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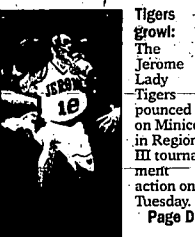
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# Walker remembered for beliefs



Noted attorney's death shocks friends, colleagues; they recall his life-long interest in public issues

By Brian Haynes Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Less than an hour before he died, Lloyd Walker sat in District Judge Roger Burdick's chambers working toward mediation in a personal injury suit.

Later that Monday, Burdick got a phone call with the somber news —

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Walker had suddenly died.

"It was a devastating surprise to hear what happened," said Burdick, who had just seen the 71-year-old Walker in good spirits.

News of Walker's death sent waves of grief throughout the legal and polit-

ical communities.

Walker was a life-long Democrat who sat at the peak of state party leadership and twice ran for governor. He was also a life-long lawyer who often took cases where someone had a cause to fight.

In the past several years, Walker spearheaded several controversial and high-profile cases. They included

a group of Hansen residents fighting city hall over the creation of an alley, several Hollister residents challenging whether the town was an official city, and a group of Twin Falls County residents trying to stop a proposed hog farm from being built.

"It seemed like if anyone had a

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## MCCAIN'S GAIN



Sen. John and Cindy McCain greet supporters Tuesday in Naasbus, N.H., after winning the nation's first presidential primary.

# Upstart trounces Bush; Gore wins

Chicago Tribune

MANCHESTER, N.H. — New Hampshire's fiercely independent voters handed Republican John McCain a staggering victory Tuesday over George W. Bush in the nation's first presidential primary, while Vice President Al Gore narrowly survived Bill Bradley's insurgent bid to wrest the Democratic nomination.

The Arizona senator, whose reformist, anti-establishment campaign clearly touched a chord among the state's contrarian voters, trounced the national Republican front-runner by a wide margin, sidetracking Bush's presidential bid and demonstrating that the Texas governor is nor-



invincible. "My friends, a wonderful New Hampshire campaign has come to an end, but a great national crusade has just begun," McCain

Vice President Al Gore and his wife, Tipper, right, celebrate Tuesday's close win over former Sen. Bill Bradley in the New Hampshire primary in Manchester.

said. "I promise you I will never forget you and the wisdom-I learned here."

For Gore, the win was not the resounding mandate he was look-

ing for, but he seemed relieved. "During the day today, some people thought this might be like the Super Bowl. They thought that we might fall a yard short. But, let me tell you, this Tennessee is in the end zone and it feels great."

Bradley needed a strong second place showing to validate his challenge to an incumbent vice president. His very close finish to a sitting vice president led him to a concession speech that sounded more like a victory address.

"We have made a remarkable turnaround, but there is still a tough fight ahead. Al Gore's run a strong race and I congratulate him. But, we're smarter and bet-

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# Rebels leave Chechen capital, take battle to the hills

The Associated Press

ALKHAN-YURT, Russia — Several hundred Chechen fighters have abandoned positions in their embattled capital of Grozny and escaped despite a Russian

blockade. Two senior rebel commanders along with scores of their fighters stumbled into a minefield and were killed.

About 2,000 Chechen fighters broke out and tried Tuesday to

head south to join up with fellow rebels, battling federal forces attempting to prevent their escape with tanks and artillery. Russian reports estimated there were about 3,000 rebel fighters in Grozny last week.

Other rebels stayed in the battered Chechen capital to keep up the fierce resistance they have mounted to months of air and artillery attacks and a five-week Russian push to take the city center.

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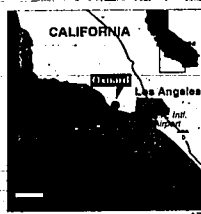
# Flight 261 plunges into Pacific — and mystery

By Lynn Elber

The Associated Press

Alaska Airlines Flight 261, high over the Southern California coast, was in the final hour of its journey from Mexico to San Francisco. The last hour of daylight ebbed as the sun slipped toward the Pacific Ocean.

Then, at 4:10 p.m. PST Monday, air traffic controllers received a distress call from the jetliner. There was a problem with the horizontal stabilizer, which keeps the plane level. The crew requested an emergency landing at Los Angeles International Airport. Within minutes, however, the aircraft plummeted into the ocean, 40 miles northwest of the airport. The lives of 88 people ended



and the search for a cause began. On tiny Anacapa Island, a part of the Channel Islands National Park, a ranger reported seeing a

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Jeff and Melinda Knight, right, comfort Jeff's sister, Jenny, 16, Tuesday in Monroe, Wash., after they spoke to the press about the loss of their parents, Linda and Joseph Knight, on Alaska Airlines Flight 261.

# Probe into cause begins

The Associated Press

PORT HUENEME, Calif. — The last minutes of Alaska Airlines Flight 261 Monday may have been witnessed by pilots aboard four other aircraft, and the National Transportation Safety Board was seeking to interview them, federal investigators said Tuesday.

The plane, which had 88 people on board, plunged from 17,000 feet and crashed nose-down in the Pacific after the pilot reported problems with the horizontal stabilizer.

Investigators at the crash site also said Tuesday they had heard a ping from the ocean, apparently from the flight recorder, which could reveal exactly what went wrong with the stabilizer.

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# THE REGION

### Camas Prairie

High: 38 Low: 24  
Cloudy today and tonight with chance of rain or snow. Same Thursday, better chance of snow, high 39.

### Treasure Valley

High: 50 Low: 34  
Cloudy today and tonight with chance of rain or snow. Same Thursday, high 48.

### Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 41 Low: 19  
Mostly cloudy today and tonight with chance of rain or snow. Same Thursday, high 42.

### Eastern Idaho

High: 41 Low: 21  
Mostly cloudy today and tonight with chance of rain or snow. Same Thursday, high 43.

### Northern Idaho

High: 38 Low: 29  
Mostly cloudy today and tonight with chance of rain or snow. Same Thursday, high 38.

### Northern Utah

High: 45 Low: 26  
Partly cloudy today and tonight, breezy. Same Thursday, high 45.

### Northern Nevada

High: 44 Low: 28  
Cloudy today and tonight with chance of rain or snow. Same Thursday, better chance of rain, high 49.

# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High: 43 Low: 29 Cloudy, light winds. Some clearing tonight.	High: 48 Low: 31 Cloudy with chance of rain.	High: 30s Low: teens Cloudy with chance of snow.	High: 30s Low: teens Cloudy with chance of snow.	High: 30s Low: teens Cloudy with chance of snow.

### Idaho weather

Wednesday, Feb. 2  
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures

### National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Wednesday, Feb. 2

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# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation	Idaho: Highs/Lows
Yesterday 37-22	Yesterday in Twin Falls, .02	Highs, 55 degrees at Lewiston.
Last year 37-22	Month to date: .08	Low, 3 degrees at St. Anthony.
Normal 39-20	Normal mo. to date: .08	Nation: High, 62 at Thermal; Calif. Low, 13 at Jackson Hole.
	Water year to date: 2.08	
	Normal year to date: 4.22	

### The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	47	34	.....
Anchorage	21	18	.....
Atlanta	50	25	.....
Boston	45	24	.....
Chicago	45	21	.....
Dallas	57	44	.....
Denver	56	17	.....
Des Moines	26	12	.....
Detroit	39	21	.....
Indianapolis	39	21	.....
Los Angeles	62	46	.....
Memphis	47	27	.....
Miami Beach	78	60	.....
Minneapolis	28	23	.....
New Orleans	56	40	.....
Phoenix	36	20	.....
Pittsburgh	28	22	.....
Portland, Me.	36	28	1.12
Portland, Ore.	55	21	.....
Reno	50	21	.....
Salt Lake City	38	17	.....
San Francisco	61	51	0.02
Seattle	41	24	1.68
Spokane	41	27	0.61
Washington	39	22	.....
Yuma	74	52	.....

# ACROSS THE NATION

### Seed

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modifies liens with their respective counties and a farm labor lien with the Secretary of State's office as soon as possible.

AgriBioTech, founded in 1983 and based in Henderson, Nev., has said its filing in federal bankruptcy court was necessary to ensure the company has the capital needed to continue normal operations. AgriBioTech Chief Executive Richard Burdick has said the company hopes to continue normal operations during the reorganization.

That might be overly optimistic. While company officials have been working to keep it afloat, AgriBioTech is unlikely to emerge from its current situation intact. Ford Elsassner, the seed growers association's Sandpoint-based lawyer, said Tuesday.

Elassner urged growers to move quickly, and work together. "You have to know where you are as soon as possible," Elsassner said.

Most of the farmers who sold their seed to AgriBioTech are still under contract for 2000 and 2001, and since many still have not been paid for their 1999 contracts, Elsassner said it's very important for the farmers to establish their claims early. He also urged unity.

"Farmers have a common interest in getting together," Elsassner said. "We believe it's in the best interest of the growers if one case is presented to a bankruptcy judge for consideration."

Elassner encouraged the farmers to all file agricultural com-

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cause or needed help. Lloyd was there," said Carole Stennett, a long-time Democratic Party activist.

Walker began his political life shortly after returning to Idaho with his Harvard law degree. In the late 1950s he chaired the Twin Falls County Democratic Party, and from 1962 to 1966 he chaired the state party.

He worked on John F. Kennedy's presidential campaign in Idaho, and he later helped lead the Idaho campaigns of Robert Kennedy and Jimmy Carter during their presidential runs.

Walker made unsuccessful bids for Idaho governor in 1966 and 1970, and he lost a bid for state senate in 1986.

His political role wasn't as prominent in recent years, but that didn't keep Walker from being involved and convincing fellow Democrats to keep the faith, Stennett said.

"He was always trying to inspire us, although we are an endangered species," Stennett said.

"We will really miss him. He was a real inspiration to us."

Don McMurrin, who often butted heads with Walker from the conservative side of the Democratic Party, said he always respected Walker even though they didn't always agree.

The reason for that respect was Walker's honesty and conviction in his beliefs, he said.

"His beliefs were sincere," McMurrin said. "He believed in what he spoke. ... Whether it was popular or not, he did it."

McMurrin likes to remember Walker's appreciation after McMurrin and his wife helped escort Walker, who was on crutches, during the 1988 state Democratic convention, he said.

"I am going to miss him, even though we had our ups and downs at times," he said.

# Crash

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jet plunge into the Santa Barbara Channel nose first. The time was 4:26 p.m., according to the Coast Guard.

Flight 261, which was to land in San Francisco before taking off for its final stop, Seattle, left Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, three hours earlier with veteran pilot Capt. Ted Thompson, 53, and First Officer William Tansky, 57, in charge.

The 83 passengers carried aboard the festive spirit of the resort city, packing neon-pink teddy bears and other souvenirs. Many couples and families were aboard, including six members of the Clemenson family from Seattle. Besides the five-member crew, there were 30 employees for Alaska Air, its sister airline Horizon, and their friends and relatives.

At 3:55 p.m., the flight made a routine check with Los Angeles air traffic controllers and was cleared to 31,000 feet. Then, 15 minutes later, the pilots were radioed they were having control difficulties and started descending.

At 4:14 p.m., controllers offered any assistance needed. We're still working on it, the pilots responded.

At 4:15 p.m., the pilots reported a stabilizer problem and difficulty maintaining altitude but said they thought they could land at Los Angeles. During their exchanges, Flight 261 requested clearance for a lower altitude, which was given.

At 4:17 p.m., the flight was advised to contact another air traffic controller on a different frequency; that transmission was not acknowledged.

At 4:21 p.m., radar contact with the MD-83 was lost. "We're still working on it, the pilots responded."

According to aviation experts, pilots routinely train for an unusual scenario in which an electrical short or malfunction causes a loss of stabilizer control. The 11 minutes between the first distress call and the moment the plane disappeared from radar should have been time enough to handle the problem.

But, there could have been other complications. "What if something catastrophically occurred back in the tail that rendered of these controls inoperative? Then you could have a real problem on your hands," said former TWA pilot Barry Schiff. "Or what if a piece of the tail actually came off and then jammed the stabilizer?"

Tony Alfieri, owner of a squid-fishing boat, and his crew members witnessed the fatal dive of Flight 261.

"We heard a big boom and we

# Campaign

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was transformed from a political candidate into a kind of folk hero," said former Sen. Warren Rudman (R-N.H.). "People wanted to touch him. They wanted to bring their little children. They wanted his autograph. They wanted to ask him questions ... and it got bigger and bigger and bigger."

McCaIn called the victory "remarkable" and proof that his campaign of political reform was a winning message.

While the Bush campaign did not expect McCaIn's huge margin of victory, they nevertheless contend that it is an isolated setback on the road to the nomination.

"New Hampshire has long been known as a bump in the road for front-runners and this year is no exception," Bush told a gymnasium full of somber supporters.

"All of a sudden, John McCaIn

With 80 percent of Republican precincts counted, McCaIn had 49 percent to Bush's 30 percent. Publisher Steve Forbes had 13 percent, Alan Keyes had 6 percent and activist Gary Bauer finished fifth with 1 percent.

Among Democrats, Gore had 52 percent to Bradley's 47 percent. McCaIn's sizable victory, which stunned the Bush camp, was a reward by Granite State voters for his decision to bypass last week's Iowa caucuses, which Bush won after campaigning heavily in the state. By contrast, McCaIn devoted almost all of his time to campaigning in New Hampshire.

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Source: Compiled from AP wire reports. AP saw a big splash, I mean like 200 feet in the air," Alfieri said. "We thought, Oh my God, this is not a good deal."

Pilots of other airplanes, including another Alaska Airlines flight, had also seen the plane go down.

Within a minute after the park ranger's call was received, the Coast Guard contacted boaters in the area and diverted air traffic helicopters to the crash site. One more minute passed and Coast Guard search boats were under way.

Five hundred miles to the north, at San Francisco International Airport, the listing for Flight 261 on the arrivals information board read: "See agent."

People expecting to embrace returning vacationers were met by counselors and clergy.

"This world is a halfway station," Rabbi Josef Langer of Chabad House in San Francisco told them: "The soul is the essential thing, and the soul lives on."


To M. Tapes of Berkeley, who had a friend on board, it "feels like a movie. It's unreal." He remained hopeful.

The water was a cold 58 degrees and rescuers raced the clock. The first bodies — a man, two women and an infant — were pulled from choppy waters filled with luggage, cocktail napkins and airplane debris.

Near the breakwater at the entrance of Port Hueneume, where the search effort was based, a local artist erected a 7-foot wooden cross adorned with flowers. Tuesday morning, Janelle Davis of Santa Barbara, whose sister was aboard Flight 261, placed a white candle and a bouquet below it.

You just never know when it's going to happen to a family member. You just don't know," she said, sobbing.





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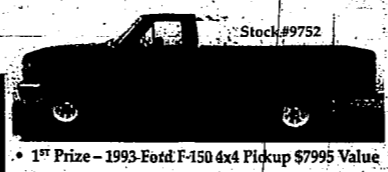


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## EDITORIAL

### Salary should be secondary for whomever fills Reed's shoes

The scramble to fill Carla Reed's empty seat on the Twin Falls County Commission has produced a few hopeful candidates, but one has to wonder about some of the motivation. Is it to perform public service, or is it the \$39,390 annual paycheck?

There's nothing wrong with trading up and earning more money as one changes jobs. Most working people follow that path as they pursue careers.

But serving as a county commissioner isn't just an 8-to-5 job with a salary. It's a calling, one that demands dedication and a willingness to attempt to solve sticky problems.

In this case, it could be argued the salary is too high - or not high enough. If the job paid more, it would lure skilled problem solvers away from other professions. If it paid less, it might attract people who don't need the money but have the time, experience and willingness to serve.

Because Reed was a Republican, her

successor must pass muster with local Republicans before being appointed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. The appointment will be in lieu of an election, and it will be Kempthorne's second to the three-member commission. Given that, attracting good candidates should be a top priority.

Local Republican leaders should look for several qualities as they winnow the field to three candidates for Kempthorne to consider. Solid Republican credentials are one thing to consider, but weight should be given as well to education, experience, knowledge of the issues and personal moral conduct.

Deeper still, the local Republican Central Committee should look for someone with the temperament to fill a seat that can get awfully hot at times. Twin Falls County is a growing, vibrant area that's facing difficult issues in the years ahead. Local taxpayers and residents deserve candidates who are eager to do that work.

*Being a Twin Falls county commissioner is a calling, one that demands dedication and a willingness to work on sticky problems.*

### Farewell, Lloyd Walker

Twin Falls lost a gentleman and the Idaho Democratic Party lost a leader when Lloyd Walker died Monday. As a Democrat with a wide contrarian streak, Walker's views were often at odds with conventional wisdom in the Magic Valley, and occasionally with the more extreme members of his own party. We didn't always agree with him, but he earned our respect because he was unflinchingly civil. No matter what the topic, Walker spoke to the issues and didn't personalize

the debate. Bright and well-connected, Walker studied at Harvard University and was John F. Kennedy's personal tour guide in Idaho. Though he was a lawyer, his profession was almost incidental to his involvement with Democratic politics. He didn't use one to further the other.

All Idaho residents, not just Democrats, should take a moment to remember Lloyd Walker with a smile. We will miss him.

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### Walker writes one last time

*Editor's note: The late Lloyd Walker wrote dozens of letters to The Times-News over the years. His final letter, which we received Friday evening, appears below.*

Slick Willy has done it again. The Republicans struggle with their huge tax cuts for the rich and wealthy and ignore the standard and traditional financial problem of the national debt. Not one Republican leader has targeted the national debt. Each struggles with the other as to how much he is going to give back to his rich friends by a tax cut.



Lloyd Walker

Not Sen. McCain. He agrees that the national debt should be eliminated first.

The \$3 trillion public debt was created under President Reagan's "supply side economics." The nation now has the ability to pay that debt from the Clinton-created surplus, and Clinton has stolen the lead again from the do-nothing Republicans by promising to get it paid off.

LYLOYD J. WALKER  
Twin Falls

Attorney fought passionately  
I am writing this letter in remem-

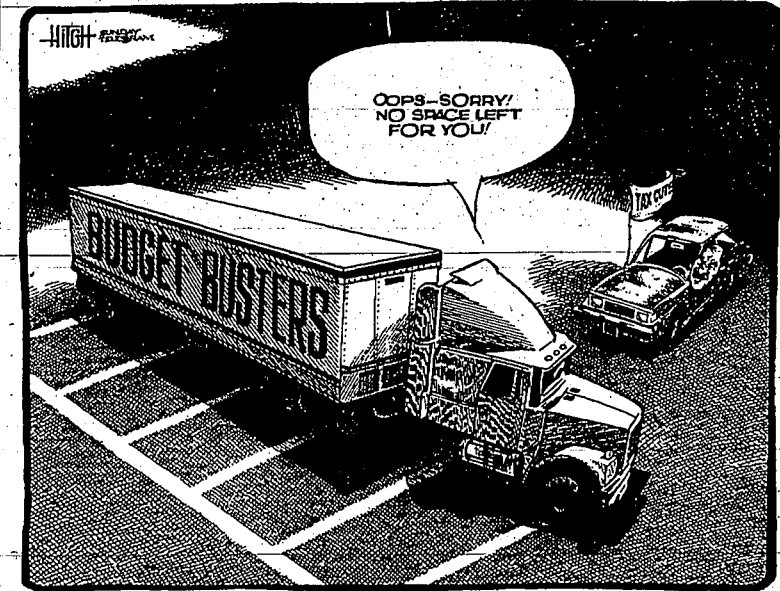
brance of my good friend, Lloyd Walker, who passed away on Jan. 31, 2000. Lloyd was well known as an attorney who passionately fought for his clients, and as a political activist who passionately fought for his ideas, but, nevertheless, he never took anything personally and was always cordial to friend and foe alike. His status as an oral historian on the subject of Idaho was second to none.

While neither Lloyd nor his ideas always prevailed on the Idaho scene, this should not diminish his memory. The following quote from Theodore Roosevelt's "In the Arena" most aptly describes Lloyd Walker:

"It is not the critic who counts, not the one who points out how the strong man stumbled or how the door of deeds might have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred with sweat and dust and blood, who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions and spends himself in a worthy cause and who, if he fails, at least falls while bearing greatly so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

Lloyd Walker, the courthouse and the whole community will be a grayer place without you.

DANIEL B. MEHRIG,  
District Judge



### Real differences between the candidates

LEBANON, N.H. - Al Gore is no match for his political mentor, Bill Clinton, when it comes to oratory or empathy. But he has absorbed one lesson from the president that serves him well in his quest for the White House. He has learned the value of endurance.

Clinton and Gore are the Marathon Men of the month. If you thought Clinton's final State of the Union address on Thursday night seemed endless at 80 minutes, which it did - you should have been here on Saturday for Gore's three-hour town meeting in the junior high school gym of this western New Hampshire town.

Soon after he arrived at 3:30 (for an event that was scheduled to start 45 minutes earlier) Gore announced he would stay as long as anyone in the crowd of 700 or 800 people had any questions to ask or any comments to make. For two hours he sat on the big floor, microphone in hand, answering a series of tough, pointed questions. At that point, he took pity on those in the audience who were ready for supper and adjourned the formal session. But he remained for another hour patiently dealing with one person after another in the diminishing circle of interrogators. The last man standing got at least five minutes of Gore's undivided attention.

Aides say that Gore began doing the out-ended town in. She appeared in court, pled guilty and a fine of \$48 was set. Before she could pay this fine, she was admitted to the hospital for bronchitis. When she was released, she forgot all about paying this fine.

The political effectiveness is measured in the primary returns, but one thing is already clear: Three-hour town meetings require more than strong legs; they



DAVID S. BRODER

demand of a politician that he has a lot to say about a lot of topics. And that is where Gore most resembles Clinton - and contrasts most sharply with the others running for president in both parties.

Clinton's State of the Union address was not a grab-bag of new federal initiatives; it was a steamer trunk full of plans. The word "also" appeared 27 times in the speech, as in, "I also challenge the Congress to..." and "We also must make investments in..."

Gore is the same way. Challenged by Dr. Harold Sox of the Dartmouth medical faculty on his failure to propose a plan for universal health insurance, the vice president spent 30 minutes going through a seminar-style litany of the specific steps he would take to move the country closer to that goal. He was equally detailed and didactic on education, the environment, campaign finance reform and a dozen other topics various voters raised.

Like Clinton, Gore promised that all his proposals would fit into a balanced budget, with adequate provision for funding Social Security and Medicare and money left over to pay down the national debt. But the overwhelming inference is that a Gore presidency, like Clinton's, would have a huge agenda of federal domestic initiatives, large and small.

By contrast, Democratic rival Bill Bradley says that he would work as presi-

dent much as he did as a senator - focusing on a few big topics but leaving the rest alone. He scored some big victories as a senator with this approach, notably on tax reform, international finance and water policy for the Western states. But his passivity on other issues frustrated his colleagues, and he has been criticized by Gore in this campaign for saying little about such major concerns as Medicare.

Republicans George W. Bush and John McCain clearly would be far more selective and less ambitious than Bradley in their domestic goals as president. McCain likes to say that he would use his veto power, not as Clinton has done, to club Congress into funding some of his favorite programs, but to stop the lawmakers' penchant for "pork-barrel" spending. You could look for McCain to push reform of campaign finance laws and Pentagon priorities, but he would be cautious about radical overhaul of the tax code or launching new federal entitlements.

As for Bush, the lesson he has learned as governor of Texas, he says, is to focus on a handful of goals and let the Legislature work its will on everything else. He says Clinton's laundry list of new spending proposals "make's my case" that budget surpluses left in Washington will not be used to retire the debt. So they should be handed back to the voters, in the form of a big tax cut, Bush says, before the politicians in the capital can get their hands on them.

These differences are not just tactical; they reflect four different views of presidential leadership and national needs. Whatever the final lineup, the country will have a clear choice.

David S. Broder is a Washington Post columnist.

## LETTER

### We can't all get special treatment

What's wrong with this picture? A Twin Falls County sheriff's deputy, Jesse Thrush, can kill a harmless baby and only get six months in jail?

My wife was arrested on Jan. 26 for a parking slip citation. She appeared in court, pled guilty and a fine of \$48 was set. Before she could pay this fine, she was admitted to the hospital for bronchitis. When she was released, she forgot all about paying this fine.

We realize we are guilty of failing to pay the fine; however, Deputy Perry Barnhill came to our house and arrested my wife in front of my 4-year-old son. My wife is seven months pregnant and has a brace on her arm from a fall. When my wife asked Barnhill if he could take her

outside to arrest her instead of arresting her in front of my son, he stated, "No, have your child leave the room." He then put her in handcuffs behind her back. With her arm in a brace and her being seven months pregnant, I thought this was a little out of line.

I realize that Sheriff Wayne Touseley thinks that he is God and his deputies are all his disciples, but this is too much of a power trip for Deputy Barnhill. Instead of treating my wife like a hardened criminal, he could have taken her out of the house and spared my child this traumatizing experience.

When a deputy sheriff, Jesse Thrush, can kill a child who cannot protect herself and a judge, in his infinite wisdom, feels this deputy should have a "special treatment sentence" because Thrush

"did not mean to kill the child" and sentences him to a six-month jail sentence in Twin Falls County Jail so he can be with his fellow officers, maybe it's time we get ourselves a new sheriff and replace all of our judges.

I would like to ask Sheriff Touseley, Deputy Barnhill and Judge Meuchel if my wife was a deputy sheriff for Twin Falls County. Would she have gotten any favoritism or "special treatment"? What kind of fine we would have received for this citation because my wife "did not mean for my dog to be barking in the middle of the afternoon"? However, I realize we can't all be deputy sheriffs and get away with it.

JOHNNY R. MORENO  
Twin Falls

### Doonesbury



### By Garry Trudeau

### Mallard Fillmore



### By Bruce Vansley

IDAHO

Lawmakers hear fee plea

BOISE (AP) - Higher education advocates renewed their plea for increased state support on Tuesday to stem the unrelenting shift of financial responsibility to students and private donors.

Nathan Peterson, student body president at Lewis-Clark State College, laid it out simply for the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee on behalf of Idaho's 51,000 students attend-



ing public post-secondary institutions. "Today, we ask for your help," Peterson said. "Many students are having to go into debt to pursue their education."

And while fees at Lewis-Clark and Idaho's three universities remain low compared to similar institutions in the rest of the region, University of Idaho President Robert Hoover said Lewis-Clark President James Hortois warned against further raising already escalating student fees to generate the cash needed to attract and retain quality faculty and keep facilities up to date. Those have been the schools' highest state aid priorities for several years.

The petition for substantially more support than Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has recommended came against the backdrop of a \$54 million surplus the governor wants to bank and lawmakers

seem to want to use for a tax cut. The schools are seeking an extra \$21.7 million on top of whatever pay increase state employees receive. Kempthorne recommended \$8.9 million more.

While state support for Idaho's public four-year colleges has increased 16.4 percent from 1997 to \$202 million for the current school year, student fees revenue jumped 36 percent to nearly \$100 million and private donations and contracts are 34 percent higher at almost \$40 million.

In just those four years, the student fees at:

- Idaho State University rose 39 percent from \$1,726 a year to \$2,388.
- Lewis-Clark rose 35.5 percent from \$1,626 to \$2,204.
- The University of Idaho rose 32.8 percent from \$1,768 to \$2,348.

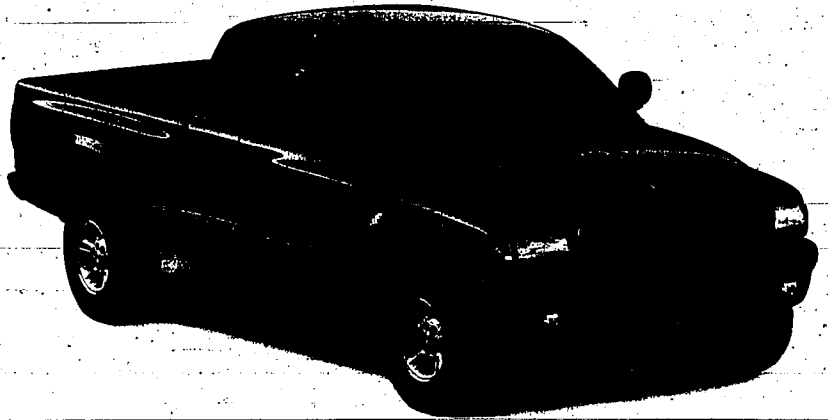
- Boise State University rose 27.3 percent from \$1,794 to \$2,283.

Fees at Idaho's two year community colleges have risen slower with the College of Southern Idaho experiencing the smallest increase in the state during that period. Fees at CSI rose 16 percent from \$1,100 to \$1,280 this year. Fees at North Idaho College rose 24 percent from \$984 to \$1,218.

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- LEGISLATIVE LOG -

Introduced in Senate  
 SB1334 (Judiciary and Rules) - Authorizes new framework for electronic records and transactions.  
 SB1335 (Judiciary and Rules) - Clarifies that death penalty is proper in murders of on-duty police officers.  
 SB1336 (Resources and Environment) - Extends from two to seven years the time for implementing water quality plans.  
 SB1337 (Resources and Environment) - Increases the fee for filing for a water right.  
 SB1338 (Resources and Environment) - Eliminates duplication of inspection for waste treatment impoundment structures.  
 SB1339 (Local Government and Taxation) - Requires county clerk to be notified when a taxing district is not required to hold a budget hearing.  
 SB1340 (Local Government and Taxation) - Revises the way community service fees are deposited into the Insurance Fund.  
 Introduced in House  
 HJR36 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) - Contracts with the Bureau of Copy and Records Services to print House and Senate bills, resolutions, memorials and amendments.  
 HJR2 (State Affairs) - Proposes amending the Idaho Constitution to prohibit the Legislature from changing the qualifications for constitutional offices.  
 HB65 (State Affairs) - Requires equal access to high-speed cable networks for internet service providers.  
 HB66 (Revenue and Taxation) - Clarifies the liability of anyone failing to comply with tax warrants for collection of unpaid taxes.  
 HB67 (Revenue and Taxation) - Reduces the minimum penalty for paying an amount different from that listed on a state tax return.

HB68 (Revenue and Taxation) - Revises the formula by which 6 percent of sales tax collections are allocated to counties, cities and special taxing districts.  
 HB69 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) - Gives crime victims one year to sue after the offender who committed the crime is released from incarceration.  
 HB70 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) - Allows the third conviction for driving without privileges before July 1, 1998, to be changed in criminal records from a felony to a misdemeanor.  
 HB71 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) - Expands the definition of escape to include abandonment of a job site or work assignment without permission.  
 HB72 (Appropriations) - Emergency allocation of \$2,698,500 to the Department of Lands for the current budget year.  
 HB73 (Revenue and Taxation) - Allows taxes previously paid on cigarettes and tobacco products by accounts found to be worthless and charged off for income tax purposes to be credited or refunded upon subsequent payment of the tax.  
 HB74 (Revenue and Taxation) - Revises the definition of "owner" for the purposes of the circuit breaker property tax reduction.  
 HB75 (State Affairs) - Transfers all money in the secretary of state's commercial affairs administrative fund to the state general fund.  
 HB76 (State Affairs) - Allows political parties to opt out of the presidential preference primary.  
 HB77 (State Affairs) - Requires contractors to disclose the homeowner's rights and the contractor's duties as promulgated by the attorney general.  
 HB78 (State Affairs) - Requires clear identification of the person or entity paying for a "persuasive poll" via telephone.

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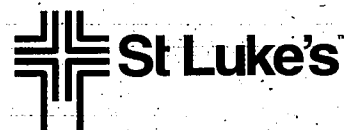
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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Police need help to solve burglary

**BUHL** - Police are looking for information about a house burglary where \$3,500 in jewelry was taken. The burglary happened in October at 301 Eighth Avenue North in Buhl, a news release said. Taken in the burglary were three diamond rings, a ruby and diamond ring, and a class of 2001 ring with the initials "JP," the release said. Anyone with information can call Buhl police at 543-4200 or Crime Stoppers at 732-5387, where a cash reward might be available.

### Man recovers after hitting train in pickup

**TWIN FALLS** - A Burley man whose truck hit a train was listed in fair condition Tuesday night. Marshall Worthington, 29, was recovering at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center following the Monday afternoon crash. Worthington's Ford pickup was totaled when he hit an oncoming train on U.S. Highway 93 north of the Petro 2 truck stop. Worthington did not suffer serious injuries in the crash. Idaho State Police were continuing their investigation into the crash.

### Pickup goes wrong way on bridge; driver charged

**JEROME** - A pickup truck headed down the wrong side of the Perrine Bridge Tuesday morning. The truck, driven by 53-year-old Jimmy P. Davis, veered south in the northbound lanes and scraped along the inside railing before stopping about halfway down the bridge, Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver said. Davis, who said he only takes heart medication, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence, which under Idaho law can include prescription drugs. Davis said he took five pills Tuesday morning, the same dose he takes every morning. The reason for the crash, he said, was a patch of ice that caused him to lose control. After hitting the ice, Davis veered right and then into oncoming lanes before slowing near the middle barrier, he said. He continued moving slowly in hopes of getting to safety, but his truck died before he could get very far, he said. The crash left Davis shaken up, and his long-time problem with keeping his balance made him fall the field sobriety tests, he said. "I'm not drinking and I'm not over-medicated," he said. Davis is scheduled for a March 6

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### Dogs and trucks: Tell us your story

Loading the dog in the back of the pickup and driving around is a venerable tradition in southern Idaho - and one which veterinarians say is dangerous. If your dog has fallen out of a truck or been otherwise injured while in a moving vehicle and you'd like to share your story, give us a call. Call Steve Crump, 739-0931, Ext. 223. crump@magicvalley.com Fax: 734-5538.

### Burley seeks vision for 2005

**By Ruth Streeter Times-News writer**

**BURLEY** - After last summer's economic summit and two months of data-collecting, the firm helping Burley rebuild its downtown area came to town this week to find out the public's vision of Burley in the year 2005. In a town hall meeting Tuesday night, Dolores Palma of the economic diversity firm HyettPalma had a group of about 20 local business people, county officials and residents create their "wish list" for the future. The list included activities residents would like to see downtown. After conducting a

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# 'Rebellion' shovel is vandalized in Elko

By Karen Terrell Times-News correspondent

**ELKO, Nev.** - Someone left a mark of protest on the giant shovel that sits on the lawn of the Elko County Courthouse. Elko police said someone, or possibly two groups, vandalized the symbol of the Jarbidge Rebellion sometime late Friday or early Saturday morning, Elko Police Capt. Mike Smith said. The vandalism occurred hours before a rally to show support of local officials in their dispute with the U.S. Forest Service over a road leading to Jarbidge, Nev. Police are investigating the matter but have developed no firm leads, Smith said Tuesday.

### Road to controversy

**S**outh Canyon Road, at the entrance to the Jarbidge Wilderness Area, has been the subject of controversy since 1995 when flood waters made a bridge over the Jarbidge River inaccessible. Elko County commissioners have attempted to reopen the road leading to campgrounds, but have met with opposition from the federal government which in 1998 listed the bull trout in the Jarbidge River a "threatened species."

Smith said a 5-foot-tall plywood "Smoky Bear," the traditional symbol of the Forest Service, was found leaning against the shovel. The bear might have stolen from

Eureka, Mont., sawmill owner Jim Hurst recently started the Shovels of Solidarity campaign, encouraging people to send shovels to Elko to support the county in its determination to take a stand against the federal government and reopen the road on July 4. More than 3,500 people gathered in Elko Saturday to cheer the caravan that delivered more than 10,000 shovels to the Forest Service; Smith described it as the same type of plywood marker placed along roads to indicate fire danger during summer months.

### Former forest supervisor Flora gets award - B3

The following phrase was painted on the bear: "In wildness is the preservation of the world. - Theoreau. Can Helen and the County Commission?" The slogan is an apparent reference to Elko County commissioners, and to Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage, R-Idaho, who last year convened a congressional hearing in Elko to discuss the Jarbidge road issue. Below the slogan, Smith said, was a drawing of a small monkey wrench, a symbol of the environmental group Earth First!

On the blade of the shovel, where supporters of Elko County's position are listed, vandals painted a red circle with a slash through it. The shovel was cleaned before Saturday's parade marking the arrival of more than 10,000 shovels from supporters of the Elko County's campaign to reopen South Canyon Road near Jarbidge. Elko Police Chief Clair Morris has assigned the investigation to the detective division. The plywood bear, meanwhile, is being kept in an Elko police department evidence room.

Times-News correspondent Karen Terrell can be reached in Elko at 775-738-2733.

## BETTER LATE THAN NEVER



Mike Weatherwax, a supervisor at the Pioneer branch of the U.S. Post Office, pulls incorrectly addressed mail out of the Optical Character Reader. The OCR is one of two machines in the country that sorts and enters bar codes on more than 30,000 letters per hour. Letters with incorrect addresses have to be manually sorted and may take more than three extra days to reach their destination, Weatherwax said.

# Another dairy eyes Twin Falls County

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Another dairy operation is being proposed for Twin Falls County. Gary Stouder of Stouder Holsteins in Wendell has proposed setting up a 4,900-animal unit dairy on 673 acres about 1 1/2 miles south of Murtaugh Lake in the county's agricultural zone. The dairy would have 2,000 milking cows, 250 dry cows and 2,500 replacement heifers, according to Stouder's Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission application. His proposal is among several recent dairy applications submitted to the county. The planning commission in

### Planning agenda

The Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission will have a public hearing on Gary Stouder's request to set up a dairy operation on 673 acres at 4676 S. 3000 N. The hearing will begin at 7 p.m. on Feb. 10. The planning commission will also have hearings on the following items: (A) A proposed telecommunications ordinance. (B) A conditional-use land division request from Brian and Tim Olmstead of B & T Farming.

November approved David Gondolfo's 160-acre dairy. Gondolfo plans to have 2,700 cows and 3,000 heifers on 160 acres at 250 E. 4000 N.

The county last year approved Jerry Ylsser's planned 2,400-acre dairy about two miles north of Balanced Rock. The dairy would include 5,000 milking cows and 8,500 heifers. Despite these approvals, the dairy action has leveled off a bit, said Bill Crafton, the county's planning and zoning director. "We haven't had anything for about a month now," Crafton said Tuesday.

Livestock applications, including dairies, have sparked controversy throughout the Magic Valley. Several activists have appealed the county planning commission dairy approvals and have requested that the Twin Falls County Commission

put a four-month moratorium on new operations looking to set up shop in the county. In Cassia County, officials are deciding whether to end a six-month moratorium on livestock operations. Burley city officials have urged the county officials to repeal the six-month moratorium, saying it is discouraging dairy-related and poultry industry from locating in the county. County officials have scheduled a public meeting for 4 p.m. Monday to discuss lifting the moratorium.

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# Forest Service hikes payments to Magic Valley counties

## Rest of the state doesn't fare so well

By N.S. Nokkventved Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Magic Valley counties with national forest lands all got a 22 percent increase in the payments the Forest Service gives to counties in place of property taxes. But the rest of Idaho didn't fare so well. Overall the entire state got almost \$5 million less in 1999 than in 1998, says state Treasurer Ron Crane. Twin Falls, Blaine, Camas and Cassia counties each got 22 percent more in 1999 than in 1998. The Forest Service gives 25 percent of the money it gets from timber sales to the counties where the sales take place in lieu of property taxes.

### More money

Forest Service payments to Magic Valley counties

County	1998	1999
□ Twin Falls	\$10,087	8,234
□ Blaine	\$93,269	43,557
□ Cassia	\$42,138	34,397
□ Camas	\$35,223	28,754
U.S. Forest Service	www.fs.fed.us	

Bureau of Land Management payments in lieu of taxes	1998	1999
□ Blaine	\$475,706	451,298
□ Camas	\$42,040	40,808
□ Cassia	\$570,240	553,452
□ Gooding	\$178,182	172,205
□ Jerome	\$72,301	69,991
□ Lincoln	\$189,792	184,288
□ Minidoka	\$130,843	126,692
□ Twin Falls	\$479,761	464,438

The hardest hit was Shoshone County with a drop of \$1.25 million

from \$2,209,611 down to \$953,540. Crane blasted the Clinton Administration for cutbacks in timber harvest. "This continues the Clinton administration's all-out vindictive assault on the people of the West," Crane said in a prepared statement. But the Forest Service continues to lose money on most timber sales. And the Idaho congressional delegation has opposed a Clinton Administration proposal to "decouple" payments to counties from timber sales to prevent resource dependent rural communities from being left hanging. If the payments aren't tied to timber harvest, the Forest Service would have no incentive to sell timber or to conduct proper forest management, they say. The delegation favors alterna-

tives that involve local people in setting payments and don't directly decouple the payments from timber sales. Decoupling would shift the money counties get from timber sales on national forests with their boundaries to a general payment based on long-term average harvests. Payments would be similar to payments in lieu of taxes to counties from the Bureau of Land Management. Idaho counties in 1999 got more than \$8 million in annual payments in lieu of taxes from the BLM. The funds are allocated according to a formula that includes the county population and the amount of federal land. The payments are in addition to other shared federal revenues, such as oil and gas leasing, grazing and timber cutting.

# A \$40M makeover

## Committee plugs bond levy for Blaine County schools

By Karen Bossack Times-News correspondent

**HAILEY** - An ad hoc group of educators and parents will recommend to the School Board next Monday that a \$40 million levy to build new schools and improve existing facilities be put before Blaine County voters in May.

The Strategic Vision Facilities Committee is proposing a \$4 million year plant facility levy over the next 10 years. Financial experts project it would cost property owners an additional \$86.16 for \$100,000 of assessed property value. That amount could go down to \$46.87 by the tenth year, assuming property valuations in the county grow by 7 percent a year. Since 1993 the assessed value has grown an average of 11.3 percent per year. "It's a pay as you go plan," School Superintendent Jim Lewis told about 200 people who attended an informational meeting Monday at the Wood River Middle School. "A better way to build buildings, thinking ahead and paying as you go instead of getting behind and borrowing to catch up. And the levy takes 55 percent of the vote, versus 66 2/3 of the vote for a school bond."

Additionally, a plant facility levy will save taxpayers \$27 million in interest payments that they would pay with a \$40 million school bond issued over 20 years, said Mike Chatterton, business manager for the Blaine County School District. Taxpayers would pay \$73.24 per \$100,000 of assessed property on a \$40 million school bond, but they would pay longer to pay off interest. The Blaine County School District's total levy rate is \$355 per \$100,000 of assessed property. The rate is \$463 in Twin Falls, \$611 in Kimberly, \$612 in Jerome, \$653 in Cassia County, \$823 in Boise, \$858 in Pocatello and \$862 in Idaho Falls.

The \$40 million levy raised over the next 10 years would pay for a number of projects, including: \$19.6 million high school to be completed in the year 2003. \$1 million bus garage to be finished in 2000. \$5 million improvement to Carey High School facilities to be completed in 2005. \$20 million Wood River Middle School expansion in 2005. \$8.1 million new elementary school to be built in Woodside in 2007. \$500,000 Hemingway child care site. \$500,000 in improvements to Bellevue Elementary School. More than \$300,000 in improvements to Hailey Elementary School. The committee looked at remodeling Wood River High School. But the \$12.2 million remodel would have held 900 to 1,000 kids, inadequate given projections that the high school will have more than 1,000 students by the year 2005. And it would have disrupted education for 18 months, Lewis said.

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Ketchum attorney files brief to dismiss lawsuit against city

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent
KETCHUM - Ketchum City Attorney Margaret Simms filed a brief Monday, supporting her motion to dismiss a lawsuit filed against the City of Ketchum by Craven Young and the "Burdened Taxpayers." Simms is asking the Fifth Judicial District Court to dismiss the lawsuit filed by Ketchum resident Craven Young. Young wants a judge to decide whether it is legal for Ketchum to contract for services with the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce. Young believes the contract between the city and chamber violate the anti-donation clause in Idaho's Constitution.

Judge William Hart is scheduled to hear arguments in the case at 10 a.m. March 3 in Halley. "The complaint in this case grew out of a political disagreement with the city of Ketchum," Simms said. "The plaintiffs' attempt to transform the debate into a lawsuit is wrought with procedural and substantive deficiencies (and) should be dismissed in its entirety." In her motion, Simms charged that Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure prohibit Young from naming Mayor Gay Coles and individual council members as defendants. In addition, she said, Young is ineligible to sign the lawsuit on behalf of the "Burdened Taxpayers." While Young has a degree from the University of

Oregon Law School at Eugene, he is not a member in good standing with the Idaho State Bar, she said. It appears the plaintiffs' basic complaint is that option tax expenditures to promote the city and its special events have attracted visitors and brought home owners to the area. This, in turn, has driven up the value of land and increased the amount the plaintiffs pay in property taxes, she said. Even this allegation were true, Simms said, it hasn't been demonstrated that the plaintiffs have suffered a distinct tangible injury as a result. Times-News correspondent Karen Bossick can be reached in Halley at 578-2111.

Respect grows as troubled teens take shared compliments to heart

DEAR ABBY: Remember the letter in your column about the teacher who asked students to write compliments to one another, and then passed them along to each individual? Well, Abby, I used her idea...with wonderful results! I work in "Chaya," a prison ministry for incarcerated youth in Arizona. Last year, two weeks before Valentine's Day, I gave a talk on love and respect for one another to 25 girls between the ages of 12 and 18. Afterward, I passed out paper and pencils to the girls and instructed them to write a compliment for each girl and to say nothing if they didn't have anything nice to say. I told them not to sign their names, as all compliments should be given anonymously. I was so pleased to be thanked by each girl, I complimented every other girl. I took the papers home that night and typed a list of compliments for each girl. I deleted any compliment for each girl, including the few slang terms with which I was unfamiliar. I cut out 25 large red hearts and pasted a compliment list to the back of each one. My children decorated the front with doilies, stickers, pictures and lace. I distributed the hearts to the girls at the Valentine party we hosted. I asked each girl to read her compliments to herself and

DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren
then to share the most to her, and the one that surprised her the most. It was a meaningful experience, especially for these troubled girls who have had little or no affection or positive affirmation in their lives. The girls told me how much they cherished these hearts, and the staff allowed them to be hung on their walls - which was a great privilege for them. Abby, I would like to thank the person who came up with that idea, and you for printing it. It took some work on my part to make sure no one was hurt by insults, but that was my responsibility. I enjoyed because I got to read all the outpouring of love. -LITA JOHNSON, PHOENIX

DEAR ABBY: I have been going out with my brother's wife, "Angie." They are separated and she has filed for divorce. For the past five years, my brother has alternated living with his wife in one house and with another "lady" in a different house. I have always liked Angie, and have seen her go through much unhappiness with him. I have always wished to be with her and to treat her with the respect she deserves, but she has always tolerated my brother's double life. Last month she left him. That's when I decided to express my feelings to her. I was surprised to learn that she has always had the same feelings for me. My brother and I are not close. We have had our share of disagreements, and I know he will feel that I am doing this to get back at him. I really care for Angie, and I don't know what to do. Any advice? -CONFUSED

DEAR LITA: You took a terrific idea and ran with it, which is to your credit. We all need positive reinforcement from time to time. It appears that everyone, including yourself, benefited from the assignment - the surest sign that it was a real winner!

DEAR CONFUSED: Yes, if you and Angie are meant for each other, waiting a few months should not make a difference to any future you have together. Put the romance "on hold" until her divorce is final. To have an open romance now will only complicate her divorce. There is already enough tension between you and your brother, so don't add to it.

SERVICES

Viva Horsley of Twin Falls, services at 2 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls; Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Mildred P. Anthony of Twin Falls, and formerly of Pocatello, services at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Holy Trinity-St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Pocatello (White Mortuary in Twin Falls). John J. Palusak of Twin Falls, and formerly of Las Vegas, Nev., funeral mass at 11 a.m. today at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

DEATH NOTICES

A.L. 'Bud' Moore JEROME - A. L. "Bud" Moore, 76, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2000, while visiting his son in Montana. Funeral services are pending and will be announced by Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Stanford L. Myers TWIN FALLS - Stanford L. Myers, 60, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Jan. 31, 2000, at his home. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 2000, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Frank Cook TWIN FALLS - Frank Cook, 60, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Jan. 31, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Services are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls. William 'Bill' Kinyon CASTLEFORD - William "Bill" Kinyon, 92, of Castleford, died Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2000, at Magic Valley Manor in Wendell. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. Hazel J. Bent BUHL - Hazel J. Bent, 88, of Buhl, died Monday, Jan. 31, 2000, at SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Some names are omitted at patients' request. Admitted: Vern Jensen and John Vodraska, both of Twin Falls; and Golda Ruys of Buhl. Released: Mashelle Fairchild and Stanley Sorenson, both of Twin Falls; and Lucy Ramsey of Filer. MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Some names are omitted at patients' request. Admits: Jaquette R. Martinez, Halayn Turpi, Ernest Dittmore, Colleen Howard and Leona Wilkie, all of Rupert. Dismissed: Louis Frazee, Jr., Jennifer Sanchez, Cody Weber and Yoena Gil and son, all of Rupert.

Advocates push for tougher term limits

HAYDEN LAKE (AP) - Citizens for Term Limits has gathered enough signatures in 22 of the state's 44 counties to qualify for the November ballot, the organization has announced. "If the legislators so much as touch their own term limits, we'll have no problem getting on the ballot in a matter of days and before the voters on November 7th," Chairman Don Morgan said. "We will not put this on the ballot unless the Legislature acts against term limits. This is a war of wills." The new initiative would limit combined service in either house of the Legislature to 12 years in 10 consecutive years. It would make the restriction apply to all legislators elected in 1994. Idaho's current term limits law applies to all state, city and county officials elected in 1994 except legislators. The new restriction of 8 years in one house in the previous 15 did not begin until the 1996 election.

The initiative would be the first to qualify for the ballot since lawmakers revised the petition law in a way critics claimed makes it significantly more difficult to put issues before voters. The announcement by term limits advocates came two weeks after a score of local elected officials asked a state judge in American Falls to void the 1994 initiative on grounds that it violates the constitutional right of individuals to seek office and be treated equally under the law. That case is pending, although some question whether it can be completed before filing for this year's election ends on March 31. The first wave of term limit voters occurs this fall with county commission and school board members, who are restricted to six years of service in the previous 11. A wide array of interests groups, including the state chamber of commerce and Idaho's largest business lobby, have called for repeal of the initiative.

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1952. From this union, they had four children, two sons, Lloyd and Frank, and two daughters, Nora and Marjorie. Lloyd and Mary later divorced, but remained good friends. Lloyd was an active Democrat throughout his life. He never wavered. He served as chairman of the Idaho State Democratic Party from 1952 through 1955. He was active in the presidential campaign of John Kennedy in 1960. He co-chaired Robert Kennedy's 1968 presidential campaign in Idaho, and in 1976 he chaired the Carter presidential campaign in Idaho. In 1994, Lloyd served on the credentials committee at the Democratic National Convention, the committee that refused to seat the segregationist delegates from Mississippi in favor of providing rights delegates. Lloyd had practiced law in Twin Falls since 1955, and was always an active and interested member of the community. He is survived by his children, son, Lloyd, and wife Barbara; and grand-children, Lane and Lloyd Julius, of Peach Tree City, Ga., son, Frank, and wife, Annie Cosho, and grand-children Patrick and Kate, of Boise, daughter, Nora Kestler, and husband, Mike, of Twin Falls, daughter, Margie Harzen, and husband, John, and grandson Joseph Lloyd, of Twin Falls, his sister, Margaret Hamilton, and her husband Paul, of Buhl; his brother, Wern Schmidt, and his wife, Mary Lou, of Evansville, Ind.; and many nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Prayer Vigil and Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 3, 2000, at St. Edwards' Catholic Church in Twin Falls. Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, February 4, 2000, at St. Edwards' Catholic Church, with Father Robb Keller as celebrant. Burial will take place at the Halley Cemetery. Friends may call on Thursday from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be sent to the Halley County Historical Museum, c/o Teddy Daley P.O. Box 1333, Ketchum, ID 83340, or the Diabetes Center Foundation, c/o Ann Bybee, Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

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Commitment to the heritage and tradition of our community into the next Millennium. Lt. Gov. Otter pads campaign nomination fund. BOISE (AP) - Lt. Gov. Butch Otter had just over \$100,000 in the bank when the year began to begin financing the winter and spring push for the Republican congressional nomination to succeed retiring GOP Rep. Helen Chenoweth. Otter raised \$120,000 during the final six months of 1999 to bring his total support for the fund to over \$520,000. But on the heels of the front-runner for the northern and western Idaho congressional seat was Idaho Family Forum founder Dennis Mansfield, who claimed to have raised \$72,000 during the same period to bring his total support to just over \$102,000. Former Republican State Chairman Ron McMurray had yet to file his campaign finance disclosure statement. And Mansfield's report was not available through the Federal Election Commission Internet site. In a statement, he provided no other information about the financial condition of his campaign, including the bank balance on the first of the year.

# Wilderness Society names Flora 'public land manager of the year'

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The Wilderness Society has selected former Forest Service supervisor Gloria Flora as its public land manager of the year for taking "significant risks" to promote environmental conservation.

"No one has put themselves on the line for public land more than Ms. Flora," said Bill Meadows, president of the national, non-profit conservation group founded in 1935.

"In fact, she has risked her career for what she believes is right," he said in a statement from Washington.

Flora, former supervisor of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, resigned in November to protest what she called an "anti-federal review" in Nevada.

As head of the largest national forest in the Lower 48 states, she was locked in an ongoing battle with livestock ranchers over grazing rights as well as a dispute over protection of the threatened bull trout.

In her previous Forest Service job in Montana, she clashed with oil and gas industry leaders who wanted to open up the Rocky Mountain front for drilling.

She continues to draw fire from critics in Idaho, where local activists are battling the Forest Service over a road they want reconstructed on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest near the Idaho border.

The agency maintains rebuilding the road that washed out in a flood in 1997 would jeopardize survival of the threatened bull trout.

An estimated 4,000 people turned out in Elko for a parade last weekend aimed against the Forest Service and collecting 10,000 shovels symbolic of the effort to reopen the road.

One sign on a pickup truck in the parade said, "Look Gloria. 10,000 shovels."

Elko lawyer Grant Gerber said Flora deserves much of the credit for stirring up interest in the fight over the road in Nevada.

"We have the greatest debt to pay to Gloria Flora," Gerber told the crowd gathered around the Elko County Courthouse on Saturday.

"I'm going to pass around this bucket and ask everybody to put a penny in it. I'll send the money to her along with a shovel to encourage her to continue her



Former Forest Service administrator of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Gloria Flora, speaks last week in Kalspell, Mt.

speaking tour around the United States," he said.

Flora said Forest Service workers in rural Nevada have been shamed in their communities, refused service at restaurants, and kicked out of motels just because of who they work for.

She said in an open letter of resignation to her co-workers that she refused to "participate in this charade of normalcy."

"It's time to speak up. But speaking up and continuing to work here are not compatible. By speaking up, I cannot provide you, my employees, with a safe working environment," she said.

Jay Watson, California-Nevada regional director for The Wilderness Society based in San Francisco, said nominations for the award are solicited from the group's branches throughout the country.

"This time around, there was almost no need for nominations. It was pretty obvious who should receive it," Watson said Tuesday.

Flora has been gone from her job since the first of the year, spending some time on a speaking tour in Montana sponsored by the Montana Human Rights Network and Montana Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility.

The Wilderness Society award is to be announced formally at a reception Thursday at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque, N.M.

It's called the Olaus and Margaret (Mardy) Murie Award, in honor of Olaus Murie, who was the society's president from 1945-62, and his wife. President Clinton presented Mardy Murie with the Medal of Freedom in 1998.

Three others also will be recognized in Albuquerque — Kim Crumbo of the Southwest Forest Alliance and Grand Canyon, Wildlands Council, and Philileah and Bob Howard of the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance.

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market analysis. HyettPalma will take from that, HyettPalma will take from that, HyettPalma will take from that.

Several people at Tuesday night's meeting said selecting an appropriate location for a possible new judicial building was a priority because of the volume of people public buildings draw downtown. But whether to locate the courthouse in its present location — in convenient proximity to the offices of the sheriff and county prosecutor — or further north to open the area up for commerce, will be an issue requiring dialogue with the county.

Other concerns included a reduction of hazardous truck traffic on Overland Avenue, which is considered an alternate highway by the Idaho Transportation Department, deregulating liquor laws that inhibit the sale of wine, and parking problems.

Professional offices, nicer restaurants, specialty stores, snack shops, bakeries, gift shops

and clothing stores were tossed into the mix. Some suggestions, such as quality clothing stores, drew skepticism, but also confidence that some things "we could work on ... as a city," said council member Adria Masoner.

Also suggested were recreational activities for young people, "anything that would be attractive to youth," said John Evans Sr.

Suggestions ranged from the aesthetic and the economic, such as no empty storefronts, eliminating churches that occupy retail space and giving older buildings a face-lift, to those relating to business practices.

"You can't get new customers or keep the ones you have unless you have courteous, professional, well-trained employees," said Gary Asson.

At the suggestion of giving Burley a theme, Palma said unless a theme reflects some truth about a city, they don't welcome tourists but exclude locals who "don't want to feel as if they're

shopping in Disneyland."

It sounded to Doyle Hyett, the other half of HyettPalma, as if people at Tuesday's meeting were intent on preserving Burley's history and its character.

"You aren't using that word ... but what you're describing is a preservation-driven approach," he said.

People said they wanted Burley's image to be one that is safe, comfortable, successful and attractive. People also wanted Burley's recreational potential to be fully realized.

"No one else [has] that proximity between the waterfront and the interstate," said Burley Mayor Doug Manning.

The firm's study will cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000 and will include a market analysis and a strategic, market-oriented course of action, Palma said.

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# Minidoka department gets new shop

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The Minidoka County Highway District shop will have more room for its equipment, and better access to roads in a pinch, from a new and larger shop building.

The district began operating about a week ago out of a new building, located between Paul and Rupert at 230 W. 50 S. The district has closed its shop in Paul and will soon close its shop in Rupert.

The new 11,000-square-foot building is paid for, and the county did not have to ask for a loan, said Jess Miller, the highway district's superintendent. Nor did the money for the building come out of road and bridge money; the county has saved for the \$495,000 maintenance and equipment building for several years, he said.

"Roads have not had to suffer for this," Miller said.

A plus for the new building is access to county roads and Idaho Highway 25, a half mile from the shop.

The district had faced bottlenecks bringing in snowplows and other large equipment to its Rupert shop, Miller said.

The highway district's new facility comes with 10 acres, which will give the district room to park all of its equipment, he said.

But space was not the only reason the district needed a new building. By consolidating from two buildings to one the county will not need to purchase two buildings, Miller said.

"It is centrally located and easier to run crews out of one building than two," he said.

The new building also has substantially more room than the Rupert shop, built around 1914, Miller said.

The high cost of the new building was partially because of government regulations, said LaVell Ferrin, highway district board member.

A county ordinance required a sprinkler system for fire protection, he said. A well also had to be drilled.

To keep cost low, district offi-



Henry Walters, Minidoka County Highway District employe, puts some finishing touches on the new Minidoka County Highway District shop. The highway district began operations at the new facility about a week ago.

cials thought about expanding the Paul building, but decided it would not be suitable because the ground water level in Paul can cause problems, Ferrin said.

"It floods pretty easy," he said. Instead the board selected the centrally located site because it was already graveled and fenced, he said.

The Paul shop facility was sold to the city of Paul for \$100,000, which will give the district room to park all of its equipment, he said.

"By moving, the size of Paul's shop has expanded from four city lots to four acres, Rau said.

"It gives us some room," Rau said. And the money the city paid the highway district is the same amount the district paid for the property for the new building, said Robert Dockett, chairman of the highway district board.

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# CSI offers help for first-time homebuyers

TWIN FALLS — First-time home buyers can find out everything they need to know about buying the big purchase before they buy at a two-evening presentation this month at the College of Southern Idaho.

Finally Home, a program sponsored by CSI and Idaho Housing and Home Buyer Education, Inc., will be held in the CSI Shields Building room 113 from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16 and 23rd. The programs will not be open to all persons interested in buying a home, especially low- and middle-income buyers.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development provides the funding for the program. The primary topics presented will be from real estate, finance, appraisal, title insurance and home building teach future home buyers about their part of the home buying process. The February sessions will feature presenters from Twin Falls Title, The Inspections Co., Prudential, Mayer & Associates and D.L. Evans Real Estate.

CSI has been selected by HUD to coordinate the program in the Magic Valley. The program is designed to familiarize prospective home buyers with the terms, definitions and solutions they need to buy a home.

Although the courses are free, early registration is advised to keep from exceeding the seminar's seating accommodations. To register, call the CSI Community Education Department at 733-9554, Ext. 2288.

## Prosecution questions expert's credibility

BURLEY — After almost two days of testimony from Dr. Charles Wesley Suits' expert witness, whose analysis alleges investigators have altered state evidence, the state began to question that witness' credibility.

Upon the cross-examination Tuesday, Dr. Edward Wolfrum, an audio expert retained by Suits, said he "observed scientifically sound procedures in my analysis of recordings of an alleged drug deal and other incriminating conversations."

## Valley in brief

The state produced a log of Wolfburn's long-distance phone calls during some of the time in which he was examining the tapes. That log recorded 239 minutes of calls to Suits' attorney James Anness during a one-month period.

Suits is on trial for a drug possession charge after he allegedly exchanged an illegal prescription for 1.5 grams of methamphetamine in December 1998. The trial will continue today at 9 a.m. in the Cassia County Courthouse.

## Arrowhead Potatoes and Rupert to exchange property

RUPERT — An exchange of property between Arrowhead Potatoes and the city of Rupert should be of mutual benefit to both and would help Arrowhead obtain its goals, Ron Jones, president and co-owner of Arrowhead Potatoes, told the City Council on Tuesday.

The fresh-pack company has proposed trading the property it leases from the city for the Wilson Theater property. Arrowhead has already made the first payment on the Wilson Theater for the city.

"We will hold the debt on the Wilson Theater," said Richard Fletcher, secretary and co-owner of Arrowhead.

After a 60-day comment period on the proposal, Arrowhead plans to purchase the Wilson property and then trade that property to the city for the property it leases. Arrowhead would own the property it leases from the city and Rupert would own the Wilson Theater.

Arrowhead has leased the property from the city of Rupert since 1995. Recently the city proposed putting the property up for

sale — including the Arrowhead property — between Eighth and H streets along Scott Avenue. The city leases the property along the strip to businesses.

Arrowhead owners have wanted to purchase the property they own from the city. The trade would give them an opportunity to do that, Fletcher said.

If Arrowhead owned its own property, the company could obtain long term financing, Jones said.

City Council members also discussed plans to replace sewer lines from E to F streets on Second Street. A date has not been set for the line replacement. A \$30,000 pivot sprinkler used in the city's waste water system will be replaced. The council approved Butte Irrigation's bid for the pivot.

—Compiled from staff reports

## Levy

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The new high school, which would sit on 15 acres on the Quigley Canyon Ranch side of the current football field, will feature a core for 1,250 students with classrooms for more than a thousand.

And a new facility would free up the existing high school building for other options. Among the possibilities: a center to house College of Southern Idaho classes, technical center, community education center, a community gym and youth center, Internet cafe, expanded alternative school and storage facility.

With new facilities, expanded opportunities created by the new science and academics performance and business, health and medical occupations and other disciplines already being introduced at the high school, students could earn up to a year's worth of college credits by the time they graduate — a \$7,000 to

\$70,000 value depending on where they go to college, Lewis said. And senior citizens could attend free classes at the CSI center.

"We're trying to put the district on the cutting edge, making sure your kids get the opportunities other kids are getting across the nation," Lewis said.

Those attending the meeting indicated overwhelming support for the proposal.

"I like the 'pay as you go' idea," said Peter Kramer, of Holey. "I don't think it will be as difficult to sell as people might think. In some ways, it's a no-brainer."

Cynthia Unger urged the committee not to build too small too soon as she said they did with the middle school. Make sure your levy is presented clearly to the taxpayer and steer away from \$40 million figure, said Rita Gustafson.

Pat Weaver said the school districts needs to find a fairer way for

everyone to pay their fair shares.

"I've heard from other property owners that the tax burden is too big," he said.

David Seelig urged the committee not to build a new school in Woodside which, he said, is way too built up.

Problem is, that's where the school district's property is, Lewis said.

One member of the Strategic Planning Committee suggested putting the levy out for five years and then reintroducing it five years from now. But Lewis said he thought it would be easier to sell voters on the total package.

"I really think it is a package that fits together — we're planning not just for a high school but for an elementary school, child care, etc. And it helps to tell people we won't be back for 10 years," he said.

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**MINIDOKA COUNTY HIGHWAY DISTRICT**

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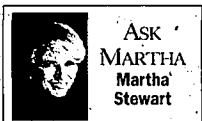
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## Valentines for friends and family

Valentine's Day isn't just for sweethearts - it also gives us a chance to show friends, family, co-workers and neighbors how we feel about them.

**BOOMING HEARTS**  
- Long-lasting valentine flowers - fashioned out of overlapping paper hearts - carry a message spelled out on each petal. If you make them with wire stems, the valentines can be displayed in a vase; with ribbon stems, they can be tucked into envelopes. Start by cutting out five to eight hearts of the same size (about 1 to 3 inches), then inscribe them with a word or single letter on each heart. Make a hole near the pointed end of each heart with a pushpin. For a wire stem, thread a small bead on a piece of 24-gauge wire a little longer than you want the stem to be; twist the wire to secure the bead. Thread hearts from the other end, until all the hearts are stacked against the bead.



ASK **MARTHA** Martha Stewart

Twist the wire again to keep the hearts in place. Cover the wire with floral tape or glue ribbon around it. For a ribbon stem, thread a bead to the center of a 3-inch length of wire, and bend in half. Send the ends through the hole in each heart. On the back, form the two ends into a small loop around the midpoint of a length of ribbon; trim the excess wire.

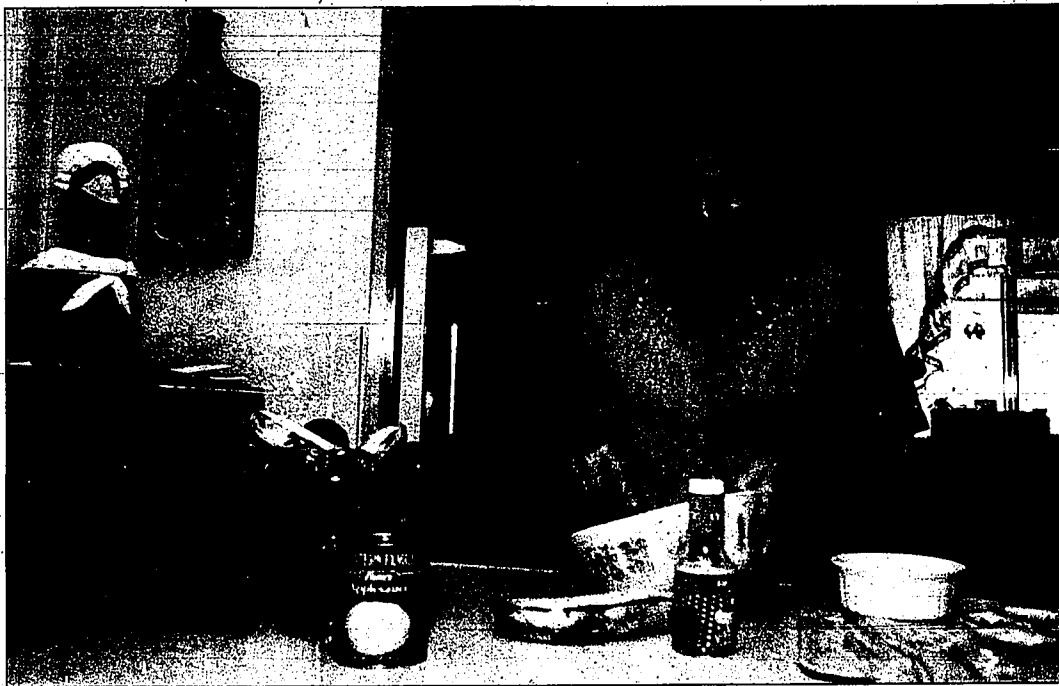
**SEED-STARTER VALENTINE**  
For the gardener, give flower seeds with little pots in which they can take root. Choose seeds according to friends' favorite flowers or look for ones with charming names, such as "She loves me" daisy or Sweet Pea. Put the seeds in a 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 inch white coin envelopes (available at stationery stores), label and embellish with a heart-shaped rubber stamp. Write growing instructions on back.

**CANDY BOXES**  
Use cardboard jewelry boxes you've saved, or buy new ones from a jewelry-supply store or stationery shop. Trace two identical hearts on two-ply white museum board. The hearts can be any size, but they should cover the box. The larger the heart, the thicker the board should be (up to four ply). Cut out the two hearts. To make a fancy lid, cut out shapes from dollies and colored paper and use glue to attach them to one museum-board heart. This is a good project for children; you can also provide them with colored pencils and let them transform the heart with their drawings. Glue the undecorated heart to the underside of the box, and the other to the top of the lid, making sure the hearts align when the top is on the box. Line the box with tissue paper or colored waxed paper and fill with candies.

**VALENTINE TREATS**  
Heart-shaped cookie cutters can be used to make much more than cookies. For quesadillas, cut out shapes from soft flour tortillas, then brown them in a dry skillet. Top one tortilla with goat cheese and Monterey jack, cover with another tortilla, and return to the pan. Cook until brown, flip, and cook other side until cheese is melted. Serve with a dollop of salsa. Or add a valentine flourish to school lunches with heart-shaped sandwiches. You can find heart cookie cutters at your local kitchen-supply store or through Martha by Mail (800-950-7130 or www.marthaby-mail.com). Also available are heart-shaped baking pans, ice-cream scoops, even molds for heart-shaped pancakes.

Questions should be addressed to Martha Stewart, care of The New York Times Syndication Sales Corp., 122 E. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10168. Or visit The Times-News Online's NewsLink page to contact Martha Stewart by e-mail.

## WHIPPING UP A HEALTHY MENU



Arlene Robbins makes a low-fat banana bread at her home in Jerome.

## Yummy and nutritious: Diet recipes

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS** - A lot of people make New Year's resolutions to lose weight. They carefully count calories, for a while. Or they drink liquid diet foods, deny themselves sweets, jog and try to starve themselves skinny. For a while.

A month or so into the year, these people are often weak with hunger and frustrated with their stubborn-bathroom scales. That's when these dieters throw the bathroom scales into the trash, say to heck with it and eat everything in sight.

Sound familiar?  
Arlene Robbins, a member of the Jerome TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) support group, has a bit of advice. The word "diet" has connotations that make people think they are being deprived. She said you should think "change your way of eating," instead.

Robbins has reached her target weight and is now working on keeping the pounds off.

She utilized the TOPS low-calorie food plan that incorporates foods from the food pyramid, plus exercise. According to the plan, total calories in a day should come from no more than 25 to 30 percent fat.

There are a lot of tricks to help a person cut back on food intake, Robbins said, such as leaving space on your plate and learning what constitutes a portion or serving. When a person falls off the diet wagon, Robbins suggests getting right back on the weight loss regimen the next day.

The editors of Prevention magazine compare dieting or losing weight to walking a tightrope or balance beam. The object is to get to the other side. You can fall off as many times as you want, as long as you get back up and go on again.

Prevention suggests taking a drink of water after a dietary "sin." By drinking water, the dieter is mentally washing the dietary indiscretion away and is immediately back on track.

Robbins recommends the following recipes.

**BANANA BREAD**  
1 cup applesauce  
2 tablespoons Sweet and Low liquid sweetener  
2 eggs  
2 1/4 mashed bananas  
2 cups flour  
1/2-teaspoon salt  
1/2-teaspoon soda  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 cup nuts (optional)  
Mix all ingredients together and bake 1 hour at 300 to 325 degrees.

**SPECIAL SPINACH CASSEROLE**  
1 egg  
4 egg whites  
1 (10 ounce) package frozen spinach, thawed and drained  
1/4 cup grated low-fat Parmesan cheese  
2 ounces low-fat Monterey jack cheese cut into 1/2-inch cubes  
2 ounces shredded low-fat mozzarella cheese  
1 cup fat-free cottage cheese  
1/4 cup finely chopped onion

2 tablespoons fat-free sour cream  
3/4 teaspoon black pepper  
Beat the egg and egg whites in a bowl. Add the rest of the ingredients and mix well. Pan spray a 9-inch casserole dish and add the spinach-cheese mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes. A knife inserted into the center will come out clean. Let set for 10 minutes before serving.

**ORANGE DATE BARS**  
1 cup chopped dates  
1/3 cup sugar  
1/2 cup oil  
1/2 cup orange juice  
1 cup flour  
1/2 cup chopped pecans  
1/4 cup egg substitute  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1 tablespoon grated orange peel  
Combine the dates, sugar, oil and orange juice in a saucepan. Cook for 5 minutes to soften the dates. Cool. Add the rest of the ingredients, mix and spread into an 8-by-8-inch pan that has been sprayed with pan spray. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool and serve.

## Sweet gifts that are sure to warm your Valentine

The Times-News

This Valentine's Day, what better way to show someone special just how much you care than with homemade, indulgent treats.

**CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE**  
3/4 cups graham cracker crumbs  
1/4 cup sugar  
3 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened  
1/3 cup Ghirardelli Unsweetened Cocoa  
3 tablespoons flour  
3 egg whites  
1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)  
2 eggs  
1/4 cup Ghirardelli Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips, melted  
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 300 F. Spray bottom of 9-inch spring-form pan with cooking spray. Combine crumbs and sugar; sprinkle evenly on bottom of pan. In mixer bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Mix in cocoa and flour. Add remaining ingredients; mix well. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 40 to 50 minutes; or until center is set. Cool; chill. Garnish as desired. Refrigerate leftovers.

**FOOLPROOF FUDGE**  
Makes about 2 pounds  
3 cups (18 ounces) Ghirardelli Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips  
1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)  
Dash of salt  
1/2 to 1 cup chopped nuts, optional  
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
Line 8- or 9-inch square pan



Homemade treats can be so decadent and delicious that your valentine's heart is sure to melt.

with foil. Butter foil; set aside. In heavy saucepan, melt chips with sweetened condensed milk and salt. Remove from heat. Stir in nuts if desired and the vanilla.

Spread evenly into prepared pan. Chill 2-hours or until firm. Turn fudge onto cutting board; peel off foil and cut into squares. Store covered in refrigerator.

**Marshmallow Fudge:** Omit nuts. Stir 2 tablespoons butter in with vanilla. Fold in 2 cups miniature marshmallows. Proceed as above.

**DECADENT CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES**

Makes about 6 dozen  
3 cups (18 ounces) Ghirardelli Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips  
1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)  
1 tablespoon vanilla extract  
Optional Coatings:  
Finely chopped toasted nuts, flaked coconut, chocolate sprinkles, colored sprinkles, unsweetened cocoa powder, confectioners sugar or colored sugars

In large saucepan, melt chips with sweetened condensed milk.

Remove from heat; stir in vanilla. Pour into medium-size bowl. Cover and chill 2 to 3 hours or until firm. Shape into 1-inch balls; roll in desired coating. Store tightly covered in refrigerator.

**CHILLED MOCHA LATTE**  
Makes 4 servings  
2 tablespoons Ghirardelli Unsweetened Cocoa  
1 tablespoon instant espresso coffee  
1/2 cup warm water

In small bowl, dissolve cocoa and coffee in water. In blender container, combine cocoa mixture, sweetened condensed milk and vanilla; blend well. Gradually add ice, blending until smooth. Serve immediately. Refrigerate leftovers.

**MAGIC COOKIE BARS.**  
Makes 24 to 36 bars,  
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine  
1 1/2 cups graham cracker

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FOOD & HOME

# Buying yourself flowers could brighten day

Even when the air temperatures are as cold, winter sun warms-up tree bark just a little too much, and it causes sunscald on young trees. The bark gets good and warm on a bright, sunny winter day. Then if the sun goes behind a cloud, or sets for the day, the temperature drops dramatically and the bark splits and cracks. You could lose a tree unless you prevent the damage before it begins.



GREEN THUMBPRINTS  
Cathy Walworth

In spring and summer, the crawlers hatch out, but you've got to have a magnifying glass to see the 1/16-inch things squiggle about. At that stage, they can be killed with insecticides. After they've grown their protective shells, though, they hide, safe from the world. They do have an Achilles heel, though: a teeny little breathing hole. We can plug up that hole and kill them.

Go to the nursery and get some fine horticultural oil. Sunspray makes a very fine one that will work. (Note that "fine" here does not mean "wonderful." It means fine, as in "fine course.") You'll have to do some math to make a quart of the stuff for your squirt bottle, but it's worth it. Happy spraying.

Tip of the week: It is said that buying yourself a bunch of fresh flowers every week or so is good for you. Actually makes you feel good. But when you get them home, they don't look so hot just stuffed in a vase. Here's how to spiff up your flowers into a real work of art:

• Create balance by putting the "heavier" flowers in the center

and lower areas of the arrangement. • Make a pattern throughout the arrangement with similar flowers—make an imaginary line with all the red carnations, for example. • Get the scale right: The plants should be roughly one-and-a-half times as wide or tall as the container.

• Mix colors in a way that lends interest and harmony to the arrangement. Darker flowers will

look heavier and farther away; lighter ones will appear more delicate and closer to the eye. Red roses will seem like they're in the background, while bright white Baby's Breath "jumps out" toward you. Pick colors that make you feel good this week.

What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper, or e-mail her at: [cw2tw@cyberhighway.net](mailto:cw2tw@cyberhighway.net).

Be sure to plant trees at the correct depth. Make sure the soil ball is even with the surface soil. Plant in groups: The trees will shade one another. Use those new plastic opaque tree tubes to deflect the sun. Make sure they are big enough around to allow good air circulation, and take them off when the weather warms. Or use paper tree wrap, making sure you take it off in spring, too. As the tree ages, it will develop thicker bark, and the dangers from sunscald decrease.

Dear Cathy: I brought my basil inside for the winter, only to discover that it is dying, apparently from scales all over the stems. I've tried insecticidal soap, but to no avail. Please help.

—Bland Cooking

Dear Bland: Insecticidal soaps are good for a lot of things, but not scale. Soaps attack soft-bodied insects and penetrate their skin, drying them out. Obviously that won't work with these hard-shelled creatures.

## Just about anything becomes collectible

**Knight Ridder News Service**

LEXINGTON, Ky. — If only you had a crystal ball. An old, used, but pristine one, of course.

Who knew back then, when you left for college and your mom pitched your Mickey Mantle rookie card; it would be worth about \$12,000 today? Or when you tossed your original Barbie doll, that it would fetch about \$10,000?

There are no sure bets in trying to figure out what collectibles will be popular 20 years from now.

"Nobody really knows, but less and less stuff ends up in the trash pile," said Terry Kovel, who with her husband, Ralph, has written 76 books, including the price-list "bibles" used by antiques and collectible dealers nationwide.

Kovel does think things with a sense of humor will be popular in the future, such as lady-head planters from the '60s, or 17th-century furniture reproductions made in the '30s and '40s.

Marsha Koller, a Lexington, Ky., collector and dealer, thinks Charlie Brown might get hot because of Peanuts creator Charles Schulz's retirement.

Some collectors seek expensive items, such as large pieces of 1950s and 1960s furniture or costume jewelry. Others want things that remind them of their childhood. Still others develop a liking for animal figures, doorknobs, hatpins, books or china.

"Anything connected with television shows, movies or celebrities seems to be popular as a collectible," Kovel said in a telephone interview from her office in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

"Gone With the Wind" and "I Love Lucy" memorabilia, for example, is popular because the movie and television shows are still being shown and are remembered fondly.

For something to be called "antique," it must be 100 years old. The definition of "collectible" is murkier. And items marketed as collectibles rarely go up in value as much as those that were never intended to be collected, dealers say.

Here are some general rules:

• The first in a series usually goes up in value, such as the first Barbie doll wearing a dress by designer Bob Mackie. For Barbie, still in her original box, the price increases even more.

• If the series is numbered, collect every one, advised Whinsant, who also collects two brands of NASCAR model cars.

• Forget Beanie Babies, the small stuffed animals people are buying and selling for sometimes hundreds of dollars. Collectors say they're a fad.

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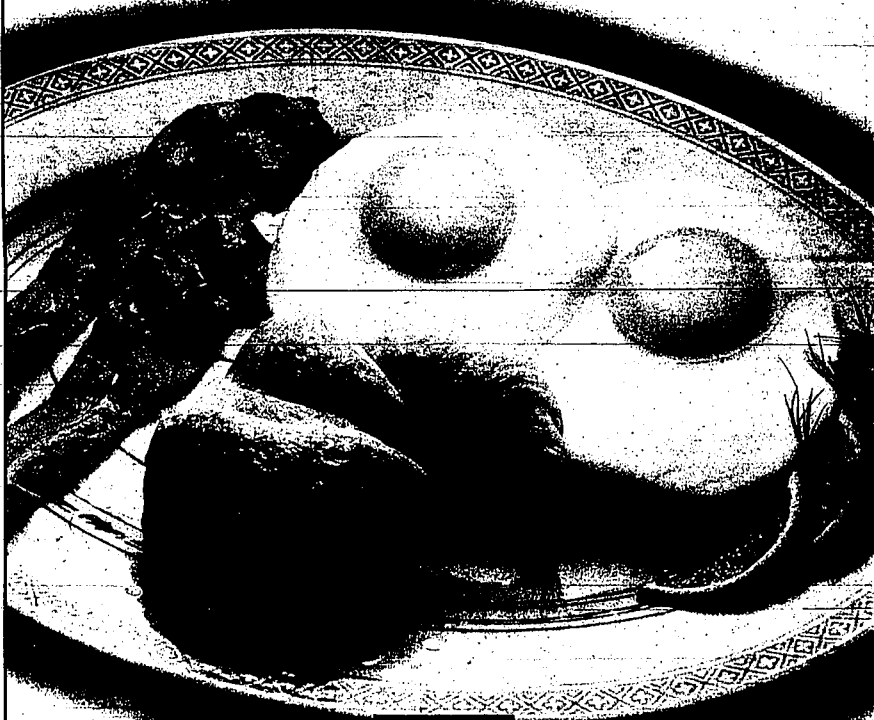


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## Winter's the best time to plant indoors

By Tam Putnam  
Knight-Ridder News-Service

Inside, your house is like a tropical rain forest—except, of course, for the rain. The thermostat is most likely set to the low 70s year-round. You probably get moderate light, like the filtered sun that penetrates a forest canopy. All you need to do is add water—and plants.

The majority of houseplant species originated in warm, wet zones, and plantscapers—as those in the profession call them—

select, install and maintain this greenery inside—to create a rain forest in your house. Until recently, these professionals gardened mainly in public spaces, such as offices, restaurants and hospitals. Plantscapers choose between two looks: They isolate each pot for plants-as-sculpture or create a jungle of clustered flora. Whereas a solitary plant display shows off its elegant architecture, a group makes a layered, luxuriant angle. Sharon Check, owner of Commercial Interiorscapes in

San Ramon, Calif., has worked with both styles. At one house, she and her employees tend dramatic plants throughout the rooms. Sunlight, much of it entering through a row of clerestory windows, pours into the living room, where a 15-foot rhapis palm, its leaves shaped like stars, and an airy Song of India dracaena preside. Behind a pool table several steps away are two rambling fiddleleaf figs. In the bedroom, a lazily arching fish-tail palm is set in a rough-hewn antique pot.

## We're looking for a few good cooks

The Times-News

Do your guests Ooh and Aah in your kitchen? Do your grown children ask for your special dishes? We'd like to hear from you. We're looking for area cooks

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## Treats

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**Crumbs**  
1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)  
2 cups (12 ounces) Ghirardelli Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips  
1 1/3 cups flaked coconut  
1 cup chopped nuts  
Preheat oven to 350 F (325 F for glass dish). In 13-by-9-inch baking pan, melt butter in oven. Sprinkle crumbs over butter; pour sweetened condensed milk evenly over crumbs. Top with remaining ingredients; press down firmly with fork. Bake 25 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool. Chill if desired. Cut into bars. Store covered at room temperature.

**MARBLED CHEESECAKE HEARTS**  
Makes about 12 (3-inch) hearts.  
2 cups finely crushed crumbe-filled chocolate sandwich cookies

(about 24 cookies)  
3 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted  
3 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened  
1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)  
3 eggs  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
4 (1/2-ounce) sections Ghirardelli Unsweetened Chocolate, melted  
Preheat oven to 300 F. Line a 13-by-9-inch baking pan with heavy foil; set aside. Combine crumbs and butter; press firmly on bottom of foil-lined pan. With mixer, beat cream cheese in large bowl until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Add eggs and vanilla; mix well. Pour half the batter evenly over prepared crust. Stir melted chocolate into remaining batter; spoon over vanilla batter. With table knife or metal spatula,

gently swirl chocolate batter through vanilla batter to marble. Bake 45 to 50 minutes or until set. Cool. Chill at least 1 hour.

Use foil to lift out of pan. For hearts, cut with heart-shaped cookie cutter, or with knife, cut around waxed paper heart shape. Or cut into bars. Store leftovers covered in refrigerator.



Go on, ask him.

Steve Crump  
Times-News Columnist

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### Tips

**Valentine Gift Wrapping:** Take any small box or container and wrap with decorative paper. Use baskets or bowls lined with colorful napkins. Stack your treats on a plate or tray, overwrap with colorful plastic wrap and tie on a beautiful bow. Let children help decorate with stickers, crayons and markers.  
**Easy Heart Shapes:** Create heart-shaped desserts by using a heart-shaped cookie cutter, or simply cut around a waxed-paper heart shape with a knife.  
**Decorating With Chocolate:** Add that special touch to your recipe with easy chocolate decorating, using a 4-ounce Semi-

Sweet, Classic White or Bittersweet baking bar.  
**Chocolate Curls**—let the baking bar stand in a warm place (80-85 degrees) until thoroughly warm but not melted. Using a vegetable peeler, make curls by drawing the peeler along the thin, flat side of the bar. Remove the curls with a toothpick and place them on the dessert or store them on a plate in the refrigerator until needed.  
**Chocolate Shavings**—let the baking bar stand in a warm place until thoroughly warm but not melted. Use a vegetable peeler, make short strokes for a shaved effect. For a more splintered effect, use cool rather than warm chocolate.

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FOOD & HOME

# Design the family dwelling

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Some preferences are probably already pretty clear in your mind. Plenty of light, perhaps, or the layout of your dream kitchen and family room. But have you ever taken the time to put the whole thing together?

The 2000 Homes from the Heart Survey provides a quick, fun and easy exercise to help you do just that. And the benefit doesn't stop there. Once you've completed the survey, Associated Designs wants to see it. We rely on the preferences of readers like you to keep us up to date on what today's families really want in a home.

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# Try this free energy source

Dear Jim: My children are studying passive-solar-energy-in-school, and until I add some solar heating to our house, they will drive me nuts.

Are there any simple, inexpensive do-it-yourself solar projects?

—Joan L.

Dear Joan: There are actually quite a few simple passive solar projects that you can build for under \$100 in materials. These are excellent family projects and the finished solar heater can produce enough heat to keep an average-sized room warm well into the evening.

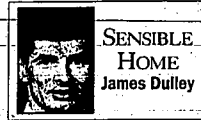
The simplest designs use the passive solar principle of thermosiphoning.

These designs rely on the fact that warm air is less dense than cold air to create the air flow through the solar heater. A lower inlet draws in cool room air from near the floor and solar-heated air flows out from the top.

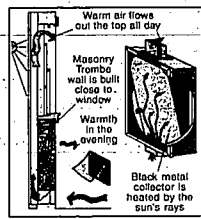
The advantages of these designs are very low material costs and they tend to self-regulate the air temperature. As the air gets hotter and less dense, more naturally flows through it so the outlet air temperature stabilizes.

An air-type solar wall heater, mounted flat against a southern wall is the easiest to build to get your kids off your back. As long as the wall is oriented within 15 degrees of true south, it will be effective.

Very simply, this design con-



**SENSIBLE HOME**  
James Dullea



Heating with solar energy doesn't require complicated equipment.

cept uses a perforated metal collector sheet (painted black) inside a shallow insulated plywood box.

As the sun shines through a glass or clear plastic cover, it heats the collector sheet. Crystal clear acrylic plastic sheets are the easiest to work with.

The perforated collector is mounted on an angle inside the solar box.

This forces the cool room air to pass through the openings in the sun-heated collector as it circulates from the bottom inlet to the

top outlet opening. The bottom side of the collector should be closest to the house wall.

Make it roughly four feet wide and six to eight feet long to minimize scrap lumber. If you install an electric blower for more heat, a small 100-cubic feet per minute blower should be adequate for this solar heater. When using a blower, the entire heater can be tilted more directly toward the sun.

Standard expanded metal sheeting is most readily available and easiest to use for the metal absorber matrix.

Lath can also be used. Wire three or four layers of it together, staggering each one a little to offset the openings. This provides more exposed area to the sun with adequate air flow passages.

If you already have a large south-facing window, without the greatest view, build an attractive brick or stone wall very close to it indoors. This creates a Trombe wall.

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# Try this potato soup recipe to warm up those winter spirits

By Jimmy Schmidt  
Detroit FreePress

Is there anything as inviting on a cold day as homemade soup?

**POTATO SOUP**

2 tablespoons unsalted butter (or substitute olive oil)

1/4 cup minced garlic, or more or less to taste

4 large onions, ends removed, peeled, diced

1 large leek, white part only, cleaned and diced (optional)

1 bunch green onions, white part diced for soup, green part for garnish

8 large potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch dice

10 cups vegetable or light poultry stock (or substitute water and 1 bouillon cube)

Salt and freshly ground white pepper to taste

Juice of 2 lemons, or to taste

Chives, diced for garnish, if desired

In a large soup pot, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the garlic and cook until translucent and tender. Add the onions, leek and green onion whites and

cook until translucent, about 10 minutes. Add the potatoes and stock. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a simmer, and cook until the potatoes are tender, about 40 minutes, testing for doneness by inserting a skewer in the vegetables.

Pour the soup through a colander over another soup pot to separate the vegetables and cooking liquid. Working in batches, ladle the vegetables into a blender until it is about half full. Add cooking liquid to cover. Cover the blender and puree until smooth.

Pour through a fine sieve into another pot. Repeat with the remainder of the vegetables.

Add more cooking liquid if the soup is too thick; to thicken, bring the soup to a simmer and cook until it reaches the desired consistency. Season with salt, pepper and lemon juice to taste.

To make a puréed garnish, ladle 1 cup of the hot finished soup into the blender with the green parts of the green onions. Puree until smooth, adding a little cooking liquid as necessary. Set aside.

To serve, return to a simmer. Ladle the soup into serving bowls or terrines. Decoratively swirl the green onion purée across the top. Top with a sprinkling of chives. Serve immediately. Makes 10 servings.

Other ways to garnish this soup include topping it with seasoned sour cream, a sprinkling of herbs, shredded cheddar cheese or crumbled bacon.

The soup may be made up to 3 days before serving. However, the garnishes are best made the same day as serving.

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# As time goes by, cast iron cookware continues to prove its worth

By Peggy May  
Northwest Florida Daily News

**FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla.** - When Mom and Grandma whipped up a wonderfully crusty, soft-on-the-inside round of cornbread or a tasty batch of fried chicken, crispy on the outside and juicy on the inside, what was their secret? Chances are, an old-fashioned cast iron skillet contributed to the perfection of these dishes.

Though decades have passed, cast iron cookware has never gone out of style - and its modern-day descendant, enamel- or porcelain-coated cast iron cookware, looks trendy in designer kitchens.

To season (allow oil to be absorbed into the iron to create a non-stick, rustproof finish) a cast iron pot, some experts say lard must be used; others say cooking oil is great as a sealer, if you use one with a high-heat tolerance, such as peanut oil.

The experts at Lodge Manufacturing, which bills itself as "the world's largest and oldest producer of quality cast iron cookware," offer the following tips: Wash with hot, soapy water and a stiff brush. Rinse and dry completely. Oil the cookware (inside and out) with MELTED solid vegetable shortening. Turn upside down on the top rack of a pre-heated 350-degree oven. Put aluminum foil on the bottom rack to catch any excess drippings. Bake the cookware for one hour at 350 degrees. Let the cookware cool slowly in the oven. Store, uncovered, in a dry place when cooled.

A 1980-vintage cookbook, "Down Home in High Style," from the Houston Academy Library Committee in Dothan, Ala., offers some interesting tips on how to create a true Southern-style black iron skillet. After buying a skillet, which is not black, cook some bacon in it, leaving the grease in the skillet.

Here's a verbatim quote from the cookbook: "Leave the skillet on the stove and every time you go by the stove, turn on the burner underneath the skillet. Let the skillet heat up and then turn the burner off. It may take a week or two, but pretty soon you'll notice your skillet is turning black. The first few times you use it, you

always wipe some bacon grease around in it after you clean it. You NEVER use soap or a dishwasher with your skillet. Always just good hot water. The blacker it gets, the better it cooks."

### ALICE STARKEY'S BOSTON BAKED BEANS

About 2 pounds of canned baked beans Campbell's or any other kind except Bush's, which has extra sugar and seasonings added.  
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4 to 5 good shakes of Worcestershire sauce  
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1/3 cup dark brown sugar  
1 to 2 tablespoons dry mustard

After opening the cans of beans, drain about half of the extra liquid off. Dump the beans in the cast iron bean pot. Add the Worcestershire, sauce, molasses, brown sugar and dry mustard and mix well.

Cut the onions into quarters or eighths and poke the pieces down into the beans. Bake uncovered in a slow (300-degree) oven for 4 plus hours. (They can bake longer if necessary but should bake at least 4 hours). The beans should have a crust on the top and most of the liquid should be absorbed. These beans are good any time of year but are especially popular at Fourth of July picnics.

### SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN

Take a good-sized chicken and cut it up the way you like it. Roll the pieces in salt and black pepper and then roll it in flour until heavily coated. Heat grease (1/4 cup bacon and 3/4 cup vegetable oil) in black iron skillet until a small bit dropped in jumps back at you. Then put in enough chicken pieces to cover the skillet, but not too crowded.

Fry it to a deep golden brown on one side and then turn it over. Lower heat until it simmers, and then fry that side to a golden brown. Takes about 35 minutes. Turn again if you see blood. Serve with potato salad, rice, and chicken gravy made from the drippings.

**POTATOES AND ONIONS IN CAST IRON**  
2 tablespoons butter  
2 tablespoons olive oil

6 cloves garlic, minced  
4 large red potatoes, sliced  
4 large onions, sliced  
1/2 teaspoon, or more, fine sea salt  
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1 to 2 slices bacon, cut into pieces  
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Preheat a 10-inch Dutch oven, including lid. Combine, butter, olive oil, and garlic in Dutch oven. Place a layer of sliced potatoes in bottom, followed by a layer of onions; season with salt and pepper, and repeat layers again.

Tuck the bacon or sausages in and around the potatoes. Set Dutch oven over; add more coals to the top, and bake 1 hour. Sprinkle cheese

over potatoes and onions. Cover, add hot coals to top but not under the Dutch

oven, and bake 30 minutes more, or until potatoes are tender. If not using a camp-

fire, bake, covered, in the oven at 375 degrees for about 1 1/2 hours.



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## Hard figures on soft drinks

**Knight Ridder News Service**  
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# Hotel's recipe for Red Velvet Cake frosting leaves cooks in a mild froth

By Shelly Gilje  
The Seattle Times

Color me frosted. At the Waldorf-Astoria, New York's 42-story landmark art-deco hotel. Here's why.

On Dec. 12, I wrote about urban myths, including one that regularly makes the rounds on the Internet about the hotel charging horrendous fees for copies of its famed Waldorf Salad and Red Velvet Cake recipes.

The hotel's publicity agent supplied recipes for the salad, the cake and frosting, though I got the definite message that these are not considered "today" foods in New York.

Not long after publication, I began hearing from cooks from as far away as Waterbury, Conn., who said the frosting recipe, which called for 2 1/2 cups of flour, didn't work.

Food writers and editors from Twin Falls, Idaho, to Durham, N.C., and points in between

phoned, too.

So I rechecked the recipe given to me. There it was in black and white: 2 1/2 cups of flour. On several occasions I phoned Shelley Clark of Lou Hammond & Associates, the New York firm that serves as spokesman for the W-A, requesting a workable recipe.

Last week I e-mailed the Hilton Hotel chain's Web site, www.waldorf.com, hoping to get someone's attention. On Monday, Christophe Le-Chatton, food and beverage director for the Waldorf-Astoria, e-mailed me a recipe for a Red Velvet Cake, but no frosting recipe!

When the Waldorf lets cooks down, whom do you call? You call Mom, of course. In my case I rang up Ruth Colard, Seattle Times food reporter Kathleen Triesch Saul called Marian Triesch.

The "moms" had several suggestions. I tested the recipes and both worked - even for me, the

home-economics class dropout.

Ruth suggested Boiled Frosting from her well-used 1968 "Better Homes & Gardens New Cook Book."

**BOILED FROSTING**  
2 cups sugar  
3/4 cup water  
1/4 teaspoon light corn syrup or 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar

Dash of salt  
2 stiffly beaten egg whites  
1 teaspoon vanilla

Cook first four ingredients over low heat, stirring until sugar dissolves. Cover pan 2 to 3 minutes to help dissolve sugar crystals on sides of pan. Uncover and cook to a soft ball stage, or until it measures 240 degrees F on a candy thermometer. Gradually add hot syrup to stiffly beaten egg whites, beating constantly with electric mixer. Add vanilla and continue beating until frosting reaches spreading consistency. (About 6 minutes.) If too thin, let stand 3 minutes to set up slightly. Frosts 2

or 9-inch layers.

**From Marian:**  
**BUTTER CREAM FROSTING**  
5-6 tablespoons cake flour  
1 cup milk  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup butter  
1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine flour and milk over low heat, stirring constantly until thickened. Let cool totally. Cream butter, sugar and vanilla; beat until fluffy. Add flour and milk, then beat, beat, beat until smooth.

The Waldorf just checked in with some startling news and a frosting recipe. "I've been told by our executive chief that the story regarding the Red Velvet Cake is a myth and it has never been served at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel." Le-Chatton said.

Nonetheless, here's a frosting recipe Le Chatton recommended for the cake:

12 ounces cream cheese  
12 ounces mascarpone cheese  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
12 ounces powdered sugar  
2 cups heavy cream  
Cream the cream cheese, add the mascarpone, just to combine. Do not whip, mix only. Add vanilla extract. Add sugar at a low speed. Whip the heavy cream to soft peaks and fold in. Spread over cake.

In case you don't have the cake recipe, here it is again:

**WALDORF RED VELVET CAKE**  
1 1/2 cups granulated sugar  
1/2 cup shortening

2 eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2 tablespoons bitter cocoa  
1/4 red food coloring  
2 1/4 cups flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 cup buttermilk  
1 teaspoon vinegar  
1 teaspoon baking soda

Beat sugar and shortening until creamy. Add eggs and vanilla to the sugar and shortening mixture. Make a paste with the cocoa and red food coloring, and add to the batter.

Sift together flour and salt and add to batter, alternating with buttermilk. Mix vinegar and baking soda and add this immediately to batter as it foams. Bake in two 8-inch cake pans for 30-35 minutes at 350 degrees F.

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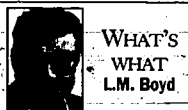
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WHAT'S WHAT L.M. Boyd

Sixty-five percent of that hen's egg is water. From Unknown: "It takes more money to amuse today's children than it took to educate their parents." Q. How big are "ice worms"? A: An inch long maybe, and about as thick as a knitting needle. They live in shallows on ice surfaces where there's a little dirt and some water. Some year, 1850, Levi invented his blue jeans, the Navy stopped

flogging sailors, Pinkerton opened a detective agency, Dickens came out with "David Copperfield," Bunsen dreamed up his burner. Folger offered coffee you didn't have to roast and grind yourself, Tennyson wrote "Tis better to have loved and lost..." and Napoleon ate his first tomato. Recent research suggests it's not extraordinary for identical twins, even those raised separately, to get migraine headaches at the same time.

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You overcome difficulty caused by one who miscalculates time. Know your own time, coincide efforts with personal rhythm. Fish are up top.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You'll have plenty of practical methods, affairs to cope with - nevertheless, keep your eye on future, intense the abstract.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Look beyond the immediate, obtain valuable hints from Aries, Taurus messages. You will be at right place, you gain added recognition almost effortlessly.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Eschew previous notions concerning art, sciences, literature. Break through to the new, refuse to be held back by creativity people who lack imagination.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Emphasis on ability to cooperate with one whose ideas do not jibe with your own. Live and learn. You are attractive, dynamic and tonight you will be sexy.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Make your own declaration of independence. Get loose from those who take you for granted. Be creatively selfish - physician heal thyself! **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** This is your make-over day. Tear down in order to rebuild, rewrite, study proofs, wear clothing that had lain fallow. You'll hear these words, "You look different today."

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Take special care in traffic, refuse to ride with balaious individuals. Be alert to changes, deal with temperamental Virgo member of opposite sex. Write, teach.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Strive to maintain emotional equilibrium. Overcome temptation to lose your temper. Focus on home, marital status, income

potential. Music involved. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Moon in your sign, cycle high, circumstances are turning in your favor. Wear dark colors, let it be known you are on a secret mission. Don't tell all!

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Look beyond the immediate, accept role as judge. People trust you, rely upon your judgment. Romantic life becomes intense. Capricorn will play outstanding role.

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# Think of warm weather with springtime recipes

We recently had a day - Jan. 16 I believe it was - in the middle of all this dreary winter weather right here in Magic Valley, when daytime temperature nearly reached 60 degrees.

I was stressed, in a hurry that day because I had a bunch of errands to run. Then I heard them. Geese honking overhead, flying in formation. Then the sun called to me!

I spent a half hour to 45 minutes sitting in my car with my eyes closed; the sun pouring through the windshield; just soaking in the warmth. I was day-dreaming about bird nests and flower gardens, about pulling weeds and mowing lawns, about picnics and swimming pools.

The sun felt so good I didn't even care that I was wasting time. I didn't care that people might be looking at me as they walked past, wondering why I was sitting there in my car with my eyes closed in a downtown Twin Falls parking lot on a Sunday morning. I sat as long as I thought I dared, then went on my way. But



**VALLEY COOKING**  
Dixie Thomas  
Recipe

those few minutes rejuvenated me.

They energized me for the rest of that day and a couple of days to follow. I promised myself that, at the next opportunity, I would steal a few more minutes on a sunny morning in a quiet parking lot and soak up some more rays.

Yeah, I know it's still winter here, then again, today is Groundhog Day - a day for dreaming about an early spring.

Here are some springtime recipes to try. Even if the calendar and the weather outside still says winter, we can think about those geese and the sunshine and before we know it, it will be spring.

## ORANGE AVOCADO SALAD

- 1/2 cup sunflower seeds
  - 1/2 cup almonds
  - 4 cups leaf lettuce, torn
  - 1 can mandarin oranges
  - 1 cup seedless green grapes
  - 1 ripe avocado, peeled and sliced
  - 3 green onions, chopped
- Toss all ingredients in a large salad bowl. Serve with dressing made from:
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
  - 4 tablespoons red wine vinegar
  - 1 tablespoon lemon juice
  - 2 tablespoons honey
  - 1/2 teaspoon ground mustard
  - 1 garlic clove, minced
- Place all ingredients in a jar and shake vigorously. Drizzle over salad. Serve immediately.

## CITRUS FRUIT SALSA

- 1 medium grapefruit
- 1 navel orange
- 1 sweet red pepper, chopped
- 1 sweet green pepper, chopped
- 1 sweet yellow pepper, chopped
- 1 medium tomato, chopped
- 1 stalk celery, chopped
- 1 garlic clove, minced

- 1 jalapeno pepper, minced (if you keep the seeds it will be hotter than if you remove the seeds)
  - 4 tablespoons red onion, chopped
  - 1 tablespoon cilantro, chopped
  - 1 tablespoon sugar
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Peel, section and dice the citrus fruit.
- Place in a bowl; add the remaining ingredients and mix well. Cover and refrigerate for about 2 hours.

Use for dips with chips or use it over meat or fish dishes.

## CREAMED CHEESE SALSA DIP


- 1 package cream cheese (can use fat-free)
  - 1/2 cup salsa or picante sauce
- Mix cream cheese and salsa with an electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Serve with sliced raw vegetables or chips.

Dixie Thomas Reale welcomes comments on recipes. Her address is 503 W. Eighth, Jerome, Idaho 83338.

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Kansas basketball Coach Roy Williams, chiding Jeyhawk fans for not being loud enough to suit him after a recent victory over Colorado

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Wrestling

Jenome at Century, 6 p.m.
Jenome JV, Filer at Goodling, 6 p.m.
Twin Falls at Burley, 7 p.m.
Minico at Highland, 7 p.m.

Girls' basketball

SCJC Tournament at Filer
Wendell vs. Wood River, 6 p.m.
Kimberly vs. Buhl, 7:30 p.m.
M.V. Conf. Tournament at
Castelford
Oakley vs. Hansen, 6:30 p.m.
Castelford vs. Haysman, 8 p.m.
Northside Conf. Tournament at
Shoshone
Shoshone vs. Carey, 7 p.m.

Boys' basketball

Burley at Twin Falls, JV at 6 p.m.
Valley at Declo, JV at 6:30 p.m.
Minico at Jenome, JV at 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Vandals will host McDonald's meet

MOSCOW - The Vandals open their home, indoor season with the inaugural McDonald's Open Track Meet on Saturday. Regional schools participating include the University of Washington, Washington State University, Portland State University and Eastern Washington University.

Sprewell, Robinson miss out on All-Stars

In the East, Dale Davis got the nod over Latrell Sprewell. In the West, it was Cliff Robinson, Scottie Pippen and Shareef Abdur-Rahim who were squeezed out. The reserves for the NBA All-Star game were announced Tuesday, with seven first-timers among the 14 players. Coaches made the selections.

The East reserves are Milwaukee's Ray Allen and Glenn Robinson, Indiana's Davis and Reggie Miller, New York's Allan Houston, Detroit's Jerry Stackhouse and Atlanta's Dikembe Mutombo.

The West reserves include All-Star perennials Karl Malone and John Stockton of Utah and David Robinson of San Antonio. They are joined by Sacramento's Chris Webber, Portland's Rasheed Wallace, Seattle's Gary Payton and Dallas' Michael Finley.

The All-Star Game will be played Feb. 13.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

CSI heads to Chukar country

Golden Eagles try to regroup

By Kevin Hall Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It isn't time to reach for the panic button quite yet.

Failing to gain a victory over the weekend at both Dixie and Snow colleges, the College of Southern Idaho men's and women's basketball teams are regrouping this week to try and stop the downward spiral through the Scenic West Athletic Conference.

With seven games left in the regular season, both women's coach Joel Bate and men's coach Derek Zeck say the season starts now with Thursday's game at travel partner Treasure Valley Community College.

"Seven left to go," Bate said. "There's a lot of basketball left. Realistically, we're not going to win the conference. Three or four games ago, that was still in our hands, but right now, we're just getting ready for Treasure Valley."

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Golden Eagles take on Treasure Valley

What: CSI at Treasure Valley CC Where: Ontario, Ore.

When: Women tip off at 5:30 p.m., Men at 7:30 p.m. Radio: KXZ 1450-AM for the women, KLV 3310-AM for the men.

Who to watch: CSI guards Kendall Minor and Amanda McGrath. Through a tough weekend,

both players shined. Against Snow, Minor had 17 points and five three-pointers to tie Kenny Brunner for game-high scoring honors, while McGrath tallied 10 points. Against Dixie, McGrath led the team with 13 points and four steals, while Minor led the men with 14 points.

"One game at a time," he said. "But literally, we're taking that one game and not panicking about where we are or going to be. Our destiny is in our own hands - we need to realize that and take charge."

Taking charge is one thing Bate has been waiting for out of his team: a leader to grab command.

"I've been waiting for a leader Please see CSI, Page D2

Tigers run past Minico

Jerome defense mauls Spartans

By John Derr Times-News writer

JEROME - After a lackluster performance Saturday in the opening round, the Jerome Tigers proved they are still the team to beat as they routed Minico, 57-27, in A-1 Region III tournament action Tuesday night.

Minico took the early lead, but it was all Tigers after that as their swarming defense created turnovers for Jerome to push it up the court for easy baskets.

Jerome, the top seed in the tournament, got their wake-up call on Saturday as they led Century by 13 in the final period only to see the Diamondbacks come back and force overtime.

The Tigers were determined not to let that happen again. They were on their game early, going on a 15-0 run in the first half while shooting over 50 percent from the field. The Tigers finished the game hitting 47 percent (26-for-55) while the Spartans struggled, connecting on just 22 percent (9-for-41).

Both teams resume tournament play on Thursday. Jerome advances to the semifinals where they will host the second-seeded Pocatello Indians, who topped Highland on Monday 43-42. Minico will host Twin Falls, a 38-32 winner over Century, on Tuesday, in a loser-out contest. Minico tied Twin Falls for the fourth seed with 5-7 conference marks, but the Spartans won the coin flip and home court advantage.

"We had total emotion for four quarters," junior Brandi Escover said, who chipped in six points. But it was Escover's defensive pressure on the Minico guards that caused problems for the Spartans all night. "Saturday made us realize that we can't breeze through the tournament. We need to be ready to play every night."

It was the Spartans who took the early lead as Lisa Patterson nailed a three-pointer. Escover connected on the fast break lay-up on the assist from Cyria Warner before Patterson hit the short jumper in the lane for the



Jerome's Dusty Schvanveldt threads a pass through several Minico defenders during their A-1 Region III District Tournament matchup. Jerome lived up to its No. 1 seeding by beating the Spartans, 57-27.

52-Minico lead. Jerome took over from there, pushing the ball up the floor on every steal and missed shot. The Tigers jumped out to an 11-5 advantage when Camille Britain scored inside, then Warner hit

the drive to the basket. Kendra Warner added a jumper and Warner finished the quarter with a jumper in the lane giving the Tigers a 11-5 advantage. Britain added two more down low as the Tigers went on a 26-2

run over an eight-minute span. Warner, who chipped in 11 points, put on the finishing touches with a three-pointer as Jerome led 28-9 late in the first half.

Please see JEROME, Page D2

Valley foul troubles help Declo to victory

By Matt Peterson Times-News writer

DECLO - Early foul trouble forced extended rest periods for several Valley stars Tuesday night and the Declo girls' basketball team prospered in their absence, cruising to a 63-54 win in second-round Canyon Conference Tournament action in Declo.

Jamie Chathburn led the Hornets (14-7 overall) with a game-high 14 points and 11 rebounds. Amanda Blakeslee added 12 points and Danielle West tossed in 11 for the victors. The two teams combined for 53 fouls - 34 of which came in

the second half - in what was at times a very physical contest. Valley's two leading scorers - Kyla Beem and Annie Shawver - both got into foul trouble early and were forced to watch much of the game from the bench. Guard Summer Callen also sat out much of the first half because of foul trouble. The striped-shirts came down especially hard on Beem, who fouled out of the game late in the third quarter. She left with only nine points.

"They weren't letting (both teams) do a lot of things tonight," said Declo coach Kim

Please see DECLO, Page D2

Vermeil announces retirement

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS - Dick Vermeil is going out on top. On Tuesday, two days after winning his first Super Bowl and after a long talk with his wife, the 63-year-old coach of the St. Louis Rams announced his retirement.

His eyes filled with tears and his voice choked with emotion, Vermeil said it was "an unbelievable feeling" to leave as a champion.

"I think the time is right," he said, the Super Bowl trophy sitting on a table to his right. "Very few people in this profession get this opportunity."



Dick Vermeil, the Philadelphia Eagles' decision elevates offensive coordinator Mike Martz to coach. The Rams signed Martz, who directed the NFL's top-rated offense (33 points a game) to a two-year contract in December that assured he would inherit Vermeil's job.

NFL notes

Super Bowl. Martz, scheduled for surgery for a neck problem, didn't attend the NFL's conference.

Vermeil coached two Super Bowl teams 19 years apart. He led the Philadelphia Eagles to the Super Bowl in 1981, and that 27-10 loss fueled his return to the head's conference.

Vermeil led the Rams to a 13-3 record this year after winning only nine games his first two years. Vermeil was close to missing this season because of his dissatisfaction.

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SPORTS

Buhl surprises host Senators

Local sports

GOODING - Buhl jumped out to a 13-point lead going into the second half and didn't ease up as the Indians defeated Gooding in Sawtooth / Central Idaho Conference regional tournament action, 49-33 on Tuesday night.

FAIRFIELD - Strong defense held Dietrich to only 23 first-half points, but poor shooting buried the Camas County Mustangs Tuesday night, dropping a 51-44 decision to the Blue Devils.

For the game, the Mustangs connected on only 14-of-56 shots for

local sports. Musers forward Tony Krahn had a game-high 19 points while teammate Travis Tate added 15 for Camas County (SS Northside Conference, 10-7 overall) who head to Richland on Saturday.

Murtagh 73, Castledorf 60 - The Murtagh Red Devils were tied with Castledorf in the first quarter, but pulled away in the fourth, outscoring the Wolves 20-12.

Castledorf, 3-4 in Magic Valley Conference play, 7-10 overall, travels to Hagerman on Friday.

Carey 74, Bliss 23 - CAREY - Carey junior Alex Peterson had a game-high 22 points as the Panthers rolled over Bliss in Northside Conference action Tuesday night.

Castledorf 3-4 in Magic Valley Conference play, 7-10 overall, travels to Hagerman on Friday.

second quarter to drain nine of his game-high 16 points, leading the Indians to a Northside Conference win over Ketchum Tuesday night.

Shoshone (7-3 Northside Conference, 10-8 overall) travels to Dietrich Saturday.

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and quarter, and shot 82 percent from the line in the fourth en route to a Magic Valley Conference win Tuesday night.

Hagerman 53, Oakley 52 - No details of this game were made available to the Times-News.

Wrestling Pocatello 54, Twin Falls 21 - TWIN FALLS - The Pocatello Indians fought their way to a 54-21 final victory over host Twin Falls on Tuesday. For the Bruins, that travel to Burley today for a 7 p.m. match, Jason Hamilton (13), Miller McMillen (14), Brady Colvert (14) and heavyweight Clint Kykendall all secured wins.

Pocatello 54, Twin Falls 21 - TWIN FALLS - The Pocatello Indians fought their way to a 54-21 final victory over host Twin Falls on Tuesday.

Hasek returns as Buffalo ties Anaheim at two apiece

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) - Dominik Hasek made 29 saves in his return to the Buffalo lineup Tuesday night as the Sabres played to a 2-2 tie with the Anaheim Mighty Ducks.

Florida's Pavel Bure, who had 28 goals and 20 assists in his last 27 games, was held without a point.

Second-period goals by Pavel Kubina - on the power-play - and Chris Gratton gave the Lightning a 3-0 lead.

Penguins 3, Capitals 2

PITTSBURGH - Martin Straka scored twice and Pittsburgh halted Washington's 11-game unbeaten streak - the NHL's longest this season.

Hurricanes 4, Panthers 2

RALEIGH, N.C. - Sami Kopanen and Tommy Westlund scored in a two-minute span in the second period as Carolina defeated Florida.

Maple Leafs 5, Lightning 3

TAMPA, Fla. - Wendell Clark had two goals, including the go-ahead tally, as Toronto rallied to beat Tampa Bay.

Bruids 4, Senators 4, tie

KANATA, Ontario - Radek Bonk's goal with 33 seconds remaining in regulation gave Ottawa a tie with Boston.

Seau to take Lewis' spot on Pro Bowl roster

SAN DIEGO - San Diego Chargers linebacker Junior Seau will go to the Pro Bowl in place of Baltimore's Ray Lewis, who has been accused of stabbing two people to death shortly after Sunday night's Super Bowl in Atlanta.

Declo

Johnston, whose team advanced to the tournament championship game to be played next Monday night in Declo, (the refs) kind of took both teams out of the way they're both used to playing defense.

SuperSonics soar over Jazz 104-96

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Gary Payton scored 35 points, Vin Baker had a season-high 33 and Shammond Williams came off the bench to add 16, leading the Seattle SuperSonics to a 104-96 victory over the Utah Jazz Tuesday night.

Stockton and Hornacek each scored 15 but Utah lost its fourth straight. It's the first time that's happened since January 1997, but the Jazz went on to reach the NBA Finals that season.

Spurs 105, Lakers 81

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Tim Duncan had 29 points and 18 rebounds, and Avery Johnson tied his season-high with 22 points as San Antonio routed Los Angeles.

76ers 101, Mavericks 100

DALLAS - Allen Iverson scored 29 points, including two free throws with 17 seconds left that capped a rally, as Philadelphia beat Dallas.

Jerome

Freshman guard Whitney Martin hit the only basket for the Spartans, hitting a jump shot in the lane.

Lawyer says NFL star did not commit slayings

ATLANTA - NFL star Ray Lewis was at a post-Super Bowl brawl in which two people were stabbed to death but was simply in the wrong place at the wrong time, his lawyer said Tuesday.

Chicago

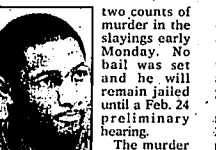
"We certainly, for his own good, hope that it's not true, and for the good of the NFL."

Declo

With the loss, Valley (15-7 overall) will host conference-rival Clovis, N.M., on a lower-out game Thursday.

NFL

continued from D1. trous beginning with the team. After the Rams went 5-11 and 4-12 in his first two seasons, there was talk that he could be fired.



Ray Lewis

CSI

continued from D1. to emerge," he said. "Somebody who takes control out on the court and we have not had that."

CSI

not been able to transfer a practice over to a game. Certainly distractions such as referees, opposing fans and belligerent opponents have all proved counterproductive to the CSI effort this season, but Zeck said champions need to block out those types of annoyances.

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Jerome

final period, building the biggest lead of the night at 57-25 late in the game before Ashley Jolley hit a shot for the Spartans in the final seconds of the game.

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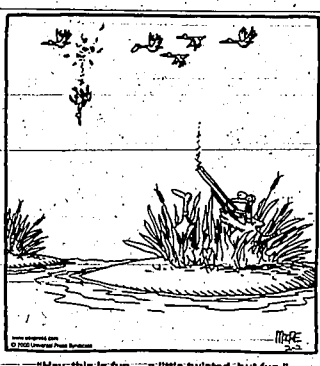
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IN THE BLEACHERS

Table listing various sports events and their broadcast times.

By Steve Moore



"Hey, this is fun ... a little twisted, but fun."

Federal drug probe links Chiefs players

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Tammy Vanover and Bam Morris, both members of the 1999 Kansas City Chiefs, have been linked to a federal drug investigation that affidavits say extends to Mexico and includes "numerous states."

Reds: Griffey talks remain at a standstill

CINCINNATI — If Ken Griffey Jr. is traded to his hometown team, he'd like the deal to happen before the start of spring training, his agent said Tuesday.

Deal sends Mercer, Billups to Denver

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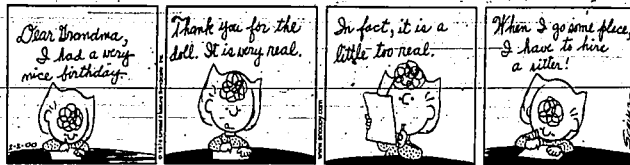
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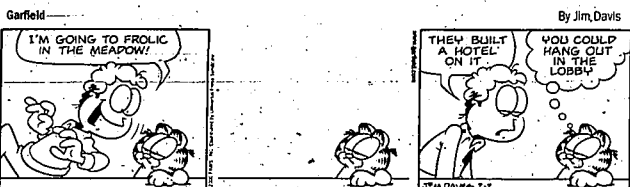
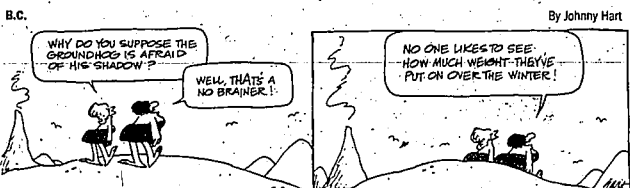
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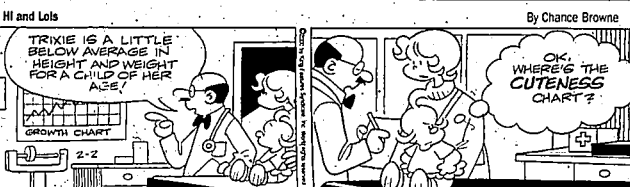
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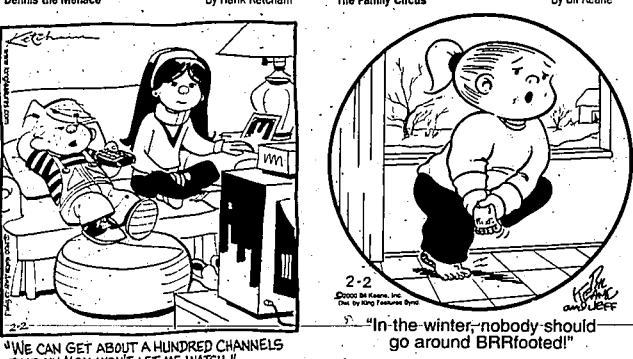


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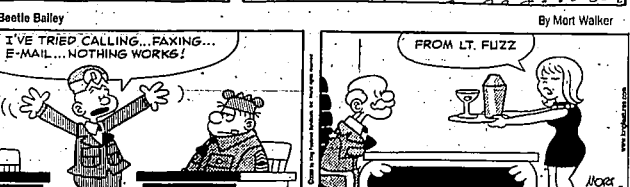
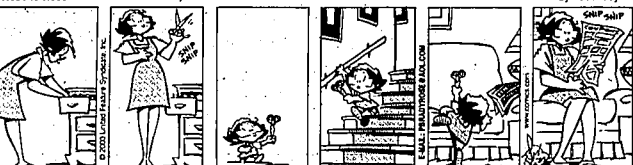
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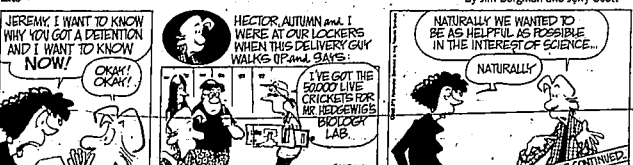
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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### McCall its first CFO

**McCALL** - Larry Vance, founder and chairman of Earth Search Sciences Inc. (OTCBB: EDIS), Tuesday said the company has appointed accountant Rory J. Stevens as its first chief financial officer.

Vance said the billion-dollar-plus revenue potential from Earth Search's involvement in the Naval EarthMap Observer hyperspectral satellite program is evidence of the need for leadership over the company's financial affairs.

"Rory Stevens' appointment sends a message to the financial markets that Earth Search Sciences is serious about its commitment to focus growth, accountability and shareholder value," Vance said. "We are fortunate that our new CFO is a long-time adviser to the company, has already mastered the learning curve and has hit the ground running."

Stevens, who has been on Earth Search's board of directors since 1994, assumes his new role immediately.

### Farmland Industries plans cut in administrative jobs

**LAWRENCE, Kan.** - Four months after trimming its production payroll in Lawrence, Farmland Industries Inc. is planning to cut 320 administrative jobs throughout the cooperative's operations.

And the moves could help revive Farmland's efforts to merge with Genex Harvest States.

Farmland members include United Co-op Inc. of Rupert and Valley Co-ops Inc. of Jerome. Genex also has locations in southern Idaho and a propane plant in Jerome.

Most of the layoffs will hit Farmland's operations in the Kansas City area, where the cooperative has 2,000 employees, spokeswoman Sherlyn Manson said. In all, Farmland has 17,000 employees.

The cuts will involve only administrative jobs, and include the previously announced closings of four regional offices.

Last year Farmland employees were told to expect job cuts if a proposed \$17 billion merger with Genex won approval. That effort failed when 64 percent of Genex supported the proposal, falling short of the two-thirds needed from each cooperative; 89 percent of Farmland members had supported it. Officials from both cooperatives are working on plans for another try, Manson said. The merger would have created United Country Brands.

### Braun's Fashions delves into large sizes market

**SAINT PAUL, Minn.** - Braun's Fashions is hoping bigger will be better.

The women's apparel retailer said recently it will create a new format aimed at extending its "Christy and Banks" brand now available at the Magic Valley Mall - into the large sizes market.

Braun's officials said they plan to be a big player in a market that is both large - about 4 of 10 American women wear a size 14 or greater - and underserved. In September, the company expects to open the first of as many as 20 stores planned to open this year.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Giving rural areas an edge

## Conference is set this week

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A statewide



Lincoln to confer with others in south-central Idaho about an action plan for getting high-end digital telecommunications

upgrades. "I think there's some ground-work still to be done," said Lincoln, a local accountant heading a Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce effort to round up support for upgrades. At a Boise event this week, he'll touch base with others in

the region stretching west to Glenns Ferry and north to the Wood River Valley, hoping to agree on common strategies for hiring more telecommunications carriers and more high-tech options to the Magic Valley. "Connecting Idaho: Attracting Please see RURAL, Page E2

## Western business



Fresh Express CEO Steve Taylor looks over a salad packaging machine at the company's packaging plant in Salinas, Calif., Monday. Fresh Express is a producer of pre-packaged salads.

# Convenience is in the bag

## Consumers are willing to pay for ease of prepackaged salads

The Associated Press

**SALINAS, Calif.** - First she tried the bags of pre-cut lettuce. Two years later, she noticed salad kits and tossed them in her cart. Now Mary Lou Allen, a mother of two teen-age sons, is going for the containers of cubed fruit.

"It's all about convenience," she said, reaching for the plastic bag. "I don't mind spending more money to save a little time."

Now that packaged salads - pre-cut, pre-washed lettuce

leaves that cost about twice as much as unpackaged lettuce - have established a firm hold in most supermarket produce sections, manufacturers are leaping out into new areas.

Caesar salad kits complete with croutons, dressing and cheese; chopped potatoes; broccoli spears; and sliced melon are just a few of the prepackaged fresh fruits and vegetables crowding their way into supermarket produce sections.

"We are starting to see an amazing variety of items - from cubed fruit to salad kits - now

that basic packaged salads have leveled off," said Edith Garrett, president of the International Fresh-cut Produce Association. "There is still room for phenomenal growth in these new areas."

The packaged salad industry began at Fresh Express in Salinas, Calif., in 1989, when the family-owned company introduced an iceberg garden salad in a patented "Keep-Crisp" bag. The bag - which is really a film wrapped around the produce - is designed to regulate oxygen to keep lettuce fresh for up to two weeks without any preservatives.

"We doubted it would take off," said Fresh Express CEO Steve Taylor, a third-generation lettuce seller. "I mean, how tough is it to make a salad? But it ends up that it is kind of a hassle, and consumers appreciate the convenience."

Pushing her cart past heads of lettuce, Allen of Carmel Valley, Calif., said she'd rather not spend her time tearing leaves of lettuce into little pieces.

"It's not that people are lazy," said Taylor. "It's just that they're

Please see SALADS, Page E2

# Customers, banks await privacy, commerce balance

Knight Ridder News Service

Consumers and banks will find out in as little as a week where the balance between privacy and commerce will be struck.

"That's the earliest federal agencies could put out for public comment the rules for protecting the privacy of Americans' financial lives. Those rules are the "how to" part of the sweeping

Gramm-Leach-Bliley bank law reform act, passed last year.

An early draft of the rules shows consumers and banks each may have won roughly equal ground, some say.

But two other things also are clear.

First, it's proving very difficult for rulemakers to figure out how much privacy protection to give consumers. And second, if they

don't get the protection they want, customers may sue companies under a growing number of state privacy laws the federal act already has spawned.

Privacy became one of 1999's hottest public issues almost overnight, after headline grabbers like U.S. Bancorp's alleged sale of customer data to fraud-committing telemarketers and the creation of a proposal, later

killed, to let the federal government snoop into customers' banking habits.

Legislators rallied to the renewed interest in privacy. The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act's protection is the first overarching federal privacy law ever crafted, experts say.

Recent news of credit card number theft by online hackers, Please see PRIVACY, Page E3

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Internet users cash in on Web surfing

NEW YORK (AP) - In what may sound like an online version of the game of hide-and-seek, millions of Internet users are getting cash simply for surfing the Web.

December after less than three months in operation. Another company is going one step further by introducing a service that pays people to read e-mail.

They must also give personal information and let the services monitor where they go. "We're very upfront about the fact that we track them," said Keith Smith, founder of eFip, which offers \$30 for 50 hours of surfing each month.

They can temporarily turn off the advertising but they won't get paid for the time. So far, he said, demand has outstripped advertising, forcing the service to limit new subscribers.

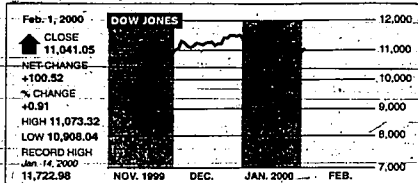
Rural

Continued from E1 High-Speed Telecommunications, which will focus on new technologies, will be held Thursday and Friday at the Grove Hotel.

High-speed telecommunication service is critical to maintaining and improving rural Idaho," Mahn said. "Our goal is to show rural communities how they can work with service providers to upgrade area networks."

Business Plus II, the Twin Falls chamber's economic and community development campaign, agreed to underwrite registration costs for up to 10 people to attend this week's seminar.

Plus II Chairman Lee Wagner said. "We think this telecommunication thing is critical enough to our economic future," he said recently, so the committee wants to encourage locals to attend.



Stocks rise a day ahead of Fed's interest rate decision

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks rose on the eve of the Federal Reserve interest rate announcement as investors bet that even a significant spike in borrowing costs would not stop the companies from posting strong profit growth.

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Salads

Continued from E1 As time and economic pressures increase on some American families, the packaged salad market soared, with sales increasing 861 percent to more than \$1.4 billion last year, according to The Food Institute.

Overall lettuce sales in the United States increased about 5 percent last year, but sales of packaged heads of lettuce were down about 3 percent, while packaged lettuce sales increased 20 percent, according to industry analysts.

In addition to organic greens and custom salad mixes, manufacturers rolled out pre-cut fruits and vegetables ready for cooking or snacking. Fresh ingredients from Ready Pac included chopped onions in a resealable bag, microwave-ready spinach and tomatoes ready for cooking.

At Dole, the company has added gourmet items like fire-roasted peppers, fresh shredded cheeses, sundried tomatoes and Kalamata olives to its prepackaged salads.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 100.52 to close at 11,041.05, building on its 201-point gain on Monday. The Nasdaq composite index rose 111.63 to 4,051.98, its sharpest point gain since Jan. 7.

The new record coincided with the start of the Fed's two-day meeting in Washington, where central bankers are expected to announce Wednesday a quarter-percentage point increase in short-term interest rates.

Almost all of that lettuce is coming through just four manufacturers - Fresh Express, Dole, Tanimura and Ready Pac - who have begun to put a serious dent in the fresh lettuce business.

At the Food Marketing Institute's Supermarket Industry Convention and Exhibition last summer, fresh-cut products filled dozens of displays.

Supermarkets are also stocking pre-cut carrots sticks kept fresh in water and party trays of vegetables and dip.

But at Fresh Express, Taylor said, the focus is to put too many items into his bags.

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The latest suggestion that higher rates are on the way came Tuesday from the National Association of Purchasing Management, which said in its monthly survey that manufacturing activity continues to grow and the price of raw materials is escalating.

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NEW YORK

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SkyWest begins flights in Pocatello

POCATELLO (AP) - SkyWest Airlines has begun its one-day-a-week flight to and from Salt Lake City at 3:55 p.m. and left Pocatello at 3 p.m. and will provide an additional 20 seats each way.

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# NATION Survey: Ex-welfare recipients fight image

WASHINGTON (AP) — When computers went missing at Omega Communications Inc., staffers were pointed at former welfare recipients the company had hired just a few weeks before the crisis.

The culprit turned out to be a delivery person. But the revelation that some employees harbored suspicions about the new hires was an eye-opener for Omega owner Michael Oberman, whose company is a member of the Welfare to Work Partnership, a group that aims to change negative perceptions about welfare recipients and get companies to hire them.

"We were wide-eyed and dog-eared-ish when we got into this," said Oberman, who has hired six people off welfare to work his 150-employee software firm in Northbrook, Ill. "I found that I had to do more work and counseling of my existing employees."

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The survey by the Welfare to Work Partnership, a group that aims to change negative perceptions about welfare recipients and get companies to hire them.

The survey, conducted by a group of former welfare recipients, found that most employers have positive perceptions of welfare recipients, but there is still a significant stigma.

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ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — A 12-member jury including four blacks was seated Tuesday for the trial of four white New York City police officers charged with murdering an unarmed African immigrant in a barrage of 41 bullets.

State Supreme Court Justice Joseph Teresi scheduled opening statements for this morning.

Adolfo Dialo, 22, was gunned down last February in the vestibule of his apartment building in the Bronx, shot 19 times by members of an elite street-crime unit who said they thought the street vendor was armed.

The trial was moved to Albany, 150 miles away, after an appeals court ruled that the publicity made it impossible to find an impartial jury in New York.

According to 1990 census figures, the Bronx is about 39 percent white, Albany County about 89 percent.

Police rescue motorists stranded by avalanches

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Nine motorists were rescued by a state police helicopter Tuesday morning after spending the night in their cars, trapped by avalanches that buried a highway.

The slaying touched off widespread demonstrations against police brutality in New York and strained relations between City Hall and the black community.



Sean Carroll, left, and Edward McMellon arrive Tuesday at the Albany, N.Y., County Courthouse. The person behind is unidentified.

Study: Sexual practice might carry greater risk for being homosexual.

Defense Secretary William Cohen said Tuesday the new guidelines on how to investigate anti-gay threats are incorporated in updated training programs designed to ensure that the Clinton administration's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays is enforced fairly and uniformly throughout the services.

Computer glitch grounds shuttle for at least a week

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Endeavour's mission to map the Earth is off until at least next week because of an unreliable computer.

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**RESCHEDULED NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
**NOTICE TO HEREDITORS**  
 The duly appointed Successor Trustee will on March 3, 2000, at 11:00 AM, of said day, in the lobby of the office of FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, 250 Third Street, Suite 100 North, Twin Falls, Idaho, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in full payment of the United States National Tax Lien, a certain parcel of land situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, to-wit: WINN FALLS TOWNSITE, Twin Falls County, Idaho according to the plat thereon, recorded in Book 1 of Page 7, records of said County.

The Trustee has knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property but for purposes of compliance with Section 66-113 of Idaho Code, the trustee is hereby advised at the following address: 319 8th Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho. ID 83301 is some items associated with said real property.

**INVITATION TO BID**  
 The Idaho Transportation Department, P&MM Section, 3311 West State Street, Boise, Idaho will receive sealed bids for the items listed below at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 24, 2000 at 2:00 P.M. Bidding and other interested parties are invited to inspect the plans, assessments, specifications, bidding documents and other information may be obtained at the Idaho Transportation Department.

mont, P&MM Section, 3311 West State Street, Boise, Idaho 83703. Contact: Rod Becker, Purchasing Agent at 208-325-3800. Fax: 208-325-3801. Email: rbecker@idaho.gov

**Associated Contractors**  
 195 South Capitol, Idaho Falls, ID 83402  
**Associated Builders & Contractors**  
 1008 16th Ave., Lewiston, ID 83501  
**Associated General Contractors**  
 127 2nd Street West, Twin Falls, ID 83301  
**Idaho Dept. of Commerce Attn: Larry Demrell**  
 700 W. State Street, Boise, ID 83720  
**Idaho Dept. of Planning and Research**  
 124 Blue Lakes Blvd. S., Suite 6, Twin Falls, ID 83301  
**Idaho Branch AEG, North Idaho Office**  
 884 N. Government Way, Suite C  
 PO Box 130, Hayden, ID 83835

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 120 N 12th Street, Pocatello, ID 83201  
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 1440 Mt. Hwy 95 S. Suite B, Kalispell MT 59901

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 The Idaho Transportation Department reserves the right to reject all bids or to accept the bid deemed best for the State of Idaho.  
 DATED: 19th day of January, 2000.  
**JIM LARSON, PURCHASING AND MATERIAL MANAGER**  
 IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT  
 P&MM Section  
 3311 West State Street, Boise, Idaho 83720

**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE**

Accounts payable	\$ 38,022
Total liabilities	\$ 38,022
<b>Fund Balance:</b>	
Unrealized effect of accretal	
- Accumulated depreciation	(7,273)
<b>Fund balance</b>	126,745
<b>Total fund balance</b>	119,473
<b>Total liabilities &amp; fund balance</b>	\$ 155,495

Dated: January 25, 2000  
 Gary Ann Lana, Clerk  
 PUBLISH: February 2, 2000

**COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO INVITATION TO BID RFP# 2000-01 OR MORE FULL DIGITAL PANELS**

Sealed bids for the specified digital panels will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 9, 2000 in the office of the Dean of Finance in the Taylor Administration Building, 315 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

**COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO INVITATION TO BID RFP# 2000-01 NETWORK IMPLEMENTATION, DEPLOYMENT, AND MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

Sealed bids for the specified project will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 1, 2000 in the office of the Dean of Finance in the Taylor Administration Building, 315 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

**COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO INVITATION TO BID OLD BURLY HIGH SCHOOL HVAC SYSTEM RENOVATION**

Sealed bids for the specified project will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 16, 2000 in the office of the Dean of Finance in the Taylor Administration Building, 315 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

deemed to be in the best interest of the College.  
 /s/John M. Mason  
 Dean of Finance  
 PUBLISH: February 2, 16 and 23, 2000

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additional information contact Mike Mason, 315 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1238 or telephone 208-733-9554 ext 2203.

The College reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any formalities and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the College.  
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101 LOST & FOUND
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E-MAIL your classified ad to us at
L-101 LOST & FOUND
L-102 Golden Lab puppy w/ blue collar dragging black leash...

TO my dearest Pool Bear I feel the strongest in love with you...
TO THE WOMAN who wrote me a letter on 1/24/00...

AGRICULTURE/FARM FT position on farm. Remote location...
DRIVER Needed. CDL Class B...

MANAGERS Pay day & title loan company coming to Twin Falls...
MEDICAL Are you a MA, CNA or LPN who likes the in-home care setting...

MISCELLANEOUS Great PT job. Must be willing to travel...
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PHARMACIST Excellent opportunity... The Twin Falls Clinic is accepting applications...

MISCELLANEOUS Great PT evening job. Taco and pizza...
RESTAURANT Looking for Supervisors, cooks & dishwashers...

SALES Automobile dealership...
SALES Food/confection/beverage sales person needed...

FOUND White cat w/gray spots, one green eye...
FOUND 1/27, N. Fillmore St. in T.F. Male Great Dane/Si. Bernard cross...

103 DIETARY AIDS
L-103 40 LBS. in 2 months...
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If you are RESPONDING to me, please give me your e-mail address...

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