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Unpredictable growth adds difficulty to district planning

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley public schools saw a 2 percent enrollment drop over the past two years, according to the most recent statewide figures. Statewide enrollment barely grew in the past year, increasing by only 1 percent. That falls significantly short of a 1 percent increase the state had predicted. The state gives money to school districts based on average daily attendance. Too many students lost in a district can mean staffing cuts and a pinch on services. Growth in Twin Falls over the past several years has been unpredictable, making planning difficult for the district.

"There doesn't seem to be any rhyme or reason to what has happened to us over the past two years," said Terrell Donicht, Twin Falls School District's superintendent. The district has grown nearly 1 percent in the past year, which was expected, he said. This year's growth only brings numbers back up to where they were two years ago, after a drop in enrollment last year. Jerome enrollment has dropped by about 2 percent, a figure that surprised Superintendent Jim Cobble.

But the drop doesn't ease severe overcrowding in the district's secondary schools — a reason the district will ask voters Thursday to pass a \$12.9 million bond issue. Cobble said he expects enrollment to climb back up, considering new development and prospective businesses moving into the area. And he said the drop in enrollment could be delayed, in part, by the district's inability to pass a bond issue.

Since September 1996, Jerome voters have rejected three previous bond issue proposals. Idaho continues to have an annual population growth of nearly 2 percent, but the number of families moving into the state has dropped from the 5 to 6 percent annual growth seen earlier this decade, said John S. Church, an economic forecaster in Boise. "Idaho's rate of job growth has slowed," he said. Pockets of growth still can be found around the state, namely in Ada, Canyon, Elmore and Kootenai counties, Church said. "Schools in those communities are seeing enrollment increases," said Jerry Felton, deputy superintendent of the Idaho Department of Education's Division of Finance. Economic factors — and the shift of some students into private schools or home schooling — could contribute to the mix, numbers. Please see ENROLLMENT, Page A2



Oregon Trail Elementary School students board a caravan of school buses after school let out Tuesday. Enrollment numbers for the past several years have proven unpredictable for Twin Falls schools.

Jerome vote — B1

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Enrollment by district

Table with 5 columns: District, 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, Change since 1997-98. Lists districts like Blaine, Bliss, Buhl, Camas, Cassia, Castelford, Dietrich, Filor, Glens Ferry, Gooding, Hagerman, Hansen, Jerome, Kimberly, Newport, Mountain Home, Nampa, Richfield, Shoshone, Twin Falls, Wendell, and Total.

*Data gathered at the end of September. Data from the following years was gathered at the end of November.

Lawmakers question handling of spy inquiry

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a growing national security flap, Republican lawmakers demanded that the Clinton administration explain why a nuclear weapons lab scientist kept his job for nearly three years while under investigation for espionage. The Senate Intelligence Committee will have a closed-door hearing next week to ask top administration officials, including Energy Secretary Richardson and FBI Director Louis Freeh, about the espionage investigation involving the scientist at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. A native of Taiwan, Wei Ho Lee, who is in his 50s, had worked at the production of weapons at Los Alamos in the 1980s. He was in Mexico for a dozen years or more before "being dismissed" on Monday by the laboratory. While Lee has not been charged with any crime, nor arrested, he has been the prime suspect in a three-year investigation into allegations that China obtained sensitive nuclear weapons design information from Los Alamos in the 1980s. The case and the way the investigation was handled has fueled a longstanding controversy over Clinton administration policies on trade and technology transfers to China, and whether those policies might compromise national security. It also has raised new questions about an administration openness policy at national labs that in the mid-1990s allowed greater access to scientists and researchers, including those from Russia and China. Congressional investigators

Snow cripples eastern U.S.

The Associated Press

Schools closed and traffic slowed to a crawl from the Great Lakes all the way south into Georgia on Tuesday, as a storm dumped more than a foot of snow in places along with layers of ice. Air travel suffered across the Midwest as airport crews cleared runways. Sixteen inches of snow piled up at the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport, with 14 in Iowa, 10 in Indiana, Ohio and Maryland and a foot possible by Wednesday in the West Virginia mountains. "We opened the door, and the drift was bigger than the dog," said Rose Blismeyer, who lives near Pleasant Plain in southwest Ohio. "The roads aren't closed but they're impassable," said Deputy Sheriff John Keener in Rabun County, Ga. It was the first major snowstorm of the season for Washington, D.C., leading the House to postpone all floor votes, delaying flights in and out of Dulles and Ronald Reagan National airports, and delaying a memorial service for the late Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun. "There's a band of air that's just not moving," said Andy Woodcock of the National Weather Service in Sterling, Va. "It just snowed and snowed and snowed instead of moving on." The snow also caused flight delays and cancellations from Monday evening into Tuesday at airports in Minneapolis, Chicago, Milwaukee, Detroit, Pittsburgh and some Ohio cities. The storm briefly closed the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport for the first time in three years, and airport workers distributed pillows and blankets to stranded passengers Monday night as nearby hotels filled up.



A car crawls along a street in the Georgetown area of Washington Tuesday as a heavy winter snowfall paralyzed the nation's capital and the surrounding metropolitan area.

Stanley takes 'chilliest community' title in stride

The Times-News and The Associated Press

STANLEY — Here's some cold reality for folks in Stanley. The weather last winter was cold enough to freeze a national weather snap up the attention of a national weather magazine. But local say they're just thankful the winter stayed tame. Stanley was the nation's chilliest community last year, according to the nationally published Weatherwise magazine. Stanley was the nation's coldest location on 49 days in 1998, 20 more than the two places tied for second, Gunnison, Colo., and West Yellowstone, Mont., according to the annual compilation of warmest and coldest places. But despite the cold, a general lack of extreme winds "have made the past couple winters more tolerable than most," said Dai Danner, who lives at the Stanley airport. "It was just a really sweet winter," she said. "To get 40 degrees below zero is no big deal here." "Once it gets down past 20 below, it all feels the same." — Bob Hall, works in Stanley. "Once it gets down past 20 below, it all feels the same," said Bob Hall, who works at the Stanley airport. Please see STANLEY, Page A2

House kills endowment measure

Two school facility bills remain for vote

By Gregory Hahn Times-News writer

BOISE — A bill that would use state endowment money to help school districts pay off bonds died in a House committee Tuesday, despite an unlikely coalition formed from both sides of the ideological spectrum. Two bills aimed at school facility issues remain in the Statehouse; the House is expected to vote on them today.

The endowment measure was an attempt to capitalize on an estimated \$20 million to \$30 million windfall state economists expect from last year's legislative and electorate decision to let the Investment Board seek more aggressive returns. The bill would have taken 20 percent of each year's endowment return and distributed it among several school districts. The bill, which failed by three votes, was sponsored by Democratic Caucus Chairman Roger Chase but endorsed strongly by conservative Rep. Lenore Barrett, R-Challis, who said it was the only option the Legislature has seen that would help school safety problems without raising taxes. "If we hold it up in here, nobody's going to hear about it," she said. "They won't even get to think about it because they won't know about it."

Other Republicans on the committee said they thought the idea was a good one but it was too late in the session to raise all the issues such a drastic change could create. The plan may have run into trouble in the governor's office as well. Throughout the campaign, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said he would support state help for bond interest, but he didn't want the state to pay principal.

The two remaining bills are being described by some as companion measures, but each has its own supporters on one side of the rounds. The first, written in response to a lawsuit filed against the state by several districts with severe health and safety problems, would give school boards a series of steps to take to pay for immediate safety needs. The second, proposed by Rep. Zilon's Bank, would let districts levy more taxes for twice as long as they're allowed now. One other bill, which just passed the Senate, officially would institute a constitutional amendment passed in November that let the state guarantee school bonds, giving them a lower interest rate.

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Mealey sues F&G

The Associated Press

BOISE — Ousted Idaho Department of Fish and Game Director Steve Mealey has sued the state Fish and Game Commission, charging the panel fired him following an illegal closed-door session. "In all my years of managing people, I have never treated anyone the way I have been treated by this commission in the past two months," Mealey said. "We simply won't let it go unchallenged." The suit filed Tuesday in 4th District Court, asks Judge Michael McLaughlin to reinstate him and prevent the commission from firing him or affecting his job status. Mealey also seeks unspecified damages to be determined at trial. The commission has the authority to hire and the authority to fire. It simply has to use reasonable and fair procedures in so doing," said David Leroy, the former state attorney general representing Mealey.

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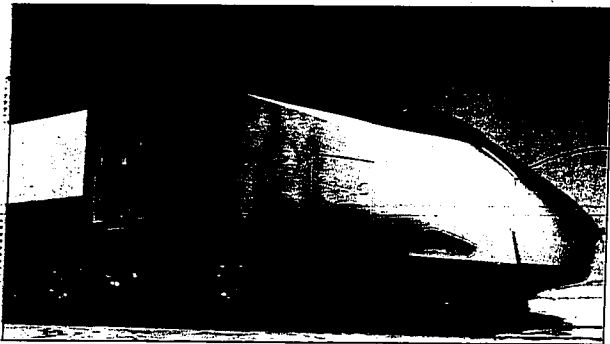
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Auto Mania advertisement for Subaru Legacy Wagon, featuring a car image and price of \$16,899.

Auto Mania advertisement for Toyota SR5 Xtracab 4WD, featuring a truck image and price of \$20,850.

NATION IN BRIEF

Gore discounts poll favoring Bush, Dole

WASHINGTON — Vice President Al Gore said Tuesday he isn't putting much stock in a poll indicating American voters may be more interested in electing Texas Gov. George W. Bush or Elizabeth Dole as president than him.

Gore told CNN's "Late Edition With Katie Couric" that his low poll numbers don't mean voters have ruled out casting their ballots for him, saying the 2000 presidential election would be decided by "the power of ideas" and by polls.

Dole announcement brings focus to GOP

DES MOINES, Iowa — Elizabeth Dole's announcement of an exploratory committee for the Republican presidential nomination brings new attention to the GOP field and should give her early steam in the race, analysts say.

"Right now, her name identification and her popularity within the party is helping her tremendously," strategist Greg Miller said. "That can keep her fundraising abilities and her organizational abilities alive."

Mrs. Dole can keep Des Moines ready to announce that she's forming her exploratory committee, joining Texas Gov. George W. Bush as the second top-name Republican to make that initial step in recent days.

Alexander jumps into presidential race

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Lamar Alexander, fighting in the shadows of front-running GOP star, declared his presidential candidacy Tuesday by urging Republicans to back beyond familiar names.

He beatified fellow Tennessee AG Gene on the Democratic side as President Clinton's "careful assistant."

"This time the race is wide open," he said, pressing Republicans not to commit too early to George W. Bush or Elizabeth Dole. "There is no one whose turn it is," Alexander said.

GOP hears gumballing as budget plan unfolds

WASHINGTON — Committee chairman expressed skepticism Tuesday that Congress can hammer a 2-year-old spending freeze as Republican leaders began pinching an outline of a fiscal 2000 budget to the GOP base and file.

"I can live with the caps," said House Appropriations Committee Chairman Ed Young, R-Fla., whose committee will start writing the bills in coming weeks. But 203 members of the House live with caps," he said, referring to a majority of the 435-member chamber. "We'll see."

Molly's advertisement for \$1 off full Molly (13 brands) Good Anytime, with phone number 735-1115.

Congressman takes aim on lawsuits against gun makers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The legal battle cities have launched against the gun industry got a new player Tuesday in Congress.

One lawmaker filed legislation that would prohibit such suits and another promised a bill that would guarantee cities the right to sue.

Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., the National Rifle Association's point man in Congress, led a bipartisan group of two dozen lawmakers on a bill to block cities and states from filing lawsuits aimed at holding firearm makers and distributors accountable for gun violence.

"This is a national issue and it cries out for a national remedy,"

said Barr, contending the lawsuits would destroy the constitutional right to bear arms while undermining the integrity of the nation's largest free enterprise systems.

But Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., said she intends to introduce legislation that would guarantee cities the right to sue gun manufacturers and distributors.

"The federal government sends billions of dollars to local communities to fight crime," she said. "If local governments believe the fight against crime is being hampered because of a mass proliferation of guns, I believe it is in the national interest to allow them to take action in court."

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Advertisement for Kristin Brownlee's Back Pain Analysis, Diagnosis & Treatment Plan, offering a free exam and \$49 treatment plan.

NATION IN BRIEF

Old town agrees to annex black neighborhoods

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Two weeks after the mayor inflamed racial tensions by saying blacks are unfit to govern themselves, the all-white town council agreed to annex three black neighborhoods — the first annexations in the town's 125-year history.

Black activists immediately announced they would drop a week-long boycott of the town's white-owned businesses after the three councilmen agreed Monday to annex the areas and their roughly 100 residents.

Township is a farming center of 200 people on North Carolina's coastal plain. The town is about one-fourth black. The annexations will make the town about half black, and activists hope that will lead to the election of the town's first black council member.

Prosecutor drops theft charge against retarded boy

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — A 15-year-old retarded boy grabbed \$2 in lunch money out of the pocket of a 6-year-old girl for that, he could have gotten life in prison.

For weeks, prosecutors defied their decision to treat Anthony Easter as an adult, even though the boy communicates on the level of a 5-year-old. He spent four weeks, including Christmas, in a jail for adults because his sister was unable to raise the \$200 needed to get him out.

When, last week, two days after "60 Minutes" aired a do-it-all story on the case, the charges were dropped.

The prosecutor offered no apologies for his zero-tolerance stand in the case of Anthony, who never knew his father and whose mother died in November.

"You do not cherry-pick the cases, you do not say you feel sorry for this person because there's a developmental disability or this person has had a bad family life," said Mike Edmondson, a spokesman for Palm Beach County State Attorney Barry Krischer.

Woman shoots daughter over nursing-home plans

ORLANDO, Fla. — A 67-year-old woman who is blind in one eye and has emphysema shot and critically wounded her daughter after overhearing talk of putting her in a nursing home, investigators say.

Shirley Ann Egan also allegedly tried to shoot her daughter's boyfriend Monday, and was charged with two counts of attempted murder.

Ms. Egan became upset when she overheard her daughter talking about taking her to a nursing home, sheriff's Detective Riggs Gay said.

Time reporting team wins record fifth Polk award

NEW YORK — Time magazine's Donald L. Barber and James B. Steele won their record fifth George Polk Award on Tuesday — this time for a series that showed how taxpayer incentives to companies rarely pay off.

Barber and Steele were honored this year in the national reporting category. They also won a Polk Award in 1971, 1972, 1988 and 1991 for

work with The Philadelphia Inquirer. The award breaks a tie with Seymour M. Hersh, the only other four-time Polk winner.

The Wall Street Journal's Alex M. Friedman won the Polk Award for international reporting for "Population Bomb," an investigative report about more than 100,000 women in Third World countries who were sterilized with a carcinogenic chemical, often without their knowledge.

The Polk Awards were established in 1949 to honor George Polk, a CBS reporter killed while covering the Greek civil war. The 13 awards announced Tuesday will be presented on April 14. Each winner receives a plaque.

Study finds no link between fat in diet and breast cancer

CHICAGO — Contradicting current medical theories, a 14-year study of nearly 89,000 women found no evidence that a low-fat diet promotes breast cancer or that a high-fat diet protects against it.

Experts were quick to note that a low-fat diet is still good for the heart and other aspects of health. They said the study indicates a need to look more carefully at how diet may affect the risk of breast cancer.

"We should just accept that good scientists can't tell you yet what to eat to minimize your breast-cancer risk," said Dr. John A. Gustaf of the University of California at Los Angeles, who was not involved in the research.

The Harvard study was published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Compiled from wire reports

Reporter gets jail sentence in online child porn case

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — His usual quizzing, veteran reporter Larry Matthews offered a courtroom assurance that he'd only been researching a story when he downloaded and sent child pornography online.

U.S. District Judge Alexander

Washington. He said he wanted to expand on that series for magazine articles he planned to sell freelance.

Matthews said the indictment destroyed his life, ended his second marriage and forced him into bankruptcy as he tried to pay for his defense.

"So, I guess more than 30 years as a reporter counts for nothing," Matthews said outside the courtroom after he was sentenced.



Larry Matthews

Matthews, who was also fined \$100,000, received the lightest prison sentence possible under federal guidelines. Williams said the would-be attorney and Matthews serve his sentence in halfway house.

Matthews is the first journalist prosecuted for accessing child pornography on the Internet, according to the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press.

A 35-year-old father of four, Matthews had done stories on the Internet in 1995 while working for radio station WTQP-AM in

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Complaints spur Crayola to rename color

EASTON, Pa. (AP) — Crayola is changing the name of its "indian red" crayon to avoid misunderstandings over the color's origin.
Crayola says Indian red was based on a reddish-brown pigment commonly found near India. But the manufacturer has gotten complaints from teachers who say students think the color has to do with American Indians.
"Little children take words and names very literally," said Louise Casgrove, an art teacher in Allentown.



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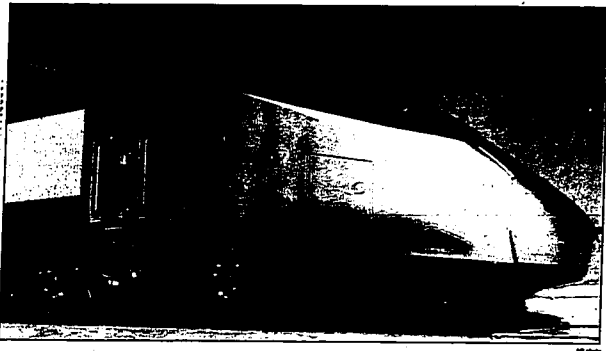
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NATION IN BRIEF

Gore discounts poll favoring Bush, Dole
WASHINGTON — Vice President Al Gore said Tuesday he isn't putting much stock in a poll indicating American voters may be more interested in electing Texas Gov. George W. Bush or Elizabeth Dole as president than him.

Gore told CNN's "Late Edition Primetime" show his low poll numbers don't mean voters have ruled out casting their ballots for him, saying the 2000 presidential election would be decided by "the power of ideas," not by polls.

Dole announcement brings focus to GOP
DES MOINES, Iowa — Elizabeth Dole's announcement of an exploratory committee for the Republican presidential nomination brings new attention to the GOP field and should give her early steam in the race, analysts say.

"Right now, her name identification and her popularity within the party is helping her tremendously," says Greg Mitchell, Dole's campaign manager. "That can keep her fundraising abilities and her organizational abilities alive."

Mrs. Dole visits Des Moines today to announce that she's forming her exploratory committee, joining Texas Gov. George W. Bush as the second big-name Republican to make that formal step in recent days.

Alexander jumps into presidential race
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Lamar Alexander, fighting in the shadows of front-running GOP stars, declared his presidential candidacy Tuesday by urging Republicans to look beyond familiar names.

He belittled fellow Tennesseean Al Gore on the Democratic side as President Clinton's "faithful assistant."

"This time the race is wide open," he said, pressing Republicans not to commit too early to George W. Bush or Elizabeth Dole. "There is no one whose 'turn' it is," Alexander said.

GOP hears grumbling as budget plan unfolds
WASHINGTON — Committee chairmen expressed skepticism Tuesday that Congress can honor 2-year-old spending limits as Republican leaders began pitching an outline of a fiscal 2000 budget to the GOP rank and file.

"I can live with the caps," said House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Young, R-Fla., whose committee will start writing the bills in coming weeks. But "can 218 members of the House live with caps?" he said, referring to a majority of the 435-member chamber. "We'll see."

Congressman takes aim on lawsuits against gun makers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The legal battle cities have launched against the gun industry got a new player Tuesday: Congress.

One lawmaker filed legislation that would prohibit such suits and another promised a bill that would guarantee cities the right to sue.

Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., the National Rifle Association's point man in Congress, led a bipartisan group of two dozen lawmakers on a bill to block cities and states from filing lawsuits aimed at holding firearm makers and distributors accountable for gun violence.

"This is a national issue and it cries out for a national remedy," said Barr, contending the lawsuits would destroy the constitutional right to bear arms while undermining the integrity of the nation's legal and free enterprise systems.

But Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., says she intends to introduce legislation that would guarantee cities the right to sue gun manufacturers and distributors.

"The federal government sends billions of dollars to local communities to fight crime," she said. "If local governments believe the fight against crime is being hampered because of a mass proliferation of guns, I believe it is in the national interest to allow them to take action in court."

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NATION IN BRIEF

Old town agrees to annex black neighborhoods

TRENTON, N.C. — Two weeks after the mayor inflamed racial tensions by saying blacks are unfit to govern themselves, the all-white town council agreed to annex three black neighborhoods — the first annexations in Trenton's 215-year history.

Black activists immediately announced they would drop a week-old boycott of the town's white-owned night to meet the three council members Monday night to annex the areas and their roughly 100 residents.

Trenton is a farming center of 200 people on North Carolina's coastal plain. The town is about one-fourth black. The annexations will make the town about half black, and activists hope that will lead to the election of the town's first black council member.

Prosecutor drops theft charge against retarded boy

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — A 15-year-old boy grabbed \$2 in lunch money out of the pocket of a classmate — and for that, he could have gotten life in prison.

For weeks, prosecutors defended their decision to treat Anthony Laster as an adult, even though the boy communicates on the level of a 5-year-old. He spent four weeks, including Christmas, in a jail for adults because his sister was unable to raise the \$500 needed to get him out.

Then, last week, two days after "60 Minutes" arrived to do a story on the case, the charges were dropped.

The prosecutor offered no apologies for his zero-tolerance stand in the case of Anthony, who never knew his father and whose mother died in November.

"You do not cherry-pick the cases, you do not say you feel sorry for this person because there's a developmental disability or this person has had a bad family life," said Mike Edmondson, a spokesman for Palm Beach County State Attorney Barry Krischer.

Woman shoots daughter over nursing-home plans

ORLANDO, Fla. — A 67-year-old woman who is blind in one eye and has emphysema shot and critically wounded her daughter after overhearing talk of putting her in a nursing home, investigators say.

Shirley Ann Egan also allegedly tried to shoot her daughter's boyfriend Monday, and was charged with two counts of attempted murder.

Ms. Egan became upset when she overheard her daughter talking about talking her to a nursing home, sheriff's Detective Riggs Gay said.

Time reporting team wins record fifth Polk award

NEW YORK — Time magazine's Donald L. Barlett and James R. Steele won their third fifth George Polk Award on Tuesday — this time for a series that showed how taxpayer incentives to companies rarely pay off.

Barlett and Steele were honored this year in the national reporting category. They also won a Polk Award in 1971, 1972, 1988 and 1991 for

work with The Philadelphia Inquirer. The award breaks a tie with Seymour M. Hersh, the only two-time Polk winner.

The Wall Street Journal's Alex M. Friedman won the Polk Award for international reporting for "Population Bomb," an investigative report about more than 100,000 women in Third World countries who were sterilized with a carcinogenic chemical, often without their knowledge.

The Polk Awards were established in 1949 to honor George Polk, a CBS reporter killed while covering the Greek civil war. The 13 awards announced Tuesday will be presented on April 14. Each winner receives a plaque.

Study finds no link between fat in diet and breast cancer

CHICAGO — Contradicting current medical theories, a 14-year study of nearly 89,000 women found no evidence that a high-fat diet promotes breast cancer or that a low-fat diet protects against it.

Experts were quick to note that a low-fat diet is still good for the heart and other aspects of health. They said the study indicates a need to look more carefully at how diet may affect the risk of breast cancer.

"We should just accept that good scientists can't tell you yet what to eat to minimize your breast-cancer risk," said Dr. John A. Clapay of the University of California at Los Angeles, who was not involved in the research.

The Harvard study was published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Compiled from wire reports

Reporter gets jail sentence in online child porn case

GREENBELT, Md. (AP) — His voice quivering, veteran reporter Larry Matthews offered a court-room assurance that he'd only been researching a story when he downloaded and sent child pornography online.

U.S. District Judge Alexander Williams was 'n s w a y e d Monday. "I believe Mr. Matthews crossed the line," Williams said in sentencing Matthews to an 18-month prison term. "I also believe that it was immoral."

Matthews, who was also fined \$4,000, received the lightest prison sentence possible under federal guidelines. Williams said he would recommend Matthews serve his sentence in a halfway house.

Matthews is the first journalist prosecuted for accessing child pornography on the Internet, according to the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press.

A 55-year-old father of four, Matthews had done stories on the increase of child porn on the Internet in 1995 while working for radio station WTOP-AM in

Washington. He said he wanted to expand on that series for magazine articles he planned to sell freelance.

Matthews said the indictment destroyed his life, ended his second marriage and forced him into bankruptcy as he tried to pay for his defense.

"So, I guess more than 30 years as a reporter counts for nothing," Matthews said outside the courtroom after he was sentenced.



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Complaints spur Crayola to rename color

EASTON, Pa. (AP) — Crayola is changing the name of its "indian red" crayon to avoid misunderstandings over the color's origin.

Crayola says indian red was based on a reddish-brown pigment commonly found near India, but

the manufacturer has gotten complaints from teachers who say students think the color has to do with American Indians.

"Little children take words and names very literally," said Louise Cosgrove, an art teacher in Allentown.

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EDITORIAL

Attacking Fish and Game's budget is petty politics from Mealey's pals

Steve Mealey's head had been on Idaho's political chopping block for months. Was anyone really surprised when the ax fell last week?

The director of Idaho's Department of Fish and Game was a dead man walking. That's why reaction from the Idaho House of Representatives is puzzling.

Upon learning of Mealey's dismissal, House Resources and Conservation Committee Chairman Golden Linford, R-Rekxburg, yanked a Fish and Game funding bill from consideration. No one in the House objected to Linford's action.

That bill was important for the cash-strapped agency. If approved, it would have raised an additional \$4 million from higher sportsmen's fees phased in over three years.

Calling the bill seems like petty politics aimed at the Fish and Game Commission, which fired Mealey on a 4-3 vote. Linford and his House colleagues clearly felt some loyalty to Mealey, so they beat up the group that fired him.

But the Fish and Game's problems stem from a divided and divisive commission. Maybe so, but holding a legitimate funding bill hostage

to the future make things any better? In fact, it won't even affect most of the current Fish and Game Commission. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne will name four commissioners to the seven-member board in April. Linford's action will make life just as difficult for commissioners who haven't even been appointed yet.

No one can dispute that Mealey made more than his share of mistakes in the past two years. He wasn't providing the leadership that Fish and Game deserves. Friday's commission vote was almost an anticlimax.

No one should fault the commission when it permits an unpleasant but necessary management function.

The next director and the new commissioners face serious problems, both financial and political. Relationships with constituent groups need mending. Agency morale needs boosting, and the agency needs financial stability.

Fish and Game became the Flying Dutchman of state agencies under Mealey's tenure. It is a credit on a sea of bickering. Key employees are abandoning ship. Sharks are circling. There's blood in the water. It ain't gonna be pretty.

OK, so Steve Mealey got fired. But sidetracking a legitimate funding bill won't improve things for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.



LETTERS

"Yes" vote is good investment

The first or second question we are asked by companies considering coming to our area concerns our school district. The question is: How do you know our kids do on tests and what our facilities are like?

Why do they want to know? These will be the first employees, and it's important to the families that work for these companies. The Magic Valley has gone through a terrific period of growth over the last 20 years, and it will continue for the next 20 years and beyond if we invest in our future. In the next few months there will be new business coming and providing new jobs for our community. If we are going to continue to attract new employees for the area, we must provide new school facilities.

Let's talk about facts. The only way to provide for new school facilities is through this bond. There is no other legal option. There is a circuit breaker property tax reduction for people over the age of 65, and there is a cap on the age of 18, a widow or widower or anyone disabled. If you fall into any of those categories, please take advantage of the program.

The Idaho State Legislature has begun the expansion of taxes for community colleges, which will have a positive effect on all of us. Our high school in Jerome County. Much facts: The 1998-1999 Jerome School District levy is \$4.13 per thousand dollars of valuation. In 1999-2000, our Jerome School District levy was \$6.54 per thousand dollars of valuation. What does the new levy add? Approximately \$1.46 per thousand dollars of valuation. Even with the new bond issue, we would be paying \$5.08 less per thousand dollars assessed value than we paid in the 1998-1999 school year.

Because interest rates are low, it is time to invest in a new middle school and provide additional health, safety and educational needs at the other facilities in Jerome. Our high school is a modern facility with built for 620 students and is today it is trying to serve 920 students. Our middle school, which was supposed to accommodate less than 450 students but currently has more than 520 students attending classes, also needs help.

Please join me to help pass the Jerome School Levy, vote "yes" Thursday and make an investment in our community's future.

CON P. PAULOS
Jerome

10 reasons why not to vote yes

1. The Jerome School bond proposal.
2. Proposition 5 means property taxes and unequal treatment of citizens. A couple of years ago when taxes were a hot topic in Jerome, two of our city leaders claimed that taxes had gone down. But what about the rest of us?
3. Each of the existing schools has plenty of room for expansion. Let's add smaller units where needed at a much lower cost.

4. The administrators want new facilities for themselves, so they simply "add it on" and try to tell us it is "necessary."
5. We never hear of the school bond trying to cut down on costs. How about year-round classes or cutting out some extra curricular activities?
6. There is a need to exempt the elderly from higher taxes. Most have already paid for their children's (if any) and their grandchildren (if any) education and are now trying to get by on limited income without being forced to sell their homes or cut off necessary things like glasses or medication. The circuit breaker tax never will help those who have income other than Social Security because it will quickly put them "over the limit."
7. Before providing another new school building, let's make sure the students will take care of it.

8. Most towns the size of Jerome have two schools - an elementary and a high school. Jerome has five now. We don't need more schools, we need more chairs and someone to guide them where to place them.

9. We need to send the School Board a message that we want to provide adequate facilities for the children of Jerome but not at a price that will bankrupt us.

10. Let them work on getting the cost down to a reasonable level, and we can vote on it again in a few short weeks because you can be sure that as soon as the law provides, the Jerome School Board will call another election.

RAY EASTWOOD
Jerome

Schools' overcrowding is evident

A few weeks ago, our daughter, who attends the Jerome Middle School, mentioned that two students in her social studies class were "floaters." A "floater" is a student who, because of insufficient classroom space, only gets to sit at a desk if someone else is absent. This is a startling example of the overcrowding situation at both our middle and high schools. Through discussion with other parents and teachers, we have become aware that this is, by necessity, an everyday occurrence at our middle and high schools.

In our minds, the need for more space in our school district is clear. We find it difficult to believe that any member of the Jerome community would not be appalled by the image of Jerome children going to school on "standby."

Supporting the Jerome school bond proposal does not mean that we enjoy paying property, income or sales taxes. We do, however, feel a strong sense of responsibility to this community as a whole. Good school facilities not only provide an immediate benefit to Jerome school children, but are also vital in attracting and retaining good teachers, business and employers to our community. A dilapidated tax is not an excuse to abdicate this responsibility.

To date, we have seen no good reasons to say no to the school bond proposal. This proposal is sound and economical, and has been developed over time with a tremendous amount of community input from many business and employers. Our program is effectively in place to minimize any burden placed on retired peo-

ple with truly low incomes, and the notion that property owners are the only people paying the property tax is pure silliness. Any good landlord recognizes property taxes as an expense of being in the rental business and passes that cost through to tenants in the form of additional rent.

This is not a problem that will disappear or go away in the future. We will continue to see Jerome grow as people seek a less crowded area to live and raise their families. People will continue to find the Jerome quality of life attractive. By talking the current Jerome School District student enrollment in the middle and high school, we can easily find at least 1,500 breathing reasons to vote yes on this bond proposal. Please make passage top priority on Thursday.

KEVIN AND ELLEN REXROAT
Jerome

Everyone pays property taxes

As each voter should be well informed before voting on the current Jerome School bond election, I feel compelled to provide some additional information.

As a business owner in Jerome, I would like everyone to know that virtually everyone in the school-taxing district pays property tax in one form or another. The property tax does not unduly burden one segment of the population. If the property owner occupies the property, the owner pays the property taxes. If the property owner rents out the property, the property taxes are paid indirectly by the renter. The objective in being a landlord is to charge enough rent to pay all expenses of owning the property (including property taxes). No one is getting out of having to pay the cost of property taxes. If the property taxes and other costs go up, the landlord will adjust the rent accordingly.

Elderly property owners will not starve if the bond passes. Idaho has a property tax-reduction program called the circuit breaker. If you are over 65 and your total household income after deducting medical expenses is less than \$19,310, you may qualify for the property tax credit of up to \$1,200. For someone that is truly on a fixed income, pass size of this bond will not mean that they will have to choose between their property taxes and a meal.

The opposition seems to mainly be against the additional improvement included in the bond, which total only 19 percent of the cost. The additional cost to the average taxpayer is approximately \$8.32 per year. I find it hard to believe that these necessary improvements cannot be made at this small additional cost per year.

The bonds in the community are so much more than just a structure in which to house our children for seven hours a day. We must provide a decent education in sufficient space so that these children can be well educated. The entire community has a responsibility to help with this goal.

I believe we each have to vote our conscience, but please do so as an informed voter. Be informed, think about the good of the community and vote yes on this bond on Thursday.

LAURIE HARBERD
Jerome

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LETTERS

Uneducated society is doomed

It would appear that one of the main reasons people are giving for a "no" vote at the upcoming Jerome School bond election is that it is unfair to place the tax burden on property owners (through the payment of property taxes).

I am sure there may be isolated cases of people living on the street in Idaho, but I am unaware of this situation in Jerome.

In Jerome, nearly every person lives in a home of some sort. If a person does not own their own home, they are probably renting. Most people who are in the business of renting homes are doing so to make money. I have to believe that, in most cases, any increase in property taxes are passed on; there would be very few landlords left as they would all be broke. Also, if I understand correctly, when someone owns a home in which they do not live, their property taxes are significantly higher than the taxes levied on owner-occupied properties. Thus, when tax increases are passed on to renters, they are actually paying a higher amount than property owners who live in their homes. I am surprised that we have not heard the voice of renters in Jerome protesting that they, in fact, are the ones who are bearing an unfair portion of taxes that might support a school bond.

It is also my understanding that, in cases of true need, there is a circuit breaker available for the elderly which automatically reduces if not completely eliminates their tax burden.

I must ask, if an elderly person does not qualify for this type of assistance, is the small increase in taxes that would result from this school bond really going to destroy them?

The bottom line is that an uneducated society is doomed to fail. Our society is a success because our ancestors, invested in our future by making sure we each received the best educa-

tion available at the time. Remember, the children of today will be deciding how well you need to be taken care of when you're too old to take care of yourself. Let's do all we can to ensure that we are raising a well-educated, moral society for our future and theirs.

CRYSTAL SULLIVAN
Jerome

Schools benefit community

There is an interdependence in a community. Good schools are not only a benefit to the students but to the community as a whole. Jerome schools have a serious overcrowding problem and population projections are for continued growth. This is not a problem that will go away.

The citizens group that has been working on a difficult problem has come up with a solution that is economically and educationally sound. This group is made up of people from all backgrounds and experience. They have reviewed the concerns of the citizens of Jerome and provided information that addresses the questions often asked. This information is available in brochures as well as local publications. Informed voters will take the time to read the result of many hours of hard work.

The proposed bond is the best solution available to us. It is nearly impossible to create an adequate learning environment in a facility designed for 650 students that is overcrowded with 968. We can't simply patch or add a modular unit part to meet the educational needs of this many young people.

We are concerned about where our tax money is spent, but we also know that we support each other. Better schools are a priority. The youth we support today will most likely support us tomorrow.

A "yes" vote is a vote of confidence for Jerome.

STAN AND CATHY LOTT
Jerome

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LETTERS

District needs funds to do job

As a mother of a child in the Jerome School District, I can see where we need more room for our children to learn and to grow. It's a proven fact with the right environment, i.e., smaller classrooms, lower student-to-teacher ratios, etc., our children learn better, are less apt to get bored and then become distractions to other students. Students with learning disabilities and behavioral problems are easier to locate, so that their problems can be found and the proper course then taken to connect the problem early on before they reach high school.

Our children are our future, they are the most precious commodity out there we have and everything that can be done to ensure their future should be done. In this day and age when we have children in high school who can't read or get passing grades in their core subjects all over the United States and graduating from high school ill prepared for college or the job market.

We as parents and adults must step up and take care of ourselves, we are doing everything we can to see that this problem is connected.

And part of the answers lie in our school system. We need more schools, more teachers and larger areas for our children to learn and for our teachers to be able to teach our children to the best of their abilities. And in order to do that, our school systems need the money they generate from bond elections to get the job done. Please vote yes on Thursday. Please do this for our children's future. It's the right thing to do.

DEBBIE MILLER
Jerome

Think about the children

I would like to ask you to consider voting yes Thursday for the Jerome School bond.

At Jefferson School, we have had a kindergarten class in a portable classroom that is too small for the number of students in the room. The room is designed to hold 19 students in

a traditional setting where all students sit in their seats and listen to the teacher. We have had many more students than 19 in the room. A good kindergarten program affords block, art, math, science and small group activities areas. Our room offers none of these areas. If the bond would pass and fourth graders went to Central, the kindergarten could be moved to a room that would provide the needed space.

It is hard for all of us to think about paying more taxes, but where there is a need, we sometimes need to think about cinching in our belts and fixing the problem now.

When we went to school, other people wanted to provide us with the education we needed. Now it is our turn to provide what is needed for the children in school.

JEANETTE MICHENER
Jerome

Don't dump burden on us

Once again, Jerome's famous school bond issue pokes its ugly nose into the town.

Again the coalition of "big-dickheads" are trying their best to

convince the public that we district who were on the school bond issues that we were our kids to have a good school facilities.

When it is time to convince these yes districts to realize and understand that just about all we can do is to agree whole heartedly that yes, there is the need for more schools and improvements on the existing schools. When's just the best to be the only ones paying for it. Especially since it isn't our kids or our kids' future we are overloading the Jerome schools at this time.

There are some things behind some of these small businesses and family farms just where the overloading of our schools really occurs. For their future to

say that these kids aren't entitled to or in need of a good education, that they shouldn't have proper and adequate places to acquire this education, but then I must also say don't dump this burden of responsibility on just we, the property owners, of both the city and county of Jerome.

Let's take a hard look at the real cause of the overabundance of school children. Into the county areas of Jerome, how many big businesses have moved in, each for the most part bringing their own labor force—a labor force that, in most instances, has large families. Nothing wrong with large families as long as they pay their way.

Then ask yourselves how

many of these large families own homes or real estate in the Jerome area? What are they paying toward helping to have their kids educated? Let's face it folks, fair is fair. You don't have to be a space scientist to see the unfairness of it all. This is why we no voters are still saying no to these school bond issues.

Come on, you yes voters, put the blame where it really

belongs on these so-called learned ones we have running our local and state governments.

They don't have the brains enough to come up with a workable plan to get the money for these new schools and improvements without dumping it into the laps of the property owners.

CHARLIE HALLERAN
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WORLD

HIV victims decry acquittal of French officials

PARIS — For more than a decade, Sylvie Rouy, a 35-year-old French mother, has waited to see three government ministers pay the price for the scandal that gave her AIDS.

On Tuesday, a pale and tearful Ms. Rouy was helped into an ambulance after finally hearing the verdict: Two ministers acquitted of manslaughter; a third convicted, but no punishment.

Ms. Rouy, who whispered Ms. Rouy, who was transfused with HIV-tainted blood while giving birth in 1985. "No penalty? I have to live my sentence every day."

Former Prime Minister Laurent Fabius, former Social Affairs Minister Georgina Dufoix and her health minister, Edmond Elve, were charged with manslaughter in the case, involving seven people who were given tainted blood transfusions in 1985. Of the seven, only Ms. Rouy and one other victim are still alive.

It was not the first trial stemming from the AIDS scandal that shocked France in the 1980s: more than 4,000 people contracted the AIDS virus from blood transfusions and hundreds have died.

But it is hugely symbolic, because it targeted the top echelons of French government. The specially constituted Court of Justice of the Republic was the first since World War II to try ministers for crimes allegedly committed in office.

Fabius was accused of delaying systematic HIV testing for commercial reasons — waiting for a French-made test when an American one was available months earlier.

As fighting rages, envoy arrives for talks

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia — Yugoslav forces backed by tanks battled Kosovo rebels and reportedly set fire to ethnic Albanian homes Tuesday, underscoring the difficulties facing a U.S. envoy trying to pressure Yugoslavia's president into signing a peace deal.

American envoy Richard Holbrooke flew to Belgrade for an expected meeting with President Slobodan Milosevic today, hoping to get the hard-line Yugoslav leader to agree to a plan aimed at ending the year-old war in the Serbian province.

Holbrooke warned of a possible "collision course" between NATO — which has threatened airstrikes if no agreement is reached — and Milosevic.

Bomb explodes near war crimes exhibit

SAARBRUECKEN, Germany — A powerful bomb exploded Tuesday outside a traveling exhibit on the role of Hitler's regular soldiers in Nazi war crimes. Police said they suspect right-wing extremists who have repeatedly protested the show.

No one was injured in the pre-dawn explosion, which caused millions of dollars worth of damage to the college building housing the exhibit.

The exhibit challenges widely held beliefs that Nazi SS units were primarily responsible for Holocaust crimes and wartime atrocities.

Police arrest senior Basque leader, others

PARIS — French police arrested the head of ETA's military wing Tuesday — a coup for Spain against the separatist group that has killed nearly 800 people in a 31-year campaign.

The arrest of the Basque leader and five other alleged ETA members took place on the day Spain's prime minister met with top French officials in Paris.

ETA, an acronym for the Basque words for Basque

World in brief

Homeland and Freedom — wants an independent homeland straddling the Spanish-French border.

South African gunman kills opposition leader

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — A gunman killed an opposition politician in Cape Town on Tuesday despite efforts by South African security forces to halt a wave of political violence ahead of elections in June.

The escalating bloodshed threatens to undermine South Africa's second all-race elections, to be held June 2 and which the ruling African National Congress is expected to win.

"In the run-up to national elections, political tensions will heighten. We're very concerned that it is now materializing into

attacked," police Capt. Mark (Ranburgh) said. "If people want to settle grievances through the barrel of the gun rather than political debate, police are limited in what they can do."

On Tuesday morning, the government (parade) army troops and police into a Cape Town slum where a 1990 politician and four organizers for a rival party, the United Democratic Movement, have been killed since Sunday.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Jerome school bond issue goes to voters

By Mark Helz
Times-News writer

JEROME - Nearly three years and as much as \$12.6 million later, the bond issue for the Jerome School District first rolled out a multimillion-dollar request, earmarked mostly for a new middle school.

Two people on opposite sides of the issue this week said the basics remain much the same on the eve of the fourth election.

District officials this time gave much of the responsibility of drawing up and promoting the bond issue request to a citizens' committee, Jerome schools Superintendent Jim Cobble said.

To vote

Jerome Central Elementary School and old Jerome Middle School, 2003-2004.

Jerome Middle School, 2003-2004.

Jerome Elementary School, 2003-2004.

Jerome High School, 2003-2004.

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\$12.6 million proposal they ended up with isn't much different from the original \$12.9 million request the district filed in September 1996, he said.

That request fell just short of the two-thirds majority required to pass bond issues in districts in 1997 and 1998.

Cobble on Tuesday would not speculate on the current proposal's chances of passing, but he expected another squeaker. "I think (the vote) will be just like it's been in the past. It's going to be close."

Jerome resident Carla Strunk, who opposed the past bond issue efforts, said she's still leaning against the idea. That's

Press see JEROME, Page B3

Authorities capture fugitive in Buhl

TWIN FALLS - A fugitive featured on local television "Wanted in the Magic Valley" was captured Monday after a tip led authorities to a house in Buhl, police said.

Ascension Martinez-Hernandez, 26, had been hiding from police since he hit a woman in the face with a sawed-off shotgun in May, police reports said.

Acting on a tip, Buhl police and Twin Falls County sheriff's deputies found Martinez-Hernandez in a house at 825 12th Ave. N. in Buhl, deputy Mark Burgess said in a report.

When the authorities confronted him, Martinez-Hernandez thrust his hand in his pocket and didn't take it out until he was handcuffed on the floor. A set of brass knuckles with metal spikes was in the pocket, the report said.

Martinez-Hernandez pleaded innocent Tuesday to resisting an officer and carrying a concealed weapon with intent to assault. He faces a March 19 preliminary hearing on the original charge of aggravated battery. He was being held in \$50,000 bond.

Murtaugh schools will discuss drug testing

MURTAUGH - The Murtaugh School Board will discuss School-to-Work and the district's drug testing policy at 2:30 p.m. today at the Murtaugh High School library.

The board also will discuss a resolution for trustee election, a multipurpose room, a First Security Bank proposal and teachers' evaluations.

The public is welcome.

Glenns Ferry agenda includes water deposit

GLENN'S FERRY - A request to increase water deposits from \$100 to \$150 is on the agenda when the Glenns Ferry Board meets at 7 p.m. today in City Hall.

Also on the agenda for the public meetings: a report from the West Valley Regional Improvement Committee; discussion of Y2K and its effect on the community; a request to use trust fund money for the new drinker-in-system at City Park; a request to establish a water research committee; and retention of hillside bordering the boat-dock parking area.

Wendell School Board takes up full agenda

WENDELL - The Wendell School Board will meet 7 p.m. today to discuss an annual budget and member election resolution and a budget amendment proposal.

The agenda items include a curriculum alignment, a computer bid, a teacher resignation request and a personnel matter to be heard in closed session.

The public is invited to all but the closed session.

Richfield school opens bids to accountants

RICHFIELD - The Richfield School Board has had the same accounting firm do its annual audit for more than 20 years.

But that might change. At the most recent School Board meeting, the board decided to seek bids from different accountants next year, Superintendent Larry Turgoose said.

The current firm, Jones Spackman Basterrechea and France, charges Richfield \$6,000 for the audit, Turgoose said.

"We have heard from other districts that their auditors are cheaper," he said.

An accountant with the firm said the \$6,000 fee was not high. "I don't think it's high or I wouldn't be charging it and they wouldn't have accepted it," Rick Basterrechea said.

"There are various different things that go into an audit," Basterrechea said.

The firm will accept a bid from Jones Spackman Basterrechea and France, Turgoose said.

The company plans to bid, Basterrechea said.

Compiled from staff reports

Eddie Eagle teaches gun safety

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A child's curiosity can begin a lifetime of discovery, but it can end a life if a gun is involved.

About 100 students at Perrine Elementary School learned Tuesday about the dangers of guns and how to avoid a harmful accident.

The assembly was part of the Twin Falls Police Department's continuing campaign to promote gun safety. It includes a video and workbooks with Eddie Eagle, the child gun safety mascot for the National Rifle Association.

The presentation doesn't promote the NRA or guns. Instead it focuses on what children should do if they find a gun in a home or park.

Eddie Eagle's motto for children who stumble upon a gun is "Stop. Don't touch. Leave the area. Tell an adult."

The assembly was a reminder to children about the dangers of guns and what they should do if they encounter one, Principal Kathy Muscat said.

Considering the number of guns in Idaho households (about 80 percent of the children said they had a gun in their home), the time children miss from class



Twin Falls police Cpl. Mark Marvin shows a small-caliber gun to students at Perrine Elementary School in Twin Falls Tuesday, explaining that sometimes just guns look like toys but are still dangerous.



It's worth the safety message, she said.

"Eddie Eagle is 45 minutes out of their year," she said.

Eddie Eagle warned children to stay away from guns without

adult supervision, but some guns can look like toys, said Cpl. Mark Marvin, who led the assembly.

To make his point he held up a palm-sized .22-caliber revolver

that could pass for a cap gun.

"You can't take for granted that a little gun is a toy gun," he said. "This little gun can kill you stone dead."

Guns can look like toys and vice versa, so the best advice is to call an adult to check it out. A little bit of caution is better than making a fatal mistake, Marvin said.

"If that bullet comes out of the barrel, you can never take it back," he said.

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Board OKs district to pursue building plans

TF schools see more preschoolers with disabilities

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Facing an increase in the number of disabled preschoolers, the Twin Falls School Board on Tuesday authorized the district to pursue plans to build more classroom space.

The school district is looking into building 3,000 square feet of classroom space or buying a manufactured building for the same cost at the corner of Harrison Elementary School.

School Superintendent Terrell Donich said. Projected cost ranges between \$100,000 and \$130,000.

Enrollment has grown from about 35 students when the program started a dozen years ago to up to 80 students, Donich said. They have outgrown their classroom space at Morningside Elementary School.

The district's plan would ease crowding in its program for students with severe disabilities at Harrison to the preschool room at Morningside, he said.

Twin Falls isn't the only district experiencing a rise in its preschool program for students with disabilities.

Filer School District

Superintendent Bill Fessenden said in a telephone interview that enrollment in his district has doubled to 33 students since the beginning of the school year.

In other Twin Falls School Board business:

The board learned it will cost about \$4.5 million to add air conditioning systems to Twin Falls High, Robert Stuart Junior High, Rickett Elementary, Harrison Elementary, Lincoln Elementary and Morningside Elementary schools.

"I think we were all hoping it would be less expensive," said Vera Redman, board chairwoman.

Vera C. O'Leary Jones High School Principal Willey Dobbs asked the board for more classroom space and an additional teacher to implement block scheduling.

Students would alternate

between eight classes - four classes every other day - in extended-classroom periods. That would enable them to take one additional elective class.

The board agreed to advance the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition, a consortium of schools and businesses starting technical programs, a \$2,000 fee payment for next school year.

ARTEC has exhausted its administrative budget in its quest for a \$4.8 million grant from the J.A. & Kathryn Alberston Foundation, Donich said. ARTEC needs money to keep operating until the first grant payment - possibly by July.

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Newcomb pulls back antitrust bill

The Times-News

BOISE - A House bill to strengthen Idaho's antitrust laws will be held until next year.

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, has been working on the idea for a couple of years, he said the measure had worried some smaller businesses

around the state. Newcomb wanted to give everyone time to digest changes - which would be the first of any substance in Idaho's antitrust laws, written in the early 1900s.

The questions were strong enough that Newcomb, who has claimed as a hero trust-buster President Theodore Roosevelt, will hold off before charging this particular bill.

Contentious 'cleanup' A controversial measure billed as a "cleanup" of the Local Land Use Planning Act passed the Senate Tuesday after an unsuccessful attempt by several senators to open the bill to amendment.

The Idaho Conservation League and others pointed out specific problems with the bill they thought could be fixed with four amendments.

Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, and eastern Idaho conservative Sen. Stan Hawkins, R-Idaho Falls, wanted the bill changed in committee and fought to have it changed on the floor.

Hawkins voted to send the bill to the House in the end, but only after thanking the Founding Fathers for creating a system where two legislative bodies have a chance to review each bill.

Despite the flak: One of the more contested issues to move through the House State Affairs Committee this year had to do with campaign finance, and whether public perception of a problem is enough to force legislative action.

In all his own donations during the three-month session did in committee twice, but a bill creating a 48-hour disclosure deadline for all contributions received from January through March made it through, and passed the House Tuesday 56-13.

It prompts all the discussion in committee, no lawmakers spoke against the idea on the House floor.

Legislature Extras is compiled by Times-News political writer Gregory Hahn.

Report shows herbicide contamination likely

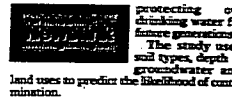
By N.S. Nokkervud
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The chances of finding the herbicide atrazine in the groundwater in some parts of Twin Falls County is more than 80 percent, a newly released U.S. Geological Survey report says.

But the level isn't likely to be above standards allowed in drinking water.

Minidoka and Twin Falls counties and the Mud Lake area between Idaho Falls and Rexburg have the greatest potential for contamination, according to a map prepared with the USGS report.

"These probability maps are a very useful tool because they highlight potential problem areas in a manner that isn't extremely complex," said Michael Rupert, the USGS hydrologist who wrote the report. "They'll take us one step closer to



The study, in cooperation with the Idaho Department of Agriculture, was done in the interest of early detection. No do something about it before it becomes a serious problem," Rupert said.

Atrazine is the most commonly detected herbicide in Idaho's groundwater, the USGS said. And it was found in half of the 369 wells tested. But it was found at levels far below the federal drinking water standard.

The herbicide is used in southern Idaho mostly as pre-planting treatment for corn

protecting our drinking water for future generations." The study used soil types, depth to groundwater and land uses to predict the likelihood of contamination.

It also is used to control weeds in ditches, roadsides and parking lots.

Atrazine is not heavily used in Idaho, said Jim Baker, environmental toxicologist with the state Department of Agriculture. It is more of a problem in the Midwest.

But it is soluble and moves in groundwater.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reviewing the use of the chemical because of health concerns. Idaho agency is requiring states to produce a pesticide management plan, primarily for atrazine and four related herbicides, Rupert said.

The report also noted the potential for contamination by nitrates - a form of nitrogen - from fertilizers, animal manure and legume crops.

A map in the report shows the likelihood of finding nitrates in much of the Magic

Valley along the Snake River is 30 to 50 percent, with some areas reporting more than a 50 percent probability.

About 95 percent of wells tested showed nitrates - most were below drinking water standards.

In an earlier report, Rupert estimated that about 256,000 tons of nitrogen from non-point sources are introduced annually into the Upper Snake River Basin. Of that nitrogen, 45 percent is from synthetic fertilizer, 25 percent from cattle manure, 20 percent from legume crops, 6 percent from precipitation and less than 1 percent from other sources.

The maps were developed so protection efforts could be focused in areas of greatest concern, Rupert said.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST END

OBITUARIES

Filer's drug, DUI arrests double, run counter to statewide trend

By Kelly J. Selzle TimesNews correspondent

FILER - In 1998, drug and driving-under-the-influence arrests more than doubled in Filer compared with 1997, says a report from the state Department of Law Enforcement.

Statewide, there was a 50 percent drop in the number of arrests for similar violations, the Filer City Council learned recently.

"I'm proud of our police force and the job that they are doing," Mayor Russell "Bud" Sheridan said. "There are not necessarily any new policies or procedures, just an extra effort on the part of our officers."

Sheridan said the officers are

"There are not necessarily any new policies or procedures, just an extra effort on the part of our officers."

- Filer Mayor Russell "Bud" Sheridan

taking the job seriously and aggressively and are good at their jobs.

Filer Police Chief Cliff Johnson said the department has four regular officers in addition to himself and a staff of four reserve officers and a matron. The reserves and matron are unpaid volunteers who have ongoing

training in police procedures. He said crime has decreased but arrests have increased, mostly due to an increase in traffic stops.

"The more traffic stops you make, the more violations you are likely to find if they (officers) suspect drugs, they'll ask for permission to search, and therefore our arrest rates are up," Johnson said. In other business, City Council members approved the commercial zoning of the Mason property near the junction of U.S. Highway 93 and U.S. Highway 30.

Also, Filer plans a special City Council meeting some time next week to discuss planned new wells.

TimesNews correspondent Kelly J. Selzle can be reached in Filer at 326-4104.

Safer roadways, bridge in store for Cedar Draw

By Kelly J. Selzle TimesNews correspondent

FILER - Safer roadways and a sturdier bridge are in the works at Cedar Draw and should be completed by the end of March or beginning of April.

The bridge is being replaced and some of the "S" maneuvers removed from River Road - or 4500 North - in the Snake River Canyon through joint efforts of the Idaho Transportation Department and the Filer Highway District.

Engineer Gary Bowlin of EHM

Engineers Inc. said this is a much-needed repair to an important bridge.

"This was a critical bridge with a low load capacity and substructure and erosion in the abutment with concrete deterioration at waterline. Our design will improve alignment of the roadway, straightening out some of the 'S' maneuver across the bridge," Bowlin said.

ITD's Joe Schacher said the bridge had a sufficiency rating of 48.4 pending after repairs in 1997.

"Loading design was H10

which was minimal load rating for that type of roadway. Usually we go for H15 which allows bigger trucks to go over it," he said.

Schacher said there was \$266,000 for construction costs from the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 which set up funding for this type of project.

Filer Highway District will own the bridge upon completion.

TimesNews correspondent Kelly J. Selzle can be reached in Filer at 326-4104.

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WENDELL

Dale F. Standlee Dale F. Standlee, 82, of Wendell, died Monday, March 8, 1999, at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital.

He was born February 25, 1917, in Hanson, Idaho, the son of Joseph E. and Evelyn Hayhurst Wendell. The family later moved to Hollister, where Dale graduated from high school. As a young man, he worked at a C&C contractor. McCull building roads into the back country. He later moved to the Valley, California, where he worked with his brother-in-law in the timber. In 1939, he trained as a pilot and then joined the Army Air Corps, where he became a technical sergeant. He flew liaison planes in the war from England to France. He flew 147 missions and was decorated with the Silver Air Medal and two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters for meritorious service. He was the last plane to leave the encirclement at the Battle of the Bulge before the Germans broke through.

Dale returned home in 1944 and was stationed in the 4888 Central Postal Directory in Germany. He was in a civil marriage in Jerome and in 1963, the marriage was solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. He built 15 houses in the Mann subdivision and later worked for Volvo for more than 20 years. He loved to fly planes, working as a pilot for a year at the Silver Lake field in the winter. He dearly loved to fish and went nearly every week up until the last four years, when his health prevented it.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda, son, Howard, and two grandchildren, three brothers, Hugo, Rex and Don, all of Jerome, one sister, Beverly, of Newberg, Ukiah, Calif. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

Funeral services for Dale Standlee will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 11, 1999, at the Jerome Cemetery by Pastor Kelly Jackson. No viewing is planned, and friends may gather at the cemetery shortly before service time. The family suggests memorials to the Jerome Public Library or the Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Salt Lake City. Services are under the direction of Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

BOISE

Murrell E. Blackmon Murrell Edwin Blackmon died peacefully in his sleep at the age of 71 on the morning of March 8, 1999, after a long battle with congestive heart failure.

Murrell was born on March 4, 1928, in Harding, Idaho. He was married to Jessa Frank and Lura Mae Blackmon and was raised in Jerome and attended the Jerome High School. He attended schools in Jerome, Idaho. He became a police officer in Jerome and later moved to California, where he had a long career as a sheriff's officer for the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office in Eureka, California. He served in the United States Navy as a fireman first class aboard the USS Intrepid at San Diego during World War II. After retiring, he enjoyed his retirement by traveling the United States for more than 15 years. He then settled back in Idaho to the state where he loved to hunt and fish.

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Engineers Inc. said this is a much-needed repair to an important bridge.

"This was a critical bridge with a low load capacity and substructure and erosion in the abutment with concrete deterioration at waterline. Our design will improve alignment of the roadway, straightening out some of the 'S' maneuver across the bridge," Bowlin said.

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Sheriff beefs up patrol at Minico

By Damian D. Rodriguez
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RUPERT — When Minidoka County sheriff's officers parked outside Minico High School Tuesday during lunch and after school, they didn't see many problems at the school's notorious intersection.

Sheriff Paul Fries said he hopes things stay that way, whether police are there or not. "Accidents along these roads are traffic problems were hoping to correct," Fries said. "Students don't realize they're handling a lethal weapon."

Recent accidents involving Minico students have prompted county and school officials to

take action to stop students from making fatal driving mistakes.

The sheriff's department beefed up patrols at 300 West and Idaho Highway 25. Sheriff Lt. Dan Kindig said deputies will enforce traffic control and issue citations on Highway 25 from Rupert to Paul. "Students will take responsibility for their driving," he said.

One parent of a Minico student told his son that if he gets a ticket, the school bus will have one more passenger, Kindig said.

Four off-duty deputies offered their time to help monitor traffic, Fries said. Deputies will not be moved off other areas of the county to patrol the high school area.

"We have the same goal in

mind, we want to see the kids graduate safely," Fries said. "We need kids to drive safe."

Minico Principal Dan Rogers said he approved of the added patrol. He said students are aware and to convince them to slow down.

In addition to the extra patrol, the Mini-Cassia Traffic Study Committee is releasing its study about the intersection and what people can do to make it safer, said former Idaho Gov. John Evans Sr., chairman of that committee. It is releasing the study at 7 a.m. today at Connor's Cafe.

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Mini-Cassia libraries connect

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

BURLEY — A proposed electronic cataloging system at Burley High School's media center would enable libraries throughout Minidoka and Cassia counties to link together, a Burley High School media specialist says.

The system would include all Cassia County high schools, Burley Junior High School, Minico High School, the DeMary Public Library in Rupert and the Burley Public Library, said David Badger, Burley High School's media specialist.

Cassia County School Board members unanimously supported the connected system, Badger

presented the idea Monday, and said he was not looking for money from the board.

Grants will pay for the system, Badger said. He is in the process of researching costs and applying for grants.

Badger also is looking into how much work the project will require.

No timeline has been set for the project, Badger said.

Accessing materials from bigger libraries is especially exciting to smaller schools such as Raft River or Ouley high schools.

Susan Green, head librarian at Burley's public library, said the system would help every entity involved.

"There is such an explosion of information. The next decade

will probably be known as the age of information," Green said. "No one can stand alone as a single entity and afford to serve all needs of their patrons."

"The Burley Public Library is underfunded and a system like this will be a great help," she said.

The library's board of directors also is unanimously in favor of the project, Green said.

Boards of directors at other area libraries will be approached about the project within the next few weeks, Badger said.

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Rupert names new administrator

By Damian D. Rodriguez
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Residents should get to know the name Roger L. Bagley.

Bagley, Rupert's new city administrator, should begin by April 5, Mayor Dwinelle Alfred said. He and the Rupert City Council hired Bagley late last week and made his name public Tuesday.

Alfred said Bagley was one of the four top candidates chosen for the position.

Bagley, 51, was deputy county administrator and human resources director for Los Alamos County, N.M., and his experience is compatible with the requirements needed to take

Rupert's top spot, Alfred said.

"Mr. Bagley has the education and training as an administrator," Alfred said. "It will take some time to get acquainted with our city employees and our projects. He'll coordinate with department heads."

Bagley said he was impressed with the direction the city wanted to go and the changes city officials want to make.

Originally from Utah, Bagley received his master's degree in public administration from Brigham Young University and Rupert fit the profile of where he wanted to use his skills, he said.

"I knew the former administrator (Bryan Montgomery) and he gave me good feedback,"

Bagley said.

"I was enthralled with what Rupert is doing," he said. "It's a progressive approach. I liked what I saw."

Bagley said he doesn't have an agenda, but knows the Rupert Resource Initiative and new wastewater transmission system will be high priorities.

Alfred did not disclose Bagley's salary because it has not been set. Bagley's salary should range from \$50,000 to \$70,000.

Montgomery resigned in November 1998 to take a similar position in Nevada.

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State puts plans for byway on hold

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

BURLEY Plans for a \$600,000 engineering study and multimillion-dollar construction project on a 16-mile stretch of backcountry byway are on hold.

The Idaho Transportation Department put the road project on hold until it reaches an agreement with Cassia County.

The ITD said it would take care of the project as long as the county maintains the finished road.

The county agreed, saying it would do the work under its own standards.

But the state wants to know what the county's standards are and whether it would continue maintenance in the future, said Lynn White, ITD local roads coordinator.

The state wants a letter from the county explaining its maintenance standards, White said.

"We need to know what they can do," White said. "More than half a million dollars isn't going to be thrown into something which might not even be maintained when the project is finished."

The ITD and county have discussed engineering and construction projects in the past, including February, and Cassia County Administrator Tim Hurst said the county will be able to maintain the road.

The problem is how much work can be done with money from the county roads budget, Hurst said.

"The county will maintain the road if the funds are available," Hurst said. "We have a budget of more than \$300,000 that we can spend on the road in that area."

The money is used on 90 miles for plowing, patching, fixing cracks and any major reconstruction or repairs, Hurst said.

County commissioners will write to the state explaining their position this week, Hurst said.

It is unlikely the state will help the county with maintenance once the project is complete, White said.

The ITD received a \$600,000 federal highway grant to do the engineering study. More grants would help pay for construction, White said.

The project is part of a plan to repave and widen the road. The engineering study is expected to be done by summer. Actual construction will cost several million dollars and will be done by summer 2000.

Total cost will not be known until the study is complete, Cassia County Commissioner Paul Christensen said.

"I'm anxious to get moving on this," White said. "It would be a really beneficial thing. There are so many people that use the road."

Christensen echoed White.

"There has been a lot more traffic generated on those roads because of the recreational areas nearby — like the City of Rocks," Christensen said. "The county needs help in repairing those roads to provide good access for people going to use the recreational areas."

Sharp curves and high speeds make the 16-mile road dangerous, Christensen said.

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Rangers review application for easement

By Margot Higgins
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — The Ketchum Ranger District is reviewing an application to issue an easement for an existing road and a new road segment in the Glassford Heights Subdivision.

Resource Assistant Mike O'Farrell said the easement would clear up a trespassing which occurred a number of years ago when the Bench Road Westview Lane connector was built on national forest lands.

planned to be through Jones Lane. However, this access has never been built since the lots were not developed.

Jones Lane lies within a wetlands area adjacent to Idaho Highway 75 and is just north of a highway section configured with a potentially dangerous curve.

The proposal would abandon the Jones Lane access for the upland section across national forest system lands. Public access would not be affected, and standards for the 300 feet of road would be the minimum required for emergency access.

when they will need to apply for a job, he said. "It will be a relief for the students receive excellent life skills."

In other Shoshone School Board business Monday:

* **Excelsior** — The board tabled until its next meeting a policy on tobacco, alcohol, and drug use for students involved in extracurricular activities.

"It's been talked to give us a chance to think about it," Excelsior said. "Just to determine if we need to make a change."

* **Coaching moves**: The board accepted the resignation of head football coach Tim Chapman and hired former assistant football coach Mark Sant to his position.

Chapman is the girls basketball coach and wanted to devote more

time to that, Excelsior said.

"He just wasn't was time to let someone else do it," he said. "He had been head coach for nine years."

* **Elections**: The board approved plans for a school board election. Seats held by Rick Roberts, Terry Zech and Tracy Sorenson will be up for election.

The election will be held May 18, applications to run are due April 10.

* **Closed meeting**: The board dealt with student and personnel issues in closed executive session.

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Water ordinance passes first test

By Sandra L. Calkins
Times-News correspondent

RICHFIELD — A new water ordinance designed to comply with Idaho code passed its first test at the Richfield City Council's meeting Monday.

The ordinance, which will have a second reading next month, says:

• No water wells will be allowed within Richfield's city limits other than those placed by the city.

• Domestic wells will be allowed within the city's impact area, provided the properties don't hook into the city water or sewer systems.

• Any well must conform to federal, state and county regulations.

In other Richfield business:

* **Pump house planned**: Someone West's building permit for a \$9,355 concrete building to house pumps for the wastewater line was accepted.

* **Permit revoked**: The conditional-use permit granted for a shop specializing in Spanish-language videos was revoked. The owner has moved her videos to Shoshone and rented the trailer as living quarters.

If she wants to follow her previous plan, she'll have to reapply for a permit.

* **Bleachers bid**: There was discussion of buying arena bleachers for the College of Southern Idaho has for closed bid. Rodeo club personnel will look at the bleachers and make a bid if they are satisfactory.

The bidding date is March 17.

* **Planning help**: The consultant hired by the city to help rewrite the planning and zoning ordinance to state specifications will send a letter to the city soon with several suggestions, City Clerk LouAnn Swainston said.

* **Street work needed**: The council discussed concerns from City Maintenance Engineer Jack Riley about oiling some streets and repaving sidewalks this summer. It's not known how much money will be available for the tasks because of the high costs of snow removal this year.

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Portfolio program succeeds in Shoshone

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — A program designed to build students' job skills has been a success in the Shoshone School Board heard at its most recent meeting.

Sixth-grade teacher Diane Knudsen applied for and received a \$1,000 grant enabling fifth- and sixth-grade students to put together portfolios of their best school work.

"It's going very well," superintendent Max Excell said. "Diane showed us some samples of the portfolios and they're doing really well. They're using a lot of technology."

Portfolios prepare students for

when they will need to apply for a job, he said. "It will be a relief for the students receive excellent life skills."

In other Shoshone School Board business Monday:

* **Excelsior** — The board tabled until its next meeting a policy on tobacco, alcohol, and drug use for students involved in extracurricular activities.

"It's been talked to give us a chance to think about it," Excelsior said. "Just to determine if we need to make a change."

* **Coaching moves**: The board accepted the resignation of head football coach Tim Chapman and hired former assistant football coach Mark Sant to his position.

Chapman is the girls basketball coach and wanted to devote more

time to that, Excell said.

"He just wasn't was time to let someone else do it," he said. "He had been head coach for nine years."

* **Elections**: The board approved plans for a school board election. Seats held by Rick Roberts, Terry Zech and Tracy Sorenson will be up for election.

The election will be held May 18, applications to run are due April 10.

* **Closed meeting**: The board dealt with student and personnel issues in closed executive session.

Times-News correspondent Rachel Denny can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3780.

Buhl council plans Arbor Day activities

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Mayor Barbara Givens has been successful in getting the Buhl Arbor Day celebrations.

A poster contest is under way for students attending the theme, "The Diversity of Trees." Prizes will be \$25 for first place, \$15 for second place and \$10 for third place. The first-place poster will be placed on T-shirts to honor the celebration.

Scouts and a local ecology club will participate in the theme.

In Buhl City Council business Monday:

* **Mobile homes**: A public hearing on the first-place poster changes for mobile home park

developments went quietly. Standards for utility connections and procedures will be incorporated into zoning.

The council will consider ordinance changes at the April meeting.

* **Army Corps Engineer** Scott Bybee said the sewer system at the army had to be modified because of rock formations.

Bybee asked for approval to deepen and widen a well. The cost of \$22,435 was in the budget and approved by the council. The council also approved spending \$16,070, as budgeted, to install 250 horsepower motor to increase the rate of water flow to the tower well by 70 percent.

* **Sidewalk grant sought**: The council approved seeking an

Idaho Transportation Department grant to repair sidewalk areas on Ninth, 11th, Locust and Walnut streets.

* **Appointment**: Andrea Stal was introduced as deputy city clerk. Ralph Smith was reappointed to the planning and zoning committee for a two-year term, and Kimberly Smith was appointed to the library board for a five-year term.

* **Upcoming meetings**: A public hearing will be held March 29 to discuss construction of a low-income affordable project next to Meadowbrook apartment near Clear Lake Road. The meeting will be at City Hall at 7 p.m.

The next council meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. April 12 at City Hall.

Jerome

Continued from B1 because a bond issue still would involve a property tax hike, she said.

"It still has the same problem with it. (The newest proposal) didn't solve anything," she said.

Still, Strunk commended what she sees as a sincere effort on the committee's part to trim the bond issue amount and get detailed

information to the public. The property tax problem is one that can be solved only by the Legislature, she said.

"It's not really the committee's fault. The choice has to come from somewhere else," she said.

Cobbie said bond issue boosters have been busy this last minute promotional efforts. Some

of those have included television spots and meetings with local civic groups and church congregations.

"They've done what they could to get their side of the story out," Cobbie said.

Times-News staff writer Mark Huddy can be reached in Jerome at 324-9962.

Cassia commissioners award dispatch center bid

The Times-News

BURLEY — Cassia County commissioners awarded a \$119,222 bid to Colbin Enterprises for remodeling a dispatch center in the Cassia County Law Enforcement Building in Burley.

The renovation of the old jail will be selected for the new cen-

ter. The area is twice the size of the existing dispatch center at the building's entrance, County Administrator Tim Hurst said.

Construction should be finished by the end of April. The dispatch center will move into the new area just in time for use of an enhanced 911 system in the

county, Hurst said.

The new 911 system should be running by May, Hurst said. It will provide dispatchers more information on calls coming in and reduce the time it takes for officers to respond to an emergency, a move that could help save lives, said Kent Searcy, 911 coordinator for Cassia County.

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Count change, check bank account, Virgo

IF MARCH 10 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are sensitive, psychic, creative, independent, willing to fight for underdog. Leo, Aquarius persons play fascinating roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names: A, S, J. Current cycle relates to travel, love relationship and marriage. You'll be tested, challenged, could participate in quiz program. Be analytical, don't be afraid to ask questions of authorities. March and December most memorable for you in 1999.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Domestic adjustment feature, long-distance communication reveals you were right all along. Filtration fun but know when to announce. "Enough is enough."

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You have not been exactly straight with yourself. You have talked yourself into a path or direction you instinctively dislike. Heed own counsel. Places is main focus.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): No suit! Spotlight on legal commitment, clash of ideas with Sagittarius, marital status. Verbal acrobatics featured. Many twists, turns - Cancer native plays role.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Health report good, don't stand still where laurels are concerned. Push ahead, there are more worlds to conquer.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will love and be loved. Lucky number is 1.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make repairs, correct measurement, count your change and check bank account figures. No one deliberately cheats, but can be careless with your money. Capricorn dominates scenario.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Aura of confusion exists, investigate claims, be aware of where you stand in connection with insurance, telephone bills. Gemini individual puts forth plan that is daring, revolutionary.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Money is on the line - your choice proves intelligent. Curiousness turns in your favor, rewrite and review until you are pleased. Taurus and another Scorpio involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Spotlight on ability to put ideas across. Moon in your sign relates to ability to be at right place at crucial moment. You

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will know for certain your love is not unrequited.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Scenario features music, style, fashion, romances with loved one. Serious discussions involve marital status. People you wish them well, they respect accordingly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Extricate yourself from ugly situation.

You are better person than many of your associates. Cosmic hand reaches toward Leo (Aries, Virgo) individuals represent opposition.

PISCIS (Feb. 19-March 20): Professional support, praise and promote you. Avoid self-criticism, dig deep for truth, encourage current relationship. Older individual admires you, will present.

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11. Whales
14. More chilling
15. Construction line
16. Flight engine
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19. Agile deer
20. Fast car, in brief
21. Fathers
22. Short word
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Rain keeps the earth dry

Q. Where in the United States now would I find the most buildings in one place that date all the way back to the colonial years?

A. Annapolis, Md., probably. And not just the two-centuries-plus colonial. Nearly 1,300 other buildings there go back more than one century.

It's the parents of the groom who pay for the wedding in Thailand.

A queen termite can lay an egg every second while she's at it. Remarkable! That's 86,000 eggs a day. Stop her!

Welders will tell you it's as difficult to bond some metals together as it is to graft an organ from one human body into another. Metal workers have known about that thing called "rejection" far longer than have the doctors.

Q. How do you explain the claim that rain keeps the earth dry?

A. The process does it, true enough. Air moisture gathers into

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clouds, condenses, falls, and runs into the seas. If it didn't, the humidity would rise to its maximum and saturate every surface to mire man in mega-mud.

Q. Whales hold their breath when they mate, do they not?

A. The underwater male, yes, but not the surfaced female.

No groups competed in the ancient Olympics. Much is made today about unselfish dedication to patriotic teams, and that's not bad but good. The old games, though, honed solitary souls, each part greater than the whole.

An athlete fell or stood alone until elimination left one individual supreme.

Grandma is willing but unable to baby-sit infant

DEAR ABBY: My problem concerns my dear mother-in-law. She wants to baby-sit my infant daughter after I return to work. "Grandma" is 80. She's deaf and physically does not wear her hearing aid. She is physically frail, confused and forgetful.

Abby, I cannot stand the thought of telling her, "We don't want you to take care of the baby because we think you're too old to do a good job of it." It would break her heart. Every time I see her she asks if she can watch the baby, and I just smile and shrug and say, "We're not sure what we're going to do with her once I go back to work."

Is there some nice way I can tell her the truth? I love her dearly and don't want to hurt her, but my concerns about my baby's safety are valid.

—UNCERTAIN IN FLORIDA

DEAR
ABBY
Abigail Verteburen

home-care aides:

If possible, your loved one should receive care through a licensed home health-care agency or registry. Find out what kind of insurance they carry. Find out what procedures they use for background checks. Check all references yourself. Is someone available to assist you and your loved ones after-hours or in an emergency? Assess what level of care your loved one requires. Does the aide have the skills necessary for the job?

Do not let an aide have access to checking accounts. If money is needed for expenses, give them only what is necessary and always get receipts. Above all, trust your own instincts. If you feel that something is not right - it probably isn't.

—GARY BARG, PUBLISHER
TODAY'S CAREGIVER
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DEAR UNCERTAIN: The baby's welfare must come first. Without making an issue of it, make other plans for child care. Be diplomatic when discussing their time with your mother-in-law, but remind her that a newborn requires physical stamina to deal with on a daily basis, and you have hired outside help to aid you in raising your three little bundles of boundless energy.

DEAR GARY: Thank you for the helpful suggestions. Providing care for frail loved ones takes time, patience, sensitivity and effort. For families who are able to afford professional help, the suggestions you have offered will give some guidance through the sometimes confusing process of selecting the right caregiver.

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to thank you for the help you've provided to caregivers throughout the years. Regarding "Still in Shock" in Illinois, there are some other precautions families can take to ensure the proper care of their loved ones with regard to hiring

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Camas County updates its planning ordinance

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

FAIRFIELD — In an effort to make the current planning and zoning ordinance user-friendly, Camas County commissioners are updating it.

"We're modifying some older decisions and strengthening the language so that people who aren't familiar with the language understand it easier," commission chairman Steve Miller said. "We're trying to make it a little more concise and as simple as possible."

The ordinance should be completed within a month. The project has taken longer than expected, Miller said.

"When you're working on these sometimes you get into areas that need quite a bit of discussion so that we maintain a consistent philosophy," he said. "You never know how long a

specific section is going to take."

In other business Monday, the commissioners discussed ZYK problems and solutions.

"We're planning on what we're going to do if there are major power outages," Miller said. "I think the county will assist the city in getting a backup generator. If there was a power outage for more than two hours it would become critical."

Commissioners don't foresee many difficulties, but want to be prepared "just in case," Miller said.

"We're concerned and want to have some contingency plans in place," he said. "We worked on all of the little hiccups things you don't want to anticipate possible problems."

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Camas school district to ask for levies

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FAIRFIELD — Camas County's school district asks for a supplemental override levy and plant facility levy every year, and this year will be no different.

Although Superintendent Arlyn Bodilly wasn't sure how much the district will ask for, it will propose the levies again this year.

Last year the supplemental levy was about \$50,000 and the plant levy was \$25,000, Bodilly said.

"Hopefully I can recommend an amount for the levies at the

next board meeting," Bodilly said.

Although the amount has yet to be set, the School Board did support having those levies appear on the next board election ballot, Bodilly said.

The election is May 18. Positions held by Cindy Weathers, representing one-fourth, and Keith Lemons, representing some five, are up for grabs. Both have indicated they will run again, Bodilly said.

Applications for the School Board election can be picked up at the district office and must be received by April 16.

Hansen hires animal control officer

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN — Dog owners in Eastern shoud keep their dogs confined to their own properties — or risk having their pets impounded or paying a dog-aring fine.

The City Council Monday night hired Randy Jones to work as animal control officer. Jones said he will work random hours, so dog owners who turn their pets loose at night are in danger of having their animals picked up.

The council voted to pay Jones \$6 per hour for a total 20 hours per week.

In other Hansen business:

- Construction plan: The council budgeted \$7,000 for building a garage/maintenance structure behind City Hall to house the new lawn mower, tractor and other equipment and provide a workshop area. Mayor Joe Ratro, Fire Chief John Hinton and water/wastewater manager Jim Etherington will build the structure.

- Tool request: Councilman Tom Kennedy said the council should allow money for hand tools for the fire and maintenance departments in next year's budget, as the workers are using their personal tools most of the time.

- Changes coming: Etherington outlined expected changes in fed-

eral and state mandates for wastewater plants: new permits for total maximum daily limits for plant discharge will be issued soon.

Hansen has an exceptional record for compliance well within mandated specifications. However, testing for more chemicals and nutrients is expected, he said.

- Groundwater group: The council agreed to become a member of the Groundwater Protection Agency for a membership fee of \$60.

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Valley schools look at cost of repairs

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

HAZELTON — The Valley School District might need \$3,725 to replace two building roofs.

Replacing the old locker room roof is estimated at \$1,625, and a new music room roof could cost \$2,100, the Valley School Board heard at its most recent meeting.

In addition to the needed roofing projects, Superintendent Donald Nelson said the heating system needs to be replaced.

That will cost the district \$8,000 to \$20,000, according to

estimates Nelson received.

In other Valley School District business Monday:

- Teacher issues: The board called an emergency closed executive session to discuss personnel issues. Following the meeting, two teachers were placed on probation, Nelson said. Nelson would not say why the teachers were placed on probation.

- Election: The board said two School Board seats will be open for election on May 18. The seats are held by incumbents Susan Schwarz and Keith Huettig. Applications to run must be

returned to the district office by 5 p.m. on April 16.

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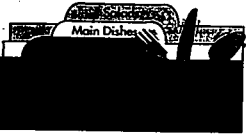
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Ginger cookies are in demand

By Denise Turner
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — John C. Anderson of Twin Falls writes to say he has received lots of requests for a recipe that appeared in the newspaper in 1954. The recipe was in a story about Mrs. C. P. Bowles, who baked cookies for neighborhood children. Anderson, one of those children, was shown in a photo sampling the treats.

Here's the much-requested recipe:

MONKEY FACE GINGER COOKIES

- 6 to 8 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 cup shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 cups light molasses
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 4 scant teaspoons soda
- 1 cup boiling water

Sift 4 cups of the flour with the salt and spices. Cream shortening and sugar, add egg, molasses and vinegar, then the sifted dry ingredients. Add soda dissolved in the boiling water. If necessary, add more flour to make a soft dough. Break off small pieces of the dough with two teaspoons and put on a baking sheet. Put in three chocolate chips for the face, two eyes and nose. Wrinkle the face with sugar. Bake 8 to 10 minutes at 350 degrees.

Here's a recipe from the Baltimore Sun. Ann Rhodes of Cambridge, Md., sent an urgent plea for a banana bread recipe. She had lost the one she had while traveling. She wrote that her family "but also loved it so much and won't forgive her for losing the recipe. This recipe is from the "Falconer Presbyterian Church Cookbook" (1986).

BANANA BREAD

- 3 or 4 overripe bananas
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cups flour
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt

Mash bananas with a fork. Stir in other ingredients. Pour into a buttered loaf pan and bake for 1 hour in a preheated, 350-degree oven. Batter can be frozen for later use. It is a great snack when still warm, but also lovely cold or lightly toasted. Wrapped in foil, it keeps well for almost a week. Chopped pecans or walnuts might be a nice addition. Makes 1 large loaf.

If you're looking for a quick dinner idea, this recipe, courtesy of the National Chicken Council, can be made with leftover chicken or with meat from a store-bought roasted chicken. The recipe was published in *Newsday*.

CREAMY CHICKEN QUESADILLAS

- 1 cooked or roasted cooked chicken, about 1/2 bird
- 6 (10-inch) flour tortillas
- 4 ounces cream cheese
- 1 cup frozen sweet corn, thawed
- 4 ounces smoked Gouda, grated

Lay out tortillas and divide cream cheese among them. For each tortilla, spread cream cheese across entire surface. Sprinkle chicken, corn, and Gouda on one half. Fold tortillas in half to completely cover filling. Set a large, heavy skillet or griddle over medium-high heat. Cook quesadillas until brown spots form on underside, about 3 to 4 minutes. Turn and cook second side. (The larger your skillet, the more quesadillas you'll be able to cook at once. You also can use 2 skillets.) Remove to a cutting board, cut into wedges and serve. Makes 6 servings.

Requests

A reader has called in requesting a recipe for pickled onions and one for lemon curd.

Another reader is looking for bagel recipes she once clipped from *The Times-News*.

A third reader is looking for a recipe for a German dish using cabbage leaves filled with a meat mixture. She thinks the dish is called "Brocks."

A fourth reader has lost a recipe once published in *The Times-News*. It's for Heavenly Hillaries, and was a recipe created for Hillary Clinton.

Requests for recipes or recipes to share should be sent to Denise Turner, Food Editor, *The Times-News*, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Please include name, address and phone number.

BRAGGING RIGHTS

Triple-kick beer chili is something to be proud of

By John Balzar
Los Angeles Times



According to the old wince, firewood warms you three times — when you cut it, when you stack it and when you burn it. Chili can give you a triple kick, too. Good chili is wickedly satisfying to eat. It is joyful to cook. And, unless you are a complete hermit, it provides an enduring source of pre-dinner conversation. As in, "My chili is better than your chili." Or, "My chili is better than anyone's chili."

Well, mine is.

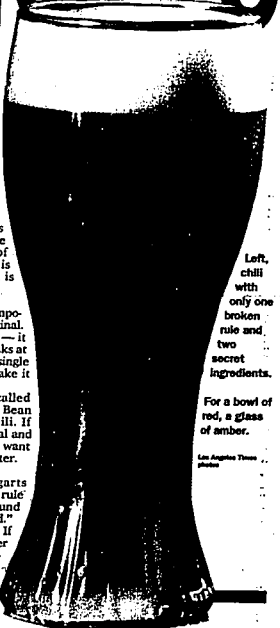
Now, I cannot claim that the components of my chili are entirely original. Chili, after all, is a distinct thing — it comes with rules, which one breaks at one's peril. I choose to break a single rule. Which is not enough to make it original.

An original chili would be called something like Yenc's Vanilla Bean and Arrowroot Vegetarian Chili. If someone says their chili is original and tastes like no one else's, I run. I want my chili to taste like chili. Only better. Well, mine does.

First, chili is meat. Many braggarts insist upon using chunks of meat. This I break. I use ground meat — but ground thick, which in Texas is called "chili ground."

Next, chili is not beans. I honor this rule. If you want beans for starch, pour cooked chili over plain beans before serving. I prefer rice under.

Please see CHILI, Page C2.



Left, chili with only one broken rule and two secret ingredients.

For a bowl of red, a glass of amber.

Los Angeles Times

Congregational Church compiles cookbook

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

PAUL — "Recipes From the Heart," a newly-published cookbook, contains 547 recipes from the members of the Paul Congregational Church. Of those recipes, more than 100 are German favorites — and all were contributed by church members.

In many cases, the church member is the original designer of the dish. Some members contributed personal adaptations of recipes inherited from friends or family.

About 50 of the recipes were such old favorites that they were copied from an earlier cookbook the church published several years back.

"The book is unique," said Peggy Moore, of the cookbook committee. "It is printed as a three-ring binder."

The pages can be removed and put back into the book once the cooking is finished. The book contains cooking tips and helpful household hints. It has dividers, an index and a table of contents.

The church is selling the cookbooks to help finance a trip to Chicago for the church's youth group, Awana. The Paul Congregational Church teen-agers have been selected to go to a national competition in Chicago on April 16, 17 and 18.

The competition is a quiz bowl, where the young people compete with others from around the country. Each contestant is required to answer detailed questions about Scripture and to recite, word for word from memory, random Bible verses. The Paul Awana group has spent the past several months quizzing each other to practice.

There is also a talent portion to the national competition. Some of the Paul young folks have written original poetry for this competition.

Moore shared a few favorite German recipes from the book:

GERMAN MOLDASIA

- 1 pint cottage cheese
- 2/3 cup raisins
- 4 eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup water
- 1 cup bread crumbs
- 1 cup sweet cream
- 3 tablespoons butter

Mix the cottage cheese, raisins, 1 egg and 1 teaspoon salt together. Set aside. Beat 3 eggs and mix with water, 1/2 teaspoon salt and enough flour to make a stiff dough. Roll out on floured surface, then cut into 4-inch squares. Put a tablespoon of the cottage cheese mixture into



MAURICE B. ROSENBERG/For The Times-News
Peggy Moore holds a cookbook with 547 German recipes. The book was developed by members of the Paul Congregational Church to raise money for the church's youth group. The money will buy plane tickets for youth members to attend the Awana National Competition in Chicago.

How to get one

To purchase a copy of "Recipes from the Heart," priced at \$12, call Peggy Moore at 438-0750 or Marcia Frank at 438-5657.

each square and bring the four corners to the center and pinch the sides together. Drop the little bread cottage pockets into boiling water and boil for 10 minutes. Drain off the water and put the bread/cheese pieces into a serving dish. Bring 1 cup sweet cream to a boil and pour over the top. Brown 1 cup bread crumbs in 3 tablespoons butter and sprinkle over everything.

OATMEAL PIE

- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup soft butter
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 3/4 cup oatmeal
- 3/4 cup light Karo syrup
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 1 cup milk
- 9-inch pie crust

Mix egg, butter and sugar together. Add the oatmeal, syrup, coconut and milk. Mix well. Four into the pie crust. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

KRAUT BAROQUE

- 1 pound hamburger
- 2 onion
- 1 head cabbage, shredded fine

Please see COOKBOOK, Page C2

Favorite ideas for wedding showers

Legend has it that the bridal shower began several centuries ago when the daughter of a rich merchant fell in love with a poor young man. Her father disapproved and denied her a dowry, so before the couple were married, the townspeople "showered" them with gifts that were used to sew and mend together.

The following are some favorite ideas for wedding showers:

TRADITIONAL TEA PARTY

A laidback afternoon tea is a classic shower theme that remains stylish and elegant. Arrange an enticing assortment of tea sandwiches and sweets on stacked or tiered cake stands and pretty platters, and serve with pots of different kinds of tea. For place cards at the table, remove the tags from tea bags, replace them with small handwritten name tags, and put a tea bag in an empty cup at each guest's place. For a bride who already has everything (or for one who will be having other showers), ask each guest to bring a vintage or antique tea cup instead of a more traditional gift. With the collection of tea cups, the bride will be able host many tea parties of her own.

HOLIDAY SHOWER

Assign each guest a holiday, and the resulting gifts will become family heirlooms for the couple. They might include a platter for the Thanksgiving turkey, Christmas ornaments or Hanukkah decorations, handwoven and enamel glasses for New Year's Eve or a heart-shaped cake pop for Valentine's Day.

BEAUTY SHOWER

The bride and her bridesmaids escape to a day spa and spend the day indulging in facials, manicures and massages. This is a wonderful way to pamper the bride and her wedding attendants — but don't schedule it the week before, as facials can cause unexpected reactions. Create memorable invitations out of handmade cards attached to linen hand towels or bottles of scented bath oil.

LINENS SHOWER

Add luxury to the couple's private realm with gifts such as monogrammed pillowcases, fluffy down pillows and the finest cotton, linen or flannel sheets. You can expand the theme to encompass both bed and bath, and include gifts such as his-and-her bathrobes, fine soaps and bath salts, and towel towels. Since ease in bedding and towels is quite individual, encourage the couple to register at a linens shop or department store prior to the shower.

DESTINATION SHOWER

Sometimes, the shower itself can be the gift. In this case, the bride can and

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bridesmaids can spend a weekend together in a beach house, a downtown hotel, a bed and breakfast or a cabin by a lake.

SPORTS SHOWER

For a fitness-oriented couple, guests can bring scuba or climbing gear, ski equipment, tennis racquets, golf clubs, gym memberships or whatever suits the couple's interests. Let the guests join in the action by making the shower a sight of golf, a day at a local ski area, a trail ride on horseback or a rousing game of beach volleyball.

WINE SHOWER

Have every guest bring a bottle or two of wine to help build the couple's wine cellar. You can assign each guest a different grape or region to assure variety. It's a wonderful idea to make the shower itself a wine tasting; consider hiring an expert to conduct it.

TRAVEL SHOWER

This is an excellent theme for avid travelers or any couple embarking on an exotic honeymoon. Gifts can include luggage, camera equipment, certificates for language lessons, guidebooks and journals. Design the menu according to the next destination — tapas (savory appetizers) for Spain, sushi for Japan, jerk chicken for Jamaica, a plate of fine cheeses for France.

GARDEN SHOWER

For a couple that has a house to settle into right after the wedding, organize a shower with a garden theme. The bride and groom may be able to register at a local garden center or nursery, and guests can bring books, tools, seeds, Bowser pots, potted trees or shrubs, as well as journals for plans and records. Send out hand-decorated packets of flower seeds as invitations, or hand them out as favors.

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FOOD & HOME

Ficus plants will love a little TLC

The experts all say you're not supposed to fertilize your houseplants as much in the winter months.

All I can figure is, the experts don't live herbaceous.

Take ficus trees, for example. Or call them indoor figs if you want. Same plant. Ficus trees will drop a lot of leaves this time of year. You might even see some twig dieback. Could be that those are old leaves just falling off, doing the natural thing. Could also be that you are overwatering your tree and/or leaving the extra water in the saucer below the pot. Leaving the water in the saucer can cause root rot. Shouldn't do that.

Ficus like direct light indoors in a warm room—64 degrees and warmer. They get a lot of light in these parts, what with the sun slanting down under the eaves practically every day. We get more sun than wherever it is "the experts" live, and our plants like it.

"When they see all that sunlight, ficus and all your other houseplants go a little nuts. They grow more. When they grow more they want water and fertilizer more often."

When the top of the soil feels dry, mix up some water-soluble all-purpose fertilizer, such as Peter's 20-20-20. A lot of experts tell us to use fertilizer half strength, but I use it full strength, every time I water. Watch the ficus



GREEN THUMBPRINTS Cathy Walworth

because they don't like to get too dry. And, then again, yellowing leaves on a ficus might be bugs. If ficus leaves are turning yellow, check to see if they're sticky. Then look underneath a couple of leaves to see if you can see some fine webbing. Look at the petiole — where the leaf is attached to the stem. That'll be a good place to spot the webbing.

Are there little reddish-colored dots on the undersides of the leaves? Those are mites, the little critters that made the webbing. Mites are attracted to ficus, probably because mites love dust, and ficus have an awful lot of leaves to get dusted, so we don't. Well, I don't.

My houseplants get dusty enough to need a twice-yearly bath. Since the ficus is so big it won't go in the kitchen sink, or even the bathtub. The bath comes to the plant. Spread bath towels around the floor under

the tree. Dig out a bowl big enough to let you wring out a small sponge or rag in it.

Put a little Amway LOC or Palmolive green dishwashing soap into your bowl and add some warm water. Not softened water. Pour some warm water out of the teakettle into your bowl to warm up the cold that came out of the faucet.

Wash each leaf, top and bottom, and every stem with a little piece of sponge or rag. That should wash off all the mites and their eggs. If you see signs of re-infestation, just give the plant another bath.

Dump out your soapy water. Fill it back up with tepid water in which you've steeped a tea bag, for a few minutes. That's your rinse water.

The tea in the rinse water helps get every last trace of soap off the leaves. It also helps the stomata (the little breathing holes in the leaves) close back up. Besides, plants like a little acid whenever they can get it, what with our water so alkaline.

Let your plant air dry. Do not put anything on the leaves to help them shine. It gums up the leaves — remember those little air holes? Bad idea. Let the plant shine all by itself.

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

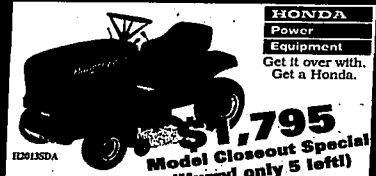
Cookbook

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1 recipe basic bread dough
Salt and pepper to taste
Fry the burger; add cabbage, onion, salt and pepper. Cook till vegetables are tender. Roll out the bread dough and cut into small squares. Place 1 tablespoon

of the meat mixture on each square; pinch the corners together. Place pinched side down on a greased baking sheet. Bake at 375 till golden brown.
NOTE: In this old recipe, the cooking time and size of the pan were not given.

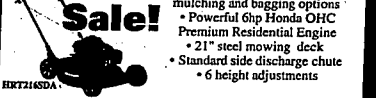
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Lawn gives way to low-maintenance landscape

By Nick Harder
The Orange County Register

TUSTIN, Calif. — Bud Yount looked over what used to be his front yard lawn.

"Sure doesn't look anything like it used to," he said with a smile. "Definitely not what all my neighbors have."

All Yount could see on his street were huge front yard lawns with a few shrubs here and there. Until a short while ago, Yount's front yard looked the same way. Since then, he's had it all torn out and a put in a low-maintenance landscape.

"I just got tired of mowing the grass," Yount said.

He lives in unincorporated county near Tustin. The homes there are about 40 years old with large yards front and back. From the sidewalk to the front of the house it's about 20 feet. Yount bought the house in 1957.

"When we first bought, we put in a dionchion," he said. "We got really tired of trying to keep that up ... a couple of years ago, we had that torn out and junipers put in along with a lot of other plants, but we had design problems with them."

Then, a bit of traveling prompted him to rethink his front yard again. "While visiting my daughter in Mesa, Ariz. (near Phoenix),

I noticed the landscaping along Interstate 10 there. It was just a bunch of shrubs and flowers, but it looked interesting."

A few months ago, while in the San Marcos area of San Diego County, he noticed similar landscaping along Lake San Marcos. He found out who did the landscaping and hired the company to redo his front yard.

At the base of the Younts' new front yard lies a covering of crushed granite. It helps minimize potential weeds and acts as a support for the lava rock that dominates most of the remaining landscape. Running diagonally from a point near the home's

entrance at the middle of the yard is a 4-foot-wide "dry lakebed" of smooth rocks about 4-5 inches in diameter.

Atop a small hill near that is a 2-foot-tall cactus. Its "arms" seem to be reaching for the sun. Dotted here and there is a variety of plant types.

The yard is just in its infancy. The plants are spaced far enough apart to allow for growth.

Low maintenance isn't the only reason why Yount had his new yard put in.

"Besides not having to mow 5 lawn now, we're also ready if we have another water shortage," Yount said.

be slightly creamy, again suggesting mole. Then, as the food moves over your tongue, the distinctive ring of ground chili and meat and roasty ale emerges — followed by the wallop of hot pepper. The next spoonful starts all over again with the cooling smoothness of the mole opening the door to the tang, leading to the sizzle. It becomes rhythmic.

I use El Toro chili powder and Durkee hickory smoked salt. Serve the chili over rice or spaghetti or alone with a hunk of bread.

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- 2 cups beef stock
- 3 tablespoons New Mexico chili powder
- 3 tablespoons ground cumin, if possible freshly ground from seeds that have been toasted
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 teaspoon white pepper
- 1 teaspoon Hungarian paprika

- 1 teaspoon hickory-smoked salt (12-ounce) bottle porter
- 3/4 pound ground round, preferably coarsely ground
- 3/4 pound ground pork, preferably coarsely ground
- 1 small white onion, diced fine
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce
- 2 teaspoons can powder
- Hot pepper sauce
- 3 tablespoons flour

1/4 cup finely chopped red onion, optional
Bring beef stock, chili powder, cumin, cayenne, mustard, bay leaves, white pepper, paprika to simmer in saucetron over medium heat, about 8 minutes. Meanwhile, brown ground beef and ground pork in skillet over medium-high heat, about 5 minutes. Transfer browned meat to simmering stock in saucetron with slotted spoon. Add onion and garlic to meat juices that remain in skillet and saute until onion is tender and translucent, about 5 minutes. Add to stock

and simmer, covered, 2 hours. Stir in tomato sauce, cocoa powder and hot pepper sauce to taste, about 6 shakes. Remove 1 cup of liquid without meat from chili. Add flour and stir to form paste. Return to chili. Simmer 30 minutes. Garnish with red onion if desired.

Chili

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neath my chili. The best is day-old, reheated. They choose thin pasta, like spaghetti.

Chili is then a combination of spices added to the meat and cooked to achieve a thick, unmistakable texture and robust bite. Some ingredients are standard, like chili powder and cumin.

"I just got tired of mowing the grass," Yount said. These are what chili snobs argue about — sometimes until wisps of steam emerge from their ears and they turn just slightly red in the face. Then you know you're on to something. At that exact moment, your chili should be done and ready to serve.

My secret is this: Cocoa combined with fresh craft-brewed ale of the dark variety in a porter. I use Black Butte Porter from Deschutes Brewery in Bend, Ore., because I think it's the lovechild made. Garden-variety lager beer is not an adequate substitute. Other well-made porters might be.

With my experience, good chili has a meaty, strong American flavor. The first mouthful can be good, even delicious. Then the surprise vanishes. The chili plays only a single note in the mouth.

Well, my chili comes at you like a three-piece band. The first sensation is reminiscent of Mexican mole — the result of the cocoa and the caramel flavor of the dark malts used in porter. The texture must

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Whole-house surge suppressor protects outlets

DEAR JIM: It seems like my answering machine, VCR, microwave, telephones, etc., don't last very long. I spend a lot buying new ones. I use plug-in surge arresters now. Would a powerful whole-house suppressor help?

—Al F.

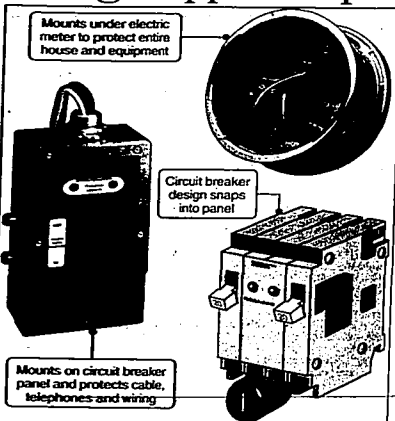
DEAR AL: Nearly every electrical device and appliance in today's homes use sensitive solid-state components. Although you are not aware of it, there are hundreds of very short duration 1,000-plus-volt surges in a typical home's wiring everyday. Some get as high as 5,000 volts.

Your small plug-in (point-of-use) surge arresters do not provide adequate protection. Even if one of the voltage surges is strong enough to destroy the electronic components, these frequent smaller surges can slowly break down wiring insulation. This causes premature device failure or faulty operation.

A high-quality whole-house surge suppressor provides the best protection for your expensive electronic devices and appliances. If you have a computer, VCR or any newer appliance, you should definitely install one. Several companies include a free \$10,000-claim warranty when you buy their whole-house surge suppressors. If any of your major electric appliances are damaged by voltage surges, they will repair them free up to a \$10,000 maximum.

Lightning is not the only source of high-voltage surges. Many times the switching on and off of your refrigerator or washer motors generates voltage surges. These surges can also be generated externally from nearby electrical systems or businesses with electrical equipment running.

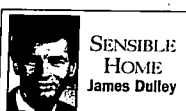
There are three basic styles of whole-house surge suppressors:



Whole-house voltage surge suppressor options.

1) mounts on the circuit breaker bus with wires (this is the type that I use in my home, 2) built into a snap-in circuit breaker and 3) mounts directly under the electric meter. To understand how they work, think of a large "electric balloon" with a small outlet hose. When a voltage surge hits, instead of burning out your equipment, the balloon quickly fills. Since the surge is of very short duration, the balloon slowly deflates through the small hose and is ready for the next surge. There are significant differences in the level of protection of

the many surge suppressor models available. The key factors are the magnitude of the voltage surge that it can dissipate without burning out itself, how fast it reacts, and the clamping voltage at which it begins to block the surge. Some of the newest models also protect your telephone and TV cable lines. Many modems have been fried by surges through the telephone lines. As a second line of defense, continue to use your plug-in suppressors too. Write for Update Bulletin No. 405 - buyer's guide of the 10 best



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How to keep paint from peeling

Gene Austin
Light Riddler News Service

Q: We live in an older house and recently have the same problem: The paint peels from the exterior window sills. We've even stripped the sills completely and repainted, but it still peels. Can you help?

A: It is often difficult to remove exterior window sills a lasting paint job because of their exposure to moisture and sun, both of which tend to cause them to deteriorate. The horizontal construction of window sills frequently lets water work its way into the wood, and the moisture literally pushes the paint from the surface. Here are some tips for making your next window-sill paint job last longer:

• Scrape off all loose paint down to bare wood and sand the sills smooth. It's OK if some old paint sticks tightly to the wood. Caution: Houses built before 1978 might have old paint containing lead. Scraping or sanding lead paint that health hazard unless proper procedures are followed. For more information on dealing with lead paint, call the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-5323 and ask for a copy of "Reducing Lead Hazards When Remodeling Your Home."

• Caulk all cracks and joints where water can enter the sills. Use a high-quality acrylic-latex caulk.

• Prime the sills with an oil-based primer, mixed half-and-half with Penetrol. Penetrol cannot be mixed with latex-based exterior paint, but water-based paint can be used over dried Penetrol. Let the primer dry thoroughly.

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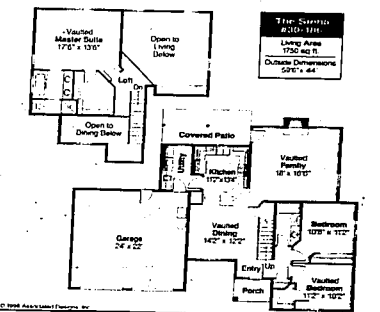
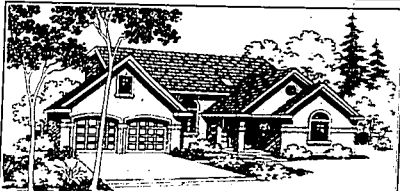
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Stucco detailing characterizes Siena

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Italian wedding soup will make nice addition to pasta

By Linda Cleoro
Knight Ridder News Service

Q. My husband and I enjoy Italian food and one of our favorites is Italian Wedding Soup. A couple of restaurants in our city serve it on occasion. Can you come up with a recipe?

— Diane R. Sandt, Easton, Pa.

A. This soup, from "Ford Times Cookbook" (Ford Motor Co., 1974), is credited to the Olivos restaurant in Altoona, Pa. Though the recipe calls for chicken broth made from backs and necks, a thrifty method that produces a rich stock, you could substitute any chicken or canned broth and about 1 cup of boneless chicken pieces as a shortcut; cut the initial cooking time to 20 minutes, just long enough for the celery and onion to soften.

ITALIAN WEDDING SOUP

1 1/2 pounds chicken backs and necks
4 quarts water
1 cup chopped celery
1 small onion, chopped fine
20 marbles-sized meatballs
1 head endive, chopped
2 eggs
1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese

Lemon wedges, optional

Cook chicken parts in water, celery and onion for 2 hours at a bare boil. Remove chicken from bones. Add meatballs and chicken pieces to hot broth and simmer 10 minutes. Add endive and simmer 10 minutes more. Beat eggs with cheese. Pour into soup and cook, stirring, just until egg is soft-cooked. (The egg should separate as you stir into tiny strands). Serve with lemon

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FOOD & HOME

Meal appeal: A return to the art of cooking

By Melody Simmons
The Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — Cooking experts say there is a movement afoot to revisit the art of cooking, partially out of a need to balance the burnout of everyday life. Cooking Light magazine offered an article "99 Quick and Easy Ways to Be a Better Cook in 1999" in its January/February issue.

And a number of cookbooks celebrating home cooking are cropping up in stores. "How to Cook Everything" (Macmillan, 1998) by Mark Bittman and "The New Joy of Cooking" (Scribner, 1997) by Irma S. Rombauer, Marion Rombauer Becker and Ethan Becker are attracting novice and veteran cooks.

Here are some recipes:

SPANISH POTATO GRATIN
 • 1 cup chopped sweet onion
 • 3 large garlic cloves, chopped
 • 1 tablespoon sweet butter or olive oil
 • 2 large pinches saffron threads
 • 2 pounds Yukon gold or red bliss potatoes
 Salt and pepper to taste
 • 2 cups rich chicken broth (homemade or Poullet Gold from a gourmet grocer)
 • 1 cup fresh bread crumbs
 • 1/2 cup blanched almonds
 • 1 tablespoon chopped Italian parsley
 • 4 tablespoons sweet paprika
 • 2 tablespoons olive oil
 Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Sauté the onion and garlic oil in a skillet for five minutes until lightly golden. Stir in saffron and turn off heat. Slice potatoes into very thin rounds and layer the bottom of an oiled oval or round casserole dish. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and layer with onion mixture. Pour chicken broth over potatoes, covering the layers and add water if needed to cover. Mix bread crumbs with almonds and parsley and pulse in the food processor. Add paprika, salt and pepper, 2 tablespoons olive oil and stir. Sprinkle the bread crumb mixture in an even layer over the top, cover with foil and bake 20 minutes. Uncover and bake 15 additional minutes — liquid should be nearly evaporated and potatoes should be tender. Serves 4 to 6.

—From Mary Fox's "A Cook's Table"

2 cups ground veal or turkey
 1 cup chicken stock
 1 egg
 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
 1 cup unseasoned bread crumbs
 1 cup tomato sauce (leftover spaghetti sauce or barbecue sauce will do)
 1/2 cup white wine or sherry
 1 teaspoon Tabasco sauce
 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese

(Chicken or tomato sauce made, if desired)
 Base layer: Use assorted strips of seasonal vegetables, such as marinated carrots (purchased in the gourmet section of a super market) and a jar of roasted red peppers. Also add three par-boiled, julienned potatoes. Layer the vegetables together in a bowl until pressing into the steam of an 8-inch by 8-inch rectangular, oiled baking pan. Season with salt and pepper. Mix the next 9 ingredients and spread over the vegetables. Bake for 30-40 minutes at 375 degrees. Let sit for 10 minutes and then cut into squares. Each square can be topped with chutney or a tapenade of sun-dried tomato, if desired. Serves 6.

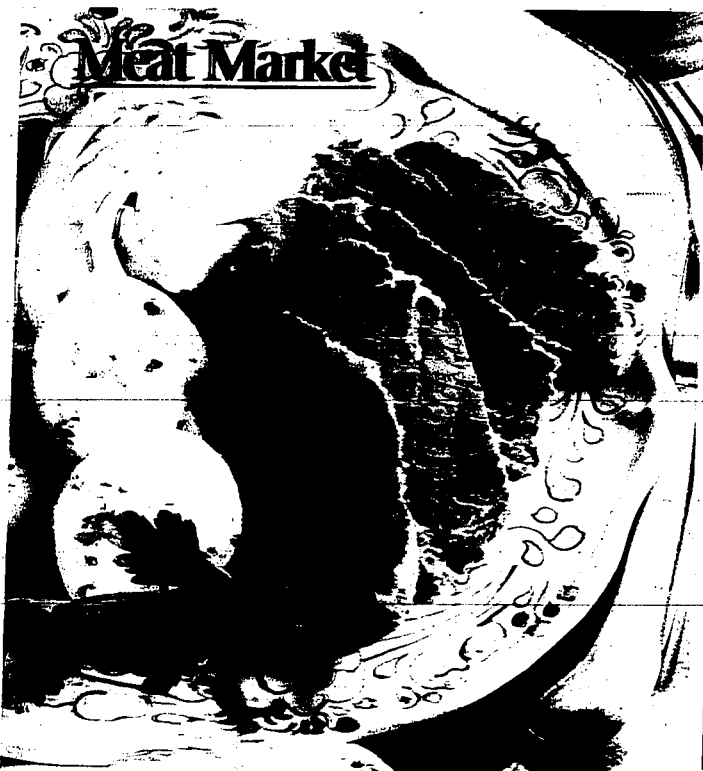
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Finally, the dismissal bell! He would race all the way home. Ah, the rich smells that flowed from the kitchen as he opened the door: his Irish mother humming a soft, lilting melody as she worked.

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Good food to serve at Sunday luncheon

It's pretty simple to host a luncheon, especially if you do it buffet style. The hardest part is having enough room to set out the food, and enough chairs to seat all the guests. A bigger house would help, but as anyone who's hosted knows, nothing's ever perfect.

I spent the week cooking up the breads, cookies and soups, hoping to ease the workload prior to the luncheon. Due to my canary savvy (ha!), I chose items that taste better if left in the refrigerator for at least 24 hours.

Actually, I chose items with ingredient lists that consisted of stuff I had that I found appealing. I limited myself to a few changes of my own. I make small loaves instead of one large loaf. The banana bread recipe will make four small loaves, and the zucchini and lemon breads will only make three loaves.



VALLEY COOKING
Rebecca Tateoka

Frosting:
3/4 cup powdered sugar
1/4 cup butter
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
1 teaspoon lemon juice

In a large bowl combine all the cookie ingredients. Beat at low speed, scraping bowl often. Divide the dough in half. Roll into an 8-by-1-inch roll and wrap in plastic. Refrigerate at least 1 to 2 hours. Heat oven to 350. Cut roll into 1/4-inch slices with a sharp knife (thin slices make better cookies). Place on cookie sheet. Bake for 8 to 12 minutes. Cookies will brown. Cool completely. Combine frosting ingredients, beating till fluffy (1 to 2 minutes). Frost cooled cookies.

KISSES
1 1/3 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup vegetable shortening
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
1/2 cup peanut butter
1 large egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Granulated sugar for rolling
Chocolate chips (milk chocolate) for decoration

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Combine the flour, baking soda and salt in a separate large bowl, cream the vegetable shortening and the two sugars. Beat in the peanut butter. Beat in the egg and vanilla extract. Gradually blend in the dry ingredients. Pinch off walnut-sized pieces of the dough and roll into balls. Roll the balls in granulated sugar and place on ungreased baking sheets. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, until just starting to color. Press 3 to 4 chocolate chips into the center of each ball and return to the oven for 3 minutes. Transfer to wire rack to cool.

BANANA BREAD
2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup butter, at room temperature

1 cup sugar
2 large eggs
1 cup mashed ripe bananas (about 2)
1/4 cup sour cream
1 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 350. Coat loaf pan(s) with vegetable spray. Thoroughly mix flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt in medium bowl. In another bowl, cream butter and sugar for 3 minutes or until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, one at a time, then blend in bananas, sour cream and vanilla. On low speed, blend in dry ingredients just until combined; do not overmix. Spoon batter into prepared pan, smoothing it on top. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes (for small pans) or until tester comes out clean. Turn out onto rack to cool completely before slicing. Wrap in foil and refrigerate to store.

ZUCCHINI BREAD
1 1/2 cups flour
3/4 cup sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
2 large eggs
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1 1/2 cups lightly packed shredded unpeeled zucchini
1/2 grated zest of 1 lemon (or 1 large orange)

Preheat oven to 350. Coat loaf pan(s) with vegetable spray. Thoroughly mix flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg in large bowl. In medium bowl, whisk eggs and oil, then stir in zucchini and lemon zest. Pour liquid mixture over dry ingredients and stir with

wooden spoon until well combined. Spoon batter into prepared pan, smoothing it on top. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until tester comes out clean. Carefully turn out onto rack to cool completely. Wrap in foil.

LEMON BREAD WITH LEMON GLAZE
1 1/2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
6 tablespoons butter, at room temperature
1 cup sugar
2 large eggs
Grated zest of 1 medium lemon
1/2 cup buttermilk
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
1/2 cup sugar
Grated zest of 1 medium lemon

Preheat oven to 350. Coat loaf pans with vegetable spray. Thoroughly mix flour, baking powder and salt in medium bowl. Cream butter and sugar in large bowl of electric mixer for 3 minutes or until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, one at a time, then lemon zest and buttermilk. On low speed, blend in dry ingredients just until combined; do not overmix. Spoon batter into prepared pan, smoothing it on top. Bake for 40 minutes or until tester comes out clean. Meanwhile, stir lemon juice and sugar in small until sugar is dissolved. When bread is removed from oven, immediately turn out onto large piece of foil and pierce top in several places with toothpick. Resist lemon glaze mixture and slowly drizzle over bread. Sprinkle top with grated zest and cool completely before slicing.

Rebecca Tateoka welcomes comments on recipes. Her address is Route 2, Box 133, Hazelton, Idaho 83335.

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Cayenne gives zing to chicken

By Linda Gassenheller
Knight Ridder News Service

New Orleans' chef Paul Prudhomme inspired this quick and easy Chicken Creole. It uses tomatoes, green pepper, celery and onions — the essential ingredients of Creole and Cajun cooking. When Prudhomme was in Miami recently to lecture at the FIU School of Hospitality Management, we talked about the difference between Cajun and Creole cooking. He said he grew up poor and lived in the country, but was always rich in food and family. That's what Cajun cooking means to him. It's rustic country cooking. He said Creole cooking was fancier city food, a combination of Spanish, French and African cuisines. Prudhomme's delicious samples of the two cuisines inspired me to whip up this chicken dish.

To keep the chicken from drying out, I sear it first to seal in the juices and remove it while the vegetables cook for a few minutes. I return the chicken to the skillet to finish cooking it through in the sauce. The amount of cayenne called for in the recipe gives a mild zing to the sauce. If you like it hot, add more cayenne or serve hot pepper sauce at the table so that each person can regulate their own heat.

CHICKEN CREOLE

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
 - 3/4 pound boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut into 1-inch cubes
 - 1/2 medium onion, sliced (1 cup)
 - 1/2 green bell pepper, sliced
 - 1 stalk celery, sliced
 - 4 garlic cloves, crushed
 - 2 cups canned chopped tomatoes
 - 2 teaspoons dried oregano
 - 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
 - 1/8 teaspoon cayenne
 - Salt and freshly ground pepper
 - Hot pepper sauce
- Heat olive oil in a medium non-stick skillet on high. Add chicken cubes and brown on all sides, 3 minutes. Remove to a plate. Lower heat to medium high. Add onion, green pepper, celery and garlic and saute 3 minutes. Add tomatoes, oregano, Worcestershire sauce and cayenne pepper and return chicken to pan. Simmer 3 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste. Spoon chicken and sauce over rice and pass the hot pepper

sauce. Makes 2 servings.
Per serving: 421 calories, 58.2 grams protein, 19.6 grams carbohydrate, 12.8 grams fat, 28 percent of calories as fat, 6.5 grams fiber, 144 milligrams cholesterol, 305 milligrams sodium.
Ten-Minute Rice:
1/2 cup long grain white rice
1 teaspoon olive oil
Salt and freshly ground pepper
Bring a large pot with 2 to 3 quarts of water to a boil. Add rice

and boil, uncovered, about 10 minutes. Test a grain. Rice should be cooked through, but not soft. Drain into a colander in the sink. Run hot water through rice and stir with a fork. Mix in oil and salt and pepper to taste. Makes 2 servings.
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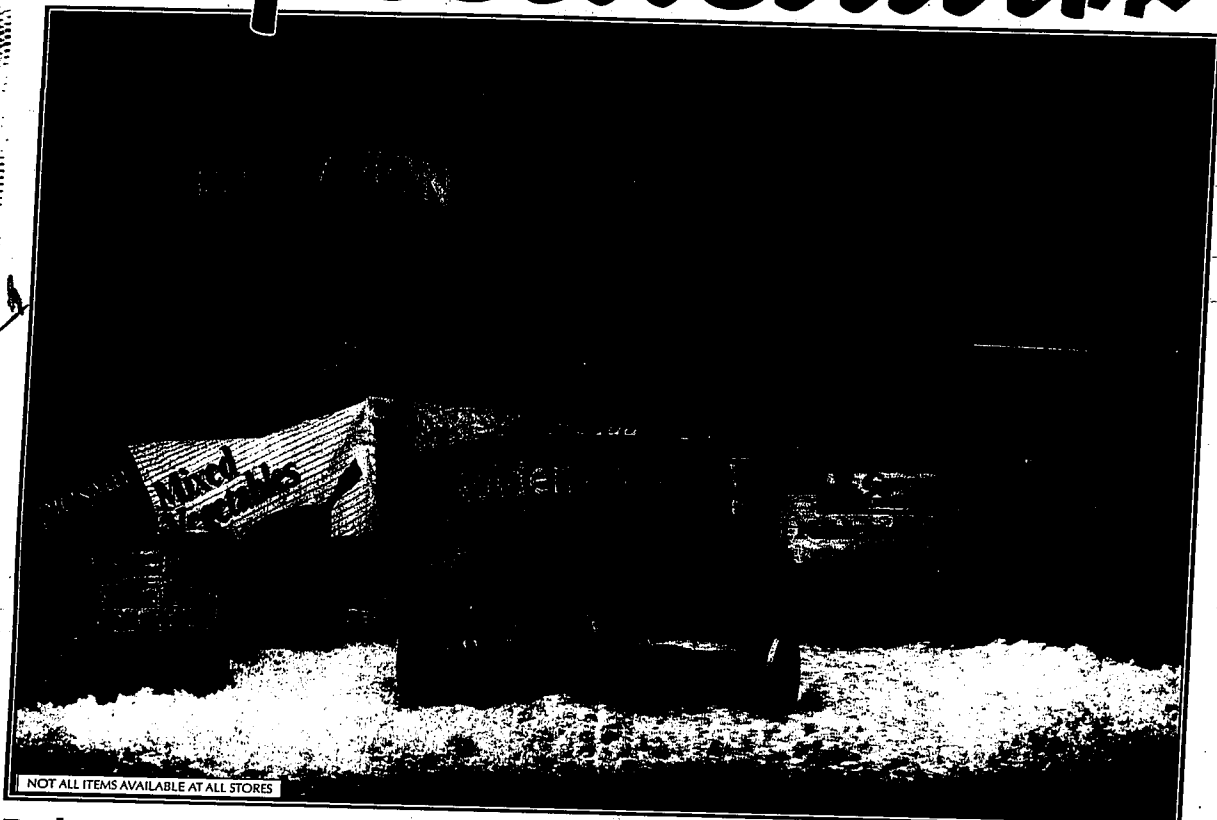
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The Times-News

MORNING LINE

SPORTS QUOTE

“I was going to feed my bone to my dog so we could bond.”

—Atlanta Braves reliever *Mike Cather*, who asked to keep the three-inch piece of rib that had been surgically removed to restore blood flow to his right arm.

IN BRIEF

Stroud, CSI volleyball among Hall finalists

COEUR D'ALENE - The College of Southern Idaho volleyball team and coach Ben Stroud are among the finalists in their respective categories for the Coach Athletic Hall of Fame awards March 20. The teams will be honored at a banquet at the Coeur d'Alene Inn, 414 Ardenway, beginning with a social at 5:30 p.m. in the Convention Center and dinner at 7 p.m. The winners of the various categories will be announced at the banquet.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne will be the main speaker. Tickets are \$23 for adults and \$9 for students, and can be purchased at Lewiston Schwab Tire Centers in Lewiston, Moscow, Coeur d'Alene and Sandpoint; the Coeur d'Alene Inn or Curt Neely in Moscow.

Along with the six-time defending NJCAA champion Golden Eagles in the Idaho Team of the Year category are the University of Idaho football team (1998 Big West and Humanitarian Bowl champions), the Lewis Clark State College rodeo team (1998 National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association champs) and the North Idaho College wrestling team (1998 NJCAA champions).

The entry for Coach Stroud for Idaho Coach of the Year honors are Vandal football coach Chris Tormey, NIC wrestling coach Pat Whitcomb and Lewis-Clark State volleyball coach Kip Yoshimura.

Funeral arrangements set for ISU defensive back

FOCATELLO - Funeral arrangements for Jason Rufus, the Idaho State University defensive back who was killed Friday in an automobile accident, have been set both in Phoenix and Pocatello.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. today at Marysville High School, where Rufus was a 1998 graduate. On Wednesday, March 17, there will be a memorial service from 10 to 3 p.m. at the Goranson Hall in the Fine Arts Building on Idaho State's campus.

Rufus, 19, died Friday morning when the car he was driving drove into a tractor trailer, just north of Page, Ariz., as he and two teammates were heading to their hometown of Phoenix for spring break.

Also in the car were DeAnn Eley, who suffered a broken arm and leg, and Justin Giles, who suffered minor bruises.

Twin Falls tennis team falls Thursday at TFHS

TWIN FALLS - There will be an informational meeting for parents of prospective Twin Falls High School tennis players Thursday at 7 p.m. in the faculty lounge at the high school.

Filer softball jamboree fires up Thursday at city park

FILER - There will be a jamboree Thursday at Filer City Park featuring the Wendell, Filer and Kimberly softball teams.

Wendell plays Filer at 4 p.m., followed by Kimberly vs. Wendell and Filer vs. Kimberly.

All games will be four innings long. Admission is \$1 and children under age 5 are admitted free. City proceeds go to the IHSAA Y.E.A. program.

Bassmasters hold tourney Saturday at Reservoir

WEISER - The Magic Valley Bassmasters will hold a tournament Saturday at Brownlee Reservoir at the Woodhead Ramp.

The entry fee is \$35 and all B.A.S.S. rules apply. For more information, call Dave Withers at 543-6863.

Also, the entry fee is \$25, and again all B.A.S.S. rules apply. For more information, call Withers or Phil Mail at 678-5040.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Local hoops stars finish in high style

The Times-News

With the Dietrich High School girls earning a state title and the Murtaugh boys playing to a second-place finish, the Magic Valley high school basketball season came to a close last week.

Almost. There were still four games to be played Tuesday and loads of accolades to be lavished before players throughout the region exchanged their sneakers for spikes heading into the spring sports season.

The A-3 Canyon Conference boys' and girls' teams beat their A-4 counterparts in two all-star games held at Declo.

The A-3 boys won 76-58 while the A-3 girls prevailed 52-47.

In a pair of entertaining games held at Filer High School Tuesday night, select boys' and girls' squads from the local A-2 ranks each held halftime leads, but wound up losing wild contests to their A-1 counterparts.

Kimberly's Rich Arrossa scored 20 points, while fellow Bulldog Phillip Knight and Filer's Bryan Lawley added 18 and 17 respectively. In all, five A-2 players hit double digits, but the A-2 boys led 63-66 to a Burley-powered A-1 cast.

Bobcat Micah Adams led all scorers with 24 points and Burley teammate Aaron Bradley added 20 to lead a total of four A-1 players in double digits. The big-school team overcame a 41-39 shortfall midway through for the win.

"The kids had a lot of fun running it up and down the floor," said Buhl coach Ed Finger, who led the A-2 side.



Kallie Coon of Filer tried to steal the ball from Amanda Bark of Burley. The A-1 all-stars thwarted a late run by the A-2 all-stars to win 63-62.

"It's nice to have Arrossa shooting for you instead of against you."

Among the girls, the A-2 all-stars pounded out a 25-20 halftime advantage over the A-1 select team. Both sides lit up in the second half, however, and the A-1 prevailed in a 63-61 shootout finish.

Buhl point guard Leah Moore paced the A-2 girls with 12 points, followed by Indians' post Erin Scott and Filer wing Kallie Coon, who each scored 11. Burley's Ashley Toner recorded 18 points for the A-1 team and Jerome's Cynthia Bell added 13 more.

Boys' team: A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4. Girls' team: A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4. A-1 Coach - Davey Hill, A-2 Coach - Ed Finger, A-3 Coach - [unclear], A-4 Coach - [unclear]. Page D2



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Vols' Holdsclaw gets third All-America nod

The Associated Press

Chamique Holdsclaw has been a standout since she arrived at Tennessee. Now she's a star.

Holdsclaw was a unanimous selection to The Associated Press women's All-America basketball team Tuesday.

She was chosen for the third time as a freshman.

The team's dominant player of her time, Holdsclaw has led Tennessee to three consecutive national championships and would have won the title if not for a foul by her teammate.

She was the national player of the year last season and was named the SEC's All-Star player of the year.

"I've been a real joy to watch her grow, as a player and as a person," Tennessee coach Pat Summitt said. "I've never seen her grow up so fast."

Holdsclaw and Purdue's Stephanie White-McCary were named the first team on all-42 ballots from a national media panel.

They were joined on that team by Tennessee's Jennifer Rizzotti, Alabama's Dominique Carter, Alabama's Dominique Carter and Colorado State's Candy Ezomona.

The other three time one-all-star first team picks were...

Weber worries Tar Heels

First round test pits Wildcats' quickness vs. UNC's size

The Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. - Quick, underdog teams can give North Carolina problems, meaning Weber State is capable of causing some trouble in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

The Big Sky Conference champions don't have a star player taller than 6-foot-7. The third-round Tar Heels are one of the nation's tallest teams.

"The quick team always has the advantage, especially if you've got a lot of big people on the court," North Carolina point guard Ed Cota said Tuesday before the Tar Heels flew to Seattle.

"You can always use your quickness to run up and down the floor to wear a team down. Hopefully, we can overcome that."

The two teams met in the West Region on Thursday. "It gives us problems, but at the same time it gives them problems," said North Carolina forward Ademola Okunribido.

"Overall, I think it will give them more problems if we run our plays right and execute and defend the ball, inside. Hopefully, we'll overpower them under the boards."

Coach Bill Guthridge said a pair of starters, especially if into this tiny Athabaskan Indian village at 1:38 p.m. Alaska time.

Others in the lead pack hunkered down on the snowy tundra outside Nikolai, waiting for the warmest part of the day to pass before starting to move again.

"My dogs, this is cold weather," said Swingley, the only non-Alaskan ever to win the race.

Nikolai, on the south fork of the Kuskoquim River, is about 315 miles from the 1,100-mile race from Anchorage to Nome.

The race began Sunday. Defending champion Jeff King arrived in Nikolai about a half-hour after Swingley, but he limping and in obvious pain.

"I wanted any knee and it hurts like hell," King almost lost his race.

King said he fell off his sled Monday between Finger Lake and Fair Pass on what many members described as a parking lot.

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NCAA tournament

The Associated Press

Athletic Council Conference title game.

Guthridge said his team is upset despite the expected loss, which could translate into a potential loss of momentum heading into the postseason.

"We lost to the No. 1 team in the country, so we can't dwell on that game," Cota said.

"Losing really hurts me, but if you look back on it we did our best game in beating Georgia Tech and Maryland," Guthridge said of the ACC victory.

"It's hard to judge how you play against Duke because they are so good."

North Carolina, seeking a 25-win season for the fifth time in the last 18 years, has one huge advantage - NCAA experience.

The Tar Heels have won at least one game in the tournament 18 straight years and been to the Final Four each of the last two years.

"We've been to the Final Four, then the next year again you want you were in the Final Four."

"What happened? I don't want them to say, 'What happened?' I want to say 'I've won the thing and here I am, my ring.'"

Iditarod leaders lay low outside Nikolai

The Associated Press

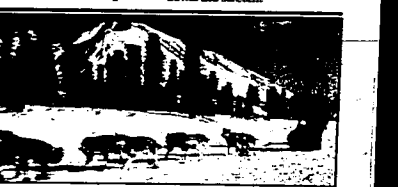
NIKOLAI, Alaska - Montana musher Doug Swingley defied the collective thinking of his fellow runners Tuesday, leading racers into the Nikolai checkpoint in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

Swingley, who won the 1995 Iditarod, led his 14-dog team into this tiny Athabaskan Indian village at 1:38 p.m. Alaska time.

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A musher pulls his sled dog team through the snow on the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

SPORTS

Utah's road to Final Four paved with bumps this year

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The Utah Utes traveled the road to the Final Four last year, but they may find the path rougher in this year's NCAA Tournament.

"I would much rather have been a three or four seed out West. We're in the most difficult bracket, there's no question about that," said Utah coach Rick Majerus.

"We have a very formidable challenge in each and every round."

Nine of the sixteen teams in the Midwest bracket, including champions of their conferences.

The Utes, whose 27-4 record and 22-game winning streak secured the top seed, open the tournament against 14th-ranked Texas State (18-11), champion of the Sun Belt Conference.

Majerus and his staff, who found a way to pick apart every team but Kentucky last year en route to the NCAA Championship game, have been over the film, dissecting the



Utah guard Andre Miller lays in two of his 12 points Saturday as New Mexico forward Greg Davis defends during the Western Athletic Conference championship game in Las Vegas. Utah won the game 60-45.

Arkansas State Indians squad. Key to Arkansas State's attack is Chico Fletcher, a 5-foot-6, lightning fast point guard who put up 21 points and eight assists to lead the Indians past Western Kentucky in the conference championship game.

"They've got a very good point guard who penetrates and is strong," said Majerus. "They like to transition the ball... they have an excellent pick-and-roll game."

Fletcher will be in the spotlight as he matches up against Utah All-American Andre Miller, but he could have his hands full, said, "I wasn't having any fun till then."

Utah entered this season with high expectations, with Miller leading the team and All-Western Athletic Conference player Alex Jones and Hanzo Motola leading the team.

But an inexperienced supporting cast created some problems early in the season, and Utah struggled out of the gate. The Utes lost four of their first nine games, falling to Utah State, Indiana, Rhode Island and Texas.

But during the WAC season the team gelled and received solid inside play from Motola, as well as sophomore Nate Alford and freshman Phil Cullen, whose style of play has drawn comparisons to former Utah All-American Keith Van Horn.

The team went on to win 22 straight games, a streak cushioned by a WAC schedule that included a few pushovers. Majerus likes his chances of catching that streak even further.

Continued from D1 State University next fall. Boy's state champion Poatello placed two players on the all-region team as well as coach of the year Chris Frost, while three Jerome girls were named to the all-region team.

Brady Moon and Corey Hunt, Poatello; Griffin Proctor, Highland; Mike Williams, Jerome; and Micah Adams, Burley.

Second-team mention went to Ty Anderson, Minico; David Clarke and Corey Gates, Highland; and Rob Bybee and Dan Bird, Poatello.

Honorable mention went to Matt Hagler, Casey Oliver and Tony Pearson, Poatello; Jordan Hill, Brandon Nielsen, Dane DeBoer and Casey Eldridge, Twin Falls; Corey Haynes and Brandon Allen, Burley; and Buck Fife, Minico.

The girls' first team included Steve Fiala, Twin Falls; Heidi Goicoechea, Burley; Nikki Martens, Jerome; Angela Williams, Highland; and Alexis Malgesu, Poatello.

Second team went Cynthia Bell and Kendra West, Jerome; Tiffany Bird, Poatello; Kris Hollingsworth, Highland; and Shari Crystal, Minico.

Girls received honorable mention including Kathy Apington and Merilee Caldwell, Poatello; Melissa Green, Camille Britain, Burley; Micaela Adams, Schvaneveldt, Jerome; Misty Olpin, Amanda Pierce and Keri Coats, Twin Falls; Halli Holtbrook, Burley; and Lisa Patterson, Jennifer Cline and Clark Bodensteiner, Minico.

Coaches pick top 20 seniors in Magic Valley

Area coaches recently picked the Magic Valley All-Senior boys' basketball team, encompassing all of District 4.

The East team includes Aaron Bradley and Michael Adams, Burley; Seth Christensen, Deer; Danny Simpson and Greg Edwards, Carey; Reese Widmer, Murgha; Mike Brune, Valley; Tony Anderson, Minico; Ricky Arroya and Phillip Knight, Carey.

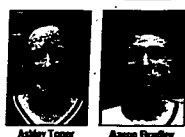
West team includes Mike Williams, Jerome; Bryan Lacey, Filer; Tyson Clark and Tanner Esterbrook, Hagerman; Casey Eldridge, Twin Falls; Duke Cheney, Gooding; Brad Ross and Aziz Reynolds, Buhl; Josh Finney, Wendell; Jamon Frostenson, Camas Co.

Honorable mention went to Cory Haynes, Burley; Brock Weber, Wood River; Mike Cenasura, Carey; Kyle Funk, Murtagh; Charles Jenks and Clayd Hawes, Oakley; Jeremy Roberts, Shoshone; Darrin Jurgensmeier, Minico; Jason Sponer and Alex Farris, Glenns Ferry; A.J. Tackler, Filer; Matt Jones, T.C.A.; Daine DeBoer, Twin Falls; Tom Bergstrom, Gooding; Jeff Bishop, Buhl; Dusty Blodgett and Jake Miller, Camas Co.

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Ashley Tamm and Aaron Buckley.

senior All-Star team for the Magic Valley Conference, and several of the area's top players received all-conference mention.

Name to the all-conference team: Jacklyn Baugman, Gooding; Megan Frostenson, Hagerman; Jennifer Knight and Jessica White, Hagerman; Crystal Haworth and Lindsay Ward, Murtagh; Tasha Henson and Chloé Ward, Buhl; Erin Wall, Wood River; and Kaitlyn Oakley, Oakley.

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SCC well-represented in coaches' wing

All six schools in the South Central Idaho Conference were represented in this week's All-SCC boys' and girls basketball teams.

Ed Finger was named boys' coach of the year for guiding Buhl to the state tournament just two years after the team went 0-20.

Buhl's Joe Shepard and Edward Best Wright received the coaching honors for the girls' season.

Boys' All-SCC team: Brian Powers, Shoshone; Matt Adams, Burley; Josh Patten and Pat Crawford, Wendell; Duke Cheney, Gooding; Brad Ross and Aziz Reynolds, Buhl; Ben Lavelle, A.J. Tackler and Ben Allen, Filer; Brock Weber, Wood River.

Girls' All-SCC team: Kaitlyn Oakley, Oakley; Melissa Finney, Gooding; Tasha Henson, Buhl; Erin Wall, Wood River; Chloé Ward, Buhl; Tasha Henson, Buhl; Kaitlyn Oakley, Oakley; Melissa Finney, Gooding; Tasha Henson, Buhl; Erin Wall, Wood River; Chloé Ward, Buhl.

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Iditarod

Continued from D1. In early rough stretch of trail. He said that while his right knee was painful, he would be able to stand up on it "as long as I don't have to do any fancy dancing."

By late morning, more than two dozen mushers had come and gone from Rohm, and another dozen had reached the checkpoint.

Ken Anderson, rookie from Fairburn, ran his dogs from the Rainy Pass checkpoint to Rohm - a distance of 48 miles - with very little rest.

BASKETBALL

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IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



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SCORES AND STATS

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ON THE AIR

TELEVISION

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TRANSACTIONS

ADDITIONS

Silas wins first as Hornets buzz

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — J.R. Reid led seven Charlotte players in double figures with 26 points and the Hornets won a winner of new coach Paul Silas with a 105-87 victory over the Boston Celtics on Tuesday night.

Silas, appointed as the team's interim head coach one day earlier following the resignation of Dave Cowens, was making his first appearance as an NBA head coach in nearly 16 years.

Boston's Paul Pierce, leading all NBA rookies in scoring and steals, rolled his right ankle late in the first quarter.

X-rays were negative, but he did not return.

Bulls 103, Nets 87
CHICAGO — Toni Kucenic was on fire, Ron Harper was knocking down shot after shot, the 100-year-old franchise was history and the Chicago Bulls were driving yet another hapless victim to frustration.

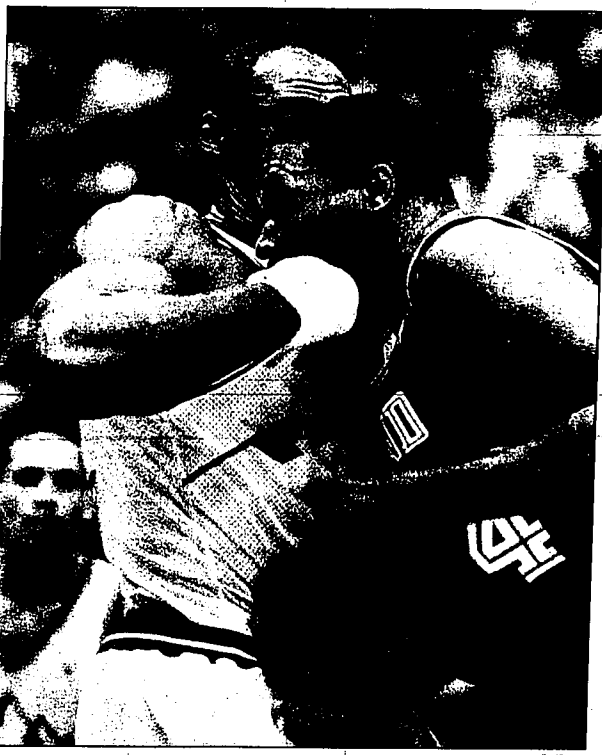
Kucenic scored 28 and Harper missed just one shot in the first half on his way to a season-high 25 points Tuesday as the 5-13 Bulls cruised to a 103-87 victory over the New Jersey Nets (3-14).

Jazz 88, Cavaliers 75
SALT LAKE CITY — Karl Malone scored 21 points, and Adam Keefe added 15 as the Jazz welcomed back coach Jerry Sloan, who returned to the bench after missing two games recovering from knee surgery.

Sloan missed Friday's game against Dallas and Sunday's loss against the Lakers recovering from arthroscopic surgery on his right knee.

The Jazz won their eighth in nine home games and for the 21st time in their last 22 home contests.

Rockets 84, Nuggets 74
HOUSTON — Hakeem Olajuwon had 20 points and Scobie Lippson scored 10 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter as the Houston Rockets handed the Denver Nuggets their fifth straight loss, 84-75 Tuesday night.



Cleveland Cavaliers power forward Shawn Kemp collides with Utah's Karl Malone Tuesday in the first quarter of their game in Salt Lake City. Kemp lost control of the ball but a foul was called.

Antonio McDyess led Denver with 23 points and Danny Fortson had 15 points and 21 rebounds.

T'wolves 85, Sonics 84
MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Garnett scored 12 fourth-quarter points, including a one-handed putback dunk with 18.3 seconds left, as the Minnesota Timberwolves beat Seattle 85-84 Tuesday night.

The loss was the SuperSonics fourth straight. Delfie Schrempf, playing in his 1,000th game, scored 18 points as a reserve for the Sonics, who hadn't lost four in a row since January 1992.

Bucks 87, Knicks 86
NEW YORK — Patrick Ewing lasted only 29 seconds before leaving with an Achilles' tendon injury, and the Knicks had their

eight-game home winning streak snapped while the Bucks extended their winning streak to five. Ewing, who missed 56 games and the first round of the playoffs last season with a broken wrist, left the court early in the first quarter grimacing in pain from a sore Achilles' tendon. Ewing had an MRI performed on his left Achilles' tendon, which came back negative. His status is day-to-day.

Milwaukee's Karl eager to face former team

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The hardest thing about the NBA lockout for Milwaukee Bucks coach George Karl was not playing which days to circle on his calendar.

When the lockout ended, Karl seemed to schedule for the truncated season and looped just one day, Wednesday, March 10, Milwaukee against Seattle.

Today, the venerable Karl will face the same SuperSonics team that fired him last summer despite a sixth straight 50-win season after conference finals.

"I'm a competitor and I have a lot on my mind these days when that night occurs, it's going to be emotional, it's going to be exciting, it's going to be a little fearful because I know I'm competing with them and how effective a basketball team they can be," Karl said.

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Bucks guard Ray Allen said Karl has been playing down the matchup, but no one is fooled. "He doesn't want a lot of people to make a big deal out of it, but it's one of those situations where he doesn't have to say anything to us because we know," Allen said.

Although the Bucks are off to a hot start under Karl, not all is well. Point guard Terrell Brandon, the team's spark plug, has refused to negotiate a contract extension and the rumor mill has been churning with the possibility he'll be traded by Thursday's deadline.

Plus, forward Tyrone Hill, who came to Milwaukee with Brandon from Cleveland, has said he wants out, especially if Brandon leaves. Hill met with team owner Sen. Herb Kohl on Sunday but refused to reveal details of his trade request he made less than a year after signing an extension.

Karl is accustomed to the turmoil, having weathered stormy relationships with Gary Payton and Shawn Kemp in Seattle. But he said he's reluctant to let a player of Brandon's stature get away. "I would love to have him in the rest of the way and then figure it out in the summertime when the free agent stuff hits the fan," Karl said.

NIT: Princeton nets chance at redemption

The Associated Press

Ten years ago, Princeton nearly pulled off the biggest upset in NCAA tournament history. The Tigers get another crack at Georgetown, only this time in the NIT, which begins today with 16 games.

The Tigers went into the 1989 NCAA tournament as a No. 16 seed, but gave the top-seeded Hoyas a memorable first-round scare in which Georgetown held on 50-49. A No. 16 seed has never defeated a No. 1 in the history of the tournament.

"It's a different story now," Tigers senior guard Brian Earl said. "It's not on the same stage, it's the NIT as opposed to the NCAA's. And they're not so much the powerhouse, we're not so much the underdog. I'm sure it sparks memories, but not exactly."

If the Tigers (20-7) win this time around, it wouldn't be much of a surprise. Princeton's chance to make the NCAA tournament slipped away in a loss to Pennsylvania in its final regular season game, while the Hoyas (15-15) were ecstatic just to make the NIT, extending their streak of postseason appearances to 25.

Both coaches from a decade ago are gone. Princeton's Pete Carril stepped down three years ago while the Hoyas John Thompson resigned earlier this year and the program was taken over by Craig Esherick, a Hoyas assistant since 1982.

"That game put our program on the map," said coach Bill Carmody, the longtime assistant who took over from Carril. Other games include Xavier (21-10) at Toledo (19-7), Hofstra (22-9) at Rutgers (18-12), Georgia (15-14) at Clemson (16-14), Seton Hall (15-14) at Old Dominion (24-

8) Butler (20-9) at Bradley (17-11), Alabama (17-14) at Wake Forest (16-13) and Bradley (16-13) at North Carolina State (18-13).

Also, it's Nevada-Las Vegas (16-12) at Nebraska (19-12), Pepperdine (19-12) at Colorado (17-14), Mississippi State (20-12) at Colorado State (17-10), Northwestern (15-13) at DePaul (17-12), Fresno State (21-11) at California (17-11) and Georgia Tech (15-15) at Oregon (16-13).

Since the near upset, Princeton has become a national fixture, going to six more NCAA tournaments and winning two first-round games.

The Hoyas have gone in the opposite direction, compiling a 11-30 record over the past two seasons. Georgetown finished 0-9 against NCAA teams this year as opposed to Princeton's 4-3 mark. But Georgetown's young starting lineup, which includes two freshmen and two sophomores, has recently come together and the Hoyas have won six of their last 10.

"They're getting better and better," Carmody said. "I watched films of the Rutgers and Providence games and those kids aren't freshmen any more."

Princeton is led by seniors Gabe Lewulis and Earl Lewulis averages 15 points per game and is best known for his layup as time expired to upset UCLA in the 1996 NCAA tournament. Another interesting note to the game is that Thompson's sons will be facing each other as assistants. Ronny Thompson is a Georgetown assistant while John Thompson III will be on the Tigers bench.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Canyon Springs men hold initial scramble

TWIN FALLS — The Canyon Springs Men's Golf Association will have a scramble Sunday, beginning with registration at 8 a.m. Breakfast is included in the entry fee. For more information, call Loren Whitney at 731-0062, Phil McCaslin at 733-7062, or the pro shop at 734-7709.

Twin Falls Muni holds tea-time style show

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Municipal Ladies Golf Association will present a tea-time style show March 25 at the golf course. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by a 7 p.m. dinner and the 8 p.m. show. Cost is \$7.50. Please have reservations at Mike Hamblin (733-3326) by March 23.

Scholarships attract asthmatic athletes

KENILWORTH, N.J. — The 1999 "Will to Win" Asthma Athlete Scholarship Program has generated nearly 4,000 application requests from around the country, and many more are expected by the April 15 filing deadline. The program honors 10 high school seniors who have achieved both academic and athletic excellence in spite of the challenge of asthma. Scholarships, including the top \$10,000 award, will be presented at a press conference and banquet this summer in New York City. For more information or applications for the Asthma Athlete Scholarship Program, call (800) 538-7305.

Buhl cowboy named Wrangler co-captain

DENVER — Ben Kimball, a junior at Buhl High School, has been named a co-captain of the newly formed Wrangler High School All-Star Rodeo Team, the National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA) announced recently.

The NHSRA created the team last year to recognize the top 1,200 high school student athletes in the United States and Canada for their leadership qualities, academic performance and athletic achievements.

The organization now boasts more than 12,000 members and sanctions more than 1,300 rodeos annually in 38 states and four Canadian provinces. The team is fashioned after the prestigious Wrangler Champion Pro Rodeo Tour team, which includes stars such as Ty Murray, Joe Beaver, Dan Mortenson, Speed Williams and half-of-famer Jim Shouder.

U of I honors local scholar-athletes

MOSCOW — The University of Idaho is honored 64 student-athletes for their academic standing at the 1999 Solar-Athlete Reception held on campus last month.

Students who achieved at least a 3.0 GPA during academic year were eligible for the honor. Local honorees include Buhl's Dawna Dennis (microbiology major), Hagerman's Luke Carrothers (fishery resources/marine biology) and Jerome's Eric Fredrickson (crime and justice studies), all of the Vandals track team, and Twin Falls golfer Sara Thompson (Marketing).

Bengal tennis takes two in Colorado

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The Idaho State men's tennis team improved to 4-2 with a pair of wins over Illinois State and Denver and a loss on the same date against host Air Force Academy this past weekend.

ISU has won the doubles point to start off five of its six matches so far this year, and No. 1 singles player George Kyriacakis is 4-2 on the spring season and 10-4 overall after winning two of three matches this weekend.

ISU travels to Provo to play WAC for BYU Friday.

Vandal golfers in fifth place after two rounds

RANCHO MURIETA, Calif. — The University of Idaho men's golf team stands in fifth place after two rounds Monday at the Sacramento State Invitational at the Rancho Murietta Country Club.

Idaho senior Brian King (Lewiston) leads all golfers after shooting a 78 and 71. He leads Oregon State's Maxey by one stroke. The Vandals, who shot a two-round 627, are seven shots behind leader Weber State. Other Vandals and their standings: Ryan Bernzel (6e 13th), Doug McClure (12e 22nd), Mychal Gordon and Taylor Cerjan (6e 33rd).

Idaho State golfers play rough in California

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — The Idaho State men's golf team came in last in the Santa Barbara Invitational this past weekend. The team finished 29th and the top individual ISU golfer, Kimberly's Preston Hafer, tied for 80th.

The men shot a total of 67-over-par over the three rounds of competition at the Sandpiper Golf Course, finishing 66 strokes behind tournament winner California. The host UC-Santa Barbara Gauchos finished third for second.

Boise State finished 12th, Utah State 16th, Weber State 17th and Idaho 19th. John Lepak of Oregon State won the tournament at minus-7.

Top players tumble from Champions Cup

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. — Two players who could have replaced Pete Sampras atop the ATP Tour standings this week were bounced from the \$2.45 million Champions Cup tennis tournament in second-round matches Tuesday.

Australian Open champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the second seed, was upset by Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil. Fifteen-seeded Patrick Rafter was ousted by 21-year-old Nicolas Pietrangeli of Germany. Sampras, who was ranked in the second round last week, plays his first match here Wednesday.

MacLeod resigns position at Notre Dame

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame basketball coach John MacLeod, who had just won his winning season in his eighth year at the school, resigned Wednesday.

Athletic director Mike Wadsworth said he met with MacLeod Tuesday afternoon and the coach indicated he wanted to resign.

Gophers' Clark suffers seizure on trip west

MINNEAPOLIS — University of Minnesota starting guard Kevin Clark suffered a seizure Tuesday on the plane en route to Seattle for the first round of the NCAA men's basketball tournament. Clark has taken medication since childhood to stave off seizures, but had two more last month. Coach Clem Haskins said he expects Clark to play Thursday when the Gophers meet Gonzaga University.

Lassiter snubs Chargers, links with Cardinals

TEMPE, Ariz. — Kwame Lassiter, whose NFL clearing bid interceptions helped the Cardinals to their first playoff berth since 1982, has signed a new three-year contract with Arizona. The Tribune's assistant Tribune reported Tuesday that the deal was worth an estimated \$16 million. Lassiter triple his 1998 salary of about \$400,000. Lassiter apparently passed up a more lucrative offer from San Diego.

Court to reconsider damages against Sonics

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court agreed Tuesday to consider reducing \$2.2 million in damages to six former Seattle SuperSonics' ticket sellers who said they were fired in 1994 for complaining about not being paid overtime.

SPORTS



Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Chris Carpenter throws a pitch Tuesday during a Grapefruit League game against the Minnesota Twins in Dunedin, Fla.

Braves back in control

The Associated Press

Mark Wohlers wasn't "Wild Thing" on Tuesday, which was great news for the Atlanta Braves. Their former closer, who couldn't find the plate in the majors or minors last season, showed a glimpse of his old form by retiring three of four batters as he pitched a scoreless inning in a 9-3 loss to a New York Mets split squad at Kissimmee, Fla.

Wohlers entered in the third inning and gave up a single to right field by Mike Piazza, then retired John Olerud and Craig Paquette on grounders and Robin Ventura on a flyout. Wohlers threw 11 fastballs and one slider. In Arizona, Sammy Sosa hit his second home run of the spring, a towering two-run, 460-foot drive to left-center that helped lead the Chicago Cubs over a Chicago White Sox split squad 13-2 at Mesa. "I got lucky," Sosa said.

In other games:
Royals 5, Indians 3
 At Haines City, Fla., Dave Swartzbaugh pitched out of a bases-loaded jam in the ninth inning to preserve the win.
Blue Jays 6, Twins 4
 At Dunedin, Fla., Chris

Carpenter allowed one run in four innings, and Shannon Stewart and Alex Gonzalez hit run-scoring singles.

Orioles & Cardinals 5
 At Jupiter, Fla., backup infielder David Howard, who has 10 homers in a 501 career at-bats during the regular season, hit two in his first two at-bats.

Yankees 5, Astros 4
 At Kissimmee, Fla., Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez struck out five in four innings, and Jerome Walton's two-run single completed a four-run rally.

Phillies 11, Pirates 2
 At Clearwater, Fla., Wendell Magee hit two homers and Scott Rolen went 3-for-2 with a homer.

Dodgers (ss) 5, Marlins 3
 At Melbourne, Fla., Tripp Cromer hit a two-run homer and drove in three runs. Former-Marlin Devon White was 3-for-3.

Dodgers (ss) 11, Mets (ss) 4
 At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Eric Karros paced the Dodgers with a first-inning grand slam and drove in five runs.

Mariners 6, Giants 2
 At Peoria, Ariz., Ken Griffey Jr. hit his second home run in three games and Dan Wilson drove in three runs.

DiMaggio funeral set for Thursday

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Joe DiMaggio's funeral on Thursday will be private and held at the same church where in 1939 he married his first wife, actress Dorothy Arnold.

About 30 family members and close friends will attend the baseball great's service at Sts. Peter and Paul Church.

The church's twin steeples tower over the North Beach section of San Francisco where DiMaggio spent most of his childhood.

The service begins at 11 p.m. MST and will be closed to the public, church officials said Tuesday. Pallbearers have not been announced.

Now a Card, Eric Davis takes a swing at Orioles

JUPITER, Fla. — Given a choice, Eric Davis would have preferred to play another season or two in Baltimore.

He's with the St. Louis Cardinals now, and while he relished his time with the Orioles, the two-time All Star is more than a bit miffed that Baltimore simply let him walk away.

The Orioles signed Albert Belle as their full-time right fielder and re-signed B.J. Surhoff to play left.

"The only thing I know is that it was told to me that I wasn't a priority, so I took that to heart," Davis said. "That meant I had to

Spring Training liners

go out and solidify my situation. Was I supposed to sit around and wait? That wasn't going to happen. I've been around the game too long for that."

O's won't pull punches against Cuban squad

JUPITER, Fla. — Baltimore Orioles manager Ray Miller has no intention of filling his lineup with minor leaguers when the team travels to Cuba on March 28.

"No matter what the conditions are, you have to get your team on the field and play it like it's a major league game because we're getting ready to open up the season," Miller said Tuesday. "If you do anything less than that, you're opening the door for injury."

The historic game will be the first in Cuba involving a major league team in 49 years. It also comes just eight days before the Orioles are to open the season at home against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Strawberry excited about spring debut

TAMPA, Fla. — Darryl Strawberry's first appearance since undergoing colon cancer



Seattle Mariners shortstop Alex Rodriguez bobbles a line drive off the bat of San Francisco Giants hitter JT Snow Tuesday during their Cactus League game in Peoria, Ariz.

surgery last year can't come soon enough for the Yankees slugger.

"I'm excited — no question about it," Strawberry said Tuesday, one day before traveling to Fort Myers to play the Boston Red Sox.

Hoffman: San Diego a special place to play

PEORIA, Ariz. — Getting Trevor Hoffman's signature on a

\$32 million, four-year contract extension sends a message to the team and the community, San Diego Padres manager Bruce Bochy said Tuesday.

After losing Kevin Brown, Ken Caminiti and Steve Finley to free agency and trading Greg Vaughn and Joey Hamilton from San Diego's NL championship team, general manager Kevin Towers said he made signing Hoffman a top priority.

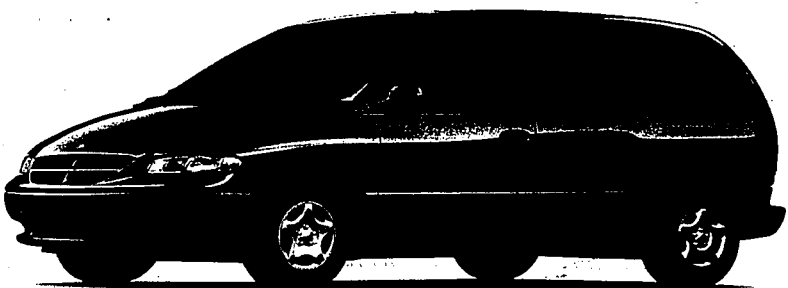
"My desire all along had been to remain a Padre for the rest of my career," Hoffman said prior to leaving camp for a news conference in San Diego. "San Diego is a special place to play."

Budget includes arts funding, but not baseball

QUEBEC — Quebec's finance minister didn't miss a beat Tuesday when asked why the province's new budget provided millions for fine-arts projects but none for a new ballpark that might dissuade the Montreal Expos from leaving.

The 1999-2000 budget, presented by Landry on Tuesday, proposes spending \$4 million for a fine arts museum and \$3 million for the Montreal Symphony Orchestra.

But the government has refused to offer either cash or tax breaks to the Expos, who may move to the United States after this season.



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MLB's strike zone hits batters above the belt

VERO BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Todd Hollandsworth could not believe what he saw. Or heard.

Clearly, Kent Mercker's fastball cut across Hollandsworth's chest. But instead of keeping silent, umpire Bruce Froemming shouted "Strike!"



Hollandsworth slowly leaned over the plate, shaking his head. He walked out of the batter's box and stayed out for several seconds, still incredulous.

In just his first at-bat of spring training, the Los Angeles outfielder learned last week that baseball is serious: High strikes will be the rule in 1999.

"I do think that pitch was a little high," Hollandsworth said later. "But I guess that's the change they're making, right there."

According to the official rules, the strike zone goes from "a horizontal line at the midpoint between the top of the shoulders and the top of the uniform pants" to "a line at the hollow beneath the kneecap."

In recent years, umpires rarely called any pitch above the belt a strike.

But a memo sent by the commissioner Bud Selig's office told

teams that from now on "the upper limit of the strike zone will extend two inches above the top of the uniform pants."

And that's how the umps are calling it so far. Veteran AL umpire Greg Kose hopes his colleagues won't get caught in the middle.

"I'm going to try, I really am," he said. "But I've been calling the same pitch for years, and it's not easy to change overnight."

Batters feel that pitchers get too many outside calls on unhittable pitches.

Baseball hopes that more high strikes — still hittable — will also lead to fewer wild ones.

Naturally, it might take time for all sides to see it the same way. Several years ago, there was a crackdown on balks during spring training — the totals were crazy — and it took pitchers and umpires a month or so to adapt.

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Rotary Clubs
 Blue Lake - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Weston Plaza Hotel & Convention Center in Twin Falls; 733-7400 or 734-1197.
 Barley - Noon Tuesdays at Barley Inn Convention Center; 676-2221.
 Baldi - Noon Thursdays at the Aquapool Restaurant in Baldi; 543-6341 or 543-5256.
 Gooding - 12:15 p.m. Fridays at the Lincoln Inn; 334-4265.
 Halley - Noon Thursdays at the Senior Center of Idaho County; 788-8287 or 788-1114.
 Jerome - Noon Tuesdays at China Village; 334-7000 or 324-5111.
 Ketchum - Noon on Tuesdays at Clarion Inn Restaurant; Bob Stone at 726-4100.
 Meadows - Noon Wednesdays at the Senior Citizens Center; 866-2221 or 866-2983.
 Twin Falls - Noon Tuesdays at the Turf Club in Twin Falls; 734-6207 or 734-6493.

Lions Clubs
 Barley - Noon Fridays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave.; 678-3027.
 Gooding - 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays at the Gooding Inn; contact 334-4454.
 Halley - Noon First and third Wednesdays at Earl's.
 Heyburn - 7:30 p.m. Second and fourth Tuesdays at Heyburn Inn; contact 436-8030.
 Jerome - Noon Tuesdays at China Village; 324-7000 or 324-5111.
 Ketchum - Noon on Tuesdays at Clarion Inn Restaurant; Bob Stone at 726-4100.
 Rupert - 8 p.m. Second and fourth Mondays at Rupert Elks; 436-8271.
 Twin Falls - Noon Wednesdays at the Mandarin Hotel; 733-4822.
 Twin Falls Monarch - Meets First and Third Thursdays at George N's in Twin Falls.

(Mental Health Building); 733-2094.
 AA (for men and women and does friends of problem drinkers) - For information on meeting, time and place, call the AA-Non Home at 736-3555.
 Alzheimers (for young people affected by someone else's drinking) - 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays at Walker Outreach, 263 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls; 734-0454.

Alcoholics Anonymous
 Twin Falls - For information, call 733-8300, 736-8446 or 733-7897.
 Spaulding - 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls; 734-6000.

Burley
 Sunday Breakfast Group - Sundays - alternates between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Edith's Cafe, Highway, 10 E., across from the golf course; 678-0796 or 678-0263.
 Study Group - 8 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays at St. Peter Episcopal Church, 200 S. and Oakley; 678-9414.
 Women's - 8 p.m. Mondays at the Snow Hill, 1321 Oakley Ave. No. 9; 677-9040.
 Women's Group - 5 p.m. Mondays at the Snow Hill, 1321 Oakley Ave. No. 9; 678-9414 or 678-9040.
 Mini-Camla Group - 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Snow Hill, 1321 Oakley Ave. No. 9; 677-9040 or 436-6448.

Rupert
 Rupert Group - 8 p.m. Mondays and Fridays at the Town Square Hotel, 540 E. St.; 436-5943, 436-6949 or 432-6718.
 Rupert Group - Noon on Wednesdays at 220 E. 12th; Paul; 432-6718.

Halley/Bellevue - For more information, call 788-5920.
 Gooding/Jackson Valley - For more information, call 726-4050.

Alzheimer's Support Group - 7 to 8:30 p.m. Second Tuesday of the month at Ridgeview Estates, 1828 Ridgeview Dr.; 733-9331.
 Health Early Club and Magic Valley Brethren Club of Idaho (for people with lung disease and their families and friends) - For more information, call 734-6067.
 Christian 12-Step Support Group - 6:30 p.m. Mondays at the Eastside Baptist Church on Eastside Hill in Twin Falls; 734-0104.
 Deaf - 7 p.m. Tuesdays - For information, call 732-5317.
 G-DA - Dependents Anonymous - 6 p.m. Thursdays at the Walker Center in Gooding; 934-9461.

Kiwanis Clubs
 Baldi - Noon Wednesdays at Aquapool Restaurant, 111 Broadway Ave. S.; 543-6300 or 543-6270.
 Barley - Noon Wednesdays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave.; 678-3027.
 Filley - Noon Tuesdays at the Filley Methodist Church; 236-4300 or 236-4051.
 Jerome - Noon Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks; 436-8124.
 Twin Falls - Noon Tuesdays at the Turf Club for lunch; 734-6276 or 734-4434.

Debtors Anonymous
 Boise - 1 p.m. Second and Fourth Saturdays at All Saints Episcopal Church, 724 S. Leah; 323-4453.
 Twin Falls - 7 p.m. Thursdays at Episcopal Church of the Immaculate, 410 Lakeland; 733-3004.
 Wood River - 6:30 p.m. Mondays at the Barley United Methodist Church Library, 450 E. 27th St.; 676-2118.

Optimist Clubs
 Twin Falls - Noon Thursdays at the Mandarin Hotel; 733-4000, 733-7022 or 733-4533.
 Wendell - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Wendell; 326-6477.

Overcomers Outreach - First Christed 12-Step Support Group - 7 p.m. Mondays at First Baptist Church, 2262 10th Ave.; Barley; 678-0767.
 Parents of Offenders - 7 p.m. Tuesdays - For information, call 734-8869, leave a message.
 Post Police Support - For information, call 678-2671.
 Southern Idaho Twin Falls Singles - 8 p.m. Saturdays at Spaulding's Bar for dancing; 733-3712.
 Mini-Camla Singles - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at 1901 W. Main; contact 733-3004.
 Twin Falls - 7 p.m. Tuesdays - For information, call 436-6000.

Civil Air Patrol
 Barley - 7 p.m. Mondays at the Federal Aviation Administration Building at the Barley Airport. Anyone age 12 and older is invited; 677-2520 or 436-6861.
 Twin Falls - meets at 3 p.m. Mondays (except holidays) at 732 Airport Loop in Idaho Falls; Magic Valley Regional Airport. Youth ages 13-18 encouraged to enroll in aerospace education program; call Gary Thietzen at 734-4061.
 Society for Creative Anachronism - The Shire of Two Lions meets at 3 p.m. Sundays at the Twin Falls City Park; 326-6425.
 Gooding Business and Professional Women - Noon Mondays at the Lincoln Inn; 334-8452 or 334-8225.
 Magic Valley Teachers - 12:15 p.m. Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the conference room at the Magic Valley Regional Health Services Building; 823 Harrison; 733-6400.
 Synopsist International of Twin Falls - Second Tuesday at 6 p.m. Tuesdays at 12 p.m. at George N's in Twin Falls; 734-9486.
 Y-Club - Twin Falls - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Y; 734-1660 or 734-1387.

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Chamber of Commerce
 Baldi - First and Third Mondays at Noon at Grandview's Sports Grill.

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Musical
 Magic Valley Swing Square Dance Club - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Jerome's Catholic Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome; 346-6209.
 Maglebarde Barbershop Chorus - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the First Methodist Church in Barley; 678-0767.
 Mountain Street and Fourth Ave. Twin Falls; 734-2264.
 Philharmonic Orchestra - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Barley High School band room; 678-7439.
 Snake River Flute - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Harmony Hall, 123 K St. in Rupert; 436-4947 or 438-8148.
 Twin Falls Chorus - 7 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 1708 Heyburn Ave. E. in Twin Falls. All ages are welcome. Contact 734-6207 to request all weeks from membership; 326-4136 or 733-6233.

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Hobbies
 811 Duplicate Bridge - Tuesdays at 1 p.m., meets for a noon lunch at home at the Rupert Elks Lodge, 200 W. 820 p.m. in the lunch room at the Hotel Monarch.
 Bridge - 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the War Memorial Hall in Gooding. Cost is \$125. Participants must be over 18.
 Bridge - 1 p.m. Mondays at Magic Valley Bridge House, 246 Falls Ave., Twin Falls; 733-6599. Newcomers welcome.
 Energy Pockets Club - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the new Post Five Hall, 109 E. Idaho. New members welcome.
 Friends in Recreational Opportunities Group - Meets to bowl from 1 to 3 p.m. each week at Magic Bowl, 340 Second Ave. E. Twin Falls; 733-7112.
 Magic Valley Chess - 7 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays and every Saturday (October 18th and 24th) at Barnes and Noble in Twin Falls; 733-6185.
 Magic Valley Pinchle Club - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Disabled American Veterans Hall, Harrison Street and State 910 in Gooding. Open to the public. \$3 donation. Prizes.
 Twin Falls Redwood Center Pinchle Club - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays in the community center at 633 Rose St. N. in Twin Falls; \$5 to 50 cents per person; 733-6531.
 Writers Support Group - 6 p.m. Wednesdays at Chapter 1 Bookstore; 120 N. Main, Halley; 726-5425.

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Weight loss
 TOPS Clubs
 Barley Chapter 256 - 6 to 7 p.m. Thursdays (weight in 8:30 p.m.) in the lunch room at the Hotel Monarch.
 Gooding Chapter 251 - 6:00 p.m. Thursdays at the Gooding Senior Citizens Center; 334-4454 or 334-4638.
 Jerome Chapter 48 - 6 p.m. Wednesdays at the public library; 224-7226 or 324-7272.
 Twin Falls Chapter 253 - 12:30 p.m. Mondays at Our Senior Citizens Center; 733-4822 or 733-3333.
 Twin Falls Chapter 479 - 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the recreation room at 475 Carroll Ave. W.; 734-5132 or 736-2229.
 Wendell Chapter 6 - 6 p.m. Mondays (weight in at 5 p.m.) at the Odd Fellows Hall, 13th and Oakley Aves.; Barley; 674-2229.

Overcomers Anonymous
 Twin Falls - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Saturdays or 1 p.m. Mondays, all meetings at the First Baptist Church at 120 W. Ave. N. between Center on Wednesdays and Ninth Avenue entrance on Saturdays; 226-6767.
 Halley - 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the Barley Public Library; 1200 Miller; 436-8808.
 Ketchum - 7 p.m. Mondays at the Walker Center, 1120 Monroe; 934-8022.

Support Groups
 Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families - 5 p.m. Wednesdays at the Senior Center, 203 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls; 734-4200.
 Alzheimers Adult Children - (all meetings for those related in alcoholic or dysfunctional families as children) noon to 1 p.m. at 823 Harrison St., Twin Falls.

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O'Leary Junior High School has named its January Students of the Month. Pictured in the top row are Kody Rameson, Paul Ruyshock, Tyler Bluff, Stephanie Hansen and Chase Collins. In the second row are Kim Vitseman, Jake Molyneux, Emily Dodds, Kelly Griffin, Marie Pughson and William Snow. In the third row are John Coronado, Kieran Wright, Greg Rupp-Smith and Amanda Wassenaar. In the fourth row sitting are Kameron Hill, Corey Ashley, Cory McCombs and Eric Snow. In the bottom row are Brooke Jardine, Angela Miller, Tami Royalty and Carl Blackwood.

Mollie Walters' 92nd birthday party set for Syringa Estates

Hazelton - Mollie Walters will celebrate her 92nd birthday from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday at Syringa Estates - in Hazelton, 350 5th St. Everyone is welcome.

Bolton celebrates 80th birthday at Canyon Springs

Lorna Bolton will celebrate her 80th birthday from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Canyon Springs Park Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. in Twin Falls. Bolton was in born on March 10, 1910, in Bancroft. She moved to the Magic Valley in 1950 and retired from the U.S. Forest Service in April 1933. Bolton is the mother of Roger Bolton and Sandy Freeman, both of Twin Falls; Mary Ann Hochhalter of Mountain Home; Denise Granger of Jerome; and Fred Bolton of Idaho Falls. She has 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Free breakfast will be served up at Jefferson Elementary

JEROME - Jefferson Elementary School will host a free breakfast for its students and their parents Thursday, March 18. Kolligs will provide the cereal for the morning meal, which will be held from 7 to 8:30 a.m. There will also be an educational activity book for the students, juice and toast will be provided by the school breakfast program.

Star vocational students earn Gold Card through Job Corps

The Centennial Job Corps Center has announced that Niphonphone Souriya of Twin Falls, Jeremiah Edwards of Rupert and Christina Parks of Gooding have earned a "Gold Card." The Gold Card signifies exceptional scores in the areas of vocation, education

DAR Good Citizen to be honored at meeting

Jerome - The Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen will be honored and the Good Citizen essay winner will be announced at the Saturday meeting of the Twin Falls Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The chapter will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Jerome Library for a dessert luncheon.

Shamrock Ride scheduled for Idaho Motorcycle Club

Jerome - The Idaho Motorcycle Club MV Chapter will hold a Shamrock Ride Sunday. Sign in takes place between 10-11 a.m. at Papa Kelsey's & Fred in Jerome at 220 So. Lincoln St. The sign-in fee will be \$7, which includes a meal after the ride and a pin. For more information call Art at 324-6959 or Bob at 324-8880.

Open house set for Lydia Hess 90th birthday

Jerome - Lydia Hess will celebrate her 90th birthday with an open house from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Cultural Hall, 520 North Lincoln St., Jerome. The family asks no gifts please.

Scouts will hold baby shower to recognize scouting birthday

Twin Falls - Friday is the Girl Scout birthday and to celebrate, Troops No. 9 and 67 are giving a baby shower for the first girl born at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center on that day. Other troops have made or bought a present to give to the baby girl. Some of the local merchants have also donated a gift. When the baby girl is born, the hospital will contact the troops with the name and phone number of the parents so that they may set up a date for the baby shower. Any questions please call Susie Pedersen at 423-5215 or Linda Morse at 423-6477.

Mary Nutting will celebrate 75th birthday

Twin Falls - Mary Nutting will be celebrating her 75th birthday from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Our Lady of Goodwill Church, 630 Falls Ave. The family suggests guests bring their favorite memory. Please no gifts.

Spaceport subject of astronomy meet

Jerome - Steve Davies, Lockheed Martin Idaho Technologies Company Civil Engineering Department manager and manager of Spaceport Engineering for the NorthStar Spaceport Corporation, will give a presentation on the Magic Valley Astronomical Society at 7 p.m. Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho, Shields Building, room 117. Davies will report on the engineering and construction aspects of building a spaceport in Idaho. How the Idaho Spaceport project evolved, the nearby projects that led to the development of the project and the safety and environmental considerations for building and licensing a spaceport will also be discussed. Davies has over 15 years experience in engineering and project management and is a registered professional engineer in Idaho, Virginia, and South Carolina. Any questions please contact Amy at 324-0653 or 324-7578.

Jerome Middle School sets high school orientation

JEROME - Parents of Jerome Middle School eighth graders, are invited to attend high school orientation at 7 p.m. Thursday. The orientation will be held in the high school auditorium. Interested parents will be provided so parents can better assist their students with the transition between middle school to high school, school officials said. Topics include graduation requirements, available courses, career pathways, extracurricular activities and post-secondary planning. Counselors will be available to answer questions.

CSI debaters return from California tourney with wins

The College of Southern Idaho Speech and Debate Team competed in the one of the largest invitation tournaments in the

and residential living, along with showing responsibility, leadership skills and a commitment to the Job Corps program.

CSI team, led by instructor Chris Riegg, placed 27th and placed ahead of such competitors such as University of California, Berkeley and Boise State University. Those placing at the invitation were Kristin Phillips of Wendell and Jeff Drown of Filley.

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National Girl Scout Week: March 7-13, 1999


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Upcoming Events:

- Girl Scout Sunday - March 7. Troops will work with individual churches to be part of the church service.
- Girls will have a baby shower and make the first girl baby born on or closest to the Girl Scout Birthday of March 12 an honorary Girl Scout, presenting the baby with shower gifts. This will also happen in the Mini-Cassia area.
- Some troops will have a party to celebrate all the girls' birthdays during Girl Scout Week.
- Best Guy/Gal Dance will be held one week after the Girl Scout Birthday in Twin Falls for registered Twin Falls Girl Scouts. This dance is being planned and put on by the Twin Falls Soroptimist Club.

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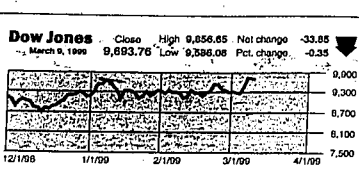
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MARKETS



Dow Jones retreats on earnings concerns

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks retreated Tuesday on renewed concern about weak first-quarter earnings at market-leading technology companies. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 35.85 points to 9,636.76 after swinging widely throughout the session. The Dow gained as much as 71 points then sank by as much as 57 before trimming its losses. The blue-chip index had gained a total of 460 points last Thursday and Friday, closing the week at a record high of 9,736.08. But it has been unable to sustain that lofty level this week, falling Tuesday as the prospect of more tech industry company earnings was questioned. The Standard & Poor's 500 index, which on Monday closed at a record high of 1,282.73, declined 2.89 to 1,279.84. The S&P was up as much as 11 points earlier in the day. The Nasdaq composite index shed 4.68 to 2,392.94, after trimming an earlier gain of 35 points. "We're flirting with an all-time high, and people are just as nervous as the variable rate on the roof," said Edward Collins, stock trader at Dalva Securities America. Rumors that Intel would report disappointing first-quarter earnings caused technology stocks, which had led the market on Monday, to just kind of unravel, Collins said. "In this kind of nervous market, anything like this just causes people to run for the hills."

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RJR

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Novell

Continued from E1. Quoting hedge-fund manager Paul Shupf, Barron's said Novell shares may quadruple in five years if it continues to persuade companies in Asia to use Novell's Directory Services software that enables users to manage traffic on computer networks and ensure transactions are secure. Novell has gained support from NDS from Lucent Technologies, Cisco Systems and Oracle Corp. On Monday, it announced a new version of NDS that Chris

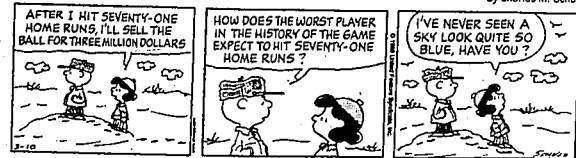
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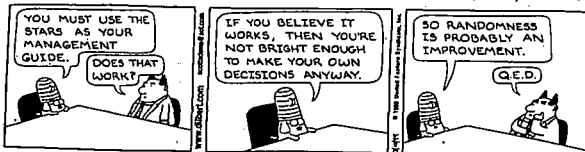
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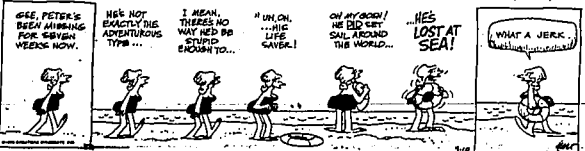
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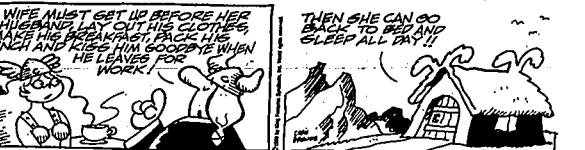
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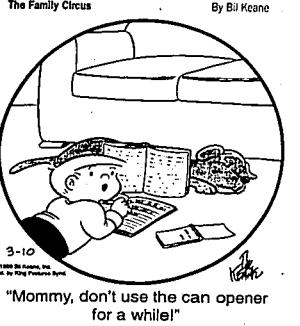
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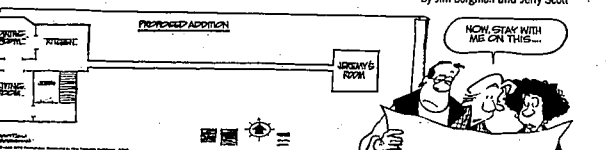
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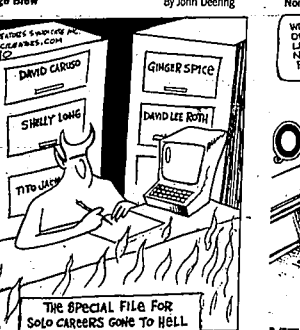
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