

GOOD MORNING

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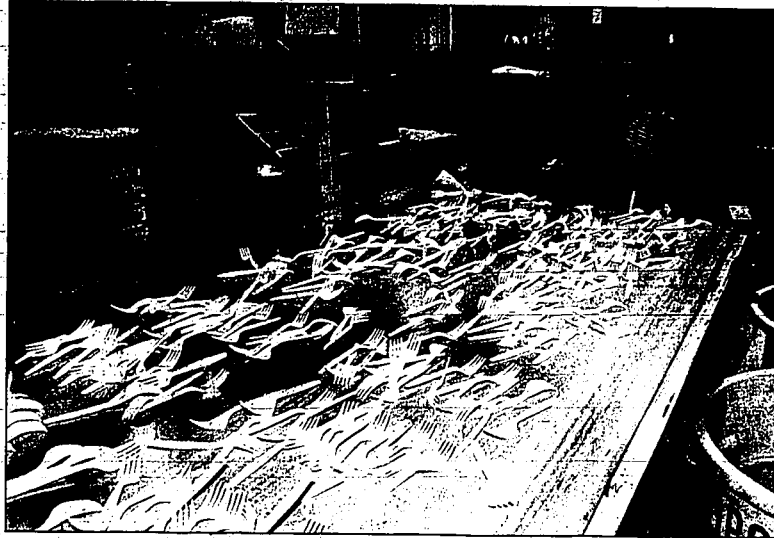
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Utility predicts hike



Penny Hetter, a machine operator for Solo Cup Co., packages plastic forks in Twin Falls. If Idaho's power rates rise this spring, the company will have to decide whether to shift production to its other factories.

Idaho Power has plans for a gas-fired plant

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE — The state's low snowpack and the West's energy crisis means Idaho Power Co. ratepayers could be hit with a significant hike in their electrical bills starting in May.

But Idaho's largest power utility Tuesday announced it will enter into contract negotiations on a proposed natural gas-fired generator in Canyon County which could offer more power during high demand in the summer and December.

The Boise-based company said it has filed with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission the company's December power cost report

Factories, farmers would feel electricity-rate crunch

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Solo Cup plastics factory in Twin Falls churns out straws, spoons and the like around the clock, so there's very little electricity consumption the plant could shut off and still maintain its production levels.

"Power is something that is difficult for us to control. We are an extremely heavy electricity user," said Ken Becker, Solo Cup-Clear Shield Division manager.

That suggests significant rate increases to come. The report said Idaho Power ran up \$121 million in deferred power supply costs since last April — \$70 million in

Two California cities — B5

So if Idaho's power rates rise this spring, Becker and other company leaders will have to examine costs and decide whether to shift production to Solo Cup's similar factories in Louisiana, Chicago and Boston, which produces the same kinds of plastic products.

"It would have to go up considerably for us to think of that," he said.

Much in the power market — snowpacks or wholesale energy prices, for instance — could change by spring.

But Idaho Power Co.'s projected May rate hike of 11.2 cents per kilowatt-hour, announced Tuesday, wouldn't be enough to spur discussion of shifting production at this point, Becker said. Unless Twin Falls' electricity becomes more expensive than power at the company's plants elsewhere, production and jobs

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December alone. That's \$121 million more than the company expected to spend when current

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Bush details voucher plan, courts Dems

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush proposed a multibillion-dollar school-improvement plan on Tuesday that would shift federal money to private schools when public education fails. He added a last-minute provision in a gesture to Democrats opposed to school vouchers.

In an Oval Office meeting with Democratic and Republican lawmakers, Bush said there must be consequences "if children are trapped in schools that will not change." But he included the new provision — suggested, he said, by a Democrat — that could help schools avoid the loss of federal money to private institutions.

"Both parties have been talking about education reform for quite a while," he declared. "It's time to come together."

Democrats objected to the school voucher proposal but embraced other portions of Bush's package, including spending increases for reading and after-school care and a requirement that states must test students every year from grades three through eight in reading and math.

"I can't emphasize enough the other areas where the president was reaching out. I think, in education policy, where there's a very broad agreement and meaningful agreement and the basics

An education agenda
Key elements of the \$47.6 billion education package the Bush administration submitted to Congress Tuesday.

- TESTING** $1+3=?$
 - Annual state reading, math tests for grades 3 through 8.
 - Main state standardized test can read by 3rd grade.
- LOCAL CONTROL**
 - Give school districts more control over federal money.
- VOUCHERS**
 - \$1,600 vouchers to the parents of students in schools deemed failures for three years in a row; money can be used for tuition at any private school, tutoring and other services.
- ACCOUNTABILITY**
 - States develop system of sanctions and rewards to hold local districts accountable for performance.
 - School-by-school report cards for parents.

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for a very important legislative initiative," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. Bush included Democrats in the

separate White House meetings on education Tuesday and twice singled out Democratic lawmakers for praise in public remarks.

Internet changes adoption, allows for wondrous results, sordid abuses

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — In the emotion-charged realm of adoption, the Internet has proved both a blessing and a curse.

Thanks to online listings — complete with photographs and profiles — thousands of parents have adopted children they otherwise might never have found. In the wrong hands, however, the Internet is a near-perfect tool for prying on vulnerable couples yearning for the child of their dreams.

"There's bad and good in everything, even on the Internet," said Trennia Tennant of DeLand, Fla., proud mother of three girls found on an adoption Web site. "You just have to make sure of who you're dealing with."

The sunny side of Internet adoption has been spotlighted this month as couples from Britain and California battle for custody of twins they found through the same Internet

service. The Britons paid \$12,000 to the San Diego-based broker; the Americans \$6,000. Though the case has roused trans-Atlantic outrage, it is not an isolated example.

Harlan Tenbaum, director of a Delaware adoption agency and chairman of the American Bar Association's adoption committee, said increasing numbers of private, for-profit brokers use the Internet to drum up business. A favorite venue, he said, are chat lines on which couples discuss their interest in adopting.

"One couple was on line for 37 minutes and received six solicitations," Tenbaum said. "It's not always a hiding war, but it lends itself to bidding."

Allan Hazlett of Topeka, Kan., president of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, said brokers also e-mail solicitations to couples who post information on the Internet.

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Lawyer wants records

Attorney requests information from Eden investigations

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The lawyer for the family of an Eden man who died in a Jan. 3 shootout with sheriff's deputies criticized authorities on Tuesday for not releasing more information about the case.

"There are a lot of issues about who shot who and when people shot," Patrick D. Brown said.

"Our ability to investigate all of that is hampered by their withholding records," Brown, lawyer for the family of George Timothy Williams, said he has made several requests for information such as police communications and autopsy results. But authorities have released little about the gunfight at Williams' Eden home Jan. 3.

Williams, 47, was killed after the Jerome County Sheriff's Office failed to serve a search warrant. Sheriff's Cpl. James Moulson, 30, and Phillip Anderson, 23, also were killed. Investigators later found trace amounts of suspected marijuana in the house, along with some drugs and paraphernalia.

With rumors about the shootout spreading throughout the community and state, all the facts about the gunfight need to be released, Brown said. But Brown was reticent about his plans for legal action by Williams' family. "I'm not saying we are going to file something or not. I'm saying that it's damn important that we

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State explores penalties for field burning

The Associated Press

COEUR D'ALENE — Idaho farmers who are asked to voluntarily refrain from burning their fields on smoky days may soon face regulations and penalties if they fail.

"We are exploring mandatory guidelines," Idaho Department of Agriculture spokesman Julie Pipal said.

Growers who torch grass or wheat stubble in northern Idaho voluntarily agree to restrictions during the short, late-summer field-burning season.

The new approach could involve penalties for violators or a statewide permitting system, he opposed to the current piecemeal, Pipal said.

The Legislature stripped the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality of its authority to regulate field burning and in 1995 replaced it with a voluntary smoke management program. Since then, growers burn Monday through Thursday on 14 days over a 45-day period.

But if they violate that agreement by violating air-quality standards, the state cannot punish them.

Idaho's interest in regulating field burning comes as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency develops a burning strategy. The agency set involvement standards, the state cannot punish them.

To safeguard public health, the federal agency seeks an overall reduction in acres burned, officials said Monday.



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Trennia and Dale Tennant adopted Daleena, age 14, center, through traditional channels, while, from left, Sharon, 10, Zolly, 3, and Sharon, 7, were adopted using the Internet. The family lives in DeLand, Fla.

Senate confirms three more top appointees

WASHINGTON — The Senate confirmed three more top officials Tuesday, minutes after Bush administration officials announced the man who will oversee the crafting of the next year's \$1.9 trillion federal budget.

By a single vote of 100-0, the Senate confirmed Michael Daniels as director of the White House Office of Management and Budget; Mel Martinez as secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and Anthony Principi as Veterans Affairs secretary.

The Senate planned to vote today on the nomination of Tommy J. Thompson, the Wisconsin governor, to head the Department of Health and Human Services. Also expected to gain the Senate's assent today were Elaine Chao as labor secretary, Norman Mineta as transportation secretary and New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman as head of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Today, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee was expected to approve the nomination of Gale Norton to be interior secretary, with final Senate approval possible later in the week.

Today also was possible by the Senate Judiciary Committee on former Sen. John Ashcroft to be attorney general. A full Senate vote on Ashcroft was unlikely until next week.

Illinois court sets new rules for death penalty

CHICAGO — Spurred by the release of 13 inmates from Illinois' death row, the state Supreme Court has set some of the nation's most rigorous standards of training and experience for defense attorneys, prosecutors and judges handling capital cases.

Under the rules issued Monday, the lead lawyer on each side must have at least five years of criminal litigation experience; previously, none was required. And judges who might preside

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over capital cases must attend training seminars every two years.

"When Illinois establishes standards like this, I think that it says to all the states this is necessary to avoid the kinds of problems that Illinois has had," Jim Coleman, a law professor at Duke University who studied the death penalty for the American Bar Association, said Tuesday.

Probe finds signs of secret group within police

NEWARK, N.J. — An internal investigation by the New Jersey State Police has found evidence supporting allegations that a secret group exists within its ranks, a spokesman said Tuesday.

Two troopers on stress leave say they were harassed by the "Lords of Discipline" through threatening notes and vandalism.

If confirmed, the group would be another blemish for the state police, whose 2,700 troopers have been scrutinized since two troopers wounded the majority men traveling on the New Jersey Turnpike in April 1998.

The shooting ignited a controversy over racial profiling, in which law officers stop a vehicle based on the occupants' race.

Yemeni plane carrying U.S. ambassador hijacked

ADEN, Yemen — An armed man who wanted to show support for Saddam Hussein hijacked a Yemeni plane carrying the U.S. ambassador and 90 other people Tuesday and diverted it to neighboring Djibouti, where he was overpowered by the crew.

Passengers, including U.S. Ambassador Barbara Bodine, exited down the plane's emergency chute as the drama ended.

Because of the hijacking, Bodine missed an appointment with Yemeni President Ali

Abdullah Saleh at which the deadly terrorist attack on the USS Cole and increased security cooperation was expected to have been discussed. Bodine, who was accompanied by other embassy staff, flew from Djibouti back to the Yemeni capital, Sana'a, last Tuesday. Aides said she would not comment on the hijacking.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said "feally terrific action" on the part of the crew, airline officials and Yemeni authorities helped foil the hijacking. The hijacker, armed with a small handgun and possibly a grenade, was subdued by members of the Boeing 727's seven-person crew.

USDA OKs smaller Swiss cheese holes

WASHINGTON — There soon will be more cheese and less air in a ham and Swiss sandwich.

The government announced Tuesday that Grade A Swiss cheese would be allowed to have smaller holes to keep it from getting tangled in high-speed slicing machines.

USDA officials decided the cheese standard was technically a notice and not a new regulation and so allowed its publication in Tuesday's Federal Register as scheduled, said Becky Unkenholz, a spokeswoman for the Agriculture Department's Agricultural Marketing Service.

— compiled from wire reports

Abortion restrictions worry some

WASHINGTON (AP) — The abortion restrictions President Bush imposed on U.S. international aid are more likely to increase teen pregnancies in Europe and the spread of AIDS in Africa than decrease abortions overseas, critics said Tuesday.

A 1973 law prohibits the use of taxpayer funds for any abortion service, both in the U.S. and abroad. On Monday, Bush tightened restrictions further to ban U.S. aid from going to international groups that use their own money to perform abortions or advocate abortion rights.


"A wide range of health services is being jeopardized by a narrow and misguided focus on abortion, which is not the issue

here," said Kate Bourne of Pathfinder International, a family planning group with programs in eight countries.

In addition to providing medical services such as gynecological screenings and health care for AIDS victims, many of the private foreign organizations supported by Pathfinder provide contraceptives and family planning to women in developing countries.

Many, but not all, of these groups provide abortion services and will now "have to choose between continuing to provide family planning services — and sacrifice their principles — or maintain their rights to speak freely and give up the funding," Bourne said.

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Adoption

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tion about themselves in hopes of attracting interest from birth mothers contemplating adoption.

"These facilitators are unregulated, unlicensed, essentially uncontrollable," Hazlett said. "They'll send an e-mail, or call a court, saying, 'I can get you a birth mother in a week or two.'"

"If it sounds too good to be true, it probably isn't true. But that's what they're counting on: people so anxious to adopt, they'll jump at something like that."

"Manipulative adoption brokers are nothing new; baby-selling schemes flourished in the past without high-tech help. But the Internet has spread the reach of the greedy and complicated the risk of regulators."

"The Internet puts some distance between the unscrupulous individual and the people who respond," said Cindy Freidmutter, executive director of the Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute in New York. "When you meet people face-to-face in your community, it's harder to get

away with this kind of stuff than when you meet them on the Internet."

Enforcement is greatly complicated by the hodgepodge of adoption laws. "There's no consistency among any of the 50 states," Hazlett said. "It's like a patchwork quilt."

Gloria Hochman, the National Adoption Center spokeswoman, urged couples to be wary of any Internet offer to provide a newborn baby. She said any reputable Web site should include a street address and phone number, and be operated by a licensed agency.

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NATION

Mideast tests new president

By Tom Raim
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush came into office talking tough about confronting Saddam Hussein over chemical and biological weapons. But developments in the Persian Gulf suggest he'll face the same problems in outmaneuvering the Iraqi leader that his father and President Clinton did before him.

Saddam and the larger issue of tensions in the Middle East are shaping up as Bush's first tough national security test.

U.S. intelligence reports suggest that Iraq has been rebuilding plants capable of producing chemical or biological weapons.

Analysis "What we don't know is what's going on in those facilities," Adm. Craig Quigley, a Pentagon spokesman, said Tuesday. "And that is a cause for concern to us, given Saddam Hussein's past track record of obfuscation and denial of his (weapons) programs."

Bush's national security team is also troubled about a new assertiveness shown by Saddam and his followers — including a proposal by his son, a member of the Iraqi Parliament, that maps be modified to show Kuwait as a part of Iraq.

Saddam has been seeking to raise his standing in the Arab world and attempting to tie his country's plight to that of the Palestinians. In a televised speech last week marking the 10th anniversary of the start of the Persian Gulf War, he appealed to fellow Arabs to unite against foreign influence in the Middle East.

"We understand, going in, that this is still a dangerous man," Bush said in a recent interview.

Further destabilizing the region: Tuesday's breakdown in Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations. The talks in Taba, Egypt, ended abruptly when Israel recalled its delegation after two Israelis were killed, apparently by Palestinian gunmen, in the West Bank.

Clinton invested an enormous amount of time and energy in his final year trying to nudge the Israeli-Palestinian peace process forward.

Bush said he would try to maintain that commitment. "And Secretary of State Colin Powell talked by telephone on Tuesday with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak. But underscoring a lower level of involvement was the absence of any U.S. representatives at the talks."

Powell, as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Vice President Dick Cheney, as defense secretary, helped the United States make war on Saddam Hussein in 1991. And both have issued hawkish statements on dealing with him now.

Furthermore, Bush said in several interviews that he would use military force against Saddam if it could be demonstrated the Iraqi leader was indeed rebuilding his arsenal.

But Bush conceded that might be hard without weapons inspectors. "Therein lies the problem," he told The Associated Press. "There is (satellite) imagery. We may catch him moving a giant weapon. I don't know. We'll see."

Iraq agreed at the end of the Gulf War to dismantle chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs. But Saddam kicked out U.N. weapons inspectors after the U.S.-British "Operation Desert Fox" bombings in December 1998.

"Absolutely we ought to have inspectors back in there, but there doesn't seem to be much consensus for it right now," Bush said.

Bush inherits "a whole new set of problems" on Iraq, said Anthony Cordesman of the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Three nominees show ties to tobacco industry

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — As Wisconsin governor, Health and Human Services Secretary-designate Tommy Thompson received more than \$70,000 in campaign donations from the Philip Morris Cos. in the past seven years, and traveled abroad at least three times with company executives.

In 1998, Attorney General nominee John D. Ashcroft was the only member of the Senate Commerce Committee to vote against a bill that would have curtailed the marketing activities of the tobacco industry nationwide.

And when Interior Secretary nominee Gale Norton was Colorado attorney general, she resisted calls to sue the tobacco industry to recover health care costs, saying it would be costly and difficult to win. Although she

later became involved in national settlement negotiations, other participants said she frequently took positions at odds with the public health groups.

Thompson, Ashcroft and Norton are among a number of figures in the Bush administration who have been relatively helpful to the tobacco industry and who could take positions that would signal a marked change in the federal govern-

ment's approach to cigarette makers.

"The tobacco industry has connections to many Cabinet nominees and to top White House advisers," said Paul Billings, American Lung Association spokesman. "They will have a lot of access to this administration, and we have to wonder how that will affect administration policies. There's not much here that's encouraging to us."

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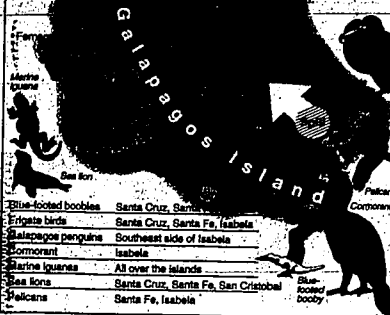
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WORLD

Natural treasure endangered

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Source: Charles Darwin Research Centre

Shifting winds carry fuel spill away from Galapagos

PUERTO BAQUERIZO, Galapagos Islands - Shifting winds and prevailing tides are pushing about 170,000 gallons of diesel fuel from an open sea and away from the fragile environment of the Galapagos Islands, officials said Tuesday.

Ecuadorian Environment Minister Rodolfo Rendon said the fuel was now moving "toward the northwest, which is an open zone where there are no major islands." He characterized the spill as "a problem, not a tragedy."

The leaking began Friday near the islands, a natural treasure 600 miles off Ecuador's west coast. About 170,000 gallons of diesel fuel prompted Ecuador, which controls the territory, to declare a state of emergency late Monday to speed funding for the cleanup.

As of late Monday, currents had spread intermittent slicks over 488 square miles - an area bigger than Los Angeles.

West in brief

and what" of having Milosevic and other Serbian suspects stand trial on war crimes charges.

After an hour-long meeting, an angry-looking Del Ponte hastily walked past reporters, refusing to give a scheduled statement. Kostunica also did not address reporters, indicating a failed meeting.

For Yugoslavia and its reform-minded leadership, much depends on Del Ponte's visit to Belgrade. If the Yugoslav government fails to cooperate with the U.N. court in The Hague, it is likely to lose international political and financial support garnered after Milosevic's ouster in October.

Last Ebola patient in Uganda leaves hospital

KAMPALA, Uganda - The last known patient in Uganda stricken by the Ebola virus was given a clean bill of health Tuesday and discharged from the hospital.

Dr. Sam Okware, head of the National Ebola Task Force, said the elderly woman had recovered from Ebola after being hospitalized in the northern town of Gulu. "We are really almost at the end of the epidemic," Okware said. He said 173 of 426 Ebola patients died and that health officials do not know of any additional cases.

While in past Ebola outbreaks, up to 90 percent of victims died, Ugandan doctors and international health experts have been able to save 60 percent of the patients by using aggressive rehydration therapy. The Ebola virus is spread by contact with body fluids, including sweat and saliva. An outbreak is considered over after two incubation periods have passed with no new cases reported.

-compiled from wire reports

China sect members got themselves on fire

BEIJING - Five Falun Gong followers set themselves on fire Tuesday in China's Tiananmen Square, the most radical act yet by sect members in defiance of the communist government's 18-month ban on their movement.

One follower died in the attempted group suicide, which prompted police to tighten security and then close the square during the opening hours of China's lunar new year.

After weeks of words, both the spiritual movement and communist government have turned to brute tactics.

Falun Gong has stepped up demonstrations in recent weeks and issued warnings by founder Li Hongzhi of more vigorous action to protest the crackdown. The government has fought back by intensifying vilification of the sect in state-controlled media and supporting a nationwide campaign to collect a million signatures.

Israel recalls delegation after death of two men

JERUSALEM - Israel abruptly suspended peace talks with the Palestinians on Tuesday after two Israeli restaurant owners were killed in the West Bank, apparently by Palestinian gunmen.

It was not immediately clear how long the talks were on hold, although Israel's deputy-defense minister predicted the talks would resume soon. Israel has briefly suspended negotiations in the past over Palestinian attacks on Israelis.

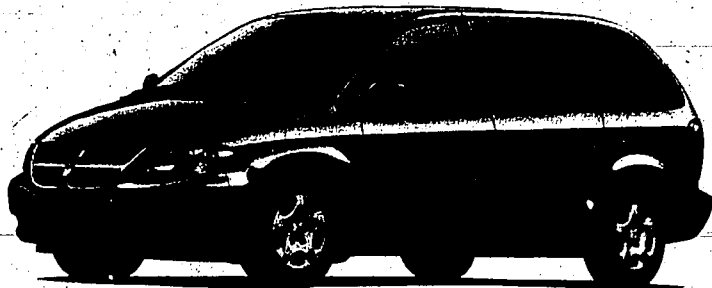
The two sides, meeting in the Egyptian resort of Taba, had been close because of intense talks on a peace agreement against a tight deadline - Israel's Feb. 6 election. Palestinian negotiator Ahmed Qureia condemned the killings, but said he was surprised Barak recalled his negotiators. "Of course it will adversely affect negotiations," he said.

Kostunica resists demands to extradite Milosevic

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia - Talks between chief U.N. war crimes prosecutor and President Vojislav Kostunica ended abruptly Tuesday with Kostunica apparently resisting demands for the extradition of Slobodan Milosevic and other Serbian suspects.

Entering into Milosevic's home territory, Carla Del Ponte met with Kostunica, a staunch critic of the Netherlands-based court, to discuss the "how, when

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EDITORIAL

Clinton's aim for Hunt Camp misses the mark on all fronts

Bill Clinton has barely set foot in Idaho, much less in Jerome County, but that hasn't kept him from having strong opinions about the area. In his final few days as president, Clinton worked to transform the old Hunt relocation camp into a full-blown national monument.

Whoa! That, big fellas!

The former Japanese-American relocation camp is an interesting place with an unusual history, but that doesn't mean it deserves to become a 73-acre national monument at the snap of one man's fingers. With any luck, the Bush administration will reverse Clinton's 11th-hour antics in Jerome County and elsewhere around the West.

American residents along the West Coast and sending them to relocation camps at the start of World War II smacks of racism now - but back then it was a matter of national security.

America was at war with Japan. No one could guarantee the allegiance of all-American residents.

It was reasonable, even prudent, to assume that some might make war against America from within.

The upshot is that tens of thousands of Japanese-Americans spent the war years in relocation camps. It wasn't fair, but given the tenor of the times, it wasn't an unreasonable response to the perception of a threat. War, after all, is an intrinsically unfair enterprise.

(The Hunt Camp, by the way, was a model of civility in which residents were allowed to work on local farms, and children participated in local scouting activities.)

Has America atoned for unilaterally relocating these citizens? We think so. Remember, every surviving person who spent time in a relocation camp has already received financial compensation from the United States government.

Does that mean the camp should be forgotten? No.

The Hunt chapter isn't a pleasant one in the history of southern Idaho. If local citizens and politicians want elevated status for the old Hunt Camp, they are free to seek it.

That's the way the process should work, with enthusiasm for the idea bubbling up from the citizenry - not being dictated to by a president who has never seen what he purports to protect.

There's a right way - and a wrong way - to protect public lands for future generations. The right way is through an inclusive process that gives everyone a say in the matter. The wrong way, a la Clinton, is to stiff-arm everyone and use the Antiquities Act to create national monuments by fiat.

Clinton moved to create at least six national monuments in his final week in office, but his transparent urge to leave a legacy, any legacy, strips them of legitimacy. If they are truly deserving of additional protection, the case should be made before Congress - and Congress should grant that protection.

In addition to a flawed process, something else is wrong with Clinton's push to transform the Hunt Camp into a national monument. Simply put, it exalts America's misguided focus on group victimization.

All too often, revisionist historians foment conspiracy theories and suggest sinister motivations for events of long ago. Rounding up Japanese-



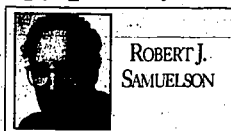
America's energy policy does not add up

The power crisis in California - rolling blackouts, two huge utilities verging on bankruptcy - is a fitting commentary on U.S. "energy policy." We Americans want it all: endless and secure energy supplies; low prices; no pollution; less global warming; no new power plants (or oil and gas drilling, either) near people or pristine places. This is a wonderful wish list, whose only shortcoming is the minor inconvenience of massive inconsistency.

In California, the contradictions are stark. Here's a state that loves its cars and whose computer industries thirst for megawatts - yet California also embraces environmental rectitude, abhorring pollution and new power plants. From 1988 to 1998, the state's electric-generating capacity actually declined 5 percent, says the U.S. Department of Energy. Over the same period, power consumption rose 15 percent. The emerging imbalance in power supply and demand, which is at the heart of the present crisis, reflects a larger imbalance in public thinking.

The advertised charm of electricity "deregulation" - passed by the California Legislature in 1996 - was the promise of lower power rates. The presumption (as it turned out) was that the state had an enduring surplus of generating capacity. By breaking up the "bad" utility monopolies, the state would foster competition and drive down rates. The major utilities are Pacific Gas & Electric in the north, Southern California Edison in the south and San Diego Gas & Electric. They would sell most of their power plants to independent power producers. These companies would compete with each other to sell power back to the utilities, which would remain in the distribution business to final customers.

The pressure of bidding against each other to supply power would make the generating companies more efficient. Bureaucratic bloat would vanish. Deregulation reduced residential retail



electricity rates by 10 percent and froze the new rates until March 2002 for most customers. It also required that the old utilities - now mainly distribution companies - buy virtually all of their electricity on a daily spot market (in other words, the utilities couldn't make long-term contracts to cover their long-term power needs).

Once surging demand began to collide with fixed supply, the new system raised spot prices and drove the old utilities toward bankruptcy. With their rates frozen, consumers have had little incentive to save power. Meanwhile, PG&E and Southern California Edison have had to pay far more for wholesale electricity (on the spot market) than they could recover from retail customers.

The gap is huge. The utilities have paid three, five, eight times as much as the 6.5 cents per kilowatt-hour that they can charge consumers. For all of 2000, PG&E says its excess electricity costs totaled \$6.6 billion; Southern California Edison puts its total at \$4.5 billion. Until recently, they paid their bills by borrowing from banks that had assumed - wrongly - that wholesale prices would drop in the fall and winter. They usually do, because after air-conditioning season, demand slackens. Once spot prices dropped, utilities would stop losing money and could repay their loans.

Why didn't spot prices drop? Good question. Broadly speaking, there seem to be two explanations.

One is a combination of bad luck and bad behavior. Prices of natural gas (used to generate electric power) jumped unexpectedly, forcing up spot-electricity

prices. Bad luck, perhaps. The bad behavior is alleged by the utilities: it is that the new power companies have manipulated the spot market. Power plants usually go off-line for maintenance in the winter, but this year the outages have been exceptionally large. Whether generating units have been deliberately taken out of service to raise prices is unclear.

The second explanation - undoubtedly true - is that California's leaders, through incompetence and political cowardice, made a bad situation worse. In March 1999, Southern California Edison asked the California Public Utilities Commission for permission to make long-term purchase contracts for electricity. This would have provided a stable source of power at fairly stable prices. The CPUC refused. Another needed step is to raise consumer rates. This would dampen demand and bolster the utilities' finances. But California Gov. Gray Davis adamantly opposes higher rates.

If the utilities don't get some sort of relief, they will go bankrupt - with unpredictable consequences. California's experience casts doubt on the sanity of power deregulation.

But the larger problem lies in America's energy illusions. We refuse to confront obvious conflicts. If you want cheap power, you can't have to build power plants. If you want to curb pollution and global warming, you can't have cheap power. If you want to limit dependence on imported oil, you can't just encourage domestic drilling; you've also got to discourage domestic demand, probably through a tax.

By and large, Americans prefer energy fantasy to energy reality. This is good for the news business. It creates recurring controversies and "crises."

Unfortunately, it's bad for the country.

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The hog farm would be too big

A lot is being said about how this is a better hog farm than the ones that have caused problems in other states and that there have been developments that are new and improved. Yet the essence of the system as a whole is the real problem. Idaho has approximately 332,000 milking dairy cows statewide; this one facility wants to have just under twice that number of hogs in one location. I believe there are problems intrinsic with this size of operation that are not going to go away with some improved techniques and professional-looking presentations.

For a while, I thought that if Mr. Aches wanted to do this so badly, he should do it in Blaine County. I believe the citizens of Blaine County would never allow such a thing to happen there. They wouldn't want their land desecrated by hog waste (purported to be about 200 million pounds per month); they wouldn't risk polluting their streams; their idyllic setting wouldn't be the same with the odor produced by this industrial "farm," but most of all, I suspect Mr. Aches wouldn't want this in his backyard.

A car salesman comes to you and tells you that he's got a great car for you. All the other cars of certain make and model were lemons but this one has had some improvements. Are you going to believe him and buy it or are you going to say "through the sales pitch? A lemon is a lemon."

Mr. Aches has already attempted to locate similar projects in Jefferson and Owyhee counties; now he's attempting to sell it to Cassia. Let's not buy what he's selling and turn our beautiful county into a potential wasteland.

This may appear harsh, but I for one do not want to find out, nor do I want to put at risk the lifestyle that we have here in one of the greatest states in the union.

Buyer beware!
MICHAEL RICE
Burley

Energy crisis may be a blessing

The energy crisis in California may prove to be a blessing in disguise. Perhaps it will catch the attention of the new administration in Washington and lead them to look at a possible long-range solution in their own files.

They need to look in their Department of Energy-National Aeronautics and Space Administration files for the proposals reviewed in April 1980 for a conference in Lincoln, Neb. "The conclusion of the conference was that there were no technical reasons why the satellite (energy) system should not be developed and that the potential benefits were very promising."

In the fall of 1998, I heard Ralph Hansen speak about the above concept. He had been associated with space engineering for more than 35 years. He participated in the Saturn-Apollo program, the space shuttle development and led the Boeing team that developed the overall concept of solar power satellites under the DOE and NASA.

He has written a book, "Sun Power - the Global Solution for the Coming Energy Crisis," available from Ocean Press of Seattle, Wash. It is well written and not too technical. I plan to call it to the attention of our state and federal legislators and urge others to read it and do the same.

CHET BARRETT
Twin Falls

Bring back the 'Music Monster'

In December, the "Music Monster" went off the air. I was devastated by Impact Radio station's decision to change the style of music from modern (top 40 hits) to 80s music.

I understand that the reason for the change was a lack of radio advertisers. They thought that advertising on this station would target only teen-agers and not the "buying" population. I know many adults that listened to the "Music Monster." As a parent, I appreciated having the opportunity to listen to the same music that my kids were.

Teen-agers are a viable economic group. I know, I have two kids. When they listened to the "Music Monster," they had an opportunity to make purchasing choices, i.e., movies, music, clothing and food (a big chunk of their allowances and my paycheck).

As it is right now, I don't think that the culture of America is reflected by the

choice of music that is being played on radio stations in southern Idaho. Idaho needs to stay progressive with the cultural trends. And Idaho kids need to know that they are a valuable asset.

I plan to start a petition to bring the "Music Monster" back.
DELLA VILLANUEVA
Twin Falls

Letter hit the nail on the head

I want to thank and compliment John alonge on his beautiful letter, "We're lucky we live in America."

I think he really hit the nail on the head. I feel we are blessed to live in the Magic Valley. It's a great place to bring up a family.

I have lived in Twin Falls for the past 49 years and raised a good family. We can be thankful to good people in our midst. God truly is there watching after his children.

God bless America. Repent and all will

be well with America.
ALLEN BASTOW
Twin Falls

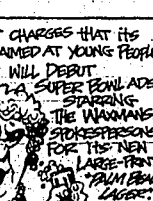
Put a light on Pole Line, Locust

A few years ago, my husband and I wrote letters to The Times-News requesting a stop light to be placed on Falls and Locust (which has turned into a second Blue Lakes). The light was eventually placed there. Now the same problem exists on Locust North and Pole Line - so, treacherous and dangerous to cross as Falls and Locust was.

A light was placed at Madrona and Pole Line, but I wonder if that light was as important - if the light should have been placed on Pole Line and Locust.

Another suggestion, still, the grocery stores and mall should mark the lanes where cars park. It would be so much easier to find your car after shopping.
JEAN GARRISON
Twin Falls

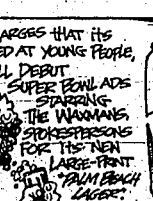
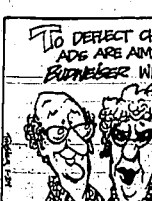
Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley



California's energy problems could be prologue for the nation's future

California is long-fabled as a source of wealth and the birthplace of the New Economy. Now it is increasingly being seen as a threat by many who fear that its burgeoning energy crisis will accelerate the already surprisingly rapid downturn of the national economy.

Such fears are not entirely without foundation. California accounts for more than 10 percent of America's gross domestic product. Any significant reduction of the state's production of goods and services due to blackouts or sharply rising energy costs could have a measurable negative impact on the total U.S. economy at a moment of fragility.

Fortunately that does not seem likely. Government officials, working with industry appear committed to assuring a constant flow of energy to users. Consumers will pay more, but not enough to have national economic consequences, particularly in view of the fact that

CLYDE V. PRESTOWITZ JR.

energy is only a small percentage of the production costs of most goods and services. Bankruptcy of any of the big utilities would, of course, be painful for some banks, but the amount of potentially bad debt is relatively small in comparison with the size of credit markets and is unlikely to have national macro-economic consequences.

In short, California's immediate energy woes are primarily the result of the state's flawed deregulation program; the consequences will mainly be felt within the state. The experience of states like Ohio and Texas, where deregulation is being implemented without California's problems, underscores this point.

This is not to say, however, that the rest of the nation has nothing to learn from California — or that

the ultimate sources of California's energy shortages are unrelated to federal policies and broader national attitudes and developments. Behind the current energy shortage in the West lies an unusually low flow of hydroelectric power due to light rains and snows and a decade of no construction of new generating facilities in California.

Despite nearly 30 years of recurrent oil crises and the ultimate crisis of the Gulf War, the United States has been unable to develop a consistent and coherent energy policy through both Democratic and Republican administrations and congresses. This was not for lack of programs. There have been a plethora of initiatives, some of which even worked. But many policies that appeared sensible in isolation worked at cross-purposes, leaving little margin for error.

After the first oil crisis in 1973, the United States focused on improving energy efficiency. This effort was largely successful. From

1980 to 1995, final energy consumption per dollar of Gross Domestic Product declined by more than 25 percent. This is one reason why the dramatic rise in oil prices during 1999-2000 did not cripple the economy as it did in the 1970s. For environmental reasons, the United States, both nationally and on a state-to-state basis, also launched energy-related initiatives to reduce consumption of petroleum and coal and to increase reliance on clean burning natural gas and alternative fuel sources such as wind and solar power.

These policies were well-meaning and with time could have produced a greater level of national energy security. But they soon collided with other policies that limited energy supply. The desire to shift to natural gas has been hampered by regulations limiting the domestic extraction of natural gas. The anti-nuclear movement and regulatory bias against fossil fuels

in many states limited the construction of power plants that could have prevented the power crisis now gripping California. The move to balance the federal budget prevented the federal government from taking a more active role in the development and use of solar power. Reluctant to reduce consumer purchasing power and hurt U.S. vehicle producers, Washington and the states have kept U.S. gasoline taxes much lower than in most other advanced countries.

Just as important, the sense of urgency that spawned efforts to limit reliance on foreign energy sources all but disappeared. This left energy policy adrift, pushed in whatever direction the political winds were blowing. Perhaps

nowhere is this phenomenon and its costs more visible than in California.

As in so many aspects of national life, California has provided Americans with a glimpse of the future. The new economy, it turns out, still requires the lifeblood of the old economy. The rest of the country should take notice and get serious about developing a national energy policy. Otherwise, California's past could be America's prologue.

Clyde V. Prestowitz Jr. is president of the Economic Strategy Institute, a nonprofit research organization. He wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

Firsthand smell of hog farms

When I was a very young lad, the large and successful Crystal Springs dairy farm operation just down our country lane in rural Ohio started to raise pigs on a very large scale. Our family suffered the pig poop stink in silence. However, those city folks who had grown up in a refreshing drive out in the country to shop at the dairy's on-farm store soon quit as customers of the dairy for they disliked the dairy's new smell.

The large-scale pig operations ceased after several years for the dairy's family owner-operators got to hate the stink and the drastic drop in sales at the on-farm store.

Unpleasant as growing up in the Great Depression was, I will remember it as idyllic if the monstrous obscenities of factory farms (actually they are feces factories) and related large-scale slaughtering operations come to Idaho. Based on my personal experience with a prototype factory farm, I submit that:

1. The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality must be better staffed, empowered and funded to deal with confined animal feeding operations before any are allowed to operate in Idaho.
 2. Odors are truly gaseous emissions, not just merely an obnoxious smell that neighbors must put up with. State emissions standards must better specify appropriate odor standards and limit any CAFO permit offered for serious approval must specify the means to effectively deal with odors, as well as other animal wastes.
 3. The families of the owners and operators of any CAFO must be full-time residents of the property on which CAFOs and large-scale slaughtering operations are conducted.
 4. There are many people with agricultural backgrounds serving in the Idaho Legislature. If such are sincere in wishing to preserve Idaho's traditional family farms, the legislators must give the DEQ real punitive authority. The DEQ must also pass very restrictive legislation that, other things being equal, preserves the family farm, and discourages factory farming of all types.
- God bless rural America! May it prosper in spite of certain aspects of modern agribusiness and corporate (and multi-national corporate) America.
- MARTIN F. HUEBNER**
Idaho Falls

Build a dam-bridge combo

Recently, I've read in The Times-News and heard on the local TV station about future water, electrical and tax revenue shortages, traffic congestion at Pole Line and Blue Lakes and the need to attract new businesses. Here's my proposed solution:

Build a combination dam and bridge across the Snake River in the already proposed location. The bridge will solve the traffic problem and the dam will have a multitude of benefits for Magic Valley. The dam will form a large reservoir and will produce

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enough electrical power to offset the rapid population and industrial growth in southern Idaho. The dam by itself will produce extra tourist dollars. All the real estate along the canyon will be waterfront property, and the tax rates for Jerome and Twin Falls counties will more than double in value, which will be great for additional revenues.

The reservoir will allow for additional water recreation, boat sales and marinas and eliminate bungee and BASE jumping from the Perrine Bridge (this will save time and money for search and rescue operations and future lawsuits). The reservoir will be a source for the water needed by the city of Twin Falls now and in the future. Additional tourist, recreation and new business dollars will greatly improve the present economic situation. The stored water will be used to produce electricity and fish salmon downstream. This will reduce the need to augment salmon water from upstream, where it is stored for irrigation. Then water for irrigation in this area will not be affected.

The two golf courses in the canyon can be relocated on the farmland on either side of the canyon, since farm prices are low and the existing landowners could get top dollar for the land. The sewer treatment plant could be relocated south of the airport, since strong southern winds are not common in the valley. Therefore, the smell will be of little concern. All other landowners and small businesses in the canyon can be compensated, since the additional money generated by the dam and tourism will offset any values presently in the canyon.

The whole Magic Valley will greatly benefit economically by this development. Think how many of the present-day problems will be solved! So grow, Magic Valley, grow!

Environmental issues are only challenges, not concerns.

DAVE GILMAN
Twin Falls

Keep the Electoral College

The Electoral College should not be abolished!

The United States is a republic form of government where individual rights are protected by the Constitution from government tyranny and majority rule (a democracy).

We pledge allegiance "to the Republic for which it stands."

The founding fathers were concerned with liberty, not democracy. The word "democracy" does not appear in the Declaration of Independence or the Constitution. Article IV, section 4 of the Constitution is quite clear: "The United States shall guarantee to every state in this Union a Republican Form of Government."

The founders feared a democracy. James Madison, father of the Constitution, wrote in the Federalist Papers, No. 10, his fear of a democracy: "Democracies have ever been spectacles of turbulence and contention; have ever been found incompatible with personal security or the rights of property, and have in

general been as short in their lives as they have been violent in their deaths."

Historically, democracies soon become tyrannical dictatorships, and our founders wisely produced the Electoral College to preserve the voting power of smaller states from the concentrated constituencies of the heavily populated states.


This is a constitutional republic, not a democracy, let's keep it that way!

ADRIAN ARP
Twin Falls

We would like to thank every one who helped in any way during the recent loss of our son, brother, and uncle, Allen E. Thompson. The flowers, food, calls and many cards and other acts of sympathy were very much appreciated by all of us.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Wreck leaves woman in critical condition

TWIN FALLS - An head-on collision early Tuesday on Kimberly Road in Twin Falls left a woman in critical condition.

Carolyn Hopwood, 56, of Kimberly, was driving a 1995 Ford Contour west on the 2700 block of Kimberly Road at about 2:30 a.m. when a 1974 GMC pickup driven east by Cheryl Walters, 37, of Twin Falls, crossed the center line and struck Hopwood's car head on, according to a Twin Falls police report.

Both women were taken by ambulance to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Hopwood was listed in critical condition Tuesday afternoon, a hospital spokeswoman said. Walters was listed in fair condition.

Walters was not wearing a seat belt, and it was not known Tuesday if Hopwood was wearing one, according to the police report. The accident was still under investigation Tuesday.

Principals give reports to School Board today

TWIN FALLS - The School Board begins its annual series of meetings with school principals today.

Principals of the Twin Falls School District's 12 schools outline goals set by school staff and progress toward meeting those goals.

Harrison Elementary School Principal Christine Gillette and Robert Stuart Junior High School Principal Craig Ainsworth will give presentations at today's School Board meeting.

Other School Board business includes a report on a recent multidistrict trip with the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition to a South Carolina "High Schools That Work" school reform conference.

The board meets at 7 p.m. in the district office, 201 Main Ave. W.

Traffic commission meets today at City Hall

TWIN FALLS - A special commission charged with finding solutions to Twin Falls' traffic problems will meet at 9 a.m. today in the council chambers at City Hall in Twin Falls.

Twin Falls Police Sgt. Matt Hies, who heads the department's traffic control division, said the commission will begin meeting once a month to discuss such issues as pedestrian safety, parking problems and possible infrastructure improvements.

The members of the Twin Falls Traffic Safety Commission would like to hear ideas and comments from area residents.

Permanent members:

Wiley Dobbs, Twin Falls School District, 733-6900; Kent Just, Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, 733-2430;

At large members: Kyla Kelly, Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition, 737-2430; Dale Riedesel, Greater Twin Falls Transportation Committee, 733-3541; Don Hall, Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley, 736-7011; Rod Pooler, College of Southern Idaho, 734-0353; Annette Wilkinson, private citizen, 736-2182.

Ex-officio members:

Tom Courtney, Twin Falls City Manager, 735-7277; Gary Young, city engineer, 735-7377; Leland Devore, chief of police, 735-7210; Trip Craig, city councilman, 733-6410; Matt Hicks, police traffic division supervisor, 735-7297.

Wood River Watershed Advisory Group to meet

GOODING - The Wood River Watershed Advisory Group will discuss streams of the Big Wood River Subbasin at its next meeting.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Gooding County Extension Office at 202-14th Ave.

The group will review a draft of a report regarding streams and water quality and input from the public is welcome. A copy of the report will be available at the Division of Environmental Quality in Twin Falls or by calling Dana Surgeon, 736-2241.

Compiled from staff reports

Forest Service hears comments

By N.S. Nokkerved Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Only nine people were on hand when the hearing started Tuesday evening.

With the allowed three minutes each, the hearing could be over in less than half an hour if they all spoke.

They had come to comment on the Sawtooth National Forest's proposed revisions to its management plan. The forest is required by law to update the plan periodically.

During the three hours sched-



uled for the meeting, a dozen more people drifted in - some to say their piece. But by the end of the evening, only nine people had spoken.

Most of those who spoke objected to proposals in the revised plan that would close some trails and roads. Others objected to reductions in grazing. Some said the plan placed too much emphasis on recreation. Others said it placed too little emphasis on recreation.

The Forest Service shouldn't

be closing trails, said Cheryl Hymas of Jerome - owner of the Smilow Creek Lodge in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. That means more people would be using the remaining trails.

The demand for trails is increasing. Instead the forest and users should ask Congress and the new president for the money to fund trail maintenance, Hymas said.

Sheep rancher and former state Sen. John Peavey urged the Forest Service to maintain sheep grazing at a sustainable level.

"I'm talking about well-managed grazing," Peavey said. "Well managed grazing can enhance a watershed."

Mike Medberry of the American Lands Alliance in Boise, questioned the high number of sheep and cattle in the preferred alternative. And he said mechanized vehicles should not be allowed in areas proposed for wilderness designation.

James Bolton of the Magic Valley Trail Machines spoke of the need for shared use, including motorized recreation, which can coexist with other users on

public land. "Closing trails ignores the need of motorized users," a group that has been wrongfully maligned, he said.

One of the initials in SNRA stands for recreation, said Win Mobley of Jerome. She would like to see more focus on recreation and keeping trails and roads open - with the help of user groups that work on trail maintenance.

Earl Warthen of Albion, said he is concerned that over emphasis on recreation in the Howell Canyon area would

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IN THE GROOVES



Ketchum skier Maureen Jenner scoots down one of the trails across the highway from Galena Lodge.

MORIN BOECKS/The Times-News

Galena Lodge looks at fewer, better trails

By Karen Bossick Times-News correspondent

GALENA LODGE - When people think of progress, they usually think in terms of growing.

But progress could mean cutting down on the number of miles of trails offered at Galena Lodge, instead of expanding the trail system.

At least, that's what the Galena Advisory Committee is thinking.

"The trail system needs to shrink in size so the grooming is more logical and less expensive," said committee member Bob Rosso. "It means better grooming and a more environmentally sensitive trail system. It means more beginner and intermediate trails rolling through the woods and across

the hills rather than long-up-and-long down trails. It would be good for the lynx, as well."

The Galena Advisory Committee brought in a nationally known cross-country trails consultant last month to evaluate the 50-kilometer network of trails surrounding the rustic cross-country ski lodge 24 miles north of Ketchum.

The Montana consultant, Jon

Traffic isn't the only thing getting scrutinized at Galena Lodge. So are skiing dogs.

Dogs were booted off the north part of the Hamman Trail this year for their own safety. One dog was severely injured in a sliding collision last year on that part of the trail.

The Blaine County Recreation District is looking at ways to improve dog

More information

Trails around Galena Lodge.

Galena Lodge manager Tom Downey said he is also considering constructing a dog parking area where owners can park their dogs while eating inside the lodge.

Dogs are allowed across the highway from Galena Lodge on the Titus Creek trail and a trail running along the Big Wood River. They also are

allowed on Billy's Bridge loop across from Prairie Creek on the Hamman Trail between North Fork campground and Murphy's Bridge and behind Sawtooth National Recreation Area headquarters.

Skiers are asked to ski with no more than two dogs per skier and to clean up after them. Season passes for dogs cost \$10 per year.

extended use of existing roads and the lack of an overall plan for development with adequate funding to allow for proper construction," Elliott said in his report.

Neither Senate Meadows nor Horse Creek take full advantage of their gentle rolling terrain. The trails leading to those areas are too difficult to attract the

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Ketchum finishes comprehensive plan

By Karen Bossick Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - The City Council has closed the books on its comprehensive plan - a process that started last February and took more than 60 hearings to complete.

Ketchum's Planning and Zoning Division plans to have the revised edition out for the public to reconsider by the end of the week. An adoption hearing will be held in about a month during a regular council meeting.

"This calls for a party," said a relieved Mayor Guy Coles, making an imaginary toast to something the council had originally hoped to finish more than six months ago.

With the city's blueprint for the future under their belt, the

council is settling about determining which goals can be accomplished within one to three years and which will take longer.

Among the short-term goals identified Monday:

• Reducing the speed limit from 45 miles per hour to 40 or 35 miles per hour between Elbert Road and Weyakini Drive as motorists are entering Ketchum from the south.

This is being done at residents' request. But City Attorney Margaret Simms noted that State Sen. Clint Bennett reported the legislature may get involved with rural towns that keep extending speed limits further and further out along a highway.

• Working with Warm Springs business owners, Sun Valley

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State might ease wheat taxes

By Aaron Brock Times-News writer

BURLEY - Legislation that could lower the tax growers pay on wheat will reach the House Agriculture Committee this year, and Idaho Wheat Commission officials think it will pass.

"I feel good about it," said Dave Sparrow, representing the Idaho Wheat Commission at Tuesday's Mini-Casala Cereal Symposium at the Burley Inn and Convention Center. About 100 area farmers and growers attended the meeting.

The Wheat Commission, like commissions representing other farm products, taxes Idaho wheat to pay for its activities on farmers' behalf.

In 1992, the tax was raised from one cent per bushel to two cents, Sparrow said.

The wheat has an estimated 80 million bushels in the state of Idaho.



Dave Sparrow, representing the Idaho Wheat Commission, speaks to farmers at the Mini-Casala Cereal Symposium Tuesday. The commission is introducing legislation that could lower taxes on wheat, Sparrow said.

But yields since 1992 have exceeded 100 million bushels each year, and this added revenue...

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Gooding County commissioners look at juvenile program

By Almee Metcalf Times-News correspondent

GOODING - Young people are picking up trash on Shoestring Road and cleaning the pool at the old Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind. They can also be found knocking on the doors of senior citizens' houses to ask them if

Interested? Gooding County commissioners now meet on the first, second and fourth Mondays of the month at the courthouse.

They would like their snow shoveled.

The 12 local young people have found themselves in the juvenile justice system and are performing the good deeds as community service.

The program "will be something you'll hear a lot about," Judge John F. Varin told Gooding County commissioners Monday.

Also Monday, Varin and juvenile probation officer Carol Johnson said they are very pleased with the new Lunch Buddies Program, a program that brings volunteers together with at-risk children.

The program was started in Twin Falls County by Gooding County resident Amber Nutson.

Twin Falls County has decided it will no longer fund the project.

Johnson said the program has received a \$500 grant from Walmart through Healthnet which will pay for volunteers' lunches.

In other action Monday, adult probation officer Ralph Geer reported there are currently 336

probation cases - 236 active probation cases and 130 supervised probation cases.

Geer said people on supervised probation pay a \$35 dollar per month fee and must check in with the probation officer at least once a month. He said the program collects about \$1,500 dollars a month.

DEATH NOTICES

Doris L. Barnes
JEROME - Doris L. Barnes, 77, of Jerome passed away Monday, Jan. 22, 2001, in Boise.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Leon Fenstermaker
BURLEY - Leon Fenstermaker, 68, of Burley died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2001, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Bing Zhan Wu
KIMBERLY - Bing Zhan Wu, 72, of Kimberly died Monday, Jan. 22, 2001, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Graveside services will take place at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, 2001, at Morris Hill Cemetery in Boise under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Ray Merle Roberts
BLISS - Ray Merle Roberts, 64, of Bliss died recently in Bliss. At the family's request no local services are being held.

Cremation services are under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

James Phillips
RUPERT - James Phillips, 39, of Rupert died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2001, at home. Services will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26 at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Bruce A. 'Brewski' Rosen of Boise, services at 2 p.m. today at the Chapel of the Chimes in Meridian; burial to follow at Meridian Cemetery.

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Dorothy Evelyn Prochnow of Twin Falls, services at 10 a.m. Thursday at White Mortuary Chapel; interment to follow in Twin Falls Cemetery; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Lena Mae Falconburg of Meridian services at 1 p.m. today at the Jerome United Methodist Church; burial to follow at the Jerome Cemetery; memorial service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Meridian United Methodist Church.

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HOSPITALS

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Some names are omitted at the patient's request.

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After-school club needs volunteers

By Lorraine Cavener Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - The Adventure Club after-school program is growing. University of Idaho Extension educator Diana Christensen told Lincoln County commissioners Monday.

The program for kindergartners through sixth graders is in the process of reorganizing and the university will no longer be managing the program, Christensen said. She asked the county, which provides grant funds for the program, to set up an advisory board and create new bylaws and policies for the organization.

"We need more active participation on an advisory board interested in seeing that it (the club) stays," Christensen said. The advisory board could help make decisions such as where to house the growing organization,

More Information
The Shoshone Adventure Club - an after-school program for kindergartners through sixth graders, is looking for volunteers to serve on its advisory board and help with activities. Those interested should call Michele Fitzgerald at 888-7603.

Christensen said. Enrollment in the program has grown from seven children six years ago to about 30 children today, and daily attendance has grown from seven to 12 children since the beginning of the school year, she said. Christensen said there has been a 68 percent increase in building permits in the county bringing more working parents to the area.

Before the Adventure Club came along, some working parents were leaving their children unsupervised after school,

Christensen said. Research has shown delinquent behavior often occurs in those hours after school when children are left alone, said Bev Ashton of the 5th District Department of Juvenile Corrections. Ashton, who helps with the after-school program, said programs like the Adventure Club are especially needed in small communities.

Programs such as these used to be funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the state 4-H office, but the grant expired a year ago, Christensen said. The program is now funded by a \$15,000-per-year grant to Reynolds that which requires the program to include drug prevention in its curriculum.

Times-News correspondent Lorraine Cavener can be reached at the Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042.

Man faces jail time for plotting to kill judge

KAMIAH (AP) - A California militia leader tied to northern Idaho faces another five years in prison when he is sentenced April 2 for plotting to murder U.S. District Judge Edward J. Lodge.

Donald Rudolph, 43, will serve that term on top of the 2.5 years he is already serving for possession of an automatic machine gun. He pleaded guilty to the murder plot last week in a deal with prosecutors.

Rudolph was a former California Department of Transportation worker and head of the San Joaquin Militia had a

cache of weapons when he was arrested after his sister, Debbie Bibeey, contacted the FBI following a violent confrontation with her brother in December 1998.

Rudolph admitted in court that he and Kevin Ray Patterson, 42, of Camino, Calif., and Charles Dennis Kiles, 49, of Placerville, Calif., planned to blow up two giant propane tanks along Highway 99 in Elk Grove, Idaho, in 1999.

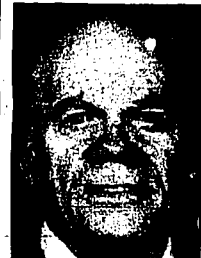
Federal agents said the men hoped that blowing up the tanks near a subdivision would force federal authorities to declare

martial law, leading to social unrest that would topple the federal government.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-9331, Ext. 276, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

TWIN FALLS



Clifford E. Malone
Clifford E. Malone died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2001, from natural causes at his home in Twin Falls.

Clifford was born Oct. 11, 1922, at the family home in Filer to Hershel E. and Leatha Pool Malone. He received his education in Twin Falls area schools and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1940. He joined the Army Air Corps during World War II and served as a member of the Air Transport Command. After his honorable discharge in 1946 he lived and worked in Salt Lake City with his brother Ralph as a TV and radio repairman. He met and married Ruth Clifford in 1946. They moved from Salt Lake to Twin Falls. There he built a home where they have lived and raised their family. Clifford worked as a surveyor for the Idaho Transportation Department for 37 years, retiring in 1986. Clifford enjoyed working with animals. He raised Appaloosa horses and Bla. Angus cattle.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth of Twin Falls and their two children, Marilyn (Mark, Jr.) Brown of Boise and Scott (Carol) Malone of Twin Falls. They have four granddaughters, Marcie K. (David) Walker, Meredith Brown, and Julie and Molly Malone; and two great-granddaughters, Chelsea and Savannah Walker. Clifford is also survived by his brothers Virgil (Ann) Malone of Twin Falls, Howard Malone of Sagle, Idaho, and Eugene (Francis) Malone, Keith (Flora Lee) Malone, and Webb (Dorothy) Malone, all of Twin Falls; his sisters, Hazel (Dale) Aslett and Marzella Day, both of Twin Falls; a sister-in-law Phyllis Malone of Salt Lake City and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Ralph and nephew Larry Malone.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Jan. 26, 2001, at 11:30 a.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, with Dennis Crawford officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. The family will greet friends at Reynolds Chapel on Thursday from 7-9 p.m.

HAGERMAN

Terry Lee Prince
Terry Lee Prince, 56, a Hagerman resident, died Monday,

TWIN FALLS

Jan. 22, 2001, at her residence. Terry was born Feb. 21, 1944, in Cleveland, Ohio, the daughter of Russell and Saima Sukki Owen. She was raised and educated in Painesville, Ohio. Terry had been a resident of Hagerman since 1991. She is survived by a son, Jeffrey Scott Park of Kelchum and a daughter Tammy Lee Rose of Belle and three grandchildren, Jessica Rose, Cody Rose and Brandon Park; also many friends and loved ones. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial services will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, 2001, at the Hagerman United Methodist Church with Rev. Dann Houghton and Rev. Bruce Stevens officiating.

The family suggests that contributions be made to the cancer society of Magic Valley Hospice. Cremation was under direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

TWIN FALLS



Esther May Touseley
Esther May Touseley, 76, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Jan. 22, 2001, at her home. She was born Feb. 22, 1922, in Jerome, the daughter of Charles and Rita Kilian Smith. She was raised and educated in the Hazelton area, graduating from high school there.

She later attended Albion Normal College where she received her teaching training. She later received a masters degree from Idaho State University. Esther met her future husband, Elton R. Touseley, while he was here from Michigan with his National Guard Unit. They were married in Hazelton on May 8, 1943.

The Touseleys moved to Michigan where she taught for three years. The family then moved back to Idaho where Esther taught in the Twin Falls schools for 22 years, retiring in 1985. She was a member of the Community Christian Church, loved making crafts and was an accomplished poet.

She is survived by four children, Roy D. (Myrna) Touseley of Mesa, Ariz.; Sharon Lee (Ralph) Burgess of Springdale, Wash.; Wayne (Marilyn) Touseley of Twin Falls, Terry (Jan) Touseley of Apache Junction, Ariz.; one sister, Zola Farmer of Portland, Ore.; and ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren with several great-great-grandchildren on the way.

She was preceded in death by her husband on April 19, 1978; her parents; two children and one brother.

Funeral services for Esther Touseley will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 26, 2001, at White Mortuary Chapel, with Rev. Bob Adams officiating. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. The family suggests memorials to the Community Christian Church Building Fund, 303 Grandview Dr., Twin Falls, ID 83301, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Betty Jo Dyer

Betty Jo Dyer, 73, of Twin Falls passed away Saturday, Jan. 20, 2001, at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital in Twin Falls.

She was preceded in death by her husband Howard Dyer; daughter Jackie Heilbing and her parents; sister and brother Jack Tenny. She is survived by her brother Terry Tenny; daughter Peggy Browning; son Clint Dyer and six grandchildren.

Betty Jo and Howard ran a service station and a recreation center for kids in Dayton, Wash. for several years. They used to love boating and camping along the Snake River with friends and family.

Betty Jo also loved rock hunting; she couldn't let pass a piece of agate or quartz without throwing it in the boat-or-car-and-taking-it-home.

When Howard died in 1980 she moved to Twin Falls and worked for Juan's College of Hair Design as a bookkeeper. She loved to make arts and crafts at home when she retired.

There will be no services. The family asks that all those that knew her keep her memory in your prayers.

JEROME

Lorene Reas Ratliff
Lorene Reas Ratliff of Jerome, Idaho died Friday the 19th at St. Luke's Hospital, Boise. Lorene, 71, was born on June 3rd, 1929, to Culbert and Montie Reas in Melrose, N.M. On July 9th, she married Joe Ray Ratliff in Melrose.

The Ratliffs moved to Chicago in 1955 and lived in Weston, Ore. until the late 1990's when they moved to Idaho.

Lorene is survived by her husband Joe of Jerome; daughter Debra Bunnell of Twin Falls; sister Wilma Rutten of Pendleton, Ore.; brothers Willie of Roseburg, Ore. and George of Pendleton, Ore. and four grand children.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Culbert and Montie Reas and a sister Raba Donham of Missoula, Mont.

Memorial services will be held at the Helix, Ore. Community Church on Friday, Jan. 26th at 10 a.m. with interment at the Halix Cemetery.

In memory of Lorene, the family requests donations to the National Diabetic Association either locally or through Bishops Funeral Home.

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SNOW WHITE



Two-year-old Grant White, right, walks over to put some snow on a 'peace and love hippie snowman' as his mother, Dawn White, background, named it during a sunny day at Ann Morrison Park in Boise Sunday.

Ninth-graders could save some high school programs

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Minidoka County school officials say adding the ninth grade to Minico High School will preserve a range of electives and special courses that were in jeopardy of being scaled back.

Funds for teacher salaries are provided by the state based on enrollment, and with an enrollment that has declined steadily over the past five years, the district cannot afford to keep as many teachers on its payroll.

Without Monday's decision to move ninth-graders into the high school, some programs could have faced the ax. Decisions had not been made about which programs to cut, but Minico High School Principal Dan Rogers said some of the advanced classes and the remedial classes — classes that serve fewer total students — were in danger.

"Numbers-wise, we'd be losing quite a few teachers at the high school," Rogers said.

The ninth-graders' arrival will solve that problem by increasing student population will bring more state funding for teachers at the high school.

But the ninth-graders won't arrive at the high school until at least 2002. To keep those lesser-used programs alive in the meantime, the board is looking for short-term funding for six to eight teachers. A retirement-system windfall may be the solution.

The district makes payments into a public employment retirement system, designed to provide benefits for retired teachers and school employees, Superintendent Nick Hallett said. Stock market gains gave the system a bigger-than-expected return, and the excess money — above and beyond the cost of the retirement system — is divided equally among the active employ-

ees, the retirees, and the district. The district's share of the windfall, totaling about \$614,000, could provide interim funding for several teachers, as well as a few other projects.

The \$614,000 controlled by the district is entirely separate from the money allocated to employees and retirees, Hallett said.

One possible snag is that the money might not be available for teacher salaries. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has proposed earmarking school districts' share of the surplus funds for facility upgrades — thus taking away the districts' discretion.

Even if the Legislature agrees Kempthorne's proposal, Hallett said he still expects the district to find money to keep the advanced and remedial classes.

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Superfund trial enters second day of testimony

BOISE (AP) — Attorneys on both sides of the largest Superfund lawsuit ever to go to trial began digging in on Tuesday for what could be months of detailed legal wrangling over a century of Silver Valley mining contamination.

Frustrated at that prospect, U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge attempted to move the trial along during its second day. "I want to get to the crux of the matter," Lodge told Peter Nickles, an attorney for Hecla Mining Co., Asarco Inc. and

Coeur d'Alene Mines, rejecting Nickles' request for additional time to cross-examine a witness.

The long-awaited trial began Monday on the 10-year-old lawsuit initiated by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and joined by the federal government. Meanwhile, negotiations reportedly were continuing to settle the case.

At issue is who will bankroll the cleanup of the Coeur d'Alene River Basin, with a price tag estimated at \$1 billion.

The complaint contends northern Idaho mining companies

should be held responsible for the cost of cleaning up toxic materials deposited by their operations. Hardrock mines have been an integral part of the Panhandle economy since the late 1800s.

A month before the trial, Lodge wrote a memo to lawyers from the U.S. Department of Justice, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and the three mining companies urging them to make a last-ditch effort at a settlement that could avoid the expensive and lengthy trial.

Sunshine Mining and Refining Co. reached a settlement last week, releasing the company from liability in the lawsuit. Lodge approved the settlement Thursday.

Lodge has indicated the federal government should have some cleanup responsibility because of its participation in Idaho mining.

The government directed operation of the mines during World War II when precious metals and lead were needed to support the war effort.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approves road habitat

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved a habitat for the endangered Southwestern arroyo toad, but the amphibian safety zone is less than half the size originally proposed.

Agency officials on Friday approved creation of the 180,000-acre habitat in areas from Monterey County to San Diego County after private landowners lobbied to scale back the proposal for a half-million-acre habitat.

The land was one of five habitats approved after the Center for Biological Diversity environmental group sued the Service, accusing it of violating the Endangered Species Act by not promptly setting aside safe areas.

When a species is listed as endangered, the Fish and Wildlife Service must determine whether it "habitat is essential to the species' conservation and may designate the area as a "critical" habitat.

Recreation commission looks for new members

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The City Parks and Recreation Department needs members. The Parks and Recreation Department is taking applications

for two positions on the Parks and Recreation Commission. The application deadline is Feb. 2. For more information or an application, call the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department at 736-2265.

Ski accident injuries cause eastern Idaho girl's death

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The 12-year-old girl who crashed into a tree at Grand Targhee Ski Resort last week has died of a head injury, Blaire Elizabeth Peterson of Rexburg died on Sunday, nearly a week after the accident. Peterson, who was not wearing a helmet at the time of the accident, was in the middle of sev-

enth grade. She was a member of the ski school.

Statistics show that fatal accidents on the slopes are rare. National Ski Areas Association research indicates that our of 52.2 million visitors, 23 skiers died from ski-related injuries at U.S. resorts in the 1999-2000 ski season.

School

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Schools That Work network, a project that falls under the umbrella of the Atlanta-based Southern-Regional-Education Board. The board's membership includes politicians and educators from southern states.

The Idaho Department of Education sees the High Schools That Work model as an option districts can use as they move to implement new Idaho high school achievement standards, something ARTEC also is doing. The standards will be required of students beginning with the class of 2005.

Idaho recently joined the High Schools That Work network, said Kristin Rodine, acting Idaho Department of Education spokeswoman.

The department gained training for an employee who can serve as a liaison for districts interested in the program. The department is seeking funds to help districts integrate the new state standards into their schools but will allow districts to decide how to spend those funds to best serve their students, Rodine said. There are 1,000 high schools in the country participating in High Schools That Work. Nampa

Key pieces of high schools that work

- **Setting higher expectations** and getting students to meet them, which includes exposing more students to college preparatory English, math, science and social studies and at least four credits in either an academic or technical major.
- **Increasing access** to intellectually challenging vocational studies that include high-level, real world problem solving.
- **Increasing access to college** preparatory academic studies by encouraging student interest in academics through real-world application.
- **Having students complete** a challenging study program with an upgraded academic core and a major.
- **Giving students** and their parents the choice to choose a system that integrates school-based and work-based learning.
- **Organizing and structuring** school

so that academic and vocational teachers have the time to plan and deliver integrated, high-level technical and academic curriculum.

- **Getting every student** involved in rigorous and challenging learning.
 - **Involving students** and their parents in a guidance and advising system that ensures the completion of an accelerated study program with an in-depth academic or vocational/technical major.
 - **Providing extra help** to students who lack adequate preparation to complete an accelerated program.
 - **Using student assessments** and program evaluation data to improve school services and student performance and to recognize students who meet curriculum and performance goals.
- Source: High Schools That Work
Southern Regional Education Board

School District is the only participating Idaho school district.

High Schools That Work takes about seven to 10 years to implement and can cost \$25,000 to \$50,000 in its first year, Sass said. Many districts have done it for less and others have done it for

more, he said. Federal money and grants available to help with the cost.

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other amenities on the site, council members noted.

• **Require heated sidewalks** for all new businesses over a certain size to make the city more pedestrian-friendly.

• **Assist the Idaho Foundation for Parks and Land** with obtaining the financial means to complete improvements to the Reinheimer barn and other facilities.

• **Plow alleys** to facilitate their use by delivery men and others during winter.

• **Work with store owners** to encourage deliveries during early-morning hours to reduce traffic congestion.

"It would make a huge difference," said Councilwoman Chris Porters.

The time commitment involved would also require a transportation coordinator, said City Planner Lisa Horowitz.

• **Implement a pilot shuttle system** for Ketchum's downtown on a trial basis.

• **Have the Chamber** convene a group of business and community leaders to examine the high cost of doing business in Ketchum and recommend actions to reduce the costs.

• **Work with the county** to get a better handle on what's happening with the McHanville area adjacent to the new St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center.

Times-News correspondent Karen Bossick can be reached in Hailey at 578-2111.

Forest

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squeeze out livestock grazing. Sawtooth Forest Supervisor Bill LeVere said only roads or trails that are redundant would be closed.

Copies of the draft Sawtooth National Forest Plan and the environmental impact statement on the plan are available at local libraries and at the Sawtooth Forest offices in Twin Falls,

Stanley, Ketchum, Fairfield and Burley. The documents and maps also are available on the Internet — at www.northrim.net/sawtooth/

The documents are available for a compact disk by contacting Marla Daley at (208)737-3200, and as paper copies by contacting Joy Pearson at (208)373-4145.

The public comment period on

Trail

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majority of recreational skiers, Elliott added.

It would be nice to turn an existing trail bed into parking at Horse Creek. It would help alleviate the parking problem at Galena Lodge and provide access to some ideal beginning terrain. The gentle rolling terrain south of Tross Creek is also underutilized, Elliott said.

Does that mean we can bid adieu to adrenaline-pumping runs like Psycho and Rip 'n Tear — longtime favorites of many of Galena's more adventurous skiers?

Necessarily so, said Cathy Baer, a trail coordinator for the District. The Blaine County Recreation District, which maintains the trails around Galena has three choices: To do nothing,

to do minor repairs or to redesign the entire trail system.

Whatever course they choose, it's likely they will tweak the road system to create paths that currently go through sensitive wetlands.

Many of the trails are on old timber and mining roads, which are routed up drainages.

If the Recreation District does decide to go for the whole enchilada — it will be expensive. The District could be looking at a bill of a quarter-million dollars over time, said District Director Mary Austin Crofts.

"I don't think we want to spend a dime unless the Forest Service thinks it's a good way to go," Rosso said.

The Forest Service is enthusiastic about examining the proposals, said Forest Service

the new plan and impact statement continues through March 16. Written comments may be sent to: USDA-Forest Service, SW Idaho Revision Team, Att: Joy Pearson, 1249 S. Vinnell Way, Suite 200, Boise, ID 83709.

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spokeswoman Lisa Stoeffler, who currently has the proposals, before her. It wants to address the trail system from Owl Creek north where the road density is considered high. There are more summertime roads in this area than any other place in the forest and the Forest Service would like to do away with some of that.

And it would prefer to see all the trail-change proposals — at once, rather than 10 kilometers here and 10 kilometers later, she said.

The Galena Advisory Committee hopes to get the Forest Service's take on the issue by the end of February.

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Wheat

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enue has created a \$4.9 million surplus, roughly twice what the committee needs each year.

In light of this, the commission is pushing legislation that would remove the set-ax, and instead would give the commission the authority to adjust the tax as needed.

While the earliest any changes could take effect would be July 1, the tax might be dropped to 1.5 cents per bushel, Sparrow said.

The Potato Commission and the Alfalfa Seed Commission already have authority to adjust taxes as needed, so the Wheat Commission will not be setting any kind of a precedent.

The wheat tax goes toward grants, research and marketing of Idaho wheat, said Minidoka County extension agent Matt Schuster.

Also Tuesday, Charlie Coffman, representing the Barley Commission, said world

production of barley is down about 2 percent, while United States production is up more than 4 percent.

The Barley Commission is trying to set up sales of barley to countries in Asia and South America to help offset the

national surplus and the world-wide shortage, Coffman said.

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Lincoln County commissioners discuss possible moratorium

By Lorraine Cavenar
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - Lincoln County commissioners Monday discussed a possible moratorium on the number of animals allowed per acre in the area of impact around cities.

Interested?
The Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. Feb. 8 at the courthouse to discuss Theo Morgan's application for a subdivision in Richfield. A small dairy has been proposed for the Morgan property. For more

commissioners learned they had no jurisdiction in the case of an

application by Theo Morgan for a subdivision in Richfield's impact area.

to Richfield. We have no protection for that," said Lincoln County Assessor Wendell Johnson, chairman of the Richfield Planning and Zoning Commission. "I think we should do something to plug that hole - maybe a public hearing."

recently heard a similar case out of Ada County and jurisdiction was given to the county, said Lincoln County attorney Scott Paul.

continue the discussion at the next meeting Feb. 12.

College president warns that low faculty salaries threaten economy

BOISE (AP) - University of Idaho President Robert Hoover warned legislative budget writers on Tuesday that failure to significantly close the gap between faculty salaries at the state's schools and those at similar institutions elsewhere will undermine the effort to keep Idaho's economy growing.



where else if they attend college in another state.

to keep you from losing good people," Bell said. "It just seems that no matter what we do, you're going to lose good people."

Plan ties restoration, roads together

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Conservationists oppose the state's suggestion of letting forest restoration crews build new roads, warning it could worsen sediment pollution in the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River.

plan of action.

But Geoff Harvey, who wrote the state's proposal, called the conservationists' charges premature.

"This year is a turning point for Idaho," Hoover told the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee, and the key is investing in higher education.

That drain can only erode economic activity by denying the state the expertise and leadership needed not just to sustain existing growth but spread it to struggling rural areas, Hoover said.

But the share of state general tax support for the three universities and Lewis-Clark State College has been steadily declining from more than 15 percent in the 1980s to less than 12 percent this year.

Former chief: Forest Service faces change under Bush administration

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) - Forest Service employees will see major policy changes as George W. Bush begins his presidency, former Forest Service Chief Max Peterson predicts.

ing was intentional. The next few months will be notable for the haste with which Bush rescinds the policies enacted by President Clinton, Jackson predicted.

administration and those that do not pass muster will be rescinded.

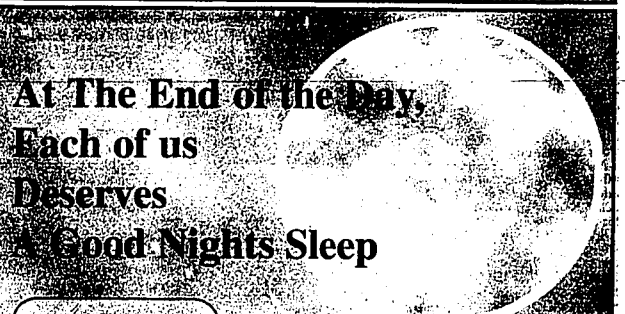
Legislative panel endorses pay hike

BOISE (AP) - A legislative panel on Tuesday endorsed Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's proposal to raise \$41 million state employee pay raises but voted to distribute about half the cash in a flat across-the-board hike in every worker's hourly rate.

Half the money comes from general tax receipts and the rest from federal and special state revenue sources like the fuel tax and sportsmen's fees.

ing \$21 million for percentage merit increases or resolving targeted pay problems.

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House Chairman Robert Schmetzer of Nampa said House Republicans rejected that idea during a closed-door caucus earlier in the day.

The House-Senate panel opted instead to give every eligible worker a flat 36-cent-an-hour increase and thus give managers discretion in using the remain-

The plan must be approved by both the House and Senate before legislative budget writers begin incorporating the effects into their spending deliberations.

LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press

Confirmed by Senate
Brian Whitlock, Boise, as administrator of the Division of Financial Management.

Introduced in House
HB81 (Appropriations) - Allocates an additional \$471,900 to the Idaho Department of

Transportation for the current budget year.

HB82 (Appropriations) - Allocates an additional \$12,090 to the Department of Self-Governing Agencies for the current budget year.

HB83 (Appropriations) - Allocates an additional \$122,600 to the Department of Insurance for the current budget year.

HB84 (Appropriations) - Allocates an additional \$47,500 to the Idaho Commission on the Arts for the current budget year.
HB85 (Revenue and Sheep) - Eliminates the sales tax on groceries for one year, increases sales tax revenue sharing with local governments and repeals the grocery tax credit except as it applies to senior citizens.

Diesel spill might harm cutthroat trout

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - A diesel spill on U.S. Highway 95 may harm cutthroat trout in the Lake Creek watershed, Coeur d'Alene tribal resource staffers said.

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe is focusing trout restoration on five watersheds, including Lake Creek. Tribal biologists will not know how the spill affected fish until spring.

Friday to put out absorbent mats. The contractor so far has recovered two 50-gallon barrels of mats and diesel, Fields said, which indicates this might have been a bigger spill than 50 gallons, as reported.

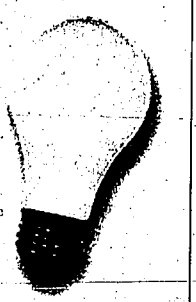
The spill, originally reported at 50 gallons, occurred Friday when a lumber truck lost control on a tight curve. Driver Richard M. Combs dumped the load and spilled diesel into Elder Creek, a tributary of Lake Creek.

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality dispatched a cleanup contractor on

The Idaho State Police cited Combs for inattentive driving.

This Week's Bright Idea

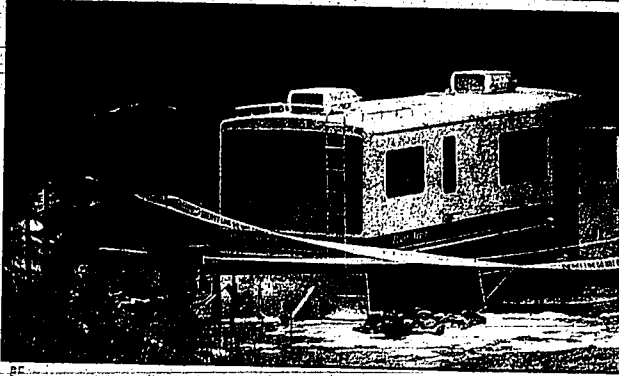
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An officer puts tape up around a motor home at the Coachlight Motel and RV park Monday near Woodland, Colo.

Authorities spot van believed to be used by two fugitives

WOODLAND PARK, Colo. (AP) — A van used by two Texas prison escapees to flee this mountain town was found Tuesday at a motel about 20 miles from where four fellow fugitives were captured and a fifth committed suicide.

Police surrounded the four-story Quality Inn in Colorado Springs, but there was no sign of the two inmates, police spokesman Skip Arms said.

"This is, in fact, the van we've been looking for," Arms said as he stood in the parking lot. "We're checking in local hotels attempting to locate the two fugitives."

He also said the two convicts could have stolen another vehicle and left the area.

Also Tuesday, a state trooper was killed while pursuing what

turned out to be an inaccurate tip about the van. Authorities said the trooper lost control of his car and slammed into a parked truck on Interstate 70. The van in the Keystone ski resort full of construction workers.

The developments came as state and federal officers followed hundreds of leads for the two fugitives, a day after authorities raided a trailer park and captured four others and found an arsenal of loaded guns and thousands of rounds of ammunition. A seventh fugitive committed suicide.

Wilma David, who works in a restaurant near the motel, told KMGH-TV she and her co-workers spotted the van in the parking lot. They peeped inside and saw duffel bags, maps and hair dye.

The restaurant manager called police.

The seven broke out of the Connelly Unit in Kenedy, southeast of San Antonio, on Dec. 13. They overpowered civilian workers and a guard and stole a cache of weapons. They are also suspected in the Dec. 24 sporting goods store robbery in Irving, Texas, that left a police officer, Aubrey Hawkins, dead. More guns were stolen in the holdup.

Before the discovery of the van, authorities had said they had no definite word on the location of the missing inmates, Patrick Murphy Jr., 39, convicted of rape, and armed robber Donald Newbury, 38. They may have been in Woodland Park as recently as Sunday and may have left to get more money.

Prison escapees avoided contact with neighbors while in Colorado

WOODLAND PARK, Colo. (AP) — The seven escaped convicts from Texas played loud Christian music in their cramped RV — perhaps to make themselves look innocent and god-fearing — and kept mostly to themselves as they hid out in this peaceful town for three weeks.

"At least one of the men attended Bible study sessions and befriended several residents, who were impressed with his knowledge of Scripture."

"Several frequented a coffee shop. Some even felt safe enough to go drinking and dancing in area nightclubs. But they kept their heads down while walking past others through the migrant workers' mobile home park where their RV was parked. And at least two had disguised themselves by dyeing their hair."

Woodland Park Police Sgt. Bill Sumner speculated the men played Christian music for well-calculated reasons.

"That's what I'd do in a heart-beat," Sumner said. "The No. 1 way to look innocuous and innocent is to look real religious."

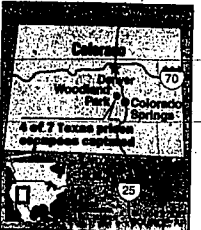
He said he wasn't surprised the men melted into the town without arousing suspicion. "They were pillars of the community for the time they were here."

One of the biggest manhunt in the Southwest's history ended Monday for five of the convicts. Four were arrested peacefully and a fifth killed himself in the motor home at the Coachlight Motel and RV Park rather than surrender to law officers who had the place surrounded.

The two other convicts remained at large Tuesday as state and federal officers pursued thousands of leads.

After the discovery of the van, schools in the Colorado Springs were locked down as a precaution and students were kept inside until the end of the school day.

The seven fugitives broke out of a maximum-security prison in Kenedy, Texas, southeast of San Antonio, on Dec. 13. They were believed to have been in the Woodland Park area since Monday. News came Tuesday. Authorities were tipped off by their presence by residents who



aggravated sexual assault, shot himself to death inside the motor home. Coachlight residents said Harper was a deeply religious person who attended Bible study with them.

Michael Judd, 15, who lived with his family next door, said he thought the men were members of a music group.

Authorities said Rodriguez had grown a full beard, Rivas had dyed his hair blond and wore sunglasses and a new goatee, and Garcia had dyed his hair orange and grown a goatee.

Neighbors told authorities the men were seen leaving the park in small groups at all times of the day, apparently to run errands.

Shane Denn, 30, who lives nearby, said he had seen the men several times while visiting friends, most recently on Saturday.

"There must have been five or six of them. They were carrying on like everything was normal," he said. "I've been over there at least a dozen times since they checked in and never saw anything out of the ordinary."

Authorities speculated the fugitives bought the motor home with some of the \$70,000 stolen during the sporting goods store holdup.

had seen the convicts featured on TV's "America's Most Wanted."

A \$500,000 reward had been offered for information leading to the conviction of the officer's killer, but there was no immediate word on how or when that money might be distributed.

The three convicts captured at a convenience store near the RV park were suspected ring-leader George Rivas, 30, a kidnapper and burglar; and Michael Rodriguez, 38, and Joseph Garcia, 29, both murderers. Randy Halprin, 23, who had been serving time for beating an infant, surrendered a short time later at the motor home.

Harper, 37, convicted of

TALE OF TWO CITIES

At least one city avoids power crunch

UKIAH, Calif. (AP) — Jennifer Saylor pulls a file from a wooden cabinet in the back of her specialty shop and quickly thumbs through a few pages.

"The bill this time last year is almost unchanged," she said, smiling Monday. "Our usage was almost the same."

That's because the city of Ukiah sells its own electricity, which translates into cheaper bills that may actually decrease in the midst of California's energy crisis.

But even Saylor isn't entirely exempt from spiraling utility rates elsewhere. Just ask her about her bill at home, and her smile instantly droops. She doesn't have to do much paperwork to announce the change from last winter's bill to now.

"It's gone from \$100 a month to \$300 a month," she said. "It gets your attention when things are that bad."

The difference in Saylor's home and business utility bills is directly linked to location. Her shop, The Crow's Nest, is within city limits. But Pacific Gas and Electric Co. controls the area just



outside the city where Saylor lives in Mendocino County.

She says it's amazing what a few miles can do to a checkbook.

"It makes you want to live in your business," she said, shaking her head. "At least it's not a double-whammy."

Historically, the city of Ukiah, population 10,000, has kept its power rates high, but other utilities, which has helped it amass \$8 million in reserves to cover any future unexpected rate

hikes. Before the energy crisis hit, the city was charging 12.6 cents per kilowatt hour, compared to PG&E's rate of 9.9 cents. Ukiah's rate has remain unchanged since 1994.

But after state regulators recently increased PG&E's rates by 9 percent, Ukiah residents are no longer complaining about their bills, said Darryl Barnes, director of the city's public utilities. "Obviously, the times have changed," he said. "Plant ownership has always been the thing to do."

Ukiah has set its own rates since the early 1900s when the city took control of its power supply. In 1972, it joined the Northern California Power Agency, consisting of 15 city and rural utilities serving 700,000 customers from Redding to Turlock. The purpose of the agency was to share the costs of building power plants. The agency operates two plants at The Geysers. It buys additional power from other sources, including federal hydroelectric projects. Ukiah also has a hydroelectric facility just outside the city.

Town faces dramatic spike in power rates

SUSANVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Folks here call it "the bombshell," the official warning that their electric bills could soar another 162 percent, making them triple the amount of California and among the highest in the country.

"It's very, very scary. It's horrible. They are telling us we'll need to make up \$17 million to \$19 million. We are not a wealthy community. This is going to have a devastating effect on a large portion of our population," said local school Superintendent Mark Evans.

Such a rate spike — a final decision likely will be made Feb. 6 — would drain perhaps a third of the disposable income in the town of 16,600, according to the utility directors' own estimate.

Even in a state where huge utilities appear headed toward bankruptcy, where blackouts loom daily and where residents fear for the economy, Susanville is in particularly bad shape.

The price of this scenic high-plains town 300 miles northeast of San Francisco is clear: Its municipal utility has no power plants and is forced to buy wholesale electricity at high prices wherever it can get it.

The Lassen Municipal Utility District — known as "el-Mud" to some 10,000 Susanville customers — passed up a chance earlier this year to buy power at favorable rates under long-term contracts.

The district's directors' feared binding the utility for years to come if the wholesale market, dropped.

That same fear has been widely held in California: It prompted the state Public Utilities Commission to discourage long-term contracts, and many realty contracts signed in San Diego during the

1980s in which the utility there spent hundreds of millions of dollars above market costs and suffered intense criticism.

Susanville's district also was caught short, pressured by precisely the same deregulated market forces that have forced Pacific Gas and Electric Co. to the edge of bankruptcy.

"LMUD is the poster child and harbinger of all that is wrong, and went wrong" with California's deregulation experiment, Frank Cady, the district's general counsel, wrote Gov. Gray Davis.

"LMUD and the good citizens of Lassen County have been betrayed beyond biblical proportions."

Thus far, Davis has not responded.

Hoping to shield its customers from rate hikes, the Susanville utility exhausted its emergency funds to cover the steadily increasing costs of wholesale energy.

Bush extends order to supply power

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — President Bush extended emergency orders Tuesday, keeping electricity and natural gas flowing to California as blackouts threatened and state spending on emergency power mounted.

"The orders, which direct emergency suppliers to sell to the state despite fears about utility solvency, were initially issued by the Clinton administration and had been due to expire at midnight."

State officials said they were "burning through" a \$400 million fund California is using to buy electricity from wholesalers on behalf of its two largest utilities, both nearly bankrupt. More than \$113 million has been spent since last Thursday.

"Everybody knows the clock is ticking," Davis spokesman Steve Maviglio said.

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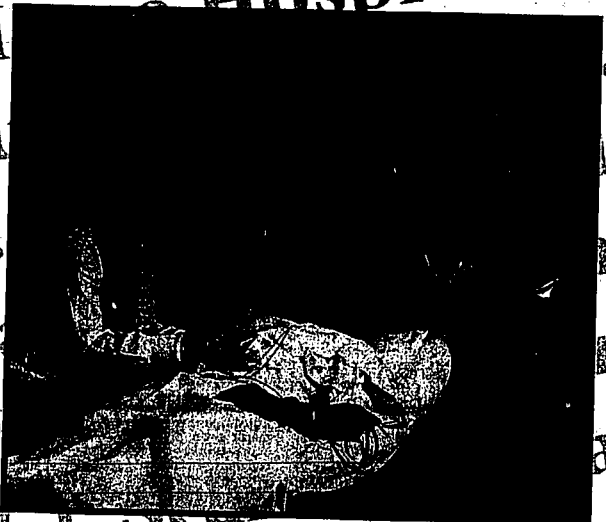
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Blocks and bibs make good gifts

Maybe you have a friend or relative who is expecting a baby, or a favorite toddler has a birthday coming up. If you're hoping to give something personal and unique, you might consider making the gift yourself.

Found-fabric blocks

Soft fabric blocks make fun, safe toys, and they're easy to customize. Use fabric odds and ends in different textures, patterns and colors - from old towels, terry bathrobes, T-shirts or any other washable materials. If you use new fabric, pre-wash it in case there is shrinkage. You need only to sew fabric squares together to form a box, and stuff with a nontoxic, hypoallergenic foam cube (available at craft-supply stores). To make blocks, cut six equal squares of fabric to the desired size. Cut the sides of the fabric pieces 7/8 inch larger than the sides of the foam. Leave a 1/2-inch seam allowance. The fabric covering will be slightly smaller than the foam block stuffed inside. With fabric squares wrong side up, use a straight pin to sew four of the squares into a strip, reinforcing each seam with a second seam to prevent unraveling. Sew ends of strip together to form a loop. Start and end each seam 1/4 inch away from the edge of the fabric, making sure not to sew into the seam allowance. Stitch the missing panels into place, leaving one seam open. Trim seam allowance by 1/8 inch for less bulk (only on fabric that won't unravel). Turn the cube right-side-out. Fit the foam cube into the cover, and hand-stitch the last seam closed.

Towel bibs

Overized bibs are great for protecting clothing and cutting down on extra laundry. Bibs made from hand towels are simple to create. To make one, cut a lollipop-shaped hole in a hand towel, cutting from one end into the center. (The circle of the "lollipop," which is the opening for the baby's head, should be in the center of the towel.) Finish off each cut straight edge with double-fold bias tape. Finish the neck hole with another piece, leaving the ends long enough to tie around the baby's neck (but no more than 6 inches long).

Colorful clay

Toddlers love creating sculptures with brightly colored modeling clay. To make, mix 1 cup flour, 1/2 cup salt, and 2 teaspoons cream of tartar in a heavy saucepan. Add 1 teaspoon cooking oil, 1 cup water and food coloring as needed. Cook 3 minutes, or until mixture pulls away from sides of pan. Remove from heat, let cool 1 minute; knead. Store in an airtight container. The clay will keep for several weeks. (This clay is not for children under 1 year of age. Due to the high salt content, older children should be discouraged from consuming it, too.)

Sibling kit

When a new baby arrives and friends and family are gathered at the hospital, it's easy for siblings to end up feeling jealous, bored or forgotten. If you'll be stopping by to visit the new family, bring along something for the big brother or sister. Fill mini-bookboard suitcases or folders with a couple of new toys, a small journal and colored pencils, a disposable camera and a favorite snack.

Gifts to grow into

The baby may not be reading yet, but it's never too soon to start building a child's library. Choose a few books that you remember loving as a child, or pick out no-fail classics - from "Peter Pan" to "Mother Goose." You can personalize the books by color-copying borders from clip-art books to make bookplates - or have blank-page images made into rubber stamps. Stack the books together, and tie with a bow.

Questions should be addressed to Martha Stewart in care of The New York Times Syndication Sales Corp., 122 E. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10017. Or write: Martha Stewart Living, www.marthastewart.com. (Questions of general interest will be answered in this column; Martha Stewart regrets that individual letters cannot be answered individually.) Martha Stewart Living is on KSAW-TV 9 a.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. Sunday.

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Magic Valley woman shares her winning beef recipe

By Dixie Thomas Reals
Times-News correspondent

FILER - Cassandra Blakley won the Idaho Beef Cook-off in 1976 with her China Town Chuck Roast. She took the recipe on to the next competition, in Salt Lake City. She didn't win the cook-off there, but she won Miss Congeniality.

Blakley has led an exciting life. After graduating from high school in San Diego, she said, she toured with Bob Hope, entertaining the troops in Hawaii, Vietnam and stateside. She sang and danced aboard ships and on military buses around the world.

The registered clinical nurse is also the founder and coordinator of the Idaho Brain Injury Support and Referral Service.

One of her daughters suffered a brain injury as a result of a traffic accident in 1989. The daughter recovered, but Blakley discovered a need for support and referral services for brain injuries in Idaho. Through the agency she founded, she compiles a directory of service providers for those who need them. She also teaches in-service classes to nurses around the state.

Blakley has lived in the Magic Valley for 35 years. She and husband, Jim, have three daughters and one grandson.

This is the winner of the 1976 Idaho Beef Cook-off.

CHINA TOWN CHUCK ROAST

- 3- to 4-pound chuck roast
- 1 teaspoon celery salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons bacon drippings
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 4 tablespoons soy sauce, divided
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon grated ginger
- Hot cooked rice or noodles.

Pierce the beef with a fork and rub the celery salt and pepper into the meat. Dutch oven or deep skillet and brown the meat on all sides. Remove the garlic and discard. (You can transfer the meat to a slow cooker at this point if you wish.) Mix the water, honey, 2 table-



Registered clinical nurse Cassandra Blakley prepares a seven-layer casserole at her home in Filer.

spoons soy sauce, ginger and vinegar in a bowl and pour over the meat. Cook for 2 1/2 hours on the stove top all day in the slow cooker. When the meat is tender, remove the meat to a platter. Mix the cornstarch and 2 tablespoons soy sauce together with the ginger, then add to the drippings in the pan and thicken. Makes 6 to 8 servings. Pour the sauce over the meat. Serve with rice or noodles.

EASY AS PIE

- 4 eggs
 - 1 cup brown sugar, tightly packed
 - 1/2 cup butter or margarine
 - 1/2 cup flour
 - 1 cup milk
 - 1 cup maple syrup
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Put the above ingredients in a blender for a few seconds till blended. Then fold in:
1 cup pecans or walnuts
1 cup shredded coconut
Pour into 2 (8- or 9-inch) pans that

have been sprayed with Pam. Bake at 325° for 45 minutes to 1 hour. A knife in the center comes out clean. This pie makes its own crust.

APPLE CAKE

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1 egg
- 3 cups unpeeled apples, chopped
- 1 cup flour
- 1 tablespoon baking soda
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 cup finely chopped nuts (your choice)

Cream the sugar and butter. Beat in the egg and chopped apples. Sift the flour, soda and spices together, then add to the batter and mix. Add the nuts and stir. Spread into a 12-by-8-by-2-inch baking pan. Bake at 350 for 25 to 30 minutes. Serve warm with lemon sauce. Lemon sauce: Bring 1 cup water to a boil.

- Add:
1/2 cup sugar
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1/8 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
Cook till thick and clear. Add 2 tablespoons butter and 1 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice. Blend well. Serve over warm cake.

BEEF TERIYAKI

- Large flank steak
 - 1 clove garlic, chopped
 - 1 tablespoon onion salt
 - 1/4 cup sherry
 - 1/2 cup soy sauce
 - 1 1/2 tablespoons catsup
 - 1/2 teaspoon ginger
- Place steak in pan. Combine garlic, onion salt, sherry, soy sauce, catsup and ginger and pour over the steak, coating it on both sides. Marinade overnight. Next day, drain. Broil about 5 minutes on each side to desired doneness. Cut in very thin slices diagonally across the grain.

Clinton's decorator reflects on eight years

By Jura Koncius
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - On Inauguration Day 1993, Nelson Wurz, draper to the president, stood patiently at the West Gate of the White House, waiting for Bill Clinton to be sworn in. When the call came that the oath of office had been administered, the gates parted and Wurz rushed to the Oval Office. He had only a few hours to complete his mission to hang the lush golden presidential draperies he had just completed.

The orderly transition of presidential style was in progress. Wurz, head of the Washington drapery and upholstery firm Nelson, Beck, recalls that Bill Clinton to be sworn in. When the call came that the oath of office had been administered, the gates parted and Wurz rushed to the Oval Office. He had only a few hours to complete his mission to hang the lush golden presidential draperies he had just completed.

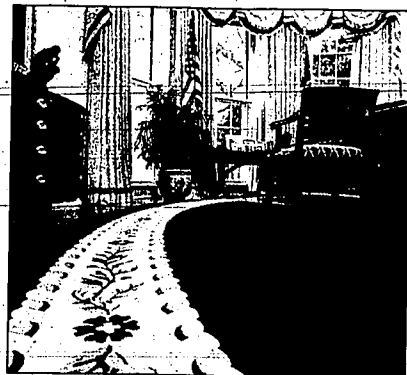
Amid the frenzy, the 1880 Resolute Desk used by John F. Kennedy, which Clinton had chosen from White House storage (and which George W. Bush has decided to keep), was upended and wired for a new communications system. In the middle of the swif was Kald-Hockersmith - the woman who had selected the new Oval Office curtains and who would over the next eight years go on to establish the Clinton look. Bill Clinton had told her he wanted a

bold backdrop behind his desk, one that would not only signal change but also make him comfortable as he settled into his new role.

On that frantic day, Hockersmith watched carefully as Wurz and his team installed the silk swags she had designed to replace the Bush blue cotton damask curtains, designed by A-list New York decorator Mark Hampton. Hockersmith says the "strong gold damask" happened to be a pattern once used by George Washington.

Later, Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton switched their way through more than 25 rooms - two floors of stately public rooms plus the upstairs private quarters of the White House and the woody cabins of Camp David. The Clintons discovered there was plenty to do in the house that more than 1 million people visit each year. Through private funding and the support of the White House Historical Association and the White House Endowment Fund (which grew to \$30 million), many problems that had long needed attention were addressed.

The Clinton restoration included rehanging Whistlers and Fragonards' gleaming eagles in the State Dining Room and peeling layers of paint off the wood walls of the presidential elevator. After the inaugural curtaining, Hockersmith worked for six months to totally complete the most famous office in



Clinton White House decorator Karl Hockersmith selected the gold swagged draperies for the Clinton Oval Office.



Cherry red and cream striped silk covered the sofas in the Clinton Oval Office. The land, which was first occupied in its current location by Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1934. When the Oval Office was finally unveiled, it revealed a

White House showcases American foods, drinks

By Judith Weinraub
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - During the Clinton administration, Hillary Rodham Clinton encouraged the White House kitchen to celebrate the best culinary styles in America and the best indigenous food and wine.

American food has always been served at the White House. But for formal entertaining in many administrations, the culinary standard tended to be Continental - from Thomas Jefferson's passion for French sauces to Richard Nixon's interest in French wines to Jackie Kennedy's chef's pre-nouvelle cuisine.

For private meals, first families have usually expressed more personal food preferences: The Eisenhowers' tastes veered toward the Midwest. The Johnsons enjoyed barbecue. The Carters liked the grits and country ham and red beans and rice of the South. Jackie Kennedy and Nancy Reagan liked lighter foods for their family meals and more sophisticated cuisine for their guests.

The search for a chef that was undertaken by Hillary Clinton in 1994 (with the assistance of Ann Stock, her social secretary at that time, and Gary Walters, Please see AMERICAN, Page D5

FOOD & HOME

An early application beats burrs

Remember burr buttercup? It started out early last spring as a soft, green groundcover. Its leaves were so tiny you could barely tell one from another. Then they bloomed. Cute, quarter-inch yellow flowers. By the time you realized you had it, it was too late. You were destined to pick the sharp, spiny burrs out of your socks, shoe soles, puppy paws and tires. Wouldn't you like to go through a summer without those awful burrs?

Put down some Casoron now. The best way to deal with this nasty, invasive weed is to never let it sprout in the first place. Sure, you're going to feel a little silly spreading granules of pre-emergent weed killer in the snow. But keep telling yourself what a good idea it is. Think about where you saw the weed last summer and spread the Casoron in that area, where the weeds seeds lay dormant.

Casoron lasts about four months. Burr buttercup emerges impossibly early in spring. Way before you're thinking about battling weeds. If you put down Casoron now, it will already be



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

there, waiting for the first burr buttercup seeds to sprout.

DEAR CATHY: Dormant oil has been on sale. Does that mean it's time to spray it?

DEAR PEACHES: Mama always said, "Never pay full price for anything." So buy everything you can on sale. Just don't use dormant oil just yet. While the weather is still freezing, dormant oil can injure some plants. Especially evergreens.

Fruit trees should be sprayed just as the buds are about to open. That's a long time from now. Other bare-branched trees and shrubs will be OK with being sprayed with dormant oil while they're still dormant. But make sure the temperature is above freezing.

TIP OF THE WEEK: If you're gearing up to start some seedlings in those little indoor cell packs, you might be thinking about how last year you damaged the roots of some transplants when you tried to pry them out of those flimsy plastic cells. Here's one way to sidestep the problem.

Before you put soil in the containers, cut some plastic strips about an inch wide and eight or 10 inches long (grocery bags work well for this). Then, drape a strip of plastic across the bottom of each cell. Snip the plastic strip off so that you leave a 1/2-inch tab on each side. Fill the cells with sterile potting soil and plant your seedlings when the time is right.

When the seedlings want to go out to the garden, or just be transplanted to bigger pots, no problem. Those 1/2-inch tabs work like little handles. Pull up on the plastic strips on each side and the whole root ball will come up, neat as you please.

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

Decorator

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much-bolder style: a new blue wool rug with a large center medallion of the presidential seal, two sofas of cherry red and cream silk striped fabric and red pillows decorated with gilt-leaf medallions.

Public reaction to some of her work was mixed. Some critics protested that Hockersmith had gone overboard, injecting too much splashy Victoriana into the Lincoln Sitting Room and the Treary Room just outside the private quarters upstairs: tufted velvet upholstery, bullion fringe, burgundy fabrics and lots of swags and gilt.

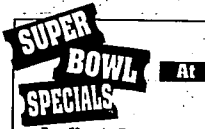
Of the 18th-century-style Chinese Room on the State Floor, installed by Reagan decorator Ted Graber in the master bedroom, she said, "I had lots of all kinds of birds flying and swooping around. It was not a calming atmosphere."

The paper was replaced. And what of the scenic Zuber wallpaper of Revolutionary War

battle scenes in the President's Dining Room on the State Floor, dating back to the Jacqueline Kennedy's noted restoration: "The subject matter was historic and wonderful, but a little heavy and serious for dinner. We pro-

jected it, but covered it over with upholstered panels in pale green silk."

Now, Hockersmith is continuing her design role at the Clintons' Dutch colonial in Chappaqua, N.Y.



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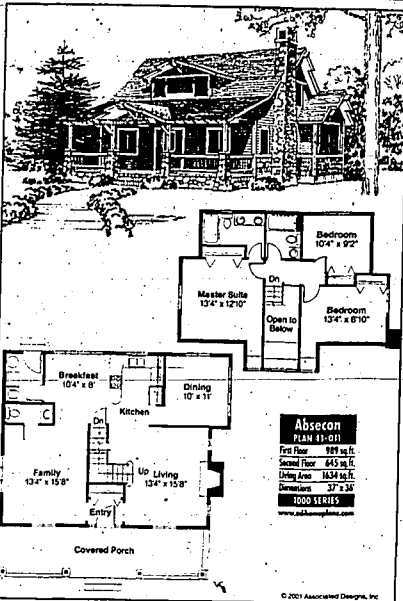
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Absecon blends modern and traditional elements

The Absecon is an update of the Craftsman-style home, considered the most popular small home in the early decades of the 20th century. Hallmark features include the tapered square chimney and porch supports; a low-pitched, gabled roof accented with decorative braces; and the simple but intricate door and window detailing. Guest designer Steven Duarte created this plan. Inside, the layout blends traditional with contemporary. All three bedrooms are upstairs as they often were in earlier versions, but here the master suite has its own bathroom while beds rooms two and three share another. Both of the front bedrooms have ceilings that slope down at the front, with built-in desks facing into the dormer windows. That same central dormer, so interesting to admire from the street, brightens the entry and stairway. The entry ceiling is a lofty two-stories-high. Formal rooms are on the right, informal gathering spaces on the left and the kitchen at center. Living room and dining room are well separated. In the living room, the brick or stone fireplace

serves as a focal point. Whether it burns gas or wood is up to the owner. Craftsman windows flank the fireplace and another set faces onto the wide front porch. A larger set of similarly designed windows brightens the dining room, along with two more facing the rear. The relaxed, day-to-day living areas are designed with contemporary families in mind. The Absecon's U-shaped kitchen boasts plenty of counter space and is open to the sunny breakfast nook, which is linked to a large family room. The tiny bathroom and utility room are close, and the latter's exterior access allows it to double as a mud room. For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$25 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Drive, Beaverton, W. Eugene, OR 97402. Please specify the "Absecon 4" 011 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring 300 home plans is available for \$12. For more information, call (800) 634-0123.

Fluorescent bulb hits stores

The folks at Philips are coming out with a new compact fluorescent light bulb that replicates the look and feel of an incandescent light while offering the soft white light of a fluorescent. Not only that, they say, but the new

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Use newer wood stoves for more heat

DEAR JIM: We have a reasonably-priced supply of firewood and we have always liked freestanding wood-burning stoves. Are new ones more convenient to use? What features are the best use? What features are the best use? What features are the best use? What features are the best use?

-LISA T.

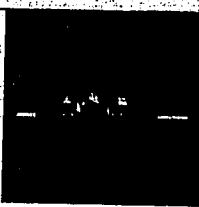
DEAR LISA: With heating bills skyrocketing, there is interest again in wood-burning stoves. The newer ones are more convenient to use and produce more heat. With a good source of firewood and efficiencies over 70 percent, they are economical to use. They also continue to heat during electrical power outages.



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dullea

A freestanding wood stove can be an attractive addition to any room and any color. There are many styles from ornate old-world cast iron radiant stoves with brilliant porcelain enamel to contemporary pedestal models. Most can be customized with 24-karat gold-plated trim, brass legs or decorative glass.

Another reason for interest in stoves is global warming. Burning oil or gas produces carbon dioxide (CO2). Burning wood is CO2 neutral. Trees consume CO2 as they grow and produce oxygen. As each new tree grows to maturity, it consumes the CO2 that the old tree produced when



Various styles of decorative wood-burning stoves

New models burn wood efficiently and cleanly



New wood-burning stoves are convenient to use.

you burned the firewood. Most new wood-burning stoves now have a convenient hand-handle adjustment to control the primary air, secondary air and heat output simultaneously. The large iron models can burn for up to 12 hours on a single load of wood so that you do not have to get up in the middle of the night to fill it with wood.

Before selecting a stove, you will have to consider several items: how large an area of your house you want to heat, whether you want a convection or a radiant-only design, a catalytic or non-catalytic design, will you use it for cooling also, size of logs you have and the styling desired.

Some of the largest freestanding stoves can heat an area up to 3,000 square feet. Most stoves will accept logs up to 18 inches

This moist meatloaf works well with turkey or beef

By Linda Cicero
The Miami Herald

This recipe is from the "Better Homes & Gardens New Cook Book." For those who substitute ground turkey for ground beef, the recipe works particularly well because the loaf is more moist than most.

- APPLESAUCE BEEF LOAF**
1 egg, beaten
1 1/2 cups soft bread crumbs (2 slices of bread)
1/2 cup applesauce
1/4 cup finely chopped celery
2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
1 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard
1/2 teaspoon salt
Dash of pepper
1 pound ground beef
Sauce:

- 1/2 cup applesauce
1 tablespoon brown sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons vinegar
1/2 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard

To make the loaf: Combine the egg, bread crumbs, applesauce, celery, onion, mustard, salt and pepper.

Combine with the ground beef and mix thoroughly. Shape mixture into a round loaf in a 8-by-8-by-2-inch baking pan. With a spoon, make a crater-like depression in top of loaf.

Make the sauce: Combine the applesauce, brown sugar, vinegar and mustard and pour into the depression.

Bake the loaf for about 1 hour at 350 degrees. If necessary, drain off grease before serving. Makes 4 servings.

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the chief usher), led to five candidates. Each was interviewed and prepared a sample lunch: The final choice was Walter Scheib, executive chef at the Greenbrier Hotel in West Virginia.

"Under Scheib, the food has become more contemporary with more reliance on the freshest seasonal ingredients, ethnic flavors and cooking styles, American regional specialties. The approach reflects the New American style that's prevalent in the restaurants all over the country."

In line with this, Scheib changed the way food was brought to the table. He instituted American service, where guests are presented with dishes arranged on the plate in the kitchen rather than served from large platters formally brought out by the wait staff.

"Scheib's marching orders (as well as those of the very French village chef Roland Messier) included to find both small and large American ingredients so our doing interesting things with food."

Some of the best products in the country began turning up at student dinners and family meals: cheese, butter, eggs, chicken and fole gras from New York; farm-raised broiler from Charlottesville, Va. Menu featured dishes like Hood River Spotted Prawn, Sweet Potato and Vidalia Onion Terine, Mince Sorrel and Peaches, Maytag Blue Cheese Spoon Bread.

"The change has been dramatic. Scheib's Spinach, Endive and Mache salad or Carrot and Corn Risotto with Charred Tomato Compote are a far cry from the sweet potatoes with roasted mushrooms that were requested year-round by the Johnsons; the chicken pot pie favored by the Nixons, the carried tuna casserole developed for the Fords, the lentils and franks soup the carters liked for lunch, the chicken or roast-beef hash enjoyed by the Fords or dishes that adhered to the first President Bush's famous broccoli aversion.

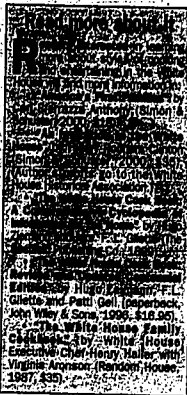
Time will tell what the new Bush first family decides to emphasize on their tables, but one thing is certain: They will live by barbecue alone, and there's no reason to think they will.

Served at the Fulbright Dinner, this first course is a combination of usually American ingredients and flavors.

YOUNG GREENS WITH HAZELNUT DRESSING, OVEN-ROASTED TOMATOES AND MAYTAG BLUE CHEESE SPOON BREAD

- (8 servings)
- 8 Roma or plum tomatoes
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
 - 1/2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 2 teaspoons minced garlic
 - Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
 - 2 tablespoons chopped basil
 - For the greens:
 - 8 ounces young mixed greens
 - 2 ounces peppercress sprouts
 - 2 ounces corn sprouts
 - 2 cups mache (also known as corn salad or lamb's salad; may substitute any salad greens)
 - For the dressing:
 - 2 tablespoons minced shallots
 - 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
 - Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
 - 2 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard
 - 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
 - 1 tablespoon champagne vinegar
 - 1/4 cup hazelnut oil (may substitute olive oil)
 - 1/4 cup olive oil
 - 1 tablespoon chopped chives
 - 1 tablespoon chopped tarragon leaves

Maytag Blue Cheese Spoon Bread (recipe follows)



Bread (recipe follows)

1 cup toasted hazelnuts, chopped (b)

For the tomatoes: Preheat the oven to 200 degrees. Line a 10-by-12-inch jellyroll pan or rimmed baking sheet with aluminum foil. Place a wire rack in the pan. Halve the tomatoes lengthwise and place them in a large bowl. In a small bowl, whisk together the vinegar, oil and garlic. Drizzle the tomatoes with the oil mixture and toss gently to combine. Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste and transfer the tomatoes to the wire rack. Roast the tomatoes, cut-sides up, for 4 to 5 hours, until slightly dry and firm. Sprinkle with the basil. Set aside to cool to room temperature.

For the greens: Wash the greens and sprouts and drain in a colander. In a large bowl, gently toss the greens and sprouts. Wash the mache separately; reserve for sprinkling on the salad just before serving. Cover the greens and mache and refrigerate.

For the dressing: In a medium bowl, combine the shallots, garlic and salt and pepper to taste. Set aside for 4 to 5 minutes. Then add the mustard and lemon juice and mix well. Whisking constantly, slowly add the vinegar and both oils and whisk until completely emulsified. Add the chives, tarragon and salt and pepper to taste; mix to combine. You should have about 3/4 cup dressing. Set aside until ready to toss the salad.

To assemble: Toss the chilled greens mixture with the dressing. Arrange the greens on individual plates and sprinkle with the mache. Place 2 tomato halves on each plate. Add a spoonful of warm Maytag Blue Cheese Spoon Bread to the side of the greens and tomatoes. Sprinkle the plate with chopped hazelnuts and serve immediately.

NOTE: If peppercress and corn sprouts are not available, substitute alfalfa sprouts, broccoli sprouts, pea sprouts or radish sprouts.

NOTE: To toast nuts, spread them on a baking sheet and place them in a 350-degree oven, shaking the pan occasionally, for 8 to 10 minutes. Watch carefully because nuts burn easily.

Maytag Blue Cheese Spoon Bread
(8 servings)

- 2 1/2 cups water
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1/4 cup white grits (not quick cooking)
- 1 cup heavy (whipping) cream
- 4 tablespoons butter, at room temperature; cut into small pieces, plus additional for the baking dish
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 3 eggs, separated
- 1 cup (about 4 ounces) crumbled Maytag blue cheese

In a large, heavy-bottomed pot, bring the water and salt to a boil. Slowly whisk in the cornmeal and grits carefully when cornmeal and grits cook they tend to bubble and "spit." Reduce the heat to very low and cook the mixture, stirring frequently with a wooden spoon, for 15 minutes. The mixture should be very thick. Remove the pot from the heat; set aside to cool, stirring frequently, for 15 to 20 minutes. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Butter an 8-cup, straight-sided casserole or soufflé dish. When the cornmeal mixture has cooled, add the cream and butter and mix well. Add the baking powder and egg yolks and mix well. Set aside in a medium bowl with an electric mixer on high, beat the egg whites until soft peaks form, about 2 minutes. Using a rubber spatula, gently fold the whites into the cornmeal batter. Gently fold in the cheese and scrape the batter into the prepared baking dish. Bake the spoon bread for 40 to 45 minutes, until it is well browned and puffed to the top of the baking dish. Transfer to a wire rack to cool and to solidify for 15 to 20 minutes before serving. The spoon bread will drop slightly as it cools.

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Big boys design food for women

By Kylie O'Connor
The Hartford Courant

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Not in the mood for hot cereal? How about Harmony, a crunchy cereal designed for women? You can pour Great Awakenings on them, a soy-milk product marketed for women. Later, when you get hungry again, pull out a Luna bar, an energy bar for women. Or have a Heart and Soy muffin, a muffin for women.

What's going on here? When did food get linked to the second X chromosome? When did the Big G start standing for Gender? Sometimes in 1999 is the best answer, but the trend is only growing. The Mintel global new product database lists "women's nutritionally designed foods as a top trend for 2001, predicting that soups and bottled waters will follow."

What most of these products have in common is a kind of Holy Trinity—plus one or two—of the nutrients that have been identified as healthful for women, as well as often lacking in their diets. Soy, calcium, folic acid and iron are ubiquitous, often linked with B vitamins, omega 3 fatty acids, flax seed or oats.

"Women are not meeting their nutritional needs," says Cathy Kapcia, director of nutrition education for Quaker Oats, "whether they're too busy with their lives or too busy to cook for themselves."

She says the Nutrition for Women oatmeal was developed to incorporate nutrients that would be heart-healthy, such as oats and soy, as well as protect from osteoporosis (calcium) or birth defects (folic acid).

The successful energy bar Cliff got a sister, Luna, in mid-1999. Cliff developed the Luna with 170 to 180 calories, compared with the standard 240 to 250.

Not only the big boys are offering products for girls. Tori Stuart started her Newton, Mass., company Zoe Foods when she saw her mother suffering through perimenopause. She believes her Flax and Soy Granola is a natural alternative to hormone-replacement therapy—besides being "the best-tasting flax seed you'll ever have," she says. Flax is an excellent source of the "good fat" omega 3 fatty acids.

The cereal, which offers 1 tablespoon flax and 5 grams of soy in each 2/3 cup serving is in 300 stores nationwide. Stuart plans to come out with bars in March.

Jeffrey Baker's Heart and Soy is another small-but-growing player out of Denver. (The products aren't in stores here yet, but are on the Zone Diet Web site: zoneperfect.com.) His no-flour, soy-based muffin and brownie mixes are based on the 40-30-30 formula (for carbs, protein, fat) with each modest muffin offering

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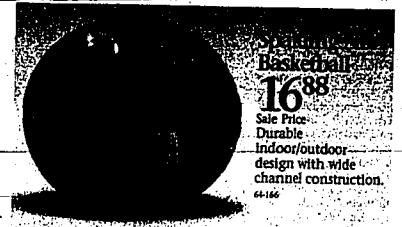
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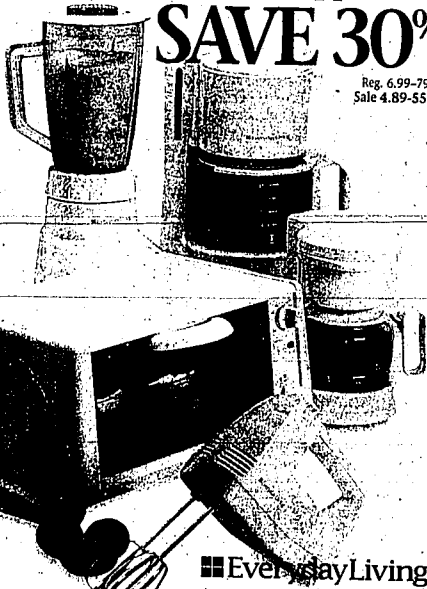
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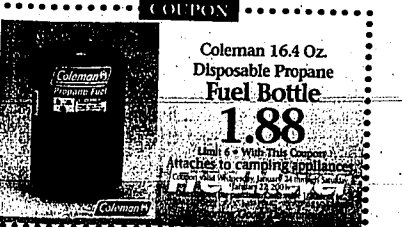
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Eskimos indulge in wintertime cookery

Rather than whining about spring being so far away, let's indulge winter. We have got through January one way or another.

Who better to indulge winter-time cookery than folks who live in the "winter of all winters" - the Arctic? The Eskimos in Canada and Alaska and the Laplanders in Finland, Norway and Sweden all live above the Arctic Circle. These guys live with winter most of the year.

The Eskimo catches fish and hunts whales, elk, deer, bear, moose and wild goat and a vast assortment of birds. The Laplanders hunt herds of caribou or reindeer, hump grouse and catch fish. In the far North, nature is surprisingly bountiful with the wild fruits, berries and mushrooms. There is a fairly short growing season, but with 24 hours a day of sunshine in the summer, the gardens grow quickly. The growing season is condensed down into a few short weeks.

People in the North eat lots of fish eggs. The Laplanders put fish eggs on everything - on eggs or toast, in their sandwiches, in their soups and salads. Caviar is very high in fat, which these people need to help ward off the cold.

Here are a few recipes I gleaned from an American Indian cookbook and a Scandinavian cookbook I have in my collection. I personally don't eat caviar. It is much too expensive and (call me uncool) I don't like the taste. So feel free to substitute any strong-flavored spread or meat you like for the caviar. In the Blinis, I think a liver paste or some smoked fish would be a good substitute.

LAPLANDER BLINIS

- 1 1/2 cup buckwheat flour
 - 1/2 cup wheat flour
 - 1 ounce yeast
 - 1 1/8 cups lukewarm milk
 - 1/2 cup sour cream
 - 1/2 cup lager beer
 - 2 egg yolks
 - 1 egg whites
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - Butter for frying
- Dissolve yeast in the milk. Sift the flours and mix all ingredients together except the egg whites. Let the mixture rise for a few hours. Beat the egg whites hard and fold them into the batter. Fry like pancakes, in plenty of butter. Serve with sour cream, onions or chives and caviar on the side.

FINNISH BURDOT (FISH) SOUP

- 3 1/2 cups water
- 1 1/2 pounds burdot, skinned, filleted and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 5 large potatoes
- 1 onion
- Salt
- 8 allspice berries
- 5 peppercorns
- 2 1/2 ounces butter
- 1/2 cup whipping cream
- 1/8 cup milk

Peel potatoes and slice two of them fairly thin, about 1/5 of an inch. Cook them in salted water for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, cut the remainder of the potatoes into larger chunks (1-inch-plus cubes). Peel the onion, slice thinly and add, with the potato cubes, to the Potato slices which are already cooking. When the cubes are half cooked, add the fish, milk, cream and butter and simmer for 5 minutes. The intention is that the first two potatoes disintegrate and thicken the soup. Sprinkle with the chopped allspice and peppercorns and serve at once.

From our Eskimo friends of Canada or Alaska ...

WHIPPED RASPBERRIES IN HONEY

- 1 quart fresh or frozen raspberries
 - 1/2 cup honey
- Mash the berries in the honey, or puree in blender till smooth. Chill and serve. Make the portions small, as this is a very rich dessert.



VALLEY COOKING
Dixie Thomas Reale

This can be used with deer, elk, moose, bear, reindeer or beef.

VENISON WITH PEPPERCON SAUCE
1 1/2 pounds boned deer steak
7/8 cup whipping cream

1/2 cup red wine or meat stock
1 ounce butter
1 tablespoon flour
Salt
Pepper
Found the steaks to 4/5-inch thickness. Salt the filets and dip them into flour. Shake off the excess. Fry the filets in butter 3 to 4 minutes on each side in skillet. Remove the steaks, place in warm oven to keep warm. Fry the peppercons in the same fry pan. Add the meat stock or red wine and allow it to boil down before adding the cream. Reduce to coating consistency. Add a little butter to the sauce if you like. Garnish

with vegetables:
SALMON CAKES
1 pound canned salmon, flaked (include liquid)
4 juniper berries, crushed
1/3 cup cornmeal
2 eggs, lightly beaten
2/3 cup milk
Mix all ingredients together and spoon into greased muffin tins. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes. Serve hot or cold.
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Let all your guests scoop their own bowls - and top them with their favorite condiments, such as sour cream and chopped fresh cilantro.

TEX-MEX CHILI

- 1 1/4 pounds lean ground beef
- 2 large cloves garlic, minced
- 1 1/2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 3/4 cups prepared fresh hot or mild salsa

- 3 tablespoons naturally brewed lite soy sauce, divided
- 1 1/2 cups frozen cut green beans

- 1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained
- Light sour cream
- Chopped fresh cilantro

Brown beef with garlic and chili powder in large saucepan over medium heat. Stir in salsa and 1 tablespoon soy sauce. Bring to boil. Reduce heat. Cover and simmer 15 minutes. Stir in green beans; simmer, covered, 15 minutes. Stir in black beans; cover and cook 5 minutes longer. Remove from heat, stir in remaining 2 tablespoons soy sauce. Spoon into serving bowls. Top with sour cream and cilantro. Makes 6 servings.



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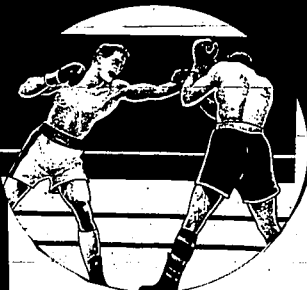


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IN BRIEF

CSI men climb to 12th in latest 1000 poll
 COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Riding a three-game win streak, the 16-3 College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team moved up three spots to No. 12 this week in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association Top 20 poll.
 Scenic West Athletic Conference leader Dixie State College (19-0) is the new No. 1 — previously unbeaten Okaloosa-Walton Community College fell to conference foe and former No. 2 Tallahassee Community College (21-0) over the weekend, dropping to ninth.
 The Southern Idaho women, meanwhile, received one vote in the NJCAA Div. I women's poll. Snow College (17-2) moved up six places to No. 13 after its win over No. 16 Rick's College (16-2).
 The NJCAA men's and women's polls are released every Tuesday during the regular season. For this week's complete polls, see Page D3.

Sanderson, Campbell lead Winter Pro-Am

CALIFESIA, Calif. — Boise's Bob Campbell shot an opening round 71 at the Legends golf course Tuesday to pace the annual Rocky Mountain Section PGA Pro-Am by two strokes, while Sun Valley's Tommy Sanderson headed up a four-man team that shared the team lead with a 130.
 Rounding out the top three in the Professional Sweeps were John Graham, of Idaho Falls, and Meridian's Tad Holloway, who opened with matching 73s. Twin Falls' Mike Hamblin opened with a 76 and his assistant, Matt Parish, shot a 77.
 Campbell, golfing in the Senior Pro division, holds a five-stroke lead over Bob Eames of Billings, Mont., while Parish's team sits two strokes off in the team lead with a 132. Second-round final-round action takes place today.

TRIVIA ANSWER:
 In Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, Jan. 15, 1967. The Green Bay Packers defeated the Kansas City Chiefs, 35-10, before 67,945.

Winter fun and games

Pomerelle hosts Special Olympics regional games

By Jeff Behlman
 Times-News writer

ALBION — On a morning that dawned sunny and crisp at Pomerelle Ski Resort, the setting for Tuesday's 2001 Area 5 and 6 Regional Special Olympic Winter Games couldn't have been better.

Seventy-five participants, along with their coaches, supporters and numerous volunteers, made the most of the beautiful day with some friendly winter competition, taking part in snowshoe races ranging from 50 meters to 5 kilometers, giant slalom and downhill ski events.

While the Special Olympics are meant to be fun, it was easy to get caught up in the excitement Tuesday. Many of the athletes, such as 31-year-old Chris Fronck of Burley, don't take traveling around the country for competition lightly.

This year, Fronck earned himself a place in both the state championships, to be held at Schwitzer Mountain in Sandpoint next month, as well as the World Games, which will take place in Anchorage, Alaska in early March. He and 17-year-old Chris Blair will be making the trip with their coach, Terry Kinkead.

Fronck placed second in both of his events Tuesday, finishing the advanced downhill in 44.2 seconds and the advanced giant slalom in 42.41 seconds. Blair will be competing in the 1500, 3K, and 5K snowshoe races in Sandpoint on Wednesday.

Fronck isn't stranger to the World Games. He has been there before, in 1985 at Park City, Utah. "It's good that they will be able to go compete and then come back and share their experience with the others," Kinkead said. "It encourages the others to join in and participate."

Not apparent at first glance is the amount of care and preparation that goes into making the Special Olympics regional competition a reality. The organization receives no federal funding, so all of the money and equipment it takes to run the games is donated or raised privately. A number of local and international companies contribute large sums of money and materials to make the games possible.

"Volunteering is a recurring theme. One local group in particular, the Burley Special Olympic Partners Program (BSOPP), is made



up of Burley High School students who donate their time to the cause every year. BSOPP is so popular at the Burley High that students must qualify in order to volunteer for the games. This week marks the third year Burley junior Haley Fletcher has participated in the BSOPP.



Burley's Steven Torres, left, runs the slalom course at the Special Olympics Winter Games at Pomerelle on Tuesday. The games, a regional competition, will continue today at Pebble Creek Ski Area in Inkom. Above, Shelley Roessler, right, gets a hug from her friend Savannah Enstok after Roessler completed in a snowshoe race.

"It's great because you can see the difference it makes right now," she said. "You know that you can make it special for the athletes."

The Special Olympics have come a long way since the first Summer Games was held in Chicago at Soldier Field in 1968. The number of regular participants has increased significantly, and now includes athletes from 150 countries.

"These games have become an ambassador program of sorts, and are instrumental in getting people to recognize the importance of the mentally-challenged," said Special Olympics Idaho executive director Amanda Richardson.

Earning a spot on Team USA is not just a matter of crossing the finish line first. Hopefuls must have at least eight weeks of training under their belt and have competed in both the area and state competitions.

For coach Jim Clark and his son, Jimmy, of American Falls, the Special Olympics are simply about trying hard and having fun. The elder Clark has been a coach for 11 years and is certified internationally to coach eight different sports.

"He'll (Jimmy) start the race and he'll finish the race," Clark said. "Wherever he comes in doesn't matter. The effort is important, but it's more important for him to have fun and enjoy himself."

The Regional Games will continue today in Inkom at Pebble Creek Ski Area.

Indians charge into tourney

Buhl girls beat Declo for share of SCIC title

By Joe Summen
 Times-News writer

BUHL — The Buhl High School girls' basketball team won the battle but lost the war, defeating Declo 57-39 Tuesday night.

The Indians (14-6, 9-1) earned a share of the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference regular season title with the win, but lost a coin toss to Declo (16-1, 11-1) following the game to decide which team would be the top seed in the conference tournament.

"We match up pretty well with Declo as far as certain positions go," coach Joe Shepard said. "We knew we had to shut down (Declo juniors) Jamie Chatburn and Amy Allen if we wanted to win."

The Indians stuck to the game plan.

Buhl held Allen to nine points, seven of which came in the first half, and Chatburn's only points came on two free throws late in the fourth quarter after the game had been decided. The Hornets managed 14 points in the second half, scoring only four in a decisive third quarter.

"We passed the ball and got the good shots tonight," Shepard said. "And then we stepped up and made 13."

Buhl senior Katie Williamson led the charge for the Indians. The 5-foot-7-point-guard led all scorers with 16 points and sparked the Indians' third quarter run. Sophomore Sherry King chipped in 13.

The Indians ended the first-half shaky, but started the third strong. A four-point halftime lead quickly became a 14-point margin, keyed by a Williamson 3-pointer, her third of the night, and six points by King.

"Our defense can only do so

A dark chapter

'A story in my book that's closed'

TAMPA, Fla. — A year ago, Ray Lewis was wearing hand cuffs and an orange prison jumpsuit. Tuesday, he wore a diamond-encrusted watch and a white Baltimore Ravens jersey.

Other than the change of outfits, Lewis kept insisting he was the same man. Sunday, Jan. 20 (CBS)

A midday sun hovered over his left shoulder as he took a seat in front of several hundred reporters. He put an expensive pair of sunglasses down in front of him, folded his hands and for an hour, calmly deflected every question that wasn't about football.

"I'm not here to justify what went on," Lewis said. "That's a story in my book that's closed."



COMMENTARY
 Jim Lewis

Tuesday was media day at the Super Bowl. It's the day the National Football League normally revels in, but one officials have created since it became apparent Lewis was talented and determined enough to get the Ravens to the championship game.

It's a day set aside for uncovering the personal stories of triumph and tribulation that converge in the final Lewis' journey from last January to this one featured more adversity, more twists, turns and tragedy than all the other players' stories laid end to end.

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Venus edges into Australian quarters

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Venus Williams overcame a slow start, a late deficit and an upset bid by Amanda Coetzer.

Williams rallied Tuesday to win 2-6, 6-1, 8-6 and reach the Australian Open semifinals for the first time.

The third-seeded Williams trailed 5-3 in the final set and won despite a whopping 56 unforced errors.

MELBOURNE, Australia — Maria Sharapova won her third consecutive Grand Slam tournament title. Her opponent in the semifinals will be the winner of the last women's quarterfinal match between her sister, No. 6-seeded Serena Williams, and No. 1 Martina Hingis.

Defending champion Lindsay Davenport, seeded second, will play No. 12 Jennifer Capriati in the 12 semifinal.

Defending men's champ Andre Agassi, seeded sixth, will play No. 12 Patrick Rafter in the men's semifinals tonight. Rafter reached the final four in his country's biggest tournament for the first time by beating No. 14 Dominik Hrbaty 6-2, 6-7 (4), 7-5, 6-0 Monday.

Cardinal play down perfection

The Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — Mike Montgomery doesn't want his basketball team aspiring to something unrealistic like absolute perfection.

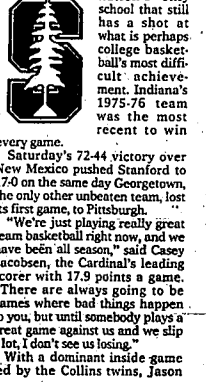
At the same time, the Stanford coach doesn't want to lose, either. For the second time in four years, Montgomery's Cardinal are unbeaten in mid-January. It's a tricky situation for a coach, and Montgomery sums it up for his players with a dictum that sounds more like Yogi Berra than John Wooden.

"We're not going to lose to anybody," Montgomery said. "That's just the way you have to look at it. We don't go out there to do anything less than our best, but we still know that going unbeaten isn't something you can realistically do in a perfect season is not often discussed at Stanford, even though the Cardinal are the

nation's only school that still has a shot at what is perhaps the most difficult college basketball achievement: Indiana's 1975-76 team was the most recent to win every game.

Saturday's 72-44 victory over New Mexico pushed Stanford to 17-0 on the same day Georgetown, the only other unbeaten team, lost its first game, to Pittsburgh.

"We're just playing really great team basketball right now, and we have been all season," said Casey Jacobsen, the Cardinal's leading scorer with 17.9 points a game. "There are always going to be games where bad things happen to you, but until somebody plays a great game against us and we slip a lot, I don't see us losing."



With a dominant inside game led by the Collins twins, Jason

SPORTS

Oakley boys need OT at Hansen

By Nathan Jerke Times-News Writer

HANSEN - The Hansen High boys' basketball team took the Oakley Hornets to the wire Tuesday night in Class A-4 Magic Valley Conference action.

second, scoring 14 points in the quarter to bring Hansen within seven at half.

backcourt violation, giving the ball to Hansen with 33 seconds remaining. Down by just two, Hansen pulled even when Clay Stanger took a pass out of the basket and made a difficult layup through two defenders to tie the game at 56.

down to the wire," said Hansen coach Brady Swallow. "Our goal was to give ourselves a chance, and we just came up short. Davis really stepped up as a senior - he's understanding his leadership role."

Lady Tigers' comeback falls short at home

By John Derr Times-News writer

JEROME - After suffering through a third-quarter drought, Jerome battled back in the final minutes, but came up short in a nonconference girls' high school basketball game against Pocatello, the Tigers fell 45-40 in girls basketball action Tuesday.

the ball to the hole, but we did a fantastic job in the fourth quarter," said Jerome coach Michelle Skyles.

A cold wind blew through the Tiger gym in the third period. Shots from nearly every spot on the floor missed the mark.

seven turnovers in the quarter. Uperesa, who also had 11 points for Pocatello, scored twice for the 37-31 lead at the four minute mark.

Lewis

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It's wasn't going to talk about it. But he easy to understand why. In the early morning hours after last season's trial, Lewis was in Atlanta, two young men were stabbed to death outside a nightclub just miles from the stadium.

He recalled on the witness stand how one, Joseph Sweeting, brandished a knife as they sped away in a limo and made punching motions with his left hand as they hit me," Lewis quoted Sweeting as saying, "I hit them."

"It was never about those two kids lying dead in the street," Lewis said. "It was about Ray Lewis, and that's not right. Don't be mad at me because I'm a center stage."

The panther engraved the length of Lewis' left biceps, its long claws hooked blood red, attested to that dedication. The defensive player-of-the-year award he picked up earlier this season confirmed his status as the leader of a defense that ranks among the NFL's best of all time.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Ruby wins third women's world snowboard title

MADONNA DE CAMPICLIO, Italy - Kathi Ruby of France won her third world championship title in snowboarding, edging teammate Isabelle Blanc in a giant slalom Tuesday.

Hockey's Murphy set to reach milestone

DETROIT - Jimmy Carter was in the White House when Larry Murphy began his career in the NHL, and one of his teammates was only two months old.

Indians

Continued from D1

round game against the SCIC No. 5 seed on Monday, while Declo Pocatello was to be crowned. The SCIC championship will be held at Declo.

"We are looking at a good chance that it's going to come down to Buhl and Declo for that first spot," Shepard said. "We have a great season now. It's easy to say we are as good as Declo, we can beat Declo, but until you do it, it's all talk."

He doesn't know who stabbed Richard Lollar from a 2-day-old baby, was visiting his grave in

"If I knew, I would have told them," Lewis said.

There were another half-dozen questions about forgiveness, regret, about contacting the families of the two young men, about whether Lewis was pleased with this season to erase what happened in those few terrifying moments outside an Atlanta nightclub.

"Football, football, football," Lewis would slide reporters every time they didn't want to answer. "What I went through, you can't get me to talk about it. Yeah, we're all human, so I think about it some," he said. "But that's on my

Valey girls clinch Canyon crown

The Times-News

HAZELTON - Valley High's Lady Vikings clinched the Canyon conference girls' basketball championship Tuesday, defeating Wendell 44-37.

Local sports

double figures.

difference," said Ketchum coach Bob

Murrough (69 overall and 3-2 in conference) hosts Oakley Friday.

The Trojans next head north for the 13-team Mile High Classic at McCall-Donnelly High School on Saturday.

Amie Shaver led the Vikings with 18 points in the middle two quarters, said Valley coach Brian Hardy. "We came out of the locker room in the third quarter and played great defense."

Sho-Ban 54, MVCHS 44

Rigby 55, Minico 36

Dietrich 54, Camas County 46

Hagerman 55, Castleford 49

Minico 64, Buhl 5

Century 45, Burley 42

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SPORTS

Marshall's plan

Irish sink No. 11 Syracuse

Five Jazz players dump Warriors

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Donyell Marshall led five Utah players in double figures with 17 points as the Jazz defeated out-manned Golden State 100-78 Tuesday night.

Despite playing less than half the game, Karl Malone and John Stockton added 15 points each as Utah picked up its sixth victory in its last seven games.

Antawn Jamison had 20 points for the Warriors, who had their two-game win streak snapped.

SuperSonics 91, Lakers 80 SEATTLE - Gary Payton scored 34 points and Seattle claimed its mastery of the Lakers.

Rubert Patterson added 17 points for the Sonics, who beat the defending NBA champs for the third time in three tries this season under coach Nate McMillan.

Nuggets 105, Rockets 100 DENVER - Raef LaFrenz hit a decisive 3-pointer with 28 seconds left and Nick Van Exel made nine free throws in the final four minutes.

LaFrenz finished with 18 points, 12 rebounds and four blocks.

Spurs 110, Grizzlies 77 SAN ANTONIO - Tim Duncan collected 23 points and nine

NBA rebounds as the San Antonio Spurs ended a four-game losing streak. San Antonio also ended a two-game home losing streak.

Magic 118, Raptors 111, 2 OT ORLANDO, Fla. - Mike Miller scored a season-high 24 points and Andrew DeClercq made three of four free throws in the final 1:22 of the second overtime.

Bucks 105, Knicks 91 MILWAUKEE - Sam Cassell had 22 points and the Bucks hit a franchise record 14 three-pointers in snapping New York's NBA-record 33-game streak of holding their opponent under 100 points.

Trail Blazers 104, Bulls 100 CHICAGO - One night after they set a franchise-low with 58 points in a loss at Cleveland, the Portland Trail Blazers got five 3-pointers from Anthony in the second half and held on to win.

Wizards 97, Hornets 95 WASHINGTON - Juwan Howard hit a baseline turnaround jumper with 1.8 seconds remaining to give Washington the victory.

Howard took the pass from Felipe Lopez, who was playing as the fourth-string point guard after Richard Hamilton fouled out.

Celtics 83, Hawks 82 BOSTON - Antoine Walker's deflection with five seconds left made up for his poor shooting.

Walker poked the ball from Jason Terry near midcourt and it went out of bounds off the Boston forward with 21 seconds remaining. That was only enough time for the Hawks to inbound the ball to Terry, who missed a long desperation jumper at the buzzer.

Walker shot just 3-of-19 and finished with only 11 points.

Timberwolves 82, Suns 73 MINNEAPOLIS - Terrell Brandon scored 26 points to lead the Timberwolves to their fourth straight victory.

The Suns, who trailed 57-52 going into the fourth quarter, tied the game at 67-67 on Rodney Rogers' 3-pointer with 5:19 remaining. The Timberwolves took the lead for good, 72-71, on a jump shot by Brandon with 3:19 left.

76ers 114, Mavericks 98 DALLAS - Allen Iverson scored 30 points and the Philadelphia 76ers tied a team record with their 11th straight road win.

Toni Kukoc scored 25 points.

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) Troy Murphy scored 22 of his 34 points in the second half and Notre Dame beat No. 11 Syracuse 74-60 Tuesday night, ending a five-game losing streak to the Orangemen.

The victory was the eighth straight at home for the Irish and marked the first time that Notre Dame (12-5, 4-2 Big East) has won three straight Big East games in a season since February 1997.

Syracuse (15-3, 4-2) lost its season-low 36.3 percent, lost its second game in three days.

No. 18 Alabama 70, Kentucky 60 TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - Rod

Grizzard scored 11 points in a straight victory over Kentucky on Tuesday night.

Grizzard, who finished with 25 points and a career-high 11 rebounds, took over the game late despite picking up his fourth foul with 13 minutes left.

Women's games Connecticut 81, Miami 45 STORRS, Conn. - Connecticut topped in the polls, but righted itself against Miami.

Forward Swin Cash had 13 points as second-ranked Connecticut beat Miami 81-45 Tuesday night in the Huskies' first game since falling to No. 2.

Cash and Tamika Williams each had nine rebounds as the Huskies' out-bounded the Hurricanes 49-33 and capitalized on 30 Miami turnovers.

No. 3 Tennessee 70, No. 16 Vanderbilt 64 NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Semeka Randall scored 16 points and Michelle Snow pummeled the Lady Vols' 13-game winning streak in the series with her second dunk of the season.

Tennessee (19-1, 7-0 Southeastern Conference) hasn't lost to Vanderbilt (15-4, 4-2) since the 1995 SEC tournament and not in the Commodore's home gym since the 1990-91 season.

Blue Jackets slide by Sabres

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) - Serge Aubin scored twice as the expansion Columbus Blue Jackets downed the Buffalo Sabres 2-1 Tuesday night in the first meeting between the teams.

The Blue Jackets have won two straight and have earned at least one point in four consecutive games, tying a season-high.

NHL Jan. 6, 1996, Patrick Lalime turned aside 22 shots for his 20th win.

Capitals 5, Lightning 2 TAMPA, Fla. - Peter Bondra snapped a tie with the first of Washington's three third-period goals as the Capitals beat Tampa Bay, sending the Lightning to their seventh straight defeat.

Bondra has 11 goals, 36 career games against Tampa Bay, which has lost 11 of 12.

Predators 4, Thrashers 3 NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Nashville rookie Marian Cisar

had a goal and an assist during a three-goal first period as the Predators beat the skidding Atlanta Thrashers 4-3 Tuesday night.

The Predators survived a video reversal of the apparent tying goal with 2.1 seconds left to get the win.

Blues 5, Canadiens 2 MONTREAL - Alexander Khavanov, who was injured in Chris Pronger and scored his fourth goal as St. Louis beat Montreal.

Khavanov, who saw increased playing time on special teams because of the All-Star defenseman's absence, scored his assisted goal 18:28 into the second period to put St. Louis ahead 4-2.

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

Table with columns for National Basketball Association, Eastern Conference, and Western Conference. Lists games and scores for various teams like Philadelphia, Orlando, and Seattle.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

PUC revamps Web page for better access

BOISE — Want to voice an opinion regarding increases in electric and natural gas rates? Interested in filing a complaint about your utility service? Or looking for quick, easy access online to tips on conserving energy?

Through its newly revamped website — www.puc.state.id — the Idaho Public Utilities Commission now provides access to those informational and interactive features.

"The PUC recognizes the need to provide information and access to the commission in the most convenient way possible," the commission said. "We are committed to meeting the needs of Idahoans and we encourage involvement in the regulatory process via our website."

The interactive feature is one of the site's most important aspects, the PUC said. An Idahoan anywhere who has a computer with Internet access can file complaints or comments for the commission's ears.

The newly designed page provides a broader and more in-depth information, easier interactive involvement and streamlined processes for accessing links.

On the PUC site, people can access procedural rules, state statutes, the commission's annual report, commission orders, news releases and other special reports. Quick links to utilities and utility information are available. In addition, rate schedules for most of the utilities in Idaho can be accessed through the site.

JP Realty announces closing of mortgage on Boise mall

SALT LAKE CITY — JP Realty Inc. on Tuesday announced the closing of a \$79 million mortgage loan on Boise Towne Square, a regional mall in Boise.

The loan was funded by The Chase Manhattan Bank and has a 10-year term, a 30-year amortization schedule and a fixed annual interest rate of 6.64 percent, JP Realty said. Mortgage proceeds will be used to pay off a maturing note of about \$1 million that had been secured by four of the company's regional malls, reduce the balance on the company's line of credit facility, and fund certain reserves required by the loan.

JP Realty is a real estate investment trust that engages in ownership, leasing, operation, management, development, redevelopment and acquisition of properties in 10 Western states. Its portfolio includes some Twin Falls commercial real estate.

Don't forget charitable donations this tax season

TWIN FALLS — When preparing to file your 2000 federal tax return, don't forget your contributions to charitable organizations.

Your donations can add up to a nice tax deduction if you itemize on Form 1040, Schedule A, said the IRS.

The IRS, which offered these tips to help make sure your contributions pay off on your tax return.

To be deductible, contributions must be made to qualified organizations. Organizations can tell you whether they are qualified and whether donations to them are deductible. The IRS Web site at www.irs.gov also has an Exempt Organization search feature to help you see whether an organization is qualified.

If your contributions entitle you to merchandise, goods or services, including admission to a charity ball, banquet, theatrical performance or sporting event, you can deduct only the amount that exceeds the fair market value of the benefit received.

BID gets a grip on budget

By Julie Pearce
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Considerable discussion about the Historic Old Towne Twin Falls budget and bookkeeping has been ongoing with downtown leaders for several months.

Executive Director Tim Jones said one of his goals when he took a lead position with the area's business improvement district in August was to find out exactly what the approximately \$180,000 budget for the fiscal year from

October 1999 to September 2000 was being spent.

"It was my opinion that we shouldn't be moving ahead unless we had the budget problems solved from the previous year," Jones said, "because we would just compound those problems when we moved on to the next budget."

The problems included sorting through old parking tickets — dating back months — figuring out what membership assessments were owed and making sure no money had been misappropriated.

"Everyone agrees all the money was here and there was no impropriety," Jones said.

What Chairman Ron Thompson and Jones did discover, however, was that about \$18,000 in back assessments were owed, some going back as much as three years.

Tuesday, the BID board of directors heard from treasurer Dan Brizee how the accounts have been organized on Quickbooks software so the board understands before it commits to an expenditure whether the undertaking is a

money maker or money loser.

In the process of sorting through the accounts, Brizee said, he saw that several downtown promotions — Oktoberfest, a downtown promotional coupon book, the Christmas win-a-car contest and the Festival of Lights — had lost money.

For example, Brizee said, the BID lost about \$4,500 on Oktoberfest. About \$5,800 is still owed on the new Toyota downtown merchants gave away at the end of the Christmas season.

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The dilemmas of being very rich

By John Conniff
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — So you think your worries will disappear if you become wealthy?

Well, think again. Take a tip from the wealthiest of the wealthy: Your worries might change, but they don't disappear.

The majority of very wealthy parents, for example, worry that their kids will place too much emphasis on material possessions or be naive about the value of money or that they'll spend beyond their means.

Avoiding such traits isn't easy work, not when being a rich parent means you will be paying for music, art or dance lessons (32 percent), summer camp (87 percent) and international travel (83 percent).

These results are from US Trust Co.'s annual survey of its clientele, which is the top 1 percent of wealthy Americans, meaning net worth of \$3 million or adjusted gross income of \$300,000-plus.

Each year the survey changes. Prior surveys included attitudes and behavior toward investing, retirement, estate planning, and baby-boomers' 10-year's war on financial issues that affect children.

Every parent, poor or well-to-do, worries about teaching children the value of money. But, wealthy parents are more likely to be talking up a checking account for offspring (63 percent) or a brokerage account (55%).

It might also entail privileges at a private country club, yacht club or tennis club (49 percent), expensive electronic equipment other than computers (48) and special events such as debutante balls (46%).

Such things can give young people the wrong impression, so 99 percent of respondents expect their offspring to clean up in the bedroom, take out the trash (85 percent), set the dinner table and do the dishes (83%).

About three-quarters of this year's respondents said their children or will have a part-time job during junior high or high school and work at least some of the summers between those school years.

"These are rational and responsible wealthy families," said U.S. Trust president Jeffrey Maurer. "They work very hard to provide benefits to their children."

When you are very rich, you may also have money you can't do with to use up in a lifetime. It means inheritances, and of course the younger family members are quite aware that this is in their future.

On average, the respondents' though 29 was the youngest age at which an individual should be entrusted with a significant inheritance of, say, \$1 million. On average, parents thought that up to that sum could be entrusted before having a negative effect on the recipient's values.

While most agree it's nice to leave something, there is the ever-present matter of taxes. Little wonder that 66 percent of the wealthy parents said their should be no federal estate tax at all.

Western business FLOWER POWER



Rafael Livanos, inspects flowers recently at Pyramid Flowers in Oxnard, Calif. At Pyramid Flowers, electric power became a big factor in operation of the company's four-acre, state-of-the-art Dutch greenhouse. Unlike Pyramid Flowers' older greenhouses, which control only temperature and ventilation, this new facility allows it to adjust the humidity, light levels, ventilation, carbon dioxide levels, and irrigation — all run by a central computer.

High energy costs worry California cut-flower industry

The Associated Press

OXNARD, Calif. — Homeowners aren't the only ones trying to find ways to save on their heating bills this winter. Cut-flower growers statewide are seeing their profit margins shrivel as natural gas bills shoot up like weeds.

"For some growers, energy costs are up 450 to 600 percent from a year ago," said Lee Murphy, president of the California Cut Flower Commission.

Heating bills are reaching half a million dollars a month for some growers, compared with \$100,000 a year ago, he said.

"You need a rollback and a cap on these costs," he said. "That would enable people to stay in business."

However, such help wasn't offered by Gov. Gray Davis in his State of the State address Jan. 8, and Murphy doesn't expect much help from other politicians.

Without help, the state's \$309 million-per-year cut-flower industry is threatened. Cut flowers were the seventh leading crop in Ventura County, with a gross value of \$41.6 million in 1999 — the most recent annual figures available — up from \$34.6 million reported the prior year.

While caps and rollbacks for

natural gas costs appear unlikely, a rebate program giving flower growers a break for installing energy-efficient greenhouse systems might be a more realistic possibility, Murphy said.

In one Butch program, the government pays 80 cents out of every dollar to help their growers improve their energy efficiency, he said.

Without help, the state flower industry will continue to dry up. There are now 450 growers in California, down from 675 about seven years ago, he said.

"A lot of people are deciding they can't make the investment. They don't have the capital," he said. "Are you going to sell a house to put in double siding (on the greenhouse) when you are not making a profit anyway?"

Some growers in the state already have been laying off workers, while others have decided against growing flowers for Valentine's Day, which accounts

for 25 percent to 30 percent of a rose grower's annual sales, because they cannot afford to heat their greenhouses.

Such isn't the case at the 100-employee Pyramid Flowers in Oxnard.

"Everybody is being more careful to set their thermostats to conserve as much as you can," Pyramid Flowers President Fred Van Wingerden said.

"We can't lay off people, but the increased gas cost is putting a crimp on our bottom line."

Pyramid grows lisianthus, snapdragons and other flowers.

Although he doesn't expect any rise in prices for flowers during the coming Valentine season, some adjustments to the industry will have to be made if energy costs aren't reined in, he said.

One hindrance to raising prices is the intense competition from overseas growers.

Colombia and Ecuador are major suppliers of cut flowers,

While caps and rollbacks for natural gas costs appear unlikely, a rebate program giving flower growers a break for installing energy-efficient greenhouse systems might be a more realistic possibility.

From coffee to cars, census data is big for business

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Notice for governors, mayors, state lawmakers: Move over. Marketers are equally anxious to get those detailed population numbers from the 2000 census.

In fact, the statistics that will be churned out of the Census Bureau this year will likely play just as big a role in determining where you buy coffee in the morning, or what the new car will look like, as they will in determining the borders of your congressional district.

While most business decisions aren't based solely on the wealth of demographic data that comes out from Census 2000, many companies combine that information with forecasts from private firms and their own marketing departments to make decisions on where to locate a new store or how to target new products to the "in crowd."

Most attention now is focused on the political consequences of the next round of Census 2000 statistics, the first of which are due in March. The numbers will be used to draw new political districts and carve up more than \$185 billion in federal funds among the states.

In the business world, census information "is used in general to determine target audiences," said Beth Barnes, advertising president at Syracuse University. "It really is a critical tool for marketers right now."

For Claritas Inc., that means using the statistics to help companies such as Starbucks Coffee and Alamo Rent-A-Car locate a new store, or to determine what kind of discounts best boost business, said Steve Egge, vice president for the San Diego-based marketing firm.

The company incorporates demographic data into its "clustering" system, which categorizes areas by ZIP codes according to lifestyles and spending habits.

However, Census 2000 information released at the earliest a year after the survey was conducted can be outdated as businesses constantly look to the future, said Linda Jacobsen, a senior vice president at Claritas.

While census information provides a "cornerstone" for their work, "all these data sources pin-point where all these households are right now, but doesn't say where they are going to be in five years," Jacobsen said.

Researchers at Ford Motor Co. comb through updated demographic information to find out what would best appeal to consumers down the road, said Wes Sherwood, spokesman for product development with the automaker's product launch group.

For instance, with a flood of baby boomers approaching retire-

ment age, car designs in the future may incorporate eastward-read instrument panels.

But more active boomers, headed into retirement with more money, "don't want to be reminded that they're old," he said.

Food service management company Sodexo Marriott uses information from Claritas and other sources to help keep menu options fresh and diverse, said Meredith Heckmann, senior director of market research.

New census data is pretty critical because descriptions of different segments ultimately link back to that census data, like average household income, or different ethnicities in neighborhoods," Heckmann said.

The business world will be especially interested in the next round of data because of the growing diversity of America, said Vincent Andatore, president of the St. Louis-based marketing

firm Latin-Pak. The company uses census information to detect geographic areas where Hispanics make up at least 25 percent of the population, then helps clients target those communities.

Interest among businesses is expected to increase over the next several years as more detailed statistics are released.

More specific numbers and financial characteristics come out in June. Marketers are especially interested in the data when deciding which specific demographic groups to target. The numbers will be more easily accessible over the Internet, unlike 10 years ago.

"More small businesses would use it just because it's free, especially now that people are in the information age," said Matthew Cunningham, manager of the Texas Business and Industry Data Center. "This is the first major kind of data release in the new millennium."

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

DECORATORS

CSI reminds students to fill out scholarship applications

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho reminds high school and college students to start filling out scholarship applications for CSI.

CSI Scholarship Coordinator Cindy Barry just says scholarship applications must be turned in to her office by March 1 to be considered for the 2001-2002 school year. This deadline applies to first-time scholarship applicants as well as students currently receiving scholarship money...

More than \$900,000, not counting athletic scholarships, was awarded for the current school year. CSI web page at www.csi.edu. Click on "student information" and then "scholarships."

Scholarship applicants must have a transcript, grade-point average of 3.0 or better, applied for admission and plan to attend CSI full time to be considered.

For more information, call Barry just at 733-9554 or 1-800-680-0274, Ext. 2227. Her office is located in the Student Information office in the Taylor Administration Building.

Scholarship applications can be downloaded on-line from the CSI web page at www.csi.edu. Click on "student information" and then "scholarships."

Dig this: Idaho Archaeology Society meets Thursday

TWIN FALLS - The Snake River Chapter of the Idaho Archaeology Society will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Sawtooth National Forest Service Office at 2647 Kimberly Road E. in Twin Falls.

Flier High School holds meeting about soccer program

FILER - A meeting to determine interest in a soccer program will be held at 6 p.m. Friday at Flier High School. If there is enough interest, the soccer season will begin this fall and there would be separate boys and girls teams, organizers say.

All interested eighth-through 11th-grade students and their parents are invited to attend. For more information, call LeRell Patterson at 326-5944 or Jay Fort at 326-4345.

Cassia Regional invites people to new sleep lab open house

BURLEY - The public is invited to an open house between 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Cassia Regional Medical Center's new sleep lab.

An estimated 20 million Americans suffer from a sleep disorder known as sleep apnea, the hospital says. At an open house, the hospital will provide more information about this disorder and the services provided at the new sleep lab. Refreshments and door prizes will be provided.

Cassia Regional lunch, learning session focuses on snoring

BURLEY - Cassia Regional Medical Center is sponsoring a Light Lunch and Learning Session at 12 p.m. Thursday in the Oregon Room. Dr. Tom Peterson will present information entitled, "Snoring, Not Funny, Not Hopeless."

Lunch will be provided for \$1.50. Pre-register by calling 677-6420.

Kitchen Magic offers candy-class next month

TWIN FALLS - Kitchen Magic will offer a candy class from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Feb. 3 at Kitchen Magic in the Lynwood Shopping Center.

Instructor Carol Jackson will demonstrate how to make peanut butter cups, cherry chocolates, filled chocolates, turtles, roses on a stick and filled pills.

The cost is \$20 which includes supplies. The class will feature hands on participation. People should register at Kitchen Magic by Tuesday.

Buhl Arts Council announces upcoming buffet, workshop

BUHL - The Buhl Arts Council announced the following upcoming events: A Samuel J. Garza poetry bash and all-you-can-eat spaghetti buffet will be held Feb. 2 at the Eighth Street Center at 200 N. Eighth St. in Buhl.

A Valentine's mobile workshop for children will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 3 at the Eighth Street Center at 200 N. Eighth St. The cost is \$5 and includes a spaghetti lunch.

For more information, call 543-2888.

College of Southern Idaho offers interior painting class

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer a Faux Painting Techniques class from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 1 in Art Complex room 112 at CSI. Students will learn just how to give walls texture, depth and character through simple procedures. Techniques covered will be sponging, additive ragging, subtractive ragging, dragging, wood graining, crackling and color washing.



Buhl's Poppievall Elementary School's third-, fourth- and fifth-graders have a new service club under the direction of Principal Helen Brown. The club will be sponsored by the Kiwanis Club and its guidelines similar to the high school Key Club. The members will do community service and help with school functions. Members made Christmas decorations for the Snake River Rehabilitation Center in Buhl. They also decorated the residents' doors and windows. Members include, from left, front row: Kayla Neumeier, Amy Allard, Robb Curtis and Aleigh Strickler; back row: Eddie Gonzalez, Kristina Hye and Ian Owens.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Twin Falls School District names employees of the month

Michelle Larson has been named Twin Falls School District Certified Employee of the month for January. Larson is a third-grade teacher. She said her inspiration is the teachers she learned from in the past and the teachers she works with now. Her greatest accomplishment was putting herself through college. Larson said her favorite day on the job was when a young girl who had struggled with reading, read an entire story. Larson also said she is a teacher because she believes the gift of knowledge is the greatest gift she can give children.

Connie Blau has been named Twin Falls School District Classified Employee of the month for January. Blau is a teaching assistant. Her inspiration is her mother and her greatest achievement is being a mother to five children, she said. Blau said she is a teaching assistant because she wants to be a job that allowed her to be near her children.

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CLUB CALENDAR

Civic
Blue Lakes - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Western Pine Area Convention Center in Twin Falls; 734-7007 or 734-1817.
Burley - Noon Tuesdays at Burley Inn Convention Center; 674-3700.
Buhl - 12:05 p.m. Thursdays at The Grandstands 543-6828.
Gooding - 12:15 p.m. Friday at the Lincoln Inn 534-4555.
Halley - Noon Thursday at the Senior Center of Blaine County; 788-0897 or 788-2124.

Rotary Clubs
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Hobbies
Blago - 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays at Golden Years Senior Citizens center, 218 N. 2nd St. W., Shoshone, anyone over 18 years of age welcome; call 836-2369.
Bridle - 1 p.m. Mondays at Magic Valley Bridge House, 246 Falls Ave., Twin Falls; 733-8692.
Sweet Adelines Chorus - Members car pool to Boise chorus every Tuesday evening; call 733-6238.

Weight loss
Weight Watchers - 6 p.m. Mondays at the Odd Fellows Hall, 13th and Oakley Ave., Burley 654-2298.
TUPS Club
Burley Chapter 286 - 5 to 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Heyburn School lunch room.
Gooding Chapter 281 - 5 p.m.

Thursdays at the Gooding Senior Citizens Center, 308 Senior Ave.; 434-5066 or 934-5444.
Jerome Chapter 48 - 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays at the public library; 324-7426 or 324-5272.
Twin Falls Chapter 3 - 12:30 p.m. Mondays at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 708 Heyburn Ave. E.; 733-3304 or 326-6533.
Twin Falls Chapter 309 - 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the recreation room at 475 Cawell Ave. W.; 734-5132 or 736-3291.

Support Groups
Women's support group sponsored by Associates for Survivors of Domestic Violence - 6 p.m. Tuesdays, call 788-4191 for directions.
Advocates' group for children up to 12 years old who have witnessed family violence - 6 p.m. Tuesdays, call 788-4191 for directions.
Breast feeding support group - noon Tuesdays at St. Luke's Wood River Valley Medical Center, 727-8410.
Grief support group - 3 p.m. Sundays, Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 E. St.; 436-3354.

Alzheimer's Disease support group for families
Twin Falls - 10:30-11:30 a.m. third Monday of each month at 640 Fuller Ave. W. sponsored by Burley Care Center, call Becky Jacobson at 734-5645.
Burley - 7-8 p.m. second Thursday of the month at Heyburn Manor Care Center, call Bill at 677-5451.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Twin Falls - For information, call 733-8200, 735-8406 or 733-7897.
Sunday Breakfast Group - Sundays alternate between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Elder's Cafe, Highway 81 E., across from the golf course; Burley, 678-0798 or 678-0233.
Study Group - 8 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Burley Days at St. James Episcopal Church, 20th St. and Oakley, Burley, 678-9414.
Women's Group - 5 p.m. Mondays at the Snow Building, 1321 Oakley Ave. N.; 677-9414 or 678-9424.

Debtors Anonymous
For business owners, call at 733-6088.
Narcotics Anonymous
For information, call 736-1160 or (800) 328-2529.
Gooding 8 p.m. Mondays, corner of 3rd and Idaho; 7 p.m. Thursdays, 1120 A. Montana St.
Metchum 7 p.m. Mondays; 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 6:30 p.m. Saturdays, 571 E. Main St.
Kimberly 8 p.m. Thursdays, 310 Main St.
Burley Saturday Night's Alright Group - 8 p.m. Saturdays, 111 Oakley Ave., Snow Building, Suite B; 678-1330.

Non-smoking meetings
Paul - For information, call 678-1330.
Sunday night meeting, 7 p.m. Sundays, 220 E. Ellis.
Paul - 8 p.m. Saturdays, 220 E. Ellis.
4 Ladies Only - 6 p.m. Mondays, 220 E. Ellis (non-smoking).
Monday meditation group, 8 p.m. Mondays, 220 E. Ellis (non-smoking).
It Works, How and Why Book Study, 8 p.m. Tuesdays, 220 E. Ellis.
Emerson Group, 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 220 E. Ellis (non-smoking).
Thursday Rupert Group, 7 p.m. Thursdays, Rupert Center, 7 p.m. Thursdays, 220 E. Ellis.
Friday Night Basic Text Book Study, 7 p.m. Fridays, 220 E. Ellis.
Newspaper Study, 121 W. 100 St.; 678-1330.
Twin Falls - 7:30 p.m. Sundays, 288 Shoshone St.
Twin Falls - 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 1201 Falls Ave. E.
Twin Falls - 7 p.m. Fridays, 315 Falls Ave. E., Deser Building, Room 112.
7 p.m. Mondays, 630 p.m. Tuesdays; 7 p.m. Fridays; 7 p.m. Saturdays at 801 2nd Ave. N.
Twin Falls - 7 p.m. Sundays, 1201 Falls Ave. E.
Halley - 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at 317 South River.

Marjuana Anonymous
Twin Falls - 10 a.m. Saturdays, magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 501 Second Ave. N.
736-0918, all 12-steps welcome.
Pill Addicts Anonymous
Twin Falls - 12-step recovery group, 9:30 a.m. Fridays at 801 Second Ave. N.; 735-1231.
Overeaters Anonymous
Twin Falls - 6 p.m. Wednesdays or 10 a.m. Saturdays or 1 p.m. Mondays; all meetings at 1815 Overland Ave. in Burley.
Shoshone St. (use side door) Shoshone and Ninth Avenue entrance on Saturdays; 733-0267.
Burley - 10 a.m. Wednesdays at the Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller; 679-5924.
Gooding - 7 p.m. Mondays at the Walker Center, 1120 Montana; 934-8692.

Other
Jobs Daughters
Bethel 18 - 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 1815 Overland Ave. in Burley.
Bethel 14 - 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 1815 Overland Ave. in Burley.
Bethel 15 - 7 p.m. first and third Wednesdays at 6th and California in Gooding; 534-4278.
Bethel 43 - 7 p.m. first and third Mondays at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.
Bethel 36 - 7 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.
Masonic activities
Star of the West 35 Order of Eastern Star - 8 p.m. first Thursday of month at Wesleyan Masonic Lodge on North Idaho Street.
Gooding Eastern Star Lodge - 7:30 p.m. second Tuesday of month at Masonic Temple, Sixth Avenue and California Street.
E-dash-Order 77 Order of the Eastern Star - first and third Wednesday at Masonic Temple, 113 E. Idaho St., 677-9414.
Rupert 39 Order of the Eastern Star - meets the second and fourth Thursdays at the Masonic Temple, Blue Lakes Boulevard North, 733-8616.
Twin Falls Lodge 45 - 8 p.m. first Wednesday at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., 423-6937.
Lodge 65 - 8 p.m. first Wednesday at Rupert Masonic Temple, 630 W. Main St.
Burley-Rupert Shrine Club, 6:30 p.m. dinner fourth Wednesday at Rupert Masonic Temple, 630 W. Main St.
Royal Arch Masons - 8 p.m. second

Christian Singles Group - 7 p.m. on the second and other weeks Christian Center Foursquare, 181 Morrison St., Twin Falls, 733-6255.
Christian Men Bible Fellowship - 7 a.m. Saturdays at Depot Grill Caboodle room, call Al at 734-2164.
Twin Falls Chapter of LeTIP, professional association for ladies men and women, 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at Depot Grill, Mark at 733-0404 or Joan at 736-2519.
Odd Fellows - 8 p.m. Thursdays at the Odd Fellows Hall, 13th and Oakley, Burley; 678-1343.
Spring Reunion Order of Daughters of the East - 7 p.m. first and third Thursdays at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.
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Union Lodge 45 - first and third Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in Lagerman.

The public review process is designed to publicize Magic Valley clubs and organizations. To have your meeting listed, or to update your meeting information, send notice with name of the organization, day and week, and time of the meeting with a telephone number and name of a contact person to Pat Marzantowicz at the Times-News, P.O. Box 348, Twin Falls 83303, attention Club Calendar. The deadline is noon Tuesday.

Veterans of Foreign Wars
8 p.m. Post 3604, Thurston Pence Post, 8 p.m. second Tuesday of the month at Lincoln Courts, 543-5437.
Glenn County Post 3646, Glenns Ferry Post, 8 p.m. third Thursday of the month at Veterans Memorial Hall, 366-7120.
Lincoln County Post 3604, Glenns Ferry Post, 8 p.m. second Tuesday of the month at Veterans Memorial Hall, 366-7120.
Big Wood River Post, 8 p.m. third Thursday of the month at Gooding War Memorial Bldg., 534-5065.
Post, Bellevue, 509 Fourth St., 8 p.m. fourth Tuesday of the month at Jerome Legion Hall, 324-6909.
Kimberly Post 10328, Kimberly Post, 8 p.m. fourth Tuesday of the month at senior citizens center, 423-4443.
Rupert - Post 3678, Harlow Hoopes Post, 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday of the month at Rupert City Center, 436-6964.
River Post, 7 p.m. second Tuesday of the month at Shoshone members house, 886-2755.

Wendell - Post 2974, Thousand Springs Post, 8 p.m. first Thursday of the month at Wesleyan Senior Citizens Center Bldg., 536-6259.
Rebekah Lodge
Idaho Rebekah Lodge 126 - First and third Mondays at 9 p.m. at 96 W. Av. in Burley.
Rebekah Lodge 107 - meets the second and fourth Thursdays at the Burley Odd Fellows Lodge, 13th and Oakley Ave., Burley, 678-1343.
Marguerite Rebekah Lodge 98 - 7 p.m. first and third Thursdays at the IOOF Hall at Third and Avenue and Idaho Street in Gooding.
Spring Rebekah Lodge 110 - Second and fourth Thursdays at 9 p.m. at 132 E. Ave. B, Jerome.
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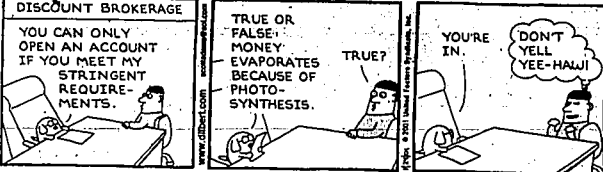
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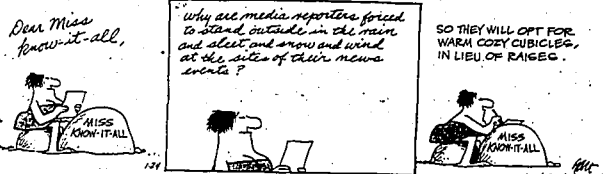
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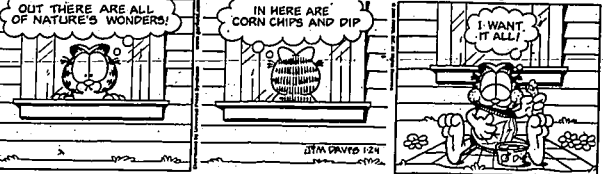
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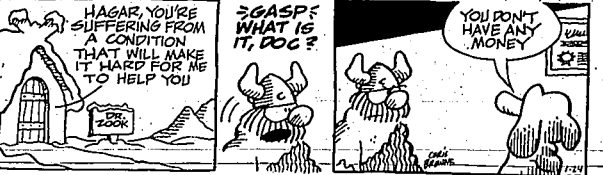
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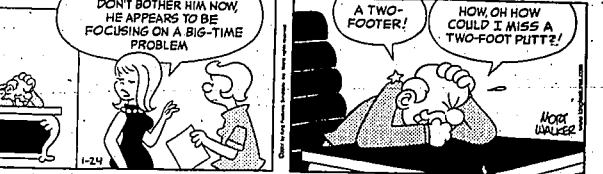
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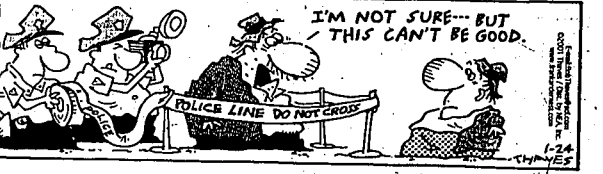
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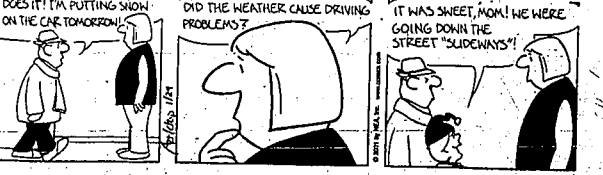
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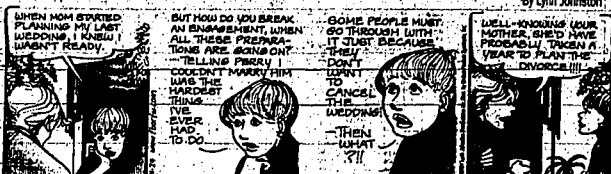
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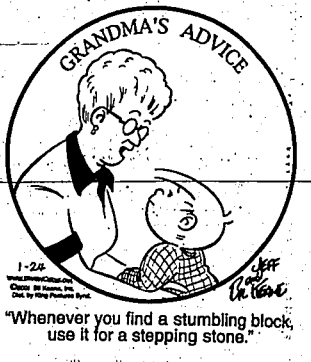
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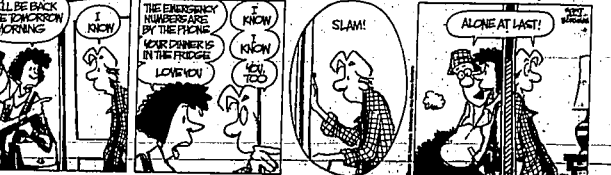
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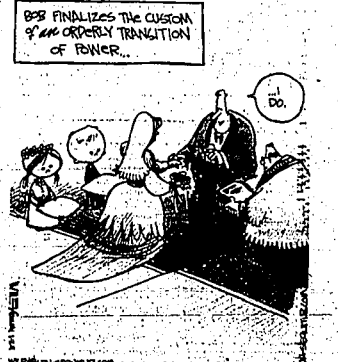
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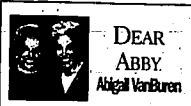


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DEAR HURTING: No. Considering the circumstances, you did the right thing to stay away. People pay condolence calls to comfort the grieving family.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Anxious in Niagara Falls," in which the writer asked how to deal with a false rumor in her workplace, prompted my favorite

memory about such rumors. Twenty-one years ago, I worked as secretary to a highly placed military officer. One day, "Col. Smith" came into my office and said he had something personal to tell me — a rumor was circulating in the barracks that he and I were having an affair. The colonel went on to say that he wanted me to hear about the rumor from him so I wouldn't be upset by hearing it elsewhere.

He was (and, I assume, still is) happily married to a lovely woman I was, and still am, happily married to the finest man I know, whom I love dearly. Of course, the rumor was completely untrue. The closest we came to an off-duty relationship was living two blocks apart in the same neighborhood on post. We socialized in separate circles except once, when the colonel held a party at his home and invited my husband and me.

I asked him how Mrs. Smith had

taken it. He replied that she understood completely and was fine. I told the colonel that if she were true, so was I. We mutually agreed that all was well, and felt confident that the rumor would die in a short time, which it did.

As he turned to leave, I couldn't resist playing the devil's advocate by asking, "By the way, Colonel, did you have a good time?" My ability to joke about it set his mind at ease immediately.

Abby, your advice to "Anxious" was right on the money. The rumor will die a natural death when the gossips in the workplace see no evidence to keep it alive.

Sign me —

—NOTHING CHANGES, CHESTER VA.

DEAR N.C.: I'm sure your sense of humor has carried you through on many occasions. I'm also sure the colonel was sorry when your professional relationship ended. You're the kind of employee an employer hates to lose.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and two sons had a family business. One son got married 13 years ago. Six years ago, the business split up. The business survived, thanks to my husband and older son. Words were said at that time, and our younger son and his family have not visited us since. They live nearby, and I try to maintain contact. They have two children, 7 and 3. I was never asked to baby-sit even when the relationship was good, although I often did so for our other grandchildren. Our gifts of checks for Christmas and birthdays have never been cashed.

Our daughter was married three years ago, and our younger son and his wife never acknowledged the invitation; showed up or sent a gift.

Recently our daughter-in-law's mother passed on, and we sent flowers and cards, but to spare her feelings in an awkward situation, we did not attend the calling hours, for which we are being

Capricorn — focus on cooperative efforts, food

IF JANUARY 24th IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you have an unusual voice, are diplomatic, open-minded and will fight when the cause is right. You are romantic, creative and at the right time you can be passionate. Taurus, Libra, Scorpio persons play major roles in your life, could have and are likely, initials in names: F, O, X. During February, people vie to wine and dine you. July your most romantic, profitable month of the year.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get things done but not in the usual way. Someone attempts to fool

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you, also avoid self-deception. Terms must be defined, get promises in writing. Pisces represents.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Some musical notes will be off-key. Focus on physical attraction, creativity, power play. Stay away from those who take you for granted. Capricorn involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You learn all sides of question. People are drawn to you with their problems. Do your best. Know when to say, "Enough!"

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Mick Jagger rolls into film producing with 'Enigma'

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — Mick Jagger, independent filmmaker, sounds like any other producer at the Sundance Film Festival when he talks about the obstacles to capturing his story on celluloid.

There are the problems of raising the cash, securing the film rights, lining up suitable talent to direct and act.

He wanted to spend five years of his life producing one independent movie, "Jagger jokes when asked why he tried his hand at making films with the spy thriller "Enigma," which premiered Monday night at Sundance.

Getting the script right and raising the money, everything else that goes with making a film," the Rolling Stones singer said in an interview before the premiere.

"Enigma" stars Dougray Scott, Kate Winslet, Jeremy Northam and Saffron Burrows in a tale of romantic intrigue set among British code-breakers trying to unravel German U-boat ciphers during World War II.

Directed by Michael Apted ("The World Is Not Enough"), the movie is a thinking man's take on last year's "U-571." It's based on the novel by Robert Harris, with a screenplay by Tom Stoppard ("Shakespeare in Love").

It is the first finished movie by Jagger film producer. Victoria Peerman, formed in the mid-1990s. "Saturday Night Live" producer Lorne Michaels joined them on "Enigma" and worked with Jagger to secure the rights to the book.



Mick Jagger
Co-produced an independent film

While the project began as a studio film, the producers said they realized they needed to produce it independently to keep it true to its roots. Unlike "U-571," which made American sailors the heroes of Allied efforts to crack the U-boat codes, "Enigma" sticks to historical facts, with the British leading the deciphering effort.

"This was not an easy sell," said Jagger, who has acted in such movies as "Freejack." "It's an English movie without American actors and actresses. It's a difficult subject, and it's a relatively difficult ride."

Despite Jagger's fame, Jagger said "Enigma" came into Sundance much like any other independently financed film, with the producers hoping they could land a distribution deal.

"I figure that in a way, Sundance is sort of changing," Jagger said. "It's not only unknown filmmakers anymore who bring films up here. Ours has got big-name people in it, but it's still an independent movie."

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Odd street names make passers-by laugh, think

THE GAZETTE
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — When Beverly Watts purgatory Drive address, she knows what will follow.

"Mostly, people are just a little shocked that I live in purgatory," the 57-year-old said. "I say, 'Well it's halfway between heaven and hell. What more could you want?'"

Watts and her neighbors — including those on the nine-house Purgatory Court — aren't the only ones in Colorado Springs who wait for reactions after giving their addresses.

"The city is full of unusual and goofy street names. Take Hoodoo Drive, Seesaw Circle, Sodbuster Trail, Twinkle Way or Teeter Toot Circle."

Neighborhood street names often follow themes such as nature, free, children's games, nautical terms, ski runs and stars and constellations.

"They're some strange ones," said Michael Hawley, 43.

Hawley, a resident of Hide N Seek Lane off Nonchalant Circle for three years, has gotten his share of comments.

"They'll say, 'Oh, that's weird,'" he said. "A lot of people will try to figure out what the name means."

Purgatory Drive is a slightly curvy and hilly road off Union Boulevard on the city's north side. Its 78 houses, mainly two-stories or split level, are of many colors.

None of the houses are for sale. Most are fenced.

Five businesses — including La Fette Academy, a child day-care center — are listed on the road.

Watts has lived on Purgatory Drive for nearly 16 years, "so it can't be too bad, right?"

She has gotten used to the remarks, which are usually followed by laughter.

"When I get salesmen on the phone and they ask my phone address, they say, 'Ohhh, I don't know if I'd like "ah,"' Watts said.

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