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Burley man's body found after fall

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Rescuers retrieved the body of a Burley man from the Snake River Canyon below Shoshone Falls Tuesday morning, after searchers spotted it at the base of canyon walls.

Stephen Harrison, 21, died of head injuries after he apparently fell off a ledge in the canyon Monday afternoon, according to Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department reports.

Harrison was picnicking early Monday afternoon with his parents, Gladys and Rollo Harrison, in the Shoshone Falls

park, according to sheriff's reports. Harrison went for a walk down a path that starts just behind the park concessions stand, and did not return.

Harrison was an outdoor enthusiast who probably lost his footing on slick ground along the canyon's ledge, his father said Tuesday.

"That's what puzzled us," Rollo Harrison said. "I guess he wasn't used to all the mist... He's always helping others instead of something like that happening to him."

Harrison's parents began to search for him at about 2 p.m., and searched for

several hours, but were unable to locate him, Twin Falls police said.

Harrison had been known to walk for miles and miles, police said. His parents went back home to Burley in their effort to find him, said sheriff's department spokeswoman Nancy Howell, and called police from there.

The Twin Falls County Search and Rescue team launched a search of the Shoshone Falls area of a canyon about 8:30 p.m., working by flashlight. Teams scrambled around the canyon walls and on slopes above the cliffs, footing made slick by soft, wet ground.

A search dog tracked Harrison down the path, and by about 10 p.m., to a ledge at the end of the path, Howell said. The spot was about a quarter-mile in a line west of the falls park, Howell said, and about level with the park.

Search team members made a dangerous descent in the dark, rappelling over the edge of a west-facing wall, and to a ledge below the path. Their climb was lit only by flashlights and lights provided by a generator the team hauled into the spot.

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NEW FAMILY



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In the span of one week, Dennis Hills, center; his wife, Lisa, left; and his sons, 3-year-old Weston, pictured, and Skyler, lost members of one family but discovered another. Darla Hart, right; Dennis' newborn sister, recently traveled from her home in Bothell, Wash., to Idaho.

Man loses family, finds another

By Mark Helz
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — For Dennis Hills of Kimberly, the past few weeks couldn't have been any worse.

Or any better.

The family whom Hills, 42, grew up with on a farm near Jerome is now gone.

But he is just starting to meet another family he didn't know he had.

On March 19, he attended the funeral of his father, who had been ill for years.

"He had been in poor health ever since 1991, when Mom died," Hills said.

The next day, he was busy moving his father's possessions when an ominous call came from Magic Valley Regional

Medical Center, where Hills works as a paramedic. He was told to come to the office right away.

"The Jerome County sheriff sat me down and said he had some bad news for me," Hills said. "I didn't think it could get any worse than it was. But it did."

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Fed takes strike at inflation, raises rates

Los Angeles Times

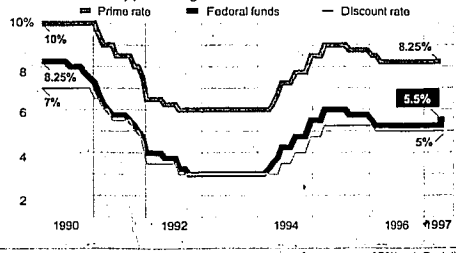
WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve Board launched a pre-emptive strike Tuesday designed at inflation pressures, nudging short-term interest rates up by a quarter of a percentage point in the first such rate hike in more than two years.

In a modest step, the board's policy-making Open Market Committee boosted its target for the federal funds rate — the interest that commercial banks charge each other on overnight loans — to 5.5 percent from 5.25 percent.

The Federal Reserve said the action was taken "in light of persisting strength" in the economy, which it said "is progressively increasing the risk of inflationary imbalances developing... that would eventually undermine the long expansion."

Federal interest rates

The Federal Reserve raised the interest rate for federal funds Tuesday in a move which may prevent higher inflation.



Pedro Medina talks to himself during a February 1997 hearing in an Orlando, Fla., courtroom to determine whether he was sane enough to be executed.

Execution gone awry horrifies witnesses; attorney general applauds deterrent factor

Combined wire reports

"People who wish to commit murder, they better not do it in the state of Florida because we may have a problem with our electric chair."

— Bob Butterworth, Florida attorney general

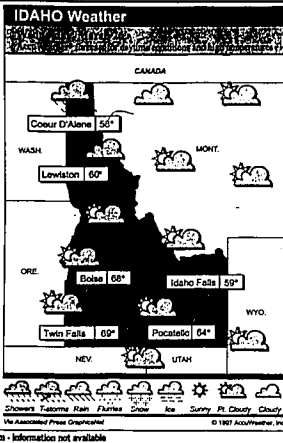
However, Attorney General Bob Butterworth said Medina's gruesome

end would be a deterrent. "People who wish to commit murder, they better not do it in the state of Florida because we may have a problem with our electric chair," Butterworth said.

It was the second time flames rose from the mask of an inmate's head during a Florida execution, and Tuesday's botched event immediately drew renewed attention to the controversial practice and whether it is an appropriate form of punishment.

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WEATHER



FORECAST

Magic Valley

Wednesday mostly sunny and warmer with highs in the mid- to upper-60s. Wednesday night becoming partly cloudy with a chance of rain. Lows in the 30s. Thursday partly cloudy and cooler with highs in the 50s.

Extended regional forecast

Friday partly cloudy with a chance of rain. Lows 25 to 35. Highs 50 to 60. Saturday and Sunday mostly sunny. Highs in the 20s east in the upper 20s to the mid-30s west. Lows in the mid-50s to the mid-60s.

Camas Prairie, Wood River Valley

Wednesday mostly sunny in the morning with increasing clouds in the afternoon. Highs 55 to 65. Breezy Wednesday night with a slight chance of snow and lows in the lower 30s. Thursday breezy with highs in the 50s.

Treasure Valley

Wednesday mostly sunny with highs 70 to 75. Southeast winds 10-20 mph shifting to Northwest late in the day. Wednesday night breezy with lows 30-40. Slight chance of rain. Thursday breezy, partly cloudy with highs in the upper 50s.

Sawtooth Mountains

Wednesday mostly sunny in the morning with increasing clouds in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 50s. Breezy Wednesday night with a slight chance of snow and lows in the 20s. Thursday breezy with highs in the 50s.

Eastern Idaho

Wednesday mostly sunny and warm with increasing clouds late. Highs in the lower to mid-60s. Breezy at times. Wednesday night mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Lows in the mid-30s. Thursday a slight chance of rain. Breezy with highs in the lower 50s.

Northern Idaho

Wednesday mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered showers. Highs in the mid-50s. Lows 25 to 35. Thursday mostly cloudy with highs near 50.

Northern Nevada

Partly cloudy Wednesday with highs in the mid-60s. Southwest winds 10-20 mph. Wednesday night becoming partly cloudy with a chance of showers. Lows in the mid-30s. Mostly cloudy Thursday with a chance of showers early. Cooler with highs in the low 50s.

Northern Utah

Sunny Wednesday and warmer with highs near 70. South winds 15-25 mph. Increasing clouds Wednesday night with winds shifting to the Northwest and lows 35-40. Thursday mostly cloudy and cooler with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs near 60.

ACROSS THE NATION

Thunderstorms spread from South to North; West basks

The Associated Press

Thunderstorms with hail and high wind stretched Tuesday from Michigan to Texas, with rain in parts of the Northeast.

Showers and thunderstorms from a fast-moving cold front swept through Arkansas, central Texas and southeastern Oklahoma, moving southeast. Wind gusts to 55 mph in Alaska, Okla.

To the north and northwest, snow fell in extreme northern Wisconsin and northern Michigan. A high pressure system dominated conditions across the Gem State with mostly sunny skies and mild temperatures. The majority of the reporting stations were in the 50s and 60s. South to southwest winds were gusting to near 20 mph in the north but were around 10 mph and variable in direction elsewhere across the state.

A warm front swept through the Northeast, triggering light to moderate showers across New York to New England.

In the Southeast, showers and thunderstorms were scattered over South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

In the forecast, thunderstorms were expected in portions of Louisiana, Tennessee and Kentucky. Moderate to heavy rain in excess of an inch was possible.

From 2 to 4 inches of snow was expected in Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire.

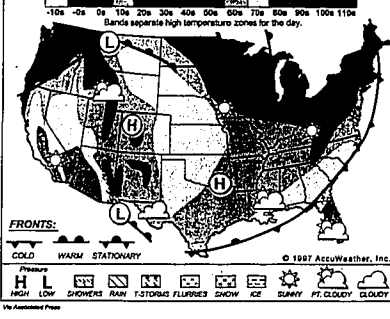
Across northern Wisconsin and upper Michigan, moderate to heavy snow was expected, with 8 inches in some areas.

Northern Georgia and western areas of the Carolinas were in for showers and thunderstorms.

Tuesday wind chill in Laramie, Wyo., was 14 below zero.

National Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Wednesday, March 26.



FRONTS: COLD WARM STATIONARY. High/Low/Showers/Rain/Tornadoes/Flooding/Snow/Ice/Sunny/Partly Cloudy/Cloudy.

HIGHS & LOWS

Idaho: High, 73 degrees at Emmett. Low, 14 degrees at Stanley. Nation: High, 94 at Palm Springs, Calif. Low, 4 below at Houston, Maine.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz or call 334-4423. The Internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is: <http://www.state.idaho.us/tdhmpg.htm>

TEMPERATURES

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	73	54	.....
Atlanta	73	54	.....
Boston	47	29	.....
Chicago	64	35	.....
Dallas	60	59	.....
Denver	47	19	.....
Des Moines	44	33	.....
Honolulu	80	70	.....
Houston	78	69	.....
Indianapolis	65	54	.....
Kansas City	55	38	.....
Las Vegas	74	50	.....
Los Angeles	85	54	.....
Memphis	71	61	.....
Miami Beach	83	73	.....
Milwaukee	43	34	.....
Minneapolis	36	32	.....
New Orleans	80	64	.....
New York	45	38	.....
Oklahoma City	45	30	.....
Omaha	53	34	.....
Phoenix	78	62	.....
Pittsburgh	70	37	.....
Portland, Ore.	72	43	.....
Reno	70	32	.....
San Diego	85	54	.....
Salt Lake City	57	29
San Francisco	78	55
Seattle	62	41
Spokane	63	35
Washington	54	39

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ALMANAC

Idaho	Max	Min	Pcp	Twin Falls	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	67	31	Yesterday	61	31
Burley	67	31	.....	Last year	49	34	.....
Fairfield	m	17	.....	Normal	55	29	.....
Gooding	m	m	.....			
Hagerman	m	28	.....			
Idaho Falls	54	25	.....	Month to date:	23		
Jerome	59	31	.....	Normal mo. to date:	31		
Lawton	70	38	.....	Water year to date:	9.70		
Malad	58	21	.....	Normal year to date:	5.96		
Matta	63	29	.....			
McCall	m	21	.....			
Pocatello	57	28	.....	Humidity at noon:	26pcp		
Shannon	61	25	.....	Barometer at noon:	30.25 S		
Stanley	58	14	.....	Pollen count:	14 (elm), high		
Sun Valley	m	22	.....	Mold:	N/A		

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 6:57 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 6:30 a.m. Lunar phase: First quarter, March 15; full, March 23; last quarter, March 31; new, April 7. Visible planets: Morning, Mars, Jupiter. Evening, Mars, Venus, Uranus, Neptune, Saturn. *Astronomy: Astronomy and Astronomy of Idaho.

Photographer in serious condition following mob attack

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A newspaper photographer who returned safely from such flash-points as Panama, Haiti and Somalia was in serious condition Tuesday after he was savagely beaten while making pictures of some kids.

John Trotter, 36, a photographer for The Starline Center in Sacramento, "it looks like he wandered into a drug neighborhood, and for whatever reason, those people involved in that sort of activity didn't want him being there," a police officer said.

Family

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He was told that the only sibling he had known while growing up, 43-year-old Greg Hills of Twin Falls, had been killed when a Bobcat front-end loader he was operating near Jerome flipped over on top of him.

But even as he deals with the loss of one sibling, Dennis Hills is starting to meet several others he didn't know he had until late last year.

He met one sister, Darla Hart of Bothell, Wash., this week. She attended Greg Hills' funeral Monday.

Albert and Margaret Hills adopted Greg when he was about 9 months old. His birth mother, Nelda Hart, found out she was pregnant with Dennis a short while later, and the Hills decided to adopt him as well.

The brothers found out while they were in grade school that they were adopted, Dennis Hills said.

"We went to a little school where everybody knew everybody and everything that was going on, and Greg's girlfriend told him we were adopted," he said.

Later that same day, their parents told them it was true, "and that was that for the time being," he said.

"The boys grew up not knowing whether they had siblings, or whether their natural parents were still alive.

Darla Hart said her mother has been married four times and had

15 children. Eleven of the children are thought to be still alive, and five are in Bothell. Others live in Everett, Wash.; Mapleton, Utah; Salt Lake City; and Butte, Mont.

Darla Hart said her twin sister, Karlene Hart, started tracking down the rest of the family a few years ago. She found Greg and Dennis Hills by searching the Internet, and sent a letter around Christmas of last year. "My wife told me I had a letter from my sister," Dennis Hills said. "I told her I didn't have a sister, but she said, 'You do now.'"

The ailing Albert Hills took the news of contact from his sons' biological family matter-of-factly, Dennis Hills said.

"He said he expected that somebody would contact us eventually," Dennis Hills said.

But it probably was better that Margaret Hills was not alive to see it, he said. "Mom was always very, very protective of me and Greg. I think she would rather we never knew that we had another family."

Dennis Hills said his brother was very excited about the contact from his other siblings. It was one of several turns for the better that Greg Hills' life took just before it ended, he said.

As they grew up together, his brother always seemed restless, hungry for knowledge and in search of something better, Dennis Hills said.

The trend continued into adulthood. Dennis Hills found a steady job and started a stable family,

Gore to China: U.S. committed to ties

BEIJING (AP) — Despite a political firestorm back home, Vice President Al Gore assured China on Tuesday that allegations that Beijing tried to funnel money illegally into U.S. elections would not derail the Clinton administration's efforts to forge stronger ties.

The administration, however, offered conflicting accounts of whether Gore raised the subject of possible repercussions if federal investigations uncovered evidence that China made or directed illegal contributions. An administration official said that the possibility of repercussions never came up in Gore's talks with Chinese Premier Li Peng.

State lists programs it plans to deny to illegal immigrants

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The state said Tuesday it plans to deny illegal immigrants access to 200 programs, ranging from rent assistance to licenses to sell alcoholic beverages.

However, officials said the state will continue coverage for at least some illegal immigrants in nine programs, including medical care for the elderly and infirm and sick children.

The administration of Gov. Pete Wilson says the cuts are mandated under the federal welfare law that President Clinton signed in August, which includes a provision requiring states to abolish state-funded benefit programs for illegal immigrants.

Wilson "asked us to reiterate the fact that he does indeed believe... that services are a magnet for illegal aliens to our state," spokesman Sean Walsh said.

"But for humanitarian purposes, and to protect public safety and public health, we will seek some exceptions," he said.

The state has no idea how much money will be affected by the cuts because it doesn't know how many illegals are getting the benefits, Walsh said.

Hospital emergency care for illegal immigrants is continued under the federal law.

Body

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They spotted Harrison's body about 11:30 p.m.; more than 250 feet below the path level, Howell said.

A pair of rappellers went down into the canyon and identified the body, but it took them until 2:30 a.m. to reach the spot.

Tuesday morning, search teams returned to the spot to recover the body, Howell said. A helicopter from Reeder Flying Service flew into the canyon and took the body out Tuesday morning.

The official cause of death was massive head injuries, according to Twin Falls County Deputy Coroner Merrill Kelley.

Harrison was born in Burley, and was the youngest of six children. He graduated from Burley High School in 1995 and was taking classes at the College of Southern Idaho in Burley, his father said.

Times-News staff writers Kent McCleary and Kevin Richer contributed to this report.

ROAD CONDITIONS

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation reported clear highways throughout the state Tuesday.

Road Conditions:

- U.S. 95 — Plummer-Canadian border, dry; Riggin-Whitebird Hill, dry; Whitebird Hill, dry; Grangeville-Moscow, dry; Weiser-New Meadows, dry; Marsing-Oregon line, dry.
- Interstate 90 — Fourth of July Canyon, wet; Lookout Pass, dry.
- U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Lowell, dry; Lowell-Lolo Pass, wet, rock slides.
- Interstate 84 — Oregon line-Utah line, dry.
- Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend-New Meadows, dry.
- Idaho 21 — Boise-Lowman, dry, rock; Lowman-Banner Summit, CLOSED by slides.
- Idaho 51 — 320-Anniston Home-Carey, dry; Arco-Montana line, dry.
- U.S. 26 — Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, dry; Blackfoot-Arco, dry.
- Idaho 53 — Nevada line-Salmon, dry; Lost Trail Pass, dry, icy spots, rock.
- Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, dry; Galem Summit, dry.
- Interstate 86 — Dryden.
- Interstate 15 — Utah line-Dubois, dry; Montida Pass, dry.
- Idaho 50 — McCammon-Wyoming line, dry.
- U.S. 91 — Dry.

Execution

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Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles said that the state is considering changing its method of execution after the death of Medina, a Cuban refugee convicted of stabbing a school teacher in 1982.

Witnesses said Medina's last words, there have been at least a half-dozen malfunctioning electrocutions since 1983. Before Tuesday, the two most recent were in Virginia. In 1990 blood spewed from the mask of an inmate being electrocuted and the following year, a second cycle of electricity was required to execute an inmate.

Witnesses said Medina's last words, as he was strapped into the oak electric chair, were: "I'm still innocent."

Medina was convicted of the 1982 killing of Dorothy James, 52, a teacher he had befriended. He was found driving her car and a knife believed to be the murder weapon was found in the car.

Ms. James' daughter, Lindi

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SAWTOOTH REC REPORT

NATION

Helms eases stance on chemical treaty

WINGATE, N.C. (AP) — Call it a goodwill visit to the lion's den. Or maybe the domestic version of a State Department engagement with a potential foreign foe.

While Vice President Al Gore was in Beijing meeting national leaders and encouraging good relations, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright did much the same thing Tuesday with Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C. on his own political turf.

Near the end of their day together, Albright said the two were "developing a pretty good friendship" and Helms declared in a joint news conference that



Jesse Helms and Madeleine Albright were ready to negotiate Senate ratification of a chemical weapons treaty — one of the highest priorities of the Clinton administration. Until now, Helms has blocked the treaty, which is

set to go into effect without U.S. participation April 29. "If they sit down and be realistic about it, there's certainly a chance we'll get a treaty," said Helms, who has previously insisted on State Department and U.N. reform as well as changes in the treaty before he'll let it go to the Senate floor for a ratification vote. "It's an overrated treaty. It's not going to do one thing ... to protect Americans," Helms said when asked about his previous rock-solid opposition. "It maybe has some good points that are sort of hard for me to find. But I'll go ahead and look for them, particularly with the secretary."

Helms said he would schedule a hearing on the treaty April 9, two days after Congress gets back from its spring recess. In her address to Wingate University, where Helms attended school, Albright called for treaty ratification and dismissed complaints from opponents such as Helms that it's not verifiable and that nations like Iraq and Libya won't sign. "It's like saying that because some people smuggle drugs, there is no point in passing a law against drug smuggling," Albright said in her prepared remarks. "We can't let the bad guys write the rules."

Women with cancer gene need earlier tests

CHICAGO (AP) — Women who are genetically susceptible to breast cancer should get annual mammograms between the ages of 25 and 35, earlier than recommended for other women, researchers said. "We think this population is unique by virtue of their very, very high risk" and is likely to benefit from early mammograms, said Dr. Wylie Burke, lead researcher and director of the Women's Health Care Center at the University of Washington. In Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association, the researchers recommended annual mammograms between 25 and 35 for women born with mutations in the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes. The genes account for an estimated 5 percent to 10 percent of all breast cancer cases.

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Kidnappers leave mile-wide clues

Knight-Ridder News Service

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — People all over the country were looking for them and for the two young sisters they allegedly kidnapped, but The Gang That Couldn't Think Straight seemed oblivious.

They were so hapless, they brought the girls to a charity dinner attended by dozens — as their pictures flashed on television. So spacey, they strolled down the busiest street of a crowded city. So ... not smart, they took the kids swimming. At Daytona Beach. During spring break.

Teresa Hainer, 9, and Jessica Hainer, 6, both blondes, both wide-eyed with relief when rescued by police, were en route late Tuesday to a reunion with their family in Galesburg, Mich.

Neither was harmed, police said. "It's the happiest news we ever had," said Olivia Hainer, the girls' grandmother.

Authorities filed federal kidnapping charges against Ricky Geer, 19, and brothers Ron Stafford, 21, and Lee Stafford, 17. Not exactly cagey desperadoes, the three Michigan residents were arrested in a Daytona Beach gift shop as they bought a 99-cent bag of Chester's Butter Popcorn.

They offered no resistance. The cops said: Put your hands up. The trio said OK.

"It was a bag of popcorn that saved those girls," said shop owner Gilbert Myers. "I saw how the girls 'Happy. Really glad."

The elder Stafford spent three years in a sex-offender program, but police said the girls were not assaulted.

"I'm relieved that they were all taken alive and the girls are



Ronald Stafford, 21, was arrested Tuesday in Daytona Beach, Fla., in connection with the abduction of Jessica Hainer, 6, and her sister Teresa Hainer, 9, from a bus stop in Galesburg, Mich. Police arrested Stafford, his brother and another suspect after police received a tip to their location.

safe," said Geer's mother, Christine. "I really want to talk to my son. I want to know why he did this."

She was in good company. Police said the Stafford brothers knew the girls' father, but no one shared any hint of a motive.

"The girls may shed some light on that," FBI agent Joe Martindale said.

Loh Szen Leung, a student who encountered the group in Daytona Beach, said the men claimed that Ron Stafford was their father.

"They said they were sick and tired of living in a little town in Michigan," Leung said. "They

were getting away to find some adventure."

That, they found. But what they were thinking when they allegedly took the girls — or if the men at any point demanded ransom — remained a mystery.

Police dismissed speculation that the sisters, as young as they are, might have been ransomed who willingly accompanied the men. "We have no indication of that," said Al Tolley, a Daytona Beach police spokesman.

Leung, the student, had one other impression of the trio:

"They told us everything about themselves. Showed us their car. It seemed dumb."

Murder suspect hangs himself in police van

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A woman who feuded with her next-door neighbor over his dilapidated car was surprised to find the car in the home's basement Tuesday. Her neighbor hanged himself with his belt in a police van.

Police were called to the home of Ann Hoover when she didn't show up at a hearing for Rey Kirk, who was appealing fines for the vacant, condemned row house he owned next to Ms. Hoover's home.

When they couldn't find her, a neighbor suggested they look in Kirk's house. They found Kirk and put him in the van, then discovered Ms. Hoover's dismembered body in the basement.

Ms. Hoover's limbs had been severed and wrapped, apparently for disposal, and her torso was cut across the middle, said coroner Cyril Wecht. She might have been strangled first with an extension cord found around her neck, he said.

Kirk was shackled and his hands were cuffed behind his back in the van, yet he still managed to remove his belt, loop it around the grating and hang himself during the 12-minute ride to the police station, said Police Cmdr. Ron Freeman. Officers were unable to revive him.

"Here was a man that was bent on taking his own life," Freeman said. "Unfortunately he was able to do something that he wanted to do."

Study: Blood donors don't disclose it all

CHICAGO (AP) — A study of nearly 35,000 blood donors found a small number failed to reveal risky behavior, such as unsafe sex and intravenous drug use.

The finding doesn't signal a change in the safety of the nation's blood supply but suggests that screening procedures should be reviewed, said lead researcher Alan Williams, a senior scientist for the American Red Cross.

Results of the study, sponsored by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, are in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association. All donated U.S. blood is test-

ed for seven infectious disease factors, including HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, before it is released.

The study is based on information from surveys mailed to people who had donated blood in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Detroit, Baltimore-Washington and Oklahoma City.

The researchers sent out 50,162 surveys and got responses from 34,726 donors. Of those, 1.9 percent, or about 600, said that at the time they donated blood, they had failed to report having engaged in behavior that increased their risk of contracting infectious diseases.

The most common risky behaviors were previous intravenous drug use, sexual contact with a homosexual man and sex with a prostitute.

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NATION

Guarding the books is a constant struggle

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite spending more than \$12 million and hiring a tough new security chief, the Library of Congress recently got a fresh reminder of what it's up against in trying to guard its priceless collection.

An antique book dealer in Boston called to say someone had tried to sell him a literary collection that appeared to be hand-picked from the library's shelves. The FBI questioned a library employee, then turned the case over to federal prosecutors for more investigation.

Such risks will only increase this May, when the nation's library reopens its 100-year-old Jefferson Building to tourists after a decade of renovations.

Kenneth E. Lopez, who became the first director of security a month after the Boston incident, knows how to mount a guard. A former Army intelligence officer, he has tightened security for NASA space shuttle launches and



Kenneth Lopez, the Library of Congress' first director of security, stands watch at the library in Washington. Despite the library's \$12 million spending effort for its security, an antique book dealer in Boston recently reported someone had tried to sell him a collection that appeared to be hand-picked from the library's shelves.

the offices of the State Department and the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

But keeping the Library of Congress safe is another story.

"At other federal agencies ... you don't have the public in there," Lopez said. "The biggest challenge here is trying to strike a balance between public access

to these buildings — because it is a public library — and the need for protection."

The Library of Congress, housed in three buildings on Capitol Hill, is home to 17 million books, 48 million original manuscripts, 4.4 million maps, 2.3 million tapes, records and audio discs and 13.7 million photographs, films, prints and drawings.

In 1978, library staff began an inventory of the 10 million books just in the least-valuable general collection. With 10 people working full time, the count won't be finished until next year.

On average, the inventory has found two percent of the general collections missing or damaged.

In 1992, library counters found \$1.8 million worth of damage to the oversized illustrated books known as folios.

Also in 1992, three men — a doctor, a government lawyer and a book dealer — were convicted of stealing from the library.

Georgia bans abortion form

ATLANTA (AP) — After weeks of sitting out volatile debate by lawmakers, the governor Tuesday signed into law a ban on a controversial form of late-term abortion.

"I am pro-choice, but I believe this bill strikes a delicate, proper balance on this sensitive issue," Gov. Zell Miller said after final passage of the measure.

Georgia's House voted 132-43 on Monday for the ban. The bill had already cleared the state Senate. Miller had remained silent during the session-long debate, announcing his position Monday night, only after the vote.

The American Civil Liberties Union and women's groups threatened legal action, saying the bill is unconstitutional, and that its

vague definition of the procedure ("partial-birth abortion") may also affect other abortion procedures.

The vote followed weeks of protests and news conferences sponsored by both sides. On Monday, Georgia Right to Life staffed a table in the Capitol, offering plastic fetuses, anti-abortion stickers and literature. The volatile debate prompted Capitol security to require all who entered the Capitol — including lawmakers — to pass through metal detectors.

U.S. recalls ambassador in Belarus

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is recalling its ambassador in Belarus for consultations following the expulsion of an American diplomat from Belarus and other harassments of Americans.

Ambassador Kenneth Yalowitz is being recalled to discuss ways of dealing with the rapidly deteriorating U.S. relationship with the former Soviet republic, State Department spokesman John Dinger said.

The Clinton administration is

weighing the possibility of expelling a Belarus diplomat in return for the recent Belarusian decision to expel Serge Alexandrov, first secretary at the U.S. Embassy in Minsk, Dinger said.

Alexandrov was detained by police Sunday during an anti-government march by 10,000 people.

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O.J. wants new trial, calls damages excessive

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — O.J. Simpson's lawyers filed notice with his civil court judge Tuesday that they will seek a new trial, also arguing that \$33.5 million in damages were excessive.

In a two-page "notice of intention" to move for a judgment setting aside the verdicts, the attorneys gave an outline of how they will attack the case in a more extended brief due next month.

They said that errors in 12 areas of the law "affected the substantial rights of the defendant."

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Cholesterol treatment: Drug or diet?

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is investigating whether a product promising to "lower your cholesterol without drugs" is actually a drug in disguise. It's a case critics say may define when dietary supplements cross the line into medicine.

Cholestin is a red yeast product from China that claims, in nationwide advertising, that it "has been clinically proven to lower cholesterol levels an average of 25 to 40 points in just eight weeks."

But Cholestin contains, among other things, the same ingredient as the powerful prescription anti-cholesterol drug Mevacor.

Indeed, Cholestin manufacturer Pharmanex Inc. maintains it is not subject to FDA oversight because — as a natural product that does not claim to fight heart disease — it legally is a dietary supplement, not a drug.

"It's not meant to be treating disease or really high cholesterol," said Michael Chang, Pharmanex's chief science officer. "If people have any disease conditions or are already taking prescription (cholesterol) drugs, this is not for them."

But the FDA confirmed Monday that it is investigating whether Cholestin has crossed the line from a dietary supplement to a drug — and whether it poses any risks.

Patients "should not on their own make a decision to stop taking some prescription medication" in favor of Cholestin, warned FDA special nutrients chief Elizabeth Yetley. "They should check with their doctor."

Congress in 1994 said supplements may advertise general aid, such as the assertion that vitamin C is vital for a healthy immune system. Once a claim is made that a supplement fights a particular disease, it becomes a drug.

The FDA will have to decide that question based on Cholestin's ads — and on the product's inclusion of powerful, albeit natural, medical ingredients called HMG CoA reductase inhibitors.

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EDITORIAL

'Just say no' to free-loaders on American taxpayers

Bring us your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning for free medical care.

To the list of taxpayer horror stories, add these from a recent series of New York Daily News articles on Medicaid abuse by non-citizens:

- Philippine actress Jinjy Oda, who owns a luxurious home and part of a rental organization and employs two servants, flew to Southern California, where her sister lives, to have her baby. Tab for the taxpayers \$5,000. Also, her newborn son, as a U.S. citizen, collected \$600 a month in Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

- A 70-year-old Russian man, a lifelong resident of Moscow, had never visited the United States until his doctors told him he needed open-heart surgery. His tourist visa was approved by the U.S. Embassy after he said he was coming to visit relatives in New York. Once in the United States, he used false documents to get a Medicaid card for himself, his wife and two children, then underwent surgery in 1995 in New York, with New York taxpayers picking up the cost. Tab: \$107,872.

- A 48-year-old Nigerian man came to America on a six-month tourist visa in February 1994, ostensibly to visit relatives. He had skin, prostate and lymph node cancer. He then overstayed his visa and underwent two years of chemotherapy and radiation treatments in New York City - for free. State officials believe the man used false documents to get a Medicaid card. Tab: \$95,297.

If the Immigration and Naturalization Service is truly on the lookout for medical deadbeats, it's not looking very hard. According to the Daily News, it's remarkably easy to slip into America and get any sort of big-ticket medical procedure, up to and including a liver trans-

plant, which cost the state of New York \$208,000 for a Dominican child whose parents, now safely back in Santo Domingo, refuse to pay.

Fact is, about the only means the State Department has of collecting is to bar Medicaid scofflaws from re-admittance to the United States. That's not much of a deterrent once they're back home.

"Almost all of these cases are well-established middle class or wealthy people who were advised by friends or relatives how to manipulate our system to their benefit," said Robert Tengeler, the State Department's senior fraud investigator. "Unfortunately, there are several federal laws that encourage this."

U.S. immigration law prohibits the entry of any foreigner who is likely to become a public charge, but once travelers gain entry, they can claim a medical emergency to get care. Federal law requires that hospitals treat all medical emergencies, regardless of the patient's origins or ability to pay.

It's time to take a hard look at whether taxpayers should be the ultimate guarantor of free medical care for all comers.

California voters, who have long paid illegal aliens' medical bills, effectively voted last November to stop doing so. That result was immediately challenged in court, but this is not an issue that will go away.

No one begrudges taxpayer-paid emergency medical care for aliens, legal or otherwise. But the system is out of control.

It's time for Congress to take a close look at tightening entry requirements for aliens, and to give states some legal options to say no when it comes to spending taxpayer dollars subsidizing the health care of those who don't pay taxes.

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LETTERS

Property owners have rights, too

Let's hear it for the person who shot the trespasser on his property and hope he doesn't have to pay for protecting his property.

Let's face it; if more people were to protect themselves and their property, the scam that preys on the public might be a little more afraid.

There has been too much outcry for the rights of the "poor" perpetrator, and no one wants to give the victim any rights, so we have to do it ourselves. We have listened to the so-called experts, the "educated" know it all and ended up in the mess that is laughingly called the judicial system.

If the person hadn't been in a place where he shouldn't have been, he would not have been harmed.

There are millions of us who go about our daily business and are never harmed because we are minding our business. It's the people who decide to prey on other people who put themselves in jeopardy to be shot, beat up or otherwise harmed. They get what they ask for, right? Not so - we have a bunch of bleeding hearts that want to give this scam rights.

We have a right to defend ourselves; we have a right to keep the properties we worked so hard for, why should we hand over our possessions to some creep who is too lazy to work for his own?

Why should we have to support this creep and give him surroundings better than a lot of us have? Prisons are to make this creep not what to come back.

Does anyone realize that the very victims of this creep are supporting him in prison? What is wrong with this picture? Where is the justice? Who gives these guys rights after they have been proven

guilty? How can they sue for better treatment, sue the jailers, sue the victims, sue anyone? They give up their rights the moment they decide to break the law. The way prisoners are treated in Arizona is the model of all prisons; this is the way it's supposed to be, make them not want to come back.

As for me, I'm going to protect my property; you'd better call before you come over or I'd better know you, especially after dark.

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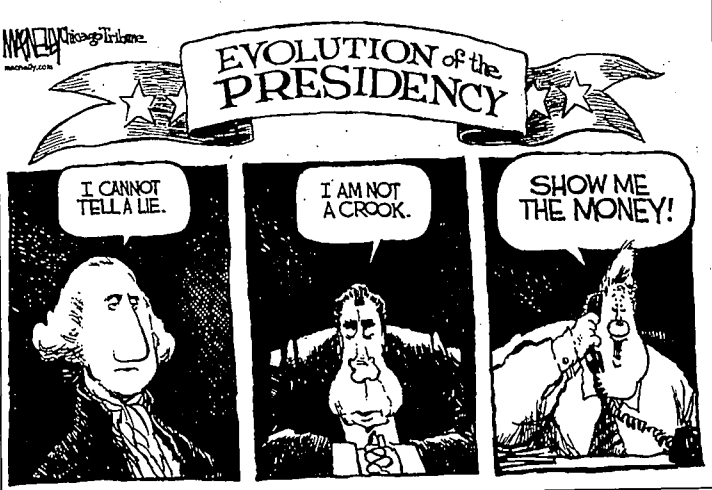
This letter is to thank everyone who prayed for my niece, Arica Chavez.

A month ago, I asked for your prayers after she was struck by a car while she was riding her bike. She was not wearing her helmet, and she suffered massive head and hip injuries. I'm happy to say that the doctors took her off the breathing machine and the fluids have been drained from her head. She is now in rehabilitation. She'll be there for about two weeks relearning her motor skills. She's moving her arms and legs, so there was little spinal damage. Her vision is still impaired, but the doctors say she is coming along very well.

At this time, I wish to thank everyone from Sam Point to Burley, from Rexburg to Caldwell and all our friends here in Twin Falls. God bless you all.

P.S. No matter how uncool it may look to you, please wear a helmet. I would not want anyone to go through what we've been through.

TOM MENDOZA
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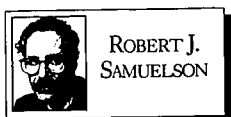
Clinton can take credit for CPI mess

Who could conceivably get past the controversy over the Consumer Price Index (CPI) with some presidential leadership, but sent, and the whole episode shows him at his worst. The man is a compulsive follower. He's a genius at snuffing the public mood - and then going with it. All politicians do this, but Clinton does little else. He seems incapable of leading public opinion and disguises his timidity with soaring rhetoric and strategic silences.

This is the story of the CPI mess. By now, the basics of the controversy are well known. There's broad (though not universal) agreement among economists that the CPI - the government's main price indicator - overstates inflation. Last fall a commission of economists appointed by the Senate Finance Committee and headed by Michael Boskin of Stanford put the overstatement at 1.1 percent a year (with a range of 0.8 percent to 1.6 percent). What Congress, and the president must decide is whether or at least how - to alter the automatic indexing of Social Security, other government benefits and the income tax to the CPI.

Clinton now seems to have torpedoed an effort to deal with the issue. The idea was to create another panel of experts to advise Congress on exactly how much to alter the CPI for indexing. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott endorsed the concept; Clinton wouldn't - or at least hasn't. The politics aren't complicated. Some powerful Democrats (notably House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt) oppose it. So do some potent interest groups (notably the American Association of Retired Persons). Congressional Republicans, having been attacked repeatedly over Social Security and Medicare, won't touch the issue alone. Thus, an impasse.

I think that the way out is for Congress



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

to cut the CPI 0.5 percent for indexing. If the CPI rose 3.3 percent, everything indexed to it would rise only 2.8 percent. This seems a cautious compromise be-

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tween what we know (that the CPI now overstates inflation) and what we don't (the exact size of the overstatement). Numbers aside, the issue is not just an accounting dispute.

Flawed indexing feeds budget deficits and silently twists the government's priorities. In theory, indexing makes sense. The aim is to prevent inflation from eroding the purchasing power of benefits or raising taxes. Instead, it creates benefits for inflation maintained purchasing power, and adjusting tax brackets and other tax provisions insulated people from higher tax rates when their real incomes hadn't risen. But overindexing is no virtue. It automatically overcompensates and undercuts; Congress loses control over more and more of the budget.

Because no one (starting with the president) has had the courage to demystify it, the whole subject has become needlessly symbolic and charged. People wrongly think that altering the index formula would impose huge hardships. It wouldn't. Suppose Congress actually did reduce the indexing formula by 0.5 percent. What would be the effects?

Consider a new retiree in 1996 with a Social Security monthly benefit of \$745. The Social Security Administration has compared benefits under its official projections with those after a 0.5 percent cut in indexing. In the first year the monthly benefit would rise to \$765 instead of \$768: a \$3 difference. After 10 years, the monthly benefit would be \$1,020 instead of \$1,070; the \$50 gap is less than 5 percent. The story is the same for taxes. If the personal exemption (and other tax provisions) were raised 0.5 percent less than the official CPI, taxes would increase.

But here, too, the effect is tiny. After a decade, the cumulative tax increase is less than 1 percent, estimates the Congressional Budget Office. But because many people are affected - on both taxes and benefits - the impact on the budget can be significant. The CBO estimates that an indexing of 0.5 percent would trim the budget deficit in 2005 by \$51 billion, or a fifth of the projected deficit (\$254 billion).

If the CPI overstates inflation, no one is entitled - at least as a matter of fairness - to the higher benefits or lower taxes that result from overindexing. We are often told that the CPI is a technical issue and that any change should be left to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Well, the CPI should be left to the BLS; and the agency should be given the money to improve the CPI. But how the index is used for the budget is inevitably a political matter.

One job of the president is to clarify hard issues. This is easier to urge than for presidents to do. All of them strive to preserve their political capital by picking their fights selectively. Still, Clinton has almost completely abandoned the job. He's the most talkative president in living memory, but he rarely talks about things people don't want to hear. He must be preserving his political capital. For what is anyone's guess.

Robert J. Samuelson is a Newsweek columnist.

LETTERS

Wishing Star delivers dreams

This is to inform The Times-News that the Rock Creek Runners raise money for the Wishing Star Foundation, not Make-A-Wish. Although they are similar, Wishing Star is Eastern Washington, Idaho and Jackpot. Our kids don't have to be terminally ill to be granted a wish.

I would also like to let the Forest Service know that if a bird is more important than a seriously ill child's wish, something is definitely wrong! I think this is just an excuse to keep these people out. There are some of the nicest and biggest-hearted people anyone could know.

A group from Wishing Star went last year. This event is the most organized and cleanest that I've seen. The area was cleaner when they left than when they got there.

I just want to let the Forest Service know that what this group is doing for Wishing Star is more important than some goshawk.

CAROL JONES
Magle Valley Chapter
Wishing Star Foundation
Twin Falls

Revamp tax system sensibly

We should discard our personal income-taxing system and adopt a retail sales and personal services taxing system gathered, in a way, to our giant commercial advertising system. With such a system, sales taxes would be picked up by cash registers whenever we spend money for our own needs. The collected money would go directly to the national treasurer.

Preparing and filing an income tax return is a laborious and tedious task.

The husky truck driver, home for a day, has difficulty to relax and find time to follow all the minute procedural directions for completing an income tax return.

The school teacher, in her class all week and with home and family responsibilities, should not be burdened with tax forms.

Maybe we should take a tip from our giant commercial advertising bemoan. Every time we go to the grocery store, every time we buy a new car and every time we go to the cinema, we unconsciously shell out extra money to pay for silly TV nonsense, unsightly billboards and annoying junk mail.

Surely a personal sales/service tax would be feasible.

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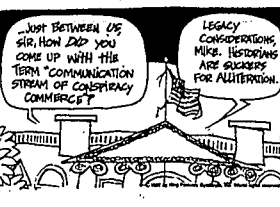
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Human cloning deserves rational argument, not knee-jerk ban

EDWARD M. BERGER

For many people, scientists among them, the thought of cloning humans has evoked visceral distress. Dr.

Harold Varmus, director of the National Institutes of Health, pronounced it "repugnant." Even Dr. Ian Wilmut, whose announcement that he had cloned a sheep stunned the world, said, "All of us would find that offensive."

Human cloning was condemned by the Vatican and banned by President Clinton, without so much as a public peep from his ethics advisers. In the current atmosphere, a reasoned debate about human cloning is nearly impossible. Anyone who dares defend this breakthrough speaks in hushed tones, fearing crank calls and canceled grants.

But recall the moral indignation that followed the news of artificial insemination in the 1950s, of in vitro fertilization in the 1960s, of recombinant DNA technology in the 1970s and of human gene therapy in the 1980s. In all these cases, the dust did settle, and a technology that was viewed as perversion was later recognized as important and regulable.

For the two points, let me make only two points. First, in Henry Kissinger's sense of Realpolitik, the war against human cloning cannot be won. The genie is out of the bottle. If the good guys ban cloning humans, are we not inviting the bad guys to work on it offshore? Won't the procedure be used by only those very few who can afford it?

As Time magazine pointed out, "you can outlaw technique, but you cannot repeal biology."

Laws forbid, but do not prevent. As with any cutting-edge technology, there is potential for great evil, but for many, cloning will replace a second chance of life, a shot at immortality. Cloning humans is, after all, a 20th-century version of Eden's apple.

When America was faced with the unknowable risks of gene cloning in the 1970s, geneticists attending the Asilomar conclave in California voluntarily declared a moratorium on further research. They, together with ethicists, public-health experts, lawyers, public-policy mavens etc., entered into a protracted assessment of real and imagined risks. Meanwhile, they gathered data. In the end, the NIH established a detailed set of guidelines, policies and regulations that would govern every aspect of the technology and its use. Those guidelines evolved over time as new information was acquired. Today, for example, we do practice gene therapy on people, allowing some forms (somatic cell, such as the current therapy for cystic fibrosis), but not others (germ line, in other words, treating sperm or egg cells). That Asilomar experience simply has to become the model we will use for cloning research.

My real concern, though, is who will defend the clones? According to a recent "Nova" special on PBS, one of every 300 births produces identical twins, so that means that nearly a million

Americans may now find their moral status challenged. Do identical twins, who are after all clones, share a soul? Are they not individuals?

Of course, twins have identities, personae and souls. Sharing someone else's genes insures physical resemblance, not psychic unity. Will we decide that identical twins should each get a half vote, as blacks were endowed three-fifth personage by the U.S. Constitution a century ago? Any knee-jerk moral repulsion of human clones is a kick in the face to a million Americans who, by an act of nature, developed from a split embryo as monozygotic twins. Are twins to become the moral equivalent of black sheep?

Any ethical argument we propose in support of a ban against cloning people cannot also hold for monozygotic twins, unless we are prepared to justify the creation of a new moral minority. It is perhaps significant that only a week after declaring human cloning "repugnant," Varmus testified to Congress that he could imagine a scenario in which an infertile couple used a cloning procedure for family planning. Surely, there will be other possibilities not even imaginable now.

When the twister abated, young Dorothy confided to her furry friend, Toto, "I don't think we're in Kansas anymore." That same feeling of awe and disbelief welled up in many of us who read the account of Dolly, the cloned ewe. Within a week other reports trickled in: A group in Wisconsin was creating cloned cows, and another research team in Oregon was using rhesus monkeys. Dorothy was able to get back

home by clicking her ruby slippers, but when Wilmut pushed

the button electrifying the fertilized egg of a nascent Dolly, he

almost certainly bought us all a one-way ticket to Oz.

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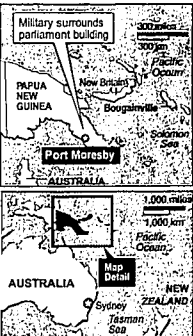
Trees are used for vantage points for some of the crowd of 4,000 during Tuesday's anti-government protest at Papua New Guinea's Parliament, a result of the government hiring British mercenaries to help fight a civil war on the island of Bougainville.

Call for ouster of prime minister

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (AP) — Backed by scores of mutinous soldiers, hundreds of protesters blockaded Papua New Guinea's Parliament on Tuesday, pressing for the ouster of the prime minister.

While talks between legislators and a senior army officer eased what had been an angry confrontation, soldiers and more than 1,000 civilians remained outside the legislative compound early Wednesday, forcing lawmakers to spend the night inside.

Outraged by the failure of a parliamentary motion asking Prime Minister Sir Julius Chan to step aside during an inquiry into a foreign mercenary contract, soldiers initially blocked the exits to Parliament. Later, civilians blocked roads leading to the building's two entrances.



office," said Sir Michael Somare, Papua New Guinea's first prime minister, now an opposition legislator, who led the nation to independence in 1975.

Somare and Parliament Speaker Rabbie Namaliu, another former prime minister, promised protest leaders they would try to have the motion reconsidered after sunrise.

Chan's government hired the British and South African mercenaries to quash a 9-year-old rebellion on the island of Bougainville.

When news of the mercenary contract AP leaked out, the country's soldiers revolted, angered that the government spent \$36 million on the foreign fighters. Civilians joined them, protesting what they saw as government mismanagement and corruption.

Gingrich reaffirms U.S. commitment to S. Korea

PANMUNJOM, Korea (AP) — Looking across the world's most heavily guarded border, House Speaker Newt Gingrich declared Tuesday that the United States is still resolute about protecting South Korea from any threats by its northern neighbor.

"We are committed to defend Korea... We believe that partnership is very, very important to us," he said.

Wearing a camouflage military coat over his clothes, Gingrich told soldiers at the border that their dedication keeps both South Korea and America safe.

"I think there is something sober about seeing the demilitarized zone, but it's also a great

success story," said Gingrich. "For 44 years it's worked and I hope it works until unification."

The Georgia Republican is the first U.S. House speaker to visit South Korea since 1971. His visit follows a period of heightened tensions between North and South Korea, which eased this month when aid offers helped coax North Korea into tentative peace talks with South Korea for the first time in 25 years.

Panmunjom is a neutral village inside the DMZ, a 2 1/2-mile-wide buffer that separates North and South Korea. Running roughly along the 38th parallel, it has kept an uneasy peace since the Korean War ended in 1953.

Mideast clashes threaten summit

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli troops and Palestinian stone-throwers clashed in the West Bank Tuesday, and chances for a meeting between Benjamin Netanyahu and Yasser Arafat grew more remote as both attached conditions to such a summit.

Netanyahu's aide said Israel would want to make security the main issue, while Arafat suggested he was not ready to participate in a public relations event that did not produce results.

Israel and the Palestinians have been sliding deeper into crisis since Israel began construction last week on a Jewish neighborhood in east Jerusalem, the sector the Palestinians claim as a future capital.

A suicide bombing by an Islamic militant in Tel Aviv on Friday has been followed by

daily clashes between Palestinians and Israeli troops.

The two sides blame each other for the violence and have increasingly hardened their positions. On Sunday, Israel told the Palestinians it would not resume peace talks in earnest until six demands are met — including the dismantling and arrest of Islamic militants.

The Palestinians balked, and one of Arafat's security chiefs said Monday that the Palestinians would no longer cooperate with Israel on security matters, such as reining in militants.

Amsterdam doctor charged in assisted suicide

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Prosecutors charged a doctor with murder Tuesday for allegedly ignoring Dutch euthanasia guidelines when he injected a patient with a fatal dose of insulin.

Dr. Sjoerd Schat says he administered the drug to 72-year-old Dora Brattinga last April at her request.

Schat faces up to 20 years in prison if he is convicted of the crime.

While the Netherlands has the world's most liberal policy on euthanasia, prosecutors say Schat breached so many of the government-approved guidelines that they had to press charges.

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Glenns Ferry City Council meets today at City Hall

GLENNS FERRY - The Glenns Ferry City Council will meet today at City Hall. A public hearing regarding the sale of 17.4 acres will begin at 6 p.m., with the regular meeting following at 7 p.m. The council will discuss enforcement of city irrigation-water rules; signing of Martell Subdivision documents; cleaning of a drain pipe; building permits for the school district bus garage; a mobile home for Oliver Gregerson; and manufactured homes for David Rush and the Baptist church; and a beer/wine license for Carlos' Restaurant. The mayor will address a possible change in council meetings to one per month, and the city superintendent will discuss a land purchase for \$1,800.

Filer School Board slates special noon meeting

FILER - A special meeting of the Filer School Board will be held at noon today at the Filer School District office, 700 B Stevens Ave. The board will hear the superintendent's report about the Western States Bus proposal, cancellation of the April 9 meeting, third-grade teacher sharing and other business, and will take action on those items. An executive session will be held to discuss personnel.

Wendell City Council to discuss police, building

WENDELL - The City Council will hear tonight from a Wendell man unhappy with police service in town and will discuss what to do about a business building in a street right-of-way. Building Inspector Sonny Henry will raise the issue of Ellie Mae's Salon, 385 W. Main, being in the Bliss Street right-of-way. Also, the council will hear from City Engineer Scott Bybee about the west side sewer project; water project manager Rob Hegstrom will discuss a change in waterline construction priority; John Wert will discuss giving property to the city; and Martin Shirley will propose putting a phone line across B Avenue East. The public is invited to the meeting, which begins at 7 p.m.

Gooding County to meet on Thursday morning

GOODING - Gooding County commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday. Three two-hour sessions for indigent matters will be on the agenda, followed by a planning and zoning discussion with Judy Daubner and Shelly Hayden. Lucy Osborne will discuss fairground rental at 4 p.m. The commissioners have open time until 2:30 p.m., when Terry Ruby will talk about weeds. An executive session to discuss personnel matters begins at 3 p.m. and will be followed by Carol Johnson with disaster services. Elected officials will discuss computer networking during the last hour of the meeting.

Hailey citizens forming watershed advisory group

HAILEY - A diverse group of citizens - including landowners, farmers and ranchers, water users, conservationists and agency staff - are forming a watershed advisory group for the Big and Little Wood rivers and Camas Creek. A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. today at the old Blaine County courthouse at First and Crox streets. Participants can talk about why they might want to have a watershed group and what such a group should do. "This meeting is an excellent opportunity to identify the group's goals and begin talking about the framework for formation," said Mike Hart, the meeting's facilitator. "Watershed groups are forming in many places throughout the state. A functioning watershed group can be a place where all interests work together to find solutions to help improve the watershed. The Watershed Advisory Group can help provide a neutral forum for conflict resolution and important input to state and federal management, organizers say. Compiled from staff reports

CEO: Not ill, not selling out

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer

JACKPOT, Nev. - Rumors that Cactus Petes Casino's Craig Neilsen is seriously ill and ready to sell have come up snake eyes. The Twin Falls native and chief executive officer of Ameristar Casinos does not intend to sell any of his stock, a news release said Tuesday. The Las Vegas-based Ameristar operates Cactus Petes and the Horseshu Hotel and Casino in Jackpot, Nev. Neilsen, 56, owns about 87 percent of the outstanding common stock in the publicly traded Ameristar. Although Mr. Neilsen has recently been under the care of physicians, he

has informed the company that his medical advisors do not consider his health problems to be life-threatening," the release said. "Mr. Neilsen remains actively involved in the day to day management of the company." The company's chief executive did not provide any details to Ameristar about his health, the release said, "and, out of respect for his privacy wishes, the company will not respond to inquiries for additional information." The news release was in response to a March 21 issue of The Gaming Industry Weekly Report, said Tom Steinbauer, Ameristar senior vice president of finance in Las Vegas. In his newsletter about the gaming

stock market, editor Alan Woinski of Fort Lee, N.J., reported that a 20 percent rise in Ameristar Casinos' stock was due to rumors that Neilsen's had been hospitalized for several weeks. A common thread to the rumor mill was that the company might be sold. "I'm glad (Ameristar) responded because people were out buying stocks for the wrong reason," Woinski said. "Nobody really knows the real story. If I hadn't been pretty sure he was in the hospital, I wouldn't say anything." Investors should focus on the business operations, not rumors, Woinski wrote in his newsletter. But he didn't believe the newsletter perpetuated the rumor. Instead, it informed clients about stocks in the

gaming industry, Woinski said. Often, company officials are the last to know about rumors that might affect their stocks. "A lot of time that's to alert them," Woinski said. "I try to inform people why there is movement. A lot of time gaming stocks move for no reason." The gaming report is sent weekly to 900 subscribers, including Ameristar, he said. Ameristar officials declined any other comment, except for what was contained in its news release. "Any other questions I can't respond to," Steinbauer said. "It's broken." In 1985, Neilsen became a quadriplegic after his neck was broken in a
Please see AMERISTAR, Page B3

Missing boy's bottle found near buildings

By Laura Huber
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - A baby bottle that family members say belonged to 2-year-old Reuben "Mejo" Felix was found Monday behind the shop and the chicken house at the home where he was last seen, in a dip in the ground 10 to 15 feet wide, said his mother, Rosanna Mireles of Gooding. An 11-year-old cousin of the missing boy found the bottle at 9 a.m. Monday at the Shoshone home. Peggy Solis of Gooding, Mejo's grandmother, said Tuesday the family called the FBI and FBI agent Victor Grant is coming for the boy's bottle. The Times-News was unable to contact Grant Tuesday. Family members hope that saliva and fingerprints will be found on the bottle and help them find Mejo. The nipple on the bottle is not sticky, Mireles said; nipples which remain in the sun for an extended period become sticky and swollen. Tests will indicate how long it has lain there. Mireles and Solis have made finding Mejo a top priority and are three times
Please see MISSING, Page B3

OH, GLORIOUS SPRING!



Best buddies Jennifer Neumann, 4, and Joseph Stewart, 5, find pure joy in a puddle outside their Elizabeth Boulevard apartments Tuesday afternoon.

Arrest of teen-ager results in city lawsuit

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls woman claims police wrongfully arrested her teen-age daughter for obstructing an investigation where no charges were filed. Alicia Fowler of Twin Falls filed a lawsuit against the city of Twin Falls on March 3 in 5th District Court on behalf of her daughter, Jessica L. Phillips. Fowler requests damages in excess of \$10,500, \$2,500 attorney fees and costs. Twin Falls city attorney, Eric Wenderlich had no comment on the lawsuit. The incident occurred when Phillips, 15, was moving out of a house at Maurice Street in June 1995. Two young men helping Phillips got into a "shoving match" with the rental's landlord, Fowler claims. The landlord called police but when city officer Chris Fullmer arrived, the two young men left and the landlord declined to press charges against them,

the plaintiff said. When Phillips refused to identify the men, the officer warned her she faced arrest for accessory to battery, Fowler claims in the lawsuit. Her daughter incorrectly identified the men, but when Fuller arrived at the scene, she said she asked Phillips to cooperate. Phillips correctly identified the men, but when Fullmer found one name was not exactly correct, he arrested Phillips for obstructing an investigation and handcuffed and dragged her to his patrol car, the plaintiff claims. The plaintiff claims Fullmer's conduct constituted criminal negligence and malice. There was no investigation to obstruct because the landlord refused to press charges, she claimed. The obstruction charge against Phillips was dropped in November 1996. Phillips suffered humiliation, embarrassment, faced criminal prosecution and had to hire an attorney to defend her, the plaintiff says.

Post Office plan gets Hailey's OK stamp

By Kristan Kennedy
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Both sides are claiming a victory, of sorts, in a dispute over Hailey's proposed post office. Hailey Postmaster Kathleen Eder is pleased that a cramped 3,700-square-foot building bursting from its boxes will be replaced with a new \$4 million structure - and the U.S. Postal Service will pick up the tab. Critics still don't like the building's relocation, six blocks south from its current downtown location, saying it could set back city planning goals for a pedestrian-friendly downtown. But they were still pleased with a discussion on the project, which culminated Monday night. The Hailey City Council Monday voted to stand by the Postal Service plan, and the site selection on Idaho Highway 75 and Airport Way, following

a two-hour public discussion. Eder said she was pleased, given the alternative, a loss of federal funding which could kill the project for 10 years. "The city vote last night was critical," Eder said Tuesday. "If we didn't get that, the whole project was going downhill." However, relocation opponents said they exercised public process against a powerful agency flooding too much federal muscle. Organizer Salome Taylor said Tuesday the petition drive reminded Postal Service officials they can't steamroll plans into a small town, without answering community concerns. "We succeeded in getting the public process in place," Taylor said. "We're going to lose the post office from the downtown - that's a loss. ... But they're going to look more at changing designs, and explore rural delivery. That's good." Please see HAILEY, Page B3

Three Dog Night, Lonestar top '97 fair attractions

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

FILER - At this summer's Twin Falls County Fair, Labor Day will be followed by Three Dog Night. The Twin Falls County Fair Board has booked the classic '70s rock group for a Labor Day Night concert, five days after the fair's traditional country show. The Texas band Lonestar and cowboy singer Chris Ledoux will perform Wednesday, Aug. 27, a departure from the usual Sunday night schedule. "We've decided to have a classic rock concert because that's what people told us they wanted," Fair Manager John Pitz said Tuesday. "Creedence Clearwater Revisited (one-half of the old Creedence Clearwater Revival) was the only show to sell out at (the Eastern Idaho State Fair) in Blackfoot last year. "Country's down a little bit right now, and if people want a classic rock show, that's what we'll give them. The fair board has experimented with a Labor Day-night rock concert in the past, most recently in 1995 when the '70s band Kansas closed out the fair.



Cory Wells and Danny Hutton will bring Three Dog Night harmony to the fair. Last year's Monday night truck-and-tractor pull was something a bust as far as gate receipts were concerned. "Kansas was basically a break-even

deal," Pitz said. The fair board will pay Lonestar and Ledoux \$34,500. Three Dog Night and its yet-to-be-selected opening act will get \$20,750. The fair board spent \$55,000 last year for a Sunday night Party Loveless-Hal Ketchum concert. Loveless canceled two days before the show when her husband became ill. Three Dog Night, best known for its 1971 hit "Joy to the World," is still one of the best-selling acts in rock history and its singles-oriented, soul-influenced pop rock helped drive the rise of FM radio. Named after an Australian slang expression for a very cold night, the band's sound was unique when it was organized in the '60s - three lead singers doing harmony, with four singers in the background. The idea was Danny Hutton's, an Irish-born session musician whose previous attempts at finding a successful sound with a string of Los Angeles-based rock groups had fundered. But he met Cory Wells, another side. Please see FAIR, Page B3

IDAHO/WEST

Man sentenced 1 year on weapons charge

TWIN FALLS - A man who holed up in his apartment overnight while police SWAT teams tried to talk him out will serve just less than a year in jail...

Police were called to Myers' apartment building the night before, after neighbors reported him firing off weapons in his room, police say.

unlawful discharge, said deputy public defender Brad Calbo. "I felt the case was very weak on aggravated assault. I think he was found guilty of what he was guilty of," Calbo said.

Batt vetoes 3rd bill of '97 session Governor rejects benefit pay from emergency agency

BOISE (AP) - Gov. Phil Batt has wielded his veto stamp for the third time this year, rejecting legislation requiring the state emergency management agency to reimburse public employers for benefits of employees who are responding to emergency situations.



'It seems unreasonable to require the Military Division to pay for health insurance premiums, retirement contributions and other accrued benefits... simply because the employee is helping to serve the city in an emergency.'

- Gov. Phil Batt

The bill, Batt said in his veto message on Monday, "contains a good purpose in preserving public employee benefits in times of emergency."

only four from the 1997 still awaiting disposition, including a potentially costly phase out of the income tax marriage penalty and a requirement that the state either pay for or provide the revenue raising authority for local governments to pay for state mandates.

state by between \$12 million and \$16 million a year depending on the estimate, and that is what concerns the Batt, who has objected in the past to further attacks on the state's revenue stream.

SERVICES

Boyd Earsel VanLewen, of Heyburn, 11 a.m. today, Heyburn LDS Ward Chapel. Friends may call one hour before the funeral today at the church, (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Gordon Harrison Trivitt, of Rupert, graveside service, noon Thursday, Rupert Cemetery. Viewing, 6 to 8 p.m. today. The family has requested that friends meet at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and proceed to the cemetery from the mortuary.

Clayne Newsum, of Buhl, 1 p.m. Thursday, White Mortuary chapel, Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Ruby G. (Ross) McKinnon POCATELLO - Ruby G. (Ross) McKinnon, 88, a longtime resident of Pocatello, died at Quail Ridge. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Henderson-Cornelson Funeral Chapel, 431 N. 15th Ave. in Pocatello. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and the family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until service time Friday at the funeral home. Interment will be at the Mountain View Cemetery in Pocatello.

Canyon Hill Cemetery in Caldwell. Arrangements are under the direction of the Cloverdale-Gibson Funeral Home in Boise. Local arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Dee P. Hart TWIN FALLS - Dee P. Hart, 93, of Twin Falls, died Monday, March 24, 1997, at home. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the

Stephen Harrison BURLEY - Stephen Harrison, 21, of Burley, died Monday, March 24, 1997, from injuries sustained in an accident. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Alison Fish JEROME - Alison Fish, 91, of Jerome, died Monday, March 24, 1997, at Rock Creek Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Admitted Jeane Chapman of Twin Falls. Ruth Foster of Buhl; and Alan Johnson of Hansen. CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Admitted April Ray, Alicia Bernard, Lund Pehrson and Georgia Decker, all of Burley; Donald Martin of Rupert; and Kendall May of Paul.

Released Shiela Christensen and Heidi Cranney, both of Oakley. Births A baby was born to April Ray and Alicia Bernard, both of Burley. MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Admitted Elva Flores and baby boy, Francisca Barajas and baby girl and Jasmine Ortiz, all of Rupert. Births A daughter was born to Francisca Barajas and a son was born to Rodrigo and Elva Flores, all of Rupert.

Some names are omitted at patients' request. Some names are omitted at patients' request.

OBITUARIES

TWIN FALLS

Willie Lee "Bill" Andrew Bill Andrew, 88, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, March 22, 1997, at Rock Creek Rehabilitation Center. Willie was born Nov. 18, 1908, in Winton, La. He married Lois Richardson Leckie. She was raised in Oklahoma and worked for several years as a telephone operator in Oklahoma City. She moved to Ralph, Idaho, nearly 65 years ago after which they lived for many years in Oklahoma. In 1961, they moved to Twin Falls where they have resided since. After moving to Twin Falls, Bill was a homemaker and an active member of the Nazarene Church.

BURLEY

Michael Floyd Russell Michael Floyd Russell, 46, of Burley, went away to meet the Lord on Sunday, March 23, 1997. He was a very courageous battle with cancer. Michael was born Sept. 28, 1950, in Twin Falls. He was the oldest of 10 children. He was a very loving son, brother, husband, father, uncle, grandfather and friend. He attended schools in Jerome and graduated from Mike High School in 1968. He also attended the College of Southern Idaho. In 1968, he married Barbara Newman and together they have two children, before their divorce. Michael later married Kay Plattenborger, and they had one son before their divorce. On June 28, 1995, he married Gail Giraud. He worked at Orinda Foods Inc. for 18 years.

Fred W. Archer

Fred W. Archer, 66-year-old Burley resident, died Sunday, March 23, 1997, at his home in Burley. Fred was born June 18, 1930, in Winfield, Kan., the son of Roy T. and Esther Detmer Archer. He entered this life weighing only 2 1/4 pounds, but with the love and care of his family, he grew into a sturdy, he survived and grew into a robust young man. In 1945, he moved with his family from Kansas to Buhl. He graduated from Buhl High School with the class of 1949. Fred married Barbara G. Carson on July 2, 1950, in Buhl. In his earlier years, he helped drill wells with his father. His love was farming and he excelled at it. He raised cattle, hogs and chickens and crops in the valley. He was the farm manager for Morgan Schillington Farm Company for over 30 years. He was the top sugar beet grower in 1955. Fred never knew a stranger and was always the first person to volunteer to help someone in need. He always made time for a cup of coffee and a visit. His faith in the Lord was strong and he was a devout Christian. He was often heard singing his favorite hymns while working. His illness came upon him slowly. But through the years of being at home with his beloved wife, he never forgot how to give you a big smile and a wink. We loved him dearly and he will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Barbara Carson Archer; two daughters, Gayle Grabe and Darla Shavor and her husband, Mark; his sister, JoAnn Hlob; and his grandchildren, Jim and Kimberly Brooks, and grandson Shavor. He was preceded in death by his mother and father and three brothers. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 28, 1997, at the Burley Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Ave., with the Rev. Rick Trenchard officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral on Thursday at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel and one hour before the funeral on Friday at the church. Interment will be at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley.

Marguerite Lena Prescott Jacobs

Marguerite, formerly of Twin Falls, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and mother-in-law, died Sunday, March 23, 1997. She was a cheerful girl with a ready smile, kind word and helping hands, always caring, supportive and quick to comfort all those with whom she lived the scripture, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Phil. 4:13). After a prolonged illness, she has received God's rich promises of a new body and eternal rewards. The world is a lonelier place without her.

Michael Floyd Russell

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Bank bombing defendant testifies

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - He has strong beliefs about abortion, banks and abortion, but Verne Jay Merrell took the stand Tuesday to deny helping, bomb a bank and a Planned Parenthood office.

Randy Weaver's cabin near Naples, Idaho. Merrell said he knew people who died in 1993 during a similar federal siege of the Branch Davidson compound near Waco, Texas.

drove to Portland, Ore., "to deliver a warning" about usury to a U.S. Bank branch there after Berry stole vehicles in Pocatello and Hood River, Ore. Merrell denied being a member of a secretive white separatist sect called the Phineas Priesthood, or participating in the pipe bombings and bank robberies April 1 and July 12.

Merrell, of Sandpoint, Idaho, frequently read passages from a red Bible in response to questions about his national law classes in Arizona. Merrell affirmed that he would "tell the truth to the best of my ability as given me by my Creator."

Merrell, 51, Robert S. Berry, 42, and Charles H. Barbee, 45, are on trial for the pipe bombing of a bank, Planned Parenthood office and a newspaper building and two robberies of the same bank branch last year in suburban Spokane.

Merrell said he quit a \$250,000-a-year job in 1985 and moved to a quiet mountain in Idaho because "my Father called me and told me to get out of Babylon." Since then, he has "manifested the name of my Creator to everyone... as I am doing now," he testified.

Merrell said passages found in a computer at his residence were given him in August 1992 by a neo-Nazi skinhead named "Spider" at the standoff at

Similar language was found in threatening letters sent to the Planned Parenthood office, newspaper and U.S. Bank after the bombings and robberies. Similar notes were found in the stolen van he was driving when arrested Oct. 8 near Yakima.

Merrell was the first defendant to take the stand. Lawyers for Barbee and Berry said they have not decided whether their clients will testify.

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Public can comment on livestock ordinance

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS — The public gets a chance next month to comment on a proposed ordinance that would give county officials and the public a say in the location and use of new or expanding livestock confinement operations.

After discussing a few last-minute changes, the Twin Falls

County Planning and Zoning Commission Tuesday evening decided to open the ordinance for public comment.

The proposed ordinance is on the agenda for the commission's April 10 meeting. That hearing will begin at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Twin Falls County Office Building at 246 Third Ave.

The ordinance would limit the size of new livestock operations

in relation to the number of horses within a mile of the proposed operation. Any proposed new or expanding operation would require a conditional-use permit — which would require a public hearing.

The commission struggled with how to protect agricultural activities in the agricultural zone without threatening the quality of life of longtime rural residents.

Following public hearings on the livestock ordinance, any changes would be incorporated, and it would be combined with the rest of the county's proposed zoning ordinance to put the 1995 comprehensive plan into action.

Once complete, the entire zoning ordinance would be presented to county commissioners, who would conduct their own public hearings before making the ordinance law.

Twin Falls board examines time issue

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In its effort to reduce waste classroom time, the Twin Falls School Board returned to the drawing board Tuesday.

Board members said activity lists provided by schools aren't thorough enough because they don't quantify the wasted time nor explain the activities.

Unsure whether they want fewer activities and more academics in the schools, board members said the public is often divided over what and how much schools should teach. At the same time, the board needs to refocus its goal for education, they said.

"It all depends on what you think is the function of the schools," Superintendent Terrell Donich said.

On specific issues, the board debated whether to shut down or shut down Twin Falls High School for several class periods when the football team goes to state championships.

The high school doesn't close down for other teams, nor does the entire student body show up to watch the football games, board Chairman David Saxe said.

"I don't know if closing school is the best option," Saxe said.

"But there may be times teachers want to go," board member Del Traverler added. Others suggested letting students go if they want to, but having them prove they attended by keeping their ticket stubs.

Donich said the lists represent essentially everything that has been introduced into the schools over the past 20 years.

"There is a cardinal rule," Donich said. "Once something is in, it's never out."

Imposing a standard will be difficult, Donich said.

"You can make an argument for almost everything and tie it to some goal or another," he said. "A character goal, a socialization goal."

The number and type of activities vary from school to school. They include eye checks, health talks, "harmonic music," bike safety, crime prevention lessons, swimming classes, good behavior awards, parent-teacher organization activities and drug resistance lessons. A curriculum committee decides which activities enter the schools.

Board member Vera Redman said she would rather let the schools weed out time-consuming activities because they better know what activities hold value for students.

"I'm not sure I want to evaluate these things," she said.

Board members vowed to seek public comment and have schools rate and choose what activities they want to keep.

Saxe asked the schools to "not be too community pressure" unless the activities can be justified.

Times-News adds 4 staffers in Mini-Cassia

The Times-News

BURLEY — The Times-News recently welcomed four new members to its Mini-Cassia bureau.

Angela Bergman was hired as the new AgWeekly account executive. Bergman is a Montana native and recently earned a bachelor's degree in English from Montana State University in Bozeman.

Bergman will handle existing accounts and establish new accounts for AgWeekly. Her interests include mountain biking, camping and reading. Her husband Mike is a crop consultant for Koch Agri Services. They live in Heyburn.

Joey Bryant is the new Times-News receptionist and news assistant. Her duties include customer service and gathering community news. Bryant is a Mini-Cassia native and a volunteer for the Red Cross. Her son BJ is a sophomore chemistry



Angela Bergman, Joey Bryant, Gregory Hahn, Kristin Kress

major at Albertson's College in Caldwell. Her daughter Laeie is a senior at Minico High School and her husband Jim owns and manages rental homes in the Mini-Cassia area.

Bryant was most recently a dispatcher for the Cassia County sheriff's department for five years. They also live in Heyburn.

Gregory Hahn is the Mini-Cassia bureau's new reporter. He will cover police, courts, the city of Rupert, Minidoka County and feature stories.

Hahn recently earned a master's degree in journalism from New York University. He graduated from the University of California at Santa Barbara with a degree in anthropology in 1994.

His interests include skiing, hiking and soccer. Hahn is from Bedford, Ind. He makes his new home in Burley.

Kristin Kress is the Mini-Cassia bureau's new graphic artist. Kress grew up in American Falls. She earned a bachelor's degree in English literature and art from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash., in 1996.

Her duties with The Times-News include creating advertisements and designing the layout for advertisements. Her personal interests include computers, reading, art and movies. She lives in American Falls.

A position on the bureau's editorial staff opened up when reporter Lori Bettineski took a job with The Idaho Statesman in Boise. A second position was created through a series of promotions in which John Hanzel became the Mini-Cassia bureau correspondent and Andrea Peterson took over as Times-News account representative.

The third position was left open by the departure of office manager Nancy Miller, who will remain with The Times-News as a correspondent.

The final position was vacated by graphic designer Tiffany Vaughan, who took a job in Denver.

Mild-mannered Bush becomes super-parachuter

YUMA PROVING GROUND, Ariz. (AP) — George Bush took a flying leap Tuesday.

In doing so, the former presi-

dent fulfilled a wartime promise to himself, jumping from a plane over the Arizona desert under a rainbow-colored para-

chute — a serene, Technicolor repeat of his leap to safety from a disabled Navy bomber half a century ago.

"It was wonderful. I'm a new man — and I'd former exhilarated," the 72-year-old home chief executive said.

Craig completes final public lands workshop

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) —

Conservation groups and timber organizations staged competing rallies Tuesday as Sen. Larry Craig held the fifth and final workshop on his proposal to revamp federal public lands law.

Opponents of the measure, including two protesters who dressed in bear and raccoon costumes, marched outside the workshop at North Idaho College carrying signs reading "Keep Public Forests" and "Take Care of Mother Earth."

Craig, R-Idaho, stayed inside during the workshop, and afterward spoke at a "Forest and Families" rally across town sponsored by forest workers and labor organizations. Craig went heavily apathetic when he spoke at the gathering.

Tuesday's workshop was the last in a series of congressional meetings on Craig's draft legislation to rewrite forest management laws.

The workshop featured discussions led by Jack Ward Thomas, who retired last year as U.S. Forest Service chief, and Jay O'Laughlin, a University of Idaho professor and director of the Idaho Forest, Wildlife and Range Policy Analysis Group.

Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources subcommittee on forestry, said afterward that he would refine his proposal and present a new version to Congress later this spring.

He disputed conservationists' contentions that the measure is a virtual timber-industry wish list.

"This bill has nothing to do with tree-cutting," Craig told KREM-TV of Spokane, Wash. "That is a misrepresentation by any estimation."

"This bill has everything to do with management decision-making on a timely and effective basis, taking the Forest Service out of the courts, saving the taxpayers millions of dollars, getting on with the effective management of a very valuable public resource."

Opponents say the measure would rewrite the National Forest Management Act and National Environmental Policy Act so as to: erode protection of fish and wildlife and accelerate logging on federal lands.

"The forests are our genetic account for our future, and if we spend it now, we will never get it back," Mark Solomon, executive director of the Spokane-based Inland Empire Public Lands Council, said Tuesday.

Craig's draft proposal would rewrite Forest Service planning procedures.

Backers say it would lead to better management decisions by ending bureaucratic delays, caused by appeals and lawsuits. Critics say it would rob citizens of any say over logging of public lands.

Among other things, Craig's proposal would:

- Subject the chief of the Forest Service to Senate confirmation.
- Eliminate the requirement that the Forest Service consult with other agencies, such as the Fish and Wildlife Service, about the impact of logging plans on wildlife habitat.

Missing

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day walking the path that police dogs sniffed out. They had never seen the bottle on their walks, they say, though they were looking carefully for signs of the boy.

It takes 45 minutes to walk the path, Solis said. The path has been disrupted now because the land around the area is freshly plowed.

Potato grower Kelly Human, who manages the land where the bottle was found, said he didn't see any signs of the boy as they worked the land this week.

Human believes the boy has drowned in the river, he said.

"It is at least a mile from the spot where police believe the boy drowned to where the bottle was found," Solis said. However, she said, she doesn't believe that he drowned.

News have drained the stretch of river at least several times.

"(Grant) told me today that everything is a possibility since his body has not been located," Mireless said Tuesday. "He is keeping us hopeful."

Staying hopeful keeps Mireless

and her husband, Aurelio, going, Solis said.

Both of them lost their jobs and their home since their son disappeared, because they have been hunting for him, she said. The Mireless have exhausted all of their money making 500 color posters of Mejo in hopes that he will be found alive, she said.

Rosanna Mireless said the family has hung posters in Malad, California and other areas where family members live, and has talked to a Wendell psychic. There has been no response to

the posters yet.

Solis said she asked the Mireless to live with her.

"I am grateful for all the help that people have given us," she said.

"Mejo is out there, if we could just find him. If it is true that he drowned, I hope they find his body soon," Rosanna Mireless said. "It is not knowing where he is or if he is alive that is so hard."

Times-News correspondent Laura Huber can be reached in Gooding at 934-4263.

Hailey

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The Postal Service is legally exempt from city, county, or state approval, including design review standards. But the agency has come under fire recently for strong-arming small rural postal centers, and relocating them without community support.

The Postal Service began discussing the building plan with Hailey officials in March 1995. Residents weren't privy to plans for 18 months, but objected in August 1996 when the agency held an open house and presented vague sketches of generic

plans with brick samples.

Postal Service officials came back last week with revised plans.

Hailey Mayor Steve Kearns Monday said a downtown location would have been optimal, but given the dearth of downtown real estate, it would have been worse to risk the loss of a new federally financed post office.

"They could have been better with communication," Kearns said. "They should go in and ask for city guidelines."

Eder criticized a petition drive

against the project as unfair and untimely. She said complete facts weren't disclosed, such as a lack of downtown property. She also denied allegations land deals and plans have been held secretly.

And, copies of Postal Service correspondence state meetings with city officials have been ongoing for two years.

Ed Bavouset, a Postal Service official in Denver, last week sent a letter to Kearns saying city planner Carl Hjeltn gave the green light on the Airport Way location after a series of meetings in 1995, following a failed

attempt to find a downtown parcel.

The search was advertised to no avail, Bavouset's letter states.

Taylor said the signature effort was a success, because postal officials are revisiting plans and considering options for delivery.

"All in all, I don't think it was a lost cause," Taylor said. "They made it clear it was their project... we got better design, and the chance for rural delivery."

Eder, meanwhile, was relieved to see the site accepted, after 13 years of efforts to build a new post office in Hailey.

Fair

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man who aspired to bigger things, when both were touring with Souzy & Chea, and together they recruited Chuck Negron.

Hutton and Wells decided early on that they wouldn't waste time writing their own material. Instead, they sought out the best songwriters. They hired Harry Nilsson, Laura Nyro, Elton John, B.W. Stevenson, Kenny Loggins, Randy Newman, and most famously, Hoyt Axton. Starting with Nilsson's "One" in 1969, that formula produced a string of Top 20 hits, including "Easy to

"Be Hard" (1969), "Elle's Coming" (1969), "Celebrate" (1970), "Mama Told Me Not to Come" (1970), "Old Fashioned Love Song" (1971), "Never Been to Spain" (1971), "Black and White" (1972), "Pieces of April" (1972), "Shambles" (1973) and "She's Not Just a Girl" (1974).

The group began to run out of steam in 1975 and disbanded two years later. After a series of short-lived reunions, Hutton, Wells and Jerry Greensoon, one of the original background singers, reorganized the band and have been touring the oldies circuit since 1991.

The Mississippi-born, Wyoming-bred Ledoux, now 48, made a name for himself in professional rodeo long before anyone paid him to sing.

The 1976 Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association bareback riding champion, he began writing songs on the college rodeo circuit. Initially unable to land a Nashville recording contract, he began selling his music at rodeos and Western shops, and finally through his own record label.

Discovered by Garth Brooks when he was in his late '30s and signed by Liberty Records, Ledoux had a series

of hits, including "Cadillac Ranch," "Under This Old Hat" and "Whatcha Gonna Do With a Cowboy," a duet with Brooks.

Lonestar, a group of five Texans that made its reputation playing honky-tonks, has been recording since 1993. It's best known for the single "Tequila Talkin'."

The fair board will announce ticket information in the next few weeks.

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Ameristar

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automobile accident on U.S. Highway 93 between Twin Falls and Jackpot.

In a 1994 article in the Reno Gazette-Journal, Neilson was portrayed as a man active in the running of his growing casino business, despite his physical limitations. He conducted business with the help of aides. Neilson has helped him eat and drink.

Neilson has led Octus Petes from his desert origins to a corporation of many holdings, including casinos in Vicksburg,

Miss., and Council Bluffs, Iowa. Ameristar's safari-themed hotel, The Reserve, is under construction in Las Vegas, where the company moved its corporate offices in 1996 from Jackpot.

Woiniski complemented Ameristar as a well-run company. In his newsletter, he also predicted more volatility in its stock, which was more valuable than industry estimates.

Times-News staff writer Pat Marcantonio can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 242.

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Yielded by Governor
SB1185 (Local Government and Taxation) — Provides county option for property tax deferral for 1979.

Signed by Governor
SB1186 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Imposes limited liability companies and their managers for 1979 operations of the state.

SB1187 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Sets procedures for a vehicle inspection plan from the special industry fund.

SB1188 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Increases the maximum for recreational design permits.

SB1189 (Judiciary and Rules) — Creates a new category of child if a child is injured in an accident where the driver is legally drunk.

SB1190 (Judiciary and Rules) — Prohibits habitual drug user from operating a vehicle.

SB1191 (Judiciary and Rules) — Authorizes Peace Commission to obtain subpoenas for nonresidents in regulatory proceedings.

SB1192 (State Affairs) — Raises the state minimum wage to \$4.75 on base on April 1 and \$5.15 an hour on Sept. 1.

SB1193 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Creates the Idaho Savings Bank Act.

SB1194 (Judiciary and Rules) — Authorizes driver's license suspension of anyone convicted of vehicular manslaughter.

SB1195 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Provides for a vehicle inspection plan from the special industry fund.

SB1196 (Judiciary and Rules) — Lowers the maximum fee on hazardous waste dump at Envirodome in excess of \$200 to \$100.

SB1197 (Judiciary and Rules) — Authorizes warrantless search of a motor vehicle.

SB1198 (Judiciary and Rules) — Requires development of a minimum child support arrearage enforcement program.

SB1199 (Judiciary and Rules) — Sets up procedures for suspension of license for failure to get child support.

SB1200 (Judiciary and Rules) — Allows only one deduction of medical savings account contributions in taxable income.

SB1201 (Judiciary and Rules) — Requires promulgation of rules for continued benefits of individual or group disability insurance.

SB1202 (State Affairs) — Inserts statutory reference to compensation for Peace Commission members.

SB1203 (Judiciary and Rules) — Brings state law into compliance with federal law on hospital care of children.

SB1204 (Finance) — Allocates \$54,600 for 1978 operations of the lieutenant governor's office.

SB1205 (Finance) — Allocates \$12 million for 1978 operations of the Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped.

SB1206 (Finance) — Allocates \$32 million for 1978 operations of the State Library Board.

SB1207 (Finance) — Allocates \$16.2 million for 1978 operations of the Department of Juvenile Corrections.

SB1208 (Finance) — Allocates \$4 million for 1978 operations of the legislative services office.

SB1209 (Finance) — Allocates \$2.5 million for 1978 operations of the Personnel Commission.

SB1210 (Finance) — Allocates \$2.5 million for 1978 operations of the Division of Building Safety.

SB1211 (Finance) — Allocates \$76 million for 1978 operations of the Industrial Commission.

SB1212 (Finance) — Allocates \$1 million for 1978 operations of the Department of Law.

SB1213 (Finance) — Requires notice upon filing a notice against an out-of-state licensee.

SB1214 (Finance) — Makes technical changes in the out-of-state licensee law.

SB1215 (Finance) — Revises penalties for certain tax and game violations to make them more equitable with each other.

SB1216 (Finance) — Imposes restrictions to prevent curbside sale of motor vehicles on unlicensed premises.

SB1217 (Revenue and Taxation) — Exempts state and local government purchases from the sales tax.

SB1218 (State Affairs) — Revises conditions for out-of-state purchases from the state.

SB1219 (State Affairs) — Clarifies when a person becomes a resident of Idaho.

SB1220 (Revenue and Taxation) — Restricts home ownership tax exemption to areas of a home actually used as a primary residence.

SB1221 (Finance) — Applies the state campaign finance reporting law to Ada County Highway District.

SB1222 (State Affairs) — Prohibits polling place locations in areas that are not open to the public.

SB1223 (Finance) — Revises voter registration procedures for nonresident voters to declare their intentions to vote.

SB1224 (Transportation and Defense) — Revises the Idaho Utility Commission hearings for rate-of-return abatement.

SB1225 (Local Government) — Sets up procedures for rate-of-return abatement.

SB1226 (Education) — Allows reimbursement to school districts for public or private transportation provided to children at other than school buses.

SB1227 (Revenue and Taxation) — Clarifies that nonprofit corporation can apply for nonprofit income tax status.

SB1228 (Finance) — Authorizes high school athletic teams to receive membership as colleges.

SB1229 (Finance) — Sets conditions to be met before the Fish and Game Commission can approve spending on salmon river relocation.

SB1230 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$2.6 million for 1978 operations of the Fish and Game Commission.

SB1231 (Finance) — Revises the Fish and Game Commission to direct operations of the Idaho Damages Control Fund.

SB1232 (Appropriations) — Makes and emergency 30,000 appropriation to the state women's prison.

SB1233 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$21 million for 1978 operations of the state court system.

SB1234 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$11.7 million for 1978 operations of the State Insurance Department.

SB1235 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$20,000 for 1978 operations of the Labor Department.

SB1236 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$13 million for 1978 operations of the Education Technology Center Fund.

SB1237 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$25.5 million for 1978 operations of the Department of Juvenile Corrections.

SB1238 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$11 million for 1978 operations of the state treasurer's office.

SB1239 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$21 million for 1978 operations of the Department of Labor.

SB1240 (Finance) — Clarifies the procedural authority of transportation.

SB1241 (Finance) — Makes minor corrections to the Idaho Food Quality Assistance Institute Act.

SB1242 (Finance) — Allocates \$45,000 for 1978 operations of the Idaho Women's Commission.

SB1243 (Finance) — Allocates \$4.2 million for 1978 operations of the Board of Education's special education program.

SB1244 (Finance) — Allocates \$5.9 million for 1978 operations of the Board of Education's health education program.

SB1245 (Finance) — Allocates \$7.5 million for 1978 operations of the Department of Corrections.

SB1246 (Finance) — Allocates \$25 million for 1978 operations of the Department of Law.

SB1247 (Finance) — Allocates \$14 million for 1978 operations of the Department of Law.

operations of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

SB1248 (Finance) — Allocates \$22.5 million for 1978 operations of the Department of Agriculture.

SB1249 (Finance) — Allocates \$15.2 million for 1978 operations of the state controller's office.

SB1250 (Finance) — Requires filing of group license fees from outside the state but covering residents for the state.

SB1251 (Business) — Removes the aggregate base for residential assessment of state taxes.

SB1252 (Business) — Imposes restrictions on vehicle license fees.

SB1253 (Transportation and Defense) — Increases the fee for a driver's license and fee.

SB1254 (Human Resources) — Exempts Agricultural Program services from employment security laws.

SB1255 (Human Resources) — Revises the state employee grievance procedure.

SB1256 (Business) — Enacts the Idaho Business Corporation Act.

SB1257 (Business) — Exempts wholesale and retail of tangible personal property from the Residential Mortgage Practices Act.

SB1258 (Business) — Increases the value of mining corporation securities exempt from the state securities act.

SB1259 (Business) — Increases investment allowed for service corporations.

SB1260 (Transportation and Defense) — Deletes the restriction on government unit vehicles under special fuel tax law.

SB1261 (Transportation and Defense) — Modifies requirements under tender or wheel cover law.

SB1262 (Transportation and Defense) — Clarifies that maximum speed limit of 65 mph applies only to state highways.

SB1263 (State Affairs) — Brings state securities laws into compliance with federal law.

SB1264 (Finance) — Prohibits gambling in establishments licensed to sell alcoholic beverages.

SB1265 (Appropriations) — Allocates an additional \$161 million to the Transportation Department for 1978 budget.

SB1266 (Finance) — Clarifies application of death benefits in state retirement plan.

SB1267 (State Affairs) — Extends the 20 percent signature requirement applicable to counties for city incorporation.

SB1268 (State Affairs) — Distributes cash over \$100,000 balance in the Racing Commission Fund to Idaho awards and tracks.

SB1269 (Revenue and Taxation) — Imposes regulatory scheme on well-drillers.

SB1270 (Revenue and Taxation) — Imposes license operation and maintenance up to \$100 for illegal planting fish species in Idaho waters.

SB1271 (Business) — Allows licensing and procedure previously on collection agency on the collection services.

SB1272 (Revenue and Taxation) — Defines conspiracy use and allows Motor Revenue driver to consider it a factor in determining water rights delinquency.

SB1273 (Revenue and Taxation) — Defines delinquency of use and allows Motor Revenue driver to consider it a factor in determining water rights delinquency.

SB1274 (State Affairs) — Sets a \$75 cost for meals at higher education for lab and gene services.

SB1275 (State Affairs) — Allows the general practice districts with rapid expansion to hold special elections.

SB1276 (State Affairs) — Gives certain government property to replace utility right-of-way.

SB1277 (Ways and Means) — Revises legislative authority for any local application of funds for agricultural development.

SB1278 (Ways and Means) — Modifies real property tax rules.

SB1279 (Revenue and Taxation) — Revises license law for motor club.

SB1280 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$13 million for 1978 operations of the secretary of state's office.

SB1281 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$21.2 million for 1978 operations of the Department of Law.

SB1282 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$57 million for 1978 operations of the self-governing agency.

SB1283 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$299,000 extra for 1978 operations of the Department of Law Enforcement.

SB1284 (State Affairs) — Restricts campaign financing.

SB1285 (Agricultural Affairs) — Allows counties to adopt nuisance water ordinances for housing development in areas where farming and ranching practices.

SB1286 (Finance) — Allocates \$289,000 to the Parks and Recreation Department for operation of state-owned recreational facilities.

SB1287 (Finance) — Allocates \$20,000 for the state of Idaho.

SB1288 (Transportation and Defense) — Raises the maximum allowed for a driver's license and fee.

SB1289 (Finance) — Gives the state exclusive jurisdiction to issue agricultural licenses.

SB1290 (Finance) — Allocates \$1 million from the Petroleum Clean Water Trust Fund for road repair and provides for future revenues to be split 20 percent to tank delinquency and 80 percent to road repair.

SB1291 (Revenue and Taxation) — Increases penalties for state license violations.

SB1292 (Revenue and Taxation) — Revises qualified property law on business income.

SB1293 (Revenue and Taxation) — Imposes state income tax on lottery prizes over \$500.

SB1294 (Finance) — Revises any motor vehicle air conditioning equipment that is flammable at or below 1000 degrees.

SB1295 (Revenue and Taxation) — Exempts sales of measurement services from the sales tax.

SB1296 (Health and Welfare) — Requires approval of the health department with certification to maintain a directory of new hires for child support enforcement.

SB1297 (State Affairs) — Provides state framework for the Idaho Health Care.

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A group of about 15 environmentalists protested at a noon rally in front of the Capitol building in Helena, Mont. Monday. The protesters, from environmental and animal rights groups throughout the Northwest, attempted to burn an effigy of Montana Gov. Marc Racicot, who authorized the killing of bison that wandered outside the boundaries of Yellowstone National Park.

Oldtown politician posts pair of controversial signs

OLDTOWN (AP) — City Councilman Cliff Jones says he has heard nothing but complaints since he placed official-looking "Patriot Country" and "Idaho Militia" signs near the south edge of town.

Mayor Brian Orr says the complaints have come to him.

A lot of people in town are unhappy that it's there, but it's on private property and there's nothing we can do about it," Orr said.

He said two council members and several other residents have complained to him since the signs went up last summer. They fear the community's reputation will be damaged by the taint of right-wing extremism.

"It does cause some concern that a councilman would put it up," the mayor said. "Unfortunately, we do have a lot of people in this area of that mind."

The pair of signs — both on the same pole — are along Idaho Highway 41 and look a lot like official road signs. But Jones said they are on his property, not the public right of way.

Jones said he can see how a stranger might do a double-take while driving by, but he is convinced no local residents have any serious concerns about the signs.

In fact, he said, quite a few people have asked where they can buy one.

Man charged in bombing attempt

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — One of two men arrested in last week's attempt at firebombing of the Montgomery Fur Co. has been formally charged, and Weber County Sheriff Brad Slater hints there may be more arrests.

Nineteen-year-old Trev J. Poulson of Layton was charged Monday with attempted aggravated arson, a second-degree felony, and remains in the Weber County Jail. Bail was set at \$20,000.

A second man, an 18-year-old,

also was arrested on suspicion of aggravated arson. He posted his \$20,000 bond and was released from the county jail. He has not yet been arraigned on any charges.

Both men were arrested over the weekend in the attempted arson at Montgomery Fur in West, New Haven.

Slater would not comment on whether the two suspects had ties to the Animal Liberation Front, the group that claimed responsibility for last Wednesday's foiled arson attempt.

"We're still checking those kinds of things out to see if there's any connection," Slater said. "There are some other people who are still under investigation. Additional possible suspects are being looked at. There could be more arrests."

According to court documents, both Poulson and the vehicle used in the attempted arson were identified by an eyewitness. Slater wouldn't comment on how the two suspects were tracked down.

Federal agent says shooting of wolf was illegal

RIVERTON, Wyo. (AP) — A wolf-like animal shot by federal biologists earlier this month in Wyoming was killed improperly, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says.

Ed Bangs, the federal agent in charge of wolf reintroduction, said the regulations governing reintroduction of wolves in Yellowstone National Park were misread.

The animal was killed March 4 inside the experimental area established around Yellowstone where wolves are not fully protected by the Endangered Species Act.

Bangs said his initial reading was that domesticated or hybrid wolves could be removed both inside and outside that zone to keep them from interfering with the Canadian wolves brought to the northern Rockies.

However, he said, later review showed the rules allowed killing even of domesticated wolves inside the zone only under the same conditions for killing wild wolves, such as threatening human life or safety or repeatedly killing livestock.

Bangs said the rules would be changed to make the removal of captive or hybrid wolves legal within the experimental zone.

Bangs said at the time that the animal was most likely a captive-raised wolf or wolf-dog hybrid. The 75-pound female animal seemed habituated to humans and had played with the landowners' dog, he said.

Bangs said officials believed shooting the animal was the best choice.

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Notice is hereby given this 26th day of March, 1997, pursuant to State of Idaho Noxious Weed Law, Section 22-2401, Idaho Code, to every property owner in Twin Falls County. Noxious Weeds shall be controlled throughout the year and as often as necessary to prevent them from blooming and maturing to seed or spreading by root system or other means. Control methods may entail, but are not limited to, cutting, tillage, cropping, pasturing, or chemical treatment. Weed specific information can be supplied by Twin Falls County Weed Superintendent, Sheila Huizar, 734-9000.

If minimal or no attempt is made to control noxious weeds on your property, the County Weed Department may proceed pursuant to the law to have the weeds destroyed by necessary method(s). The property owner will incur the expense or it shall constitute a lien and be entered as a tax against the land to be collected as other real estate taxes are collected.

Noxious Weeds Known to Infest Twin Falls County include:

Canada thistle	Poison hemlock
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Scotch thistle	Leafy spurge
Spotted knapweed	Purple loosestrife
Hoary cress (white top)	Musk thistle
Field bindweed (Morning glory)	Perennial sowthistle
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Remaining State Designated Noxious Weeds include:

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Common cupress	Silverleaf nightshade
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Skeletonleaf bursage	Johnsongrass
Matgrass	Syrian beanpaper
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EQUIPMENT FARM AUCTION
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HAYING MACHINERY
 New Holland Super 1048 self-propelled harrowed, 361 industrial gas motor, cab, automatic lift, 5 + 2 speed transmission - New Holland 1045 self-propelled harrowed, gas engine, 2 wide 7 high stacker - New Holland 425 baler, PTO driven, baler turner, hyd. tension - New Holland 1112 self-propelled sweeper w/ 14' double sickle header, hyd. conditioner, cab with motor - John Deere 880 sweeper 12' header, gas engine, cab, parts only - New Holland 5 bar charcoal type hay rake.

GROUND WORKING EQUIPMENT
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COMBINE - GRINDER MIXER - CHOPPER
 John Deere 1015 self-propelled combine, 1000 header - New Holland 2500 mixer grinder, sugar discharge, PTO driven - G95 grinder mixer with sugar discharge, PTO driven - John Deere 3800 corn chopper, 2 row header, PTO driven, has 8' head.

OTHER FARM WORKING ITEMS
 John Deere 20 hole single disc grain drill, 6 spring, double power lift, grass seeder, on rubber - Massey Ferguson 246 manure loader, hyd. two way ram, 5' bucket, lift the MC 265 - Ford manure loader with hyd. ram, 5' bucket, lift the Ford 2000 flat the MC 810 feed wagon on tandem rubber, front lift discharge, PTO driven - Western 14 manure spreader box, triple bailers, double drag chain, box only - 2 Mowers square point 3 ft. hitch - John Deere 5 row 6' flat slank compactor, 3 pt. hitch - Little Rhino 6' terrace blade, 3pt. hitch - (2) 3 sections of Acme 5' narrow with draw bars - Slide in pickup stock rack - John Deere 20 hole single disc, 6 spring, grass seeder, hyd. lift on rubber - John Deere 5 row coil slank compactor, 3 pt. hitch.

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AUCTION CALENDAR THROUGH APRIL 12

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26th - 9 am
 Furniture - Tools - Collectibles - Household - Misc. - Twin Falls
 HUNT BROTHERS AUCTIONS

THURSDAY, MARCH 27th 1997
 Ag/Stock, Inc. - Hugs Hay Equipment
 Auctioneers - Ag Weekly
 Advertisement - Ag Weekly, March 15
 MUSSER BROS. AUCTIONEERS

THURSDAY, MARCH 27th 1997
 Lynn & Betty Thompson - Farm
 Machinery - Auctioneers
 Advertisement - Ag Weekly, Mar 15 & 22
 Times-News, March 25
 WESTERN AUCTION COMPANY

THURSDAY, MARCH 27th 1997
 Dick & Phillips Frazier - Household
 Mechanic Tools - Bids
 Advertisement - March 25
 MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE

THURSDAY, MARCH 27th - 11 am
 Wayne Robb - Farm Dispersal
 Adrian, OR
 Advertisement - Ag Weekly, March 22;
 Times-News, March 23
 BAKER AUCTION COMPANY

3 DAY AUCTION - 10 am - 4 pm
 THURSDAY, MARCH 27th
 FRIDAY, MARCH 28th
 SATURDAY, MARCH 29th
 Complete Liquidation of Cornwell Tool
 Distributor - March 23
 MUSICK & SONS, INC.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28th 1997
 Farm Service Agency
 Farm Machinery - Shaine
 Advertisement - March 26
 MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE

FRIDAY, MARCH 28th 11 am
 Brent Doby Farm Auction
 Equipment - Blackfoot
 Advertisement - Ag Weekly, March 22;
 Times-News, March 23
 BAIR AUCTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 29th 1997
 Bickett Farms, Inc. (owned by Robert
 Wallace) - Large Machinery Auction
 Gained.
 Advertisement - March 27
 MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE

SATURDAY, MARCH 29th - 10 am
 Annual Spring Open Comptention
 Farm Machinery - Auctioneers
 Advertisement - Ag Weekly, March 22;
 Times-News, March 23
 BAKER AUCTION COMPANY

SATURDAY, MARCH 29th 10:30 am
 Time Rentals of Blackfoot - Liquidation
 Ditch Witcher - Cranes - Pumps
 Compressors - More - Blackfoot
 Auctioneers - Auctioneers
 GREAT WESTERN AUCTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 31st - 10 am
 Schroeder Farms (Jim Schroeder)
 Farm Equipment - Auctioneers
 Advertisement - Ag Weekly, March 15 &
 22; Times-News, March 23
 WESTERN AUCTION COMPANY

MONDAY, MARCH 31st - 11 am
 Bob Shively - Farm Machinery - Auctioneers
 Advertisement - March 29
 MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE

TUESDAY, APRIL 1st - 5 pm
 Household - Tools - Antiques
 Consignment Auction - Jerome
 KLAAS AUCTION BARS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2nd - 10 am
 John Dorn - Dorn Equipment Company
 Farm Equipment Liquidation
 Auctioneers
 Advertisement - Ag Weekly, March 29
 MUSSER BROS. AUCTIONEERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 3rd 1997
 Cleo Robinson - Household - Twin Falls
 Auctioneers - Auctioneers
 MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE

FRIDAY, APRIL 4th 1997
 Snake River Electric - Motor Rowing
 Business Liquidation - Auctioneers
 Advertisement - April 2
 MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE

SATURDAY, APRIL 5th 1997
 Jerome Community Auction
 Farm Machinery - Miscellaneous - Jerome
 Auctioneers - Auctioneers
 SULLIVAN AUCTION SERVICE

SATURDAY, APRIL 5th 10:30 am
 Annual Spring Comptention Antiques and
 Collectible Auction - Filer Friends
 Advertisement - March 30
 ALL AMERICAN AUCTION CO.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5th 10:30 am
 Commercial & Industrial Auction - Tools
 Auctioneers - Auctioneers
 Advertisement - March 23
 MUSICK & SONS, INC.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5th 1997
 Jim Preston - Tractor - Collectibles
 Auctioneers - Auctioneers
 Advertisement - April 2
 BILL ESTES & ASSOCIATES

SATURDAY, APRIL 5th - 11 am
 Public Auto Auction - Cars - Pickups
 Auctioneers - Auctioneers
 Advertisement - March 23 & 30
 BAIR AUCTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 5th 1997
 Bill & Wanda Coates
 Farm Machinery - Flier
 Advertisement - April 3
 MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE

SATURDAY, APRIL 5th - 11:30 am
 Carl Rice Estate
 Tools, Antiques, Primitives - Wendell
 Advertisement - April 3
 WEST AUCTION SERVICE

SUNDAY, APRIL 6th 1997
 Glenn & Bill Brooks - Machinery
 Antiques - Collectibles - Twin Falls
 Advertisement - April 3
 MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE

MONDAY, APRIL 7th 11:30 am
 Bill Duggan Estate & Neighbors
 Household - Wood
 Advertisement - Ag Weekly
 WEST AUCTION SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12th - 11 am
 Ogata Estate - Farm Equipment
 Collectibles - Jerome
 Advertisement - April 10
 JMA AUCTIONS

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IDAHO/WEST

Judge to clarify terms of ex-senator's probation

REXBURG (AP) — Rex Furness' sexual battery case has returned to court amid concerns the former Republican state senator failed to follow the terms of his probation.

Furness, 72, of Rigby, pleaded guilty to sexual battery of a minor last year for fondling his 17-year-old adopted granddaughter. He served 50 days in jail and will spend the next seven years on probation.

Now 7th District Judge Brent Moss plans to issue a clarification of when Furness may have contact with minors, said Carol Ehlinger, a state Department of Correction section supervisor.

The action was prompted by two instances of Furness apparently breaking rules set by the Correction Department, as detailed in a March 4 letter to Moss from a probation officer.

The Correction Department rules prohibit Furness from having contact with anyone under 18 without adult supervision and from having any contact with his granddaughter without permission from the probation officer.

In his letter to Moss, probation officer Doug Gardner wrote that



Rex Furness

Furness admitted giving a male minor a ride to school without supervision and giving his granddaughter a hug when she came to his house.

The problems could be the result of

Furness being confused about the probation rules since the court order has less strict limits than the Department of Correction contract, Gardner wrote.

The court order prohibits Furness from having unsupervised contact with females under 18 or any contact with his granddaughter without her consent.

A judge's clarification is expected to be less harsh than Gardner's planned punishment. One day after being notified by Furness that he had contact with his granddaughter, Gardner wrote that the former senator "seems to be very impulsive and puts little thought into actions. Will seek 2 day order for incarceration."

Ohio Supreme Court ruling could help Idaho

LEWISTON (AP) — An Ohio Supreme Court ruling on school funding will help Idaho school districts in their lawsuit against the state, the schools' attorney said.

"It will play into our case," said Robert C. Huntley, a former Ohio supreme court justice and attorney for the schools suing the Ohio Legislature.

Ohio's high court ruled 4-3 on Monday that the state's system of funding public schools is unconstitutional. In the current formula,

about half the money for public education comes from local taxes and about half from the state. The court ordered lawmakers to revamp the system and gave them a year to work on it.

Since no federal issues were raised, Ohio's Supreme Court has the final word.

Idaho Schools for Equal Educational Opportunities formed in 1991 when it filed a lawsuit against the Legislature claiming lawmakers are not giving districts enough money to

provide a basic and thorough education. The suit also seeks support for a school building and maintenance backlog.

Statewide interest in the suit has gained momentum since this year's Legislature approved a bare-bones budget and did not address the building backlog.

About 25 districts have committed \$1,000 each to keep the suit alive, said Jack M. Hill, Moscow superintendent and treasurer for Idaho Schools for Equal Educational Opportunities.

The group is funding an update of a study the Legislature asked for in 1992 that documented \$700 million in school building maintenance needs. The building backlog is likely nearing \$1 billion, he said.

The Ohio court ruling sets a precedent that applies to the facility funding aspect of the Idaho lawsuit, Huntley said. The Ohio court ruled the state funding formula is unconstitutional because it allows rich school districts to spend far more per pupil than poorer districts.

State resolves only 2 of 6 issues; 1 month left

LEWISTON (AP) — State environmental regulators believe they have resolved a third of the issues that prompted a federal court order for the Environmental Protection Agency to assume responsibility for Idaho water quality on April 21.

But while federal and state officials have been working on the problem, it was unclear whether they could come to some agreement with less than a month left before the EPA takeover under

U.S. District Judge William Dwyer's order.

State officials believe two of the six specific points raised by Dwyer last month are no longer at issue. They involved assurances that outstanding resource waters will be protected from general pollution sources like erosion and that plans for protecting specific recreation uses and aquatic life in streams and lakes be spelled out.

Still at issue are how the state will assure stream temperatures are cold enough to support threatened species, what protection will be afforded streams that have not been designated with a beneficial use, how much

pollution from a feeding tributary can mix with water in the stream or lake before water quality is declared unacceptable and how water quality standards will be enforced on private waters.

WEST IN BRIEF

3 held on counterfeiting charges

IDAHO FALLS — Three men who allegedly went on a regional spending spree with counterfeit \$50 bills were arrested in Bonneville County.

Police believe eight phony \$50s were passed in Rexburg and 45 in Bannock County. Ricky Yount, 22, and James Greene, 44, both of California, and David Guernsey, 21, of southern Utah, all were being held at the Bonneville County Jail. All three face multiple counts of passing counterfeit money and conspiracy to pass the fake currency.

Judge rejects appeal in kidnapping case

BLACKFOOT — Seventh District Judge James Herndon has rejected a defense attorney's appeal of Magistrate James Marsch's decision to step down from hearing a kidnapping case involving a Shiley woman.

Herndon said judges have the legal right to step aside from a case without stating a reason. Marsch reluctantly withdrew from the case of Cheryl Hesse, who is charged with abducting a Fort Hall toddler almost a year ago, after Bingham County Deputy Prosecutor Carter Mackley sought to have him disqualified for bias.

Couple killed near Pallsades Reservoir

Two Star Valley, Wyo., residents were killed in a head-on collision on U.S. Highway 26 near Pallsades Reservoir.

Carl Walker, 70, and Romaine Walker, 74, were pronounced dead at the scene about 10 a.m. Monday. Walker was driving east when his Ford Explorer collided with a westbound Suburban driven by Shelley Pendleton, 41, of Thayne, Wyo., Idaho State Police reported.

Pendleton and the passenger in her truck, Val Pendleton, 42, also of Thayne, were taken to Columbian Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls. Both were in fair condition Tuesday.

Fish and Game supervisor plans to retire

LEWISTON — Having helped set the course for the Idaho Fish and Game Department's management plan for the state's elk herd, Herb Pollard has decided to retire as the department's regional supervisor in Lewiston.

A fishery biologist by training, Pollard said on Monday he may work as a consultant or for a federal agency on salmon and steelhead issues.

Experts: Eagle mayor unlikely to win recall

EAGLE — Eagle Mayor Chuck Bower will decide by Wednesday whether to resign or to face a recall vote state experts say he is unlikely to win.

If history is any indication, Chief Deputy Secretary of State Ben Yursas said Eagle voters will follow through with the recall they have launched.

"The recalls are successful for a majority of the (officials) that get voted on," Yursas said.

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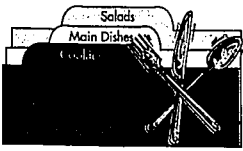
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From soup to nuts at Easter

By Denise Turner
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Here's a recipe from Sherri George of Twin Falls, who warned that it's not for those watching their cholesterol. She also wrote that she thought about sending in an Easter recipe, "but lately my favorite Easter recipe is my husband saying, 'Shall we go to brunch at the Uptown Bistro after church, dear?'"

POTATO SOUP

- 4 potatoes
 - 3/4 cup chopped celery
 - 1/2 cup chopped fresh onion
 - 3/4 cup butter
 - 3/4 cup flour
 - 1 pint half and half
 - 1 pink milk
 - Salt and pepper to taste
- Boil, cool and cube potatoes. Sauté celery and onion in 1 tablespoon of the butter. In a heavy-bottomed saucepan, melt the remainder of the butter. Sprinkle in the flour and cook until thick and starting to brown, stirring constantly. Whisk in half and half and milk and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture starts to boil and thicken. Add potatoes, celery and onion, and salt and pepper. Heat through. Serve with a garnish of a dot of butter and parsley or fresh celery leaves. Makes 4 servings.

Melba Burgess of Jerome shared this cake recipe in a *Times-News* cook's profile March 19. A few of the ingredients needed clarification.

CARROT LAYER CAKE

- 1 1/4 cups vegetable oil
 - 2 cups sugar
 - 2 cups flour
 - 2 teaspoons cinnamon
 - 2 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 4 eggs
 - 4 cups finely shredded carrots
 - 1 cup raisins
 - 1 cup chopped pecans
- In a mixing bowl beat oil and sugar for one minute. Combine flour, cinnamon, baking powder, soda and salt and add to the oil and sugar mixture. Add eggs, mix well. Stir in carrots, raisins and nuts. Pour into three greased and floured round pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes. Cool in pans for 10 minutes. Remove to wire rack to cool completely.

- Filling (goes between layers of cake):
- 1 cup sugar
 - 1/2 cup butter
 - 2 tablespoons flour
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1 cup whipping cream
 - 1 cup chopped pecans
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
- In a heavy saucepan combine the sugar, flour and salt. Stir in the cream; add butter. Cook and stir over medium heat until butter is melted. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat. Simmer uncovered for 30 minutes. Stir occasionally. Stir in nuts and vanilla. Set aside to cool. Spread between layers of cake.
- Frosting:
- Beat 3/4 cup butter or margarine (softened) with 2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese (softened) with 1 teaspoon vanilla and 3 cups powdered sugar. Spread on sides and top of cake. Store in refrigerator. Serves 16 to 20 people.

Pat Suede of Buhl sent in a favorite recipe for Peanut Nut Pinwheels which she said she's had for many years.

DATE-NUT PINWHEELS

- Mix together well: 1/2 cup softened shortening, 1 cup packed brown sugar and 1 egg. Add 1 tablespoon sour cream and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla. Stir and mix with above: 1 3/4 cup flour, 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar, 1/8 teaspoon salt. Roll on waxed paper. Put filling on and spread thin. Roll up and put in refrigerator several hours or overnight. Cut 1/4-inch thick. Bake 10 minutes at 350 to 400 degrees.

Date Nut Filling

- Combine 3/4 pound dates (or as much as desired), 1/3 cup sugar, 1/3 cup butter. Cook until thickened and cool. Add finely chopped nuts.

A reader requested a non-food recipe for her soap. Here's one from Ethel R. Coleman of Glens Ferry. "A few years ago, this recipe for my soap was printed in the *Ag* magazine," she wrote.

SOAP

- Mix together 12 cups soft water and 2 cans lye. Let cool a little, then add 10 pounds melted fat made immediately after butchering a pig). Set aside until mixture becomes the consistency of thin syrup, then add 4 teaspoons sugar, 1 cup Borax, 1 cup Hilex or Ammonia. Continue stirring until thick enough to pour into a box that has been lined with a cloth. Let cool until soap is set enough to be cut into bars.

Requests
Anyone have any favorite spring recipes?

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

Quilting a bit of magic

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - A quilt is more than a blanket to wrap up in on a cold winter night or to spread festively across your bed. A quilt is a collection of pieces of fabric, often scraps, lovingly stitched together into a creative pattern of blocks that, as a whole, make up a piece of art.

In the Magic Valley, quilting is a popular folk art among women and the occasional man. Loryne O. Smith, a member of the American Mothers, told of a young man who earned his Eagle Scout merit badge sewing quilts for the needy.

The Desert Sage Quilt Guild is currently preparing to stage its third bi-annual quilt show and merchant mall in Twin Falls. The merchant mall will have vendors' booths selling quilting merchandise, such as books, patterns and fabric.

According to Sherri Willis, a guild member, the workshops will feature Nita Sale from Meridian, who will teach the construction of her Kaleidoscope Star pattern, which was recently featured in *The Quilters* Newsletter magazine, a national quilting publication. Sale will also have a trunk show featuring 30 of her quilts.

Another quilting instructor, Marsha McCloskey of Seattle, Wash., has published several books on quilting. McCloskey will offer a slide show lecture called "How not to Have a Nervous Breakdown at a Fabric Store." McCloskey



Dixie Dixon displays a quilt she made that was inspired by a puzzle. Dixon's quilts and paintings are on display at the Jerome Library.

will also offer workshops for beginner to advanced quilters on pieced borders and "On to Square Two," based on her book by the same name.

The quilt show will feature 200 to 300 quilts on display. In addition to the bi-annual show, the 100-member strong Desert Sage group donates quilts to those who need them. Organizations such as Valley House and Volunteers Against Violence have been the recipients of Desert Sage quilts.

The Mountain Mamas in Stanley is another well-known quilting group in South Central Idaho. The Mamas hold an annual festival, where nationally-known teachers offer classes for the beginner through advanced quilters. The members exhibit anywhere from 50 to 60 quilts.

The American Mothers is a national organization whose chief goal is to strengthen the fiber of the American home. The local organization's primary function is selecting state and national mothers of the year. The group also acts as a clearing house for those who make quilts.

The American Mothers quilting project recruits volunteers to make quilts for "Babies in Need." People donate fabric and quilting material, and other people put the quilts together.

Smith said, "We have distributed approximately 336 quilts locally since September 1995 to such organizations as Volunteers Against Violence, Salvation Army, Child Protection, Pregnancy Crisis Center, the Refugee Center at the college, Health and Welfare and the Homeless Shelter." The fabric scraps used in quilts often

hold special memories for the owner of the quilt: a daughter's prom dress, a grandchild's favorite shirt, a deceased mother's curtain.

According to "The Farm Journal Craft Book," quilts were such an integral part of early American life that people often think the American settlers invented them. But though they raised quilt making to an art form, they actually inherited the quilting tradition.

Quilting goes back thousands of years. Archaeologists have found examples of quilting done as long ago as 5000 B.C. Quilting probably started with the first weaving of cloth. When cloth scraps got too small to do anything else with, they were sewn together to make a patchwork. The British Museum has a statute of

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Celebrate spring with delicious gelatin desserts

For many, Easter marks the beginning of spring. The bright colors of the children's Easter baskets, flowered bonnets and festive dresses signify the end of winter and the arrival of warm spring days.

This year, celebrate this glorious spring holiday with a variety of deliciously appealing specialties. When the last Easter egg has been found and everyone is gathered around the dinner table, surprise them with a light, refreshing Tropical Layered. Or, if springtime berries are your passion, top off Easter dinner with Lemon Berry Cool 'n' Easy Pie.

TROPICAL LAYERED DESSERT

- 2 cups boiling water
- 1 package (8-serving size) or 2 packages (4-serving size) Jell-O Island pineapple or strawberry kiwi flavor gelatin dessert
- 1 1/2 cups cold water
- 2 cans (8 ounces) tropical fruit cocktail, drained
- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, melted
- 1/2 cup Baker's Angel Flake coconut, toasted
- 1/2 cup sugar, divided
- 1 package (8 ounces) Philadelphia cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 tub (8 ounces) Cool Whip whipped topping, thawed
- 1 can (8 ounces) crushed pineapple in juice, drained

Stir boiling water into gelatin in large bowl at least 2 minutes until completely dissolved. Stir in cold water and fruit cocktail. Refrigerate 1 1/4 hours or until slightly thickened (consistency of unbeat egg whites).

Mix crumbs, butter, coconut and 1/4 cup of the sugar in 13-by-9-inch pan. Press firmly onto bottom of pan. Refrigerate until ready to fill.

Beat cream cheese, remaining 1/4 cup sugar and milk in large bowl until smooth. Gently stir in 2 cups of the



Put the 'ease' into Easter with this bright, delicious 2-Step Easter Cheesecake.

whipped topping and pineapple. Spread evenly over crust. Spoon gelatin over cream cheese layer.

Refrigerate 4 hours or until firm. Serve with remaining whipped topping. Store leftover dessert in refrigerator. Makes 16 servings.

Hint: Soften cream cheese in microwave on HIGH 15 to 20 seconds.

- 1 package (4-serving size) Jell-O lemon flavor gelatin dessert
- 1/2 cup cold water
- Ice cubes
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon peel
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 tub (8 ounces) Cool Whip whipped topping, thawed
- 1 cup sliced strawberries, blueberries or raspberries (or use 1/3 cup strawberry, blueberry or raspberry preserves)
- 1 prepared graham cracker crust (6 ounces)

Stir boiling water into gelatin in large bowl at least 2 minutes until completely dissolved. Mix cold water and ice to make 1 1/4 cups. Add to gelatin, stirring until slightly thickened. Remove any remaining ice.

Stir in lemon peel, juice and whipped topping with wire whisk until smooth. Stir in fruit. Refrigerate 20 to 30 minutes or until mixture is very thick and will mound. Spoon into crust.

Refrigerate 6 hours or overnight until firm. Garnish with additional fruit and whipped topping, if desired. Makes 8 servings.

Put the 'ease' into Easter with cheesecake

Spring is here and you want to welcome it with open arms. Putting together a family dinner on Easter Sunday is the perfect way to mark the occasion. Try topping off your meal with this easy and delicious Fluffy 2-Step Easter Cheesecake.

When the ham has been cleared and the coffee is brewing, simply spread some bright and cheerful cherry pie filling evenly on top of the cheesecake and serve. Thanks to this time-saving cheesecake, this Easter you won't have to sacrifice the joys of entertaining to hours in the kitchen. You'll be free to focus on building beautiful baskets for your kids and hiding Easter eggs.

FLUFFY 2-STEP EASTER CHEESECAKE

- 1 package (8 ounces) Philadelphia Brand cream cheese, softened
 - 1/3 cup sugar
 - 1 tub (8 ounces) Cool Whip whipped topping, thawed
 - 1 prepared graham cracker crust (6 ounces)
 - 1 1/2 cups Comstock, Thank You or Wilderness More Fruit cherry pie filling
- Beat cream cheese and sugar in large bowl with wire whisk or electric mixer until smooth. Gently stir in whipped topping. Spoon into crust. Refrigerate 3 hours or until set. Spread pie filling evenly over top of pie. Store leftover cheesecake in refrigerator. Makes 8 servings.
- Hint: Soften cream cheese in microwave on HIGH 15 to 20 seconds.

Organizing a home office for maximum efficiency

Organization is important in every aspect of our lives. And when it comes to our finances, it's crucial.

A simple filing system is all you need to keep track of the papers, records and bills often scattered throughout the house on desks, on countertops, on bulletin boards and in boxes. Once you're organized, you won't have to spend much time each month paying bills and maintaining the efficient system you've established. Right now, with April 15 fast away,



many of us are thinking about our finances. It's the ideal time to get them in order.

Here's how to do it: The Home Office

Even if you don't have a room to devote to a home office, it's still important to establish a space in the house where you are well-equipped to process your paperwork. A desk or table, a comfortable desk chair and some accessories for storage are all you really need.

I've seen some very clever work areas tucked into unused space beneath a stair-

case, in a large hallway, even in closets. My desk at my home in East Hampton, N.Y., is in the mud room just off the kitchen, where I spend a lot of time.

Choose a place where you feel at ease. For storage, a two-drawer file cabinet should be sufficient. Or you can use portable filing boxes. Plastic versions are available at office-supply stores. Look for attractive wood and wicker versions at specialty storage shops and housewares shops.

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HOME & GARDEN

'Tis the season for weeds to sprout

Anything that "spreads," "takes over" or answers to "invasive," is usually welcome at our house. I'll take a half-dozen, please.

That's because the rule is, if you don't put something there on that bare dirt, Mother Nature will. So we've doggedly been planting everything we could to make up for what the bulldozers scraped clean a few years ago. We're not there, yet.

Every once in a while, the desert gives us a gift of fleabane or bitter root. Lots of wild sunflowers.

So every year, we're really tickled to see that tiny ground cover up by the mailbox. We figure it's another wildflower. It's downright industrious. Invasive, even. It's bur butter cup. The leaves disappear right after we think how adorable those were middle yellow flowers are. Then we're up to our ankles in burbs. But by that time, it's too late to do anything except pick the burbs out of our socks. Well, we know better this year, don't you know.

It's all in the timing. Now, when the little monster still has green leaves, we spray. Just about anything will do - 2,4-D, Banvel, RoundUp, Trimec will all work. More than any other tactic, timing is everything when it comes to weeds. Timing is tricky to catch this short pest, because weed killers need green leaves and the temperatures to be at least 55 degrees.



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

Weed killers settle on the leaves, then are taken in by the plants as though they were something good. The chemical circulates through the plant and kills the whole thing. That's why the leaves must be green and active. Brown, dormant leaves do nothing.

Pre-emergent weed killers go on the bare ground, and kill anything that sprouts. That's why they are called, "pre (before)-emergent (emerging or coming up)." They only work on weeds that haven't come up yet. Got to get that down before weeds come up. Timing is everything.

Crabgrass killer needs to go on now. Crabgrass is an annual weed. Last year's crabgrass died, but left a bazillion seeds to terrorize you this year. Before they come up, let 'em have it with a pre-emergent crabgrass killer. Some of the better lawn fertilizers come with the stuff already inside. Some of the crabgrass killers will do away with the weed if it has

come up, if it isn't too big and nasty yet. Good timing.

Most weeds will give up the fight if we get to them in early spring, before they've put on much growth or flowers. That's the key. Kill weeds before they flower and produce seed and you're home free. If you just can't get to them right away, pluck off the flower heads and throw them away. At least you won't have to deal with those seeds.

Weed seeds will blow over from your neighbor's place. Keep an eye out for these freeloaders. Take a walk through the yard and garden every week. Baby weeds that have taken hold since last week can be plucked with a thumb and forefinger.

Mow often. Some weeds never get to first base if they're kept as short as the lawn. Before you know it, they're gone and the grass has covered that spot.

• Didn't make it to the rose pruning seminar? Send for my eight-page booklet "Rose Pruning Made Easy." Write to Green Thumbprints, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho. 83303. Enclose \$1 and a SASE.

What's bugging your garden? Send your garden questions to Cathy Walworth, in care of The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

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Sex photos out of sight, but not out of mind

DEAR ABBY: About a year ago, when I was five months pregnant, I found hidden pictures of my husband and his former girlfriend. These weren't just ordinary pictures - they were very graphic sex pictures. I was devastated. I thought maybe he had forgotten about them, but when I confronted him, he admitted going down to the basement on occasion to look at them.

I know that he has not even spoken to her for years, so why would he take a chance to keep such pictures hidden in our house?

He is a wonderful husband and a great father to our two children. I really do trust him, but I am still upset a year later.

He has told me over and over that he is sorry, and I have forgiven him, but I just can't get this out of my head. I think about it all the time and have become very insecure.

DEAR INSECURE: The timing of your discovery could not have been more unfortunate. But since he hasn't spoken to this woman



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

in years and is a wonderful, trustworthy husband and a great father, you would be wise to quit torturing yourself over the incident. If you feel the need to dwell on something, count your blessings and dwell on them.

DEAR ABBY: I remodel houses for the Veterans Administration. I happen to be female, but I can lay flooring, hang Sheetrock, paint, wallpaper - anything except electrical wiring.

I make frequent trips to hardware stores and lumberyards. Because I am small, my husband accompanies me to do the lifting and loading. Clerks in these stores frequently ignore me, but offer to help my husband. If I ask a question, the clerks invariably direct

their answer to my husband.

Sometimes my husband will tell the clerk to talk to me, and sometimes I step between my husband and the clerk, smile and say, "I am the carpenter and the buying customer." The older male salesclerks are more set in their notions about women doing this kind of work, so I prefer female or young male clerks who are accepting of a female carpenter.

Forgive my bragging, but I also do crossword puzzles at home.

-LADY CARPENTER IN LOUISIANA
DEAR LADY CARPENTER: Gloria Allred would love you. You have broken the gender barrier, making it easier for other women to go where females formerly feared to tread. More power to you!

DEAR READERS: About 20 years ago, a man named Howard Singer came to my office to repair a television set. Observing all the mail that was being handled by my small staff of secretaries, he said, "My wife would

be perfect for such a job; she was a top-notch secretary for many years."

"Have her stop by the office for an interview," I suggested. Well, to make a long story short, Sylvia stopped by. I interviewed her, and gave her about a dozen letters to answer - and the sample was ample!

Sylvia Singer had uncommon common sense and wit, and she was a marvelous addition to the Dear Abby staff until she retired four years ago.

She passed away on Feb. 8 - leaving a brokenhearted husband and a small army of friends and admirers, including me.

Good advice for everyone - teens to seniors - is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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From home to Hollywood, patterns please

Knight-Ridder News Service

Delta Burke's tunic pattern works with pants or a skirt. The pattern companies certainly know how to entice us.

Vogue has introduced a new line called Elements, selling for \$9.95. It's a collection of eight garments with ageless appeal - vests, skirts, pants, tops and jackets - designed to mix and match for a classic wardrobe. Patterns feature beginning-level construction and will particularly interest novices.

The simplified guide sheets have abundant illustrations with very minimal written instructions. Vogue plans continual expansion of the line.

Burda has new multize patterns called "Start 1, 2 & 3" geared to teach sewing skills to beginner adults. Most of the 10 styles sell for \$6.95, and they progress from basic shapes to closures, sleeves and collars. Children's patterns will be added in the fall.

For a 16-page brochure describing the line, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Start Brochure, Burda, Box 670228, Marietta, Ga. 30066.

Butterick has launched a signature pattern collection by actress Delta Burke.

It reflects her personal flair, while addressing the needs of millions of plus-size women. The first four styles, in sizes 14W-30W, sell for \$11.95 and are multize for custom fit.

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Efficient new water heaters are a real gas

Q: We don't get enough hot water from our old gas water heater and it probably wastes a lot of gas. What new types of super efficient gas water heaters are available?

A: How much will installing one save? - F. D.

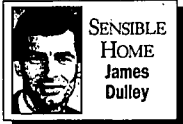
A: Installing a new super-efficient gas water heater can lower your utility bills and provide enough hot water for many morning showers. There are also some new designs available for simple conversion from electricity to gas.

Many of the premium models have 10-year no-leak tank warranties. Several special designs of heat exchanger flues reduce gas consumption, improve hot water output and shorten recovery time.

Switching to the most efficient gas water heater from an old one can save the typical family more than \$100 per year. Switching from an electric water heater to a new outdoor gas or oil model can save more than \$300 per year.

One efficient design uses three separate flue columns inside the tank.

This increases the surface area with the water for quicker and



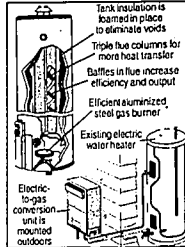
SENSIBLE HOME
James Dulley

more efficient heat transfer. The inside of the flues are also baffled to slow the hot gases and cause turbulence for additional heat transfer.

Another unique design uses a submerged burner chamber. The entire burner area is sealed and totally surrounded by the water in the tank. This reduces heat losses and insures maximum heat transfer into the water.

When selecting any water heater, check its energy factor (EF) rating. It indicates the overall operating cost. EF ratings for new gas water heaters range from about .53 to .55. Your old water heater is probably much lower.

The EF rating takes into account the water heater burner and heat exchanger efficiencies and the standby losses from the



Efficient new gas water heaters produce more hot water.

water tank, pipes, etc. First Hour Rating (FHR) indicates how much continuous hot water is available.

The best water heaters use foamed-in-place polyurethane insulation.

This process eliminates all insulation voids. A self-cleaning dip tube design (brings in the cold water) is also good.

With multiple holes or a con-

toured end, it causes the incoming water to swirl and reduces sediment buildup.

One new gas model, called Seahorse, is mounted outside the house and is designed specifically for converting from electricity to gas.

It cuts water heating costs significantly and triples the hot water output for showers.

The heating elements are removed from the existing electric water heater and insulated water pipes connect it to the Seahorse. Installing a new oil water heater can save overall and increase the hot water output fivefold.

Write for Update Bulletin No. 573 - a buyer's guide of super-efficient gas and oil water heaters, EF's, FHR's, insulation, warranties, prices and a sizing worksheet. Please include \$2 and a business-size SASE. To rush delivery or read 150 previous columns - www.dulley.com.

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

Q: I have been getting quotations on having vinyl windows

installed in a large room addition. My contractor suggested using a special air sealer gasket between the windows and sheathing. Is this good? - H. J.

A: Your contractor is probably using a material like Viscor Nail Fin Gasket and it should be effective.

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Garden spots on the Web are growing

By Fred A. Schneyer
Knight-Ridder News Service

Even though I love to garden and have always enjoyed a house full of indoor plants, my thumbs are definitely not green.

Not to worry though. If there's anything the Web excels at, it's gardening. There's no better time than now to review the Web's gardening offerings.

Such a discussion has to start with Garden Escape page, <http://www.garden.com>. If you only have time for one site, it should be this one.

It reflects terrific creative design and is packed with information you need to be an effective gardener.

The liberal use of small photos and icons doesn't seem to significantly slow its load time. And the icons make sense: They are clearly there to help you navigate off the home page down into the site. Designers also made great use of white space.

The first stop in Garden Escape's content is its "design a garden" feature. Here, using the

site's search capability, you can trudge through a plant database to help design a layout for your horticultural taste and the weather in your part of the country. You'll have to complete a free registration.

Then there's Garden Escape's collection of frequently-asked-question lists on everything from gardening with children to using water wisely and dealing with garden pests. A glossary and Garden Escape Magazine round out this knockout effort.

Next stop should be Virtual Garden, the gardening section of Time Warner's Pathfinder site, <http://pathfinder.com/vg/>. Don't miss the site's reports from garden shows around the country including a recently concluded one in Philadelphia.

Time Life's online gardening encyclopedia is also on the horticultural scene. Visit it at <http://pathfinder.com/cgi-bin/VG/vg/>.

Finally there's GardenNet, <http://www.trine.com/gardennet/>. You'll find a list of garden reference guides, garden magazines,

garden associations and Internet gardening links.

Not surprisingly, a poll reported in USA Today showed that Web surfers loved the Garden Escape site — giving it a score of 80 out of 100. Virtual Garden came in second with 78 and GardenNet third with 56.

If you still need more, there's Yahoo's Gardening index, <http://www.yahoo.com/Recreation/Home/underlinedand/underlinedand/>.

Yahoo! continues charming local versions of the well-known Web index for major metro areas with Dallas/Fort Worth and Washington, D.C., the latest. Check it out at <http://www.yahoo.com/docfamily/more.html>.

You'll want to read through C/net's tips on how to use Netscape's still-buggy Communicator browser program. The C/net feature is at <http://www.cnet.com/Content/Features/Howt/Communicator/s01.html>.

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HOME & GARDEN

For Easter, here are a few recipes to deal with all those leftovers

By Jane Snow
KnightRidder News Service

Once a year, ham and eggs fling off their breakfast image and appear as the stars of the feast, raising a bunch of questions most of us face only at Easter.

Sure, anyone can boil an egg, but peeling it is another matter. Why do bits of egg white come off in those annoying chunks, turning the egg into an ugly, pitted mess?

If the ham wrapper says "fully cooked," does it really matter how long we bake it?

And what in the heck are you going to do with 10 pounds of leftover ham and two dozen hard-cooked eggs?

Here's a primer on ham and eggs, Easter style.

• Ham. A fully cooked ham (the kind most supermarkets sell) can be stored in its wrapper in the refrigerator for up to two weeks. Once opened, hams must be used within three to four days.

Fresh (raw) hams must be used within three to five days.

Bargain hams aren't bargains if you're paying good money for water, so read the labels. If it's called simply "ham," or "ham with natural juices," you're paying for meat.

If the label says, "ham — added water" or "ham and water product," you're buying meat and water, and the price should be accordingly lower.

If you're worried about not having enough ham to go around, figure on about four to five servings per pound of boneless ham, and two to three servings for bone-in. Many people say bone-in hams have a better flavor.

Most people have the opposite problem, though — too much ham. The leftovers can be kept in the refrigerator for three to four days. Ham doesn't freeze well, but if it's a choice between freezing and pitching, go ahead and freeze it. The thawed ham will be a bit mushy, but it will be fine for soups and casseroles or fried ham sandwiches.

To prepare a ham for baking, you must slice off the rind. Most of the rind probably will have been cut off by the packer or butcher.

The rind is shiny and brown, and sits atop the fat. Using a sharp knife, slice and peel off the patches of rind, leaving a good

layer of fat behind. The fat bastes the ham while cooking.

Cook a ready-to-eat ham uncovered in a shallow baking pan for 15 minutes per pound at 325 degrees, to an internal temperature of 140 degrees. Hams that weigh less than 10 pounds should be cooked for 20 minutes per pound. Cooking ready-to-eat hams improves the flavor and texture, and kills any microorganisms that may be hanging around.

Hams labeled "cook before eating" should be cooked to an internal temperature of 160 degrees before they are safe to eat.

• Eggs. Egg whites come off in those annoying chunks because the eggs are too fresh. As an egg ages, air enters through the shell and forms an air pocket between the two membranes that attach the white to the shell. This means that the older the egg, the easier it is to peel.

If you want hard-cooked eggs to peel easily, the eggs should be a week old, but even a few days helps.

The greenish color that sometimes appears around a hard-cooked egg yolk is caused by a chemical reaction between sulfur and iron compounds in the egg.

It's safe to eat, but you can avoid it by not over-cooking the eggs.

The proper way to hard-cook eggs is to place them in a pan, add water to bring to about an inch and cover to a boil.

Immediately remove the pan from the heat, cover and let stand for 15 minutes.

This not only helps prevent the eggs from cracking, but produces a tender rather than rubbery egg white.

To get egg dye to cling to the shells, use hot water and add a splash of vinegar.

Egg-coloring products work fine, but regular food coloring works just as well.

Hard-boiled eggs should not be left at room temperature for longer than two hours, thanks to salmonella enteritidis, a bacteria that surfaced in the 1980s. The bacteria grows at room temperature.

So if you plan to eat the eggs after they've made an appearance in an Easter basket or an egg hunt, plan accordingly.

Hard-cooked eggs will keep in the refrigerator for about a week.

Here are a few recipes for dealing with all those leftovers.

DEVILED HAM AND EGGS
6 hard-cooked eggs
3/4 cup finely chopped ham
1/4 cup mayonnaise
1 tablespoon sweet pickle relish

2 teaspoon prepared mustard
Salt, pepper to taste
Peel eggs and cut in half lengthwise. Remove yolks and mash in a small bowl. Stir in remaining ingredients. Spoon into egg whites. Makes 1 dozen.

SPLIT PEA AND HAM SOUP
1 pound dry split peas
8 cups water
1 ham bone
1 clove garlic, smashed
1 teaspoon salt
2 cups diced ham
2 cups chopped carrots
1 medium onion, chopped
1 cup diced potato

1/4 cup split peas, water, ham bone, garlic and salt in a soup pot and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 2 hours, stirring occasionally.

Remove bone from broth and discard after trimming off any meat.

Add meat trimmings and remaining ingredients to pot and simmer uncovered for 30 minutes, or until vegetables are tender. Serves 10.

HAM AND PENNE PASTA
1/2 pound penne (tubular) pasta
4 tablespoons butter
1 large clove garlic, minced
1 cup ham strips (about 2 inches long, 1/4-inch wide)
1/3 cup fresh-grated Parmesan
1/4 cup milk
Salt, pepper

Cook pasta in boiling water until al dente. Meanwhile, melt half the butter in a medium skillet.

Saute garlic and ham over medium heat until garlic is golden and ham is heated through. When pasta is done, drain and return to the pasta pot.

Place over low heat, shaking pan to evaporate any remaining moisture. Add the garlic-ham mixture, remaining 2 tablespoons butter and Parmesan.

Toss over low heat to coat the pasta evenly with butter and cheese. Add milk and continue tossing until creamy.

Season with salt and pepper. Serves 4.

1/4 teaspoon paprika
2 green onions, chopped
Salt, pepper

Fresh chives for garnish
Brush pepper on a baking sheet, skin-side up, until charred and blistered.

Place in paper bag and let cool, then peel and mince. In a bowl, combine mayonnaise, yogurt, mustard, garlic, lemon juice,

cayenne, paprika, green onions, salt, pepper and diced bell pepper. Mix well.

Peel eggs and cut in half lengthwise. Remove yolks and mash well. Stir into mayonnaise mixture.

Spoon into the hollows of the egg halves.
Garnish with chives. Makes 12 deviled eggs.

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FOOD & HOME

Quilts

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Menes, the Egyptian King who lived about 3400 B.C., wearing a quilted jacket.

The Bible also makes reference to quilting (the coat of many colors), and history books tell us that soldiers wore quilted garments under their armor. By the time America was colonized in 1620, European women were fully trained in the art of quilting.

Since the pilgrims came ashore at Plymouth Rock, quilting has become a vital part of American folk tradition. Although piecing and applique could be done alone by one person, quilting the finished product was better handled by a group. As a result, our forefathers developed the famous sewing community called quilting bees.

In Margaret Mitchell's "Gone

Martha

Continued from C1

You'll also need a basket, tray or drawer to store bills and other paperwork until you get to them. Keeping everything in a standard spot reduces clutter and confusion.

Start by sorting records and documents into two categories:

1. Documents that are hard to replace.

2. Active records (such as current bills and this year's tax materials).
The first category includes wills, birth certificates, marriage and divorce papers, contracts, mortgage records, real-estate deeds, home-improvement receipts (make copies of these for the second category), stock and bond certificates, life and home insurance policies, titles for vehicles and paid bills for big purchases, such as art and jewelry.

The original of each document should be stored in a safe-deposit box or with your lawyer. Copies can be kept at home in a fireproof metal box that locks.

The two-drawer file cabinet is for the second category: active paperwork. In one drawer, make a separate file for each of your credit cards, bank accounts, mortgage or rental

agreements, insurance contracts, utilities and everything else along these lines. Use the second drawer or another filing box for all tax documents, including relevant receipts. If you have a home-based business, file receipts for rent, telephone, utilities and other things that you may be able to deduct in the second drawer.)
It's a good idea to make a separate file for any valuable antiques, jewelry or works of art you own. Each folder should contain a copy of the original receipt, a photograph of the piece, a current appraisal and its insurance policy. Review the folders periodically and update them as needed with new appraisals and insurance policies.

Make a point to sit down to pay bills at the same time each month. Once you pay each bill, file the receipt into its folder. When the canceled check arrives, staple them to the receipts.

Who's who?
Here is some information about a few quilting clubs in the Magic Valley.
□ The Desert Sage Quilt Guild monthly meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month. The meeting place rotates among Twin Falls, Jerome and Buhl. Anyone interested should call Sheri Wiles at 733-1934.
□ The Mountain Mamas in Stanley hold monthly meetings on the second Thursday of the month. The meeting place rotates among members' homes. Mountain Mamas hold a quilt festival on the third weekend in September. This year the dates are Sept. 19-21. Anyone interested should call Nancy Williams at 774-3513.
□ Anyone wishing to donate quilting materials or to sew quilts for the American Mothers should call Lorraine O. Smith at 733-3521.
□ Mount Harrison Quilt Guild meets at

1:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Burley Lutheran Church. An annual show is held in October. Interested people may call Carlene Clayville at 677-3573.
□ The Wood River Fiber Art Guild meets on the third Thursday of the month. The meeting place rotates around the Wood River Valley. The annual quilt show is held in Bellevue each fall. Call Yvonne Seima at 788-4711.

In the mid-20th century, the art of quilting seemed to die out in all but the most rural areas of the United States for a while. Then a tremendous upsurge of interest in quilting began about 1960. As more Americans become aware of their quilting heritage,

the value of family quilts was enhanced. Lucky are the people who kept their grandmothers' quilts.
With increased interest, prices have gone up. It is not unusual for quilt prices to range from \$500 to \$8,000.

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establishing budgets. Go over them monthly or yearly to monitor your spending habits. Since it's so easy to add them to the storage box, I suggest printing so you never know how you might need to refer to them. Add checkbook registers and your datebook or calendar to the box as well.

Label the box clearly with the year, and keep in a safe, dry place where you won't miss the room it takes up, such as in the attic or basement boxes and keep them on shelves rather than on the floor.

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Questions should be addressed to Martha Stewart, *owner of The New York Times Syndication Sales Corp.*, 122 E. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10168.

After you file your year-end tax return, transfer the year's relevant records from the filing cabinet to a plastic or cardboard storage box. Tax records and all supporting documentation should be kept for six years.
In general, receipts for household and discretionary expenses, utility bills, canceled checks for non-tax-deductible items and insurance policies that have no claims don't need to be kept for more than a year. (Check with your tax adviser.) However, these receipts are very useful for

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I LIKE IT.

TOLD YOU.

B.C. By Johnny Hart

HOW DO YOU LIKE MY BRONZE ANKLE CHAIN?

ONLY SISSIES WEAR ANKLE CHAINS.

SAMSON WAS A SISSY?

Garfield By Jim Davis

THINK OF IT THIS WAY, JULIE

GOING OUT WITH ME IS BETTER THAN A STICK IN THE EYE

PUT THE STICK DOWN, JULIE

NEVER GIVE IN ON ANKLE CHAINS, JON

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

I'M BORED... THERE'S NOTHING TO DO

YOU'RE RIGHT... THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT GOING TO A HALFWAY HOUSE

YOU BETTER GO TO AN ALL-THE-WAY HOUSE

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

I INTEND TO INITIATE A STRICT PROGRAM OF PHYSICAL FITNESS, AND I'M GOING TO LEAD THE WAY!

WELL, AT LEAST HIS STOMACH WILL LEAD THE WAY

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

I DON'T LIKE THIS HAIRCUT I GOT

WHO CUTS YOUR HAIR?

BESIDES GOD

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

SO WHAT EXCITES YOU MOST ABOUT THE ST. LOUIS ARCH, ERNIE?

THINKING HOW BIG THE HAMBURGERS MUST BE!

WELCOME TO ST. LOUIS

The Bom Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

AND MUMMY WEGO!

CAN'T YOU JUST PUNCH OUT AND LEAVE LIKE EVERYONE ELSE?

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

I'M GONNA BE BIG SOON, MOM. I KNOW ALL THE STEPS YOU WANT ME TO KNOW - A LOT OF STUFF YOU DON'T WANT ME TO KNOW.

I MEAN, EVEN WHEN YOU'RE HERE, YOU CAN'T WATCH WHAT I'M DOING ALL THE TIME - YOU GOTTA TRUST ME!

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, HONEY.

THANKS, DAD.

AFTER ALL - I'M NOT GONNA DO ANYTHING YOU NEVER DID!

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WELL, THAT'S CERTAINLY OUGHT TO DO IT.

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WAIT A MINUTE, NEAL. WHERE ARE YOU GOING IN YOUR GOOD SHOES?

OH, NO YOU DON'T. YOU DON'T WEAR YOUR GOOD SHOES TO PLAY IN. YOU WEAR YOUR PLAY SHOES TO PARTICIPATE IN.

YOU SHOULD ALWAYS WEAR GLOVES THAT ARE APPROPRIATE TO THE ACTIVITY YOU'RE PARTICIPATING IN.

TAKE YOUR GRAMPA FOR EXAMPLE. NOTICE HOW HE ALWAYS WEARS LOAFERS?

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketchum

"HI, MR. WILSON. GOT A MINUTE?"

The Family Circus By Bill Keane

"If he brings eggs, why isn't he the Easter Chicken?"

What do birds do?: Nidify

To "nidify" is to build a nest.

Q: What do racetrackers mean when they say a horse "wired the field"?

A: Ran from wire to wire - broke ahead out of the starting gate, kept the lead, and crossed the finish line first.

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Q: What killed off the dodo birds on the island of Mauritius?

A: Clubs of Dutch sailors and settlers, historians say.

No, you and I do not believe Joan of Arc was Noah's wife, but a radio show host reports in straight voice that "12 percent of the people surveyed" do so believe.

A third of the people in greater Phoenix have never been to the Grand Canyon. So pollsters report.

Still miss on the all-time favorites list from country lyrics: "I just miss you on the days that end in 'Y.'" "Where are you going, Virginia, and Virginia, how far will you go?" "I'm going to put a bar in my car and

WHAT'S WHAT? L.M. Boyd

drive myself to drink." "It's morning and I still love you." "She borrowed my last dime and called my wife."

A savvy camper suggests a backpack should not exceed a fifth of hiker's body weight.

John D. Herzig did not know the scientific fact that black on yellow is the best attention-getting color combination. He just suspected something of the sort when he originated the notion of painting taxicabs yellow.

People with extremely high intelligence oftentimes write almost illegibly. So contends a scholar who has studied the penmanship of professionals. The why of this is still debated. But most experts contend high-IQ brains work too swiftly for the fingers to keep up.

HOROSCOPE

IF MARCH 26 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: When you say your mean business, you keep your word. You are passionate, creative, dynamic, have marvelous insight into time and what means and how to use it. Capricorn, Cancer persons play leading role in your life. Father exerted much influence. But your feelings toward him are ambivalent. Current cycle relates to decision to let go of abusive relationship, to welcome new love. You'll travel in April. Vitality makes comeback.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Gather facts concerning investments, possibility of inheritance. By digging deep you locate hidden place. Leo, Aquarius persons dominate scenario.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Focus on public reaction to efforts, ability to gain slight advantages. Moon phase highlights close relationship with one, who once left in anger. Mars/taurus high-light.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Refuse to be limited by those who feel they know best how to live your life. Shake off attempts at intimidation. Temporary picture subject to sudden change. Scorpio plays dramatic role.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Some people claim you emit love signals. Maintain equilibrium, laugh at outrageous statements. Sense of ridiculous should be toned to major importance. Get invention on paper and protected.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Status as neutral critic upheld, although not by everyone. Focus on home, style, fashion, marital status. Short trip involves Uranus who excites attraction.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): What was taken away will be returned - with interest. Get promises in writing, define terms, play waiting game. Temporary confusion works to your benefit. Pices in picture.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Study Leo message. Get organized, accept challenge of added responsibility. Unique relationship sends business signals. Secret revealed concerning Scorpio - don't cast first stone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Suddenly, events transpiring in manner to make wishes come true. Moon position emphasizes good fortune in finance, romance. Marital status, partnership figure in scenario. Cancer native involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): What you worked for has been fruit - you're right despite objections from those who know price of everything, value of nothing. You'll be entertained, wooed and dined. Diversify.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Lunar position highlights business, publishing venture, historical records. Previous beliefs subject to sharp revision. Refuse to be victim of masterful emotional inertia. Taurus represented.

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FOOD & HOME

Dishes to celebrate Easter, springtime

The Sun-Sentinel

FOUR LAURDALE, Fla. — In South Florida, it can be difficult to get into the mood to celebrate Easter, says Steven Harberts, an associate pastor at the First Presbyterian Church here.

Up North, he says, this celebration of Christ having arisen from the dead comes at a time of rebirth after a long cold winter when much in nature has died. It's a time when the daffodils and tulips bloom and the weather begins to warm up. But down here, where things are green year-round, Christians have a little more difficulty getting into the spirit of renewal, he says.

That doesn't mean Harberts and his wife, Denise, don't do their best holiday try-it-for-tive occasion. Especially when it comes to the Easter dinner.

You may want to use their menu featuring lamb for this special meal or, if you don't celebrate the holiday, try it for any entertaining you do this spring.

Denise is a good cook who was trained by her mother growing up on the family's 1,000-acre farm outside Jefferson, Iowa. Here they raised hogs, corn, soybeans and cattle. When it came to the cooking duties, Denise specialized in pie crusts and breads. Her mother and grandmother, she took two blue ribbons at Iowa state fairs for yeast and banana breads.

Denise recalls that Easter was a special day in her mother's life. Her mother and grandmother would make her and her three sisters new dresses — a pink polished cotton one Denise wore at age 9 was her favorite. Of course there'd be new party try-it-for Mary Janes, Easter bonnets and even coats made to match the new dresses.

Denise remembers Easter egg hunts on the farm. "We had chickens so we could dye all the eggs we wanted," she says. And then there were the Easter baskets filled with candy and "something practical" such as socks, a necktie, white cotton gloves or a hankie. The main meal would usually be a ham from a hog raised on the farm. And, of course, Denise's grandmother's pie. It's a deviled eggs from all the dyed ones that the children had made.

Although Steven also was raised in Jefferson City as well as known Denise since the fourth grade, he remembers childhood Easters a little differently.

"Denise and her sisters got everything; we got nothing," Steven quips. Because his father was the town's Presbyterian pastor, "when the church was open, we were there," he says.

Now at Easter, Steven is involved with his church's sunrise service while Denise stays home to "figure out what to do about Easter dinner."

After Denise sings in the choir at their church's two later Easter services, the couple return to their Fort Lauderdale home to enjoy a festive meal. They usually have six to 10 guests — friends and parishioners who have no family to celebrate with.

After a glass of cranberry punch and a few light snacks, the guests join hands and Steven says a prayer of thanks for "life, health, friends, family and, of course, food." The menu includes a roast leg of lamb in a mustard and honey glaze — a recipe Denise got from her mother. A baked mashed potato casserole is a good accompaniment, because — like the Baked Curried Fruit — can be prepared in advance.

For dessert, there's an angel food cake accented with lemon custard and whipped cream ("When you cut into this cake you just feel like it's springtime because the colors are so pretty"). Denise still dyes eggs that she uses to decorate the table set with her grandmother's Rosebud-pattern Haviland china, white linen and fresh flowers.

ENTREE: ROAST LEG OF LAMB WITH HONEY MUSTARD GLAZE
1 (5-pound) leg of lamb, trimmed
2 cloves garlic, peeled and cut in half
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon fresh-ground black pepper
1/2 cup Dijon mustard
1/2 cup honey

Rub the lamb with the cut sides of the garlic cloves. Season with salt and pepper. In a small nonreactive container, combine mustard and honey. Place the lamb on a rack in a shallow roasting pan and place in a 300-degree oven for 1 1/2 hours.

Pour the two-thirds of the mustard mixture over the meat and continue roasting for 1 hour. Pour remaining mustard mixture over meat and roast until the meat registers 160 (rare) to 180 (well done) degrees on a meat or quick-reading thermometer. Temperature will depend upon degree of doneness desired. The meat should take about 30 minutes per pound. Makes about 6 servings.

DESSERT: BAKED CURRIED FRUIT
1 (15-ounce) can sliced peaches packaged in juice, drained and juicereserved
1 (15-ounce) can sliced pears packaged in juice, drained
1 (20-ounce) can pineapple chunks packaged in juice, drained
1 (16 1/2-ounce) can dark sweet cherries in heavy syrup, drained
1/3 cup brown sugar
1/3 cup butter, melted (about 5 tablespoons)
2 teaspoons curry powder
1 tablespoon cornstarch

Place fruit in a 2-quart baking dish. Combine brown sugar, butter, curry powder and cornstarch. Stir in 1 tablespoon reserved peach juice. Pour over the fruit and bake in a 325-degree oven 1 hour. Serve warm. Makes 10 servings.

SIDE DISH: PARTY POTATOES
8 to 10 medium boiling potatoes, peeled
Water
1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
1 cup sour cream
Milk, optional
Garlic salt, to taste
1/4 cup chives
1 tablespoon butter
1/4 teaspoon paprika

Place the potatoes in a saucepan and cover with water. Bring to a boil over high heat and cook about 20 minutes or until tender. Drain. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, beat together the cream cheese and sour cream on medium speed of an electric mixer (use paddle attachment if available). Add the hot potatoes one at a time, beating until fluffy after each addition. If too stiff, add a little milk to thin. Season with garlic salt and add chives.

Spoon into an oiled 2-quart casserole. Brush top with butter and sprinkle with paprika. Bake for 30 minutes at 350 degrees or, if you want to bake it with the lamb, place it in a 300-degree oven for about 45 minutes or until bubbly and browned. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

DESSERT: LEMON ANGEL REFRIGERATOR CAKE

Lemon Custard and Cake. All but the frosting can be prepared a day ahead. Denise Habart's original recipe called for whipped egg whites to lighten the custard. Because raw eggs can carry salmonella, we substituted nondairy whipped topping just to be safe.
1 (14-ounce) envelope unflavored gelatin
1/4 cup water
6 eggs yolk
3/4 cup sugar
2 teaspoons grated lemon peel
3/4 cup lemon juice
1 (8- to 10-inch) angel food cake (see note)
1 (8-ounce) can frozen light nondairy whipped topping, thawed
1 cup heavy cream
1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar

Sprinkle the gelatin into the cold water and let soften. Meanwhile, beat the egg yolks slightly in a heavy nonreactive saucepan. Add 3/4 cup sugar, lemon peel and lemon juice. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, about 15 minutes or until mixture coats a spoon that is dipped into it and is slightly thickened. Remove from heat. Add gelatin and stir to dissolve. Cool to room tem-

perature. Meanwhile, rub surface of cake with hands to remove brown crumbs. Tear cake into bite-size pieces (about 10 cups); set aside.

Fold cooled custard into whipped topping. To assemble: Spread a half-inch-thick layer of custard across the bottom of a buttered 8- to 10-inch tube pan or a 9-inch springform pan. Add a layer of half of the angel food pieces and a layer of half the remaining custard. Use a rubber spatula to work the custard around the cake pieces. Top with remaining cake pieces and finish with a layer of the remaining custard working it around the cake pieces.

Cover and chill at least 6 hours or overnight until firm. Use a sharp knife or long thin spatula to loosen edge of cake from side of either type pan. If using tube pan, cut around center tube round. Unmold cake onto round platter. If using a springform pan, remove sides. Whip cream with confectioners' sugar until stiff peaks form. Spread over sides and top of cake. Makes 12 to 16 servings.

NOTE: This can be an 8-inch bakery-made cake, a homemade one from scratch or from a mix.

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With spring comes Easter, and urge to try something different overtakes cook

Took the dogs out hiking in the desert over the weekend and came across a big bull snake. I know they are harmless but, none the less, they always make me jump. The dogs had a grand time and I realized how out of shape I've gotten over the winter. Spring is finally and officially here. The snakes are out, and the calendar says so. Isn't it great? It feels so good to get outside and work around the yard. I know the novelty will wear off long before spring is over and I will deteriorate into a chore, but I'm going to enjoy the yard work while I have the urge.

I find it curious how, as the sun returns, lighter meals sound good once again when just a month ago, I was craving stews and homemade bread. Now I'm thinking salads, sandwiches and Jell-O.

For Easter this year I'm going to try something a little different to go with my traditional leg of lamb for dinner.

CORN, CUCUMBER AND GARBANZO SALAD

Serves 6
Dressing:
3 tablespoons olive oil
1/5 cup lemon juice
1 cup fresh mint leaves loosely packed
1/2 cup chopped parsley
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom
Pinch salt
Salad:
3 big (6- to 8-inch cucumbers), diced
1 medium red onion, chopped
1 1/2 to 20-ounce can garbanzo beans
16 ounces whole kernel corn
Combine the dressing ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Combine the cucumbers, onion, garbanzo beans and corn with dressing. Allow vegetables to marinate for at least 20 minutes. Adjust the seasoning to taste. Garnish with avocado or tomato slices.

FIG WALNUT BREAD

1 loaf
1 1/2 cups unsweetened apple juice
1 cup chopped figs
4 ounces tofu
Zest of 1 lemon (grated rind)
1/4 cup sunflower or other light vegetable oil
1/4 cup honey
2 cups whole wheat flour - 1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon ginger
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
1 cup chopped walnuts
Heat apple juice to boiling. Pour over figs in a small bowl and set aside until cool. Drain and reserve the liquid.
Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Pan spray a 9 1/2-by-4 1/2-inch loaf pan. Set aside.
In a blender combine the tofu and 1/4 cup of the reserved juice. Blend; gradually adding the remaining juice, until smooth. Whisk together the lemon zest, oil and honey in a medium mixing bowl. Whisk in the blended tofu-juice mixture and stir in the figs.
Stir together the flour, salt, baking powder and spices. Combine with the wet mixture and stir gently until just blended. Do not over mix. Fold in the nuts. Pour into pan and bake about one hour, until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Cool in the pan 10 to 15 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack.
Tip: Quick breads slice easier if they are completely cooled.



VALLEY COOK
Dixie Thomas Reale

ALMOND AND GINGER TWO RICE SALAD
Serves 8
1 1/2 cups uncooked brown rice

- 1 cup uncooked wild rice
- 10-ounce package frozen green peas, thawed
- 15-ounce can pineapple chunks, drained
- 3 or 4 radishes, chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions
- 1/4 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon freshly ground ginger root
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground

- pepper
- 2/3 cup sliced almonds or walnuts
- Lettuce for garnish
- Prepare brown and wild rice in separate pan according to package directions. Combine in a large bowl and allow to cool. Add peas, onion, radishes, pineapple and red bell pepper. In a small bowl, whisk together oil, vinegar, ginger, salt and pepper. Stir into rice mixture, add nuts and toss well. Serve in a lettuce-lined bowl or on a bed of lettuce on

individual plates.

Dixie Thomas Reale welcomes

comments on recipes. Her address is 503 W. Eighth, Jerome, Idaho 83338.

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It's like being Thomas Edison's brother on the day he invented the light bulb and having someone turn to you and say, 'Yeah? And what did you do today?'

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— Gary Shelton in the St. Petersburg Times on the NIT

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IN BRIEF

Another USTA rating clinic planned Saturday

TWIN FALLS — The summer's third — and possibly last — USTA rating clinic for local tennis players is slated for 11 a.m. Saturday at the Frontier Field courts.
Cost is \$5. For more information, call Mark Daily, 837-4042. Might be the last one.

Rupert Country Club opens golf season with best-ball

RUPERT — Rupert Country Club Golf Course announces its season opening with a men's best-ball tournament Saturday. Call the pro shop at 436-9168 before 10 a.m. to sign up.

Rupert CC hosts ladies clinic on Tuesday, April 1

RUPERT — Rupert Country Club Golf Course invites lady golfers to enjoy the season opener with a clinic Tuesday, April 1 starting at 9:15 a.m. A round of golf is also planned, followed by a luncheon at noon. For more information call the pro shop at 436-9168.

Rupert lady golfers set opening scramble, brunch

RUPERT — All members of the Ladies Golf Association of the Rupert Country Club are invited to the Spring brunch and golf scramble April 5.
Brunch will be held at the Rupert Elk's Dining Room at 10:30 a.m. Guests are welcome. The pro shop will take reservations at 436-9168.

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Tribal trades: Cleveland, Atlanta switch

Braves send David Justice, Marquis Grissom to Indians for Kenny Lofton

The Associated Press

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — In one of baseball's biggest trades in years, the Atlanta Braves and Cleveland Indians struck a shocking deal Tuesday involving David Justice, Marquis Grissom and Kenny Lofton that reshaped two of the sport's strongest teams.

"This is a trade of enormous magnitude for two very, very good franchises," Indians general manager John Hart said. "We're talking about franchise-type players."

The Indians, who faced losing Lofton to free agency at the end of the season, gave up the All-Star center fielder and pitcher Alan Embree.

The Braves, projected to have the major league highest payroll at \$62 million, had talked this spring about trading Justice — whose home run beat Cleveland 1-0 in the clinching Game 6 of the 1995 World Series. But Atlanta made it an even larger deal by including another All-Star outfielder, Grissom.

It was an old-fashioned, superstar-for-superstar deal that saved the Braves \$7.7 million.

The NL champion Braves traded the high-priced Justice so they can try to resign pitchers Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine, both free agents at the end of the season. Justice, who missed nearly all of last season with a shoulder injury, will make \$12.5 million in the next two seasons.

The AL Central champion Indians could have lost Lofton, winner of four Gold Gloves and five consecutive AL stolen base titles, to free agency at the end of the season.

"We had to make this trade based on the fact that Kenny Lofton is a free agent at the end of the '97 season," Hart said. "We went through it last year with Albert Belle, and Albert left us. We were not prepared to let that happen again."

Lofton and Grissom are regarded as the two best center fielders and leadoff hitters in baseball. Both are 29, and both are coming off outstanding seasons.

Lofton batted .317 last year, setting career highs with 210 hits, 14 homers, 67



Marquis Grissom



David Justice



Kenny Lofton



Alan Embree

RBIs and 75 stolen bases.

"I can't really think too well right now," Lofton said. "Maybe I can say I'm disappointed. I've done everything they've asked me to do in Cleveland, and I thought I would be rewarded. I guess they rewarded me by trading me to Atlanta."

Grissom, a native of Atlanta who was acquired from Montreal in a trade before the 1995 season, batted .308 with 303 homers, 74 RBIs and 28 stolen bases. His on-base percentage was .349, compared to Lofton's .372.

Justice, 30, had his best season in 1993 with 40 homers and 120 RBIs, but missed most of the '96 season after dislocating a shoulder May 15. He had surgery and appeared to have no lingering effects this spring.

The Braves gain Lofton while making room for young outfielders Andrew Johnson and Jermaine Dye.

Atlanta also adds a hard-throwing left-hander to its bullpen. Embree, 27, split time last season the Indians and Triple-A Buffalo, going 1-1 with a 6.39 ERA in 24 games with Cleveland.

The Indians, who acquired third baseman Matt Williams from the San Francisco Giants in another major trade in November, hope Justice will help make up for Belle's lost power production.

The players are expected to join their new teams Wednesday. Lofton is likely to return to Cleveland as a visiting player in the All-Star at Jacobs Field in July.

ANOTHER GOLFING TIGER



Mike Ciolekos of Jerome tries to make the best of a home course advantage Tuesday as he drives his ball onto the third hole fairway of Jerome Country Club during the Class B tournament. For results, see Page D3.

Idaho may get 5th class of athletics

The Associated Press

The Idaho High School Activities Association board will decide next month whether to readjust the attendance standards of the four competitive school classifications or break with a generation of tradition and add a fifth.

"It's too close to call," said Bill Young, the executive director of the activities association. "The way I see it, the vote could go either way. Whatever the board decides to do, we'll put it in place, either a five-classification system or a four."

The board's decision at next month's meeting will be implemented with the 1998-1999 school year.

Advocates of adding a fifth class maintain it is a matter of fairness that would permit athletes to compete from schools of the same relative size, ending the situation where schools often find themselves vying for a title against a school with twice the enrollment.

"We're looking for equity in terms of the same number of kids competing against the same number of kids," Middleton School District Superintendent Jim Garrett said. "You always hear stories of small schools beating big schools, and year in and year out, that's not going to happen."

But those out to preserve the four-class system contend those kinds of complaints are inevitable no matter how many classes there are. And they argue a four-classification system keeps regional rivalries alive and limits cost of travel to games. Idaho's geographic barriers make it financial foolish to go past larger schools in a region just to play a similar-sized school elsewhere.

"It gets down to whatever numbers you use, you are always going to have big schools in a little classification and small schools in a big classification," Teton Superintendent Gordon Woolley said. "That's just the way it is."

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Seminoles, Michigan make NIT final

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Three NIT wins over the Big East has Florida State coach Pat Kennedy dreaming about what life might be like outside the ACC.

"We put our application into the Big East right after 'the game,'" Kennedy said, "and are looking to make the move next season."

James Collins matched his career-high with 29 points, Kerry Thompson added 20 and the Seminoles advanced to their first NIT final Tuesday night with a 71-65 overtime victory over Connecticut.

Florida State earned a spot in Thursday's championship game against Michigan, which beat Arkansas 77-62 in the other semifinal.

Thompson, playing with a dislocated finger, made a 3-pointer from the top of the key with 3.9 seconds left in regulation to tie it 59-59 and force the overtime.

"For us so far, this has been a tournament of big shots," Kennedy said, "and Kerry made the big shot."

With the win, the Seminoles (20-11) have now eliminated half of the Big East schools selected for the NIT and improved to 4-0 against that conference this year.

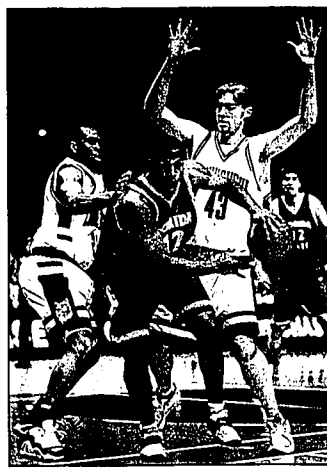
Freshman Richard Hamilton scored 26 points to lead the Huskies (17-15), who will finish their season Thursday night in the third-place game.

Collins made 8 of 12 3-pointers for Florida State, which defeated Syracuse and West Virginia of the Big East on the road earlier in the tournament. Center Randall Jackson, who came in averaging 18.3 points in the tourney, was held to eight on 2-for-11 shooting.

But Collins and Thompson picked up the scoring slack and denied UConn a second trip to the tournament final. Florida State was also able to erase the memory of its last meeting against Connecticut, a 79-61 loss on national television.

Following that game, FSU coach Pat Kennedy had written an open letter to the school's fans apologizing for his team's effort and sent it to a local newspaper.

Collins scored 16 points in the second



Connecticut's Rickie Moore and teammate Jake Voskuhl (43) apply pressure to Florida State guard Kerry Thompson during the first NIT semifinal game Tuesday in New York. Thompson had 20 points in the Seminoles' 71-65 overtime victory.

half — 15 on 3-pointers — and seemed to make a big shot every time the Seminoles looked like they were about to come up empty.

Hamilton's jumper 23 seconds into overtime put the Huskies up 61-59 before Collins' 3-pointer gave the Seminoles the lead for good.

Jackson's inside basket and two free throws by Corey Louis helped Florida State extend its lead to 66-61 with 2:16 left.

The Seminoles, who defeated Final Four entrant North Carolina by 13 points during the regular season, got two more free throws from Thompson with 49 seconds left, and watched Connecticut self-destruct on its next two possessions.

First Hamilton walked, Rashamel

Jones was called for a charge with 32 seconds left and UConn coach Jim Calhoun was assessed a technical foul for arguing.

Jones' 3-pointer with 1:00 left in regulation had given the Huskies a 59-54 lead before Jackson made two free throws.

Jones missed a 3 on Connecticut's next trip with 16 seconds left, giving Florida State a chance to tie it, and Thompson did. He calmly dribbled at the top of the key before sinking his game-tying 3-pointer.

Michigan 77, Arkansas 62

NEW YORK — A presidential pep talk helped send Michigan into the NIT final. The Wolverines had breakfast

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SPORTS

Spurs snore past Cavs in sleeper

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - The Spurs and Cavaliers almost played the lowest-scoring game in NBA history Tuesday night, but there were two foul shots in the final 20.3 seconds and San Antonio beat Cleveland 64-59.

The combined total of 123 points tied the second-lowest mark in league history since the inception of the short court.

The record-low of 113 points, set by Boston and Milwaukee in 1955, was tied with 20.3 remaining when Terrell Brandon made two foul shots. It was eclipsed with 18.2 seconds left when Cory Alexander made two foul shots to put the Spurs ahead 62-59.

Chicago finished with a season-high 20 points, tied in the final period, and shot 8-for-10. Jordan also scored 20, and Dennis Rodman had 21 rebounds before limping off the court after being hit in the left leg with three seconds left.

Michael Finley had 28 points for Dallas but was scoreless in the final quarter.

Pacers 98, Raptors 84
TORONTO - Rick Smith had 28 points and 12 rebounds and Reggie Miller scored 24 points to help Indiana end an eight-game road losing streak.

making his second 3-pointer of the season to answer a trey by Carlos Rogers and give Indiana a 78-63 lead with 9:46 to play.

Mark Jackson had a triple-double, hitting the second of two foul shots with 0.5 seconds to play to give him 10 points to go along with 11 rebounds and 12 assists.

Magic 114, Kings 103
ORLANDO, Fla. - Penny Hardaway scored 30 points and Orlando beat Sacramento for its eighth victory in nine games.

Rony Seikaly had 26 points and 14 rebounds for the Magic, who built a big early lead for the second straight game and weren't seriously threatened in the last three quarters.

Mitch Richmond led Sacramento, which has lost nine of its last 10 to fall out of the eighth playoff spot with the Western Conference, with 34 points. The Kings are 1-2 since Eddie Jordan replaced Gary St. Jean as coach last week.

Hawks 96, Blazers 89
ATLANTA - Steve Smith scored 27 points and Dikembe Mutombo added 20 rebounds as Atlanta extended its winning streak to five games.

The Hawks, who improved to 31-4 at the Omni, took command after the Blazers forged a 49-49 tie on Rasheed Wallace's dunk with 9:13 left in the third quarter.

Mutombo scored nine points and Tyrone Corbin five during a 20-5 run that gave the Hawks a 95-84 lead with 1:06 remaining in the quarter. Atlanta held a 71-61 lead heading to the fourth period and Portland didn't get close until a late run.

Rockets 112, Timberwolves 103
HOUSTON - Hakeem Olajuwon scored 39 points, hitting all 13 of his free throws, and Houston survived the loss of Clyde Drexler to a sprained ankle.

Drexler, who has missed 19 games due to injury this season, turned his right ankle early in the third quarter and did not return.

Kevin Willis added 28 points for Houston, which shot 31-of-63 from the line.

Stephen Marbury scored seven of his 16 points over the final 7:50 and the Timberwolves cut Houston's lead to 97-91 with 4:16 to play. But Jamal Ellis's 3-pointer pushed the lead back to nine and the Rockets held on for the victory.

Suns 117, Bucks 112
PHOENIX - Kevin Johnson scored 11 of his 28 points in the third quarter and the Phoenix Suns overcame the loss of Cedric Ceballos to beat the Milwaukee Bucks 117-112 Tuesday night.

The win, coupled with Sacramento's loss at Orlando, put the Suns 1/2 game ahead of the Kings in the race for the eighth and final Western Conference playoff berth.

Wesley Person had 19 points, Rex Chapman and Danny Manning 16 apiece, Wayman Tisdale 15 and Jason Kidd 14 points and 12 assists.

Callois, who sat out Saturday night's game at Houston with a sore right knee, strained the patella tendon in his knee in the first quarter. He watched the rest of the game from the bench in street clothes at the arena for the ninth time in their last 11 games.

Rookie Ray Allen scored a season-high 32 points for Milwaukee, which fell to 0-4 in road games against Pacific Division opponents.

Glenn Robinson had 25 points and Vin Baker added 23 points and 14 rebounds for the Bucks as they began a seven-game, 11-day road trip - their longest since the 1987-88 season.

Sonics 126, Warriors 89
SAN JOSE, Calif. - Gary Payton scored 23 points in three quarters and Seattle had its high-



Atlanta Hawk's center Dikembe Mutombo tries to squeeze his way past Portland Trail Blazers' center Arvydas Sabonis during first half action from Atlanta on Tuesday.

est point total of the season in extending Golden State's losing streak to a season-high five games with a 126-89 victory Tuesday night.

The Sonics swept their four-game season series with the Warriors, winning by an average of 30 points per game. Seattle (48-20), which has won seven straight at Golden State, improved to a season-high 28 games over 500.

Seattle led 73-39 at halftime and 101-61 after the third, then had a 12-0 run over the final 1:43 of the second quarter. Four players reached double figures by halftime. Kemp and Payton had 13 each for 10-for-12 combined shooting, Hersey Hawkins had 12 and Sam Perkins 11 off the bench.

least 12 minutes of playing time. The Warriors were paced by Joe Smith, who scored 18 points before fouling out early in the fourth quarter. They had just 19 assists to Seattle's 38, with point guard Mark Price scoring five points without an assist in 29 minutes.

Seattle's lead stretched as high as 42 points, 101-59, on a layup by Terry Cummings with six seconds left in the third quarter.

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Packers axe Rison

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) - Wide receiver Andre Rison, who scored the first touchdown of the Super Bowl on a pass from Brett Favre, had his contract terminated by the Green Bay Packers on Tuesday.

Green Bay general manager Ron Wolf, announcing the decision, said the team's receiver corps doesn't have room for Rison as a starter.

"The feeling here is that Andre is a starter," Wolf said, "and with the situation we presently are in, he wouldn't be a starter. So we feel it is in the best interests of both parties to terminate the association at this time."

Rison, an eight-year NFL veteran, was claimed on waivers from Jacksonville last Nov. 6 and played in five regular-season games for Green Bay, catching 13 passes for 135 yards and one touchdown.

Then he played in all three playoff games, catching seven passes for 143 yards and two touchdowns, including a 54-yarder from Favre for a 7-0 lead in the Super Bowl. The Packers went on to beat New England 35-21 for the NFL championship.

"While he was here, we were 8-0 and there is no doubt that he made a significant contribution to our late-season playoff success, culminated by winning the Super Bowl," Wolf said.

"Speaking for myself and everyone in the Packers organization, we wish nothing but the best for Andre Rison and his family."

The Packers, hurt by key injuries to their receivers, were 8-3 when they claimed Rison, a four-time Pro Bowl selection, off waivers from the Jaguars.

Rison was a first-round draft pick of the Indianapolis Colts in 1989 out of Michigan State. He was traded to Atlanta in 1990, then went to the Browns as a free agent in 1995 and signed with Jacksonville last July.

His career bests include 93 catches in the 1992 season, and 1,242 yards receiving and 15 touchdowns, both in 1993.

Rison told Milwaukee station WTMJ-TV he was not surprised by the Packers' move, but was saddened by the decision. He looked forward to a full season as one of Favre's receivers at Green Bay.

The station reported that Rison's agent, Charles Tucker, said he had been contacted by three other teams about the receiver.

NIT

Continued from D1

Louis Bullock and Jerod Ward added 15 points apiece for the Wolverines, who have won six straight games following a five-game losing streak that cost them a spot in the NIT against Florida State.

With Ford cheering on his old school from a luxury suite, Maurice Taylor scored 19 points to add a career-high 15 rebounds for Michigan (23-11). Coincidentally, the last time Michigan and Arkansas met, in the 1994 NCAA Midwest Regional, President Clinton was on hand to cheer his beloved Razorbacks to a 76-68 victory.

Florida State (20-11) earned its first trip to the championship with a 71-65 win over Connecticut in Tuesday's other semifinal.

Thursday night's winner will be the first ever in basketball between Michigan and Florida State.

Kareem Reid scored 19 points to lead the Razorbacks (18-13) and Pat Bradley added

10 points. Arkansas will play Connecticut in Thursday night's third-place game.

Michigan had trouble putting away the Razorbacks, who trailed 63-58 with 3:57 left. But the Wolverines closed the game with a 12-4 run.

Two free throws by Robert Taylor gave Michigan a 41-36 lead, and the Wolverines led in command. But Bradley made 3-pointers on consecutive trips and Arkansas grabbed a 46-45 lead when Lee Wilson dropped in a decisive jumper over the foul-plagued Taylor.

Class

Continued from D1

Both Garrett and Woolley are on the association board. At the January meeting, the state was evenly split with three of the six districts for adding a fifth class and the other three for staying at four.

Both sides say their approach is best for the student-athlete, although few if any are really aware of the heated debate that could affect their conferences, rivalries and games.

And after being told about it, high school players had mixed reactions. Some see adding a

class diluting the competition while others believe it would give more of the smaller-enrollment schools in each class a greater chance at success.

Garrett suggests the question is not so much about winning but helping the small school end years of losing.

Woolley's the point of having an athletic organization, to give kids a chance to compete at the proper level and attain some success and that includes getting the chance to play for state championships," he said.

BASKETBALL

NBA standings EASTERN CONFERENCE table with columns for team, W, L, Pct, GB, and recent game results.

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NBA box scores table listing game results, scores, and key statistics.

BASEBALL

Exhibition standings table listing teams, W, L, Pct, and exhibition game results.

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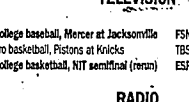
ON THE AIR TELEVISION

College baseball, Mercer at Jacksonville, FSN 10 a.m., Pro baseball, Pistons at Knicks, TBS 6 p.m., College basketball, NIT semifinal, ESPN 8 a.m.

RADIO

High school baseball, Bluff at Jerome, KART 4:00 AM 3 p.m.

IN THE BLEACHERS



Do not feel your team ball.

NHL standings NATIONAL CONFERENCE

NHL standings table for National Conference with columns for team, W, L, T, Pct, GB, and recent game results.

HOCKEY

NHL standings table for Western Conference with columns for team, W, L, T, Pct, GB, and recent game results.

TRAVELERS

Extensive table listing travel services, destinations, and contact information.

Cozakos leads Jerome boys to golf win

The Times-News

JEROME — Mike Cozakos shot a 74 to lift Jerome to victory in a Class B golf tournament at the Jerome Country Club Tuesday.

Cozakos was four strokes better than teammate Matt Turbeville in the medalist race, as the Tigers beat runner-up Buhl by 14 strokes.

Tamara Thompson of Gooding continued her early dominance on the girls' side, shooting a 106 for low honors.

Boys' team scores: 1. Jerome (Cozakos 74, Turbeville 78, Dickson 82, Thompson 82, 2. Buhl 83, Kinsley 85, 4. Marquette 92, 5. Deer 97, 6. Gooding 104.

Girls' team scores: 1. Kinsley (Thier 112, Hiam 112, Brown 119, 3. Buhl 121, 5. Deer 121, 6. Gooding 121, 7. Jerome (Thompson 106, 106)

Local sports

Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course

"All the boys and girls did very well compared to the last match. I was very pleased with their efforts," said coach Paul Siover.

Twin Falls' boys defeated South Fremont 286-367. The Bruin girls won 139-159 in a nine-hole match.

Chris Reinke from North Fremont also competed, with a score of 75.

Team scores boys:
1. Twin Falls (Siover, 68; Nickel, 71; Flinn, 74, 2. Lewis, 78; 262 South Fremont, 367.
Medalist: Steve Barry, 75, 64.

Girls:
1. Twin Falls (Reinke, 73; Veen, 44; Cummings, 53) 134, 2. South Fremont, 197.
Medalist: Sara Barnes, 71, 39

Minico at Burley

No report

Softball

Twin Falls 8, Skyview, Utah 6

LOGAN, Utah — The Bruin softball team got three hits from Shelly Carpenter, including a key smash in a seven-run fifth inning to end Skyview, Utah, 8-6 Tuesday.

"We hit the ball well," Bruin coach Ted Larson said. "Two hits and one error loaded the bases in the key frame."

The Bruin (12) defeated the Red (1) second round of the 2007 state championship today.

WR 19, Buhl 5
Buhl 19, WR 4

Buhl — Four first-inning infield errors got Buhl off in the wrong

foot on route to a 19-5 softball loss to Wood River Tuesday, but the Indians rallied to salvage a double-header split.

"We just didn't get ourselves started in that first game," Buhl coach Mike Gernar said.

Buhl took advantage of Wolverine mistakes to win 19-4 in a second game that was limited to four innings by the 90-minute time limit.

Buhl (3-3) travels to Spring Creek, Nev., Saturday for a game that Gernar says will be "a good measuring stick to see how far we've come."

Phil McMahon and Aaron Roberts lost their first set 6-4, but came back to make it a close match in the last set, 7-6.

"They played really well," Leforgee added.

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Boys' singles:
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2. Bryan Amos/Josh Smith, WR, def. Phil McMahon/Josh Roberts, TF, 6-0, 7-6, 6-0

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Melba vs. Glens Ferry

No report

Tennis

WR 7 Twin Falls JV 5

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls junior varsity tennis team fell short of victory to Wood River's varsity Tuesday.

"I was really proud of both boys' doubles teams," said coach Jason Leforgee.

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Taxpayers don't want to pay for new stadium

The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — As the state Legislature nears its deadline for a decision on a new football stadium for the Seattle Seahawks, another new poll indicates just how fiscally it will be to sell the idea to the public.

Before lawmakers is a proposal to conduct a public vote on a package of sports-related taxes to help pay for a \$402 million stadium.

Elway Poll reports in its latest edition that only 42 percent of those polled in King County favor the tax package.

In addition, 68 percent opposed tearing down the Kingdomo to build a new stadium, also part of the legislation.

And a substantial number of those questioned said they would favor a referendum on the issue.

The poll, of 400 King County voters between March 14 and 17, was regarding Gov. Gary Locke's tax proposal to legislators.

Locke proposes a 5 percent wholesale tax on licensed sports clothing, an increase in the tax on rental cars, taxes on stadium admissions and parking, and new state lottery games.

Mercer Island billionaire Paul Allen has an option to buy the Seahawks but has said he will not complete the deal without a fair amount of information about the tax package.

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In one question, Elway's poll asked respondents if they would feel if the Seahawks did leave town.

Forty percent said they would be disappointed and 48 percent said they didn't care one way or another. Ten percent of those polled said they would be pleased if the team left.

Braves-Indians trade is sign of budgetary times

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Ryan Klesko and Greg Maddux, the Braves' clubhouse and the shroud almost suffocated him.

"Who died?" he asked.

Nobody. Just some illusions.

Those few Braves, like Klesko, who hadn't entirely grasped the fact that their game is wrapped around the curves in the almighty dollar sign — they cash their reality checks today.

David Justice and Mark Grissom, the man who hit the World Series-winning home run in 1995 and the man who caught the last out, were shipped to the same Cleveland Indians camp.

In return, the Braves got center fielder Kenny Lofton and left-handed relief pitcher Alan Embree.

Some of it was addition by subtraction, if it doesn't sound division.

Justice and Grissom carry contracts totaling \$27.7 million. The extra money will help the Braves keep pitchers Tom Glavine and Greg Maddux, when their contracts come due after the season.

But now the Braves' outfield doesn't bulge like a box's esophagus. Klesko will be the everyday left fielder for the first time, Lofton will replace Grissom in center, and Andrew Jones and Jeremiah Dye will bring youth to right field.

The problem is that Lofton can become a free agent in November as well. The Braves may well be cutting him in their first season in Turner Field, with the hope that the '98 fielder could be Jones, who turns 20 April 23 and was baseball's Minor League Player of the Year in 1995 and 1996 before slamming home runs in his first two World Series at-bats.

And the Indians? They send a contract to someone elsewhere and get Grissom, who is signed through '99 and turns 30 next month. Justice, who badly hurt his shoulder last spring and has since had a weak strike this spring, will occupy the angry ground in left field vacated by Albert Belle.

Remember that Justice had 40 home runs and 120 RBIs as recently as 1995. If he became the Braves' husband, he now eyes inferior pitchers and short right field balconies in the Quadrate-A

poll, saying 66.5 percent of the voters oppose tearing down the Kingdomo and 68.5 percent oppose using taxes on sports stadiums.

It was difficult to compare the two because they surveyed different groups and asked somewhat different questions.

Elway's poll somewhat splits the difference between the other two surveys. It roughly agreed with Allen's about support for the tax package, but also lent support to the poll done by Citizens for More Important Things on people's attitudes about the Kingdomo.

Elway polled "good voters," or those who cast ballots in three of the past four elections. The margin of error is 5 percent.

Stuart Elway, the pollster, said part of the difference between his poll and that conducted for Football Northwest may be in the goal of its sponsors. While Elway was gauging voter attitudes for regular subscribers to his newsletter service, Allen's camp is trying to figure out how to win a statewide election.

Elway's first question was about tearing down the Kingdomo, which accounted for the large sample who were opposed. By the time Football Northwest got around to asking about tearing down the Dome, the respondents had been given a fair amount of information about the tax package.

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Valley wins Class B meet

TWIN FALLS — Valley's golf teams didn't earn any medalist honors, but displayed the team strength necessary to walk away with the team titles at a Class B meet at Canyon Springs golf course Tuesday.

Pat O'Dell of Shoshone was the low golfer on the boys' side, while Wendell's Erin Stiles took the girls' honors.

Boys' team scores: 1. Valley, 362; 2. Wendell, 364; 3. CP, 429; 4. Filer, 432; Medalist: J. O'Dell, 78; 2. Stiles, 82; 3. Wendell, 85; 4. Valley, 92; 5. Gooding, 97; 6. Valley, 102; 7. Glens Ferry, 107; 8. Madeline, 112; 9. Wood, 122; 10. Burley, 125; 11. (6) Oakdale, Val, and Koning, 126.

Twin Falls def. S. Fremont

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Muster reaches quarterfinals at Lipton

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — King of Clay Thomas Muster jokes that when he visits Florida, his favorite surface is sand.

The Lipton Championships are played on hardcourts, but Muster turned the fourth round into a day at the beach Tuesday, beating Alex Corretja 6-4, 6-4.

Winning Lipton would represent a breakthrough for the 29-year-old Auster. All but three of his 45 career titles have come on clay, saddling him with a reputation as a one-surface specialist.

"I don't care," the second-ranked Austrian said. "I think I've played well enough that people realize I can play on hardcourts. I don't think I have to prove anything to anybody at all."

Last year, Muster came into Lipton ranked No. 3, then lost his opening match to Nicolas Pietrangola. This year, he had advanced beyond the third round at Key Biscayne only once — in 1989, when he beat Yannick Noah in the semifinals, then missed the final because of an accident with a drunken driver that nearly ended his career.

"I've never really had much luck at this tournament," he said dryly. "I went to the final, and that was an unlucky experience there."

Muster's opponent in the quarterfinals will be Swede Jonas Bjorkman, who advanced by beating Australian Mark Philippoussis 6-5, 6-4.

Top-ranked Pete Sampras, who could meet Muster in Sunday's final, blitzed Magnus Larsson of Sweden 6-2, 6-0.

"I really played unbelievable tennis for the most part," Sampras said. "I served well, got off to a good start and he got a little



Pete Sampras of Tampa, Fla., plays against Magnus Larsson of Sweden during the fourth round of the Lipton Championships Tuesday. Sampras defeated Larsson 6-2, 6-0.

tle down on himself. It was a smoochy day."

Sampras, 20-1 this year, has lost just 13 games in his three matches at Lipton. His quarterfinal opponent will be Hendrik Dreckmann of Germany.

Jim Courier, seeking his biggest tournament title since 1993, beat Wimbledon champion Richard Krajicek 7-6 (8-6), 6-4. Courier will next face No. 4 Goran Ivanisevic, who beat 19-year-old Dominik Hrbaty of Slovakia 6-4, 6-4.

Spaniard Sergi Bruguera and Andrei Medvedev of the Ukraine also advanced and will meet in the quarterfinals.

In women's play, Monica Seles won her fourth match in five days, rallying past Irina Spirlea of Romania 3-6, 6-2, 6-3. Her opponent in the semifinals Thursday will be Austrian Barbara Paulus, who beat Slovene Drine Testud of France 6-3, 6-3.

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Reboulet gets starting shot during Alomar's suspension

The Associated Press

Jeff Reboulet will start at second base for Baltimore on opening day in place of the suspended Alomar, manager Davey Johnson announced.

Alomar will begin the season serving a five-game suspension for spitting at umpire John Hirschbeck last September.

Reboulet, signed as a free agent during the offseason, came to the Orioles after spending the last four seasons with the Minnesota Twins. He's hitting .326 this spring.

"It's something you always dream about, playing opening day, and now I'll get my chance," Reboulet said. "I can't be Roberts. I'm just going to be Jeff Reboulet and go out there and play."

Royals

Bob Hamelin, who hit 24 home runs in 1994 and was named All-Rookie of the Year, was released by Kansas City.



San Diego Padres infielder Scott Livingston safely slides into home plate Chicago Cubs catcher Tyler Houston during their spring training game in Mesa, Ariz., Tuesday. The Padres won, 9-4.

David and Hamelin's son, Jonathan, first base, was held by Joe Vidello and Jeff King.

Wednesday afternoon is the last time teams can place players on waivers and not be responsible for the entire 1997 salary. By releasing Hamelin now, the Royals must pay him \$174,000 instead of the full \$700,000 he

signed for this season.

Giants

J.T. Snow stepped into the batter's box against pitching for the first time since a March 11 boning by Randy Johnson that left him with a fractured left eye socket.

The Giants first baseman, wear-

ing clear plastic goggles for protection but otherwise showing no signs of the injury, had four hits in 11 at-bats against Triple-A pitcher Doug Vanderweide in a simulated game at the team's minor league camp in Scottsdale, Ariz.

"I wasn't really concerned about his or anything like that," Snow said. "I just wanted to get in the batter's box and see some pitches, just seeing the bat. I was happy with the way it went."

White Sox

Walking on crutches and wearing a cast that ran from under his right knee down to his foot, Robin Ventura visited his Chicago teammates and vowed to return as soon as possible.

"I'm bummed out, because I was really excited about playing this year," said Ventura, who sustained a dislocated ankle and broken lower right leg last Friday after sliding into home plate against Boston.

"That's the way it goes. I just have to do whatever I can to rehabilitate it and get back on the field."

Ventura, a four-time Gold Glove winner at third base who batted .287 with 34 homers and 105 RBIs last season, is expected to miss three or four months.

COMMENTARY

Mark Whicker

Trade deals

Economics of Tuesday's trade between Atlanta and Cleveland, in which the Braves sent Mark Grissom and David Justice to the Indians for Kenny Lofton and Alan Embree. Both teams were over the threshold for the luxury tax with the Braves at approximately \$82 million and the Indians at approximately \$52 million.

From Braves standpoint	
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By The Associated Press

American League. Grissom is every bit the center fielder Lofton is and had 207 hits, 106 runs, 23 homers and a .308 average last season with 4,750,000.

"You guys slip up sometimes and think it's not a business," McGriff told reporters, with a humorless grin. "But we don't. It's always a business."

Mark Whicker is a sports columnist for the Orange County Register.

MONEY

Fed move affects mortgage, credit card rates

NIGHT-RIDER NEWS SERVICE
AKRON, Ohio — By the time the Federal Reserve made it official, the debate had changed from whether the board would hike interest rates to whether Tuesday's boost in a key short-term rate was the first in a series.

The nation's central bank increased the federal funds rate, the rate banks charge each other for overnight loans, to 5.5 percent from 5.25 percent, a move Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan had hinted at since December. Significantly, it did not increase the discount rate, the largely symbolic rate the Fed charges to member banks for short-term loans.

The move, the first in two years, will increase the interest expense for consumers with adjustable-rate mortgages and long-term mortgages as well as credit cards. Savers benefit, mainly through

higher rates paid on savings accounts, money market mutual funds and certificates of deposit.

The Fed's broader motive, however, is to launch a pre-emptive strike by raising the federal funds rate. Higher interest rates can slow economic growth by making borrowing more expensive. More important, however, was the signal the Fed was sending: It

won't tolerate inflation. On Wall Street, the much expected move caused barely a ripple in financial markets. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed down 29 points to 6,876.17 on the heels of a 100-point rise the day before.

Bond prices fell on worries that Greenspan may be tempted to follow Tuesday's moves with additional rate increases.

Mutual fund manager Jim Oelschlager at Bath Township, Ohio's Oak Associates said Tuesday the Fed's action won't prevent him from being bullish about the stock market, for that matter, the economy.

"I don't think he had to increase it," said Oelschlager, who manages the White Oak and Pin Oak growth funds. "I believe that growth is good for the economy."

Although he called the Fed's action "the most telegraphed rate increase that anybody can remember," Tuesday's market decline came as a bit of a surprise to Oelschlager, who thought investors would drive up the market over relief at Greenspan's incremental hike.

As for Greenspan, "I think he wanted to slow the stock market down a little bit and the bond market down a little bit, and if that was his objective, he has accomplished it," Oelschlager said. And a slowdown means that now could be the time to buy, he said. "Wall Street is the only place where people get nervous when things are on sale."

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Family Leave Act won't fly with everyone

The Washington Post

When Pat Vagonis was pregnant with her first child in 1994, she and her husband, Jim, had a concern: whether they could stay home during the baby's first few months — a time they felt was critical to their daughter's development.

"We would have felt very uncomfortable not being home," said Pat Vagonis, 33. "We would have had to bring someone else in."

Enter the Family and Medical Leave Act, enacted the year before. The law allowed both mother and father to spend three months each at their Potomac, Md., home with their daughter, Christine.

"As a result of our being there, our daughter is very well adjusted and confident," Pat Vagonis said. "It was also a new experience, and we wanted to enjoy it. So many people said they went back to work so quickly that they lost the benefit of watching their children grow."

The law allowed Pat, then director of project development at American Technical Resources in Bethesda, Va., to spend the first 12 weeks of Christine's life at home. Jim, 30, a database administrator for Prudential Home Mortgage in Frederick, Md., at the time, took the following 12 weeks off.

"We were a little concerned, because neither company had ever processed the paperwork," Pat Vagonis said. "But it worked smoothly, and we had no trouble when we came back."

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Stocks flip-flop after Federal Reserve raises interest rates

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A Federal Reserve interest-rate hike Tuesday sent stocks searing and left investors wondering if the central bank would tighten rates again this year.

Blue-chip stocks and bank shares retraced on the news of the small rate increase, the first rise in more than two years. But technology stocks managed to hold on to their gains after a recent battering.

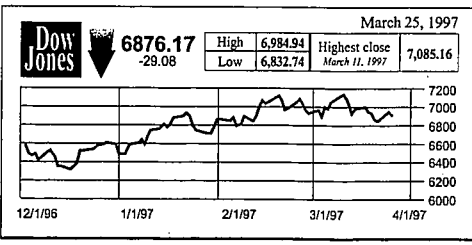
The Dow Jones industrial average fell 29.08 to 6,876.17, erasing a 47-point gain it came immediately following the much-anticipated Fed announcement. While the Fed's action was no surprise, the wording of the announcement led to

speculation that the central bank was not finishing raising rates this year.

"There is a risk that this could be the beginning of a series of tightening moves," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Norwest Corp. in Minneapolis. "What happened today is already history," he said. "The market is already speculating what is next."

Broad-market indexes were mostly lower, except for the Nasdaq composite index, which was fueled by strength in a number of bellwether technology shares.

Stocks spent most of the day on the positive side, but trading was tempered by investor caution during the Fed's policy-making committee meeting.



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Executives promise easy transition

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The top executives of the new U.S. Bancorp on Tuesday promised banking customers a smooth transition as the bank completes its merger with First Bank System of Minneapolis.

Feds

Banks were quick to respond to the hike Tuesday. Banc One Corp. in Columbia, Ohio, was the first to change its rate board to reflect its prime rate to 8.5 percent from 8.25 percent.

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Drug craze invades American heartland

The Associated Press

BENTON, Mo. — It might seem a supernatural force has seized this remote county of two-lane blacktops and white oak forests. It can be found in the surge in crime. And in the inexplicable behavior.

With terrible suddenness, a flash fire erupts and then a blast shatters a trailer, the flames engulfing one man. A strange scene follows: The victim's friends dash outside to bury a skillet and a blender as police arrive.

A desperate young thief steals a pickup, a car and a Harley Davidson — all in a single night.

Over the course of a month, rampaging teens burn a church, a machine shed and railroad crossing signs and rip through ravines, ditches and a golf course, with the damages reaching nearly \$1 million.

Odd and terrifying, these episodes are not the work of the occult. Authorities have a more prosaic explanation: methamphetamine.

A potent and popular, destructive and sometimes deadly synthetic drug, long a scourge in the West, methamphetamine has invaded America's heartland.

Users can become walking zombies, fueled by paranoid fantasies as they go days without sleep or food, only craving more of the drug.

Methamphetamine has ruined lives, filled jails, flooded courts and frustrated police.

"Years ago, I predicted it would be the biggest problem we had ... but I still didn't realize what it would turn out to be," says Scott County Sheriff Bill Ferrell, who has reigned over this corner of southeast Missouri for 20 years. "It snowballs, but it's underground and you don't know what you've got until it's too late."

Methamphetamine, also known as meth, crank, ice or crystal, has cut a wide swath through middle America, surpassing the popularity of crack and other drugs in many communities.

Its tentacles reach from backwoods barns in southeast Missouri's Bootheel to desolate Indian reservations in North Dakota and South Dakota to caravans of illegal immigrants who blend in with others who come looking for work in meat-packing plants in Nebraska and Iowa.

"We're in the middle of a meth epidemic," says Ken Carter, director of the Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement. "This state has a tremendous appetite for that stuff. ... It's from high school all the way up to the age people should know better."

Iowa's meth arrests — based on reports covering most of the state — accounted for 47 percent of drug activity in 1995, compared with less than 5 percent four years earlier. And Nebraska police recently seized the largest shipment of the drug ever in the state, recovering 34 pounds, worth \$1.5 million, in February.

These increases are part of a broader trend.

Officials at the Drug Enforcement Administration region that covers five Midwest states and southern Illinois say meth arrests skyrocketed in a five-year period ending in 1996 — from 47 to 424. The numbers don't include hundreds of people nabbed by local and state authorities.

And in fiscal year 1996, the DEA seized 303 meth labs in the Midwest, compared with just six four years earlier. The bulk of them — 250 — were here in Missouri.

"We, in effect, have become the source country in the Midwest for meth," says Stephen Hill, the U.S. attorney in Kansas City, whose office has been overwhelmed by these cases.

Long a problem in the West and Southwest — especially California, where 799 meth labs were seized in 1996 — the drug has spread to the heartland partly because it's so easy to make, partly because there's so much money to be made.

"You don't have to go to Mexico," says Ferrell, the Scott County sheriff. "You



Sheriff's Deputy Steve McCain carries a cooker from a suspected methamphetamine lab in rural Butler County, Mo., last September. McCain wears a special breathing apparatus bought with money collected from prosecuting drug-related cases.

METH MADNESS

don't have to transport it from Colombia. This is something you can make with stuff you can buy from the local hardware store."

Methamphetamine, which can be smoked, snorted, swallowed or injected, normally contains ephedrine or pseudoephedrine, found in over-the-counter cold medications. Depending on the recipe, other ingredients used in the cooking are the stuff of skull-and-crossbones labels: lye, rat killer, battery parts and various chemicals.

It's a highly volatile mix. Police blotters are filled with horror stories of meth "cooks" who have severely burned themselves — or even died — from explosions or caustic fumes.

Many meth labs are mom-and-pop

operations, modern-day versions of the moonshine still. The drug can be made with a skillet and stove, in a bathtub, even a car trunk with a plastic drinking cup. And the recipe is just a click away on the Internet.

It's lucrative, too: A \$1,000 investment, police say, can reap a \$20,000 profit.

But its consequences often are tragic.

In South Dakota, a man awakened by his girlfriend from a binge grabbed his handgun, wounded her and killed two people before turning the weapon on himself. In Missouri, a 17-year-old was convicted of murdering another teen in what prosecutors called a meth deal gone bad. And in Nebraska, a teen died after collapsing at his high school prom; toxicology reports indicate he had

taken meth.

Still, many remain unfazed.

"It's a cheap man's high," explains Robin Messey, 40, who admits to using the drug but denies charges he faces in Missouri that he attempted to manufacture it. "It's longer-lasting. Price-wise, it's the best."

Police say \$100 can buy a cocaine user a 20-minute high; the same amount can keep a meth user buzzed for a day or two.

"You learn to depend on it. It becomes more important than everything in life," says Messey, tattooed arms crossed casually as he sits in the Butler County jail, calmly describing how meth has ruined him.

"I try to keep my sense of humor," he

In Idaho, once rare busts are now the norm

The Associated Press

BOISE — Local and state drug enforcement officials bust about one methamphetamine lab a week, a 1997 trend that if continues, could more than triple last year's record total.

"We just can't get to them all," said Ed Parker, Garden City's new chief of police, has identified meth as one of his top concerns.

Law enforcement officials say the surge in home labs is largely because the drug is easy to make and selling it is very profitable.

Crystal methamphetamine, known as "meth" or "crank," became popular in Idaho in the late 1970s with truckers and bikers.

Today, meth has transcended age, race and social barriers to become the drug of choice in the West, Johnson said.

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Certainly one of the things that's on most chiefs' minds is the drug problem that's coming into the area, specifically methamphetamine," Parker said.

Law enforcement officials also are concerned about the dangers surrounding the production of the drug.

It is estimated that home-run labs produce 6 pounds of toxic waste to every pound of meth produced.

"Some of the chemicals used are carcinogenic, explosive or can cause blistering to the skin or lungs," Johnson said. "That's why you see agents dressed up in body suits when they initially go into the lab."

Last year, it cost state taxpayers \$57,000 to clean up the meth labs, Johnson said.

says, a smile underneath a scraggly mustache. "That's the only thing I have left. I've given away everything else."

Still, Messey adds, chances are good he'll use again if he remains in the county.

"It takes five minutes to have all the dope I want," he says, "and it doesn't cost me a dime because I know so many people."

That doesn't surprise Kevin Glaser, a narcotics officer for the Missouri State Highway Patrol, who arrived at a house trailer fire last year as some of the burn victim's buddies were scrambling to bury cooking utensils commonly used to manufacture meth.

"It's hard to imagine a drug controlling you the way it does," Glaser says. "They see their family falling apart, their bodies falling apart, but the only thing that matters to them is the dope."

Methamphetamine trafficking in the Midwest once was almost the exclusive business of biker gangs.

Now, it's everywhere.

"The meth trade is probably different from any other drug trade," says Sgt. Russ Underwood of the Des Moines Police. "Instead of going to some dark corner of the city, you might be able to get some from your co-worker or the person next door in the suburbs. You don't have to put your life in peril to go into the inner city ... where someone might shoot you."

Unlike Missouri, most of the drug is imported to Iowa; some has been transported by illegal immigrants.

Since June 1995, a federal drug task force has seized 60 pounds of meth and arrested 45 illegal aliens in Iowa and Nebraska, says Jerry Heinauer, Omaha district director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

"Legals are coming up and selling this stuff, melting within the community where there are meatpacking plants," Heinauer says.

Addicted to meth: 1 man's story

The Associated Press

BENTON, Mo. — At 21, Sean Lynch's short breath of freedom is over.

Lynch headed back to prison after pleading guilty in December to burglary, theft and burning a pickup truck. But those crimes, he says, are just symptoms of a far more pernicious problem — methamphetamine.

According to Scott County authorities, Lynch has a long history of doing everything from stealing cars to robbery to smashing pay phones to collect quarters — anything to finance his drug habit.

Last fall, they say, he stole seven vehicles within about a month; a car, a pickup truck and a motorcycle were taken in one night alone.

"Right now, I'd give anything to have some."

— Sean Lynch, meth addict

An eighth-grade dropout who started out with pot and whiskey, Lynch says he was spending up to \$150 a day on meth by time he was arrested in October, about a year after being released from prison.

He went straight for awhile, but soon lost his \$14-an-hour welder's job, the mother of his 2-year-old child, his credit cards and his home. He ended up sleeping in his truck.

"I thought I had made a whole new life myself. I established all of this and blew it," he says, chewing his nails as he slumps on a

couch in the Scott County sheriff's office. "My girlfriend pleaded with me to stop. I just didn't want to. You just think about getting high again."

Lynch says he lost 30 pounds — his body frame is now down to 140 pounds — because of meth. He couldn't eat or sleep. And he had delusions.

"If you're on dope for X amount of days, you hear things, you see things," he explains. "I sat out in the field. I just knew they were coming after me. I got up on my knees and waited and waited and no one was there. It makes you feel so stupid."

But even now, embarrassed as he is, his craving for meth remains powerful.

"You can talk about it, but it'll make you want it," he says. "Right now, I'd give anything to have some."



Sean Lynch, 21, who was addicted to methamphetamine, is in prison after pleading guilty to burglary, theft and burning a pickup truck.

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1992 FORD TAURUS

Stock #654G

NOW \$7988 or \$0 DOWN \$169 mo.

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1997 JEEP CHEROKEE 4x4

- 4 Door • 4.0L 6 Cylinder Engine • Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning • AM/FM Stereo Cassette • 3 Year, 36,000 Mile Warranty • Roadside Assistance.

\$0 DOWN \$279 mo.

Stock #71C-69. Color: Black. One at this price. Unit subject to prior sale or lease. O.A.C. To lease this vehicle! Cap Cost \$20,788.00. Cash on delivery \$279.00. 60 month closed end lease totaling \$16,740.00. Option to purchase at lease end for \$9,991.65. Customer responsible for mileage charge of 15 cents per mile for use over 15,000 miles per year. Tax and title not included in monthly payments. Dealer retains rebate.



1995 FORD ESCORT WAGON

Stock #655C

YOUR CHOICE \$8988 or \$0 DOWN \$189 mo.

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1992 PONTIAC FIREBIRD FORMULA

Stock #758G, V-8 Engine.

YOUR CHOICE \$8988 or \$0 DOWN \$189 mo.

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1994 TOYOTA PICKUP

Stock #4363

YOUR CHOICE \$8988 or \$0 DOWN \$189 mo.

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1997 CHRYSLER STRAY CONV.

- Power Convenience Group • 4 Speed Automatic Transmission • 2.1L 16 Valve Engine • Cruise Control • Tilt Steering • Air Conditioning • AM/FM Cassette w/CD • 3 Year, 36,000 Mile Warranty • Roadside Assistance.

\$0 DOWN \$289 mo.

Stock #75E-16. Color: White. One at this price. Unit subject to prior sale or lease. O.A.C. To lease this vehicle! Cap Cost \$20,188.00. Cash on delivery \$289.00. 60 month closed end lease totaling \$17,340.00. Option to purchase at lease end for \$7,792.65. Customer responsible for mileage charge of 15 cents per mile for use over 15,000 miles per year. Tax and title not included in monthly payments. Dealer retains rebate.



1992 JEEP WRANGLER

Stock #427A

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1993 FORD T-BIRD

Stock #773G, V-8 Engine.

TAKE YOUR PICK \$9988 or \$0 DOWN \$209 mo.

Unit subject to prior sale or lease. O.A.C. To lease this vehicle! Cap Cost \$11,740.00. Cash on delivery \$209.00. 60 month closed end lease totaling \$11,740.00. Option to purchase at lease end for \$4,566.30. Customer responsible for mileage charge of 15 cents per mile for use over 15,000 miles per year. Tax and title not included in monthly payments. Dealer retains rebate.



1993 NISSAN 4x4 PICKUP

Stock #4419

TAKE YOUR PICK \$9988 or \$0 DOWN \$209 mo.

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1995 PONTIAC GRAND PRX SE

Stock #668G

NOW \$11988 or \$0 DOWN \$249 mo.

Unit subject to prior sale or lease. O.A.C. To lease this vehicle! Cap Cost \$11,740.00. Cash on delivery \$249.00. 60 month closed end lease totaling \$11,740.00. Option to purchase at lease end for \$4,566.30. Customer responsible for mileage charge of 15 cents per mile for use over 15,000 miles per year. Tax and title not included in monthly payments. Dealer retains rebate.



1994 FORD F-150 SUPER CAB 4x4

Stock #448A
WAS \$16995

\$14988

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1995 FORD WINDSTAR

Stock #4485, Loaded.

NOW \$14988 or \$0 DOWN \$279 mo.

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1995 FORD 4x4 EXPLORER 4 DOOR

Stock #4486

NOW \$19988 or \$0 DOWN \$369 mo.

Unit subject to prior sale or lease. O.A.C. To lease this vehicle! Cap Cost \$11,740.00. Cash on delivery \$369.00. 60 month closed end lease totaling \$11,740.00. Option to purchase at lease end for \$4,566.30. Customer responsible for mileage charge of 15 cents per mile for use over 15,000 miles per year. Tax and title not included in monthly payments. Dealer retains rebate.



1995 FORD CREW CAB DUALLY

Stock #437A, Turbo Diesel, Power Stroke.
WAS \$28995

\$23988

Unit subject to prior sale or lease. O.A.C. To lease this vehicle! Cap Cost \$11,740.00. Cash on delivery \$369.00. 60 month closed end lease totaling \$11,740.00. Option to purchase at lease end for \$4,566.30. Customer responsible for mileage charge of 15 cents per mile for use over 15,000 miles per year. Tax and title not included in monthly payments. Dealer retains rebate.



1997 GMC 1500 4x4 EXT. CAB

Stock #4465, Only 600 Miles.
WAS \$28995

\$24988

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