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Today: Mostly cloudy with winds from 10-20 mph. High, 55. Mostly cloudy tonight with a chance of rain. Low, 37.

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Child dies; deputy charged

Twin Falls County law officer suspected of shaking girl

By Brian Hayes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls County sheriff's deputy was in jail Tuesday, charged with violently shaking his girlfriend's 2-year-old daughter, who died Tuesday night.

Jesse Thrush, 22, was arraigned on an aggravated battery charge Tuesday afternoon in Ada County, but that charge is likely to change since the girl died. Thrush was transferred to



Jesse Thrush

Twin Falls County Tuesday night and was being held on a \$50,000 bond.

Thrush told police he was baby-sitting 2-year-old Haley Williams Sunday in the Flier home he shared with his girlfriend, Angela Williams.

At some point, Thrush shook the toddler and threw her on the bed, Twin Falls police detective Gary Rinehart said in a written statement. The child fell off the bed and hit the floor, Rinehart's statement said.

After she hit the floor, Haley's eyes rolled back into her head and she had trouble breathing, the statement said.

Haley, who has Down syndrome, was admitted to St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

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Capt. Jim Munn, right, of the Twin Falls Police Department speaks Tuesday afternoon at a news conference with Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tausley. Twin Falls police led an investigation of county sheriff's deputy Jesse Thrush, who is charged with shaking his girlfriend's toddler. The toddler died Tuesday, and aggravated battery charges against Thrush could be amended.

Making amends

Leaders from both parties visit Clinton in White House

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Just 11 days after the Senate firmly rejected a GOP move to expel Clinton from the White House, Republican and Democratic leaders paid him a visit there to do what they often do in tumultuous times: pose for the camera as a promise to do the "people's business" and ignore the carping that came before.



Trent Lott

"Let me just say, if I could, first of all, our job here in Washington is to do the people's business, and that's what we're going to do," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said as he emerged from a 90-minute meeting with the man he is working to depose. "We're going to work together, hopefully across the party lines in the Congress and with the administration, to do what the American people expect of us."

After Clinton was acquitted on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice, Lott, who voted to convict, said he wasn't sure he could trust him. He expressed fear that the president would misbehave again.

That was then. Now, the GOP leader tapped ahead on the question of trust. "I'll tell you what I trust," he told reporters on the White House driveway. "I trust the ability of the people, here in the Congress, in the government to work together to do what we need to do for the people. That's where the real trust should be. The trust in us doing the job."

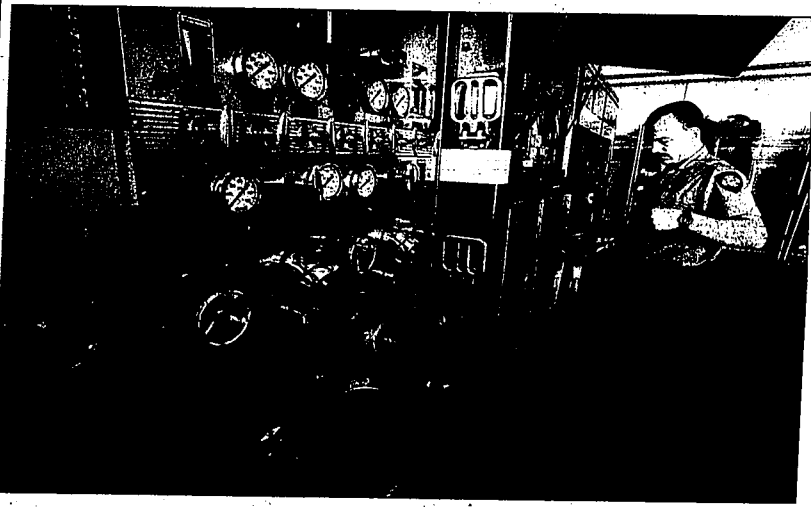
Likewise, House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., declined to say whether he trusted Clinton.

"We are starting to work to put together ideas, and that's the first step," he said. Exactly what they can accomplish remains to be seen. Some key issues divide the parties, particularly Clinton's insistence on using a projected budget surplus to shore up Social Security and Medicare and the GOP's desire to cut taxes across the board. But leaders from both parties said after the meeting that they saw room for compromise.

Republicans, faced with internal spills, may be forced to back away from their centrepiece proposal — a 10 percent tax cut opposed by Clinton — in favor of a Democratic push for some targeted relief, especially for married couples.

Sen. Larry Craig of Idaho, a member of the GOP Senate leadership team, said Republicans would continue to press their tax plan, but, he acknowledged, "it could be tough selling."

EQUIPMENT CHECK



DARRY ORWELL/The Times-News

Twin Falls firefighter Brian Cunningham, a six-year veteran of the department, makes a routine check of equipment on a city fire engine Tuesday. A House subcommittee killed a package of bills to improve benefits for thousands of public employees across Idaho; the benefits upgrade would have cost Twin Falls city employees at least \$50,000 a year in contributions.

Lawmakers kill employee benefits expansion

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

BOISE — Twin Falls public employees were disappointed but not surprised by a committee vote Tuesday to kill three bills to let public employees retire earlier with more money.

Twin Falls firefighter Randy Lammers, local president of the



state firefighters' union, said the bills would be back. "We're not asking for a whole pie," he said. "We'd just like a little larger slice of it."

The bills had attracted more attention than almost any other

proposals in the Statehouse this year. A subcommittee hearing on the subject earlier this session drew an overflow crowd to the Statehouse's biggest meeting room.

The bills were generated a few years ago as part of a plan to make the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho more equitable to benefits pack-

ages in nearby states. Most steps to upgrade PERSI became law, but planned ways to calculate greater benefits and earlier retirement were put off.

The benefits program is available to all state agencies, counties, cities and public schools, but they don't have to participate.

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Jury renders guilty verdict against racist

Deliberations last only 2-1/2 hours in dragging death case

The Associated Press

JASPER, Texas — A white supremacist was convicted of murder Tuesday and could get the death penalty for slaying a black man in a pickup truck and dragging him until his body was torn to pieces in a crime that shocked the nation with its savagery.

The jury of 11 whites and one black took less than 2 1/2 hours to reach a verdict against John William King in the slaying last June of James Byrd Jr. Courtroom spectators applauded and the victim's relatives broke into tears.

The jury then began hearing. Please see DRAGGING, Page A2



Ross Byrd, left, and Renae Mullins, children of murder victim James Byrd, Jr., leave the Jasper County, Texas, Courthouse Tuesday after John William King was convicted of capital murder.

Kosovo stalemate broken, but full agreement still elusive

The Associated Press

RAMBOUILLET, France — Serbs agreed in principle Tuesday to give limited self-rule to majority ethnic Albanians in Kosovo, but the two sides failed after 17 days of intense negotiations to conclude a deal for ending their warring conflict. More talks were scheduled for March as a new round of violence shook the province.

The partial settlement puts on hold, at least temporarily, NATO's threats to bomb Serb targets if they don't adopt the complex plan that would force them to withdraw troops from Kosovo and accept NATO peacekeepers. After four days of strenuous personal diplomacy, shuffling between the two sides and even enlisting the help of 1996 GOP presidential candidate Bob Dole,

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright accepted less than she had insisted on.

There was no agreement on deploying NATO peacekeepers in the tense province to enforce the settlement, and the Serbs refused to give their consent to major elements of the self-rule sought by the ethnic Albanians.

According to senior U.S. officials, the Serbs still insist on Serbian courts for Serbs accused of crimes, refuse to let majority ethnic Albanians have a president and are unwilling to cooperate with a war crimes tribunal looking into atrocities against civilians committed during the war that has claimed some 2,000 lives.

"But we have broken the stalemate that hung over Kosovo for so long," Albright said.

NATION

Counsel law may be doomed

Measure gave job to Kenneth Starr

WASHINGTON (AP) — Spawned by Watergate but increasingly attacked by lawmakers of both parties, the law that gave Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr his job is in for a major overhaul if it survives at all.

"We've either got to fix it or drop it and look for another mechanism," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., a principal author of the 1978 statute intended to take the politics out of investigating high-ranking officials.

The chairman of a Senate committee opening hearings on Wednesday into whether to renew or kill the Independent Counsel Act agrees — and even he isn't convinced of the need for such a law. Sens. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and Chris Dodd, D-Conn., were more blunt Tuesday, calling for the law's demise.

Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., has said that he knows of no way to adequately fix the law before it



Senate Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., right, accompanied by the committee's ranking Democrat Sen. Joseph Lieberman, discuss the opening of hearings on whether to renew or kill the Independent Counsel Act. Hearings begin today.

expires June 30, but he's holding hearings to double-check. Battered by years of criticism first by Republican administrations under investigation, and

now by Democrats in the wake of Clinton's five-year investigation of President Clinton, the statute has few fans on Capitol Hill. Among the law's problems,

Thompson told reporters Tuesday, are the tendency of prosecutors under public pressure to deliver a "rougher justice" to some officials, and to get "more involved in the impeachment process" than is appropriate. Pressed on whether he was referring to Starr's investigation of Clinton specifically, Thompson declined to answer.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, the panel's ranking Democrat, is one of the few lawmakers willing to give change a try. But even he admits having no ideas how to accomplish that goal.

"I have more questions than answers," Lieberman said this week in a telephone interview.

The law requires the attorney general to seek the appointment of an independent counsel when there is substantial and credible evidence of a crime by any one of 49 top federal officials, including the president.

A panel of three federal judges then picks an attorney for the job.

Clinton wants more children on Medicaid

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton on Tuesday kicked off a national campaign to enroll millions more children in Medicaid, using household products and a toll-free phone number to encourage parents to seek federal health benefits for them.

"It is inconceivable that a country with as much economic prosperity as we now enjoy and the best health care system in the world would leave 10 million, now nearly 11 million, children without health insurance," Clinton said.

Clinton, along with the first lady and officers from the National Governors' Association, announced the "Insure Kids Now" campaign, which seeks to educate families on eligibility for Medicaid and the new Children's Health

Insurance Program. We have an obligation to use every possible tool every possible response to reach more of the hard working families.... Government has a role to play," Clinton said.

The president has stated a goal of enrolling 5 million of the estimated 10 million eligible children in Medicaid within five years. Last year, he directed several federal agencies to find better ways to identify eligible children and sign them up.

Tuesday, Clinton was unveiling a campaign to disseminate information about Medicaid and the children's health program through public-service announcements and a toll-free hot line: 1-877-KIDS-NOW.

Federal officials planned to disseminate word about Medicaid through radio ads in 45 states and public-service announcements on several networks. Those ads are to begin running Wednesday.

Also, a number of companies have agreed to print the toll-free number on products from toothbrushes to grocery bags and child safety seats to make it readily available to parents, said Clinton health policy advisor Christopher Jennings.

"Everyone watches TV, everyone hears the radio, but we also know where parents go. They go to grocery stores, they go to Kmart," Jennings said. "The most important thing is we get out the message that children who are uninsured now have access to a free or low-cost option."

Wilson abandons presidential bid

The Washington Post

Former California governor Pete Wilson (R) announced Monday that he won't make another run for the White House.

The reason: money. Wilson, whose second term as governor ended last month, said he "would have needed \$15 million to compete in the 'Mother of All Super Tuesdays' — on March 7, 2000, the date a string of primaries will be held in some of the most expensive campaign venues in the country.

New York, New Jersey, California, Georgia, Florida and Pennsylvania — have set their primaries for that date.

Wilson admitted he could not raise that kind of cash in the months ahead.

"Wilson angered many supporters when he ran for president in 1996, after vowing not to do. The campaign was a train wreck, as Wilson underwent throat surgery, making him the candidate who could not speak.



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'Soft money' gets bigger for both parties

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The major parties more than doubled their haul of "soft money" in the last election cycle compared with the previous off-year election, according to Common Cause.

Republicans and Democrats combined to raise \$193 million in soft money during the 1997-98 election cycle. In 1993-94, the total was \$85 million.

Philip Morris, the tobacco company — in first place for the second election cycle in a row. Philip Morris contributed \$2 million to the Republicans and \$419,164 to the Democrats between Jan. 1, 1997, and Dec. 31, 1998, according to Common Cause, a leading advocate of public financing of campaigns.

Runners-up: two labor unions, the Communications Workers of America, \$1.5 million; and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, \$1.3 million — all of it to the Democrats.

Tobacco company R.J. Reynolds posted up \$1.3 million in soft money, \$1 million of that to the GOP, during the cycle.

Soft money is not covered by federal limits on contributions. It can't be used to advocate a vote for or against a specific candidate, but it can be used for advertising and organizing that promotes the party.

NATION

Arson suspect admits to setting 50 church fires, authorities say

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — In what could prove their biggest dent in a five-year spree of church arsons, federal authorities said Tuesday that an Indiana man has admitted to burning as many as 50 churches in the last five years.

The suspect, 36-year-old Jay Scott Ballinger, has been charged with arson in seven church burnings in southern Indiana — five of which completely destroyed the structures.

An eighth church fire less than three weeks ago in Brookville, Ohio, near the Indiana border, led to Ballinger's apprehension. Just hours after the blaze, a police officer overheard a radio request for medical assistance at the home of Ballinger's parents

and discovered that the suspect had been badly burned but was refusing to go to the hospital.

Law-enforcement officials said they believe Santamon may have played a part in the arsons. Ballinger's girlfriend, charged in one of the fires, allegedly admitted that she wrote Santamon symbols on a church porch before Ballinger set it ablaze. And a search of the suspect's home revealed Santamon books, notes and writings, according to an affidavit filed in federal court in Indianapolis, where Ballinger was being held.

Ballinger's arrest could prove crucial in reversing an alarming rise of church burnings, numbering nearly 700 since 1995.

Under the direction of a national task force dedicated to ending the spree, which

President Clinton called "a depraved act of violence," authorities have arrested more than 300 people in connection with recent arsons. But none has approached the scale of the Indiana case.

"This is by far — by far — the largest number (of arsons) attributed to one person or a group of people that I know of," said FBI national spokesman Iron Brodke. "And it would potentially explain why we had a number of arsons in one particular area at times — three or four in one night, and then nothing."

In interrogations conducted last weekend, Ballinger "admitted to setting a total of approximately 30 to 50 church fires in Indiana and various other states," authorities said.

White-collar government workers may get pay raise

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Senate legislation setting a 4.8 percent military raise for next January is almost certain to include language urging the same raise for 1.2 million white-collar federal workers.

Although it is tough to compare federal civilian and mili-

tary pay (because of various allowances accorded military personnel), both groups work for the same employer and generally get raises at the same time each year. But they don't always receive the same percentage amounts.

Raises for civilian and military personnel are based on different political, economic and strategic

considerations. That means one group is often playing pay catch-up with the other.

But such leapfrogging may be out next year as politicians pursue a policy of equal treatment.

Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John W. Warner, R-Va., has military pay on a legislative fast track.

Lawmakers urge easing of embargo against Cuba.

San-Sentinel, South Florida

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan delegation of former members of Congress on Tuesday urged the Clinton administration to ease the U.S. embargo against Cuba by eliminating restrictions on the sale of food and medicine and allowing more travel between the countries.

Five of the seven members who visited Cuba last month released a 22-page report detailing their trip. While sharply critical of the 38-year-old embargo, they did not specifically recommend lifting it.

But former Rep. Louis Frey, R-Fla., the delegation chairman, said the 12 recommendations could be construed as a case for lifting the embargo.

"Basically, that's what we say," Frey said.

Frey condemned Fidel Castro for his human rights record but

said the embargo had failed to judge the Cuban leader. The United States should help the Cuban people, he said.

"You're not going to get anything from Castro. He's a dictator," Frey said. "There are no human rights. There are no freedoms. And we have to work around that."

Among other recommendations: make cultural and other exchange programs easier, continue pressure for Cuba to release political prisoners, allow delivery companies such as UPS to make stops on the island and improve telephone and other information services between Cuba and the United States.

Former Sen. Robert Kasten, R-Wis., said the report did not recommend lifting the embargo because that could be interpreted as supporting Castro's policies.

"There's no reason to remove the embargo unless Castro

improves human rights in Cuba," Kasten said.

Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., said the report was similar to one made two years ago after a similar fact-finding trip to Cuba. The recommendations do not help dissidents in Cuba, Diaz-Balart said.

"If they had — the interests of the Cuban people at heart, they would be emphasizing helping the internal opposition and independent press in Cuba," Diaz-Balart said.

Castro's government recently announced stiffer penalties for dissidents on the island.

Former Sen. Larry Pressler, R-S.D., now a lawyer and lobbyist specializing in telecommunications, said the United States should improve telecommunications because more information would help the Cuban people.

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NATION



Capt. William Roney, of Englewood, Calif., center, a backseat crew member of a Marine jet that cut cables to a ski gondola in Italy last year killing 20 people, his escort, Maj. Jim Sweezy, left, and his wife, Jennifer Roney, right, at Camp Lejeune, N.C., courtroom after the court-martial for the plane's pilot, Richard Ashby, recessed.

Airborne Express, three contractors face fines

WASHINGTON (AP) — Airborne Express and three companies the air cargo carrier uses to handle hazardous materials face \$200,000 in fines for allegedly failing to train their employees properly.

The Federal Aviation Administration announced Tuesday that it has proposed a \$100,000 civil penalty against AEX Air Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Airborne, for allegedly failing to train four cargo handlers and a supervisor on the identification and proper handling of hazardous materials.

Asked about the allegations, Airborne Express spokeswoman Camille Pime said, "We are now just investigating to determine specifically where it all entails, if there are some issues that have to be worked out."

A third fine of \$20,000 is proposed for contractor Canuck Industries Inc. of Bellingham, Wash. The FAA alleges that two employees who worked as drivers for Airborne Express did not have hazardous materials training.

The FAA says a follow-up inspection found that Hilson & Fergusson had another untrained Airborne Express contract employee whose responsibilities included loading hazardous materials onto Airborne Express aircraft.

A second fine of \$80,000 for Airborne Express contractor Hilson & Fergusson Inc. of Fernandina Beach, Fla., alleging that it failed to train and test its hazardous material employees and to keep appropriate training records.

Crewman says he did not hear alarm

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — A backseat crew member aboard the Marine jet that cut an Italian ski gondola cable, killing 20 people, testified Tuesday that he didn't think the pilot was "flat-bating" or flying recklessly.

"I didn't have any reason to believe we were flying below" the minimum altitude, said Capt. William Roney, 27. "If at any time I thought we were going out to flat-bat, I would have stopped the flight."

Roney's testimony came as prosecutors wrapped up their case in the court-martial of Capt. Richard Ashby, 31, who is charged with involuntary manslaughter and other counts and could get 200 years in prison. Prosecutors say Ashby was flying too low and too fast and executed a dangerous 360-degree roll before hitting the cable last February.

Roney sat in one of the EA-6B Prowler's back seats, where the jet's radar detection and jamming equipment is located. Just before the plane hit the cable,

Roney told an eight-member military jury, the pilot sharply banked the jet.

"It was obvious he was trying to miss something," Roney said. "It was very jerky, very abrupt."

On cross-examination, Roney said he was not concerned about his safety until the impact and he praised Ashby as a safe, professional pilot.

Roney was called as a government witness under a grant of immunity. Last week, the jury heard from Capt. Chandler Seagraves, 29, another backseat crewman. The sergeant, Capt. Joseph Schweitzer, 31, still faces trial.

All four Marines were stationed on duty for Bosnia at the NATO base in Aviano, Italy.

Like Seagraves, Roney said he never heard the jet's radar altimeter alarm during the last leg of the flight, but did hear it earlier as the jet crossed ridges. The ski lift was severed between 360 and 370 feet, and the altimeter had been set to sound an alarm at 800 feet.

Lettuce grower to pay \$1.9 million in harassment suit

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — One of the nation's largest lettuce growers agreed to pay \$1.9 million to settle allegations that managers demanded sexual favors from female Hispanic farmworkers.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which announced the settlement Tuesday, said it is the biggest sexual harassment settlement in the agriculture industry that the agency has ever handled.

The company, Tanimura & Antle of Salinas, admitted no wrongdoing.

"This case steps forward to protect the rights of those who are probably the most vulnerable in our country: Latina farmworkers,"

said EEOC chairwoman Iida Castro.

According to court records, Blanca Allaro was told by a production manager and another manager that she had to perform sexual favors to keep her job and get her benefits. In addition, the records alleged that a male employee was threatened when he tried to report the harassment.

Allaro will receive an undisclosed amount of the settlement and four years' salary, including two years' back pay.

Other details of the alleged harassment were kept confidential as part of the settlement.

Three employees were disciplined in the case, according to the EEOC.

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EDITORIAL

Choosing new water judge calls for careful, slow process

A good water judge is hard to find. So is a good district judge who's willing to be a water judge.

In the quest to replace Idaho's only full-time water judge, state judicial leaders are wisely looking for someone who could first be a good judge, and then be trained to become a water judge.

That approach makes a lot of sense, under the circumstances.

The judiciary has been looking for a new water judge since Daniel Hurlbutt retired at the end of last year. For roughly a decade, Hurlbutt presided over the Snake River Basin Adjudication, which is a massive legal inventory of water rights across most of Idaho.

Hurlbutt was a seasoned district judge when he took the helm of the Snake River adjudication. Over the years, he evolved into a respected water judge with a flair for administrative efficiency.

State judicial leaders were hoping another district judge, somewhere, anywhere in Idaho, would be willing to take over where Hurlbutt left off. None stepped forward, so the search was widened to include candidates who aren't already district judges.

That solicitation produced 11 applicants, of whom three later withdrew from consideration. The remaining field of eight was called to three, and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne will make the

final decision. The finalists, in no particular order, are:

• Nathan Higer, a magistrate judge in Burley for the past 21 years.

• Gregory Meacham, a private-practice attorney in Idaho Falls.

• Patrick Costello, a former magistrate judge from the 2nd Judicial District in Orofino. These days, Costello is a visiting law professor at the University of Idaho.

One of these men will soon be appointed to replace Hurlbutt. Whoever it is will have a lot of

Grooming the right judge for the state's Snake River water court will take time, but it will be worth the effort if it generates a good judge.

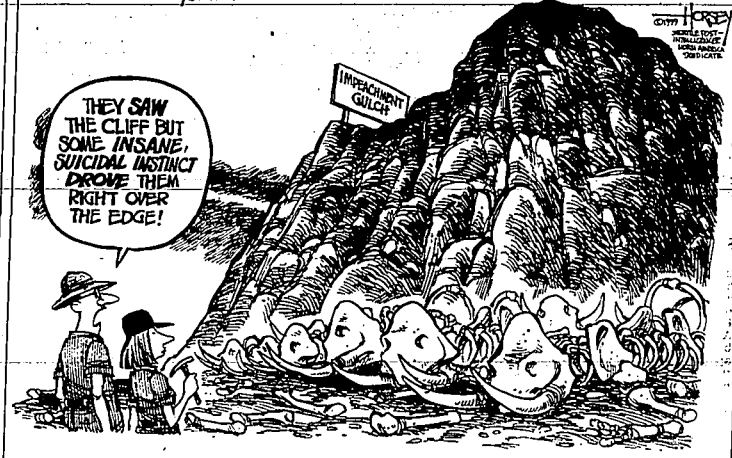
catching up to do.

That's why the state's judiciary was wise to ask 5th District Judge Barry Wood to continue his caretaker administration of the Snake River water court. Specifically, Wood has agreed to preside over the adjudication for another year or so.

That would allow for gentle immersion of the new judge in his twofold role as a district judge and also as a water judge. This is important because the adjudication will end, someday, and the water judge will become a rank-and-file district judge.

The ideal solution would be to hire someone who could fill Hurlbutt's shoes on the first day at work. But that isn't in the cards. Wood's willingness to preside over the water court during the new judge's first year is the next-best solution.

Elephant Graveyard...



Outside capital, civil society makes comeback

STEPHEN MOORE

Conservative scholars have been warning for years that America is well on its way to becoming a modern-day Sodom and Gomorrah. The daily dose of sleaze in Washington seems to only confirm gloomy forecasts of the nation's optical demise.

But outside the capital, the picture is quite different. America is in the early stages of a remarkable cultural renaissance.

This recovery from the social decay of the 1960s and 1970s has hardly been noted by the media, academia or government. Consider these encouraging trends as summarized in the current issue of the American Enterprise magazine:

• Teen sexual activity in the United States fell by 11 percent from 1991 to 1997.

• Cocaine and marijuana use has fallen by almost half since 1980.

• Welfare caseloads have dropped by nearly 40 percent since 1993.

• The crime rate has fallen by one-third since the mid-1980s and burglaries are down by half in many inner cities.

• The abortion rate is down nearly 20 percent since 1990.

• The divorce rate dropped 19 percent from 1981-96.

There are even signs of a revival of religion and values in America in the late 1990s. Church attendance is creeping up again. The percentage of Americans who say that God is "an important influence in their lives" is rising. The Bible is far and away the No. 1 best seller year after year.

Charitable giving has soared over the past 15 years to an all-time high, even af-

ter adjusting for inflation and population growth.

The most dramatic quality of life improvements have been recorded by minorities and women. The wage gap, for example, between comparably skilled blacks and whites and men and women has narrowed by at least half since 1980. In 1997, the incomes of black Americans hit a record high. This was also true of the homeownership rate, educational attainment and life expectancy for blacks.

Racial and sex discrimination has hardly disappeared from the American landscape, but the data also suggest that it is less an obstacle today. One of the most reassuring social trends is that the percentage of black women having children out of wedlock is declining. Fatherlessness has been one of the great social tragedies of our time primarily because it is a leading indicator of so many other behavioral problems for children.

Throughout the 1970s and '80s in many major cities, there were more black children born to single women than to married women. But the Census Bureau recently reported that the rate among black women has fallen to its lowest level in 40 years.

The reversal of cultural descent is as critical to the long-run economic and social well-being of our nation as any 1,000-point rise in the Dow Jones. Five years ago, William J. Bennett wrote in "The Index of Leading Cultural Indicators" that "unless the exploding social pathologies

of the past 30 years are reversed, they will lead to the decline and perhaps even to the fall of the American republic."

The social regression that Bennett warned of between 1960 and 1990 was breathtaking in both scope and severity. The violent crime rate quadrupled, out-of-wedlock births, single-parent households and teen suicides tripled. Divorces doubled and the rate of marriage fell by almost half.

The nation appears to have begun to heed the alarm bells of conservatives. There has been a clear resurgence of civic institutions. The traditional virtues that Bennett and others have worried are in decline—hard work, discipline, stability, family life, honesty, tolerance, self-reliance—are reasserting themselves.

This cultural comeback coincides with a rollback of government programs that have encouraged social deviance. Americans have generally come to reject the false compassion of the liberal welfare state. The welfare reform bill of 1996 was arguably the most monumental piece of social legislation in a quarter century, because it required work and socially responsible behavior in exchange for help. Crime is falling because Americans have decided to get tough on criminals.

Yes, social problems are still worse than during the more tranquil 1950s. But the underlying trends are reversing. Civil society is making a comeback. This is very good news for America—even if, almost no one wants to proclaim it.

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LETTERS

Profane kids need village support

I agree with attorney Calvin Campbell that prosecuting 8- and 10-year-olds for yelling obscenities is ridiculous. Not because of his "everybody else does it" reasoning, nor because of Judge Cone's assertion that the charge is a violation of the First Amendment. It is ridiculous that the city, county or state has to take the place of responsible parenting. It is encouraging that we have officers and prosecutors willing to do so.

Cone's argument fails to recognize the spirit of the First Amendment. We are entitled from speech as long as the listeners have the freedom to not listen.

Swearing on TV is allowed because we do not have to watch, pornography is allowed because we do not have to purchase the magazine, etc. Children yelling obscenities in itself may not violate any law or rights until it is in public where others are forced to either leave or listen. Consider noise ordinances. I can listen to any music I like until I start to violate your right to peace and quiet. None of our rights are intended to diminish the rights of others.

It takes a village to raise a child. An idea Cone has lost sight of. It is good to live in an area where the neighbors are willing and care enough to "order your children home." An 8- or 10-year-old needs supervision, and if you are not there, who could be better than your neighbors? Children need to be held accountable for their actions and words. To try and turn this from a parenting issue to a public injustice can only delay or prevent their accountability. The worst thing that parent can do is use children to justify their own actions.

This case never would have had any attention drawn to it if you had imme-

diately responded to neighbors and disciplined your kids (anyone else ever have to bite soap for this violation?).

The quote should be amended to read "it takes a village to raise a child, but it only takes one to really screw them up." If you are unwilling to work as a village, then I hope the county follows through with prosecution. I fear if they don't, you will continue to outwardly support your children's bad behavior to the point where your neighbors give up and your children will suffer much more permanent scars than having a recorded status offense would create.

BOB MARR
Gooding.

CSI should do better with anthem

As a wounded veteran of both World War II and Korea, I just have to take exception to the way a certain young lady from the College of Southern Idaho insists on trying to sing the "Star Spangled Banner."

I played in the famous U.S. Army band and also the Field Forces Band. We played it the way Francis Scott Key wrote it and it sounded pretty good to me.

It's bad enough to have to listen to her, but noticing as I gaze out over the fans the number of young men that refuse to take off their hats.

What a joy it was to listen to Burt Huisling sing it the other night. Someone should take a lesson.

A very proud veteran,
DICK COMMONS
Twin Falls

How much justice can we afford?

"Ask not whether justice has been rendered, ask rather how much justice can we afford?"

STEVEN (ZEKE) MILLER
Twin Falls.

Like it or not, Americans want to keep Clinton

Like it or not, people are still talking about impeachment. "Dear Mr. Thompson: Your Sunday column contained a major misrepresentation of fact: Most Americans didn't want Clinton removed from office..."

"Wrong!" "Apparently, you too have been falsely persuaded by national poll results and/or you insulinate yourself from what most Americans really wanted to see and/or..."

"For every one friend, relative and business associate of mine who wanted Clinton to stay, ten others have expressed to me the opposite desire. I am among them."

"In my 60 years as a citizen, I have not once been polled by someone representing himself as national media. I do not know a single individual in all of my experience who has been come by such organizations. Who are the people polled? Where are the people polled? How are these people selected?"

"Clinton was despicable. He defied our highest public office. He should have been ousted and disbarred. However, because of a group of spinless

BILL THOMPSON

Senators, scared for their own political future, we are left to try explaining another failure of the system to our children and grandchildren.

"What a pathetic charade our elected officeholders perpetrated. Now we have a president whom most of my friends, relatives and business associates want no part of. They do not want to see him hear him or read about him, period!"

The Arlington, Texas, reader who wrote this letter signed off with "Sincerely," and it was heartening to learn that he was sincere in his viewpoint. If there is one thing I can't stand, it's a reader who rips me to shreds and isn't sincere about it.

Of course, most people who despise Bill Clinton are as sincere as sincere can be. Clinton-haters loath Slack Wilkie with an intensity that defies description.

Personally, I have no use for Clinton. I enthusiastically supported Bob Dole last time around—and I figured out long before Clinton ran for election that he was a lying, double-dealing thug. Nobody needs to tell me that what

Clinton did in the sex-and-lies scandal was despicable. For Clinton, despicable means an act that is repulsive.

But from the moment the scandal exploded into the headlines right up until the Senate voted him not guilty of perjury and obstruction of justice, I never believed that Clinton should be removed from office against the wishes of most Americans.

Yes, I've said it before, and now I'll say it again: Most Americans did not want Clinton removed from office.

That is a fact—a fact supported by poll after scientific poll.

Let's face it: Polling your family, pals and co-workers is no way to gauge the attitudes of the public at large. Past performance has shown that scientific, nationwide polls such as those commissioned by major newspapers and television news organizations are extremely accurate. You can disagree with the majority opinion that the polls reflect. But you're deluding yourself if you insist that the polls are wrong just because you don't like the results.

Bill Thompson is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

LETTERS

Clinton, O.J. belong together

I am feeling so good today. Recently, 45 non-partisan and 10 Democrat senators and 10 partisan and 10 non-partisan senators told me that Bill Clinton is not a liar. Then all 45 non-partisan and 10 Democrat senators and 5 partisan and 10 non-partisan senators told me that Bill Clinton did not tamper with witnesses or do anything wrong. I wonder how many people think we have an honest and honorable Congress. Any day now, I expect to see Bill Clinton and O.J. Simpson out playing golf together. MYRON JOHNSON Richfield

Republicans are hypocrites

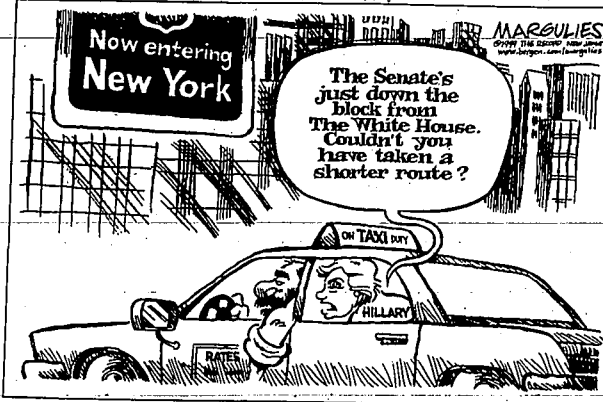
I see by the Feb. 9 editorial that the Democrats are going to have to answer to future generations if they do not vote with the Republicans to run President Clinton out of office. Although the Republican members of the Senate are encouraging voters to vote their consciences, those minions of impeccably high principles in the majority party must not defect and be sure to vote for conviction. It is a rather bizarre editorial that studiously avoids what appears to this reader certain undeniable facts.

Was it a matter of principle that congressional Republicans fall all over themselves to get the Lewinsky grand jury testimony out before the public as quickly as possible? This, of course, was testimony unchallenged by cross examination and structured by admitted biased independent counsel. It was salacious enough that many high school administrators blocked it on the Internet so that students would not be exposed to it in school. And, of course, this newspaper faithfully published it as well. In the American justice system, grand jury testimony is kept secret because the rights of the accused are not protected in the functioning of grand juries. In this case, publication of such testimony is legal because the impeachment action just does have much to do with the justice system. But people of high principle would surely honor the custom of treating grand jury testimony with the greatest restraint. But high principles to the contrary, salacious material was published as widely as possible.

Who then are the pornographers? None other than those Pharisians in the Congress who natter on and on about family values and character and then adulteries as merely "youthful indiscretions" and whine that the only reason their grand jury testimony was published was because they criticized Clinton. Perhaps that is why two-thirds of the American people have consistently called for the impeachment of Clinton. It would appear that most people hate hypocrisy more than lies. DUANE S. KNOS Rupert

Parents lack responsibility

It was Valentine's Day, but if I didn't know better, I would have thought it was April Fool's Day. A friend of mine turned his car in to a mechanic and all of a sudden the oven went off. He went out to check the fuses and while out there, a thief went in the front door and stole the turkey. He found the fuses had been turned upside down. He called me and I told him to go out and look in the garage and that turkey was hanging by wings and flew out the front door and he found it in the alley. He has only one door and that is in the front. If that is only the half of the weird things that have happened to him, these are a few. He was being stolen out of his pickup and his fuses so they couldn't get the gas anymore and so they flattened all four tires just as he was getting



ready to go camping. They have stolen an electric wire from under his house, small butane canisters, two travel trailer butane tanks, bicycles, a boat gas tank out of his shed, new fishing poles and reels, and I could go on and on. It is like a nightmare and his outlet on the whole situation is if they need them then worst than him, so be it, but he did feel bad about the fishing equipment, dolls (two tires and tools).

I have lived here 22-12 years and can't believe the going on in this town. Stop signs that you have to wait through three times to turn on cars going through on red lights, beer bottles broken in the streets. I want to love this town, but it is scary times. Where are the parents of these children that I see out playing in the streets at 10:30 and 11 p.m.? And I getting so old fashioned that parents don't care where their children are or where they get their beer and cigarettes? I know I am spouting off steam. I have even had paint balls squirted on my car because of wild parties going on at 4 a.m. and fights occurring and calling the police and now I get snide remarks from some of those so-called grown-ups.

Voters want term limits

I voted for term limits and take exception to editorials calling those who are trying to create a government responsive to the citizens needs "unknowing and/or uninformed." I don't consider myself "unknowing and uninformed." I think I pay more attention to what my elected officials are doing than most and that's why I voted for term limits. We have to get their attention somehow.

Government - national, state and local - is not always responsive to the people who voted them into office. This is a wake-up call. The majority of us are now paying attention so legislators should be concerned with the ire of their constituents. We are not uninformed and we are watching their actions and are willing to get involved to try and remove road blocks. The entrenchment on all levels of government making decisions based on their ability to get themselves re-elected is wrong. Term limits say you have this long to serve your community, state, nation. Long enough to

make a difference but not long enough to make "public service" a career.

True, "public servants" don't grow on trees, but perhaps good people would step up to the but if the "career opportunities" was taken out of "public service" and, as a result, cutthroat campaigns would become a thing of the past who would want to put up with all the abuse of current campaign tactics for a low-paying "public service" position? True, "public servants" would step up. This might be a hardship for small communities, but so is death of an incumbent. In such cases, a new treasurer, clerk, assessor, clerk, sheriff or clerk is found and life goes on.

Term limits are not death, they are new life for a failing government. Term limits will remove the incumbent advantage. We want a more responsible government and term limits are a positive step in that direction. MARK COOK Hailey

Rodeo horses suffer abuse

To Jackie Barnes: A few months ago, I wrote a letter to the editor stating my disgust with the Monty Roberts demonstration and his claim that rodeo horses have the ideal life. You responded to my letter stating that "the value of these horses is between \$1,500 and \$30,000. They are not destined for the slaughter house." You also stated that "all of these horses are considered part of a team of athletes. If I needed help understanding what special athletes the rodeo bucking horses are.

I must tell you, first of all, that recently I have seen quite a few of these "special athletes" and "partners" that you describe sold in auction. They did not sell for \$30,000, or even \$1,500 for that matter. They sold for 35 to 50 cents per pound. Yes, they went through the ring, picked up their one-way ticket to Canada and are probably hanging in a cooler right now. It seems to me if these horses truly are "partners" as you claim, they would probably not be jammed on a cattle truck enduring a ride so horrible that death, when it comes, is a blessing.

Your suggestion that I contact the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and the "Friends of Rodeo" for help understanding what rodeo is all about is about as ridiculous as me suggesting that you contact

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals for some unbiased information.

I would prefer to gather information to base my opinions on what I see, not by what a paid public relations person tells me. So, it seems to me that your facts are a little inaccurate, not unlike Monty Roberts himself. Have you read the article in the February edition of "Horse and Rider" titled "Horse Whisperers - or Horse Feathers?" KATEY GIES Twin Falls

Council disregards codes

From the picture in The Times-News showing a city

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employee destroying a hand gun with a chop saw, a message was sent by the Twin Falls City Council. It is anti-gun. The council is going to have a hard time changing that message.

The thing that is really hard to swallow is its complete disregard for the Idaho Codes. Historically, the police department sold this abandoned or unclaimed property to the highest bidder in either sealed or opened bids. The city of Twin Falls past was smart enough to obey the state codes. The present council has been stupid in its actions and probably will be stupid in the near future. It will end up being a dog that turns to bite them back. Specifically, the codes they did not obey are as follows:

- 55-403 - Abandoned or unclaimed property in possession of sheriff or police department, sale at public auction.

- 55-403-A - Disposal of firearms, disposal of other items.
- 55-404 - Proceeds of sale, disbursement.
- 18-315 - Omission of public duty.

These codes can be found at the law library in the courthouse. If I can find them, you can too. (Volume 9A, Pages 712, 713; Volume 4, Page 4.) In my opinion, these laws, the laws they have sworn to uphold, have been violated.

What about their total disregard of taxpayers' money to the tune of \$4,100? It lies buried in the ground at the landfill! At a recent council meeting, they were shown three ways this money could have been used in reducing crime, 1) Endorse - Eddie Eagle program. 2) Idaho Coalition Against Crime. 3) Drug Awareness Resistance Education Program. At the worst, maybe use it to buy uniforms for the city police department. The awareness of what has taken place is not going away. It continues to grow. People are mad and wanting for things to be put right by the Twin Falls City Council. Stay tuned, this is going to get real interesting. JIM SISSON Buhl

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A red cardinal presents a striking contrast to the shades of green and gray around it as it sits on the branch of a spruce tree during a light snowfall Tuesday near Glencoe, Ky.

Clinton reverses stand on China satellite deal

WASHINGTON (AP)—After years of promoting satellite exports to China, the Clinton administration abruptly reversed course, rejecting a \$450 million commercial satellite sale to a Chinese-controlled consortium amid concerns about valuable military know-how.

The decision, confirmed Tuesday by senior administration officials, leaves Hughes Electronics with tens of millions of dollars in high-tech hardware under construction at its Southern California plant. Rejection of the export comes a week before Secretary of State Madeleine Albright travels to Beijing for talks with Chinese leaders and amid congressional and executive branch probes of whether past satellite deals helped the Chinese military.

Hughes, which employs 15,000 people in the Los Angeles area, said it would appeal the decision. But U.S. officials said they saw little or no chance that the national security agencies that opposed the deal would reconsider.

The key issue, the official said,

was that as the proposed sale progressed, the consortium made an error Chinese investors would direct ties to the Chinese military. The Clinton administration emphasized this change in explaining why it was rejecting an export that President Clinton had initially approved in 1996.

It is final as far as the U.S. government decision-making process is concerned, State Department spokesman James Foley said Tuesday. The buyer is the Singapore-based Asia Pacific Mobile Telecommunications consortium, a cellular phone venture that includes investors from Singapore, Malaysia and Japan but is 51-percent owned by Chinese organizations — several of them represented by Chinese military officers.

The U.S. Commerce Department was actively backing the export, arguing it would strengthen U.S. national security by improving the financial position of "Eligible," a company that makes military and espionage satellites for the Pentagon and CIA.

Capitol dispute puts Internet tax panel into limbo

WASHINGTON (AP)—A commission Congress created to recommend how to tax Internet commerce was supposed to begin meeting in December, but it remains in limbo because of a dispute over who got appointed to the panel.

The conflict is important because the panel's work will give Congress and all 50 states a starting place in determining how to tax the fast-expanding world of online commerce in the 21st century — and whether Main Street merchants who do pay taxes view that system as fair.

"There is just a real basic equity question we need to address," said Democratic Gov. Thomas Carper of Delaware, in Washington for an annual governors conference.

By law, the Advisory Com-

mission on Electronic Commerce panel must have eight members from private industry, eight from state and local governments — including at least one from a state with no sales tax — plus the secretaries of Commerce and Treasury and the U.S. trade representative. Instead, it has the three federal officials plus nine

members from industry and seven from state and local governments, none from a state with no sales tax.

State and local government groups have threatened to go to court to block the panel from meeting unless its makeup is changed to comply with last fall's law.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Shoshone work to begin Monday

SHOSHONE - Motorists can expect to encounter road construction when driving through Shoshone this spring.

Work begins Monday on a \$800,000 reconstruction project on Greenwood Street - U.S. Highway 93 - to add a new center turn lane and curb and gutters.

Construction will run about four-tenths of a mile from West E Street to South Rail Street.

Motorists can expect narrow lanes, flaggers on duty, and periods of one-way traffic, the Idaho Transportation Department reported.

The department hired Gordon Paving Co. of Burley as project contractor. Roadwork is expected to be finished by the end of June.

More schools update board on progress

TWIN FALLS - Principals from Lincoln and Myrtle and Western elementary schools and Magic Valley Alternative High School will provide the Twin Falls School Board today with a progress report.

Principals from Robert Stuart Junior High School and Oregon Trail Elementary School made presentations last month. The board plans to hear from all district principals.

The board will meet at 7 p.m. in the district office, 201 Main Ave. W. Call 733-6900 for more information.

Wendell chamber plans Business After Hours

WENDELL - The Wendell Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its first Business After Hours event from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday in the Wendell Elementary School multipurpose room.

Several organizations will be participating, including the Wendell Quick Response Unit, Wendell Parks and Recreation, Wendell City Council, Wendell Chamber of Commerce, 4-H, St. George State Park, Wendell S.S. District, College of Southern Idaho Center for New Directions and the Idaho Dairyman's Association.

Other nonprofit organizations interested in setting up a booth should call Angela Hoops at 536-6611.

Entertainment, door prizes and refreshments will be provided.

Cassia board accepts new high school

BURLEY - The new Burley High School building officially is a part of Cassia County School District.

School Board members accepted the building as substantially complete Monday night, said Mitch Bausman, the district's representative for the \$15 million project.

Students and staff will begin moving items from the old school to the new one Thursday.

Construction officials still have to complete items on a list of minor cosmetic fixes. That includes fixing scratched floor tiles and other flaws, Bausman said.

He said he did not know how long it would take to finish those repairs.

Armory auction raises \$13,950 for center

RUPERT - A fundraising auction Friday raised \$13,950 to go toward converting the McGregor Armory into the McGregor Community Center on the Mindoko County Fairgrounds, auction officials said.

"It went great," said Lorri Juno, secretary for the Mindoko County Fair Board.

She said the board is "getting really close" to its goal of raising \$500,000 for the center.

During the three-hour auction, all 127 items donated from Minnicassia businesses and individuals were sold, said Linda Wheeler, fair board member.

The cost of converting the armory is about \$120,000, but if the center can raise half the money it can qualify for Idaho Community Development Block Grant money to pay the rest, Juno said.

A public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. tonight at the armory to close the account raised so far, Wheeler said.

Compiled from staff reports



Sara Lasley, left, and Jason Sawyer talk to Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind officials Tuesday, after some students held a protest earlier in the day. Students want teachers to be fluent in signing before they are hired.

ISDB students protest, express concerns

By Sharon Metcalf
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - Students at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind Tuesday told administrators about a range of concerns, including a closed campus to a shortage of substitute teachers who know signing.

After a small group protest - and an afternoon meeting with four student representatives and principal Joe Kren - ISDB administrator Ron Darcy said he appreciated the students' concerns, and their input.

The students, seniors in the

high school, expressed frustration that their teachers cannot sign as well as the school's interpreters.

The students wanted to know why teachers who still cannot sign well are kept on for 30 years.

Kren, who became principal this school year, said he cannot change hiring decisions made before he took the job. However, he assured students that issues of ability are addressed in teachers' evaluations. He intends to follow this process closely to address goals.

Darcy said ISDB, which takes slightly more than 100 students statewide, is at a disadvantage.

It's difficult to assess high school teachers with signing skills on a rural school offering low salaries.

In the same vein, students organizing a class taught by a substitute is a waste of time.

"When I hear there's a substitute, it skips class," student Marcos Aguilar said.

Signing classes are a condition of employment for substitutes hired for the year, Darcy said, but students must recognize the shortage of signing applicants in the area.

Another student issue - a request for open campus at lunch - will be discussed

Wednesday at an administrative meeting.

An open campus, if it's adopted at all, would likely be available only for seniors and juniors. The school can handle students as young as 3 years old and up to 21 years old.

Because of adjustments made in the school day Monday through Thursday in order to dismiss at 1:30 p.m. Fridays, Kren said, an open campus might require a longer school day.

Darcy reiterated his concerns for student safety, citing the 35 mph traffic zone in front of the school.

Ketchum sheds light on night sky ordinance

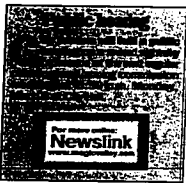
By Margot Higgins
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - The planning and zoning commission is reviewing the city's night-sky ordinance and received some illumination on the subject by dark-sky enthusiast and amateur astronomer, Steve Pauley.

In a 30-minute presentation Monday, Pauley explained how different types of light sources can reduce light pollution caused by excessive glare and preserve Ketchum's night sky.

Pauley demonstrated how a typical 175-watt mercury vapor barn light can cause an offensive glare, while a \$35 metal shield can direct 30 percent of the light towards the ground.

"The human eye is designed to



see at low light levels, but we won't allow it to do that. We try and make night look like day," Pauley said. "It is our responsibility to protect night sky."

He said he hopes Ketchum will be an example for all Idaho towns.

"The biggest offenders in the community so far have been floodlights on commercial buildings," City planner Tom Canfield said.

Changes to the ordinance proposed by Ketchum's planning staff are intended to provide guidelines, Canfield said. The revised ordinance would require all new lighting on street city standards - and just those projects that go through the design review as the current ordinance requires.

Existing commercial lighting not in conformance would have one year to upgrade. Violations of the ordinance could result in a \$100 penalty.

Commissioner Brad Stevens said the proposed revision could use more input from the public.

"There's certain things in this ordinance that demand more study or we're going to have a mess on our hands," he said.

Stevens said he worries that certain light measurements included in a new ordinance could create an enforcement issue for the city.

"I can see situations where someone claims a light trespass and there is no way to measure it. I am not in favor of creating an enforcement nightmare," he said.

"Our goal is to keep the ordinance as simple as possible so we can accomplish what we want to do," Canfield responded.

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Idaho State Police investigates fatal crash

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

RUPERT - The Idaho State Police is conducting an administrative hearing to investigate a Feb. 18 Saturday involving an ISP officer.

A Rupert woman died in the accident.

The Mindoko County Sheriff's Department is continuing its investigation into the accident.

While responding to a call Saturday afternoon, ISP officer Steve Rodriguez drove his car into the driver's side of a van occupied by Dale and Lily Hobbs at F Street and Idaho Highway 24 in Rupert.

ISP officials have placed Rodriguez on paid administrative leave during the investigation, which should be finished by the end of the week, said Ann Thompson, spokeswoman for the Department of Law Enforcement.

"As an employer we're looking at our employee's actions," Thompson said. "Accidents involving an officer are infrequent, but not unheard of. The seriousness of the decision would depend on the seriousness

ISP fleet averages more than 35 accidents a year

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

RUPERT - The fatal accident Saturday involving an Idaho State Police officer and a Rupert couple stresses the importance of safe driving and the dangers law enforcement and emergency personnel face each day.

"Going into a call situation, our officers know it's a dangerous situation and are told to proceed with extreme caution," ISP spokesman Rick Ohnman said.

Lily Hobbs, 69, of Rupert, died in an accident Saturday involving an ISP officer.

The ISP has 175 cars, and each ISP officer averages 32,000

to 33,000 miles per year on the road. Despite extensive safety and skill training, ISP officers run the risk of getting into accidents simply because of the time they spend on the road.

Ohnman said he could not remember the last time an ISP officer was involved in a fatal accident.

Here's a breakdown on accidents involving ISP vehicles since 1997. Accidents range from fender-benders to injury crashes:

- 38 accidents in 1997 involved ISP vehicles. Of these accidents, 12 were caused by an officer, seven involved injuries and two occurred while the officer was responding to a call.
- 39 accidents in 1998 involved ISP vehicles. Of these accidents, eight were caused by

an officer, nine involved injuries and two occurred while the officer was responding to a call.

Saturday's accident was the third one in 1999 involving an ISP vehicle. The first two were minor accidents with little or no injuries, Ohnman said.

Accidents involving officers are infrequent, but not unheard of.

"I can't remember any time when our officers were involved in an accident," said Mindoko County Sheriff Paul Fries, whose agency is investigating Saturday's accident. "But I've heard of cases where ambulances and emergency vehicles have been in accidents."

Times-News staff writer John T. Huddy can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

was unknown when he would return, ISP Capt. David Neal said.

If an ISP employee is under investigation, he or she is instructed by his agency not to speak with anyone about his situation, Thompson said.

The Mindoko County Sheriff's Department is gathering witness statements, Sheriff Paul Fries said. Until that's done, no additional information will be available.

ISP sent a team from Twin Falls to do a reconstruction of the accident and to investigate the cause.

The investigation by both departments is similar to a criminal investigation, Thompson said.

Lily Hobbs, 69, died in the accident. Her husband, Dale Hobbs, 82, was injured.

Dale Hobbs was in serious condition at Mindoko Memorial Hospital Tuesday. He is severely ill and his vital signs are unstable, said Hart Hintz, director of nursing at Mindoko Memorial.

Rodriguez was uninjured.

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Rupert senator takes helm

Budget committee chairman leaves for cancer surgery

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

BOISE - One of the most powerful men in the Statehouse is leaving temporarily to have cancer surgery, thrusting a Rupert senator into a prominent position for what could be the remainder of the budget-setting process.

Sen. Artwell Parry, R-Melba, co-chairman of the Legislature's budget-writing committee, will have surgery early next week to remove a cancerous tumor in his colon.

The 19-year senator, who is expected to return before the end of the session, but possibly not until after the Legislature's Appropriations Committee has set all the budgets.

In the interim, Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, will become acting chairman of the committee. Cameron said he will take Farry's place in meetings with leadership and with Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

In the joint committee, Parry's co-chairman, Rep. Robert Geddes, R-Freshwater, is the primary control, said Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, a vice chairwoman of the committee.

Farry is a stalwart on the committee. His serious demeanor often gives way to a dry sense of humor that has caught many people off guard - most recently state Treasurer Ron Crane, who spent a sleepless night thinking his department's budget was being slashed by 35 percent.

The next morning, Farry extended the joke a little more before letting Crane, a notorious prankster, off the hook.

The committee will miss Parry's institutional knowledge and his unique character, Cameron said.

"He's a wonderful, wonderful man and I love him dearly," said Cameron, who has been serving Farry's place for his entire nine-year legislative career. "He's been like a father to me."



Dean Cameron

Snowmobilers help Special Olympics

Mormon Church to organize help for school move

By Damian D. Rodriguez
Times-News writer

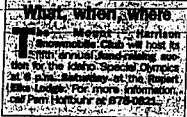
BURLEY — Four years ago, Darren Funk was asked to help out with an Idaho Special Olympics winter event at Magic Mountain near Hansen.

As a member of the Mount Harrison Snowmobile Club, he volunteered to give Special Olympians a ride to the top of the mountain for skiing events.

It brings tears to your eyes when you help out," said Funk, now president of the club. "The kids are so appreciative and their thanks is overwhelming."

He and the club are still helping. The club is hosting its fifth annual auction Saturday. Money from last year will go toward expenses for Sunday's games in Sandpoint; money from Saturday's auction will go toward next year's event.

The Mount Harrison Snowmobile Club has donated about \$50,000 from previous auctions. Money raised at last year's auction will pay for the bus ride to Sandpoint Saturday, Funk said. Club member Gene Funk said



Walter Wilson, who has been the auctioneer for the Mount Harrison Snowmobile Club, is seen here with the kids at the Special Olympics. The photo is credited to Damian D. Rodriguez/TF Times-News.

the experience of helping Special Olympians "can open anybody's heart and leave them with a good feeling of just helping out."

Pam Hoffbaur, the at-large director for the Idaho State Snowmobile Association and chairwoman of the charity drive for the Mount Harrison Snowmobile Club, said club members aren't working for a profit.

"We feel that our community support has been very remarkable," Hoffbaur said. "We have participated in opening ceremonies for games and have carried the torch many times."

Without auction donations from Twin Falls and other businesses, there would be no auction, Darren Funk said.

"They've given us tremendous value, and we're grateful with their donations," he said.



Darren Funk and Gene Funk stand in front of the many items donated by Twin Falls and Mini-Cassia merchants for an auction Saturday. Money made from the auction will go toward the Idaho Special Olympics. The photo is credited to Damian D. Rodriguez/TF Times-News.

The Times-News

BURLEY — The Mormon Church's Burley West Staff is organizing a volunteer effort to help move items from the old Burley High School to the new school.

The drive will be held Thursday afternoon and Friday. The same employees in helping move items from the old Burley High School to the new school one can call Harold Blum at 678-2122. Blum is organizing the volunteer effort.

Utah House revives, passes mental health bill

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — In a reversal, the Utah House of Representatives Tuesday, Feb. 23, 1999, passed a bill that would mandate mental health insurance coverage for employees of small business and state government.

The bill now goes to the Senate. House approval came a day after state representatives in a 39-35 vote to indefinitely shelve the bill for study and cost estimates.

It was a quick study. The bill returned with an amendment extending the insurance mandate to 18,000 state employees at an estimated cost of \$3 million a year.

Utah state representatives would see their health insurance premiums jump by up to 13 percent, according to legislative fiscal analysts.

House Bill 159 would require health insurers and health maintenance organizations to provide the same coverage to employees who need it. They do for physical ailments. The coverage is for mental illnesses listed in a standard diagnostic manual as having a biological cause.

House committee endorses no-vote levy bill

BOISE (AP) — It took the threat of a court order to convince a House committee to approve a plan for letting school districts levy property taxes without voter approval.

The property taxes could only be used to address immediate health and safety problems in the schools.

The Revenue and Taxation Committee voted 12-3 on Tuesday for a bill sponsored by Sen. President Tom Jensen, Jerry Twigg and Republican Sen. Darrel Deide, a former Caldwell school superintendent.

State Board of Education mem-

ber Tom Boyd of Boise, a former House speaker, joined representatives, trustees and administrators in endorsing the bill that now goes to the House.

Only Republican Reps. Lenore Barrett of Challis, Mike Reyle of Star and Shirley Taylor of Nampa opposed the plan. But it still faces an uncertain future in the conservative, overwhelmingly Republican Legislature because of its potential for increasing local

property taxes.

This is an easy, soft solution for the schools because it bypasses the electorate," Barrett said, urging lawmakers not to be intimidated by the possibility of a court-imposed solution to school building problems.

"Once we knuckle to that, we are going to be knuckling for the rest of our legislative lives."

The bill is the primary measure promoted by legislative leaders to prepare for a trial ordered by the Idaho Supreme Court and expected to be scheduled this spring before 4th District Judge

Daniel Eismann.

The Supreme Court ruled unanimously in December that Eismann was wrong to dismiss complaints from a coalition of school districts that the condition of school buildings falls outside the state's constitutional requirement to provide a thorough system of public education.

The complaints have not prevailed yet. And it's my job — our job — to make sure they don't," Twigg told Revenue and Taxation members. "We are the ones elected to make those decisions, not a judge."

He has said the proposal is a

way of showing Eismann that lawmakers are making a good-faith effort to comply with the Supreme Court's edict. If it secures law, Twigg said legislative leaders plan to ask the judge to dismiss the lawsuit filed by Idaho Schools for Equal Educational Opportunity.

His bill would require annual health and safety inspections. Then local school trustees would have to decide whether to fix deficiencies with money they already have, lottery proceeds or cash from other sources.

Architect says road work was not 'construction'

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A former architect for the National Park Service who has worked on national forests in Arizona and Colorado on a nearby road, said Garfield County's claim that road work it performed on the Burr Trail was maintenance, not construction.

"It was an attempt to handle a very serious blind curve," Carl Skyrman testified on the fifth day of a federal court trial in which U.S. District Judge Bruce Jenkins will determine if the county's work was legal.

The curve at the eastern entrance to Capitol Reef National Park is on an incline with a rock overcropping to the east and a drainage gulch to the west, Skyrman said. "You cannot see oncoming traffic."

Garfield County widened a portion of the road on the Burr Trail through Capitol Reef

National Park in February 1996. During the trial, which began Feb. 16, the county has claimed safety reasons motivated cutting off a portion of the road to the road at the park entrance.

"They stayed within their perimeters," Skyrman said of county workers. He characterized the work as reasonable.

"They did not go out of bounds onto natural terrain. It simply eases a very significant problem... it didn't totally rectify it, but went a long way toward that problem."

Skyrman said he didn't think the work — done in what has been called a "previously disturbed area" — caused any significant impairment of park resources.

The federal government sued Garfield County in 1996, saying the county's widening of the trail was unauthorized construction.

The 66-mile roadway stretches from Glen Canyon National Recreation Area to Boulder through some of southern Utah's most scenic redrock country.

The federal government claims the county did not have the authority to do the work. The county claims the work fell within the scope of road maintenance jurisdiction entrusted to the county before creation of Capitol Reef National Park in 1971. It says the federal government is trying to excessively regulate county-maintained roads that cross federal lands.

Brian Bremner, an engineer for the county who supervised the work, acknowledged to U.S. Attorney Margot Miller that the county had not put up signs to warn drivers of alleged safety concerns along that stretch of road.

Bremner testified on Monday he did not know of any accidents along that one-mile stretch and there were no accident reports filed with the sheriff's department.

In court Tuesday, Russell Brown, a private consultant with RBG Engineering Inc. in Provo, agreed that the work was maintenance but disagreed with its scope.

"I think from a safety standpoint it wasn't enough, although he acknowledged later that, like Bremner, "I'm not aware of any accidents at all."

The government is seeking \$7,000 in actual damages — cost to the National Park Service to replant vegetation the work disturbed.

Investors to receive \$28 million back from insurance company

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Hundreds of people who were defrauded out of \$33 million in an alleged Ponzi scheme, should get \$28 million back.

Third District Judge Timothy Hanson approved the settlement which resolves a class action complaint brought by investors in the alleged Ponzi scheme.

Under the settlement approved Monday, New England International Security Inc. will repay investors most of their original investments over 37 years.

New England International had agreed to repay investors in the event that two Utah companies allegedly involved in the scheme became insolvent.

U.S. District Chief Judge David Sam handed down a \$52 million default judgment against Capital Acquisitions Inc., Laser Lending Inc. and related companies last week after the defendants failed to respond to a complaint filed

last year by a court-appointed receiver.

The case began in 1997 with a Securities and Exchange Commission civil complaint against firms and individuals who had allegedly raised millions by promising investors a 20 percent return on three-year notes. The money was purportedly earmarked for oil and gas drilling projects in Kansas and California.

In an order signed Thursday, Sam said the companies had failed to appear and answer the complaint.

According to the SEC, the principal behind the Capital Acquisitions and Laser Lending, operated a classic Ponzi scheme. There, early investors are paid with money collected from later investors to build up credibility. Eventually, the pyramid can no longer be sustained, and the large number of new investors at the bottom are left with nothing.

Court upholds government right to limit grazing

DENVER (AP) — A federal appeals court put a narrow Tuesday on grazing rights in the West, ruling that the government has a right to limit access to public lands even if it forces ranchers out of business.

The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals cited a Supreme Court ruling that left the government with the authority to decide land uses for private purposes.

Rancher Kit Laney, owner of a 226-acre ranch spread over two wilderness areas of the Gila National Forest, had asked the appeals court to intervene in a dispute with the U.S. Forest Service. He claimed the govern-

ment is trying to put him out of business by narrowing and limiting water on public lands they need to survive.

Laney said the Diamond Bar Ranch has 115-year-old cattle-grazing rights that superseded the agency's authority over the range.

But the appeals court sided with the government. It said the Laney's "do not now hold and never have held a vested property right in grazing cattle on federal public lands."

It said the district court acted improperly when it issued an injunction barring the government from further unauthorized grazing and

demanding payment, then allowed their cattle on public property.

During oral arguments, Judge Bobby R. Baldock of Roswell, N.M., said he "can't imagine a greater deprivation" for a rancher than to lose water rights, and said it could force Laney out of business.

Eighty-five percent of the 146,000-acre Diamond Bar is public land. It combines two ranches formed in 1893 and overlaps three counties in southwestern New Mexico.

Laney, 36, and wife Sherry, high school sweethearts who married 19 years ago and bought the

ranch 13 years ago, contended that Forest Service regulations during their business. They had to remove all their cattle in April 1997.

Laney said the government is catering to environmentalists who want to restore large tracts of Western lands to wilderness use.

"The permit says if you violate the instructions of a Forest Service employee, they can revoke your permit, or cancel it or amend it. They've already kicked out six ranchers in three years," he said.

The court fight has been raging for several years.

Government says contractor left taxpayers holding the bag

DENVER (AP) — Government contractor Rockwell International misled federal officials about problems at the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant and left taxpayers holding the bag for \$150 million in cleanup costs, a Department of Energy lawyer told jurors in a civil lawsuit Tuesday.

"This is a case about trust and responsibility, trust and responsibility the U.S. government placed in Rockwell to run Rocky Flats," said John Kollmar, a government lawyer.

"Rockwell betrayed that trust

and responsibility to obtain ... a bond and to obtain a contract renewal," he said.

But attorneys for Rockwell, which ran the plant from 1975 to 1992, said the Department of Energy officials' lawsuit was going on at the troubled facility, and that the officials claimed responsibility that they were about the law.

"The philosophy was that this was a secret facility not subject to laws of the people of Colorado or of the United States," Rockwell attorney Michael Williams told the jury.

Utah Senate passes concealed weapons ban for Olympics

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Olympic venues will have limits for concealed weapons under a bill that easily passed the Senate on Tuesday.

Senate Bill 112, which also allows homeowners and church leaders to ban concealed weapons from their premises, had the backing of both of the pro-gun groups, the National Rifle Association and Utah Shooting Sports Council.

Sen. Michael Waddoups, R-Taylorville, initially had expressed unease, even opposition, to his own bill, going so far as to cast the deciding vote against the measure if 14 others voted against it.

But amendments added to the bill on the floor, narrowing and clarifying the scope of the Olympic gun ban, eased his concerns.

"I think it's as good as we can do and still address the international issue of concealed weapons in our venues," said Waddoups.

The measure would impose a nine-week ban on concealed weapons in all Olympic venues from two weeks prior to the games until the final day of the Paralympic Games on April 1, 2002.

"I also says any concealed weapon carrier injured at an Olympic event because they

were unable to defend themselves could sue the state for damages.

An amendment added Tuesday narrowly defined the definition of "Olympic venue" to those entities and places where Olympic events would be held or athletes or media would be housed. That includes common areas where Olympic festivities might be held.

The earlier version of the bill left it up to Utah Commissioner of Public Safety Craig Dearden to define what Olympic venues were.

"This was required because there were so many in the public who kept raising the question

that, 'Oh, the commander's going to designate the whole state.' Well, they're going to designate the whole city," said Waddoups.

The bill passed 21-4, with as many Democrats as Republicans voting against the bill.

There are currently 22,400 concealed weapon permit holders in Utah. Waddoups bill would require them to check their guns in secure facilities outside venues if they are attending Olympic events.

"If there's still some tweaking that needs to be done it can still be done before the Olympics," said Waddoups during the floor debate.

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Coast Guard opens inquiry into grounding

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A Coast Guard inquiry into the grounding of the cargo ship *New Carissa* opened Tuesday, focusing on the captain's decision to ride out a storm close to shore amid fierce winds and powerful swells.

The first witness, a maritime expert, appeared to back the captain with his testimony that anchoring just offshore in shallow water is accepted industry practice.

"Shallower water is more favorable," said John Betz, a former oil tanker captain for Chevron. "Everybody wants to get into shallower water if they can."

Betz said anchoring in shallow water helps reduce the stress on the anchor chain and allows the ship to drift in a tighter circle. He noted, however, that the captain must keep monitoring navigational systems to make sure the anchor doesn't start dragging along the sea bottom.

That's apparently what happened Feb. 4 when the 639-foot ship ran aground on a beach north of Coos Bay while its crew was waiting for a maritime pilot stranded ashore by stormy weather.

The vessel eventually cracked open under pounding waves and spilled as much as 70,000 gallons of heavy bunker oil onto Oregon beaches.

Under cross-examination, Betz pointed out that anchoring is not an exact science and is largely the captain's judgment call.



Benjamin Morgado, center, the captain of the *New Carissa*, confers Tuesday with Coast Guard Commander Christopher Lockwood, left, the investigating officer, while Morgado's lawyer, Janet Hoffman, right, listens in Portland, Ore.

Throughout the testimony, the *New Carissa's* Filipino captain, Benjamin Morgado, sat quietly next to his attorney and an interpreter.

State and federal officials launched the inquiry, in part, to determine whether the *New Carissa* broke state law when it anchored so close to the beach

near Coos Bay without having a local maritime pilot on board.

Depending on the findings of the U.S. Coast Guard hearing, civil claims or criminal charges could be leveled against the ship's operator and officers.

Under state law, penalties for unlawfully piloting a vessel such as the *New Carissa* too near the

Oregon shore include as much as a \$50,000 fine and six months in jail.

Also submitted into evidence Tuesday were transcripts of the messages sent back and forth between the ship's Japanese owners and the crew, as the freighter rocked and groaned in the violent surf.

Seattle to spend millions on salmon, water projects

The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — The bill for saving Seattle's salmon is in. It works out to \$475 for every person now living in the city.

Seattle says it is prepared to spend \$255 million to help revive the dwindling runs of chinook in the city and along the rivers that supply most of the area's water and much of its power.

While many of the projects aren't new, Seattle is one of the first local governments to put a solid price tag on the effort.

More will follow as cities and counties around the Puget Sound area prepare for the federal government to formally add the chinook to the endangered-species list next month.

Everyone involved is talking big dollars.

King, Pierce and Snohomish counties all say they will spend tens of millions of dollars buying environmentally sensitive land and reviewing construction regulations to help the chinook. Tacoma Public Utilities has budgeted \$60 million for salmon

recovery as part of a plan to expand the city's water system. Officials from the 10 cities, counties and port districts hope their combined effort will convince federal regulators that the salmon and its habitat aren't needed right away.

They will present their plan to the National Marine Fisheries Service next week.

If it doesn't go far enough, the region could face severe restrictions on anything threatening chinook, from the construction of

new homes to runoff from streets. Of all the governments struggling with the issue, Seattle faces some of the biggest costs. The city provides drinking water and runs hydroelectric dams on rivers such as the Cedar, Tolt and Skagit that also are prime breeding ground for salmon.

The cost of some of the projects would be spread over decades and to those buying water and power from Seattle, easing the hit on taxpayers and ratepayers. Federal and state money also would help.

House committee to vote on nuclear waste act

States News Service

WASHINGTON — Nevada's nightmare might take a major step towards becoming a reality today, when a House committee decides if the state should become the steward of the nation's high level nuclear waste.

The House Resources Committee is scheduled to vote on whether or not to release the "Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1999" to the House floor for a full vote. The bill would require the Nevada Test Site to begin accepting nuclear waste on an interim basis starting June 30, 2003. By 2010, the legislation calls for the nuclear waste to be permanently interred at Yucca Mountain, which is located 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

U.S. Rep. Jim Gibbons, R-Nev., a member of the resources committee, said he is prepared to offer up to eight amendments tomorrow to try to weaken or dismantle the bill as it is now drafted. Gibbons said he hopes the amendments derail the efforts of the bill's sponsor U.S. Rep. Fred R. Mehl, and more than 70 other House members who support storing the nuclear waste in the Silver State.

prepared to offer up to eight amendments to this piece of legislation which are critical to the safety of Nevada and its citizens."

But if the committee votes to release the bill tomorrow, then it could reach the House floor within a few weeks, said Dave Woodruff, Upton's spokesman. The bill has support from lawmakers on both sides of the aisle, many of whom have nuclear power plants in their districts. The nuclear power industry is intensely lobbying for the bill arguing the federal government has collected more than \$15 billion from utility rate-payers since 1983, but failed to meet its 1998 legal obligation of managing the spent fuel.

A preliminary list of Gibbons amendments range from prohibiting the nuclear waste from being transported through or

near areas protected by the federal government such as monuments and parks to requiring a governor to provide consent for the waste to be moved through his or her state. Another Gibbons' amendment would require the Energy Secretary Bill Richardson to consider the results of a study by the National Academy of Sciences on the migration of plutonium at the Nevada Test Site in the Environmental Impact Statement.

Meanwhile, U.S. Rep. Shelley Berkley, D-Nev., is working with a national women's organization that lobbies against nuclear proliferation to try and help educate congresswomen about the dangers associated with the legislation. Also, House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., will submit a letter tomorrow asking the Resources

Committee to delay their vote until more time is provided for the legislation to be debated, said Richard Urey, Berkley's chief of staff.

Budget writers ease up on Fish and Game

BOISE (AP) — Seemingly ambivalent legislative budget writers stopped short of mandating dramatic cutbacks in Fish and Game Department operations.

Instead, they gave the financially beleaguered agency possibly another year before the hardest spending decisions must be made.

The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee on Tuesday seemed pulled as much by the sportsmen's fees as by a perennial desire to check an agency that has always drawn legislative ire. The committee took just a half hour to finalize a modest 4 percent to 5 percent spending increase with no anticipated fee hike.

Support was overwhelming and bipartisan.

The 1999-2000 budget, which still needs approval from both houses, slashes \$200,000 in sportsmen's license support for seven programs on one hand; but it also raises a half dozen special-purpose funds to keep four of them going for at least another year.



The panel raised the same funds for \$1 million to underwrite reassessment of the automated license and tag system and restored a 10 percent across-the-board cutback imposed by the commission to keep the books balanced this year.

"The intent of the committee is to get them through another year, do the best they can," House Appropriations Chairman Bob Goddes, R-Fresno, said.

Director Steve Mealey, extremely somber as he sat through the deliberations, continued to place his hope for financial relief on legislation imposing a \$4.4 million sportsmen's fee increase over three years. A bill to raise fees that much was flatly rejected by a House committee earlier this month.

"We haven't given up on that," Mealey said after leaving the budget session. "We're working very hard on it. But if there's no increase, there certainly will be a cutback."

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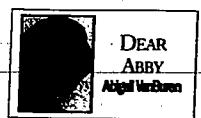
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Rivalries resurface when daughter returns

DEAR ABBY: I'm the youngest of three children. When my father passed away two years ago, I moved to northern Ohio to care for my ailing mother. I thought I was doing the family favor.

When I moved home, I allowed my sisters to control my life as they had for the past 35 years. I finally drew the line and told them to stay away from me. I told them they could visit Mother during the day because I work full-time. (They don't have steady jobs).

Mother has always loved me, and she knew how they were



DEAR ABBY
Arlene Washburn

leaving me the house and furniture, and named me executor of her estate.

When mother was hospitalized, she told me not to contact my sisters, and I followed her wishes. This infuriated them, but they did begin visiting us again and calling on the phone, although I temporarily put a block on their calls so they wouldn't disturb Mother.

Please tell me what I should do to win back my sisters' love, but not allow them to control me.

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DEAR UPSET: You are serving

Norway boasts lowest murder rate in the world

Q. Does a human fetus dream? And if so, what about?

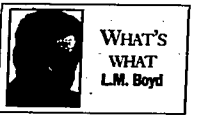
A. Evidence suggests so. After about 32 weeks, doctors conjecture it dreams for one thing at least: the sound of the mother's voice.

Cartoonists of old depicted my macabre elevator mangling, and not without chilling inspiration. In Chicago, the Cook County Coroner's Office recorded official accident deaths of 401 people from 1994 to 1996.

Q. Ask your Love and War man. What is the typical frequency of physical romance among married couples between the ages of 35 and 44?

A. His statistical file indicates 90 times a year's average.

Q. Can any unarmed animal on



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L.M. Boyd

to cut it.

Most child prodigies are first-born boys of middle-class parents beyond the usual child-bearing age.

Q. How do experts calculate the value of an oriental rug?

A. Number of knots per square inch plus other considerations.

Q. You hear so little about the Arizona Anzalsis. I take it the Anzora Anzalsis is much more spectacular.

A. Not that, it's just that the Southern Lights are visible over so much empty ocean and uninhabited land.

Sound travels much farther in deep seawater than through air. Noise at a depth of 3,500 feet have been tracked over the equivalent of 14,400 land miles. Whales know the whereabouts of whales, count on that.

There was a time in your life—about four months before you were born—when you had more hair on your back than a grown gnat.

Norway's murder rate in recent times has been the world's lowest.

Q. Does any one book list all the world's known insects?

A. Undoubtedly not. Estimators say such a book would need about 6,000 pages.

Taurus' moon position equates to making profitable investments

IF FEBRUARY 24 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are musical, enjoy food, have deep appreciation for the arts, especially music. Intuitive intellect is honed to razor-sharpness.

Taurus, Libra, Scorpio persons play astounding roles in your life, could have these letters initials in names: F, O, X. You enjoy home life as well as bright lights of night life. Friends learn early there is more than one side to your life and character. August most memorable for you this year.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your interests in various subjects are showing. Friends consult you on everything from the "A" in alchemy to the "Z" in zodiac. Devotion to Leo will pay dividends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You're in rhythm. Moon position equates to locating lost articles, making profitable investments. Attention will revolve around marital status. Good fortune.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Cycle high, experiment and explore, be up-to-date in fashion. Relative in distant city seeks your counsel on relationship.

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physical appearance Sagittarian involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Let it be known, "There are two ways to do things, the right way and my way." Maintain creative freedom. Flirtation begins mildly, could get too hot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): To get a smile, give a smile. Read and write on such subjects as psychology, parapsychology. Member of opposite sex asks, "Is this to be a short-term relationship?"

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stress diplomacy, study Leo message for added wisdom. People look to you for leadership accommodate them without getting lost in maze of red tape. Libra plays role.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Define terms, outline boundaries, wake up with answers. You will hear this confession, "I cannot keep it to myself any longer, I'm in love with you!" Offer tea and sympathy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your kind of day, your way. Relative will lend benefit of experience, if not cash. By digging deep for information you could uncover treasure map. Don't laugh now!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Highlight universal appeal, explore, do research, consult lost articles, making decision concerning love and marriage.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Give full rein to intellectual curiosity. Study, research, write. Display talent for making people laugh if even through their tears. Gemini talks fast, plays amazing role.

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What's behind your bed?

Flea-market and antiques-store finds make some of the most extraordinary beds.

Since bed sizes weren't standardized until this century, bring along a tape measure when shopping for an antique. You can also help transform two different twin beds into a matched pair.

U.S. sizes are as follows: twin, 39 inches by 75 inches; full, 54 inches by 75 inches; queen, 60 inches by 80 inches; and king, 76 inches by 80 inches.

If you fall in love with a bed that is irregularly sized, consider professional testing (ask a good antiques store to recommend a carpenter or furniture maker who does this). Here are some ways to spruce up an old bed or customize a new one.

A fresh coat of paint

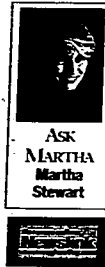
A coat of white or other light-color paint will keep a dark, heavy bed from overwhelming an airy room. Paint can also help transform two different twin beds into a matched pair.

One caveat: If you have an old bed with a coat of paint that dates back to before the 1970s, send a chip to your local lead-testing center before sanding it.

If the paint is lead-based, you'll need to use a drop cloth to collect dust and debris, and consult your local sanitation department for disposal regulations.

Wooden frame

To prepare a wooden bed frame for painting, wash it first, scrubbing gently with a bristle brush as necessary to remove wax, oil and dust. Towel dry to prevent warping, and let dry completely. Fill in any nicks or cracks with wood filler. Sand the filled area with medium-grade sandpaper, then sand the entire piece of furniture to smooth out imperfections. (For a piece that's already smooth, use fine steel



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wool instead.) Wipe clean with a damp rag. Apply a latex primer, then two coats of a latex paint.

Metal frame

To strip the paint from an iron or steel bed frame, you'll most likely need to use a heavy-duty paint stripper such as Zip-Strip or Rock Miracle. Work outdoors, and follow package instructions; wear gloves and a respirator (available at hardware stores) to protect you from fumes. Once the frame is stripped, wash it thoroughly with soapy water. Next, you'll probably need to use a hand-held steel brush or a drill with a wire wheel to remove remaining traces of paint (wear safety goggles). When you've removed as much paint as possible, pour a little paint thinner on fine steel wool, and scrub the frame to remove remaining flecks, especially from the joints. Finally, you're ready to prime and apply a suitable enamel paint, or apply a clear seal to retain the look of the bare metal.

Country club DELIGHTS

By Diane Thomas Reale
Times-News contributor

JEROME — Todd Dulling, a local boy, is a chef at the Blue Lakes Country Club — and he loves it.

He said cooking at Blue Lakes is the greatest job he has ever had. He gets to work daily with Dave Samano, a well-known cook and head chef in the Blue Lakes Country Club kitchen.

Born and reared in Kimberly, Dulling attended the College of Southern Idaho Culinary Arts School. He got his first cooking job at the age of 17 in Diamondfield Jack's restaurant in Twin Falls. He has had 12 years experience as a professional cook.

As a young man, Dulling spent one summer cooking at the Inn in Yellowstone Park. It was the summer that the park burned. Dulling said it was an exciting summer.

Dulling is a member of the Sawtooth Chef's Association and has cooked for local dignitaries at fund-raisers in the area. He cooked at the last three Equestrian Evenings.

In his early 30s, Dulling has a 2-year-old son who lives in Florida.

Every Tuesday afternoon, two local gentlemen (who shall remain nameless) play cards and act as guinea pigs for Dulling's culinary experimentation. After the experimental meal, the card players give Dulling a thumbs up or a thumbs down and he takes it from there.

A thumbs up means the dish may find its way onto the Blue Lakes Country Club menu.

Dulling shared the following recipes:

Twice Baked Apples

(4 person recipe)
4 apples (1 per person)
1/2 cup lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
4 teaspoons butter
4 teaspoons brown sugar
Cut apples in half length-



Blue Lakes Country Club chef Todd Dulling tosses stir fried chicken as a flash of flame wisps from the pan for his hot chicken salad.

wise. Remove stem and core. Start with four halves, use a melon baller to scoop the meat from the apple halves and place apple halves on baking sheet with a teaspoon of butter and a teaspoon of brown sugar per apple. Bake for approximately 8 to 10 minutes at 350 degrees. While that's in the oven, peel the skin off the remaining apple halves and place the apple meat in boiling water with lemon juice, cinnamon, and the scooped-out portions from the first four halves. Let boil about 10 minutes or until the texture is very soft. Strain off the water and puree to make applesauce. Sweeten to taste with sugar. When the

apples come out of the oven, let cool and refill with applesauce mixture. Sprinkle with cinnamon and reheate in the oven. Serve warm.

Key Lime Pie
This is a quick and easy dish.
24 ounces cream cheese
8 ounces condensed milk
4 ounces key lime juice
9-inch graham cracker crust
3 drops green food coloring
Start by setting the cream cheese out till it reaches room temperature. This will make it soft and blendable. Place the cream cheese in a bowl, add the condensed milk, lime juice and food coloring. Mix ingredi-

ents thoroughly and pour into the crust; refrigerate about 30 minutes before serving.

Graham Cracker Crust
A simple way to make the graham cracker crust:
1/4 cup melted butter
1 cup crushed graham crackers
Mix in bowl until the crackers become formable. Fill pie tin, gently pressing and firming. Refrigerate.

Hot Chicken Salad
4 ounces raw chicken per portion
2 ounces uncooked water

chestnuts
2 ounces cleaned snow peas
1 1/2 ounces cashews
2 ounces white onions
1 ounce celery
1 ounce creamy Italian dressing
Tossed green salad
Cut chicken into 1/2-inch cubes and saute in light cooking oil. When chicken is approximately halfway cooked, start adding vegetables — celery and white onions first. Let saute only 30 seconds before adding the snow peas and chestnuts. Toss and add Italian dressing and cashews. Toss and serve over tossed green salad.

A toast to roast: No-fuss way to make dinner

By Wendy Lin
Newsday

Roasting can be one of the easiest ways to prepare a meal, because it is such a low-maintenance way to cook. It also fills the house with wonderful aromas.

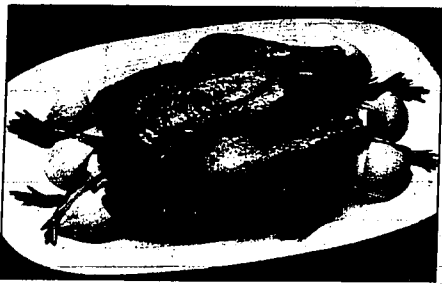
"The beauty of roasting is that it's one-stop cooking," said Evie Righter, co-author with Georgia Chan Downard of a new book called "Reasons to Roast" (Chapters/Houghton Mifflin, \$15).

Righter and Downard cite several reasons to roast: It's easy, it's reliable and it's relatively healthful, because you don't have to add a lot of fat to the food. Moreover, roasting brings out flavors that are not otherwise apparent. Garlic, for example, becomes mellow and sweeter after roasting, and its flesh can be spread.

Roasting also leaves the stove free for other dishes that need to be cooked, such as sauteed vegetables or a sauce.

Kathy Gunst, author of "Roasting: The Simple Cooking Technique for Food That's Bursting With Flavor" (Macmillan, \$16), starts roasting several natural dishes at a blast of high heat and then lowers the oven temperature for the remainder of the cooking time. The idea is to seal in the natural juices of a meat to produce a golden crust without drying out the roast. The same goes for poultry, Gunst said. "The bird's skin creates a natural seal that results in a juicier bird."

The technique of roasting food at high temperatures, say, 500 degrees,



Roasted dishes are everyday delights, especially if you try a new recipe occasionally.

for half the prescribed cooking time has gained converts lately. But this can create so much smoke from grease splatters that smoke alarms might require disconnecting.

Roast Top Round with Sweet Potatoes and Shallots

This recipe comes from Kathy Gunst's "Roasting: The Simple Cooking Technique for Food That's Bursting With Flavor" (Macmillan, \$16). She writes, "For those who claim they come home from work too tired to cook, this is the ideal recipe. You can walk in the door at 5:30, preheat the oven, season the meat (top

round is an exceptionally tender cut of beef and very modestly priced), slice the sweet potatoes, and sit down to eat by 6:45."

2 teaspoons olive oil
1 (2- to 3-pound) beef top round
1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme or 1 teaspoon dried
1 tablespoon chopped fresh sage or 1 teaspoon dried
2 cloves garlic, peeled and thinly sliced
4 medium-size shallots, peeled and thinly sliced
Freshly ground black pepper
2 large sweet potatoes, scrubbed
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Roasting advice from the experts

Newsday

Georgia Chan Downard and Evie Righter, authors of "Reasons to Roast," offer the following roasting tips:

- Know your oven. Be sure the thermostat is calibrated accurately. If in doubt, test it yourself — before roasting anything.
- Heavy-gauge metal pans with handles and a stainless-steel mesh are best for roasting. Enamelled cast iron and enameled steel are both good, too. Avoid lightweight roasting pans, which can warp from the heat of a high oven.

- In general, roast on the middle rack of the oven, where temperatures are more even.
- If you don't own an instant-read thermometer for testing meats and poultry, buy one. Look for instant-read thermometers in specialty cookware stores and in the equipment sections of better-stocked supermarkets.

- A roasting rack is not necessary except for poultry. The rack ensures that the skin on the bottom of the bird roasts, rather than becoming soggy in the pan juices.
- When roasting fish or seafood, choose jumbo over medium-size shrimp and sea scallops over the smaller bay scallops to decrease the risk of overcooking. Choose fish steaks that are at least one inch thick. To roast fillets, you may want to add a coating of seasoned bread crumbs to protect the fish from the heat.

- Let roasted meat and poultry stand, tented loosely with foil to keep the heat in, for 10 to 15 minutes so the juices settle back into the meat.

Slipcovers

To change the look of a bed without altering its finish, slipcover it. Drape fabric over its headboard and footboard, measure the headboard width required, then hem the bottom and edges on a sewing machine. Attach quarter-inch ribbon or fabric ties to the sides. If your headboard is ornate or steeply curved, trace it on paper to make a pattern for the cover, and add an extra band of fabric to accommodate the width of the top edge.

Folding screen

Add the appearance of a headboard to a plain bed by placing a folding screen behind it. Choose one wider than your bed so that the outermost panels on either side gently fold around the head of the bed. The screen should attach a valance and a curtain to the wall behind. Hang a fabric valance to mask the curtain rods and hardware, or construct a wooden valance from stock moldings, and paint to match the headboard or to complement the room.

Padded headboard

If the molding on your headboard creates a "frame" around a flat, recessed area, you can make a padded headboard. Cut 1/4-inch plywood about 1/4 inch smaller than the recessed area of the headboard. Next, you'll need a double layer of extra-loft batting (available at fabric stores). The first piece of batting should be about 3 inches smaller all around than the plywood, and the second piece, the second piece should be the same size as the plywood. Next, cut a piece of fabric about 3 inches larger all around than the plywood, and staple to the back. Staple Velcro strips along the perimeter of the recessed area of the headboard, then along the perimeter of the fabric-covered board. Attach the padded board to the headboard.

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FOOD & HOME

The lowdown on insecticidal soaps

Heard about insecticidal soaps and don't know how to use them or whether they'll work? Here's a rundown on the stuff from a study done by a couple of extension agents.

- **What is insecticidal soap?**
Insecticidal soaps are soaps that are made especially to kill insects, while remaining safe for most plant species.
- **They are a contact material.**
Insecticidal soaps kill susceptible insects (soft-bodied insects) by washing away their protective coatings and disrupting normal membrane functions. Bugs must come into direct contact with the soaps to work. The soaps don't have any residual effect - that means that once they're washed away, they don't affect bugs much, if at all. Put too much on the plants, especially in bright sunlight, though, and you can burn the leaves.
- **Water quality affects insecticidal soap effectiveness.**
Hard water often keeps these soaps from doing their best. Calcium, magnesium and iron work against the fatty acids in soaps, and the soaps become useless against bugs. The answer is pure water.
Test your water in a jar. Mix the soap as



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Cathy Walworth

directed and put it in a jar. When the mixed soap and water are allowed to stand for 15 minutes, the mixture should remain milky if it's going to work. If the concoction makes a scum on top, the water needs a buffering agent, like Calgon.

- **Spray coverage.**
Because insecticidal soap only works on contact-with-bugs, a good spray coverage is essential. Make sure your sprayer is clean and working its best. Make sure you coat all leaf and stem surfaces, above and below. Spraying when the wind is calm, usually in early morning, assures better contact, too.
- **Phytotoxicity.**
That's a four-bit word for plant burnburn. Insecticidal soaps can burn foliage to burn. Some cole crops and certain ornamentals are sensitive to burn caused by soaps. Multiple applications in a short period of time can

speed the sunburn along. So can those water conditioning agents. Try spraying just a few leaves to see how your plant tolerates the soap.

- **Rates.**
The concentration of spray is more important than the amount of soap applied. Usually insecticidal soaps are used as a 2 percent solution.
- **Pests controlled with insecticidal soaps.**
These soaps are best used against soft-bodied insects and mites, such as aphids, thrips, white flies, spider mites and immature leafhoppers. They usually kill about half of those pests. You'll have to use the stuff several times if there are a lot of bugs.

Even though soaps aren't very toxic to humans, they still should always be used with caution. Always read and follow label directions.

Richard Smith and Bill Chaney of Monterey County (California) Cooperative Extension compiled this data.

What's bugging your garden? Send your questions in care of this newspaper, or email Cathy at: cw2w@cyberhighway.net.

Pork spices up corn chowder

The Baltimore Sun

Lois Price of Black Butte Ranch, Ore., asked for a recipe for corn-chowder-with-bits-of-ham in it — like a dish that is famous in a Michigan restaurant she knows.

- CORN CHOWDER**
- 8 medium ears corn, husked
 - 1/4 pound salt pork, cut in a fine dice
 - 2 medium yellow onions, peeled and chopped
 - 2 small potatoes, peeled and cubed
 - 1 tablespoon sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon paprika
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 - 1/2 cup water
 - 2 cups milk
 - 2 cups light cream
- Cut the kernels of corn from the cobs cream-style. To do so, make a deep cut down the center of each row of kernels with a sharp knife, then, using the knife, scrape the corn pulp and milk into a large bowl. Fry the salt pork in a large, heavy skillet until most of the drippings have

cooked out and only the crispy brown bits remain. Remove the pork with a slotted spoon and place on a paper towel to drain. Pour all but 3 tablespoons of fat from the skillet; add onions and potatoes and saute slowly until lightly browned, about 10 minutes. Add sugar, paprika, salt, pepper and water; cover and simmer 10 minutes. Add corn, milk, cream and the reserved pork. Adjust heat so mixture bubbles gently, cover and simmer 20 minutes. Do not allow to boil. Taste for salt and pepper and add more if needed. Ladle into soup plates and serve with crisp crackers. Serves 6.

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Warm up with these Southwestern recipes

You can have April in Paris. I'll take February in Arizona any time.

The moon may have reflected a luster of midday of the bright, white new-fallen snow which blanketed the world at Christmas time, but by mid-winter that old moon shows only dingy snow patches here and there in wide expanses of mud. When the winter charm has worn way too thin, it is great to get a blast of summer, a bit of sunshine, a promise of what's to come. Somehow, it makes the rest of the winter easier to take.

The Southwestern desert in the winter has a distinctive, multifaceted charm — part getaway-from-the-cold snowbird, part Old West, a few year-round hardy souls, a touch of Indian and a bit of old Mexico all rolled into one. It is a fun place to be. During January and February every year, there are flea markets and rock shows from Southern California to Tucson and points in between. It is like a vacation.

Most of the year, Quartzsite is just a four-way stop in the middle of cactuses and scorpions. In the winter, it becomes a rockhounds paradise, where an estimated million people camp out in tents, motor homes and campers. I doubt if there is a motel within 20 miles of the town. At night you can hear coyotes in the distance, and not so far away. Mornings are cool but by afternoon, the sun-screens comes out.

It is a land of Joshua and palm trees, of rodranthers and gila monsters, of sidewinders and saguaro cactus.

While there, I picked up a few recipes to help me remember the colors and heritage of the area.



VALLEY COOKING
Dixie Thomas Reale

RATTLESNAKE CHILE

- 1 to 2 pounds ground rattlesnake (can substitute chicken or turkey)
- 1 onion, chopped fine
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 2 (8-ounce) cans tomato puree
- 1 tablespoon cumin
- 1/2 cup beer (can substitute fruit juice)
- 2 (4-ounce) dried green chilies
- 4 tablespoons ground chili
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 (16-ounce) cans pinto beans (or 2 pounds cooked pinto beans)

In a skillet, brown the ground meat with the onion and garlic. Then place the browned meat mixture into a crockpot and add the rest of the ingredients. Cook on low heat for 6 hours or over night.

CHICKEN WITH PEPPER PUMPKIN SEED MOLE

- 2 dried chili peppers
- 6 skinless, boneless chicken-breast halves
- Nonstick spray coating
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 medium tomato, cut up
- 1/2 cup onion, cut up
- 1/2 cup pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds or blanched almonds, toasted
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 1/2 tablespoon sugar
- 2 teaspoons unweetered cocoa powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 TEASPOON ground cinnamon

- 2 whole wheat tortillas, warmed
- Rinse the chicken; pat dry. Spray a large skillet with nonstick cooking spray. Cook chicken in skillet over medium heat for 10 minutes or until tender and meat is no longer pink. Turn once. For mole, clean and seed the peppers and place in a blender. Add the chicken broth, tomato, onion, pumpkin seeds, garlic, sugar, cocoa powder, coriander, salt, and cinnamon. Cover and blend until smooth. Transfer to a saucepan and cook, uncovered, over medium heat for about 5 minutes or until bubbly, stirring occasionally. Serve chicken with mole and warmed tortillas. Garnish with cilantro, pumpkin seeds and chopped tomatoes. Serves 6.

ALMOND PUDDING WITH CUSTARD SAUCE

- Nonstick spray coating
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 2/3 cup water
- 4 egg whites
- 1/8 teaspoon almond extract
- Red food coloring
- Green food coloring
- 4 tablespoons finely chopped almonds

For custards:

- 4 slightly beaten egg yolks
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- Dash salt
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Spray 9-by-5-by-3-inch loaf pan with pan spray; set aside. In the top of a double boiler, combine the sugar and gelatin; add water and egg whites. Cook and stir

over hot water for about 5 minutes until the gelatin dissolves. Chill until partially set. Add the almond extract; beat at high speed for 3 to 4 minutes or until very light and triple in volume. Remove 1/2 cups of the mixture and tint pink with 1 or 2 drops of red food coloring. Spoon into the bottom of the prepared loaf pan, spreading evenly. Chill 10 minutes. Divide the remaining mixture with 1 or 2 drops of green food coloring. Stir chopped almonds into the remaining plain mixture; spoon over the pink layer in the pan. Chill 10 minutes. Add the green layer. Cover; refrigerate several hours or overnight.

Make custard sauce. In a small saucepan combine the egg yolks, sugar and salt. Add milk. Cook and stir over medium heat about 5 minutes or until sauce coats a metal spoon. Remove sauce from heat; stir in vanilla. Cover surface of custard with plastic wrap; chill. To serve, unmold the pudding onto a serving platter. Cut into slices and serve slices topped with custard sauce. Sprinkle toasted slivered almonds over the top. Makes 8 servings.

Dixie Thomas Reale welcomes comments on recipes. Her address is 862 W. Eighth, Jerome, Idaho 83338.

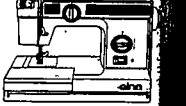
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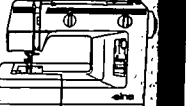
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TIRE OF CHILLIN'?

Small heaters can make a bit difference

DEAR JIM: In the evening, it gets chilly in the living room and in my son's bedroom. I should get a couple of small electric heaters. There are so many to choose from. Which designs are best and safest?

DEAR MARY: Sometimes just a little additional focused warmth from a small quiet electric heater can really improve your comfort without driving up your heating bills. By not having to set up your furnace thermostat, a small electric heater can pay back its cost in just a couple of months.

As I write this column, I am using a "Toe Touch" under-desk foot warmer. I flip it on with my toes. Its design warms my feet quickly and then the heat slowly filters through the entire area. To a larger extent, an automatic oscillating heater (through 45 or 90 degrees) is effective.

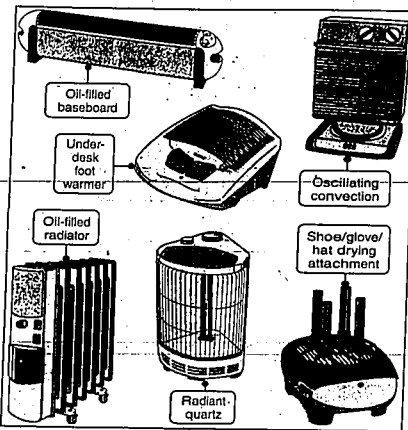
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Marvin) have a child-safe snap-off grill to allow cleaning of the heat reflector for more heat. Quartz elements give fast focused heat while a fan warms the entire room. For instant heat, select a model with combination halogen and quartz elements.

If your bathroom is chilly, choose a special safe bathroom heater. Some designs have a ground circuit that prevents current to the end of the plug. Other bathroom models have a safety shutoff device if it gets wet.

There are new combination heater/dryers. The heaters can be placed in either a horizontal or vertical position depending on where you need the most warm air. In the horizontal position, you can snap on a drying attachment for your children's damp clothes, gloves, hats, etc.

When making your selection, there are three basic heater



Low-cost small electric heaters improve comfort.

designs - radiant (ribbon, quartz, halogen), forced convective (fan) and natural convection (radiator). Each has its preferred applications.

Radiant models are quiet and good at focusing the warmth. Forced convection designs make some noise, but can warm a larger area. Natural convection units are quiet, yet provide even warmth. Silent (for bedrooms) oil-filled radiators and baseboard units provide the most constant warmth.

Do not just by the cheapest model on sale. Technically, all electric heating elements are 100 percent-efficient, so do not let the packaging hype fool you. Check for these features - adjustable thermostat, several heat output settings, automatic freeze guard, built-in humidifier, etc.

Heaters with ceramic elements (do not glow red hot) are safer around children. An audible tip-over alarm is also a plus. With very small children, select a model with child-safe push/turn control knobs.

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DEAR JIM: I built a retaining wall with timbers last summer. It is along the north side of my house to create an earth berm weather barrier and for plants.

How should I take care of the wall timbers? **DEAR STEVE:** An earth berm will help to keep a house comfortable and utility bills lower year-round in any climate. In cold climates, a northwest corner location is best. In hot climates, a southwest corner is preferred. If you used good quality pressure-treated beams, they need little care unless you see signs of insect damage. In this case, contact your state college's agricultural department for advice for controlling local pests.

New designs for aging boomers reduce upkeep, pile on comforts

By Gallo Robinson Knight Ridder News Service

We lavish time and money on our houses. We decorate the rooms, paint the walls and clean the carpets. We mow the yard and replace the roof. We spend more dollars on our houses than we do on anything else. Yet, just about the time we retire and are ready to spend quality time in our homes, they turn on us faster than a disgruntled teen. We're left with an overabundance of bedrooms, steep stairs and a time-consuming lawn.

At best, our houses become hostile environments. At worst, death traps.

Where is the house that will age gracefully with us? Will we have to remodel? Move, or God forbid, live with the kids? Who is building for our future?

A savvy few in the building industries - architects, builders, remodelers - are beginning to cater to the inevitably aging boomers.

Meet Greg Davis, a home builder in Fort Worth, Texas. He looks over the landscape and sees retirees rattling around multistory behemoths that are too big for two people. He also envisions their enormous herd of boomers sliding down the time line, reaching retirement, getting a little arthritic and crotchety. He wants to be there for them.

He suspects they will want a small house, one that is easy to take care of. He also feels safer if they will have a splendid kitchen, a huge master bedroom and luxurious bath - It's what they are used to. Boomers are a self-indulgent lot.

As for lots - they'd like theirs on a golf course, with a magnificent view. They'd also feel safer if there was a huge gated fence surrounding their neighborhood.

Davis is accomplishing this. He has just completed the first of 13 homes under 2,000 square feet and with expensive appointments on the Lost Creek golf course west of Fort Worth.

"You can't tell people they're going to grow old and go to a nursing home," said Davis, who came to older-awareness when his in-laws began looking for a house.

According to the National Association of the Remodeling Industry, the market needs homes with accessible floor plans to accommodate disabilities and impaired mobility. The association says 30 percent of baby

boomers currently buy remodeling services, spending \$130 billion in 1998.

"Baby boomers will do whatever is necessary to make their homes as comfortable as possible," said Brett Martin, a spokesman for the association.

The boomers are 76 million strong, but weakening. They are getting a little pimpy and wishing they had bought a single-story house instead of a 2-story one. Mature buyers are the fastest-growing market segment and will be for the next 10 years, the remodeling industry estimates.

These numbers have not gone unnoticed. The Dallas Convention Center, at the International Builders Show, a house was built that addressed the needs of family - from a loud and busy place with parents and teens to a quiet retreat for a single empty-nester who needs a nice nursing care.

The Life Stages Home, built, decorated, disassembled and reconstructed on the convention floor, was based on results of a study commissioned by Masco Corp., which makes building products, and Builder Magazine. The survey indicated that buyers want a home flexible enough to allow them to age in place. The builder, magazine employees and architects from Leveaux & Associates and the pros at Fleetwood Homes wrestled with the concept.

Space and accessibility were the most obvious solutions. For example: The master bedroom with a kitchenette and bath area

is adjacent to a study. This portion of the house can be a self-contained apartment.

The wall between the two children's bedrooms can be easily removed to make an apartment-size space for a live-in caregiver. All the home's cabinetry is height-adjustable, as are many counters, to accommodate wheelchairs. The split garage with room for two cars can become a single garage and hobby room. As people age, they often reduce the number of vehicles they possess.

They also indulge their extracurricular interests, commencing their children's bedrooms in the process. There was a time when little Tiffany's bedroom would become a shrine to Tiffany's childhood. Not any more. Tiffany's canopy bed is out and a darkroom or painting studio is installed.



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Lefty O'Doul's chili makes return

By Linda Cicero Knight Ridder News Service

Marta Quinones lost "the terrific recipe for Lefty O'Doul's chili" and asked if readers could help her replace it.

Our computer system couldn't locate the recipe in our files, but a quirk of fate produced the recipe.

"This is so amazing," wrote Linette Hagman via e-mail. "I was going through old food sections from The Miami Herald last night and the recipe for Lefty O'Doul's Chili happened to be in one of them. I now live in New Jersey but am still a big fan of The Miami Herald's food section. So glad I can still see your section on the Internet. I saw the request from Marta for this recipe and was happy to send it along."

The recipe originally was published in Cook's Corner in The Miami Herald. Lefty O'Doul's in California. The unique blending of baked, kidney and pinto beans and a hefty portion of meat make this a chili to remember. You may want to make only half the

recipe, but the chili freezes well so you might as well stock up.

LEFTY O'DOUL'S CHILI
4 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 large onions, chopped
4 large garlic cloves, minced
4 pounds lean beef stew meat, cut in small cubes
3 pounds bulk pork sausage
56 ounces canned whole tomatoes (do not use chili powder sauce can), liquid drained and reserved
2 ounces onion tomato paste
6 tablespoons chili powder
3 teaspoons cumin
1 tablespoon dried oregano
32 ounces canned baked beans
2 teaspoons salt
2 teaspoons sugar
2 tablespoons unseasoned coconut powder
2 15-ounce cans kidney beans, drained
2 15-ounce cans pinto beans, drained

In a large, heavy saucepan, heat the oil over medium heat. Sauté the onion and garlic until soft but not brown. Add the beef and sausage, and brown. Pour off the fat.

Add the liquid from the tomatoes to the pan. Chop the tomatoes and add to the meat mixture along with the tomato paste, chili powder, cumin, oregano, baked beans, salt, sugar and coconut powder. Simmer, partially covered, for 2 hours and stir often. If mixture becomes too dry, add water as it cooks. Stir in the kidney and pinto beans and cook 30 minutes longer, or until meat is very tender. Makes about 18 1/2 cup servings.

Per serving: 556 calories, 43 grams protein, 83 grams carbohydrate, 27 grams fat, 43 percent of calories as fat, 9 grams fiber, 106 milligrams cholesterol, 1,916 milligrams sodium.

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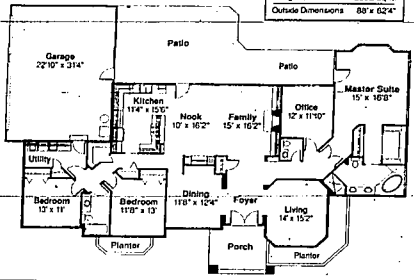
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Multipaned windows, wide and plentiful, brighten the space, comfortable living area at the rear. From the kitchen sink you can enjoy the view across a park, accessed through French doors in the nook.

Range and oven are built into a peninsula counter that could be outfitted as an eating or conversation bar. While cooking, you can keep tabs on happenings in the nook and family room, or enjoy the flames in the gas fireplace. A walk-in pantry adds storage space.

The Lantana's master suite has two closets, a private bathroom, and a bay window — just the spot for a window seat or sewing nook. Master bath luxuries include a soaking tub, dual vanity and shower. The adjacent room could be a nursery, home office or bedroom. Utilities and two more bedrooms are located on the far side of the house, connected to the three-car garage.

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Try Swiss cheese in this corn bread recipe

The Baltimore Sun
Myron L. Steckman of Baltimore is ready for some corn bread made with canned whole-kernel corn. Tester Laura Kelley chose a corn bread recipe from Phyllis Bonacci of Duquesne, Pa.

CORN BREAD
3 eggs, slightly beaten
1 (12-ounce) can whole-kernel corn
1 (14 1/2-ounce) can cream-style

corn
about 12 to 13 ounces corn muffin mix
3/4 cup margarine, melted
1 1/2 cups sour cream
1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
Combine first six ingredients. Spread in a 9-inch-by-11-inch baking dish. Top with shredded Swiss cheese. Bake in a preheated 375-degree oven for 45 minutes, or until a knife inserted in the bread comes out clean. Serves 8-10 as a side dish. Serve with ham or chili.

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A white chocolate mousse fit for a god

The trick is in the melting

By Jimmy Schmidt
Knight Rider News Service

White chocolate is made from the cocoa butter without the dark-colored solids. The cocoa butter is combined with milk, sugar and flavorings to create a lighter confection.

Mousse is the French term for "foam," which refers to the airiness of such desserts. The effect is created by incorporating air into cream and butter.

Choose only the best-quality American and European chocolate. Among the best sources of white chocolate are Hawaiian Vintage Chocolate, French Lindt or American Peters.

Break or shave white chocolate into small pieces so it'll melt quickly.

White chocolate is very sensitive to heat, so melting it is tricky. For best results, heat the white chocolate with cream and, for this recipe, butter, over a water bath (double boiler) until it reaches 180 degrees. Be careful not to overheat; the melted chocolate can quickly turn into a coarse mass that can't be salvaged.

WHITE CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

7 ounces white chocolate
1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
3 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 egg yolks
1 cup frozen raspberries in syrup, thawed
1/2 pint raspberries for garnish
4 sprigs mint
In the top of a double boiler over hot but not simmering water, melt the chocolate with the cream and butter until the

mixture is smooth and it reaches a temperature of about 180 degrees.

Add the egg yolks, whisking for 2 minutes, until the mixture is very smooth. Remove from the heat and strain through a fine sieve, to make as smooth as possible, into a shallow metal pan. Cover with plastic wrap that touches the surface of the mousse and place in the coldest part of the freezer overnight. The mixture will become thick but the mousse won't freeze solid.

Make the sauce by putting the raspberries with their syrup in a coarse strainer over a saucepot to collect the syrup.

Transfer the strained raspberries to a food processor and set aside. Bring the syrup to a boil over high heat, cooking until reduced, and thicken enough to coat the back of a spoon, about 8 minutes.

Transfer the reduced syrup to the food processor with the raspberries. Puree until smooth. Pour through a fine strainer to remove the seeds. It will be thick enough to easily pool on a serving plate.

Chill the sauce until ready to serve.

Remove the mousse from the freezer. Spoon 1/4 cup of the raspberry sauce into the center of each chilled serving plate. Using a scoop or two warmed kitchen spoons, form the mousse into large oval portions with smooth edges.

Place a serving atop the sauce on each plate. Arrange a few fresh raspberries around the plate. Garnish with a mint sprig. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

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PILLS FOR POOCHES

Announcement of drug for mental problems in dogs keeps vets busy

By Mary K. Feeney
The Hartford Courant

NORTH GRAFTON, Mass. — It's well past the lunch hour, and Dr. Nicholas Dodman has so far managed only to grab a quick Coke in his office at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine.

"Dodman is being, excuse the expression, hounded by the media. Since the U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced earlier this month its approval of human drugs to treat mental problems in dogs, Dodman, a veterinarian, animal behaviorist and expert on the subject, has been in great demand. "It's just getting a little overwhelming," he said, looking wearily at a pile of patient files near his desk. "I had like 15 media pieces last week," including interviews with both the Los Angeles Times, New York Times, "Dateline: NBC," USA Today and the British Broadcasting Corp.

But getting the word out, he recognizes, is part of his job. More than 7 million dogs are destroyed every year because of behavior problems, three times as many as die of cancer.

"And cancer's a major killer of dogs. If there was a virus that was causing this problem, the veterinary vaccine manufacturers would have addressed it years ago," he said.

"Bottom line is we've all animals in this together," Dodman says. The FDA approved two drugs already used in people to treat mental problems. Veterinarians will now be able to prescribe clomipramine, marketed by Novartis Animal Health U.S. Inc., to ease separation anxiety. Animals affected by separation



Veterinarian Nicholas Dodman gives Caesar a tonic. Dodman is at Tufts University Veterinary School.

anxiety may bark, chew, soil their quarters or exhibit other destructive behavior when left alone. The drug is a reformulated version of clomipramine, used to treat depression in humans.

The other drug, Anipryl, is used to treat older dogs that suffer from canine cognitive dysfunction, a deterioration of the brain associated with aging. Anipryl has been used in the treatment of human Parkinson's disease.

Today, when the use of drugs in human psychiatry is still stigmatized in some quarters, treating animals with the same medications can be a tough sell. And people who say these treatments are puny or antihumanizing are rare, "in the nicest possible sense of the word, (coming) from ignorance," Dodman said.

"He recalled a recent interview in which an ABC reporter asked him about this medication in using human drugs to treat mental problems in animals.

"He said, 'Well, hellman, I don't understand it, see, you see, what you're really doing is treating, aren't you, Dr. Dodman, when you do this?'"

"The treating a behavior problem in an animal," adding that some ailments, such as separation anxiety, have specific signs and predictive tests and can be treated or eliminated through drug therapy.

"And so the said, 'Well, yes, but when you treat them, you're trying

to save the owner some grief, are you not?' I said, 'No, I'm trying to save the dog some grief.'"

But the dog's just going to die anyway, the reporter said. You don't seem to understand, Dodman shut back. Animals are being treated with antibiotics for infections, insulin for diabetes and given orthopedic devices for mending bones — all the same medical care given to people.

"What you're doing is patching an animal through a difficult time so it might continue to live on and have a happy life and interact with its owner," Dodman said.

Dodman regards the attitude exemplified by that reporter as "paranormal, uneducated and skewed" and wonders why some people are so resistant.

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Recipe finder: Chicken Teriyaki uses touch of wine

By Ellen Hawks
The Baltimore Sun

When Beth Lamb of Seward, Pa., requested help in finding a recipe for chicken teriyaki, John Von der Haar of Havre de Grace, Md., responded with two recipes. He wrote, "I think she wants recipe No. 2, which is our family favorite. It's copied from 'Fruity Gourmets Cooks With Wine,' by Jeff Smith. ... Happy to help." Our food tester, Laura Reiley, did indeed choose recipe No. 2.

Chicken Teriyaki
1/2 cup soy sauce
1/8 cup sugar

- 1 garlic clove, crushed
 - 1/2 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
 - 3 tablespoons sake
 - 1 fryer chicken, cut up, rinsed and drained
- Place everything but the chicken in a frying pan or electric frying pan. When mixture begins to boil, add the chicken pieces. Cover and turn down the heat to medium. Turn the chicken every 5 minutes or so. Cook until tender, about 25 minutes. Serves 4.

many recipes we received were two from Margaret Purcell of Crockeysville, Md. She wrote, "Both recipes are taken from a 1960s version of 'Desserts: Favorite Recipes of Home Economics Teachers.'" Here's one:

Butter Spongecake

- 11 beaten egg whites
 - 2 cups sugar
 - 1 cup milk, scalded
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 2 1/4 cups cake flour
 - 2 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1/2 cup (1 stick) melted butter
- Beat egg whites with sugar until light-colored and thick; add

slightly cooled milk and vanilla. Add sifted dry ingredients. Fold in butter. Pour batter into two 8-inch-square pans that are lined with waxed paper. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-40 minutes. Frost the cake, or serve with sliced fresh fruit and whipped cream. Serves 8-10.

Florida pastry-chef creates delectable chocolate pecan pie with crumbly crust

Knight-Ridder News Service

Gilles G. Hezard, pastry-chef instructor and consultant for the Sea Flava restaurant in Weston, Fla., is the creator of a wonderfully rich chocolate pecan pie. The crust is almost like a shortbread cookie, with a soft, crumbly texture.

Sea Haven Chocolate Pecan Pie

- Short dough:
2 ounces (1/4 cup plus 1 teaspoon) sugar
1/2 cup of 1/2 lemon
3 1/2 ounces unsalted butter, softened
1 egg
1 1/2 ounces (1 1/3 cups) pastry flour
- Pecan filling:
1 ounce (3 tablespoons) packed brown sugar
8 ounces (1 1/2 cup) light corn syrup
1/2 cup clover leaf honey
2 eggs
Dash of vanilla extract
3 ounces (1/2 cup) mini chocolate chips
4 ounces (1 cup) pecan halves
- Procedure: crust: Place the sugar, lemon and butter in the bowl of an electric mixer and beat until smooth. Add egg and blend well.

Add the flour all at once and mix on lowest speed just until combined. Gather dough into a ball. Place dough, covered, in the refrigerator until firm. When ready to assemble, roll the dough 1/8-inch thick to line a 9-by-13-inch pie-pan. Trim the edges. Set aside.

Prepare filling: Whisk together the brown sugar, corn syrup, honey, 2 eggs and vanilla.
To assemble: Sprinkle chocolate chips and pecans in prepared crust. Pour filling on top. Bake about 35 minutes at 350 degrees, or until filling is golden brown and knife inserted in center comes out clean. Let cool, then cut in 8 pieces. Serve with whipped cream, chocolate sauce, raspberry sauce or your favorite ice cream. Makes 8 servings.

Dentistry Today
By Dr. John Roberts

Implants, a replacement for missing teeth, are proving to be one of the most exciting areas in the dental profession today.

Dental implants attach replacement teeth directly into the jawbone. For some people, they may be a viable alternative to conventional dentures and dentures. Implants can be placed under dentures that move around and feel loose. The denture can be "locked" down to the jaw, allowing people to chew stronger and with more confidence than they have in years.

Teeth support your jawbone. Keeping your bone healthy and strong. Implants have the same bone supporting benefits as natural teeth. If you have a missing tooth or teeth you may be able to notice a deficit of bone in that area if the tooth has been missing for a long time.

Dental implants are not suitable for everyone. An evaluation is necessary to determine if an individual is a good candidate for an implant. Your dentist will need a dental and medical history, oral exam, X-rays and other diagnostic tests to determine if you are a candidate. Factors such as diabetes and smoking will contribute to the success or failure of the implant procedure.

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In the kitchen with Sophia Loren

Go Italian with Ragu alla Napoletana; Pollo alla Porchetta; Riso del Conte

By Gerald Ertter
Knight Ridder News Service



Sophia Loren
Recipes from her life

The silence tingled with anticipation as Sophia Loren, very aware that all eyes were on her, walked toward us along a hallway in the QVC studios in West Chester.

She carried herself with the grace and self-assuredness of a great manner. And with her colorful entourage of attendants, her entrance was like a grand "pasos," the parade of matadors that assistants that signals the opening of a bullfight was not here.

But the film star was not here to sell a new book. She was here to sell her new cookbook, "Sophia Loren's Recipes & Memories" (GT Publishing, \$28), in the QVC live-television sales program.

She did, nonetheless, make a killing of sorts. During two on-air segments with QVC's popular "Senior" program, host Bob Stevens, Loren sold more than 2,000 cookbooks at a special price of \$19.87 — and in just 20 minutes.

At 64, and amazingly youthful-looking, Loren was meticulously dressed in a businesslike blue-gray suit with matching turtleneck. She was gracious with her wide, signature smile.

In the QVC kitchen, standing next to 10 dishes perfectly prepared from her cookbook by Bobbi Cappelli, a culinary consultant and food stylist, she spoke to the air, casually, with callers.

Food has been an important part of Loren's life. It was even the lack of it that helped shape her earlier years growing up in a Naples suburb in the late 1930s and early '40s.

— And being in the kitchen through those years with her grandmother, Norma Luina, became an important ingredient in defining her personality.

Many of the recipes in her book are from her childhood, like the Ragu alla Napoletana, which she

calls the epitome of pasta sauces. And Loren often cooked for her colleagues after a day of filming.

Ragu Alla Napoletana

- 6 thin slices beef (flank or vent)
 - scallops, each weighing 1/2 pound
 - 1/2 cup minced Italian parsley
 - 6 slices bacon
 - 2 cloves garlic, chopped
 - Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
 - 3 to 4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
 - 1 cup white wine
 - 5 to 6 pounds peeled tomatoes, chopped
 - 1 1/4 pounds onion, sliced or diced
 - 1 1/4 pounds penny, rigatoni or bucatini
- Put meat slices dry and, with a large chef's knife or cleaver, divide the rolls in the oil and about 1/4 inch. Sprinkle the parsley over the slices. Place a slice of bacon on each piece of meat, divide the garlic among them, and season with salt and pepper.
- Starting from the narrowest end, roll up each slice and secure it close with a toothpick.
- Heat the oil over medium heat in a pan just large enough to hold the rolls in one layer.
- Place the rolls in the oil and brown them gently on all sides. As they brown, moisten the rolls with small amounts of the wine.
- When the wine is used up and the rolls are golden brown, add the tomatoes, lower the heat, cover

the pan, and let the ragu simmer slowly for 2 hours, or until the meat is fork-tender. Turn the rolls from time to time. Adjust the seasoning, adding salt and pepper to taste. The sauce is ready to use. It can be made several days in advance. Cook the pasta until just al dente. Drain and ladle the sauce over. Follow with the meat or save it for another meal. Makes six servings.

Pollo Alla Porchetta

- 1 chicken (3 1/2 pounds)
 - 1 cup minced herb
 - Giblets from the chicken, minced (optional)
 - Leaves from 1 sprig rosemary, minced
 - 1 sprig of the feathery top of a fennel bulb, minced
 - 1 clove garlic, minced
 - 1 tablespoon olive oil, plus additional
 - Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
 - 1 medium fennel bulb, cut into 6 wedges (optional)
 - 1 head garlic, cloves separated but not peeled (optional)
- Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Wash chicken thoroughly inside and out, and remove any excess fat. Pat the chicken dry with paper towels from a stream.
- Combine the herb, giblets, rosemary, fennel top, garlic, 1 tablespoon oil, and salt and pepper. Fill the bowl aside to let the dried fruit soften.
- Drain the fruit, reserving the soaking liquid. Remove the pits from the prunes and roughly chop

the prunes and apricots. Lay the turkey breast flat on a cutting board. Lay the slices of prosciutto, bacon, pear and the prunes and apricots over the meat, leaving the edges uncovered. Roll the turkey over the stuffing, starting from the narrowest end, and tie it to keep it securely closed in several places with white kitchen twine. Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

Riso del Conte

- 2 ounces dried prunes
- 2 ounces dried apricots
- 1 ripe Bartlett pear, peeled, cored and cut lengthwise into 8 slices
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 1 turkey breast (1 1/2 pounds), boned, butterflied, slightly flattened
- 1/4 pound thinly sliced prosciutto
- 2 strips bacon
- 1 1/2 tablespoons butter
- 10 to 12 fresh rosemary leaves
- 1 1/2 cups Italian rice
- Salt to taste
- 1/2 pound roasted chestnuts, peeled
- Juice of 1 orange
- Rinse apricots and prunes. Place them, with the pear slices, in a bowl and pour the wine over. Set the bowl aside to let the dried fruit soften.
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Coat a baking dish just large enough to hold the rolled turkey comfortably with the butter, sprinkle the rosemary over, and pour in the reserved soaking liquid. Lay the rolled turkey in the pan, seam side down. place the dish in the oven, lower the heat to 350 degrees and cook 1 hour, or until the meat juices run clear when pierced with a fork.

Cook the rice in salted water according to package directions so that it will be done near the time the turkey is finished cooking. Drain the rice well and keep it hot.

During the last 10 minutes of roasting time, place the chestnuts around the turkey in the oven dish; when chestnuts are lightly browned, add orange juice. Mound rice in the center of a serving platter. Slice the turkey and arrange the slices around the platter. Spoon some of the pan juices over the meat and pass the rest at the table. If the pan juices seem thin, reduce them over high heat before serving. Makes five to six servings.

Roast

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and cut crosswise into 2-inch-thick slices

Salt

1/2 to 3/4 cup dry red or white wine

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Use 1 teaspoon of the oil to grease the bottom of a large roasting pan. Place the beef in the pan and rub the remaining oil all over it.

Sprinkle the top of the beef with half the thyme, sage, garlic and shallots. Season with a generous grinding of pepper. Surround the beef with the potato slices, sprinkle the remaining herbs, garlic and shallots on the sweet potatoes and season with salt and pepper.

Pour 1/2 cup of the wine around (not on top of) the beef. Roast the beef and sweet potatoes, basting every 20 minutes or so and 10 to 15 minutes before carving. If the internal temperature reaches 125 degrees for rare beef, 45 minutes to 1 hour.

Remove the roasting pan from the oven and let the beef and sweet potatoes sit in the pan, loosely covered with aluminum foil, for 10 to 15 minutes before slicing.

Transfer the beef to a carving board and the sweet potatoes to a warm bowl. Cut the meat into thin slices. Remove any excess fat from the pan and pour the pan juices and bits of garlic and shallots on top of the beef. Pass the sweet potatoes separately. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

ter the garlic under it. Pour the wine or Sherry over the chicken. Roast the chicken for 15 minutes. Reduce the oven temperature to 325 degrees. Continue roasting, basting every 15 minutes, until the juices run clear, yellow and not pink when the inside of a thigh is pierced, about 1 hour to 1 hour and 10 minutes.

Remove the roasting pan from the oven. Place the chicken on a carving board and let sit, loosely covered with aluminum foil, for 10 to 15 minutes before carving. Discard any excess fat from the juices in the roasting pan and heat juices over a moderately low heat. Cut the chicken, like a serving piece. Serve the chicken topped with the pan juices and roasted garlic. Makes 4 servings.

Roasted Shrimp In Lemonary Garlic Butter

- 1/2 cup olive oil
 - 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
 - 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
 - 3 garlic cloves, mashed to a paste
 - Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
 - 24 jumbo shrimp, split lengthwise and deveined, shells left on
 - 3 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
- Preheat the oven to 500 degrees.
- In a small saucepan, melt the butter. Stir in the oil, zest, lemon juice, garlic, salt and pepper. Remove from the heat. Dip the shrimp in the garlic butter, then arrange them, split-side down, with the tails pointing up, in a single layer in a shallow baking dish. Roast for 5 to 10 minutes, or until just cooked.
- Arrange the shrimp on a serving platter, pour the cooking juices over them and sprinkle with the minced parsley. Serve at once. Makes 4 servings.

Roasted Winter Vegetables

The following dish, from "The Vegetarian Heart," by Dara Goldstein (HarperCollins Publishers, \$26), can be served as an entree or side dish. The number of servings it makes depends on how many pounds of vegetables you use.

Vegetables, peeled, parned and cut into bite-size chunks or

- wedges (beets, carrots, celery root, yellow onions, parsnips, sweet potatoes, sweet potatoes and turnips)
 - Olive oil
 - Balsamic vinegar
 - Crushed, dried herb and summer savory (or dried chervil or a little tarragon)
 - Salt
 - Freshly ground black pepper
- For each entree serving, select mixture of 1 pound of vegetables or 1/2 pound for side dish. Place in oval roasting pan. For each 2 pound of vegetables, combine 2 teaspoons olive oil and 1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar. Sprinkle over vegetables. Sprinkle on herb.
- Use scant teaspoon dried thyme and 1/2 teaspoon summer savory for 4 pounds. Increase or decrease accordingly. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Roast at 425 degrees for 45 minutes or until vegetables are tender and browned, shaking occasionally so vegetables don't stick.

Roasted Herbed Potatoes Vinaigrette

- Here's a roasted salad, from "Reasons to Roast." The authors say the potatoes, slightly crusty outside and soft within, are "downright addictive." What's more, the salad is lighter than traditional mayonnaise-based potato salad.
 - 2 pounds red potatoes (about 8 medium), scrubbed and cut into 1-inch pieces
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 1 tablespoon minced fresh rosemary or 1 teaspoon dried, crumbled
 - Salt
 - Freshly ground black pepper
 - 2/3 cup minced scallions
 - 1/2 cup diced celery
 - 1/2 cup diced green bell pepper
 - 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
 - 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
 - 1 teaspoon minced garlic
 - 4 to 6 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
 - 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
- Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In a shallow roasting pan, toss the potatoes with the oil. Sprinkle with rosemary, season with salt and pepper to taste. Roast, turning frequently, for 25 minutes, or until golden brown

and fork-tender.

Let cool. Put the potatoes in a serving bowl and add the scallions, celery, bell pepper. In a bowl, whisk together the mustard, vinegar, garlic, and salt and pepper to taste. Add the extra-virgin olive oil in a thin stream, whisking until combined. Pour the dressing over the salad and toss gently to combine. Sprinkle with the parsley. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Roasted Bread with Pears and Gorgonzola

- In "Reasons to Roast," authors Downard and Righter write, "Roasting pears under a sugary topping brings out the best in them, softening them slightly and enhancing their flavor."
 - 4 thick slices day-old country bread
 - 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, softened
 - 2 firm-ripe pears, such as Bosc, Bartlett or Anjou, peeled, cored and sliced 1/2 inch thick
 - Sugar
 - 4 to 6 ounces Gorgonzola cheese, crumbled
- Preheat the oven to 450 degrees.
- Spread each bread slice with 1 tablespoon of the butter, top with the pear slices and sprinkle with sugar to taste. Arrange on a baking sheet and roast for 20 minutes, or until the pears are tender.
- Preheat the broiler. Place the baking sheet under the broiler and broil until the pears are glazed, about 1 minute.
- Transfer to dessert plates and sprinkle with the Gorgonzola. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

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The crock-pot returns, along with plethora of fresh recipes

By Jane Snow
Knight Ridder News Service

You wouldn't believe the Crock-Pots of the 1970s. When they debuted, they came in such colors as avocado green and harvest gold, and everyone got at least two as wedding presents. Most came to rest in the basement or at the back of a cabinet. Chic they weren't. Hip cooks wouldn't be caught dead using them.

Fast-forward to the '90s, where the goat cheese crowd is slow-cooking like crazy. What changed, besides those awful colors, is time — specifically, our lack of it. In this era of two-income families and multiple soccer practices, a meal that cooks itself has enormous charm.

Flip a roast in the slow-cooker this morning and you'll be greeted in the evening by the aroma of juicy, fork-tender beef. Fill the crock with vegetables and broth, flick a dial, and you'll have soup for supper.

Most crock cooks tend to use the same old recipes again and again, though. So we spent a week bringing slow-cooker recipes into the '90s.

While experimenting, we learned some lessons about crockery cookers. If you don't already own one, buy one immediately. They're great. But choose one with a removable ceramic liner to make cleanup and serving easy. Also, it's a good idea to buy one with a setting that automatically switches the heat from high to low after a half-hour. If you got a couple of times to turn the heat down, and the food cooked too quickly.

Besides the automatic setting, most slow cookers have just two settings — low and high. Generally, food should be cooked on high power for 30 minutes to bring the food to proper cooking temperature, then switched to low power for the long haul.

There's nothing wrong with cooking a dish from beginning to end with high power, if you're in a hurry. The dish will cook in about half the time. At high power, the food gently simmers. At low power, it remains just below the boiling point.

Some recipes call for sauteing ingredients on the stove before adding to the pot. But most people assemble the ingredients in the morning before they leave for work, and don't have time for such foolery. I tried to avoid such steps in my recipes. The drawback, though, is that sauteing adds flavor. To compensate, you must add extra seasonings. A splash of wine helps, too.

A quirk of slow cookers is that vegetables cook more slowly than meats. A big chunk of potato will barely cook in the time it takes to reduce a beef roast to mush. So a word to the wise — cut vegetables into thin pieces.

Another quirk of slow cookers is that liquids do not evaporate, so soups and sauces do not thicken. The remedy is to use less liquid than you normally would in a recipe.

We also discovered that dried beans cook very slowly in a crockery cooker. So unless you want to soak the beans overnight, use canned beans.

ing and continue cooking for 6 to 7 hours, or until chicken is tender. Just before serving, stir in sour cream. Makes 6 servings.

White Bean-vegetable soup
3 strips bacon, diced
2 medium onions, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 bay leaf
1 teaspoon dried thyme
1 pound red potatoes, halved and cut in 1/4-inch slices

4 large carrots, sliced thin
3 turnips, peeled, halved and cut in 1/4-inch slices
1 1/2 cups chicken broth
1/2 cup dry white wine
1 jar (48 ounces) navy beans, drained
1 teaspoon (or more) salt

Prepare and place each ingredient in slow-cooker in order given, covering tightly and cooking on high setting while ingredients are being added. Stir well and continue

cooking on high setting for 20 minutes. Turn to low and cook about 4 hours, or until vegetables are tender. Make 6 to 8 servings.

Beef Burritos
2 1/2 pounds boneless chuck roast
Salt
1 teaspoon thyme
1 tablespoon cayenne pepper
1/2 onion, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
8 medium flour tortillas

16 ounces chunky, mild salsa in a jar
8 ounces shredded jack or Mexican-style cheese

Trim chuck roast of visible fat. Sprinkle on all sides with salt, thyme and cayenne pepper. Rub in the seasonings. Place roast in a slow cooker. Top with onions and garlic. Add enough hot water to come halfway up side of roast. Cover tightly and cook on high power for 30 minutes. Reduce heat to low and

cook about 8 hours longer, or until falling apart tender. Remove meat from liquid and place on a cutting board. With two forks, pull meat into shreds. Stack tortillas between two moist paper towels and microwave on high power for 1 minute, or until soft and warm. Fill tortillas with shredded meat and roll up. Place in a microwave-safe casserole dish. Top with salsa and cheese. Microwave until cheese melts. Makes 8 burritos.

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“What a terrible thing to do. Everyone knows you use a 7-iron or higher when you're off the fairway.”

“Comedy writer Jerry Perisho, after a Florida man was sentenced to four years in prison for hitting another man with a 5-iron in a convenience store parking lot”

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Boys' high school basketball

- A-2 District 4 championship at CSI
- Bull vs. Kimberly, 7 p.m.
- A-3 District 4 championship
- Valley at Declo, 7 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Rodman signs one-year contract with Lakers

LOS ANGELES - It's official - The Worm is a Laker.

Dennis Rodman signed a one-year contract with the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday. The Associated Press learned, and will participate in a limited press session Wednesday before attending the Grammy Awards with his wife, actress Carmen Electra.

A source close to Rodman said the seven-time rebounding champion spent much of Tuesday doing post-production services on the movie "Simon Sea," to be released later this year, but took a break to sign the contract.

Twin Falls High School baseball players will meet

TWIN FALLS - All students interested in trying out for the Twin Falls High School baseball team should attend a meeting along with their parents at 6 p.m. today in the school gym.

For more information, call coach Mike Federico at 733-6551, Ext. 3081.

Jackpot's golfing season will start Saturday morning

JACKPOT - The Jackpot golf season will start Saturday. The course will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The hours will increase later in the season.

The clubhouse will be open and cart rentals will be available.

Rupert's baseball All-Stars will host basketball tourney

RUPERT - The Rupert Boy's All-Star Baseball Teams will host the Second Annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament Saturday at the Minio High School.

Boys, girls and coed teams are welcomed and will be ranked according to division in a four member team. Teams will play a up to three games.

Registration runs from 8 to 8:30 a.m. and the games begin at 9 a.m. For more information call Grant Killroy at 436-1331.

In-line hockey heats up at Mini-Cassia schools

HEYBURN - Mini-Cassia Inline Hockey Association registration forms are available at area schools. Registrations will be accepted on Saturdays through April 17 at the hockey rink on 18th Street across from the Heyburn Fire Hall.

The season begins on Saturday, March 20, and ends on May 22.

Games are played each Saturday with quizzes, ages 5-9, at 10 a.m.; PeeWee, ages 10-12, at 11 a.m.; and 13-18, at 2 p.m. The cost is \$20 for the first child, \$15 for second child and \$10 for third child in a family. For more information, call 436-6131, 436-1646 or 678-9031.

Semi-professional football team comes to Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - The semi-professional Twin Falls Wildcats football team is coming to town.

The Rocky Mountain Football League has announced plans to expand into Twin Falls, and will hold organizational meeting at 3 p.m. Feb. 28 at Maxie's Pizza. Anyone interested in coaching or playing (must be over 18) should attend.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Hagerman gets one more try

Pirate seniors chase elusive A-4 state title

By Jeff Rosen Times-News writer

FILER - Second-place trophies are about as common in Hagerman as Snake River frontage. And no one knows the No. 2 terrain better than the five senior starters on the Pirate boys' basketball team.

Tuesday night, however, they earned one final chance to add a championship crown to their display case, beating Oakley 73-64 for the final state-tournament berth from District 4.

"We've got to win something," said Hagerman senior Tyson McGuire, who missed a double-double by a single point Tuesday grabbing 10 boards and scoring nine points. "I know everybody's sick of getting second."

Two Novembers ago, McGuire and his fellow juniors on the Fife football team finished runners-up to the Mackay Miners. Last March, they placed second at the state basketball playoffs, losing in the final to Wilder. And last November, in their first championship contest as seniors, McGuire and Co. lost another football title game to Mackay.

Granted, Tuesday evening's win only gets them in the door, but Hagerman is gaining momentum. Unlike the week before, when the Pirates failed to close the door on the Hornets in a 50-43 loss, the only time Hagerman trailed Tuesday was within the first minute - when Oakley held its only lead at 4-0.

After that, as if by the very thought of not being able to take care of business were bearing down upon them, the Pirates ran. Four free throws from Loveland closed the first period with Hagerman out front, 18-8.

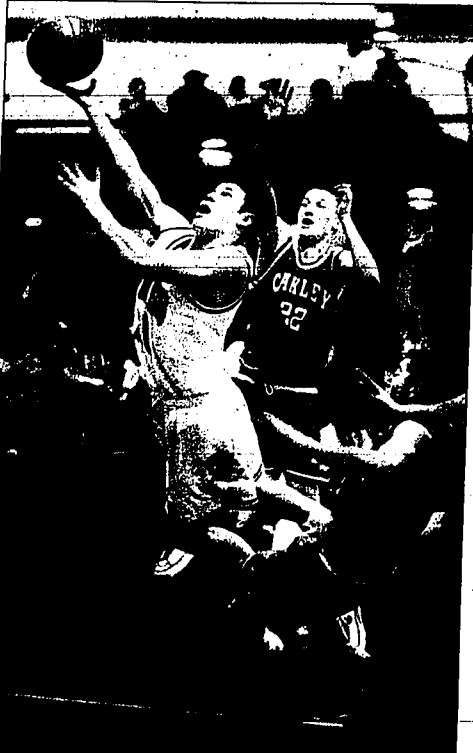
"We got hurt in the first half," said Oakley coach Jeff Harrah. "They beat us on the boards, and we turned the ball over."

Loveland, who poured in all of his 14 points in the first half and fouled out late in the game, put the Pirates ahead by 13 with a 3-pointer to open the second quarter. But the Hornets stayed at least that close through the remainder of the period.

Junior Trevor Cranney hit his first of five 3-pointers, and Bryce Cranney scored 11 within the second eight-minute stanza - including a 3-point strike of his own at the one-minute mark - but turnovers proved costly for the Hornets.

Oakley lost the ball 18 times to the Pirates' 11 prior to intermission, and trailed by 11 at the break.

Trevor Cranney finished with 18 points, and the assassin Jeff Adams combined for nine points in the third quarter to aid an 8-0-Hornet run, but Clayton Karrels hit one lay-in for



Hagerman's Clayton Karrels cuts through Oakley defenders Trevor Cranney and Chuck Jenks, back, Tuesday night to score two points in the first half of a 73-64 Pirate victory during the A-4 Southside boys' basketball tournament at Filer High School.

Hagerman - then another on a perfect no-look feed from Tyson Clark - and the Pirates clung to an eight-point cushion entering the final period.

The all-too-familiar Hagerman collapse, lamented one week earlier by

Pirates coach Randy Clark - appeared close at hand.

"We knew it would be close," McGuire said. "We never play a full game. And we didn't play a full game." Please see HAGERMAN, Page D2

Declo claims Out thriller over Valley

The Times-News

HAZELTON - Down by two, Declo scored a layup at the buzzer to send the game into overtime, where the Hornets stung the Vikings 63-61 to stay alive in the Class A-3 District 4 boys' basketball tournament Tuesday night.

Valley jumped ahead in the first quarter but couldn't get its offense going in the second, only scoring seven points in the period.

"We started out really well," said Valley head coach Roger Carensia. "Offensively, the second quarter hurt us. After that we had to play catch-up."

Declo held the Vikings to eight points in the third quarter, but Valley came storming back in the fourth. Valley outscored Declo by seven points to go up by two with time running short, but a Declo buzzer-beating layup forced the game into overtime.

"Down the stretch they made the plays and we didn't," Carensia said. "We had our opportunities but we just didn't get it done."

Valley and Declo will meet again today at 7 p.m. in Declo to determine who walks away with the district title and a state berth.

Valley (19-12) and Declo (19-12) will meet at 7 p.m. in Declo. (H) - Hagerman; (V) - Valley; (D) - Declo; (W) - Wilder; (M) - Mackay; (S) - Snake River; (F) - Fife; (L) - Loveland; (C) - Cassia; (K) - Kimberly; (B) - Bull; (P) - Pocatello; (T) - Teton; (R) - Rupert; (H) - Heyburn; (G) - Garden Valley; (J) - Jerome; (L) - Latah; (M) - Malheur; (N) - Nez Perce; (O) - Owyhee; (P) - Payette; (S) - Shoshone; (T) - Teton; (W) - Washington; (Y) - Yellowstone.

Class A-2 Buhl 66, Filer 49

TWIN FALLS - Buhl pulled away in the third quarter and held off Wildcat rallies Tuesday at the College of Southern Idaho, advancing to play Kimberly for the Class A-2 District 4 boys' basketball championship.

The Indians added to their eighth-point lead in the third quarter outscoring Filer by seven points.

"We pulled away in the third quarter," said Buhl assistant coach Kevin Carter. "They turned up the heat on us and we kept our composure."

Buhl kept the distance between them to seal the win. "Everybody who played, contributed," said Coach Flynn did a great job for us off the bench. (Jeff) Bishop didn't score much but he did a great job shutting down Ben Allen."

Filer trailed in the game scoring 20 points for the Indians.

Please see DECLO, Page D2

World's 64 best golfers gear up for Match Play Championship

The Associated Press

CARLSBAD, Calif. - With the flash of a smile, the 64 top-ranked spoke wheels took to the air with the anticipation of seeing Nick Faldo on the first tee and anyone else who may follow over the next few days of the Match Play Championship.

"With one swing of the club, he throws away the smile isn't it for show."

"Give me the driver," he said to Bryon Bell, a childhood friend who is coaching for him this week. "I've got a bet to settle."

"His eyes locked on a white tee, he moved the 40-foot mesh net at the back end of the driving range, Woods swung with all his might and watched the ball arc majestically into the blue skies north of San Diego and disappear over the fence."

"Give me another one," he said. "I'm definitely in for it, no one was exactly sure where it landed - if it ever did. Woods let out an approving laugh, but his eyes were in his pocket and walked off to the clubhouse."

Chalk another up for Tiger, and let the matches begin.

"I have always enjoyed playing one-on-one," Woods said. "I have always enjoyed having a chance when a tournament comes down to a one-on-one situation. I love the feeling of that. In this sport, we don't get that chance very often."

That's about to change. The Annitally Consulting Match Play Championship begins today with the top 64 players in the world, brings match play back as an official event for the first time since the two-year Tucson experiment ended in 1985.

"There's a lot of excitement in the air, a lot of buzz," said Mark O'Meara. "These world events are definitely important, not because you always want to play against the best players, and you definitely have them here."

The only one missing is Jumbo Ozaki, who is 52 and rarely

leaves Japan. No one seems to be complaining, because his absence let in Nick Faldo and set the table for high drama on the first day of the matches.

Faldo vs. Woods.

"Knowing that you have got to go head-to-head with Nick Faldo, that gets me pretty fired up," Woods said. "Doesn't matter what golf course I'm playing. I'll be excited."

Woods hasn't looked this relaxed, hasn't smiled this wide since Saturday afternoon at Augusta National two years ago when he was well on his way to a record, runaway victory in the Masters.

La Costa doesn't give Woods the advantage he gets at Augusta, but it doesn't hurt. With dry weather expected all week, and rough nowhere near the level of a U.S. Open, length will again be like having an extra club in the bag.

"You don't particularly need to hit it straight," said Lee Westwood of England. "You just need to hit the ball a long way. They will play into it a couple people's hands, but that I'm



Golfer Fred Funk carries his own bag while keeping a grip on his three-year-old son, Taylor, at the practice range at La Costa Country Club Tuesday in Carlsbad, Calif. Funk opens play today against Jeff Maggard.

mentioning any names." He didn't have to.

"Woods is considered one of the best in America at match play, particularly since he won the U.S. Amateur three years in a row. He, also beat Greg Norman 1-up in a meaningless singles match in the Presidents Cup in December.

Weber St. coach loses post

The Associated Press

OGDEN, Utah - Weber State's board of trustees on Tuesday unanimously upheld President Paul H. Thompson's seven-year probation decision to terminate the contract of basketball coach Ron Aebeggen after the current season.

The August 4 agreement between Thompson and Aebeggen came after the eight-year coach was involved in a domestic altercation with his wife, Nedra Aebeggen and the WSU basketball program already were under NCAA and university.

Thompson said board members began to feel pressure from staff, students and members of the community to rectify the popular coach.

"An agreement was made between coach Aebeggen and president of the university, Paul Thompson," said Richard Richards, chairman of the WSU trustees. "That agreement is in full force and effect."

Thompson said he wasn't surprised the trustees backed him. "They're very committed to the university," Thompson said.

Eight valley wrestlers take No. 1 rankings to state

The Times-News

Eight Magic Valley wrestlers will carry the No. 1 ranking into this weekend's high school state tournament in Pocatello. Twin Falls' Adam Joslin, Kimberly's Casey Gumbrel and

Complete rankings - D2

Steve Minter, Wood River's Ted Larson, Bull's Tyke Sonner, Declo's Daniel Gill and Taylor Grant and Glenns Ferry's Adam

Mars are all at the top of their divisions as ranked by independent counsel Rocky Bartlett.

With seven wrestlers ranked in the top two spots, Minico Spartans took the No. 2 team ranking among the A-1 schools, behind only Blackfoot.

Buhl and Kimberly ranked third and fourth at the A-2 level, and Declo maintained its spot at No. 3 among the A-3 schools.

For a complete look at first-round pairings Thursday in Pocatello's Holt Arena, see Page D4.

SPORTS

Declo

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Buhl now moves on to face Kimberly today at 7 p.m. The Indians have to beat Kimberly twice in order to get the state berth.

Wendell took home the junior varsy championship with a 47-43 win over Buhl.
Final scores:
Wendell 47, Buhl 43
Kimberly 51, Declo 41
Wendell 47, Kimberly 43

Class A-1
Pocatello 60, Highland 51
POCATELLO - The No. 1 ranked Indians came back against Highland Tuesday night to avenge an earlier loss in the Class A-1 Region III boys' basketball tournament, 60-51.
Pocatello forced another game

to be played between the two teams. The winner will advance to state competition.
The Rams were outbounded by 13, the Indians pulling in 31 to add to their nine-point win. On a brighter-side-for-Highland, it shot five 3-point goals, earning one more shot than Pocatello.

Highland's scoring was led by Jordan L. Hill, with 17 points including two of the five 3-point goals. Mike Moon led Pocatello with 18 points, seven assists and six rebounds.

The free-throw line was a strong area for both teams. The Indians were 14-of-16, the Rams followed closely with 12-of-15.
Game 1 will be played Thursday at 7 p.m.
Pocatello 60, Highland 51
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Hagerman

Continued from D1
Tonight.
But the Pirates did play well enough to overcome a mad rally by Trevor Cranney and Oakley senior Chuck Jenks, who teamed for a crazy 22-point barrage in the final period.
Hagerman's Toner Estersbrook sank five attempts from the line in the final two minutes and paced the Pirates with 17 points overall.

McGuire's 10 rebounds were a game-high, while Jenks pulled down seven for the Hornets before fouling out. Trevor Cranney and Oakley with 23 points and Jenks added 19-Tyson Clark was 9-of-10 from the line and finished with 13 points for

Hagerman.
With Oakley forced to foul, the Pirates won at the free-throw line.
You just can't lose big games," Harrah said. "But we've had a good year. And there's a lot more to life than basketball."

Thursday night, Southside-No. 2 Hagerman meets Shoshone - the No. 2 team from the Northside - at 6 p.m. in Gooding. Northside at No. 1 Carey plays South 1. Murtagh at 7:50 p.m. for the District II.
Win or lose there, the Pirates are on to state - and primed to chase down the school's first boys' hoops title since 1972.
And while they would have pretered capturing a

championship then, last year's tournament experience shouldn't hurt this senior-powered squad's chances.

"That's going to help us definitely," McGuire said. "We've got some juniors that are going to help us, too. We just need to pull together."

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Tarheels overcome big halftime deficit

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) - North Carolina (22-7, 10-5 Atlantic Coast Conference) rallied from its largest halftime deficit of the season Tuesday to finally wake Florida 68-65 in overtime.
College basketball

Jason Capel, led by the ACC lead in free throw shooting at 86 percent, made four foul shots over the final 22 seconds of the extra period.
Ademola Okunla, Kris Lang and Brendan Hayward led the way for North Carolina with 16 points each.
No. 11 Miami 85, Pittsburgh 52
MIAMI - Tim James scored 20 points to lead No. 11 Miami over Pittsburgh on Tuesday night, the Hurricanes' seventh straight win and their first in a season since Rick Barry played there 34 years ago.

SCORES AND STATS

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"Vinlet Go in for Carl. He's hibernating again."

BASKETBALL

NBA standings table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct., GB, Home, Road, Conf., Div.

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Teammates cheer McGwire on TV

St. Louis slugger appears on 'Mad about You'



St. Louis Cardinal Mark McGwire and actress Helen Hunt are shown on the set of an NBC-TV 'Mad about You' episode entitled 'Virtual Reality II'. The show aired Monday.

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — The reviews are in: Mark McGwire can act, too.

"He might be the next John Wayne," St. Louis Cardinals general manager Walt Jocketty said Tuesday, a day after the 70-homer man made his debut on the sitcom "Mad About You." "I think if he wanted to, he'd be pretty good at it."

Manager Tony La Russa said McGwire's guest appearance was almost as good as one of his home runs.

"Whoever coached him for that appearance, we ought to hire," La Russa said. "He was outstanding — surprisingly. I was really impressed. I didn't expect him to be anywhere near that good."

Of course, not everyone was that complimentary. After all, McGwire played himself.

"He shouldn't quit his day job," pitching coach Dave Duncan joked.

Landing in bed on screen with Helen Hunt was one of the highlights of McGwire's hectic offseason. He didn't appear until late in the half-hour show and didn't have a lot of lines, but pulled off his role without a hitch in one of those mistakenly-identical, wrong-room routines.

His best line came at the end, when he and Hunt were at the breakfast table on the morning after. Paul Reiser walked in wearing a Cardinals uniform, continuing the role reversal theme.

"You remember, they're going to throwing you junk all year long," McGwire said. "So just wait for your pitch."

Then he gave Hunt a quick kiss. Leaving character and returning to McGwire the baseball player, he raised an arm in triumph as if he'd just taken someone deep.

"I think it would be tough to be an actor all the time," pitcher Alan Benes said. "He was probably more nervous doing that than anytime in his life. That's probably a lot harder than facing a pitcher."

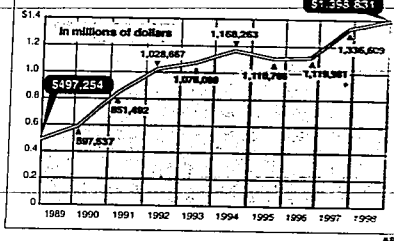
McGwire's only misstep Monday came when he missed a team party and screening at a local restaurant. McGwire apparently forgot about the back entrance the Cardinals had waiting for him and tried to go in the front door. When he saw TV cameras and fans waiting, he turned around.

"The notoriety he's gained, people would be surprised at the unbelievable requests we get, from media and fans. They don't understand."

The Cardinals are taking steps to protect McGwire as much as possible. Though he showed up at camp Monday — two days ahead of schedule — he's not speaking with reporters until after full-squad workouts start today.

Baseball salary trend

Average baseball salary as compiled by Major League Baseball Players Association:



Bichette arrives looking 'normal'

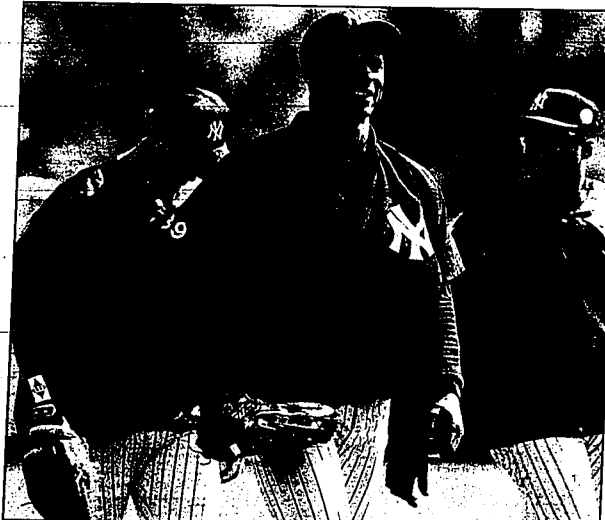
TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — No Elvis sideburns, no Arnold Schwarzenegger physique and no Hollywood hairstyle. Normal turned out to be abnormal for Colorado Rockies slugger Dante Bichette.

Bichette arrived at spring training without fanfare Tuesday following a five-day cross-country road trip from Heatlow, Fla.

"I thought normal would be out of the ordinary, so I showed up normal," Bichette said. "I'm basically about the same size and look the same."

Bichette, 35, showed up last year looking like an Elvis impersonator who took a winter turn in the Nevada desert. He weighed about 260 pounds and had dyed his hair black to match his lengthy sideburns.

Yankees' biggest question: Who's in left?



New York Yankees outfielders Paul O'Neill, left, Darryl Strawberry, center, and Bernie Williams walk together across Legends Field between drills Tuesday in Tampa, Fla. It was the team's first full-squad workout of the spring training.

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — While other teams are filling unutilized spots, the only available starting job with the New York Yankees is left field.

There are several different directions they can go. They can go and pick from some good players out there," Chad Curtis said Tuesday at full-squad workouts began. "There is competition, but it's not going to get in the way of the total team concept."

Curtis will be competing with Darryl Strawberry, Shane Spencer and Ricky Ledee, with a platoon also a possibility.

Strawberry, recovering from colon-cancer surgery last October, returned to the field Tuesday after taking Monday off due to fatigue.

"You'd like to see Strawberry out there, because that would mean he's healthy. That would be the sentimental thing to say," New York manager Joe Torre said. "We'll do what we have to do. The important thing is we have quality to pick from ... even if you have a platoon situation."

Another concern is filling the bullpen spot vacated by left-hander Graeme Lloyd, traded to Toronto last week with David Wells and Homer Bush for Roger Clemens. The Yankees are exploring trades and thinking about trying to lure Jimmy Key out of retirement.

"We're exploring all options," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said. "There is nothing to report on Jimmy Key. We are prepared to go north with a right hander."

Dan Naulty has emerged as the frontrunner if the Yankees opt to go with just one left-handed pitcher. Stanton, two more roster left-handers will get looks: David Carroll, who missed Tuesday's workout because of

flu, and Ed Yarnall. Stanton, who missed Monday's workout with back spasms, threw on Tuesday.

"As the full team began working out, they face the challenge of

following up on 1998, when the Yankees set a record with 125 wins in the regular and postseason.

"We have to make sure we're not in competition with our-

selfes," Torre said. "We have to make sure we're in competition with the competition. Our priority is when we look up, we're in first place ... and the record doesn't take over."

Ryan Klesko looks for magic in old first-baseman's mitt

KISSIMEE, Fla. (AP) — Ryan Klesko went back to his roots Tuesday, pulling a first baseman's glove out of the locker. Now, if only he could fill Andres Galaraga's shoes.

Coming off the worst season of his major league career, Klesko assumed the unenviable task of trying to fill Galaraga as the Atlanta Braves held their first full-squad workout of spring training.

"We're missing a big hitter in our lineup and a great person," Klesko said. "I'll go out there and give it 100 percent and do my best, like I have since I've been with this organization."

Galaraga, who hit 305 with 44 homers and 121 RBIs last year, is undergoing treatment for a cancer tumor in his back and will miss the entire season.

Klesko, whose future with the team was in doubt just a week ago after a disappointing 18-homer, 70-RBIs performance, suddenly inserted himself in a prominent role as the Braves set their sights on an eighth straight postseason appearance.

A first baseman throughout his minor-league career, his path was

blocked once he got to Atlanta — first by Fred McGriff, then by Galarraga. So Klesko shifted to left field, where he transformed himself from a defensive Marlin ("It's not just a job, it's an adventure") to an average outfielder who made only one error last season.

"Not too many guys can say that," Klesko said proudly. "I play aggressive, and you usually make errors when you play aggressive. But fortunately, I didn't make any last year except

for one throwing error." Unfortunately for Klesko, he underwent an appendectomy in June and never seemed to get on track as a hitter. His power numbers, in fact, have been dwindling since he had 34 homers and 93 RBIs in 1996.

After the Braves signed free agent outfielders Ois Nixon and Brian Jordan, there was speculation that Klesko's days in Atlanta were numbered. He shrugged off the trade rumors, saying, "I've been going through that forever."

"I don't worry about it anymore," said the 27-year-old Klesko, entering his 11th season with the Braves organization.

Ryan Klesko

held their first full-squad workout of spring training.

"We're missing a big hitter in our lineup and a great person," Klesko said. "I'll go out there and give it 100 percent and do my best, like I have since I've been with this organization."

Galaraga, who hit 305 with 44 homers and 121 RBIs last year, is undergoing treatment for a cancer tumor in his back and will miss the entire season.

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SPORTS

Weber State men win Big Sky track title

POCATELLO (AP) - The Weber State men held onto the lead and Cal State Northridge women defeated defending champion Northern Arizona to win the Big Sky Indoor Track and Field Championships on Tuesday.

Cal State Northridge women defeat defending champion Northern Arizona

Terrance Johnson of NAU was the most valuable men's track athlete for the event, winning the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.77 seconds.

Mourning leads Miami past Wizards

WASHINGTON (AP) - Alonzo Mourning has always led the Washington Wizards. Playing center, he was no surprise when he did it again Tuesday.

NBA Knicks 82, Nets 74 NEW YORK Patrick Ewing had 20 points, 11 rebounds and seven blocked shots.

Mavericks 89, Hawks 85 DALLAS - Michael Finley scored six points in the final 31 seconds of the game.



New York Knick Kurt Thomas (40) gets a shove from New Jersey Net Jay Williams as they grapple for a loose ball Tuesday in New York.

Pistons 80, Raptors 80 AUBURN HILLS, Mich. - The Pistons returned to the Detroit lineup with 16 points and five assists.

Rockets 98, Sonics 86 HOUSTON - Rookie Curtis Mobsley scored 13 of his career-high 19 points in a tense fourth quarter.

Bucks 90, Bulls 88 CHICAGO - Glenn Robinson only made one shot in the fourth quarter, but he did lead the Bulls to a 90-88 victory.

Idaho high school wrestling schedule

Table with columns for Class A-1 (2-4 p.m.), First round action, Class A-2 (4-6 p.m.), and Class A-3 (6-8 p.m.). It lists various wrestling matches between schools like Boise State, Idaho Falls, and others.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Bulls seal off Jordan's and Pippen's lockers CHICAGO - If Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen aren't going to use their lockers in the Chicago Bulls dressing room, no one will.

Bobek resumes figure skating practice -DETROIT - Nicole Bobek, forced to skip the recent U.S. Figure Skating Championships while she underwent abdominal surgery, resumed training Tuesday.

Tax officers, police arrest Village contractor SYDNEY, Australia - The Olympic Village and five other Sydney building sites have been raided by Australian Federal Police and Australian Tax Office investigators over an alleged \$5.2 million tax fraud.

D.C. officials join effort to get MLB team WASHINGTON - Two years after luring professional hockey and basketball from the suburbs, officials in Washington, D.C., said Tuesday they would make a major pitch for professional baseball.

Ravens ask fans for new helmet logo ideas -BALTIMORE - The Baltimore Ravens will ask fans to select a new helmet logo, although they say they will continue to fight a jury's verdict that found they stole the current design.

Compiled from wire reports

Auto Mania advertisement for the 1999 Ford Ranger. It features a large image of the truck, the text 'Auto Mania win \$3000', and details about the promotion including a list of participating dealers and contact information for Jules Harrison Ford.

Supreme Court clears NCAA of sex bias in Title IX lawsuit

WASHINGTON (AP) - The NCAA finally won one.

The organization scored a welcome legal victory Tuesday when the Supreme Court ruled the organization is not subject to a federal sex-bias law just because it collects dues from federally financed colleges and universities.

But the justices' unanimous decision left open the possibility the governing body for college sports may for other reasons be covered by the law known as Title IX of the Education Acts of 1972.

Renee Smith, an Ohio woman who says she was illegally declared ineligible to play college volleyball, had argued the NCAA could be sued under the law because the dues it receives from member schools make it an indirect recipient of federal funds.

NCAA president Cedric Dempsey was confident lower courts will reject Smith's other arguments for allowing her suit to go forward.

"We have consistently said that the NCAA should be in compliance with Title IX on a voluntary basis and have worked to achieve compliance," Dempsey said.



Renee Smith works in her office Jan. 19 in Winterville, Ohio.

The ruling represented a new turn for the NCAA, which last year agreed to pay \$2.5 million to settle a long-running suit brought by basketball coach Jerry Turkman. The NCAA had been reeling from a ruling last May that it acted unlawfully in capping the salaries of entry-level coaches.

Also, the NCAA reached an agreement with the Justice Department last year to allow students with learning disabilities to receive athletic scholarships.

On Tuesday, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote for the court. "At most, the association's receipt of dues demonstrates that it indirectly benefits from the federal assistance afforded its members."

"This showing, without more, is insufficient to trigger Title IX coverage," Ginsburg said.

The law bars sex discrimination in educational programs receiving federal financial aid. Ginsburg noted that similar wording is used in other laws banning discrimination in federally funded programs based on race, age or disability.

Most of the NCAA's 1,200 schools receive federal funds and therefore are covered by Title IX. The NCAA's lawyers said during arguments in January the association itself was not a federal aid recipient and that athletes should take on discrimination complaints with the individual schools.

Smith's lawyer, Carter Phillips, discounted the importance of this

latest ruling, contending Smith has a good chance of convincing a lower court she should be allowed to sue the NCAA because schools have given it control of athletic programs.

"We clearly live to fight another day," Phillips said.

That view was echoed by Aldo Kimmel of the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, which is representing black athletes in a separate race-discrimination lawsuit against the NCAA. The Supreme Court "was in fact leaving the door open" to other arguments that the NCAA should be covered by the anti-bias laws, Kimmel said.

Smith, who lives in Winterville, Ohio, played volleyball for St. Bonaventure in the 1991-92 and 1992-93 seasons and graduated in less than three years.

She later pursued a graduate degree at Hofstra and a law degree at Pittsburgh. At each, her attempts to play two more seasons of volleyball were thwarted by an NCAA rule that barred graduate students from playing college sports at a school other than the one from which they earned their undergraduate degree.



WBC heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis, bottom, of London, England, has accused WBA and IBF champion Evander Holyfield of being a religious hypocrite. The two will meet March 13 at Madison Square Garden.

Holyfield shrugs off Lewis' accusations

NEW YORK (AP) - Lennox Lewis says Evander Holyfield doesn't practice what he preaches.

"He says he's religious, but he's a hypocrite," Lewis said of the man he hopes to beat for the undisputed heavyweight championship March 13 in an already sold-out Madison Square Garden.

Lewis was referring to Holyfield's public admission last October that he has fathered five children out of wedlock with four women and that he provides financially for them. Holyfield also has three children with his first wife and one with his second.

"It doesn't bother me," Holyfield said by telephone Tuesday from Houston, where he is training. "What he saying is I made some mistakes. If I can be heavyweight champion of the world and make mistakes, why can't I be a man of God and make mistakes?" "Why can't I clean myself and get back up?" "What he's trying to do is psy-

che himself up," Holyfield said of the accusations made Monday by Lewis at his training camp at a resort hotel near Scott Run, Pa.

The fight is much more a must-win match for Lewis, the 33-year-old WBC champion from Britain, than it is for the 36-year-old Holyfield, IBF-WBA champion.

Lewis, who has fought in the shadows of Holyfield and Mike Tyson, feels he had not received his due, especially from the U.S. boxing media and American fans. "I think this is going to be the definitive fight for Lennox Lewis," Lewis said.

"This has to be my biggest fight because it's an upcoming fight," said Holyfield, who has been in several big matches, including his two wins over Tyson, and whose place in boxing history is secure. "It's coming to a point where I'm about finished," Holyfield said, then he quickly added that he doesn't plan for his bout to be his last.

Kidnappers release father of Mexican soccer player

ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP) - The father of Mexico's star soccer goalkeeper Jorge Campos was safe and at home Tuesday, six days after being kidnapped.

Mexican television stations broke into regular programming to report the news to a country seemingly grown numb to repeated waves of kidnappings.

Jorge Campos, the most popular athlete in Mexico, left his team in Mexico City and flew to this Pacific resort to meet his father. The player spoke briefly outside the family home, saying only that his father was well and he did not think a ransom had been paid.

Alvaro Campos, 66, walked up to a police checkpoint outside Acapulco at 8:20 a.m., identified himself and asked for help. He was whisked to the Acapulco federal police office, where he met his family and taken home.

Police sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the elder Campos sprained his left ankle when he tumbled down an embankment last Thursday, trying to flee his captors.

Police doctors said he appeared tired but otherwise in good shape. The sources said he was not blindfolded during captivity and was generally treated well.

Investigators suspect Alvaro Campos was held captive at the town of Tixtlancingo, high in the Sierra Madre Mountains, according to the police sources.

The place is a known stronghold of the Peasant Organization of the Southern Sierra, an activist group linked to the Popular Revolutionary Army guerrilla organization.

The Campos family supports the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, and Alvaro Campos spoke out several times in favor of its candidate Rene Juarez Cisneros, who was elected governor of Guerrero state this month.

As many as eight heavily armed men seized Alvaro Campos shortly before 2 p.m. on Feb. 17 at a sports field named for his son in a suburb of Acapulco.

Jorge Campos is famous for flamboyant play as a goalkeeper for Mexico's national team, appearing in the 1994 and 1998 World Cups. He has played the last three years for professional teams in the United States and Mexico, including the reigning Major League Soccer champion Chicago Fire.

Mexico has been plagued by hundreds of kidnappings every year for at least the past five years. Ransoms have ranged from hundreds to tens of millions of dollars.

Relatives of victims rarely complain to police, fearing current or former officers may be among the abductors and would pass word to the kidnappers.

USC football legend dies

LANCASTER, Calif. (AP) - Alvin John Krueger, the helmeted football star who helped Southern Cal to two straight Rose Bowl victories over unbeaten teams, has died. He was 79.

Krueger died Saturday, said son-in-law Bruce Newlin. His death was attributed to natural causes.

In the 1939 Rose Bowl, Krueger, a second-string end, caught four consecutive passes from four string quarterback Doyle Nave, including a 19-yard touchdown with 40 seconds left to upset Duke 7-3. Duke had not been scored upon all season.

A year later in the Rose Bowl, Krueger pulled in a touchdown pass from Amby Schindler as the Trojans beat Tennessee 14-0. Tennessee hadn't been scored upon in 15 consecutive games. Krueger went on to play profes-

sional football with the Washington Redskins from 1941-42 and the Los Angeles Rams in 1946.

He was inducted into the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame in 1995.

Born in Orange on April 1, 1919, Krueger was in the Navy from 1942 to 1945. He later became a rancher in the Antelope Valley north of Los Angeles and director of a tuberculosis sanitarium. He also ran a service station and managed the Lancaster Cemetery.

"He was one of our super-heroes," Antelope Valley High School football coach Brent Newcomb said. "I remember him coming and talking to our football team and student body and giving one of those Knute Rockne speeches. It really fired me up, fired the team up."

Krueger is survived by his wife, Virginia, three children, a daughter, a sister and five grandchildren.

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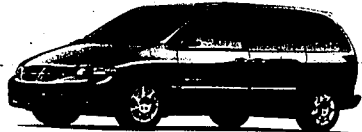
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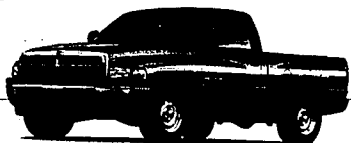
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Fatalities renew call for truck safety

Lawmaker complains of lax rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — With better than 200 members asking a congressional panel Tuesday to improve truck safety by reducing drivers' hours, increasing their required sleep and expanding inspections of big rigs.

"Why was the tired trucker who killed my son on the road asked for 16 hours?" asked Bonnie Pierce of North Carolina, whose son Terry and a wrestling teammate were in a Honda coupe flattened by a tractor trailer in December 1993.

"The answer is simple: The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration is incapable of enforcing safety regulations and the Federal Highway Administration is incapable of issuing more effective regulations," Mrs. Pierce responded to her own question.

In 1997, 5,355 people were killed in truck-related accidents on the nation's highways. Rep. Frank Wolf, R-Va., who called the hearing, complained that the

government has not mobilized to reduce the number of deaths.

"The Federal Office of Motor Carriers is too cozy with the trucking industry, and he has filed a bill to transfer supervision of trucks into another agency, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration."

"It is clear that the federal programs, as they are currently constructed and administered, are not doing enough to prevent unsafe operators from traveling on our highways and becoming agents of death," said Wolf, chairman of the House Appropriations transportation subcommittee.

Kenneth Wykle, head of the Federal Highway Administration, said all Transportation Department agencies are committed to truck safety. He also said improved trucking safety is only one part of his agency's drive to reduce the overall number of traffic

deaths, which totaled more than 40,000 last year.

In their testimony, truckers said they favored creating a separate government office to oversee them, much like the Federal Aviation Administration oversees airlines.

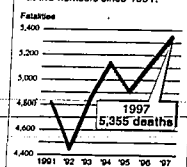
"While these other modes have their separate administrations, the safety and efficiency of the trucking industry — which dominates freight transportation — is regulated by a small office within DOT, the nation's highway building agency," said Walter B. McCormick Jr., president of the American Trucking Associations Inc.

A state police trooper also testified that car drivers have to be more respectful of trucks, staying out of a trucker's blind spot and the buffer he's left between the car in front of him.

Massachusetts State Police Sgt. Mike LaPointe, a truck inspector, said the country also has to build more highway rest stops and allow truckers to sleep in them so they can get the necessary rest.

'Breaker, breaker'

In 1997, 5,355 people died in truck-related accidents. The rising number was the subject of a congressional hearing Tuesday on ways to make trucks more safe on the nation's highways. A look at the numbers since 1991:



Source: U.S. Department of Transportation AP

Currently, truckers are limited to 10 hours behind the wheel. They then must stop driving for eight hours. Some 20 states have laws limiting truckers to two hours in a rest stop.

DirecTV: Customers will still get Fox, CBS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's largest satellite TV company, DirecTV Inc., said Tuesday that its customers will continue to get CBS and Fox this Sunday, because the company will beam down the network programs in a way it contends doesn't violate a federal court order.

The company believes it can legally offer the CBS and Fox affiliates because the court order with the Sunday deadline applies only to DirecTV's former programming supplier, said DirecTV president Eddy Hartenstein.

The announcement comes with a twist in the ongoing fight between satellite TV companies and broadcast networks. The National Association of Broadcasters said it is considering legal action against DirecTV. Officials from CBS and Fox had no immediate comment on whether they may sue DirecTV to stop it from carrying their signals.

At issue is a federal law that governs how customers who get their TV from satellite can watch networks' local affiliates. The law allows DirecTV and other satellite companies to provide "distant" network signals — which come from other broadcast areas — to customers only if those customers can't receive their local-TV stations using rooftop antennas.

And, that's where the dispute is occurring. The satellite and broadcasting industries have been at odds for years over how to interpret an arcane legal test for determining when a satellite customer can't get a local signal. Even with DirecTV's action, several hundred thousand satellite customers nationwide are supposed to be cut off from Fox and CBS programs on Sunday, under the court order obtained by the networks last year.

Beginning Thursday, DirecTV, based in El Segundo, Calif., plans to offer customers nationwide the option of buying a new package of broadcast network stations, including CBS' affiliate in

Los Angeles and Fox's affiliate in New York, Hartenstein said.

Hartenstein contends DirecTV can legally do this because the court order is only against PrimeTime 24, until recently a leading programming provider to it and other major satellite companies like EchoStar.

DirecTV has terminated its contract with PrimeTime 24, Hartenstein said. EchoStar also has ended its contract.

Instead of the PrimeTime 24 package, DirecTV on its own will carry the CBS and Fox affiliates, along with NBC and ABC affiliates. DirecTV officials contend they and other satellite companies have authority to do this under a federal copyright license.

Patrick Morrissey, an attorney speaking for PrimeTime 24, said that while the company's "disappointed with DirecTV's decision, we remain committed to our goal of providing consumers access to satellite network delivered programming."

Morrissey also indicated that he believed DirecTV's new arrangement could violate the court order, which affects PrimeTime 24's distributors, even though DirecTV no longer carries PrimeTime 24's product.

The two industries are now doing battle over Capitol Hill over how to ease the standard for when customers can get "distant" signals. The satellite industry and consumer groups want the standard to be based on picture quality. If a satellite customer's local station comes in with snow, static or other interference using an antenna, they should be able to get access to distant signals.

But the broadcasting industry wants the standard to stay virtually the same, relying on whether a satellite TV customer lives in the local station's coverage area. Customers who do aren't legally entitled to buy distant broadcast signals even if their over-the-air picture quality is poor.

Consumer confidence rises again

NEW YORK (AP) — Consumer confidence climbed for the fourth straight month in February, and many Americans don't see the good times ending next year.

The Conference Board reported Tuesday that its index of consumer confidence rose a stronger-than-expected 3.2 points to 132.1 in February.

"People are upbeat about the current environment and the things that influence their everyday lives," said Gary Thayer, an economist at A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. in St. Louis. "They have jobs and get the interest rates are low and so is unemployment."

Consumer confidence is important because consumer spending

accounts for two-thirds of the nation's economic activity.

President Clinton's impeachment trial didn't affect consumers in February.

The index found an all-time low 11.7 percent of consumers who reported jobs are hard to get. More Americans said they would buy a car, home or major appliance in the next six months. More consumers expect business conditions to get better, meaning more jobs and higher paychecks.

The index that measures feelings about present conditions rose 5.5 points to 178.4, its highest level in the 32 years that the survey has been compiled by the private business-financed research group.

The index that measures expectations for the next six months was also higher, rising 1.6 points to 101.2.

The report comes amid strong economic growth in the United States, which is surprising to many economists who had expected the pace to slow in early 1999 because of the financial turmoil abroad.

The consumer confidence index, started in 1967, is compiled from responses to questions sent to 5,000 households nationwide. The survey polls consumers on matters ranging from job prospects to buying plans.

The index compares results to its base year, 1985, when it stood at 100.

Judge sentences defendants in \$17 million heist

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Six people were given sentences ranging from probation to nearly 13 years in prison Tuesday for their part in a \$17 million heist from a vault at the Loomis, Fargo armored car company.

The theft was one of the biggest of its kind in U.S. history. More than \$2 million is still missing.

Eric Scott Grant, one of the plotters of the heist, was sentenced to 13 years and three months in prison and ordered to pay \$120,000 in restitution. He was accused of money laundering and participating in a plot to kill David Scott Chant.

Chant is a former Loomis employee who was videotaped stealing money and is awaiting sentencing.

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Johnson won't perform the surgery himself from Washington, although researchers say that will certainly be feasible one day using robotic technology. But organizers call the network's debut a harbinger for extraordinary advances in telemedicine, education, tornado forecasting and even entertainment.

Doctors to demonstrate surgery across Internet

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 300 miles from his operating room in Ohio, a physician in Washington will demonstrate, Wednesday, live surgery on a Web site. The demonstration of the Internet might help doctors in one city work with patients in another.

Doctors planned to unveil their \$500 million Abilene Network, the new super-fast data pipeline linking more than three dozen research universities nationwide at speeds 4,000 times faster than the best telephone modems people now use to surf the Web.

The high-speed computer connection, named after an important railroad founded in the 1850s in Kansas, is faster, at 2.4 gigabits per second, than the few highly experimental federal

government networks.

Privately financed by corporations and run by a nonprofit group based in Washington, its use is limited to academics and other professional researchers, with no way to let home users dial into Abilene. But experts anticipate benefits will trickle down to consumers within just a few years.

Dr. Jerry Johnson, who will be at Washington's Union Station rail terminal, will collaborate Wednesday night with a surgical team at Ohio State University's hospital as they perform laparoscopic surgery, snaking a miniature video camera within a volunteer's abdomen and emerging from a gastrointestinal disorder.

Johnson, a doctor and researcher at Ohio State, will talk with his colleagues using wireless microphones and a video camera,

with the words and pictures transmitted across the high-speed Internet lines. More than 300 invited people will be able to peer into the patient's abdomen on huge screens, see the surgeons as they work in Ohio and ask them questions.

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Critics level charges of partisanship against federal judge

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal judge who slapped a temporary court order on two of President Clinton's Cabinet secretaries predicted Tuesday howl about a Republican judge mistreating the Democratic administration.

After all, U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth has heard it before.

Lamberth is the same judge time who once called Clinton an operative dishonest and labeled a group of former Clinton officials "the bad guys." He was granted general license to the conservative legal group Judicial Watch to question Clinton officials and nose around for evidence that the White House may have misused FBI files.

"I think it's created an impression, certainly it has, that Royce Lamberth has it in for the Clinton administration," said New York University law professor Stephen Gillers.

Lamberth, an unabashed conservative in private life, is troublesome because he lets his politics show on the bench.

"I don't look at myself as this rabid partisan Republican that I get painted as being," Lamberth said in an interview earlier this month in his comfortable, paper-strewn chambers. "At the same time, I'm proud that Ronald Reagan appointed me."

On Monday, Lamberth ruled that Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin must take blame for years of delays and "outrageous false statements" in a lawsuit alleging government mismanagement of Indian trust funds.

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Name game Title changes show growth in secretarial responsibilities

Chicago Tribune

A barometer of the growth in job responsibilities of the nation's 2.3 million secretaries can be traced by the title changes of what today is called The International Association of Administrative Professionals, based in Kansas City, Mo.

The organization has 40,000 members worldwide in 700 chapters and sponsors Professional Secretaries Week, to be held this year April 18-24.

Founded in 1942, its first name was The National Secretaries Association. In 1952, it established chapters worldwide and changed its title to The National Secretaries Association (International). In 1981, the parentheses were dropped and the group became Professional Secretaries International.

The next — a significant change — was in 1995, when a finding was adopted. The group became Professional Secretaries International; The Association for Office Professionals.

The group also acknowledged the blurring of secretarial responsibilities, the impact of computer technology and the faint positions formerly labeled "secretary" now span a range of titles that also include

administrative assistant, team coordinator, project assistant, information specialist and executive assistant.

At last August at its international convention in Atlanta, the name secretary completely disappeared from the organization's title. Instead, delegates made a dramatic change: They voted to rename the group The International Association of Administrative Professionals.

Only one-third of its members now hold the title of secretary. "It's a better blanket term for us, because it reflects the broader range of job titles held by administrative support staff," said Rick Stroud, communications manager of the association.

The basics of traditional office work, Stroud says, continue typing, answering the phone, handling the mail. But there is "much more that support staff does today in the electronic age," he says, including such things as data searches, communications, meeting planning, scheduling and desktop publishing.

The association prides itself on its professionalism: It offers the accreditation of — Certified Administrative Professional, which some 54,000 people now hold;



Gabrielle Gentry's job description includes data entry/Projective Media Reporting in Westchester, Pa. Office employees who do secretarial work go by many different job titles, from "administrative professional" to "secretary."

and in 2000 another certification will be offered, Certified Administrative Professional — another sign of the times. "In one of those people who doesn't get hung up on titles," said Joyce A. Wagner, administrative assistant in the Chicago office of Capital Guardian Trust Co., an investment management firm headquartered in Los Angeles.

Her title was changed to administrative assistant from secretary by the company in 1998, said Wagner, 51, who has been a secretary for 30 years and is past president of the Chicago Lake Shore chapter of the international organization. Wagner works solely for Philip D. Black III, vice president of the company, though 60 percent of the members of the association

work for multiple bosses. She started out on a typewriter in her first job and segued to computers in 1990. "I like the new title of our organization because it shows a broader respect for the position," said Wagner. "I have a career I've chosen. This is what I like to do. It's not just a job." For more information about the association, call 816-891-6600.

Import limits on Russian steel should benefit Utah factory

The Associated Press

OREM, Utah — Russia's agreement to limit steel shipments into the United States should prove beneficial to Geneva Steel within weeks, the mill's chief executive officer said.

"In the long run, it'll be beneficial to us... in several weeks to two months," Joe Cannon, Geneva chairman and CEO, said Monday.

Once the market rebounds, Geneva anticipates recalling approximately 500 employees who have lost their jobs in layoffs over the past few months because of the decline in orders at the mill. As orders slowly build, current workers will begin to process steel sitting at the plant to refill stock at warehouses as the cheap imported steel moves out into the market.

"It's the pig in the bon construction," Cannon said. "We have a big inventory. We have to work through, so it'll be a while."

The agreement from Russia, announced by U.S. Commerce Secretary William E. Brock on Monday, will mean a cut of almost 70 percent in Russian steel shipments to the United States, compared to levels of 2000.

"These agreements deliver on the administration's commitment to respond vigorously to the surge in imports," Daley said Monday.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of New York Stock Exchange data including NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ indices and individual stock prices.

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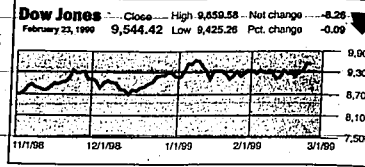
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Blue chip stocks dip on interest rate jitters

Declining issues led advances by nearly a 3-to-2 margin on the New York Stock Exchange. NYSE composite volume totaled 951.9 million shares, surpassing Monday's tally.

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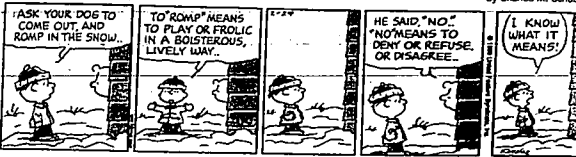
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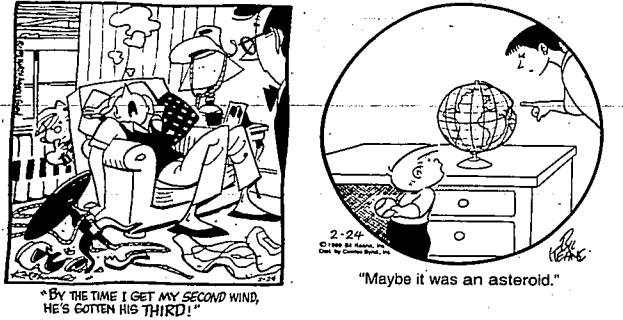


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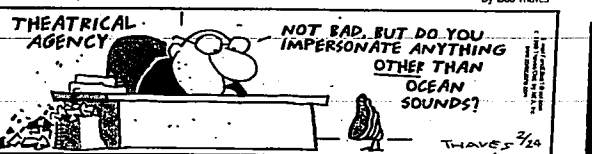
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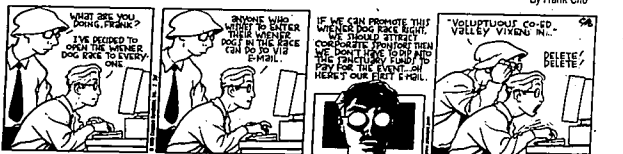
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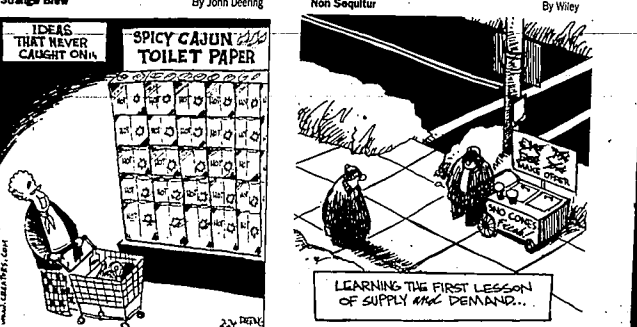


Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

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WORLD

Avalanche claims eight lives in Austria Some North Koreans risk all to find food

INNSBRUCK, Austria — Tons of snow tumbled down upon a small village in the Austrian Alps on Tuesday, killing at least eight people. It was one of dozens of avalanches to strike Central Europe as the region endured its worst snowfall in 50 years.

Tens of thousands of travelers were stranded in train stations, traffic jams and isolated resort towns across France, Italy, Switzerland and Austria as the avalanches buried homes, roads and railways.

At least 59 people have died in Alpine avalanches across Europe this winter.

Tuesday's avalanche in Galtur (pronounced gaw-TURE), an Austrian town in the Pannau valley near the Swiss border, struck shortly after 4 p.m.

"We were drinking hot mulled wine, when suddenly it started," hotel operator Franz Wenko told Austrian television. "The lights went out. It was dark. There was only dust and snow. We got out of there as fast as we could."

The Austrian Press Agency said eight deaths had been confirmed Tuesday night and up to 20 people remained missing. But a German emergency doctor visiting in the town said the situation was still uncertain.

"No one can guess how many people are still buried," Ulrike Kiehl told German television ZDF by telephone. "Chances of survival are getting worse and worse."

She said the avalanche slammed into houses, stopping just short of a church in the village center. Children who had been playing in the street were among the dead.

No outside help has reached Galtur, a town of 700, because an earlier avalanche had blocked the main road in and had prevented helicopters from flying.

Firefighters, tourists and residents joined in the search for survivors, some digging in the snow with their bare hands. Koehler said they managed to dig out 20 people, including the dead.

Some of those rescued were reported to be critically injured.

Iraq suppresses Shiite Muslim uprising

TEHRAN — An uprising by Shiite Muslims angered by the murder of a leading cleric has been crushed by Iraqi security forces after weekend clashes that left as many as 200 dead in Baghdad and in southern Iraq, according to the head of a major Iraqi opposition group based here.

The Iraqi government has denied there were any such confrontations.

ayatollah Mohammed Bakr Hakim, leader of the opposition Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, said his organization was still gathering information about protests that he said erupted Saturday and Sunday following the shooting Friday of Grand Ayatollah Mohammad Sadeq al-Sader and



Tourists board a helicopter Tuesday to be airlifted out of the Swiss village of Elm, in the Glarnerland province, which is cut off from the outside world by recent snowfalls.

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two of his sons in the southern city of Najaf, site of an important Shiite shrine.

Once closed to the government of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, al-Sader in recent months had begun criticizing the regime, and protesting specific acts like its cancellation of a major religious rally al-Sader was organizing late last year. Hakim said, Shiite Muslims, who constitute a majority in Iraq, have often been at odds with the Iraqi regime, which is dominated by members of the main Sunni branch of Islam.

Kurdish leader to stand trial for treason

ANKARA, Turkey — At a secret hearing on a forbidding arid island, Turkey formally arrested the foremost Kurdish rebel leader on treason charges Tuesday, paying the way for trial by a security tribunal.

Prosecutors said they would seek the death penalty. Abdullah Ocalan's Turkish arrest was barred from the hearing or conferring with his client, who has been under interrogation for a week without seeing a lawyer.

Ocalan, 49, leads the Kurdistan Workers Party or PKK, a rebel army that has waged a nearly 15-year fight for Kurdish autonomy in Turkey's rugged, impoverished southeast.

The conflict has claimed an estimated 37,000 lives, with the toll growing daily. On Tuesday, the government reported the deaths of 14 rebels in clashes with Turkish troops in the mountains.

Tuesday's hearing was closed to the press and public. Its out-

come was reported by the semi-official Anatolia news agency, which cited statements from the judge and prosecutors.

Ex-prime minister defends AIDS policies

PARIS — France was not slow to test donated blood for the virus that causes AIDS, a former prime minister told a court Tuesday as he defended other top officials on trial for the HIV infection of seven people.

Raymond Barre testified at the start of the third and final week of the trial of former Prime Minister Laurent Fabius and his health and social affairs ministers. They are charged with manslaughter in the AIDS deaths of five people and "attacking the integrity of a person" for the infection of two others still alive.

The seven were infected in 1985 after receiving blood transfusions contaminated with the HIV virus, which leads to AIDS. The ministers, who served from 1984-1986, are accused of keeping an American HIV test off the market while a French test was being prepared and for failing to import expensive heated blood supplies depleted of HIV.

The special court, made up of 12 lawmakers and three judges, is expected to deliver its verdict March 5 on Fabius, former Health Minister Edmond Hervé and former Social Affairs Minister Georgina Dufoué.

Meningitis epidemic kills 140 in Sudan

KHARTOUM, Sudan — At least 140 people in Sudan have died from meningitis and 1,000 more are suffering from the virus that affects the brain, a health official said Tuesday.

The Al-Rai Al-Akhar newspaper quoted Bashir Mukhtar of the

Health Ministry as saying that better coordination is needed between government officials and aid agencies to contain the outbreak.

The Sudanese News Agency reported Tuesday that the disease first surfaced last month in West Darfur state, where 24 deaths were reported. It said 19 deaths were later reported in South Darfur state, 600 miles west of the capital, Khartoum.

But even as doctors began to control the epidemic, it spread to central Sudan and Khartoum, SUNA reported.

Meningitis, an acute inflammation of the membranes around the brain or spinal cord, is usually fatal, as much as 10 percent of those who are left unpeeled, and Penina Muchtar is all apologies.

London Monet show stays open all night

LONDON — An exhibit of late paintings by Claude Monet has become so popular that Royal Academy of Arts will stay open all night before the show's final day.

An advance booking system lets 800 at a time into the exhibit. The museum anticipates it will have sold out of all 600,000 tickets by the time the show closes April 18, so it has decided to keep it doors open through the night of April 17 to allow another 8,000 visitors to see the works by the father of impressionism.

"I think it is only the second time in Europe that an art exhibition has been open all night. There was one for Vienna 1900 at the Pompidou Center in Paris about 10 years ago," Academy spokesman Norman Rosenthal said Tuesday.

— compiled from wire reports

Newsway

TUMEN, China — Three sets of footprints in the snow over the frozen Tumen River are telltale signs of another overnight crossing by hungry refugees from North Korea, virtually a daily occurrence as an unrelenting famine decimates the world's most isolated country.

This northeastern region of China, populated mostly by ethnic Koreans, has become the only practical destination for those North Koreans desperate enough to risk capture, incarceration, even death in the search for food. Their rigidly Stalinist regime, having closed its doors to the outside world and compelled its estimated 22 million people to silently endure the unendurable for the past five years, insists that the country is suffering only "temporary difficulties," though many outsiders now estimate that the first five years of the population may have perished.

Among those risking everything is 31-year-old Lee Daesung, a chemical factory worker near the town of Komusan in the North Hamgyong province. Seated on a mat one recent morning, he was eating from a cup of hot green tea in the home of a Korean Chinese family that provided him temporary refuge, Lee's former family of 10 perished of hunger, sick children, dislocated families, devastated villages and

Some North Koreans risk all to find food

the ever-present specter of death that have settled into a grim pattern of daily life in North Korea. "I have lost so many people, my brother and two sisters, my daughter, mother, many friends and neighbors," said Lee, whose sunken eyes, hollow cheeks and inconspicuously fat fingers and feet suggested chronic starvation, and whose hunched shoulders and downward gaze signaled someone with almost nothing left to lose, including his personal dignity. "I thought that, if I must survive, I had to do something. That was why I came here."

Sometimes in a trickle and sometimes in a flood, starving North Koreans are walking or swimming across the border into China, the only neighbor their government considers friendly.

Some cross solely to scavenge or pawn family heirlooms or looted copper wire for food, and then return. But most simply disappear into the vast, desolate local Korean Chinese population, taking menial jobs, begging in the streets of the towns of this border region, working in sweatshops or temples, or if they are girls or women, simply being sold into marriage to guarantee their escape from an infernal country.

In the process, they are thought to number somewhere between 20,000 to 100,000, have formed a human bridge between their hermitic homeland and the outside world.

Kitchen tests determine benefits for disabled Israeli housewives

RAANANA, Israel (AP) — The bread is unmade, the potatoes are unpeeled, and Penina Muchtar is all apologies.

"I can't do any of those tasks," said a distraught 47-year-old homemaker said, but medical records alone won't get her a disability pension in Israel.

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The 18 household chores including making a cup of tea, stirring bread, washing and ironing laundry (including hand-washed delicates), mopping the floor and changing out clothes are all tested in a simulated kitchen, laundry room and bedroom.

Up to three officials watch closely, grading speed, confidence, and expertise. The results are assessed by a team of doctors

and occupational therapists. Medical records and a physical examination are also used.

Leah Mann, who suffers from mental illness, took the test 20 years ago as a condition for receiving her approximately \$400 per month disability stipend.

"They threw sand on the floor and asked me to sweep it up," she recalled. "It was as though I had to show how badly off I was to get some kind of security."

But insurance institute officials defend the test as "progressive" because it compensates 12,500 non-working disabled married women each year, even though they don't contribute to the fund as wage-earners do.

"We don't have a test reliable enough to replace this one," said disability department director Yehoshua Bekar.

The test is only for married women; men can't qualify for homemaker disability and single unemployed women must apply for disability through their most recent jobs. All workers other than homemakers who request disability are evaluated on the basis of medical evaluations and do not take a practical test.

Gila Stopler, a lawyer for the Jerusalem-based Association for Civil Rights, says that makes the test discriminatory.

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