouge the public as profits for many soared 200 percent or more.

The scrutiny comes from at least three separate state agencies: the attorney general's office, the California Public Utilities Commission and the Electricity Oversight Board. The Federal Energy Regulatory Agency also is looking into the matter, along with a battery of private attorneys who recently filed two class-action lawsuits against the firms. In addition, U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., and state Senate Energy Committee Chairman John Burton, D-San Francisco, have urged the U.S. Justice Department to join the investigations. An official with that agency said Friday that the request is under review by its antitrust section. Some of those involved in the inquiries voice confidence that at least a few of the firms ultimately will be compelled to pay refunds. "It's a pretty fair bet," said Michael Shames of the San Diego-based Utility Consumers' Energy Network, which filed one of the class-action suits Nov. 29. "The evidence is so overwhelming," Steve Maviglio, Gov. Gray Davis' press secretary, was more restrained in his assessment. Asked whether he thought

refunds were possible, he replied, "absolutely. There is no sense of raising the white flag of surrender" to power suppliers, whose wholesale prices this far exceed those of previous years. Nonetheless, Maviglio cautioned, "We're still waiting for answers and results of investigations," which he said wouldn't be known for months. "Others remain pessimistic that consumers will ever see a dime of those profits."

SERVICES

Gene Girl of El Cerrito, Calif., service at 11 a.m. today at Demary's Shoshone Chapel. Jan Anthony Pos of Lakeview, Wash., memorial service at 11 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary. Rupert Chapel, 710 6th St. in Rupert. Edna Bateman of Jerome, service at 1 p.m. today at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Lucile Barron Shaw of Boise, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, 5400 Fairview Ave. in Boise. Delbert T. Ross of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. today at the United Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel). Dennis "Tuffy" Harvey Dunn of Gooding, service at 3:30 p.m. today at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

today and one hour before the funeral on Tuesday at the church (Payne Mortuary in Burley). Gordon Huddleston Sr. of Wilsall, Mont., memorial service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Wilsall Community Church with a reception to follow at Wilsall Senior Citizens Center. Patricia Diane Koehler of Twin Falls, memorial services at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Write Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls. James Cowden of Buhl, service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the First Assembly of God Church in Buhl. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. Victor-Neil Boyles of Twin Falls, memorial service from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at his

home, 669 Locust St. S. in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Cpl. James "Jim" Moulson of Jerome, service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Cpl. Phillip C. Anderson of Jerome and formerly of Meridian, service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium in Twin Falls; memorial vigil at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Risen Christ Catholic Community Church, 1151 Lake Hazel Road, Boise; and funeral service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Kuna High School gymnasium (Cloveale Funeral Home in Boise).

TOURNAMENT

POCATELLO (AP) - Six hundred of the brightest high school minds in Idaho spent two days testing their wits against each other at the 34th Annual Blacksnake Forensics Tournament. The tournament, the largest high school speech and debate competition in the state, was held at Idaho State University from Friday morning till late Saturday night. The contest - which has been held at the university the same weekend in January for the last 34 years - attracts teams from 25 high schools in southern Idaho.

The students competed in nine speech events and six debate divisions. No other college in Idaho provides such opportunities, said Peggy Oliver, a Bonneville High School teacher. The speech contests, Oliver said, stress preparation and communication skills, while debaters spend more time analyzing issues. The debates, she added, require students to think on their feet. The subjects ranged from gays in the military to and racial profiling.

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DEATH NOTICES

Michael L. Stapleman Memorial Hospital in Rupert. RUPERT - Michael L. Stapleman, 57-year old Rupert resident, passed away Sunday, January 7, 2001, at Minidoka Chapel.

Funeral services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

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DOG KISSES



Korinne Pucket, 1, gets her face washed by Dozer, an Akita/Blue Heeler cross at the Bannock County Humane Society's monthly adoption day in Pocatello Saturday. Pucket was there with her mother where they wound up deciding on a much smaller dachshund mix to take home.

TF swears in magistrate judge

TWIN FALLS—The 5th Judicial District's newest magistrate judge will be called for duty today. For the county deputy prosecutor Howard Smyser, 47 will be sworn in at 3 p.m. in a ceremony at the Theron Ward Judicial Building in Twin Falls. A judicial commission recently picked Smyser to replace retiring Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards. A reception will follow the ceremony.

Valley in brief

Television will air live broadcasts of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's State of the State address for 1 p.m. today.

The governor's legislative budget address also will be aired at 11 a.m. Wednesday.

The governor delivers both speeches to a joint session of the Idaho Legislature. Each program will be broadcast through the TFV series, "Idaho Reports."

The State of the State broadcast will air again at 7 p.m. today, and the budget address will air again at 10 p.m. Wednesday.

BLM hires firefighters for 2001 fire season

SHOSHONE—The South Central Idaho division of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management is accepting applications for men and women interested in fighting fires next summer. The application deadline is Friday. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and be physically able to pass a test in the spring.

Additional money Congress earmarked for fire protection will mean more firefighters for next year.

For the Magic Valley, that means an additional 50 firefighters for the BLM's South Central Idaho Interagency Dispatch Center, bringing the total number to 200.

For information, call BLM offices in Burley, Shoshone or Twin Falls.

Interested individuals may also call John Sabata in Shoshone at 886-7239 or Mark Wiseman in Burley at 677-6649.

Cassia officials to be sworn in at commissioners meeting

RUPERT—Newly elected officials will be sworn in at the Minidoka County commissioners meeting this morning.

New commissioner Dave Teeter will be sworn in, as well as three re-elected officials: Commissioner Don Handy, Prosecutor Rick Boland, and Sheriff Paul Fries.

The swearing in will be held at 9 a.m. at the county courthouse in Rupert.

—Compiled from wire reports

New rules to protect salmon start today

The Associated Press

New federal rules go into effect today to protect salmon threatened with extinction on the West Coast.

The new regulation prohibits acts that could kill or harm the fish. Known as the 4 (d) rule, a reference to a provision of the Endangered Species Act, the new regulation will be enforced by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

"It's the teeth of salmon recovery," said Bill Sullivan, environmental director for the Puyallup Tribe of Indians in Washington state.

It's been almost two years since Puget Sound chinook salmon and steelhead populations were listed as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act.

That declaration triggered federal action to save the fish, which have suffered as a result of development, logging, dams, overfishing and other changes related to the burgeoning human population in their habitat.

The new placement rules that require any project with a federal connection to get approval before taking action that could harm threatened fish.

The 4(d) rule expands the protective shield, making it illegal for individuals, businesses and the local and state governments that regulate them to kill or hurt salmon or to destroy important salmon habitat.

Violations could result in penalties as high as \$20,000. Criminal charges could also

apply. Don't expect fish police at your door tomorrow, however.

"We are going to be looking for egregious actions," said Rosemary Runey, a natural resource-management specialist with NMFS.

These are the sort of cases that could spark fines or charges:

• Developers allow erosion to destroy stream banks and thereby bury fish-egg nests on the stream bottom.

• Power companies and irrigators divert water from streams and rivers, leaving fish without water.

• Individual drives a backhoe into a stream and removes gravel from spawning grounds.

Lawsuits from both sides are pending—against the "rule. Builders challenge the rationale for the salmon listing, while environmentalists say the federal rules do too little to protect the fish.

One big change: The rule allows third parties to sue. If you believe salmon are being harmed, you can sue violators and liable government agencies.

So more lawsuits are expected, beginning Monday. The only question is how many, said Will Stelle, the former regional NMFS director who recently joined the Seattle law firm of Preston Gates Ellis.

"The third-party citizen suit is probably the source of the great

est risk," said Stelle, who plans to help clients comply with the law and guide them through the regulatory thicket.

"Businesses are concerned that the rule will provoke lawsuits and increase costs," said Tom McCabe of the Building Industry Association in Olympia.

"It puts an indecisiveness in the marketplace," Dean Boyer of the Washington State Farm Bureau called the rule a "threat everyone is now going to have to live with, not only on the farm, but in urban areas.

"Anyone can bring a third-party lawsuit, and it doesn't have to be legit," Jacques White, a biologist who works for People for Puget Sound, said.

"We are going to be looking at things we can stop," he said. "We have a short list of flagrant violators."

Lawsuits probably will be aimed at local governments that fail to protect fish habitat along shorelines and in other critical areas, such as flood plains and estuaries, he said.

In the long run, federal officials say the most effective approach is to encourage cooperative, local solutions.

The fisheries service wants to give the stamp of approval to

state and local rules. Then anyone who follows those plans would be safe from prosecution or lawsuits.

But local plans are not yet in effect.

A proposed Tri-County salmon plan blueprint for salmon programs in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties—hasn't been completed. Among other things, that means land developers who follow local laws can't automatically claim an exemption for actions that might damage fish habitat.

The Washington Legislature adopted a logging law during the 1999 session which, when adopted into final rules, is expected to meet federal standards.

Gov. Gary Locke's top fish adviser says NMFS' new rules gives new urgency to salmon recovery—if only through the potential threat of lawsuits and enforcement.

"We've done all the easy things," said Curt Smith. "Now we're looking at things that we will do with buffers along streams. Modifying people's behavior in how they treat areas around streams and wetlands."

Besides Puget Sound chinook, the list of threatened runs in the West includes lower Columbia River chinook, Lake Ozette sockeye, Hood Canal summer chum, lower Columbia chum, mid-Columbia steelhead, upper Willamette River chinook and steelhead, and Lake Ozette sockeye.

Listed as endangered—considered closer to extinction than threatened runs—are upper Columbia spring chinook.

Massive I-15 rebuild enters final phase

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The end is finally near for the \$1.325 billion rebuilding of Interstate-15 through the Salt Lake valley.

The Utah Department of Transportation shut down the final interchange on its fix-up last Sunday for six months of repairs.

UDOT closed the 3300 South underpass and all four of its ramps until July, when Wasatch contractors will finish up the highway job. Work originally was scheduled to end in October.

The 17-mile freeway corridor

should be open to five lanes in each direction by May 15.

Interstate-15 is being widened from six lanes to eight. It's also getting a high-occupancy vehicle and ramp lane in each direction, 143 rebuilt bridges and an advanced traffic management system that will monitor traffic and warn motorists of hazards and delays.

Utah speeded up the reconstruction of I-15 so it would be finished before the 2002 Winter Games. The new approach means

I-15 will be finished in less than 4.5 years compared with 7 years under traditional construction methods.

The closure of 3300 South stretches from 500 West to 210 West, just west of the TRAX light-rail station. Motorists can use 4500 South as an alternate for east-west travel and freeway access.

Other Utah highway work on Interstate 89 will close lanes at the Silver Creek Junction this week.

Retire

Continued from A4 Friends say Len Harlig is a great chess player—the type who can see 15 moves ahead. That trait has served him well in envisioning the effect his decisions will have on the county's future.

He forgets nothing. But just in case, he records everything on his ever-present laptop computer and Palm Pilot.

He hasn't been afraid of tough, tough issues.

Harlig raised the ire of many valley residents when he successfully pushed for an ordinance requiring setbacks from the Wood River. Every spring, when the river overflows its banks, he wishes someone had advised him not to build in the floodplain.

He was nearly fired from the P&Z board after he insisted the commission follow its ordinances and comprehensive plan. Instead of firing him, he decided to run in the Democratic ticket for county commissioner and won the position eight years ago.

Showing up to work every day in Nike running shoes, brightly

colored shirts and sweaters his friend Bob Rosso called "his happy sweaters," Harlig tackled even the smallest of tasks. He helped the county save money, for instance, by paying bills early to get a discount.

He also encouraged Sun Valley Co. to sit down with the cities and hammer out differences when relations were strained. He headed a criminal justice advisory council that has become a model for programs in other states. And he helped the valley's two hospitals merge, paving the way for the new and more sophisticated St. Luke's-Wood River Medical Center.

"He's very, very thorough. He has set an operational standard that will be very difficult to even come up to," Blaine County Commission Chairwoman Mary Ann Mix said.

"When Len walks out of the county courthouse for the last time, he can look back and say he made a difference," said Blaine County Sheriff Walt Penning.

Harlig said he has two dozen

books waiting for him at his bedside and a couple more stacks around his house.

"Time is the incredible luxury he's looking forward to," Carol Harlig said. "His happiest moments are in bed wearing his running shorts surrounded by the cats reading a book."

But Len Harlig will likely stay involved—even after—new Commissioner Sarah Michael takes over the \$27,000-a-year commission job. He's concerned, for instance, about the amount and quality of water available to valley residents and farmers.

He's concerned about preserving agriculture—"If we lose it," he said, "we'll look just like every place else—one big suburban mall."

And he's concerned about development outside the city core that consumes more than its share of resources.

"My belief is this is still the best place in the United States," he said. "And keeping it that way is one of the reasons I've done what I've done as long as I have."

Missionary shows signs of recovery from assault

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Mormon missionary Burke Jensen is recovering after being brutally beaten with a baseball bat in a rough Dallas neighborhood.

Jensen began breathing on his own over the weekend and could move a finger when asked, said neurologist Dr. David Barnett at the Baylor Medical Center in Dallas.

"I thought his brain was going to swell and we would have to do surgery," Barnett said Saturday. "I thought it was going to get worse instead of better."

His mother, Joy Jensen of Provo, Utah, said her son's recovery has been phenomenal. He had been transferred out of intensive care and was listed in fair condition, Baylor Medical Center spokesman Wendy Walker said Sunday.

Jensen was assaulted Tuesday by several men who jumped out of a van. They flashed a gun, robbed Jensen of \$30 and beat him with a baseball bat.

Jensen was left with skull fractures above his left ear and extensive swelling and internal bleeding.

His elbow also was broken, apparently when he raised an arm to defend himself from blows from the baseball bat.

Jensen's companion, Jason Mortensen, fled and escaped injury.

While Jensen's condition appears to be improving, Barnett said it will take as long as four weeks before doctors can determine whether he will be able to make a full recovery with therapy or suffer a permanent incapacity on the right side of his body.

Joy Jensen said Dallas police detectives told her they were narrowing a list of suspects.

The Dallas Texas Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has pulled missionaries from the area where Jensen was attacked.

Levy

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base that a business needs. Lawmakers passed a bill in 1999 that lets fire districts get voter approval on permanent override levies.

District officials want to eliminate recurring override levies in order to provide a more stable source of income for equipping and training firefighters and for covering operating expenses.

"Because of its reliance upon levies for two years, it is difficult for the districts to obtain adequate equipment at each of its stations," Fletcher wrote. "If the election is successful, the commissioners would be in a position to budget for and purchase these items of equipment as well as establish an equipment replace-

ment program."

So far, Minidoka County Fire Protection District residents have balked at the idea, and each election has cost at least \$1,000. If voters don't approve the measure this time around, fire district officials say they'll continue to operate on renewable override levies.

"I don't think I'd want to beat the people over the head," Brown said.

If the measure passes, the district will have the right to hold override levies in the future, if commissioners feel strapped, but Brown said at this point that seems unlikely.

"We don't have any plans for the future unless a major catastrophe happens," he said.

When the commissioners were

asking for \$290,000 per year, that additional \$50,000 was going to help replace a 30-year-old tank; a \$150,000 expense, and other work equipment.

The \$50,000 was going to pay for the truck's down payment and leasing payments, and allow the district to gradually rotate the trucks out of use every 20 years or so.

Eliminating the \$50,000 difference means the fire district will have to put off buying a new fire truck for another year or two, Brown said.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“But I'm happy we lost. You get what you deserve. If we had won, it would have been a false impression of what went on here.”

”

—Michigan State coach Tom Izzo after Indiana snapped the Spartans' 23-game winning streak

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Who holds the NFL postseason record for yards gained rushing in a career?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Girls' high school basketball
Buhl at Twin Falls, 6 p.m.
Shoshone JV at ISDB, 6 p.m.
Boys' high school basketball
West Minico JHS at Declo, 5 p.m.
Burley JV at Murtaugh, 6 p.m.
Camas at Hansen, 6 p.m.
Shoshone JV at ISDB, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Boise State bucks

Cal Poly 83-79

SAN-LUIS-OBISPO — Calif. Booker Nabors scored 22 points and Abe Jackson contributed 21 to lift Boise State to a 83-79 victory over Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in a Big West Conference game Saturday.

Boise State (9-6, 1-1) led 49-41 at halftime after shooting 55 percent from the field. The 49 points were the most allowed by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the first half this season.

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (56-02) was led by Jamaal Scott's 21 points. Jeremiah Mayes added 20. The Mustangs came as close as 66-65 late in the game, but the Broncos went on a 8-3 run capped by a Nabors jumper that extended the lead to six points.

Big second half lifts Utah State over Idaho

MOSCOW — Tony Brown scored 23 points to lead the Utah State Aggies past the Idaho Vandals on Saturday.

The Vandals (3-10) overall; 0-2 Big West Conference) used solid inside play and good shooting to take a 33-27 lead at the half. But the Aggies (12-2, 2-0) took control of the game in the second half, shooting better than 77 percent from the field and outscoring Idaho 53-25.

All five Utah State starters finished in double figures — Bernard Rock scored 12 and Curtis Bobb, Shawn Daniels and Dimitri Jorsen each had 10. Utah State also outbounded Idaho, with a 35-22 edge on the boards. Jorsen had a game-high 10 rebounds. Matt Gerschetske led the Vandals with 14 points, while Adam Miller and Chris Monroe had 12 each.

Utah coach Majerus released from hospital

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah coach Rick Majerus was released from LDS Hospital on Sunday, almost one week after being admitted to treat two blocked arteries.

Majerus checked out at noon and returned to his home at a hotel near campus, where he was resting. No timetable was set for his return to the Utes (8-6), and he wasn't expected to attend Monday night's game against Wyoming.

Compiled from wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Emmitt Smith of Dallas, 1,586 yards in 17 games.

PLAYOFFS POWER UP

Ravens 24



Titans 10

Giants 20



Eagles 10



Tennessee kicker Al Del Greco (3) misses a field goal attempt at the end of the second quarter of the AFC playoff game against the Baltimore Ravens Sunday. Del Greco missed three field goals in the game as the Ravens won 24-10.



The Giants cheer from the sidelines as cornerback Jason Sehorn (31) intercepts a pass intended for Philadelphia wide receiver Torrance Small Sunday during the second quarter of their NFC divisional playoff game. New York won 20-10 to advance to the NFC championship game.

Extra special teams

Blocked kick lifts Ravens into AFC championship

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Six first downs? Only 134 yards on offense? Just another Sunday afternoon for the Baltimore Ravens, a team that survived for five weeks this season without scoring a touchdown.

The Ravens advanced to the AFC title game in Oakland next week with a 24-10 win over the Tennessee Titans, a victory forged by two obscure special teamers and Ray Lewis, the NFL's defensive player of the year.

Keith Washington blocked a field-goal attempt and Anthony Mitchell returned it 90 yards for the go-ahead score, then Lewis returned an interception 50 yards for the clinching TD.

"In a game involving two hard physical teams built alike, you know it was going to come down to something unique," said Baltimore coach Brian Billick. "If that's the way it's going to be, so be it."

It indeed was a hard game between division rivals who dislike each other. The Titans went so far as to put a tape of Billick's pep talk to his team on the scoreboard before the game to rile the Tennessee crowd.

Then there was the battle between Lewis and Tennessee running back Eddie George, his fellow all-Pro, who jawed at each other after almost every play. Lewis won the war when he wrestled a pass from George with 641 left in the game and took it 50 yards for his first career TD.

Lewis had 12 tackles in addition to his TD return.

George had 91 yards on 27 carries and almost certainly would have become the first player to run for 100 yards against Baltimore in 35 games if Tennessee had not been forced to pass when it got behind.

But the game that sends the Ravens to meet the Raiders in Oakland next week really came down to Baltimore's opportunism and Tennessee's mistakes. That's nothing new for the Ravens, who went the entire month of October without a touchdown but still managed to win two of five games.

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Home sweet home

Giants now set to host Minnesota for NFC title

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — All the New York Giants needed to put the Philadelphia Eagles in a hole this time was the opening kickoff.

After that, Jason Sehorn and the defense simply made life miserable for Donovan McNabb.

Ron Dixon raced 97 yards untouched with the opening kickoff and Sehorn tipped a ball to himself and scored on a spectacular 32-yard interception return as the Giants defeated the Eagles 20-10 on Sunday to advance to the NFC title game for the first time since 1990.

The Giants (13-4) will face Minnesota (12-5) in New York next week for the right to go to Tampa, Fla., on Jan. 28 for the Super Bowl. The Vikings beat New Orleans 34-16 on Saturday.

The Giants and Vikings did not play this season, but this is going to be a grudge game for New York, which was eliminated

from the playoffs in 1997 by Minnesota after blowing a nine-point lead in the final 1:38 of a wild-card game.

Sunday's victory was the Giants' sixth straight, since coach Jim Fassel guaranteed that the team would make the playoffs for the first time since '97, but this one was by far their worst performance in the streak.

The Giants tried to be generous against the Eagles (12-6), turning the ball over three times, but Sehorn, Michael Strahan (two sacks) and the rest of the defense confounded McNabb for the third time this season. He was sacked six times for 41 yards in losses and the Eagles were limited to 65 total yards.

McNabb, who was 20-for-41 for 181 yards and one interception, didn't get Philadelphia to the end zone until a blocked punt set up a 10-yard TD pass to Torrance Small. But the Giants recovered the onside kick and ran out the clock.

Dixon fielded David Akers' kick at the 3-yard line, went straight through a gaping hole in the middle and sprinted into the end zone after running around Akers at Giants' 40-yard line.

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Pitino mulls departure

Celtics' coach takes day off to decide future plans

The Associated Press

WALTHAM, Mass. — Rick Pitino took a day off Sunday and reports he has agreed to leave as coach of the Boston Celtics. Assistant Jim O'Brien ran what could be his first practice as Pitino's replacement.

Pitino said he wanted a day off to think about whether to return to the once-proud franchise he has been unable to revive in 3.5 years as coach and president.

But three newspapers — The Boston Globe, Boston Herald and The Providence Journal — said he had already decided to step down. ESPN.com reported that he reached a settlement Sunday with owner Paul Gaston on the remainder of a 10-year, \$50 million contract they signed in 1997.

ESPN.com quoted Pitino as saying the team will release a statement announcing his resignation, but it did not say when. Pitino



Rick Pitino

said he would receive two months' severance pay but would forfeit \$22 million left on the deal, according to the Web site.

"As recently as November he promised to finish the 2000-01 season but a 112-86 loss to Miami on Saturday night evidently changed his mind. He gave Paul Pierce a hug as he came out of the game, and spoke afterward as if his mind was made up.

"Sometimes change is good just for the sake of change," when things aren't going well," he told the Herald. "It's heartbreaking to me, what's happened here. I love the Boston Celtics and I'll always be a fan.

Pitino told his players he was taking a day off from practice on Sunday and asked his wife to come down to Miami so they could discuss his next move.

"It's safe to say that I will have a decision after the day off," Pitino said.

Hoosiers sink Michigan State

Indiana ends No. 1 Spartans' winning streak

The Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Michigan State arrived at Assembly Hall on Sunday with the No. 1 ranking, an unbeaten record and the nation's longest winning streak.

Kirk Haston's buzzer-beating 3-point shot changed all that.

Indiana beat the top-ranked team in more than a decade and certainly the biggest victory in the post-Bob Knight era.

It was the first loss for Michigan State (21-1, 1-1) since their last trip to Assembly Hall — Feb. 26, 2000 — and it means Stanford will most probably move up one spot to No. 1 when the new poll is released today.

"I just put a little extra arch on it and started heading to the other



Indiana's Kirk Haston celebrates his buzzer-beating three-point shot against No. 1 Michigan State Sunday.

end," said Haston, who had just four 3-pointers in his career before Sunday. "I looked up at the

clock and saw all zeros and that's when I knew we had a win."

Or at least he thought the Hoosiers (10-6, 1-1 Big Ten) had a win.

But in the midst of the frenzied celebration, the officials opted to review the shot on replay — making sure it was from behind the 3-point line and that there was no time remaining. When the conference ended, the Hoosiers had their first victory over a top-ranked team since 1987 and their first ever at Assembly Hall.

No. 3 Duke 115, Clemson 74

DORHAM, N.C. — Carlos Boozer scored 25 points and Shane Battier and Nate James added 21 apiece as Duke routed Clemson.

The 115 points matched the most Duke (13-1, 2-0 ACC) has scored against Clemson in 115 meetings. The Blue Devils also got that many in 1955. It was also the most the Tigers have given up in 31 seasons.

ACC scoring leader Will Solomon (22.1) extended his

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SPORTS

College

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school record of consecutive double-figure scoring games to 45, but managed just 13 and wasn't a factor for the Tigers (9-6, 0-2).

South Carolina 69, No. 5 Florida 68
COLUMBIA, S.C. — Travis Kraft, in for the last 19.6 seconds, hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer as South Carolina opened Southeastern Conference play with a big victory.

The Gators (10-2, 0-1 SEC) played without injured star Brent Wright and leading scorer Udonis Haslem was held to four points because of foul trouble.

Women's Top 25
No. 1 Connecticut 71, No. 8 Louisiana Tech 65
RUSTON, La. — Swin Cash had 19 points and 14 rebounds as Connecticut won its 28th straight game.

Indiana Abrosimo and Asjha Jones each scored 10 for UConn (11-0), which went ahead by a good midway through the first half.

No. 2 Tennessee 76, Arkansas 61
FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Kara Lawson scored 19 points as No. 2 Tennessee overcame poor shooting early and outlasted Arkansas 76-61 on Sunday.

A 3-pointer by Wendy Willis brought the Lady Razorbacks (9-5, 0-2 Southeastern Conference) within 63-57 with 4:03 to play. But Tennessee (14-1, 2-0) outscored Arkansas 13-4 in the stretch.

No. 4 Georgia 96, Alabama 41
ATHENS, Ga. — Tawana McDonald scored 20 points and knocked five shots as Georgia handed Alabama its most lopsided loss ever.

Twins Coco and Kelly Miller scored 16 and 14 points, respectively, and Deanna Nolan added 12 for Georgia (12-2, 1-0 SEC). Reserve Beth Vice led the Crimson Tide (12-2, 0-1) with 14 points.

No. 6 Purdue 67, Indiana 69
BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Freshman Shalin Hurns scored a season-high 19 points and Purdue held off a second-half rally to beat Indiana.

Hurns had three straight baskets early in the second half as the Bolleymakers (14-3, 4-0 Big Ten) took a 22-point lead.

Illinois 75, No. 10 Penn State 71
CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Allison Curtin scored 23 points and grabbed 10 rebounds as Illinois stopped Penn State's eight-game winning streak.

The Fighting Illini (6-8, 1-1 Big Ten) have played three-ranked teams in eight days, beating them No. 14 Auburn on Dec. 30 and falling 100-59 to No. 4 Georgia on Thursday.

No. 11 LSU 70, No. 17 Mississippi St. 63
STARKVILLE, Miss. — Marie Vanessa Hayden scored 19 points and Keisha Tardy had a career-high jumper during a 10-run late in the second half that lifted LSU.

LSU (10-4, 1-1 Southeastern Conference) has won seven straight games against Mississippi State (9-4, 0-2).

No. 14 Florida 85, Kentucky 48
LEXINGTON, Ky. — Tamara Stocks scored 23 points and Vanessa Hayden added 13 points and 14 rebounds to lead Florida.

Tombi Bell scored 14 points and Naomi Mobley added 12 points and 12 rebounds for the Gators (13-1, 2-0 Southeastern Conference).

No. 16 North Carolina St. 75, Wake Forest 35
RALEIGH, N.C. — Tynesha Lewis scored 19 points Sunday to help North Carolina State give coach Kay Yow her 59th career win.

Lewis, who also had six rebounds and four assists in the game, scored 12 points in the first half and helped N.C. State (10-4, 2-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) take a 32-20 lead.

Confort Hill had 10 points to lead Wake Forest (8-5, 1-3).

South Carolina 87, No. 20 Auburn 60
COLUMBIA, S.C. — Tatyana Tronczynska scored 24 points, Teresa Geter had 20 points and six blocks and South Carolina defeated its first ranked team in three years.

The Lady Gamecocks (6-8) opened the Southeastern Conference 2-0 for the first time in their 10-1 league seasons. Coach Susan Walvis had been 120 in four years against ranked teams, the only victory coming Jan. 14, 1998, against Vanderbilt.

But it was Auburn (13-3, 1-1) that looked like the team fighting for SEC legitimacy.

No. 23 Vanderbilt 79, Mississippi 64
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Zuzana Klimesova scored 20 points to lead Vanderbilt.

Chantelle Anderson finished with 19 points for Vanderbilt (12-1, 1-0 Southeastern Conference).

No. 25 Utah 76, New Mexico 73
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Lauren Beckman's four free throws in the final 30 seconds and Utah's defense preserved the win (Utah 12-2, 1-0 Mountain West) had four players in double figures, led by Amy Ewert with 15 points and Lindsay Herbert with 14.

Life without Majerus

Utes struggle for consistency with famed coach out

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah coach Rick Majerus spent the last week in the hospital, the Runnin' Utes are struggling on the court and assistant-Dick Hunsaker has a really big sweater to fill.

Things are a bit of what right now with the Utes (8-5), who are facing the possibility that Majerus, out indefinitely with health problems, might not return this season.

"At first, maybe we weren't given if coach Majerus was here," point guard Travis Spivey said. "Now, guys realize maybe he won't be here at all."

It's been almost two months since Majerus, 52, left after one season to rehabilitate a surgically repaired knee. Then on New Year's Day, just before he was planned to coach again, he was hospitalized with chest pains.

Majerus, who has a history of heart disease, underwent procedures to clear two blocked arteries. He was released Sunday from LDS Hospital, although it's unknown when or if he'll return this season.

Instead of Majerus prowling the sidelines in his trademark white sweater, Hunsaker has served as acting coach. The top 25, the Utes, are unranked after the pre-conference schedule that included homecourt losses to Weber State and Southern Utah.

Utah and high expectations for two former high school All-Americans forward, Chris Brantley, who transferred from Duke, and Britton Johnsen, who returned after a two-year Mormon mission.

Then there's Spivey, a former Georgia Tech starter who came



Utah's acting coach, Dick Hunsaker, has led the Utes to an 8-6 record this season while filling in for head coach Rick Majerus on the bench. Basketball's most-respected coaches.

"With coach Hunsaker stepping in, it's been hard to define roles. The relationships change, it's more laid back. As the head coach, he's got to be on you all the time."

Hunsaker and Majerus share a love for hard-nosed defense and patient offense, but each employs different coaching techniques.

"It's difficult for the kids to have a leadership change, and it's all magnified because Rick is a strong, commanding leader, coupled with his physical presence," Hunsaker said.

Hunsaker was an assistant to Majerus at Ball State during the late 1980s and took over that program for two years after Majerus left for Utah in 1989.

"I've been through this before. I can't be Rick," he said. After taking a deep breath, he added: "I'm just going day to day."

Then came the disruption of losing Majerus, one of college

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"Come on, come on. Cough up some more, Higgs. I expect every player on this team to give 110 percent."

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OTHER VIEWS

Bush needs to go slow with tax cuts

From The Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)

Welcome to 2001, the true start of the new millennium.

Yes, we know many of you celebrated the third millennium last year, when the calendar rolled over to 2000. But, as mathematicians can demonstrate, that was the last year of the 20th century and the second millennium.

President elect George Bush, the son of a president who was turned out of office when the economy slumped, is promising to use tax cuts to keep the economy running.

With all the hype and hysteria of Y2K behind us, we're entering the third millennium with little fear or excitement. Unfortunately, this new year isn't turning out quite like Arthur C. Clarke envisioned in "2001: A Space Odyssey."

You can't book a seat on a space plane out to a station in earth-orbit and hop a flight out to a moon base. We're not sending astronauts to Jupiter's moons to look for life just yet. But still, it's an interesting time to be alive.

We are closer to becoming a true global village, thanks in part to the Internet. The United States enters this turn of office under unique circumstances. The 2000 presidential campaign was the first where the U.S. Supreme Court had to weigh in on the ballot results in a state.

For President-elect Bush, it means getting an almost-evenly divided Congress to pull together and work for the good of the country. While Bush has touted his ability to pull Texas Republicans and Democrats together, he may find things more difficult on

the Potomac, where Texas Democrats are considered moderate Republicans. He will also have to face Democrats who still think he shouldn't be president.

Bush will find that one of the challenges of this new century and millennium is to live up to his promise to be a healer in the nation and get

Republicans and Democrats to put aside their partisan animosity for the good of the country.

Another challenge Bush and the country face entering into the new millennium is the economy. Anyone who's studied economics knows that good times never last forever. While we've enjoyed a robust economy for years, there is a sense that the roller coaster is starting to slow down and approach the station.

Even Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan is wary of a recession, a change from his usual fear that the economy is going to prosper too much.

Bush, the son of a president who was turned out of office when the economy slumped after the booming Reagan years, is already sounding the alarm, promising to use tax cuts to keep the economy running. But Greenspan warns that's not a sure-fire plan for keeping the economy going, and others say the economy isn't slumping enough to warrant that act.

It's fairly safe to say that the economy, for good or bad, will be how history will judge the accomplishments of the first president of the 21st century.



We've come far in a century's time, but perfection seems a long way off

JANE R. EISNER

If you were told that life was 100 times better at the dawn of this century than at the dawn of the last, would you believe it? And if you did, would it make much difference?

Probably not. The predilection for seeing the glass half empty is one of the persistent mysteries of human nature. Which is why the book "It's Getting Better All the Time" is not likely to nudge aside "The Martha Stewart Living Cookbook" on the bestseller list. In it, Stephen Moore and the late Julian L. Simon argue that there's been "more improvement in the human condition in the past 100 years than in all the previous centuries combined since man first appeared on earth."

Yes, yes, they know about AIDS, homelessness, school shootings and lousy TV. "Yet over the course of the 20th century, almost every measure of material human welfare... has shown wondrous gains for Americans," they write.

For instance? Almost all the diseases that were major killers before 1900—tuberculosis, typhus, smallpox, whooping cough, polio and malaria—have been nearly eradicated. The death rate of children under the age of 15 has fallen by 95 percent since 1900 in the United States. The maternal death rate was 100 times higher a century ago.

There's more. In 1900 America, less than one in five homes had running water; flush toilets; vacuum cleaner or gas or electric heat. Only about 1 in 10 children went to high school. (Now it's 9 in 10.) Air, water and food are many times safer, and life-saving drugs are abundant.

Advances in communication and transportation need no elaboration. Moore and Simon are unabashed conservatives, sure that this progress is due

to the unleashing of human entrepreneurship and the flourishing of free markets. They're right in many instances, but they give short shrift to the positive forces at odds with their ideology.

For example, they offer only a glancing nod at the notion that the dramatic decrease in pollution could be traced to the Clean Air Act and other government interventions.

Nor do they credit the role of government in one of the greatest success stories of 20th century America, the decline in poverty. In the early 1950s, one-half of seniors were poor, compared to 10 percent to 15 percent today. And three out of four black Americans were poor, compared to about one out of four today.

This could never have happened without Medicare and anti-poverty programs.

So, are we—all of us—better off than a century ago? Of course. The more vexing question is why we don't feel better off, more satisfied with the nation's social condition and comfortable with its direction.

In the 20th century, Americans became so accustomed to social conditions improving from one generation to the next that simply maintaining the status quo felt like a reversal. Besides, the indignities visited on one generation are hardly softened by the knowledge that life was once much worse.

If you are an African American, stopped for "driving while black," it's small comfort to know that in the South 100 years ago lynchings were a common occurrence.

And all the improvements in material

well-being don't obviate the most human of needs: the need for a life of meaning.

In fact, many of the greatest advances of the last century have contributed to further isolating us from sources of meaning.

The automobile, air-conditioning, television, computer bring comfort and even a form of human contact. They render us self-reliant and independent, yes, but also they keep us indoors and alone. Not also to gather in the town square for the latest news; the Internet never sleeps. No need to hang out on the stoop during hot summer nights; the a/c is running.

A few special human beings find meaning and strength in solitude and silence. But most of us are party animals. We need to belong to something greater—a community, a church, a cause.

One of the few sobering statistics cited by Moore and Simon speaks directly to this point. Despite the material progress during the last century, they acknowledge, "the larger percentage of Americans take their lives today than was true in 1900. Teen suicide has risen at an especially disheartening rate."

The authors seem not to see the connection between a rise in material well-being and a rise in meaninglessness and its cousin, despair.

There, then, is the challenge for this century. Not only to work toward eradicating hunger, poverty, racism and disease where they persist, but also to give hope and meaning to lives that can't be maintained by material comforts alone.

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LETTERS

Make dairy issue understandable

The Twin Falls Canal Co. has a last-minute, confusing and poorly documented mitigation amendment to the by-laws up for a vote on Jan. 9. Based on my understanding, it will open up a Pandora's box that effectively makes the water rights of the company available to industrial dairies and uses other than irrigation. There is no way this vote should take place until a formal notice has been sent to each shareholder of the company with a complete macro technical impact study by an expert.

The company has 202,620.93 voting shares. Last year, only 23,652 shares were voted at the annual meeting? Yes, 11.66 percent of the eligible votes were cast! If the pending confined animal feeding operation mitigation by-law had been up for vote last year, it would only have taken 15,846.84 votes to make the water rights of the Twin Falls Canal Co. available to be used for industrial CAFOs.

This is the most important vote of the company since the first water flowed into our canals around 1906 and, based on last year, it could be decided by 7.8 percent of the vote.

If I were a slick and quick attorney who knew of this lack of participation of the company shareholders and I had a stable of industrial dairy clients who wanted to use company water rights for CFAO expansion by mitigation, what would I do? I would quietly organize the vote of my industrial dairy clients over the summer and fall and then, at the last minute, I would do the minimum notice required by law and make this notice as opaque and confusing as possible.

You certainly don't have to agree with me about CAFOs, but as the leaders of

the company, at least have the dignity to make the issue understandable, timely and thoroughly documented with unbiased impact studies so it is effectively possible for your shareholders to vote intelligently.

If CAFOs took over the company water with a vote of 202,620.93 to my 70, I could accept defeat. If it only takes a shenanigan by a slick attorney and 7.8 percent of the vote, just because our shareholders suffer in silent ignorance, then it indeed leaves me with a bitter feeling and many questions about ethics.

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Bush should rectify takeovers

To the common man in an agribusiness setting, it is not easy to understand how the federal government can tie up nearly 60 million acres across the West, including the states of Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Montana.

Of course, Idaho has been hit hardest because of the fact that 84 million acres of forest is to be kept redundant. If the scorched timber from a forest fire is not allowed to be harvested, the schools in Idaho will not receive their share of the timber sales.

In Owyhee County, the proposed Canyonlands Monument takes up approximately 70 percent of the entire county. In the false advertising printed in the

Idaho Statesman and other papers, they said 80 percent of the people agreed that the Canyonlands should be a monument.

What they didn't say is that they failed to interview any of the rural people living in Owyhee, Ada, Elmore or Canyon counties. This advertisement was paid for by notorious environmental groups such as Snake River Alliance and the Sierra Club, to name just a couple.

I should also mention that Utah lost its coal mining fields in another takeover by the federal government. When the government locks up these large areas of land as so-called "treasures for the future," they ruin the economy of the state the land is in.

President George W. Bush, when he

takes office, must immediately rectify, by some counter measure, these federal takeovers. States' rights are being jeopardized. Congress must revisit the Antiquities Act and rewrite it so that none of these things can take place without the approval of Congress. If they don't, the states will lose their sovereignty and this country will no longer be a republic as envisioned by the founding fathers. The state Legislature needs to make absolutely sure if controls its own destiny. We are fast becoming a democratic and socialistic country. Someone will say, "Taxes without representation," the people will revolt and say, "No more."

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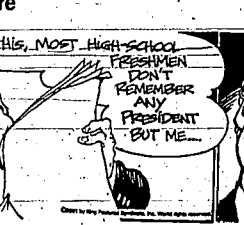
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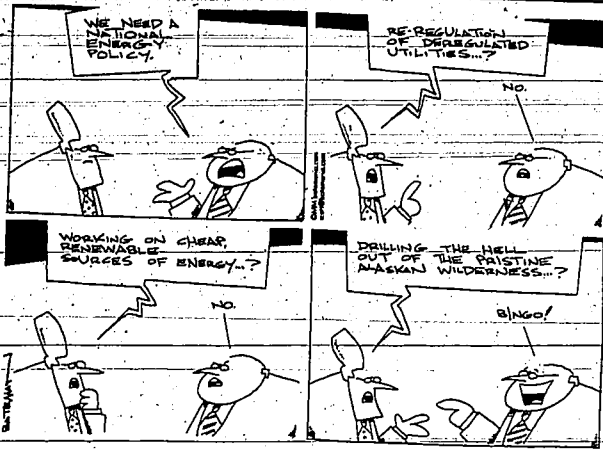


By Bruce Tinsley



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Ecological correctness puts California in the dark

DENNIS T. AVERY

I asked myself, "Where's the global warming when you need it?" while trying to thaw water pipes frozen by the coldest weather Virginia has suffered in at least a decade.

It's not a facetious question. We get global warming headlines with every summer heat wave. The theory, however, says global warming will make its largest impacts during northern winter nights.

So winters should become milder, right?

Paradoxically, the only global warming impact I've seen so far is in balmy southern California. That state has a power crisis because Californians' belief in global warming makes it politically incorrect to build new power plants.

Concurrently, more residents are building bigger and bigger houses and office buildings, and filling them with more and more computers, printers and scanners that require air conditioning.

The fundamental reason electricity on the California Power Exchange recently hit a record price of \$821 per megawatt-hour. (Coal and nuclear plants routinely deliver power for \$30 per megawatt hour.)

Because no one can build plants in response to high power prices, two of the state's biggest power companies say they have lost \$9 billion under price caps agreed for California's transition into deregulated electricity prices.

The California power crisis is being spun as a failure of deregulation, but California Gov. Gray Davis says his state urgently needs more power plants. "It's going to be (at least) two years before we can have enough additional supply to balance out demand. When we have that, deregulation may work."

To date, the global warming theory has blocked any political consensus on new power plants, of any type, anywhere in California.

Californians aren't even willing to offer investment incentives so they could import electricity from new power plants in nearby Arizona and Nevada, which do not share California's population density or unique smog problems. California could build new natural gas fired plants, but that would require building new gas pipeline capacity.

Since natural gas is now everybody's favorite fuel, it would also depend on our continuing to

explore aggressively for more natural gas. Burning more coal in Arizona to meet California's needs is regarded as a political no-no in the Golden State. Californians prefer to pretend they can provide their future power from "renewables" (solar, wind, geothermal).

But because of high costs and quirky supplies, renewables generate only 1 percent of America's power.

There is no technical breakthrough on the horizon to make them more effective in the foreseeable future. California has mountains.

Electricity from dams contributes no greenhouse gases and the "greens" preach that global warming is the planet's biggest ecological problem. But the environmentalists are urgently opposed to dams.

Given California's inherent smog problems, the long-term solution may be the new fourth-generation nuclear power plants.

They don't use water as a coolant and thus would be far cheaper and safer than plants like Three Mile Island; the Pennsylvania nuclear plant that suffered an accident in 1979.

Again, California's activists are ardently opposed.

But don't despair completely. The presidency of George W. Bush will give America another five years to evaluate whether we're getting human-induced global warming. Al Gore would almost certainly have used the government machinery to help justify the ultra-high fuel prices demanded by the Kyoto protocol that he personally negotiated.

Most of the planet's recent slight warming occurred before 1940, before technology started emitting much greenhouse gas. Satellites and high-altitude balloons show no warming in the past 20 years when greenhouse emissions have been high. Our official thermometers are in urban heat islands surrounded by more and more concrete.

As to California's power shortage, one cynical energy analyst says, "We should let the market work, and see which power generation systems can bribe their way into the state."

Soon the state must either start granting higher rates to California power companies or start rationing electricity. In Norway, a

similar power policy impasse caused the government to create a secret electricity rationing committee.

When news of the committee leaked out early in 2000, the Norwegian government was forced to resign. One way or another, Californians will soon start developing a political consensus to generate more electricity.

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Bill Gates

7. The company is appealing that order before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia...

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Humvees satisfy a man's lust for winches

It is time for our popular feature "Stuff That Guys Need." Today's topic is The Humvee.

Most Americans became aware of the Humvee (military shorthand for *H*uge *M*asculine *V*ehic*l*e) during the Gulf War, when U.S. troops, driving Humvees equipped with missile launchers, kicked Iraq's butt and taught Saddam Hussein a lesson that he would not forget for several weeks.

I test-drove one recently thanks to my co-worker Terry Jackson, who is the Miami Herald's automotive writer and TV critic. That's correct: This man gets paid to drive new cars AND watch television. If he ever dies and goes to heaven, it's going to be a big let-down.

When I arrived at Terry's house, there was a bright yellow Humvee

sitting in his driveway, covered with puddles of drool deposited by passing guys in terms of styling, the Humvee is as masculine as a vehicle can get without actually growing hair in its wheel wells. It's a big, boxy thing with giant

tires and many sturdy mechanical protruberances. It looks like something you'd buy as part of a toy design figure set called "Gargantuan Bart Green and His Pain Platoon."

Terry told me this particular Humvee model cost \$101,000, which sounds like a lot of money until you consider its features: For example, it has dashboard switches that enable you to inflate or deflate your tires *as you drive*. A perfect guy universe, this feature would seriously impress women.

GUY: Look! I can inflate the tires as I drive!

WOMAN: Fall over right now, so we can engage in wanton carnality.

Unfortunately, the real world doesn't work this way. I know this because when I took my wife for a ride in the Humvee, we had this conversation:

MRS. LOOK! I can inflate the tires as I drive!

MY WIFE: Why?

Another feature that my wife did not appreciate was the winch. This Humvee had a serious winch in front. ("It can pull down a house," noted Terry). There's nothing like the feeling of sitting in traffic, knowing that you have a much bigger winch than any of the guys around you. Plus, a winch can be mighty handy in an emergency. Let's suppose some jerk runs into you off the road, into a ditch. After a tow truck pulls you out, you could find out where the jerk lives, then use your winch to pull down his house.

The Humvee also boasts an engine. Terry once jerked me to me, but I have a strict policy of not looking at engines, because whenever I do, a mechanic appears and says "There's your problem right there" and charges me \$75. I can tell you this, however: The Humvee engine is loud. I gave the Humvee the toughest challenge you can give a car in America. That's right: I drove it to a shopping mall just before Christmas.

Perhaps you think I was foolish. Well, people said the Portuguese explorer Vasco da Gama was foolhardy, too, and do you remember what he did? Neither do I. But if he had not done it, I doubt that Portugal would be what it is today. A leading producer of cork.

And thus I found myself piloting the Humvee through the mall parking structure at roughly the speed of soybean growth, knowing that I was competing for the unit with all the parking spots with roughly 20,000 other motorists, but also knowing that all of them would have to stop their vehicles if they wanted to inflate or deflate their tires. I could not help but giggle in a manly way. My wife was rolling her eyes at me, but by God I got us safely into and out of there, and I doubt that I used more than 300 gallons of fuel. So, Saddam, if you're reading this, please send more.

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HUMOR

Dave Barry

Exercise

WITHOUT TEARS



Below are some tips for fitting exercise into a busy schedule.

How to work out when you just can't

Newsday

The Centers for Disease Control and the American College of Sports Medicine recommend that you do 30 minutes a day of moderate-intensity exercise five or more days a week. That can include anything from walking briskly for 2 miles to doing yoga to playing basketball to doing heavy house-cleaning.

Robyn Stuhr, administrative director and exercise physiologist at the Hospital for Special Surgery's Women's Sport Medicine Center in New York City, points out that you don't have to do all 30 minutes at one time: You can break up your exercise into 10-minute spurts if you choose. And any kind of activity "counts": gardening, getting off a few subway stops early and walking home or taking the stairs.

Based on studies, the CDC and the National Institutes of Health say regular exercise helps to protect your heart, reduce diabetes and high blood pressure and helps prevent osteoporosis. It also gives you increased energy, helps prevent weight gain, releases tension, helps you sleep better, makes you feel younger and helps you live longer.

Stuhr offers the following tips for those who are having a hard time fitting exercise into their lives:

Just joined a gym for the New Year? Most gyms have rules posted in the workout floor. But there is a list of unspoken etiquette guidelines you'll never see on a wall. And they're probably the ones that will make your life at the gym much more enjoyable, especially if you're a new member. At the very least, it will keep you from being on the receiving end of gym rage.

Here's a survival guide:

- **Use a workout towel.** We know that the gym is sweat city; but finding someone else's body fluids on circuit machines, benches or indoor cycling bikes is plain yucky. Bring a towel for yourself and bring a small rag in case you're about to use sweatily equipment.
- **Re-rack your weights.** A special request to "The Rock" wannabes: If you're strong enough to put those several 40-pound weights on a barbell set, you're strong enough to take them off.
- **Keep the grunting and groaning to a minimum.** So, you're benchpressing an impressive weight. A few grunts and groans are OK. But delivering a workout aria with every rep is

Know your gym etiquette

obnoxious.

- **Allow people to work in.** If you are doing many sets. Monopolizing a set of weights for 20 minutes will quickly earn you a reputation of hog among regulars.
- **Ask nicely.** The gym may be a place where you release work or home pressure, but avoid blowing off steam on your workout colleagues. When asking someone if you could work in or how many remaining sets they have, keep hostility out of your demeanor and tone. Be nasty and the other person may just take even longer to use the machine or weights to spite you.
- **Arrive on time for a class to get a good spot.** If you're late, be considerate of the early birds. Try to avoid disrupting other people's workouts. If you're late and heading for a spot in front of someone, it's a good idea to let him or her know you are planning to do that. This is not necessarily a request for permission, but it seems to mollify people when you are courteous enough to ask.
- **Be aware of and stay within your "air space."** In group exercise classes, avoid "migrating" and invading other people's space. This is

especially true for high-impact, dance classes and cardio-kickboxing classes. Space invasion is a common cause of spits at the gym.

- **Be aware of how you smell.** While mild sweaty odors are common in close quarters in gyms, once in a while, a particularly odiferous person comes along and clears the floor. Sometimes, the reason for the stink may be a medical problem or diet effects of which you are not aware. But here's a sure sign: In a crowded class, no one comes within 20 feet of you. "As for temporary bad breath and other effects, this is a no-brainer: Choose food and drink that won't make you gaseous later while you're in the gym."
- **Dispose of your personal bath items in the trash can.** Leaving your used razor tucked into bathroom crevices or behind shampoo dispensers is dangerous to others. Place your used towels in the appropriate bins instead of leaving them on the floor or on the benches. Naked women, avoid shaving or applying lotion to your body parts in front of a sink or vanity counter for all to see. These are tasks best done in private, anyway.

The Orange County Register

No time

- Exercise first thing in the morning

before other activities are likely to get in the way.

- Go for a brisk walk on your lunch break.

• Park farther from your workplace or shopping center.

- Combine activities. Have "walking Please see EXERCISE, Page B2

How to find more time to sew

We can be grateful for many advances in our sewing world. We're glad to have new products to make the process itself more efficient, new books for reference and education, new classes to expand our horizons, new exhibits to inspire and new friends to share our enthusiasm for all forms of needlework.

Perhaps, though, you're feeling frustrated because you have more ideas than actual time for executing them. A few suggestions:

Be realistic about what you can accomplish. You can't make everything you wear, sew every gift and decorate your entire house (unless your name is Martha Stewart). Choose a project that will give you pleasure and work at it steadily. Make sure your work space is efficient and your equipment is



SEWING
Barbara Gash

up to date:

Take advantage of small blocks of time and you'll be surprised at how much can be done.

10 commandments of my sewing room:

(Rhonda Watson's clever piece was first printed in *SeW News*.)

1. Thou shalt put away no ironing board before its time.
2. Thou shalt not expect ments, clean laundry or a sparkling house when sewing calls.
3. Thou shalt walk through this

room as if treading on needles and pins.

4. Thou shalt not use my fabric shears.
5. Thou shalt not covet my sewing machine.
6. Thou shalt stick no unthreaded needles in the pin cushion.
7. Thou shalt always remember a stitch in time saves nine.
8. Thou shalt not touch my organized mess.
9. Thou shalt remember that each item sewn is stitched with love and care.
10. Thou shalt praise God often for all creative talents.

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Dump the old drugs

Expired medicine - either prescription or over-the-counter - is one of the most common transgressions to good medicine cabinet management. But expired medicine is not just clutter; it can also be a health risk if the chemical compounds decompose over time. Most medicine is still potent and safe within a short period after the expiration date, but anything more than one year old should be avoided.

'Star Wars' weaponry

Doctors looking for gentler ways to treat breast cancer are about to try destroying tumors or drastically reducing their size using a technology developed for the "Star Wars" missile defense system. Dr. Robert Gardner, director of the Center for Breast Care at Columbia Hospital in

Health notes

West Palm Beach, Fla., who is leading the study, said the Food and Drug Administration has given approval for a clinical trial involving 100 to 150 women at five medical centers.

Women with small cancers and those with larger ones will both be candidates for the procedure, which uses precisely directed microwave energy to heat the tumor tissue and kill tumor cells, Gardner said. Cancer cells are about 80 percent water, while normal cells are only about 20 percent water. Heating the tumor tissue to 115 degrees can kill the bad cells and leave the healthy ones alone, he said.

- compiled from wire reports

HEALTH & FASHION

Medical center to offer CPR class

A cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 7-9 p.m. today in the doctors' meeting room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Fee is \$11. To register, call 737-2007.

Learn parenting

Parenting education classes will be offered at 7 p.m. Mondays, beginning today through Jan. 22, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W. in Jerome. The "Parenting Apart" session is for divorced and separated parents. Child care will not be provided during the class.

Cost of the class is by donation. To register or for more information, call 324-1122, Ext. 3283.

Registration offered

Bone marrow registration will be taken from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. today through Thursday at the Southern Idaho Regional Cancer

To do for you

Center, 656 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls. The process takes about 30 minutes and is free. Donors must be between 18-60 years of age and in good health. For more information, call 737-2441.

Recertify with Red Cross

The American Red Cross is offering recertification classes at 9 a.m. Tuesdays and 1 p.m. Fridays at the chapter office, 718 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls. Pre-registration and preparation are required. For more information or to register, call 733-6464, (888) 367-6321 or visit the office.

Childbirth class

A prepared childbirth refresher class will be offered from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W.,

Jerome

The class is free for those who will be delivering at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. To register, call 324-4301.

Alzheimer education

Ashley Manor Care Center in Burley will offer an Alzheimer's Support Group which will meet from 7-8 p.m. Thursday at the Golden Heritage Senior Citizens Center, 2421 Overland in Burley. For more information, call Peggy Mallow at 431-0871 or Mandy Orthman at 677-5451.

Pediatric CPR

Magic Valley Lifeline will offer a pediatric and adult CPR course, including a first aid portion on bleeding and shock, from 8:10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the YMCA in Twin Falls. The class meets the ICCP and daycare licensing requirements for Idaho. The next class is scheduled for Feb. 10. Fee is \$25 per person. To register, call the YMCA at 733-4384 or evenings at 733-3767.

Ready for childbirth?

A childbirth preparation course will be offered for mothers who plan on having a vaginal birth after a previous cesarean delivery. To schedule an appointment with a childbirth educator, call 737-2900.

Cancer volunteers

The Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center at MVRMC is in need of volunteers to assist patients and their families at the cancer center. Volunteers are needed from 12:30-4 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

For more information, call Loraine Devrey at 737-2006.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's *Times-News*, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

How to set the toner for skin care

DEAR PAULA: I've noticed that for those of us who struggle with breakouts and blemishes you do not recommend a toner as part of a daily skin care plan. Should those of us who have oily skin that is prone to breakouts (and blackheads) not be using these? I find using a toner is refreshing and takes off the excess oil from my skin. There are often times in the afternoons (when I am not wearing foundation) that I take a cotton ball and go over my entire face to take off the excess oil. Should I not be doing this?



COSMETICS Q&A Paula Begoun
Inflammation.
DEAR PAULA: I prefer a foaming cleanser and notice you don't recommend this kind of cleanser. Why is that?
CYNTHIA PALM SPRING, FLA.

DEAR SANDRA: It is indeed an option to use a toner; in fact, I often suggest that someone with normal to oily skin may find a well-formulated toner the only "moisturizer" needed. However, it is also best to use as few products as possible over skin that breaks out or is oily and it is always better for skin to start with the fewest number of products possible, especially when the issue is oily or blemish prone skin.

DEAR CYNTHIA: The foaming properties of a cleanser (or shampoo for that matter) are completely unnecessary and have no real cleansing effect on skin (or hair). The types of ingredients that make cleansers and shampoos foam are very different from the ingredients that actually clean the face. If anything, most foaming ingredients can be drying and irritating to the skin, and other than providing an emotional satisfaction there is no benefit to the skin.

One other point, I'm concerned about your comment that you find your toner "refreshing." Please, please be aware that if it contains irritating ingredients such as alcohol, menthol, peppermint, citrus, or mint that might "feel" good but it can be damaging to skin and generate rash-like breakouts, dry skin, redness, and

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Parents ask more questions about vaccines

Knight Ridder News Service

AKRON, Ohio — When it comes to childhood vaccinations, many parents aren't willing to take a shot in the dark. Consider Nichelle Sims. The Akron mother of five is a vaccination veteran.

She's taken her four oldest children — ages 9, 10, 12 and 13 — to the pediatrician for dozens of recommended shots. But that didn't stop her from asking questions when the pediatrician recommended her newborn son, Larry, get four shots during his recent 2-month check-up. Among the scheduled shots: a new vaccine for babies called Prevnar.

"What's the new shot?" she asked.

Dr. D. Douglas Hackenberg, a pediatrician with Children's Medical Group in Akron, told her the shot would protect her son against forms of meningitis and pneumonia that kill 600 children annually.

"It's very safe vaccine," he said. "It's easy, it's safe and if we can prevent something that's really, really bad, we want to do it."

"And, yes," he added, "I gave it to my own daughter."

"I'm a little more comfortable

with it now," she said.

Conversations like this are becoming routine — and that's a good thing, said Dr. Robert Pless, an epidemiologist for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Immunization Program.

With the number of available vaccines increasing, so are the questions of parents who want to be enlightened about the pros and cons.

"It's mandated that parents be provided with a vaccine information statement for a number of the childhood vaccines, especially those that are required," Pless said. "We encourage parents to ask questions."

Medical experts insist the risks of childhood diseases far outweigh the minimal risks associated with vaccines. They point to the many success stories of vaccination programs — most notably, the eradication of polio, a devastating childhood illness that parents feared for decades.

But a growing number of anti-

vaccination groups are forming nationwide by parents who suspect the shots played a role in their children's mysterious medical problems.

To compensate parents whose children are injured by vaccines, the federal government operates the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, a no-fault system designed to compensate individuals or families who have been injured by childhood vaccines recommended by the CDC.

Since 1990, the program had paid almost \$1.2 billion for 3,208 cases in which vaccines killed or severely injured children.

Kristine Severn, a pharmacist with a Ph.D. in biopharmaceutics and founder of the Vaccine Policy Institute, encourages parents to ask for the vaccine manufacturer's insert, which contains detailed information about possible side effects. The group, based in Dayton, supports giving parents the right to decide whether to vaccinate their children.

"I would like more of a freedom of choice for parents and further investigation into whether these are really safe and effective."

— Debbie Ventosa, registered nurse

"It is a small percentage," she acknowledged. "But when it happens to you..."

Debbie Ventosa, a registered nurse from North Canton, said she believes her daughter is one of the victims.

Ventosa and her husband, Dr. Jose Ventosa, an internal medicine physician, have declined to get vaccines for their five children ever since the youngest had seizures shortly after receiving a DPT shot about two years ago, when she was 2 months old. All the children are home schooled.

The girl's physicians attributed the seizures to an undetected medical condition known as tuberculous sclerosis, a neurological condition.

Her parents think her condition and the vaccine probably both played a role.

"I would like more of a freedom of choice for parents and further investigation into whether these are really safe and effective," Debbie Ventosa said.

The Vaccine Policy Institute, formerly known as Ohio Parents for Vaccine Safety, supports allowing parents to opt their children out of vaccines for philosophical reasons — an exemption granted in a dozen or so states.

Exercise

Continued from B1

meetings" with colleagues or walk on the treadmill stretch while watching the TV.

Let your spouse and children share the household workload.

Don't let errands and work sidetrack you. You'll get more done after you're energized with exercise.

If you're going to exercise after work, have a late afternoon snack to give you energy.

Find activities you enjoy that give you stimulation or the social time you need.

Find indoor options such as a health club, home equipment or exercise video.

Walk around the mall.

Too tired

Find an exercise buddy to keep you going.

Don't stay up late. Get the sleep you need.

Modify your intake of high-sugar foods, which can give you a quick high followed by a low.

Weather

Choose appropriate clothes. In the cold, wear layers — one or two inner layers and an outer layer that repels wind and rain. Hats and mittens or gloves are important to prevent loss of body heat and frostbite. Don't moisture, next to your skin. Choose "wicking" fabrics — usually some polyester blend — designed to allow moisture to move to the outer layers.

Child care

If you're a working parent, exercising during lunchtime may be an option.

Do a baby-sitting exchange with a neighbor. One watches the kids while the other plays tennis or goes for a walk.

Swap workout time with your spouse.

Do something while the kids nap — like yoga, following an exercise video or riding a stationary bicycle.

ENGAGEMENT

BANNER-ORTON

HEYBURN — Milton and Kathy Banner of Heyburn announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Leigh Banner, to Kevin Lamar Orton, son of Dennis and Derith Orton of Paul.

Orton is a graduate of Oakley High School and attended the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Shopko in Twin Falls. Orton is a graduate of Minico High School and will be attending Wyoming Tech in Laramie, Wyo. He is employed by Sears in Twin Falls. He also served an LDS mission to Independence, Mo.

The wedding is planned for



Megan Banner and Kevin Orton Saturday at the Burley West Stake Center, 2420 Parke Ave. in Burley. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7-9 p.m. Saturday at the same location.

ANNIVERSARY

THE HOAGLANDS

WENDELL — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoagland of Wendell will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 1-4 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Wendell.

Hoagland and Edna Clifford were married Jan. 13, 1951.



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HEALTH & FASHION

Cell phone radiation issue still rages

Knight Rider News Service

Could anything in today's world be more ubiquitous than the cellphone? Look around while you're on the freeway, and you'll see people driving and talking, sometimes paying no attention to where they're going. Visit the mall, and it's as though there's a federal law that requires every teen-ager to be outfitted with a cellphone. You hear the distinctive ring of a cellphone in a restaurant, and a dozen people reach for their pockets. We hear them at concerts, during movies and at sports events. We see people using them in grocery stores and just walking down the street. Since being introduced in the United States (in Chicago and Washington, D.C.) in the fall of 1983, cellphones have become THE communications phenomenon of the past 15 years, with the number of U.S. subscribers jumping from 91,600 in January 1985 to 69 million in 1998. Today, 97 million Americans have cellphones, up 10 million since June, according to the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association. But the amazing growth in popularity and the billions of dollars

generated for the wireless industry have heightened concern about how healthy cellphone use is. Like the television set and microwave oven before it, the cellphone is at the center of a debate: Do the phones emit harmful levels of radiation that place users at risk? Articles in major publications have dealt with the issue, and it's been a topic on TV shows such as "20/20." The release of conflicting studies has only inflamed the controversy. Consider these recent events: On Dec. 8, the British government advised that children 16 and younger should avoid using cellphones completely. It was proposed as a precautionary move because no definitive health problems had been found; nonetheless, leaflets are being distributed throughout England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland detailing the findings and warnings. The next week, "Cell Phones: Invisible Hazards in the Wireless Age" (Carroll & Graf, \$25) hit the bookstore. Written by researcher Dr. George Carlo and author/commentator Martin Schram, the book claims that numerous studies in the United States and Europe show cell-

phone radiation causes a variety of serious problems. Among them: interrupting pacemakers; increasing the risk of cancer; compromising the blood-brain barrier; and causing genetic damage. Last week, two studies, one by the National Cancer Institute, created headlines around the country. The studies found that cellphone users are no more likely to develop cancer than anyone else. Carlo says that one of the studies cited - involving 469 brain cancer patients and 442 people without cancer - is actually two years old, and that the findings, which were published in The Journal of the American Medical Association, have been "recklessly overinterpreted" by the American Health Foundation, which led the study. And while the debate contin-

ues, an increasing number of products - including one developed by a former Texas Christian University student - have been introduced, claiming to act as cellphone shields, cutting radiation levels generated by phones in use. Many of these products are sold through catalogs and on Web sites. There are at least 10 now available, ranging from covers for the ear-speaker to a metallic attachment next to the cellphone antenna that is supposed to absorb radiation. "It's confusing," says Carlo, who has appeared on numerous TV programs touting his book. "And the confusion should lead people to being careful - which the British government said - and not careless. That's the problem. There's a lot of spinning of science going on and so much money on the table and consumers are on their own."

Widespread obesity hits American pets

The Baltimore Sun Start eating smaller portions. Get regular exercise. Cut out snacks. Chase a catnip mouse four times a day. It's not exactly the advice your doctor would give you if you gained a few too many pounds, but it's pretty close. Obesity, unfortunately, is becoming as big a problem for America's millions of house pets as it is for their owners. "It's the No. 1 nutritional problem I see in dogs and cats," says Dr. Craig Thatcher, a spokesman for the American Veterinary Medicine Association whose specialty is veterinary nutrition. Veterinarians estimate that 25 percent to 30 percent of the cats and dogs they see are overweight. The optimum weight for different breeds varies, but if your pet is just 15 percent above that, he's considered obese. So why does a nation obsessed with fitness and dieting allow its animals to be fat? Lorraine Ellerson of Annapolis, Md., a mother and part-time interior designer, can explain. She has a 4-year-old tortoiseshell cat, Jef, who weighs in at a svelte 16 pounds. Five years ago her vet said the cat needed to lose a few pounds, so Ellerson switched from Science Diet Feline Maintenance cat food to the diet version. "I tried it for a week," she says, "but she wouldn't eat it so I gave up. I keep her plump. She's a really cute pink belly and I just like to pet it."

not to let her eat what she wants. "They lead such a mundane existence," she says. Other overweight cats and dogs aren't so lucky. A pound or two of excess fat may not make much difference to you, but for your pet it can lead to heart and liver problems, diabetes and arthritis. If your cat or dog is overweight, you should start with a trip to your veterinarian. He or she can rule out any underlying health condition that might be putting on the pounds (such as a hormone imbalance). A vet can also give you a diet and exercise program tailored to your particular animal. Most brands of pet food on the shelves today have a reduced-calorie version, often labeled "senior" or "light." Unfortunately, there are no regulations governing the use of these terms, as an article on pet food in Consumer Reports (February 1998) pointed out. Talk to your vet, read labels carefully, and find a diet version that offers the same volume as the food your pet is used to with fewer calories.

"Sinusitis or Cold?"

Information from the nasal-sinus specialist.

Because the symptoms of sinusitis sometimes mimic those of colds and allergies, you may not realize you need to see a doctor. If you suspect you have sinusitis, review these signs and symptoms. If you suffer from three or more, the SINUS CENTER CAN HELP!

SIGN/SYMPTOM	SINUSITIS	ALLERGY	COLD
Facial Pressure/Pain	YES	Sometimes	Sometimes
Duration of illness	Over 10-14 days	Varies	Under 10 days
Nasal Discharge	Thick, yellow-green	Clear, thin, watery	Thick, whitish or pink
Fever	Sometimes	NO	Sometimes
Headache	Sometimes	Sometimes	Sometimes
Pain in Upper Teeth	Sometimes	NO	NO
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Nasal Congestion	YES	Sometimes	YES
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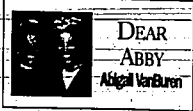
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Dad's long visit is no vacation for family

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I were born and raised in the Midwest and now live in Florida. Our families are still up north and frequently vacation in our home. We're happy to see them and encourage them to visit—



with one exception. Like many "snowbirds," my father-in-law comes every winter to spend in excess of two months. However, instead of his own home, he resides at our house. Dad is a very nice and generous man and my wife looks forward to his visit. Nonetheless, the amount of time he spends here is getting to be too much, even for her. Our home has become his "Florida home" where he entertains, gives tours of the premises and includes us (with and without prior notice) for luncheons, dinners, etc., with people his own age whom we have never met. I work from home, so I never get a break. Even after numerous

and many others—will realize that a vacation spent in someone else's home should be two weeks at the longest—staying long enough to have your mail forwarded is an imposition.

DEAR ABBY: I broke my hand playing high school football early in the season and had to get a cast.

The doctor said I couldn't play football again until the cast was off or I'd run the risk of it never healing properly.

The cast was removed before the season was over, but I had already decided not to play again, even though the doctor said I could play.

Now my coach and friends are angry at me. Do you think I was right to quit?

BROKEN IN KANSAS

DEAR BROKEN: You made the right decision. Football is an aggressive and violent sport. It's normal not to want to subject yourself to another injury.

See how you feel about playing next fall. Do not allow yourself to be talked into anything you don't feel comfortable doing.

requests, instead of allowing the machine to answer when I'm out, Dad picks up the phone and proceeds to discuss his vacation plans with my clients. As I stated before, he's not a bad person, but frankly, I'm no longer able to enjoy his visits.

I dread Dad's visits as the time draws near, and I'm miserable the entire time—counting down to the day he leaves. I wish I didn't feel this way, but enough is enough.

My wife would never admit to her father that his visits are an inconvenience, but perhaps if he reads this in your column, he—

DEAR HAD ENOUGH: I'm printing your letter, but hoping that your father-in-law sees it and recognizes himself will not be enough. The solution to your problem lies in you and your wife behaving like adults, stiffening your backbones and discussing this issue openly with him. If Dad plans to remain longer than two weeks, he really should consider renting a nearby apartment so he can entertain to his heart's content, conduct tours of his own place—and you can have peace of mind, privacy and sanctuary in your home, plus a businesslike environment in your office.

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County cuts off on-set grazing

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES—Hold the mayo. And the pastrami. Even gasp—the cappuccino?

Fearful of rumblings from the Los Angeles County Health Department, movie and TV production companies around town are thinking twice about putting out the traditional spread of finger foods and beverages for grazing by cast and crew members.

The concern has become so pronounced that the crew of at least one TV show, "Diagnosis Murder," has reluctantly retired its toaster, coffee maker, microwave and the rented cappuccino machine lest it run afoul of county food handling regulations.

"It's ludicrous" series star Dick Van Dyke said about word the county was cracking down on food preparation on the set. "It's thoughtless bureaucracy. We have a crew working 16 hours a day. They deserved better than such nonsense."

"They've been making coffee on movie sets for many 10 years," said Van Dyke, speaking through his publicist. "L.A. has enough trouble keeping production in town. Now this."

Health officials say such fears are groundless. While they acknowledge growing interest in on-set catering offerings, as well as the use of nonlicensed food vendors, they say there are no plans for a government "jihad" against snacking on the set.

"We have not issued a bulletin, we have not issued an order that says the vendors get to stop," said Terrance Powell, a county environmental health specialist.

Food, and lots of it, is a necessity for stars and production employees who work from 10 to 15 hours a day, say industry insiders. The spreads are put on by outside caterers or, more often, unionized "craft services" workers, who also help clean up the sets.

Health officials have long winked at such low-level noshing. But with the past year as they've taken a closer look at the in-house feasts have become more elaborate, and some conscientious companies have switched to unlicensed food vendors.

Drawn by scattered complaints, the health department has issued 10 citations for health code violations related to food preparation on the set, said Powell. Problems included bottled caterers operating out of ill-equipped trucks, and, for example, barbecued meats prepared without adequate health controls. Each violation, a misdemeanor, can carry a fine of \$1,000 and six months in jail.

THIS MOTEL IS FOR THE BIRDS



A songbird sits perched outside a birdhouse in the Nashua, N.H., French Hill section Wednesday.

Virgo—Look beyond immediate

IF JANUARY 8TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are intense and passionate. When pressure is on you are up to it. Heavy responsibility is like child's play to you. Capricorn, Cancer persons play major roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names: H, Q, Z. Social activities accelerate for you this year. During February, short trip involves serious flirtation. May most memorable.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Itinerary subject to change. Be sure map is not outdated. You are going places; don't get caught up in wild goose chase. Scorpio plays role.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Be ready for change, travel and a variety of sensations. Emphasis in income potential, locating lost articles and ability to increase earnings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will be at right place at crucial moment. Cycle high. Include family in adventure of discovery. Flowers and music are part of sceneries for answers. Someone attracted to you is following.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Define terms, outline boundaries and see people, relationships in realistic light. Look behind

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Many of your hopes and wishes will be fulfilled. Relationship intense. Give a smile to get a smile. Capricorn, Cancer individuals will play paramount roles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Look beyond the immediate. Be analytical, learn truth of what goes around comes around. Leadership role will be thrust upon you. Be gracious in accepting.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't follow others, open lines of communication. Learn more about habit patterns in foreign lands. You will be interviewed on that subject.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Focus on partnership, marital status and gaining knowledge concerning local politics. Delve deeply into prohibited subjects. Learn valuable lessons.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Avoid forcing issues; check legal rights, permissions. Marital status figures prominently. Social outing will be what the doctor ordered.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Start a diary. Your impressions of places and people are important and the exercise of writing about them will be of utmost benefit. Gemini plays role.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Attention revolves around home, property and marital status. Protect what you love, take nothing for granted. Gift of a luxury item is received. Home beautiful.

17-year-old faces fraud charges in hospital hoax

The Washington Post

An Alexandria, Va., teenager who allegedly intercepted telephone pages intended for doctors and then issued medical orders over the phone to nurses at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Fairfax, Va., has been charged in juvenile court with prescription fraud and practicing medicine without a license.

The investigation has turned up no evidence that any patients were harmed as a result of the 17-year-old's orders, but police and Inova officials are still trying to determine how long the ruse had been going on. Inova Fairfax officials said the orders, which included drawing blood and prescribing a blood-thinning drug, were all medically appropriate and didn't arouse any suspicions in the nurses.

James C. Clark, the teenager's attorney, did not return a phone call Wednesday, but he said last month that the youth "categorically denies in any way manipulating the phone or paging system of the hospital." Clark also

questioned how medically appropriate orders could come "from a (then) 16-year-old child with no medical training."

The Washington Post generally does not name juveniles charged with crimes. The youth had worked as a volunteer at Inova. Alexandria Hospital in the summer of 1999, then was hired as a part-time secretary there in June, with access to patient records and information, a police affidavit said. Police allege that he also had access to Inova's computerized paging system and that he forwarded the number of the surgical resident's pager to his own.

When his pager was activated, police said, he would return the call and speak to nurses about treatment of individual patients at Inova Fairfax.

According to authorities, the scheme began on Dec. 8, when a surgical resident told Russell-Seneac, Inova Fairfax's chief of surgery, that someone else was answering his pages and giving orders.

Reindeer run off with caribou; herders seek aid

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—

Reindeer farmers have been thousands of miles run off with wild caribou herds, prompting state officials to seek federal disaster money.

The Western Arctic caribou herd, which has grown to more than 400,000 animals, is spreading across the Seward Peninsula, encroaching on herders' lands where reindeer graze freely. Herders say once the reindeer mix with their wild cousins, they don't come back.

About 3,000 reindeer may have joined the caribou herd over the past decade, officials said. That may leave as few as 5,000 reindeer on the peninsula, compared with nearly 25,000 a decade ago, said wildlife biologist Greg Finstad, who manages the reintroduction research program at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. "It's a very difficult time," said Rose Eosdick, program director for a group that represents herders on the peninsula. The peninsula stretches into the Bering Strait on Alaska's western coast.

Members have lost their entire herds over the past decade, and another two may not have enough animals left to stay in business, Eosdick said. Reindeer herders sell the meat as well as the antlers, which some cultures use to make aphrodisiacs and tonics.

Herders on the Seward Peninsula have received about \$300,000 over the past two years to help cover the loss of their reindeer and grazing land. But a change in federal law means they need a disaster declaration before they can get more.

The herders will likely get about \$100,000 this year if the declaration is approved, federal agriculture officials said.

The Western Arctic caribou herd had been growing for years from a low of around 75,000 in 1976 to more than 400,000 by 1998, according to state statistics. During the same period, the caribou began ranging westward across the peninsula, said John Coady of the state Department of Fish and Game. The migration brought them into contact with the reindeer.

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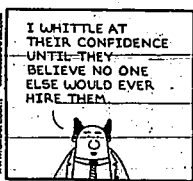
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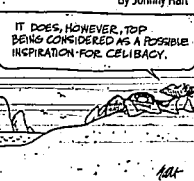
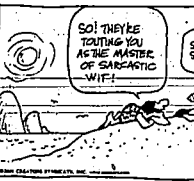
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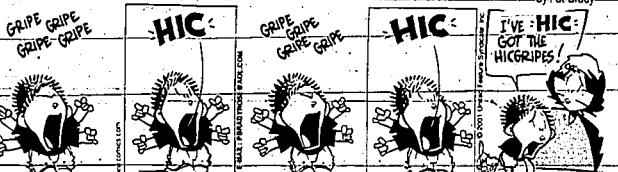
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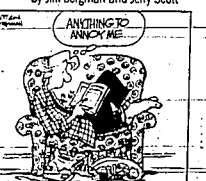
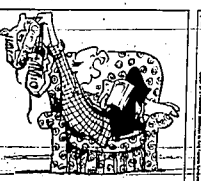
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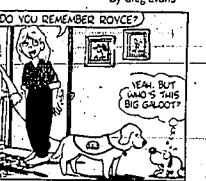
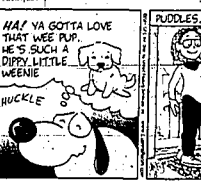
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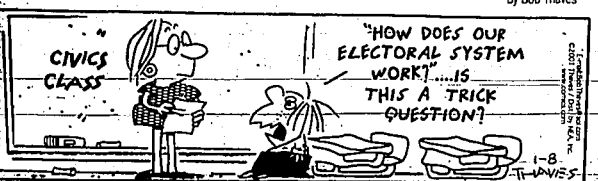
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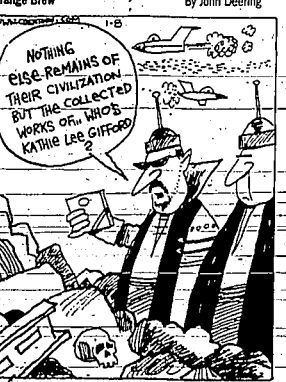
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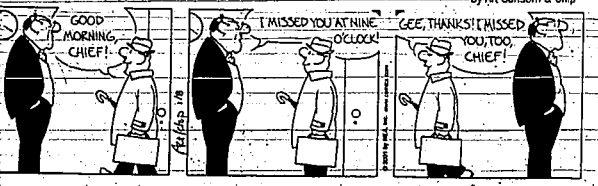
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