

GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain or snow, changing to all rain by noon. Southwest winds 10-15 mph. High, 44. Decreasing clouds tonight, with patchy fog. Low, 28. Page A2

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Whose water: The Supreme Court has heard an appeal. Page B1

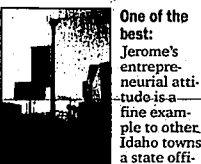
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Sen. Larry Craig places a bronze Congressional Award on the neck of Kellie Schenk during a ceremony at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School on Tuesday. Schenk and her fellow honorees volunteered hundreds of hours of their time to local charities to qualify for the medal.

A 'truly significant' honor

Kemphorne, officials present Congressional Awards to youths

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Sending her handmade quilts to Kosovo turned out to be a lesson in responsibility and independence for one student, among the two dozen recipients Tuesday of the Congressional Award presented by Gov. Dirk Kemphorne and other officials.

Lara Boyle, 15, in ninth grade at Robert Stuart Junior High School in Twin Falls, earned a bronze medal for completing 100 hours of public service that included learning how to quilt, so

Honorees

Silver medallists

- Benjamin Adrien of Twin Falls
- Walletha Barrett of Kimberly
- Angie Fry of Bluff
- Adarsh Juskehl of Twin Falls
- Gilano Nhasapat of Twin Falls

Bronze medallists

- Carmel Adrian of Twin Falls
- Mallinda Barrett of Kimberly
- Tiffany Barrett of Kimberly
- Amanda Blalock of Twin Falls
- Lara Boyle of Twin Falls
- Riley Browning of Twin Falls

she could send relief blankets to war-torn Kosovo.

Other tasks Boyle completed to earn the medal included improving her piano skills, improving her field goal percentage in basketball, and planning an expedition to the Sawtooth Mountains. "It makes you a better person.

Honorees

- Amber Rae Herwood of Twin Falls
- Melissa Ann Hower of Twin Falls
- Jolie Hubbard of Twin Falls
- Bredee Jaroline of Twin Falls
- Kevin John Juskehl of Twin Falls
- Lindsay Katherine Kevan of Twin Falls
- Austin Kruger Kraal of Twin Falls
- Joseph Whitney Machala of Twin Falls
- Leah Meeks of Twin Falls
- Kellie C. Schenk of Twin Falls
- Jacob C. Smith of Twin Falls
- Elise Tateoka of Hazelton
- Casey Tucker of Twin Falls
- Lacey Van Engelen of Twin Falls

It makes you want to set goals for yourself when you get older," Boyle said about the awards.

She was equally surprised by how much people did for the students during Tuesday's ceremony — the jazz band played, volunteers had decorated the auditorium at Vera C. O'Leary Junior

High School, and state and local officials took part in the event.

"You have achieved something that is truly significant. I hope you feel good about it," Kemphorne told students.

He said he hoped they saw the importance of the event by the fact that people from across the state took time from their busy schedules to acknowledge their achievements. The Congressional Award is the only award other than the Congressional Medal of Honor that Congress has attached its name to, Kemphorne said. It makes resumes stand out, and shows an individual who can tackle tough situations through extra effort and time.

"This award is about having confidence," said Kemphorne, telling students he hoped that their futures included staying in

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Bush, McCain debate dwells on campaigns

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — George W. Bush and John McCain swapped charges of negative campaigning Tuesday night in a close quarters debate, prelude to a pivotal South Carolina primary. "You should be ashamed," the Arizona senator lectured his rival. "Do not compare me to Bill Clinton," Bush snapped back.

Bush, McCain and Alan Keyes also clashed over abortion, taxes and campaign finance and found common ground on foreign policy in a 90-minute encounter, but the debate cracked when the topic turned to

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The home of Bob and Kathy Dugan was destroyed Tuesday morning due to an explosion believed to have been caused by a natural gas leak within their house, at 106 Hidden Hollow Road between Halley and Ketchum. Bob Dugan suffered only minor injuries but two of his cats are missing.

Couple escapes serious injury after gas explosion

By Barb Nelwert
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — A Blaine County couple escaped an early morning gas explosion that ripped apart their two-story house.

Homeowner Bob Dugan suffered only superficial injuries, primarily singed hair. His wife, Kathy, was not injured.

"We transported him to Wood River Medical Center just for precautionary measures because anyone that lived through that would have to be pretty shaken up," said Bart Lassman, chief of Wood River Fire and Rescue.

Wood River fire and the Ketchum volunteer firefighters

responded to a 911 call just after 5 a.m. Tuesday.

Firefighters were greeted with flames erupting from the roof and a gaping hole in the east end of the home at 106 Hidden Hollow Road, just south of the Greenhorn Bridge.

It took crews nearly four hours to put out the "stubborn" fire that flared as a result of the gas explosion, Lassman said.

According to Lassman's report, the incident began when Bob Dugan couldn't sleep and woke at around 5 a.m. When he got up, he smelled gas and went downstairs to investigate while his wife called Intermountain Gas

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Clinton, Internet companies pledge better security

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Clinton pledged Tuesday to work with high tech companies to fight hackers and improve computer security, while avoiding actions that could destroy the openness of the Internet.

"We know that we have to keep cyberspace open and free," Clinton told a group of high tech executives and computer security experts in the Cabinet Room. "We have to make, at the same time, computer networks more



Bill Clinton

secure and resilient, and we have to do more to protect privacy and civil liberties," he said.

The high-tech summit occurred as the FBI served a search warrant Tuesday in Portland, Ore., and seized a computer that had been used in the attacks, people familiar with

the probe said.

The dragnet to find the computer vandals also spilled across the border with Canada: The Royal Canadian Mounted Police is working with the FBI, which believes that one or more powerful server computers in Canada were used to launch the attacks.

At least one potential suspect may be based there, said the RCMP's Technological Crimes Section, which is still in the "preliminary stages" of its investigation.

The FBI is in the process of contacting individuals with such Internet names as "coolio," "mafiaboy" and "nachoman," who have either claimed credit for the attacks in online chats or who are known for their hacking prowess.

Much of the White House meeting focused on publicizing initiatives that are already underway. Last month the president announced a \$2 billion budget request for computer security, including the creation of a college program to give students in

computer security tuition breaks in return for government service. Clinton announced that he would "jump start" that program right away with a \$9 million supplemental item to the fiscal year 2000 budget.

The president also described funds for security research and the creation of a \$50 million Institute for Information Infrastructure Protection, a think tank to support research and technology development aimed at protecting computers and networks.

Political season begins in earnest

By Michael Journe
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County's 2000 political season began in earnest Tuesday with candidates competing for the favor of Republican Party faithful at the GOP's annual Lincoln Day dinner.

The campaign atmosphere was evident with Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loehs' re-election posters plastered on the walls, his lapel stickers stuck on most shoulders and pamphlets and chocolates left at each candidate's table.

In fact, three new candidates for local offices were introduced, as GOP supporters gathered to listen to the state party's top office holders, including Gov. Dirk Kemphorne and U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, as well as several state and local Republican office holders.

Each local Republican candidate at the gala was given a brief opportunity to speak to the group.

Loehs' spirited defense of his job is the result of a challenge from former Bannock County deputy prosecutor Mark Murphy, who came to Twin Falls in August and has been in private practice since.

Former Probation and Parole District 5 Manager Jerry Facker was introduced as a challenger to Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousey in May's Republican primary election. Although Tousey's challenger was given an opportunity to speak briefly to the crowd, the two-term independent sheriff was simply introduced.

And Jay Fort, one of three finalists for the vacancy on the Twin Falls Board of Commissioners filled last week by Gary Grindstaff, was introduced as a candidate for Grindstaff's District 1 seat in the coming primary.

Because of Twin Falls County's dominance by the GOP, May's Republican primary election is generally seen as the largest hurdle to being elected in the November general election.

Adding to the campaign atmosphere, 4th District Judge Dan Eismann, the newly announced challenger to State Supreme

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THE REGION

Camas Prairie
 High: 39 Low: 13
 Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow showers. Patchy morning fog on Thursday.

Treasure Valley
 High: 47 Low: 26
 Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain showers, with light winds. Highs in the 40s on Thursday.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley
 High: 35 Low: 14
 Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow showers. Partly cloudy on Thursday with a slight chance of snow.

Eastern Idaho
 High: 39 Low: 27
 Partly cloudy with a slight chance of rain showers. Partly cloudy on Thursday with highs near 40.

Northern Idaho
 High: 48 Low: 30
 Mostly cloudy, with light winds. Mostly sunny on Thursday with highs in the mid 40s.

Northern Utah
 High: 42 Low: 28
 Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain or snow. The same on Thursday.

Northern Nevada
 High: 42 Low: 26
 Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain or snow. Mostly cloudy on Thursday.

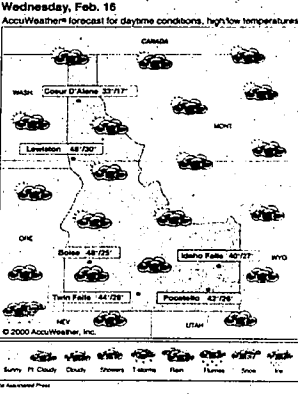
MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High: 44 Low: 28 Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain or snow.	High: 42 Low: 25 Patchy morning fog, otherwise mostly sunny.	High: 40s Low: 20s Sunny and cold, with patchy morning and night fog.	High: 40s Low: 20s Sunny and cold, with patchy morning and night fog.	High: 40s Low: 20s Increasing clouds and occasional rain.

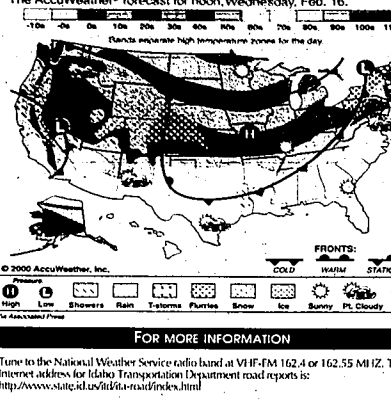
YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday: 44 - 32	Yesterday in Twin Falls: .06
Last year: 47 - 26	Month to date: 1.12
Normal: 42 - 23	Normal mo. to date: .51
	Water year to date: 2.97
	Normal year to date: 4.65

Idaho weather



National weather



Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	50	32	0.00
Burley	48	35	0.00
Coeur d'Alene	28	13	0.00
Grangeville	48	32	0.00
Hagerman	57	32	0.00
Idaho Falls	38	29	0.00
Lewiston	47	38	0.21
Malden	43	22	0.00
Malta	45	34	0.00
McCall	30	24	0.00
Pocatello	43	33	0.00
Salmon	41	32	0.00
Sandwich	23	22	0.00
Sun Valley	38	24	0.00

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	66	39	0.00
Anchorage	24	10	0.00
Atlanta	57	46	0.00
Boston	40	32	0.00
Chicago	40	19	0.00
Dallas	59	47	0.00
Denver	56	34	0.00
Des Moines	59	27	0.01
Detroit	34	24	0.00
Honolulu	71	67	0.00
Houston	83	58	0.00
Indianapolis	45	40	0.00
Kansas City	64	32	0.00
Las Vegas	68	55	0.00
Los Angeles	57	50	0.00
Memphis	71	36	0.00
Miami Beach	82	70	0.02
Minneapolis	46	19	0.01
Mississippi	32	19	0.07
New Orleans	76	58	0.00
New York	41	33	0.00
Oklahoma City	79	30	0.00
Omaha	61	28	0.00
Philadelphia	57	32	0.00
Pittsburgh	33	28	0.01
Portland, Me.	52	41	0.00
Portland, Ore.	51	29	0.03
Reno	51	29	0.03
St. Louis	46	49	0.01
Salt Lake City	47	35	0.00
San Francisco	56	46	0.01
Seattle	47	36	0.00
Spokane	37	30	0.09
Washington	45	36	0.00
Washington	80	53	0.00

Canadian Cities

Calgary	12	-8	SN
Montreal	24	19	SN
Ottawa	25	10	SN
Vancouver	43	14	SN

IRA withdraws from disarmament talks

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Britain's government's decision to suspend Northern Ireland's power-sharing agreement, the IRA broke off disarmament talks Tuesday, dealing a damaging blow to hopes of resolving Northern Ireland's Protestant-Catholic administration.

In a hard-line statement, the IRA also formally withdrew from the table its latest hint that it might someday disarm. "The outlawed group accused the British government and the province's major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, of pursuing "a military victory" something that "cannot and will not happen."

The development underscored the failure of a 3-month-old deal brokered by American diplomat George Mitchell.

Mitchell had persuaded the Ulster Unionists to establish a four-party coalition alongside the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party. In exchange, the IRA was supposed to begin negotiating the gradual destruction of its hidden weapons depots. A deal was struck in the province's 1998 peace accord.

Instead, Britain suspended the 10-week-old administration's powers Friday after confirming that the IRA had made no commitments to the disarmament commission. The commission is charged with securing the IRA's total disarmament by May in line

with the Good Friday accord. The British and Irish governments still intend to hold separate talks Wednesday in London with Northern Ireland's key parties. But the odds against transferring powers back soon to the Belfast administration look greater than ever.

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Report: Some passengers, hijackers were family

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — While most passengers on the hijacked Afghan plane covered in fear, dozens of others — many of them women and children — laughed, tossed aside their veils and received the choicest food and drink from their captors.

They were the relatives of the hijackers, according to some of the freed hostages who returned to Afghanistan. Seventy-three passengers returned home; 74 freed hostages stayed in Britain either seeking asylum or considering it.

Mohammed Shamsullah said the hijackers' goal was to seek asylum for themselves and their families. He said more than 30 of

the people on the plane were relatives of the hijackers. Some passengers said as many as 40 were related.

The Ariana Airlines Boeing 727 was hijacked Feb. 6, shortly before arrival at the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif after a flight from Kabul. Nine men jumped out of their seats, brandishing guns and knives. The hijacking ended Feb. 10 in Britain after a standoff with British police at an airport outside London.

The hijackers — 13 men have been charged in a British court — beat one man with a stick and warned others to keep their heads between their knees, the freed hostages said.

Explosion

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Downstairs in the kitchen, Bob Dugan smelled a strong gas odor. Because the gas furnace was located in the crawlspace, he lifted the crawlspace access door to have a look. He again smelled gas and heard a "heavy hissing sound."

Shutting the door to the crawlspace door, he turned to call the gas company again and walked about 25 steps away from the site of the explosion.

The force of the explosion propelled Bob Dugan down the hallway, causing minor injuries. Shortly after the explosion, the telephone rang. A Hailey technician with Intermountain Gas was returning Kathy Dugan's call to inquire about the situation. By that time, she could only report that their house had exploded and was on fire.

The damage to the house was extensive, with heavy fire throughout the kitchen and an upstairs bedroom. Windows at the opposite end of the house were blown out and the blast blew out the walls of the house, Lassman said.

Blaine County Building Inspector Bill Dyer inspected the damage and will probably con-

demn the house due to its instability, Lassman said.

State Deputy Fire Marshal Don Dillard and Intermountain Gas officials will assist in the investigation.

Gas company officials were on the scene Tuesday and determined the source of the problem was within the house, not the main line that connects service to the house, Lassman said.

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The investigation will be thorough because there is "some concern" after a gas explosion destroyed three Sun Valley homes in October, he said. An Intermountain Gas employee investigating a ruptured gas line received extensive burns as a result of that incident in Elkhorn.

Although the Dugans escaped, the fate of some of their pets is unknown. Of the six cats that lived with the Dugans, only four have been found unharmed. One, rescued by a firefighter, and treated with minor burns to its face.

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Debate

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On stage during the debate, Bush said he was willing to stand by all ads he was running, and said to McCain, "you can disagree with me on issues, John, but do not question — do not question my trustworthiness and do not compare me to Bill Clinton."

With the stakes high, McCain appeared calm throughout the evening, while Bush seemed particularly intent on making his points. "Let me finish," he insisted.

The rapid back and forth between the two men left Keys to complain about the tone of the debate. "Is this the kind of pointless squabbling we really want them to see," he said of a television audience watching CNN's broadcast. The banquet hall audience applauded.

Moderator Larry King of CNN made no attempt to interrupt the debate, though, as Bush and McCain recited grievances against one another stemming from several heated weeks of campaigning for the Republican presidential nomination.

McCain stunned Bush, the national front-runner, two weeks ago with a landslide victory in New Hampshire's primary, and South Carolina shapes up as a pivotal test for the two men. The state votes on Saturday, and recent polls point to a close contest. Bush runs strongly among registered Republicans in the surveys, but McCain gains strength from independents, who are permitted to vote.

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Idaho, where their talent and leadership skills are needed.

Sen. Larry Craig also addressed the students. Linda Norris, an aide for Sen. Mike Crapo, read a congratulatory statement from the senator, who could not make the ceremony as he is still recovering from surgery.

Many of Tuesday's award recipients served as hospital volunteers, helped with swimming lessons at local pools, became physically fit, and organized camping trips. Bronze medalist Elise Tateoka of Hazelton trav-

Honor

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Plan to renovate state capitol is greeted with skepticism

BOISE (AP) - The pricey plan to restore the Capitol to its historic integrity was greeted with some skepticism on Tuesday from legislative budget writers already hard pressed to find the cash to meet more-basic state building needs.

"It's a wonderful thought," said Rep. Maxine Bell of Jerome, who is in line to become House Appropriation chairman next year when the financing decisions will be made.

"But I think when people look at this building, they don't see anything wrong with it," Bell said, calling the renovation proposal "just frosting on the cake," and if some body else wants frosting on the cake, they're going to have to whip it up."

Members of the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee also raised questions about the cost of the renovations, which is considered by the Joint Finance Commission, despite reassurances from Commission Chairman Roy Eiguren that the Legislature would have the final say on any renovations.

"I guess I support some of the renovations," said Sen. Dean Cameron of Rupert, who is in line to be the Senate Finance chairman next. "But I do have some concern that we will lose the functionality of the building."

Eiguren said only one of the three options being considered would dramatically alter the buildings use by essentially limiting it to the Legislature and the governor into the attorney general's office. All other state officials would have only ceremonial offices in the building.



The plan to restore the capital by 2005 for its centennial carries a \$50 million price tag. Eiguren and the commission intend to raise at least \$10 million and possibly \$15 million from private donors. But that leaves the state to foot the rest.

And that was a major problem for budget writers, who year-in and year-out are forced to limit money spent on maintaining the state's existing \$1.2 billion building inventory and meeting demand for new structures.

The Capitol renovation could be financed with bonds as other projects have, Cameron said, but the entire timetable and scope of the project may well have to be scaled back to something more affordable.

Unless augmented with general tax money, state building needs are financed by a mix of revenue that totals barely \$32 million a year. The biggest piece is half the Lottery profits, and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's 2001 budget forecasts the worst decline in the Lottery dividend since 1992. The administration estimated Lottery profits at just \$18 million, more than \$3 million lower than projected for this year. In 1992, the dividend fell nearly \$5 million to just \$12 million.

"This is the budget that we have the most heat on," Bell told Public Works Administrator Larry Osgood. "Everyone of us

has a list of where this money should go and the money is not firm."

The state is spending only the minimum amount on maintaining its existing buildings - \$12 million or 1 percent of the inventory value - while it has been forced to nibble away at major building projects a million dollars or so a year.

Experts say up to 3 percent of the inventory value should be spent on annual maintenance, and there were requests for nearly \$36 million in that category.

"We've made some significant progress in the maintenance of our buildings, but we still have some way to go," Osgood said. "Our buildings are aging. But given the proper care, they can last indefinitely."

The state had over \$48 million in new construction requests. Kempthorne recommended less than \$12 million. But that includes cash committing to a future expenditure of \$4 million for an historical library and administration building, potentially millions for a new Blind Commission building.

More than \$4 million has already been invested in projects that will cost tens of millions more to complete.

On top of that, the state is paying \$5.2 million a year on some \$40 million in bonds issued over the last two decades to finance buildings it did not have the cash to pay for front.

And next year it faces the addition of over \$3 million a year more to pay off the bond used to build the new \$50 million state prison.

Governor outlines Medicaid options

BOISE (AP) - The Kempthorne administration gave a special legislative working group on Tuesday a scaled-back set of options to check the skyrocketing cost of health care for the poor.

And Health and Welfare Director Karl Kurtz conceded that even if all the options were adopted by legislative budget writers they would fall millions of dollars short of bridging the gap between Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's spending target for Medicaid and the cost of care mandated under the program's remaining requirements.

The working group again delayed making any recommendations to the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee as the administration continued fine-tuning the option package in response to criticism and comments over the past several weeks.

The report is due by Monday on how to cover the \$27 million gap - \$8 million of that from general revenue. And working group chairman, Sen. Robert Lee of Rexburg, conceded that a decision on the most controversial of the options would likely be pushed up to the full committee.

The overall result is that, without some reduction in demand, the state will have to funnel more cash into the program next January than Kempthorne has calculated in his budget plan, adding another calculation into the debate over the \$54 million surplus, tax cuts and school building assistance.

Which of These Costly Homeseller Mistakes Will You Make When You Sell Your Home?

SOUTHERN IDAHO - A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

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House votes to honor O'Connor

WASHINGTON (AP) - The House voted Tuesday to award an ailing Cardinal John O'Connor the Congressional Gold Medal, the body's highest civilian honor.

The longtime leader of the New York state's 2.5-million Roman Catholics recently turned 80 and had surgery last fall to remove a brain tumor. He

is expected to retire as soon as Pope John Paul II appoints a replacement.

The House voted 413-1 to give the award to O'Connor. Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, was the lone opponent. Paul expressed respect for the cardinal but opposed the \$30,000 it would cost to mint the medal.

Ex-hostage seeks \$100M from Iran

WASHINGTON (AP) - A federal judge, holding Iran in default, heard the way Tuesday for former hostage Terry Anderson to proceed with a \$100 million suit against Tehran. Anderson testified his Lebanese captors were "trained, funded by and sometimes led by Iran."

The Iranian government "had specific and concrete goals in Lebanon" in the 1980s and were carrying them out, said Anderson, the longest held hostage and the former Middle East bureau chief of The Associated Press.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson opened a two-day hearing on Anderson's suit by declaring Iran in default because it failed to send a representative despite being notified through diplomatic channels. The defense table remained empty throughout the day.

Since Iran did not contest the case, the proceeding was largely an effort by Jackson to gather evidence and testimony to use in determining the size of a judgment for Anderson.

Anderson's case is the latest to come to trial under a 1996 law that allows Americans who are victims of terrorism in foreign countries to sue in U.S. courts if the State Department lists those nations as sponsors of terrorism. Iran has been on the list since 1984.

Recounting his nearly seven years in captivity, Anderson said, "There was a great possibility we would all end up dead. It was a possibility we faced every day."

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DATE OF PROGRAM PUBLICATION: Sunday, March 26, 2000 (The Times-News)

DEADLINE FOR ADVERTISING: Tuesday, March 21, 2000

WOMEN'S DAY OUT SHOW: Tuesday, March 28, 2000 noon-6p.m. at the T.F. High School Gymnasium.

The Taste of Home Cooking School will follow at 6:30 p.m. in John Roper Auditorium.

The Homemaker's School Program will be delivered to 25,000 homes in The Times-News on Sunday, March 26th. The program will also be distributed to all 1300 people attending the Homemaker's School on March 28th.

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11:00 - Update on State Chemigation Requirements/Policy
12:00 - Scientific Irrigation Scheduling, "IRRITALK - Forward Irrigation Management"

2:00 - Dairy Option Pilot Program - by C. Wilson Gray
4:00 - Keeping Farm and Family Together - by Rhea Lanting
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Tornado survivors sort through debris

CAMILLA, Ga. (AP) — The four Lewis children should have been in school Tuesday. Instead, they spent the sunny day sifting through rubble, salvaging any belongings that weren't obliterated by the deadliest tornadoes in Georgia in more than 50 years.

Their mobile home was reduced to a pile of smashed wallboard; torn insulation and muddied clothing. Little was recognizable other than a blue and orange sofa that sat undamaged on top of the debris.

"I kind of liked my bunk beds and my stereo. And my house," 11-year-old Marice said. "I'm gonna help my mom and dad clean up some."

The tornadoes struck southwest Georgia early Monday as people slept. The death toll has been put as high as 22, according to reports from emergency and hospital officials on relatives, while the state put the number at 19. In Mitchell County, the hardest hit, authorities said some people were still missing. Throughout the area, more than 100 were injured.

It was the state's worst toll from twisters since 1936, when 203 people were killed.

President Clinton declared disaster areas in four counties — Colquitt, Grady, Mitchell, and Tift — making federal funding available to help people and busi-

ness owners recover from the storms.

The insurance information Institute estimated that the total damage of the Georgia storms was \$25 million.

Federal aid won't help Mary Thomas retrieve the keepsakes lost when her trailer was destroyed. She spent the morning trying in vain to find her treasured collection of 20 ceramic angel figurines.

"It's everything," she said. "We might be able to get some clothes, some shoes — very little. I had some old pictures of myself, some of my dad, and I lost all that."

The Lewis family, which escaped injury despite the violent destruction of their home, was able to save some damaged toys.

Shamonica, 9, pointed wistfully to pinkie doll bracelets peeking through collapsed rafters. Her father, Eugene Lewis, rescued a Nintendo game system and the children's bikes were sprawled in the mud.

Lewis was thankful as he surveyed the destroyed furniture. Many of their neighbors died or were seriously injured.

"These are chairs — I can replace stuff like this," he said. "I can't replace one of my loved ones."

Fertility fraud is common

NEW YORK (AP) — Infertile couples and doctors across the country are closely watching the federal trial of a Park Avenue specialist accused of tricking insurance companies into paying for fertility treatments most are loath to cover. Some experts say that what Dr. Neils Laursen is accused of doing is a common, unspoken practice among many doctors.

What makes the case extraordinary is that Laursen has been charged by prosecutors with fraud. Laursen, 63, is accused of getting insurers to pay millions of dollars in coverage for hundreds of patients over the past decade.

According to prosecutors, he helped couples get pregnant by providing fertility treatments not covered by insurance. Then, he allegedly submitted bills for various covered treatments.

"This sort of thing is unfortunately very widespread," said Michael Diegel, spokesman for the Coalition Against Insurance Fraud in Washington. He said Laursen's trial should be a warning to all doctors tempted to bend the rules. Laursen could get up to 10 years in prison on the most serious of the charges. Diegel's coalition, made up of consumers, government agencies, public interest groups and insurers, estimated that health insurance fraud cost insurers \$53.9 billion in 1997. Much of that cost, he said, must be passed onto the consumer as higher rates.

"One trial like this is helpful, but it's a long hard slog to convince people to change their attitudes," Diegel said. "As many as 40 percent of the people in this country think insurance fraud is OK."

Suspect parts from airplanes head to aviation safety lab

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than a dozen suspect parts from MD-80 series airplanes are heading for a federal aviation safety lab in Washington for study aiming to prevent another crash like that of Alaska Airlines Flight 261.

Airline workers were ordered to inspect the stabilizer control mechanism in 1,101 planes after problems were found in that part of the Alaska Airlines MD-83 that crashed Jan. 31, killing all 88 aboard.

The crew lost control of that plane while trying to fix a problem with the stabilizer, a tail part that controls the plane's up-and-down motion. The control is similar in MD-80, MD-90, DC-9 and Boeing 717 planes, the types of

planes inspected under Federal Aviation Administration orders.

Airlines were given 72 hours Friday to inspect the planes, which meant the work was to have been completed Monday. Final reports may not be completed for a day or so.

In Southern California, the Ventura County medical examiner reported Monday that 47 bodies from the downed plane had been positively identified, and families were being notified.

The FAA said today that 15 suspect jackscrews had been removed from planes. Some have been sent to Washington where the FAA was to turn them over to the National Transportation Safety Board for analysis.

Investigators look for clues in two Columbine deaths

DENVER (AP) — Investigators worked to identify a suspect Tuesday in the killings of two Columbine High students at a sandwich shop, where a surveillance camera failed to capture the shootings.

A woman who works at the Subway shop noticed a light on in the shop about 1 a.m. Monday, three hours after it was supposed to have closed.

She went inside and discovered the bodies of Nicholas Kunselman, 15, and his girlfriend, Stephanie Hart, 16.

Kunselman worked in the sub shop, and Hart, whom he had been dating, had come by the shop to pick him up, friends said. The Subway is about two blocks

from Columbine, where two teenagers fatally shot 12 fellow students and a teacher before killing themselves in April.

Jefferson County sheriff's investigators were trying to identify a motive and a suspect in the Subway killings.

Spokesman Steve Davis declined to say whether a weapon was found but said the store's camera did not capture the crime.

Columbine classes met as usual Tuesday but attendance was down about 10 percent, said Tanya Spasev, a spokeswoman for Jefferson County School District.

"The mood is just trying to pick up and move on," she said.

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Members of Twin Falls Alpha Kappa Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, have donated teddy bears to several agencies for children in traumatic situations. Loraine Devey, left, with Magic Valley Regional Medical Center receives bears from chapter service member Lella Mason. Beta Sigma Phi is a cultural and service sorority with international offices in Kansas City, Mo. (Bottom left) Barbara Knotta, left, and Beta Sigma Phi committee member Thelma Lee show bears for the Pediatric Therapy Center. (Bottom right) Thelma Lee with the Alpha Kappa Chapter donates bears to Twin Falls Police Lt. Bill Stonemetz for the police unit.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Wendell American Legion Post 41 elects new officers

WENDELL - American Legion Post 41 elected new officers on Feb. 9 for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

James F. Crouson is the new commander; Tom Mattice is first vice commander; Edward Martin is second vice commander; Leonard Smith is adjutant; Don Leke is finance officer; Lloyd Little is chaplain; Ray McCord is sergeant-at-arms; J. Riley Scott is assistant sergeant-at-arms and Vern Mason is service officer.

Valley House hosts benefit dinner, auction

TWIN FALLS - Valley House will host a benefit dinner and auction, starting at 6:30 p.m. March 14 at the Turf Club on Falls Avenue in Twin Falls.

Social hour with the CSI Jazz Combo, featuring Amy Trail, will begin at 6:30 p.m. A gourmet buffet prepared by the Sawtooth Chefs Association starts at 7:30 p.m. with an auction, raffle and entertainment at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 and seating is limited. Benefits from the event will go to Valley House, a homeless shelter in Twin Falls. Tickets can be purchased at Inspirations, 1440 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call Lori at 543-6925 or Annetta at 734-6660.

Open house honors TF resident's 80th birthday

TWIN FALLS - Edward Koester of Twin Falls will celebrate his 80th birthday with an open house from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the home of Michael and Valerie Quessnell.

The event is being hosted by Dr. Brian Koester and Valerie Quessnell and their families.

Edward Koester was born Jan. 9, 1920, in Weeping Water, Neb. He is a longtime resident of the Magic Valley. Before retiring, he was county agricultural extension agent in Gooding County for more than 30 years. Friends and family are invited to attend and the family requests no gifts.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church to hold supper

JEROME - St. Paul's Lutheran Church will hold its 16th annual Pancake and Sausage Supper from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 5-8 p.m. at 1301 N. Davis St. in Jerome.

Sausage is made by members of the congregation and contains garlic and other spices. Potato patties, apple sauce and beverages will also be served.

Members ask for a free will contribution to the supper and the public is invited to attend. For more information, call 324-2842.

Jerome Chapter of DU holds annual banquet

JEROME - The Jerome

Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will hold its annual Couples Banquet starting at 6 p.m. with happy hour and dinner at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Jerome Fairgrounds.

For tickets or more information, call 734-5711.

Writers' League hosts meeting Saturday

TWIN FALLS - The monthly meeting of the Twin Falls Chapter of the Idaho Writers' League will be held on noon Saturday at Idaho Joe's restaurant on Twin Lakes Boulevard North in Twin Falls.

Alliance for Mentally Ill sponsors free workshop

BURLEY - The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Mini-Cassia will sponsor a free NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program from 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Parkview Care and Rehab center, 2303 Parke Ave.

The 12-week series of classes will cover information about schizophrenia, mood disorders (bipolar disorder and major depression), panic disorder and obsessive compulsive disorder, coping skills for handling crisis and relapse, basic information about medications, listening and communications techniques, problem solving skills, recovery and rehabilitation, and self-care around worry and stress.

The curriculum was written by an experienced family member mental health professional, organizers say.

The course is taught by Nola Jackson, a volunteer who has taken intensive training as a course instructor. The course is designed for parents, siblings, spouses, teen-age and adult children and friends of people with severe and persistent mental illnesses.

For more information or to register, call 673-6672 or 1-800-572-9940.

CSI announces Fine Arts Days for students

TWIN FALLS - Art education offered at the College of Southern Idaho will be highlighted at CSI's Fine Arts Days Thursday and Friday. The event is designed to help prospective students experience the art, music and theater offerings and cultural opportunities the college has to offer.

Each day will begin with a welcome to students in the Fine Arts Auditorium at 8:30 a.m. and conclude with tours of the campus from 2-4 p.m. Prospective fine art students are welcome to bring their artwork to an informal exhibition on Thursday.

Other activities include hands-on demonstrations, classes participants can join and performances. Subjects will include pottery, madrigals, theater lighting, jazz, printmaking and a play, "12 Angry Men" in Theatre 119.

The Faulkner Planetarium will provide free showings of "Mars, Return to the Red Planet" and "How to Build a Planet."

There is no charge for any of the events. For a complete schedule or for more information, call the CSI Student Information office at 733-9554, Ext. 2221.

CLUB CALENDAR

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Rotary Clubs
Blue Lakes - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Weston Plaza Hotel & Convention Center in Twin Falls; 734-7007 or 734-1187.
Burley - Noon Tuesdays at Burley Inn Convention Center; 678-2221.
Buhl - Noon Thursdays at the Acapulco Restaurant in Buhl; 543-6841 or 543-5506.
Gooding - 12:15 p.m. Friday at the Lincoln Inn; 934-4585.
Halley - Noon Thursday at the Senior Center of Blaine County; 788-0897 or 788-2114.
Jerome - Noon Tuesday at China Village; 324-7000 or 324-4511.
Ketchum - Noon on Tuesday at Clarion Inn Restaurant; Bob Stone at 725-4100.
Rupert - Noon Wednesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge. Call Jack Bell at 436-5611.
Shoshone - Noon Wednesday at the Senior Citizens Center; 886-2221 or 886-2863.

Lions Clubs
Burley - Noon Fridays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave.; 678-3027.
Gooding - 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays at the Lincoln Inn; 934-4141.
Halley - Noon first and third Wednesdays at Full Moon Restaurant in Bellevue.
Heyburn - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at Heyburn fire station; 436-8030.
Jerome - Noon Tuesday at China Village; 324-7000 or 324-4511.
Rupert - 8 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at Rupert Elks; 436-3671.
Twin Falls - Noon Wednesdays at the Jade Restaurant; 734-5268.

Writers' League - Meets first and third Thursdays at North's Chuck Wagon in Twin Falls.

Optimist Clubs
Buhl - Noon Wednesdays at The Grandstand Sports Grill; call 543-2330 or 543-8576.
Burley - Noon Wednesdays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave.; 678-3027 or 678-7878.
Filer - Noon Tuesdays at the Filer Methodist Church; 326-4530 or 326-4051.
Rupert - Noon Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks; 436-8124.

Wendell - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Wendell; 536-6477.

Civil Air Patrol
Burley - 7 p.m. Mondays at the Federal Aviation Administration Building at the Burley Airport; 677-2559 or 646-6861.

Gooding Business and Professional Women - Noon meetings at the Lincoln Inn; 934-8452 or 934-8205.

Magic Valley Toastmasters - 12:10 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays in Magic Valley Mental Health Services conference room, 823 Harrison; 733-5408.

Soroptimist International of Twin Falls - first, third and fourth Tuesdays at 12 p.m. at Jade Buffet, 1719 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. All business women are invited. Call 734-9486.

Xi Alpha Tau chapter of Beta Sigma Phi - 7:30 p.m. today; 734-1665 or 734-1367.

Professional Chamber of Commerce - First and third Mondays at Noon at Grandstands Sports.

Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Jerome's Parish Hall, 216 Second

Spanish Speaking - 1 p.m. Sundays at the Snow Blvd.; 1321 Oakley Ave. No. 9, Burley; 677-9040.

Women's Group - 5 p.m. Wednesdays at the Snow Blvd.; 1321 Oakley Ave. No. 9; 678-9414 or 678-9424.

Mini-Cassia Group - 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Snow Blvd.; 438-5448.

Rupert Group - 8 p.m. Mondays and Fridays at the Team Support Building, 548 E. St.; 436-5842, 436-9449 or 432-6718.

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Alzheimer's Support Group - 7 to 8:30 p.m. Second Tuesday at Bridgeview Estates, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd., Twin Falls; 736-3933.

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Business owners - Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 210 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., call J.C. at 732-5555.

DivorceCare - 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Burley United Methodist Church Library, 450 E. 27th St.; 678-2184 or 678-5199.

DivorceCare - 7 p.m. Mondays at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Dr. N.; 733-0539.

Grandmothers in Touch - Christian grandmothers who pray for their grandchildren for information call Loraine at 734-7015.

Magic Valley Brain Injury Support Group and Referral Service - For information, call Cassandra Blakey at 432-4080.

Magic Valley - Meetings at various times throughout the week to pray for their children, their schools and their teachers. For information, call 825-9604.

New Life Fellowship (a 12-step recovery group and bible study) - 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays at the First Baptist Church of Twin Falls, corner of Ninth and Shoshone; 734-6714.

Recovery Outreach - Christ centered 12-Step Support Group (for addictive and compulsive behavior) - 7 p.m. Mondays at First Baptist Church, 2262 Hilland Ave., Burley; 678-3678.

Montana - 8 p.m. Thursdays at Spaulver's Barn for dancing; 733-3712.

Mini-Cassia Singles - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at 1901 W. St. in Heyburn; 6-5328.

Substance Abuse Volunteer Efforts - 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sundays at the Mountain View Elementary School lunchroom, 333 W. 27th St., Burley; 678-7447.

Mental Health Support Group - 7 p.m. first and third Mondays at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital center at 800 S. 726-9940.

Mini-Cassia Cancer Support Group - Call 654-2241.

Mothers of Young Children - 7 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Dr. N.; 324-7035.

Narcotics Anonymous - For information, call 736-1160

Spanish Speaking - 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls; 736-7258.

Sunday Breakfast Group - Sundays alternates between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Edith's Cafe, Highway, 81 E., across from the golf course, Burley; 678-0798 or 678-0293.

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Christian 12-Step Support Group - For information call 734-7201.

Cocaine Anonymous - For information, call 732-5317.

CoDa Codependents - 7 p.m. Thursdays at the Walker Center in Gooding; 934-9461.

Debtors Anonymous - Twin Falls - 7 p.m. Thursdays at Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 210 Blue Lakes Blvd.; 733-3804.

Business owners - Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 210 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., call J.C. at 732-5555.

DivorceCare - 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Burley United Methodist Church Library, 450 E. 27th St.; 678-2184 or 678-5199.

DivorceCare - 7 p.m. Mondays at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Dr. N.; 733-0539.

Grandmothers in Touch - Christian grandmothers who pray for their grandchildren for information call Loraine at 734-7015.

Magic Valley Brain Injury Support Group and Referral Service - For information, call Cassandra Blakey at 432-4080.

Magic Valley - Meetings at various times throughout the week to pray for their children, their schools and their teachers. For information, call 825-9604.

New Life Fellowship (a 12-step recovery group and bible study) - 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays at the First Baptist Church of Twin Falls, corner of Ninth and Shoshone; 734-6714.

Recovery Outreach - Christ centered 12-Step Support Group (for addictive and compulsive behavior) - 7 p.m. Mondays at First Baptist Church, 2262 Hilland Ave., Burley; 678-3678.

Montana - 8 p.m. Thursdays at Spaulver's Barn for dancing; 733-3712.

Mini-Cassia Singles - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at 1901 W. St. in Heyburn; 6-5328.

Substance Abuse Volunteer Efforts - 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sundays at the Mountain View Elementary School lunchroom, 333 W. 27th St., Burley; 678-7447.

Mental Health Support Group - 7 p.m. first and third Mondays at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital center at 800 S. 726-9940.

Mini-Cassia Cancer Support Group - Call 654-2241.

Mothers of Young Children - 7 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Dr. N.; 324-7035.

Narcotics Anonymous - For information, call 736-1160

Spanish Speaking - 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls; 736-7258.

or (800) 328-5257.
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Ketchum 7 p.m. Mondays; 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays; 6:30 p.m. Saturdays, 511 2nd St.

Kimberly 8 p.m. Thursdays, 310 Main St.

Burley Saturday Night's Abright: Group of NA, 8 p.m. Saturdays, 1321 Oakley Ave., Snow Building, Suite 9; 438-5009 or 431-5009 (nonsmoking meeting).

Paul For information, call 438-5009 or 431-5009; Sunday night meeting, 7 p.m. Thursdays, 220 E. Ellis.

Women's meeting, 6 p.m. Mondays, 220 E. Ellis (nonsmoking).

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Burley - 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the Burley Public Library, 1200 Miller; 677-7434.

Gooding - 7 p.m. Mondays at the Walker Center; 1120 Montana; 934-8692.

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EDITORIAL

With ag looking pale, dairy industry is a red, red rose

Famous potatoes. In the minds of many, they are the foundation of Idaho's economy. But a quiet revolution has usurped spuds at the top of Idaho's economic food chain. In the past few years, the dairy industry has overtaken Idaho's famous potatoes as the state's No. 1 cash crop. Final receipts from 1999 still aren't available, but figures provided by the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service illustrate the dairy industry's growth. In 1997, for the first year, cash receipts for milk and stripped potatoes, \$633.8 million to \$533.2 million. In 1998, the spread was even more dramatic: \$829.1 million for milk to \$574.4 million for spuds.

That may not be good news for the doom-and-gloom crowd that reflexively opposes anything involving cows. But it's great news for the rest of us who live in the Magic Valley. This is an agricultural valley but, unfortunately, most commodity prices are down. That means hardship for many farm families. Without the moderating influence of steady demand for dairy products, economic hardship could affect many more Magic Valley residents. The payroll from local dairies and milk processors helps keep the rest of the valley's economy afloat. It takes money to buy new homes, cars and groceries for the valley's citizens. The dairy industry is providing some of

that money at a time when it's badly needed. It's a classic example of the benefits of economic diversification. As the rest of the valley's farm economy founders, the dairy industry flourishes. And life goes on.

Agricultural diversity is essential as the federal government weans America's farmers away from price supports and other subsidies. America's farmers apart from price supports and other subsidies. Market-driven economies are the fairest to all, but they don't play favorites.

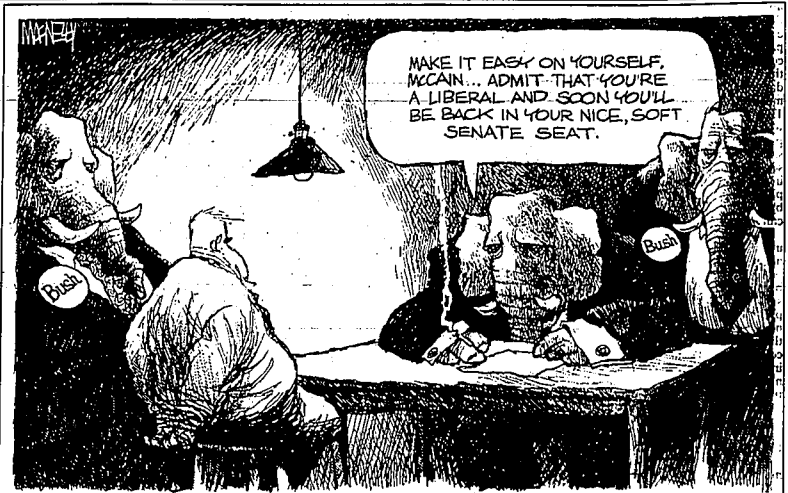
Fluctuating supply and demand can send some sectors of the economy reeling, economy has a built-in gyroscope that provides stability.

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A related point

Just as diversified supply has obvious benefits, so does diversified demand.

Take a moment to consider something that Alex Sinclair, a former Twin Falls commodity broker who now sits on the board of First Federal Savings Bank, said last week: The United States currently exports more than one-third of its ag commodities. Given the importance of overseas markets, the United States must continue to engage other nations from a position of strength. Straying down an isolationist path could allow foreign trade relations to slip, which in turn would cause local farmers to suffer.



Western Days needs professional management

As a relative newcomer to Twin Falls, I would like to congratulate the community on having an event the caliber of Western Days. It is a tremendous event for the community which draws thousands to this high desert oasis for a wonderful celebration of Western heritage.

From comments made in an open discussion at the Feb. 8 Downtown Business Improvement District meeting of the Board of Directors (which were reported by The Times-News), one might draw the conclusion that the BID was seeking to "own" the event and consequently limit the event to downtown. The board of directors discussed the need for our involvement and several individuals expressed wishful thoughts, but I think everyone knows wishful thoughts are not news. No action was taken.

Western Days is a great chance to expand our market area and acquaint the people from Burley to Mountain Home, from Elko to Sun Valley with our community and what makes it special. There is no reason why this event could not get bigger and better. Other facilities, other events need to be considered while keeping City Park as a part of a bigger package. With all of the good people involved, this celebration will continue to improve

READER COMMENT Randy Bombardier

and be even better in the years to come. We should not let provincialism divide this community. Naturally businesses all over town would like to tap into the event. Who would blame them? To be sure, downtown businesses would like to stay involved, supportive and make the most of the opportunity. This does not require we "take control" or "own" the event. It does not mean the event is limited in any way.

On the contrary, perhaps it is time to discuss a structural permanence to the organization which will give it a permanent community-wide vision and stability. Currently, there is no membership for the Western Days Committee and whoever shows up at a meeting has voting privileges.

What if a community-wide organization could be put together that would link sponsorship to representation on a board or advisory board. Such sponsorship would create a baseline of stable funding for the organization which might include the acquisition of a professional event coordinator who could run this (and other) community-wide events.

With the centennial approaching, this might be the most prudent thing to do to ensure a successful continuation of Western Days while providing a springboard for Twin Falls' centennial.

There is no reason why the community cannot include some incredible events in the future. Imagine a BASE jumping event from the Perrine Bridge, a big wheel mud run in the vicinity of the college, a rodeo at the College of Southern Idaho Expo center, a traditional parade with a strong heritage flavor, Western storytellers at City Park, a giant barbecue in Old Towne, parade entries from all over the West, including living history cavalry, Indian Tribes and prospectors with all sites connected via transit, including park and ride lots on the outskirts of town. There is no reason this cannot happen. There is a possibility of having a BASE jumping event televised. A quality mud run might grow to that stature. Televised events can bring in tremendous revenue.

The time to begin is now! I would like to hear from people in the community who would like to see the event and organization go that direction. Western Days is your event. Let us hear from you!

Randy Bombardier is the executive director of the Historic Downtown and Old Towne Business Improvement District.

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LETTERS

Don't expel for stupidity

Striking, better known as exhibitionism (defined in Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary) as (1) a perversion marked by a tendency to indecent exposure, (2) the act or practice of behaving so as to attract attention to oneself. A prank, let's do a slap on the wrist or indecent exposure, jail time, fines, juvenile record - just depends on who you are.

Leave the kid in school - that should be punishment enough. He will either have a datebook so full he won't have the energy to do it again or be the laughing stock of the school for months to come. The guts to do it? Hal! More like stupidity, defined as (1) the quality or state of being stupid, (2) a stupid idea or act. Not likely something he will put on a resume in the future.

To the parents who were escorted by the police out of the Jerome High School gymnasium on Jan. 22: Don't forget to vote on the new school bond that is coming up in March. Unless, of course, you have now been banned from participating in that also. My sympathies to you.
FERNANDA TAPPAN
Jerome

West and sent troops to defend their interests and citizens. The feds built the schools, roads, forts, granted homesteads, land to build the railroads, etc. The feds are most hated by rebels in Alaska, yet they have built every road, airport, seaport, etc., in that state. Today in Idaho, we receive \$2 back from every dollar we send the hated feds.

When the state was granted statehood, all concerned knew the feds owned a big part of the state. If ever the public lands revert to the state, you can bet the state will immediately sell every acre to a few favored individuals.

We have a few mentally challenged people marching about with shovels when manure forks are more appropriate to their own needs and character. These rebels and all real citizens should ask themselves, "Where would we be without the federal government?" A retrospective instant would remind us there are no self-made Marlboro men who have won the West or anything else.

Recently in northern Idaho, a Fish and Game employee stopped to get into what was thought to be a disabled auto. He and his truck were shot at by these rednecks. No true American should countenance this.

Today, the city of Twin Falls struggles to send out a water bill while Uncle Sam is out in space repairing the Hubble. The federal government does a myriad of essential and worthwhile services and does them well. American citizens receive excellent value for their tax dollars and we all know it.

During the depression, it was the hated feds who gave most of the little aid given. It wasn't churches, charities, states or anyone else. Do something unusual and think about it.
EARL D. OLSON
Twin Falls

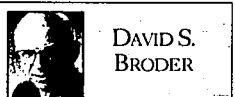
GOP nomination hinges on S.C.

There is a reason for the brutal body blows being exchanged by George W. Bush and John McCain Saturday's South Carolina Republican presidential primary draws nearer. Both sides know this primary could settle the issue.

"These 400,000 people," said McCain polster Bill McInturf, referring to a horseback estimate of the possible turnout in Saturday's voting, "have more power to determine the next Republican nominee and possibly the next president than anyone else in America, whether they know it or not."

If McCain wins, "even by 10 votes at 2 o'clock Sunday morning," as McInturf put it, the pieces are in place for the Arizona senator to run the early favorite out of the race.

Were McCain to defeat the Texas governor in a conservative Southern state, after routing him in their first meeting in New Hampshire, with a big boost from national anti-abortion and anti-tax groups. If McCain can survive all that, the primary in Arizona, his home state, next Tuesday will likely become a cakewalk. In Michigan, which votes the same day, McInturf said, "there is nothing (Gov.) John Engler can do to save Bush." provided Bush is a two-time loser on the morning of the primary. With two public polls last week showing that McCain had wiped out Bush's early Michigan lead, simply on the publicity and momentum



DAVID S. BRODER

he had gained from his New Hampshire win, Engler's personal popularity and organization would likely be swept overboard by the rush to embrace McCain. Engler and Arizona Gov. Jane Dee Hull are the first two Republican governors among the 26 who have endorsed Bush to be tested on their ability to deliver. If they cannot hold their states in line, that would augur badly for the other pro-Bush governors in New York, Ohio, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, which have their primaries on March 7.

More important, it would shake Bush's support in California, whose winner-take-all Republican contest on March 7 offers the single biggest heard of delegates in the country. After the presidential debacle of 1996 and the gubernatorial debacle of 1998, California Republicans are desperate to find someone with strong public appeal for the top of the 2000 ticket - and they could not ignore a run of successes by McCain.

But, as McInturf and others in the McCain high command are quick to concede, a Michigan victory, especially if the margin is substantial, could make it infinitely harder to stop the nomination from going to the man with the biggest war chest and the strongest backing from other elected and party officials.

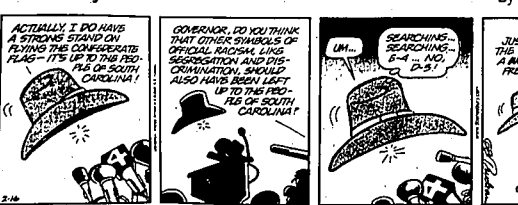
A Bush victory in South Carolina would give him two in a row and three out of four (counting Iowa and Delaware, where McCain did not actively campaign for votes). It would reduce New Hampshire to the "speed bump" Bush called it. It would embolden his underdog supporters in Arizona, many of whom have personal scores to settle with McCain. It would give Engler a chance of salvaging Michigan, California, Ohio and New York on March 7 would all be potential Bush victories, in this scenario, and the following week, in Florida and Texas, he would be the favorite.

It may seem irrational that so much should turn on the outcome in one primary - especially one where most eligible voters will likely stay home. After seven-plus years of the Clinton presidency and five-plus years of seeing their congressional majorities frustrated and outmaneuvered time after time, Republicans are almost frantically eager to reclaim the White House. The prospect of it going to Vice President Gore, Clinton's comrade-in-arms, is unbearable to them.

New Hampshire made many of them think McCain may be the man who can win in November. If South Carolina reinforces that message, he will be damned hard to stop. But if Bush can prevail in South Carolina, then all his other assets - financial and political - may be enough to muffle McCain's maverick appeal. What is happening in South Carolina is not pretty. But given the stakes, it was almost inevitable.

David S. Broder is a Washington Post columnist.

Doonesbury



By Gary Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



LETTERS

You'll be missed, Ken

It was with great sadness that I learned of the passing my friend and comrade, Ken Shew. Ken was an ardent supporter of the people and institutions of Twin Falls and the Magic Valley. He was a patriot, a veteran and an active participant in the political life of the community. His observations on the important questions of the day were expressed through his many letters to the editor of The Times-News. While his words were sometimes confusing in his particular brand of thingy write shorthand, they were deeply felt sentiments of a man who believed in expressing the voice of the people. He was not content to sit idly by as a member of the group we call "the silent majority."

Ken was a friend and comrade in the Magic Valley veterans community. Working in that community and his political party, he believed he was bringing understanding of the social and political problems of our time to our awareness, particularly to the young. To the end of his life, he strived to communicate the importance of involvement by citizens to the maintenance of our freedom and truly representative democracy.

It is my suggestion and fervent hope that some future public citizen award or honor be made in Ken Shew's name, for he truly was, in the Magic Valley, "a communicator for the common man."
DONALD L. SIPLON
Ocala, Fla.

Judges need guidelines

Your criticism of the Jerome County prosecuting attorney's effort to close a loophole in Idaho's escape statute is the latest in a series of editorials which shows how truly ignorant your editorial board is about the law. The problem Mr. Lohspich was trying to address was a real problem Oregon had with its statute. Because one judge in Jerome didn't have a problem doesn't mean that others around the state won't. Until the loophole was eliminated, judges in Oregon had to follow the letter of the law, loopholes and all. Your

editorial suggests that judges can decide cases contrary to what the law may say. If a judge should be allowed once in a while to ignore the law in deciding a case, what do you think he or she ought to consult for guidance? The local political organization?

RICH CARLSON
Filer

Handicap benefits at risk

We are writing as concerned parents of a handicapped person. The members of the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee, Medicaid Subcommittee are considering eliminating developmental therapy services. Without these services, many disabled people will not have the chance to become useful and independent citizens in our society.

It seems that the state of Idaho can squander many thousands of dollars on other programs. If the developmental therapy services are canceled, many people will lose their jobs and up to a thousand children and hundreds of adults will lose critical services that may help them to become more self-sufficient.

Write your senators and representatives with your concerns

regarding this legislation. Write to Rep. Randy Hansen, Sen. Robert Lee (subcommittee chairman), Sen. Marguerite McLaughlin, Sen. Mel Richardson, Rep. Bert Marley and Rep. Don Fischer.

Please write today:
BOB LANCASTER
JOAN LANCASTER
Twin Falls

Seatbelts save lives; use 'em

Wear your seat belts. It seems every week on the TV news or in the paper, someone has been killed in an automobile accident. On Monday, the Times-News had a list of five people killed, stating that none were wearing seat belts. I know from personal experience that seat belts save a person from serious injury or death. I was a passenger in the front seat when we were forced off the road by a reckless driver and we hit a tree head on. The car was totaled, but all that happened to me was I had a sore chest for a couple of days.

I have investigated many accidents where vehicles were totaled and the people walked away and others where the people were not wearing their seat belts weren't so lucky. I can't imagine how any-

body can be in such a hurry that they can't take a few seconds to fasten their seat belt.

Again, wear your seat belt.
WILLIAM VAN DYKE
Twin Falls

Peanuts from heaven

I had a vision: Tom Landry and Charlie Brown in heaven.

Charlie Brown got to kick his football because Tom held the ball and did not remove it. God bless Tom and Charlie, and may the saints and angels come to greet you both.

You left your mark on the world and we are grateful.
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Wendell Middle School loses rooms

WENDELL - Another five classrooms will be lost at Wendell Middle School because the stairs and hallway students use to reach them will be closed when the center portion of the school is vacated.

In a letter provided to parents and news media, Principal Marcia Hallett explained that originally the school thought it would lose only one classroom to the closure. The school has since learned that four classrooms upstairs on the east end of the building and one classroom downstairs will not be accessible. Hallett said after she explained the "conundrum" signs on the front door of the school and at other areas that will be vacated next week.

The School Board will meet at 7 tonight in the high school library to discuss where to hold classes for middle school students during the rest of the school year.

"The Wendell School Board, Superintendent (Larry) Manly, and I am looking at options to make the transition from a whole building to a building with no middle," Hallett said in her letter.

Several options will be considered, Hallett said, including use of the gym, renting space from area churches, or holding split sessions at either the middle school or high school.

The middle school will be closed next week for moving, and classes will resume Feb. 28.

Jerome sheriff will speak with residents

JEROME - Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver will meet with residents at 7 tonight at the Eden Senior Center to discuss their concerns and answer their questions. Weaver will also meet with residents at 7 p.m. Feb. 23 at the Jerome County Courthouse.

CSI speech and debate team places second

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho speech and debate team placed second among junior colleges in a competition held on the campus of Western Washington University Feb. 4-6.

CSI tied Clark College of Vancouver, Wash. for first place in debate, but lost to Clark in the speech competition leading to the second place finish overall.

The finish moved CSI into fourth place in the Northwest Forensics Conference regional standings with one regional tournament left in the season. Individually, CSI was led by Ben Hall, Jennifer Blackburn who placed first in dramatic interpretation, and joined in prose interpretation, and joined Tabitha Miller of Twin Falls to place third in duo interpretation.

Hall joined Christy Bowman of Twin Falls to reach the octafinal round of parliamentary debate. Bowman also placed sixth in extemporaneous speaking. Rupert's Terry Erickson placed third in informative speaking. Black's Jill Stewart also competed for CSI.

The finish also moved CSI into 19th place in the Junior College National Parliamentary Debate Association national rankings.

CSI is in 75th place tied with Missouri Southern State College and the University of Florida among all two- and four-year schools competing in parliamentary debate.

CSI's next tournament is Feb. 25-27 at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash.

Subject describes attack on ex-girlfriend

PHOENIX - A man charged with the attempted murder of an ex-girlfriend told police that he hid in wait for her at her house and then hit her with a hammer and stabbed her.

Isaac Mullins, 21, an Idaho resident who flew last week to assault 18-year-old Sara Capp at her home in suburban Avondale, according to a taped police interview. Mullins is being evaluated at a psychiatric ward in the Maricopa County Jail.

Authorities said Capp is recovering from her injuries.

Compiled from staff reports

City takes survey for strategic plan

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Some residents would like to see the city of Twin Falls stay with the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center (SIR-COMM).

Some residents would like to see the city open a 24-hour-a-day service center.

And some residents think city officials should continue to

When they meet

Twin Falls city officials will hold an all-day work session to draft a strategic plan for the city at 8 a.m. Feb. 29 at City Hall.

encourage the redevelopment of downtown Twin Falls.

Those were just some of the suggestions provided by residents on a random 21-question

survey the city sent out in December.

Out of 2,700 surveys sent out, 658 people responded. Respondents lived in all areas of the city and ranged in age from 18 to 74.

City Manager Tom Courtney said the survey will be used to help city officials draft a strategic plan for Twin Falls and to find out how residents feel about the city services they are receiving. City officials plan to meet

later this month in an all-day work session to draft the city's strategic plan.

"When the results are positive, the survey becomes a motivational tool for employees," Courtney said. "When they are not, it helps us to see what needs to be changed."

This year's survey had the lowest number of responses compared with surveys during other years, said Twin Falls Economic Development Director Dave

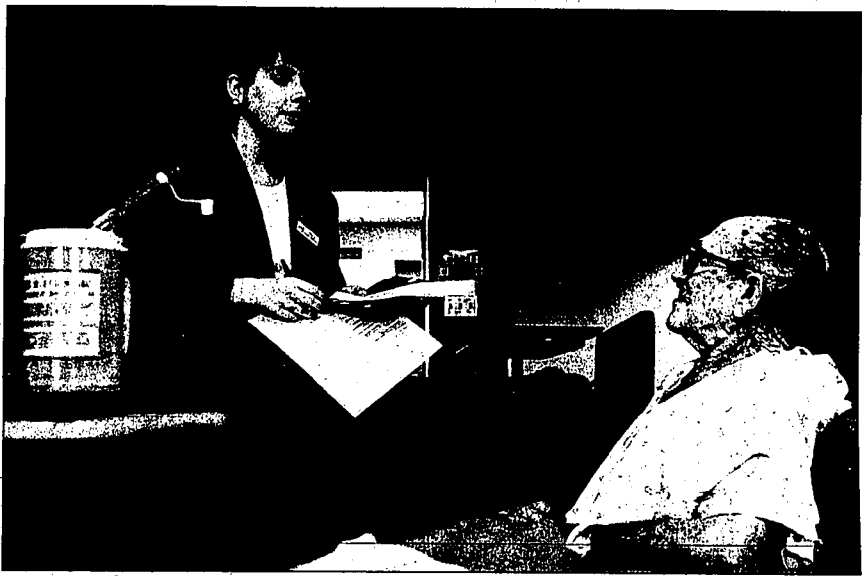
McAllindin.

"It was the time of year," McAllindin said. "It was too close to Christmas."

Courtney said a 25 percent response is better than nothing. He said overall, the survey results were positive.

"Generally speaking, there are two conclusions," Courtney said. "People are generally satisfied with city services and they don't want to pay more in taxes."

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Eugene Cox, a patient at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital, orders his dinner Tuesday afternoon from dietary service host Becky Bell. An expanded menu is one way the hospital is looking to take a new approach to customer service.

TF Clinic revitalizes customer service

Hospital makes policy changes regarding patients' complaints

By Jay Hovser
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Ask hospital patients what they don't like about their stay, and their answers might be surprising.

The big complaints: the billing process, and the food.

The Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital has made policy changes, and is in an effort to address the complaints.

The clinic is revamping its billing process and its food service, in hopes of making patients feel more comfortable. The clinic also has hired a "patient advocate nurse," designed to serve as a liaison between patients and medical staff.

It's part of an effort designed to take a new approach to customer service.

Part of the job has been a rewrite of paperwork - from bills to menus. New forms for bills are supposed to be easier to understand, and the clinic is now han-

dling insurance paperwork itself. The clinic also has changed the way food is prepared and delivered. Workers present patients with a menu, allowing patients to order the food they would like in the amount they want. The order is brought to the kitchen and then prepared. Serving only six patients at a time, the workers are hoping to be able serve fresher, warmer food.

The clinic now offers more than 20 different menus, each tailored to a certain medical diet - patients who are restricted to clear liquids, low-fat or low-sodium diets, or patients with diabetes, to name a few.

The clinic's patient advocate nurse, Cindy Bradshaw, has been working since Jan. 31 visiting with patients to find out how they feel about their stay.

Dubbed the "Happy Patrol" by her co-workers, Bradshaw roams the halls in plain clothes. Her job is to answer their questions and see that they are getting every-

thing they need to enjoy their hospital experience - as much as possible.

"Working Monday" through Thursday and some weekends, Bradshaw tries to meet with every patient, but she said she is mindful of those people who just want to rest.

"I try to clue into that and not intrude on their space. My purpose is to enhance their experience, not make it worse," she said.

Bradshaw also visits with family members, who often have questions and needs, she said.

So what feedback does Bradshaw get from patients?

After two weeks on the job, the patient response has been extremely positive, she said. Most patients have no concerns at all and take the opportunity to compliment the staff. Others have simple suggestions for improvement: altering the room temperature, painting the walls "happier colors," she said, and reposition-

ing the bedside tables. One patient suggested putting rocking chairs in the rooms so patients could exercise their legs a little.

The clinic's goal is to get away from the traditional method of quality assurance, calling patients after they've gone home. Administrator Mike Arehart said. That approach does nothing to meet patients' needs during their stay.

"I think the goal is to get to know the patient while they're here," he said. "After they leave, it's too late to make changes. The time to do it is while they're at the hospital, not afterward."

The patient advocate nurse asks each patient she visits to complete a five-question survey. The surveys are reviewed by staff daily.

"We don't want patients to tell us what they think we want to hear just to please us. We want to know how they honestly feel," Arehart said.

Craig talks forest fees

Craig: Surplus creates struggle

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - After a couple of years on the fence, Sen. Larry Craig has made up his mind on a forest fee plan.

"I think it's a failure," Craig, R-Idaho, told The Times-News editorial board Tuesday.

Craig, Idaho's senior senator, had remained neutral on a controversial plan to charge user fees for hiking in portions of the Sawtooth National Forest. Other Idaho politicians had come out against the plan, saying the idea of charging fees for public lands use amounts to double taxation.

Craig made up his mind to oppose the experimental fee program after the U.S. Justice Department balked at prosecuting out-of-state forest users who refused to pay the fee.

"You're sending a signal that you're going to be selective," Craig said.

The user fee test program, authorized by Congress for three years and later extended two more years, began in 1997.

As chairman of a Senate forestry subcommittee, Craig will have a chance to run hearings on the program. Although Craig thinks the program should be discontinued, he concedes that will be a difficult case to make on Capitol Hill.

"Once you establish a source of revenue, it's pretty difficult to cut it off," he said.

On another heated Forest Service issue - President Clinton's plan to set aside some 40 million acres as roadless areas - Craig is a bit more optimistic.

"We'll make every effort to block it, and we think we can," he said.

The roadless plan, roundly criticized in Idaho hearings late last year, has drawn fire from an odd

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The federal government isn't operating at a deficit, but that doesn't necessarily make work any easier for Congress, U.S. Sen. Larry Craig said Tuesday.

"Surplus politics are often more difficult than deficit politics," Craig told the Burley Rotary Club. "Politicians often come up with ingenious ideas of how to spend money."

But returning surplus money to taxpayers or paying the national debt with it would make more sense than spending the money, said Craig, who covered issues from federal spending to Forest Service roadless areas in a wide-ranging talk.

Now that the budget is balanced, that's a standard future congresses should keep, he said.



LORRAINE CAVENER/The Times-News

U.S. Sen. Larry Craig speaks at the Burley Rotary Club meeting Tuesday. Craig spoke briefly on a number of issues, including roadless legislation, the budget surplus, Social Security, foreign trade and Medicare.

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Court must decide

By N.S. Norkentver
Times-News writer

BOISE - Granting the federal government water rights in the Salmon River would affect people



The Issues

Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

Potlatch Corp. and Hecia Mining Co. say the federal government is not entitled to federal reserved water rights under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Federal officials say Congress expressly reserved federal water rights for the rivers designated under the act.

Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

The state of Idaho and Hecia Mining Co. say the federal government is not entitled to federal reserved water rights in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. Federal officials say that Congress intended to include the water when it set aside the area to preserve the scenic, historic and fish and wildlife values of the area.

It's not fair to say a anyone would be "shut down," Justice Cathy Silak said. There is nothing in the record to show that anyone would be "shut down," she said.

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MAGIC VALLEY

DEATH NOTICES

Wayne D. Osborne

PAUL - Wayne D. Osborne, 89, of Paul, died Monday, Feb. 14, 2000, at Vista Assisted Living Center in Rupert. The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18, 2000, at Hansen/Mortuary-Rupert chapel, with Pastor L.G. Miezner officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery. Envelopes available at the Hansen-Mortuary in Rupert, from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and before services Friday. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice. Envelopes are available at the mortuary.

Everett D. Dutt

HAZELTON - Everett Dale Dutt, 62, of Hazelton, died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2000 at his home. Services are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Iona Fern Bonar

BUHL - Iona Fern Bonar, 92, of Buhl, died Monday, Feb. 14, 2000, at the Snake River Rehabilitation and Living Center in Buhl. At her request, there will be no formal services.

Arrangements are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Willis 'Bill' Whittle

OAKLEY - Willis "Bill" Whittle, 89, formerly of Oakley, died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2000, in Arizona. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, 2000, at the Oakley LDS Stake Center. Friends and family may call from 1-145 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, 2000, at the Oakley Stake Center. Burial will follow at the Marion Cemetery.

George S. Telford of Bountiful, Utah, services at 9 a.m. today at Larkin Mortuary, 260 E. South Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah; friends may call one hour before services.

Graveside services and interment will be at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, this afternoon.

Violet R. Oneida Eldredge of Boise, formerly of Shoshone, services at 11:30 a.m. today at

Demary's Shoshone Chapel. Ardyth Johnson Zaring of Layton, Utah, and formerly of Richfield, services at 2 p.m. today at Lindquist Funeral Home in Layton, Utah.

HOSPITALS

Moore and Cameron Muff, all of Twin Falls; and Betty Wright of Gooding. Dismissed. Wallace Brownfield of Twin Falls; and Cameron Koehn of Buhl.

MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. Some names are omitted at patient's request. Discharged. Gerry Bott and Thelma Goodwin, both of Rupert.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

TWIN FALLS

Arlie K. Rissler

Arlie Kellogg Rissler, 84, of Twin Falls, died Monday, February 14, 2000, at Bridgeview Estates. He was born April 18, 1915, in Daws, Iowa, the son of Clarence and Carrie Hardy Rissler. He served in the U.S. Marines from March 1944 until Dec. 22, 1945. He was married to Erelia Mantey Dobbs on Dec. 20, 1972, in Elko, Nevada. For the past 30 years, he has lived in southern Idaho. He worked at Cactus Pete's until his retirement in the late 1980's. He enjoyed golfing and traveling. In addition to his wife of Twin Falls, he is survived by two daughters, Arlene and Randi; four step-children, Wayne, Wilma, Evelyn and Russell; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Robert; and two sisters. Friends may call at White Mortuary on Thursday, February 17, 2000, from 4-8 p.m. Cremation will follow the viewing, with no formal services planned.

Veitran's Affairs Commission, and served under Governors Andrus, Batt and Kempthorne. He resigned in January of 2000 because of his failing health. Surviving are his wife of 41 years, Marian of Twin Falls; son, John L. Irwin of Jackpot, Nev.; daughter, Cynthia E. Moreno of Burley, Idaho; son, Douglas G. Randall of Jackpot, Nev.; and daughter, Karen Lynn Smith of Twin Falls. He also is survived by 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his parents, and one brother, Bliss G. Russell. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 17, 2000, at the Back Creek Veterans' Cemetery. Military Honors will be offered by the Magic Valley Veterans and Auxiliary. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home and Crematory of Twin Falls.

Hospital in Burley.

He was born December 3, 1928, in Fort Morgan, Colorado, the son of John and Lola Palmer Hill. He attended college in Arcadia, California, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree. He spent time in the United States Air Force for four years, and spent 26 years with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department. He managed the Minnesota Wildlife Refuge for several years. It was during this time he met the love of his life, Colleen Harman. They were married July 13, 1965. John was an avid lover of wildlife, and the history of America. Among his many interests were putting together model airplanes. He painstakingly created every World War airplane in perfect replica. He also made three Harley-Davidson motorcycles, one for his step-daughter, Kristy, and son-in-law Glenn. John was one of the kindest, loving men we knew. He brought great joy to his wife, children, and his many friends, especially Pele. He is survived by his adoring wife, Colleen of Burley; her children, Kristy (Glenn) Lewis of Pocatello, and Karla Hawick of Moscow, Jan Shelton of Boise; and his grandson, Dustin. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, June and Dorothy; his favorite Aunt Lois; and her son, Lou Holloway. He was like a father to us, a companion, a friend, and someone we all admired, respected and loved. At his request, no services will be held. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

ABERDEEN



Janet Wilson

Janet Wilson, 42, passed away Sunday, February 13, 2000, at a local hospital. She was born January 27, 1958, to Edward and Bernice (Ingraham) Immenschuh in Kansas. Janet moved from Kansas to Colorado when she was 15-years-old. She graduated from high school in Colorado Springs, class of 1976. She married Calvin Wilson on June 16, 1979, in Colorado Springs, while he was stationed at Fort Carson. She worked in a nursing home in Colorado Springs. After moving to Idaho, she continued working with the elderly through Southeast Idaho In-Home Services. Janet liked to cross-stitch, sew, garden, cook and help her husband with care. She loved her animals, Coco and BlackJack. Survivors include her husband, Calvin Wilson of Aberdeen; daughters, Shasta and Laurel Wilson, both of Aberdeen; three brothers, Bert Immenschuh of Buffalo, Wyo., Carl Immenschuh, of Kansas, and Spry Immenschuh of Colorado Springs, Colo. She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 19, 2000, at the United Methodist Church in Aberdeen. Burial will follow at the Aberdeen Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Colonial Funeral Home, 2005 S. Fourth Ave., Pocatello, ID 83204. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Janet Wilson Memorial Fund at First Security Bank.

BEAVERTON, ORE.



Mary Jane 'Mamie' Orchard

Mary Jane (Mamie) Orchard, 103, of Beaverton, Oregon, went to be with her Lord on Feb. 13, 2000, at Highland Hills Rehab Center. Mrs. Orchard was born on Dec. 8, 1899, in Hamlet, Kansas. She was active in the Church of the Nazarene in Rupert, Idaho, serving as a Sunday school teacher and many other positions within the church. She at one time owned and operated the Red Apple store on the old Pocatello Highway. Later, she worked with her son-in-law Lloyd Knodel at Lloyd's Greenhouse. She also assisted her husband, Blueford Orchard in their salvage business. Mrs. Orchard enjoyed gardening, and generously gave countless hours volunteering for her church. Mary Jane Orchard is preceded in death by four brothers and one sister; her husband Blueford Orchard; two daughters, Clarabel and Lenora; one son, John Orchard; and a son-in-law, Harold Rutherford. She is survived by two sisters, Anna (Earl) Goe of Port Huron, Michigan, and Clara (Eckstein) of Newburg, Oregon; two daughters, Twilla Hawks of Gooding, ID, and Shirley (Lloyd) Knodel of Kula, Hawaii; three granddaughters, Donna Murphy of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Connie (Martin) Hellison of Beaverton, Ore, and Teena (Craig) Rasmussen of Kula, Hawaii; five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Two memorial services will be held. The first will be held at Church of the Nazarene in Gooding, Idaho, on Friday, Feb. 18, at 10:30 a.m. The second service will be held in Rupert, Idaho, Feb. 18, at Hansen's Memorial Chapel at 3 p.m. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery.

BURLEY



John D. Hill

John D. Hill, 71-year-old Burley resident, died Sunday, February 13, 2000, at Cassia Regional

Kimberly reviews city applications

By Margaret Jones - Times-News correspondent

HANSEN - Applications for a new city clerk and maintenance man are being reviewed and the positions are expected to be filled within the next few days, Mayor George Urie told the City Council at Monday's council meeting. The maintenance job will pay \$1,800 per month and the clerk's wages will depend on experience. Cindy Olander is filling in as a temporary clerk until the position can be filled. Councilwoman Laura Nelson

said the council should update the city office by installing a computer system. She recommended a program that would handle the billing as well as other information. Nelson said she would gather more information to give to the council at the next meeting. Also Monday, Bob Wayment, recreation manager for the city, spoke to the council about the new baseball field on the west side of town. He said the area needs fencing, water fountains, restrooms and a dugout. Wayment said he needs umpires for the games and has had difficulty recruiting parents

in the past. He said he knows two high school boys who are willing to umpire games but they want to be paid for their services. In other action Monday, Urie announced the following appointments: Laura Nelson, parks and recreation; John Hinton, fire commissioner; Ruth Mitchell, police; Tom Kennedy, streets and maintenance; Roger Shanahan, buildings; Bill Baker, building inspector; and Bill Hollifield, city attorney.

Eden talks dog concerns

By Julie Pence - Times-News correspondent

Eden - The City Council has been looking at how residents manage their pets. "Everybody and their dogs bought dog tags," Mayor Larry Craig told the City Council at Monday's meeting. Craig said the city has collected \$400 in licensing fees over the last two months. But licenses aren't the only concern when it comes to man's best friend. Three sheep were killed by dogs and other dogs have been found rummaging through garbage cans. The council said problems regarding dogs should be referred to Maintenance Supervisor John Ellis who can pick up the dogs and take them to the pound. Residents will be charged \$25 for taking the dog to the pound plus \$5 per day. If the dog is not claimed within four days, it will be destroyed.

Also Monday, the council approved a request from Valley School District to ask the state to install school crossing signs at two locations in the middle of town on State Highway 26. Several children were almost hit by cars on the road where they catch school buses, according to the district's report. The council directed City Clerk Edith Utt to contact the Jerome County Sheriff's Office to ask for a deputy to supervise the bus stops on a regular basis.

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Judge wants to see more water monitoring

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP)—In one of the many ongoing disputes in Washington over how best to manage water resources for fish, a judge has ruled that the state Department of Ecology should do more monitoring of surface and ground water withdrawals in the state.

"The ruling is important because if you're not measuring the amount of water going out of a stream, it's impossible to protect stream flows for salmon, it's impossible to protect the health of streams," Todd True, a lawyer for the Earthjustice Legal

Defense Fund, said Tuesday. Earthjustice and several other environmental groups sued the Ecology Department to try to force the state to keep better track of surface and ground water withdrawals under a 1993 state law that requires water-use metering.

"All we asked Ecology to do was what the law has required it to do for the last seven years, but we were stonewalled," said Katherine Ramsel, a spokeswoman for American Rivers, another plaintiff in the case.

LEGISLATIVE LOG

Confirmed by Senate

SB136 (State Affairs) - Reburg, to the Idaho Parks and Recreation Board.

Introduced in Senate

- SCR145 (Resources and Environment) - Approves minimum stream flow for the North Fork Payette River to Big Payette Lake and the Payette River.
- SCR146 (Local Government and Taxation) - Revises Tax Commission rule on trade-ins, trade-downs and barter.
- SB1421 (Resources and Environment) - Allows taking a big game animal during closed season is a flagrant violation when the season hunting is open anywhere in the state.
- SB1422 (Resources and Environment) - Increases fines for poaching trophy game.
- SB1423 (Resources and Environment) - Increases penalties for nonregistration of illegally diverted water.
- SB1424 (Resources and Environment) - Adds land to the leasing authority of the Land Board.
- SB1425 (State Affairs) - Authorizes state negotiations with tribes on gasoline tax disputes.
- SB1426 (State Affairs) - Elevates the Division of Environmental Quality to a department.
- SB1427 (State Affairs) - Revises balance requirements in search and rescue accounts.
- SB1428 (Local Government and Taxation) - Revises criteria for establishing boundaries by agreement.
- SB1429 (Local Government and Taxation) - Outlines requirements of governments in eminent domain proceedings.

Court

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The issue before the court is whether the Forest Service is entitled to a water right, not the amount of such a right. That amount will determine whether any other water right holders would be affected.

The Idaho Supreme Court Tuesday heard two similar appeals from the District Court's Snake River Basin Adjudication. The court will later issue rulings on the appeals.

The lower court had granted the Forest Service federal reserved water rights under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, but required the Forest Service to set a specific amount of water. The court also granted the Forest Service federal reserved water rights in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

The underlying issue in both cases is whether Congress intended to reserve federal waters when it created the SNRA and passed the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

Fereday contends that Congress considered water rights under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, but did not reserve any rights and therefore there can be no implied rights.

Federal attorney Sean Donahue, of the U.S. Department of Justice, says the act explicitly reserves federal water rights.

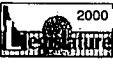
The apparent contradiction arises from a clause in the act - 13c - which specifies that the act reserved no water right for any purpose other than those set out in the act.

"Thirteen C made me crazy," said Thomas Root, an attorney for Hecla.

Root holds that language means what it says, "unless it's clearly ambiguous or fuzzy," he said. But the language in 13c does not say Congress reserved a water right.

Chief Justice Linda Copple Trout noted a passage from former Sen. Frank Church, who in commenting on the act had remarked that the act was itself a reservation of water rights.

In the light of the legislative history, as quoted by Trout, the ambiguity disappears, Donahue said.



- 2000 annual allocation from state liquor sales to the Community College System. H B 5 6 9 (Appropriations)
- Adjusts the budget trigger that determines when general fund revenue is transferred to the budget reserve fund.
- HB570 (Revenue and Taxation) - Divides financial responsibility for juvenile drug testing between the public school income fund for substance abuse programs and the Department of Juvenile Corrections.
- HB571 (Local Government) - Allows city or county planning and zoning commissions to serve more than two terms with concurrence from two-thirds of their governing bodies.
- HB572 (Environmental Affairs) - Allows a 5-percent purchasing preference for recycled paper products.
- HB573 (Health and Welfare) - Clarifies medical indigency laws.
- HB574 (Health and Welfare) - Allows out-of-state adult foster care homes to care for up to four adults, under certain circumstances.
- HB575 (Health and Welfare) - Authorizes the Director of the Department of Health and Welfare to provide welfare assistance to drug-dependent persons.
- HB576 (Transportation and Defense) - Allocates a portion of the fees for veterans motor vehicle license plates to the Veterans Center Maintenance Fund.
- HB577 (Transportation and Defense) - Authorizes the state to issue treatment disqualification for insulin-dependent people seeking commercial driver's licenses.
- HB578 (Health and Welfare) - Authorizes establishment of county child fatality review committees.
- HB579 (Health and Welfare) - Authorizes the state to issue treatment costs for people involuntarily committed to the Department of Health and Welfare.

Bookmania hits Declo junior high students

By Coren Hart
Times-News correspondent

DECLO - In a full week of planned attractions, librarian Vicki Peterson is making a bid for more books through a book fair, with plenty of fun thrown in.

"When the high school split off, we sent half our library with them," Peterson said. "We have very few accelerated reading materials. By the time these sixth-graders are in the eighth grade, we won't have a thing left unless we get busy now."

To bridge the gap, the library is selling books and toys in a weeklong "We Love Our Library" celebration, each day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All profits will go back into reading materials.

Today the library will hold a "Create a Creature" contest. Librarians and teachers will judge student entries of creatures or masked creatures, made from items the students have around the house.

A drawing will be held Thursday, with prizes for those who've met reading and testing standards. A weeklong drawing for 10 \$25 discount certificates and a read-a-thon with pledges will round out the week.

Students are being sponsored in the read-a-thon, with pledges going to the library to buy more books. Teachers are encouraging students to get their pledge sheets



Members of Elise Garrard's second-period English class take a break to browse through the hundreds of selections at Declo Junior High School's first book fair. Proceeded from all sales will be used to buy more books, especially accelerated reading materials.

filled out and bring a good book to Thursday's read-a-thon.

"They can earn money for the library while enjoying a good book," Peterson said.

The idea of this week's event is to encourage students to read, buy and win, she said.

Meanwhile, the school is encouraging donations of suitable reading materials in good condition.

The books are in demand. The number of books being checked out from the library indicates the accelerated reader program is

working, Peterson said.

"Circulation has almost tripled from last year at this time," she said.

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Rupert City Council looks at housing projects

By Loraine Caverer
Times-News writer

RUPERT - With a growing need for senior citizen housing in Rupert, the Rupert City Council discussed two proposed senior housing projects Tuesday.

"I've received correspondence from seniors who are having to relocate to Arley," Mayor Audrey Neiwirth said. "They would love to live here."

A waiting list of Rupert seniors need housing, especially housing with a dining room available, said Shirley Leoni, who is active at the Rupert Senior Center.

Melody Fox, the center's site manager, offered a proposal for a 12- to 16-unit apartment complex just east of the Rupert center.

Fox asked the council for permission to conduct a feasibility study by Mercy Housing Inc. The study would not cost the city anything, Fox said.

The council gave permission for the study, but city administrator

roger Bagley said a number of concerns need to be taken into consideration.

Concerns included the location of a main sewer and main water line, which run through the proposed apartment site.

Another concern is that the grant proposal for the apartments could not compete with other grant proposals the city is involved with, said Theo Schut, the city's public works supervisor.

Another low-income family and senior project is being developed by Rupert.

The city and the Region IV Development Commission are submitting a Community-Block Development Grant proposal for the Crosshair 70-unit housing development, planned for a large area near Big Valley Elementary School.

Paperwork for the grant proposal is moving along, said Carlene Herring of Region IV. More public input could help. Letters from people looking for

affordable housing would help, she said, as would letters from people with insight, such as real estate agents.

While Rupert is looking at housing developments, city officials are also planning to schedule public hearings on an annexation. Property between 100 North and 100 South and 100 West and 100 East is on the agenda for annexation. The city is looking for growth and would like to provide residents with sewer, water and other services, Neiwirth said.

Several area residents have begun to express concerns about annexation.

Fox, a resident of one of the proposed annexation areas, spoke for several people who have concerns.

Neighbors want to know what kind of a tax increase they would see, wonder if they would have the option of being hooked up to services, and wonder if they would be able to have as much livestock as they do now, she

said.

City attorney Rick Bollard said residents could calculate the tax hike by multiplying their taxable property value by 0.1505547.

The new residents could hook up to services through a local improvement district, and could keep a certain number of livestock. But annexation is considered for the good of the public, for good planning and sound development, and isn't optional.

"You can't exclude yourself from annexation," Bollard said.

The issues can be brought up at public hearings, he said. Dates for the hearings have not been set.

In other business, a committee will be formed to discuss consolidation of the Minidoka County Sheriff's Department and Rupert police, Bollard said. The committee will report to the council.

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Charges pending against juvenile driver

By Ruth Streeter
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PAUL - Undisclosed charges are pending against a juvenile involved in a fatal Minidoka County car crash.

Galen Meyer, 47, of Rupert, was killed when a pickup truck coming in the opposite direction on Idaho Highway 25 attempted to pass a third vehicle and swerved into Meyer's path. The driver of the passing vehicle had

tried to stop, but his brakes locked and Meyer's vehicle struck the side of the pickup. Meyer died at the scene.

Charges had not been immediately filed against either driver. Idaho State Police investigators were questioning the role of the third driver, who had not been involved in the accident. However, ISP officers think that third driver might have been responsible for the crash.

The nature of the charges, and

the name of the driver facing charges, cannot be released until a hearing Thursday, Minidoka County deputy prosecutor Alan Goodman said. At that time, the court decides whether to disclose the juvenile's records and whether to open hearings to the public.

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Craig

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Congress should also look to reform Social Security, Craig said in response to a question from an audience member. Craig is hoping Congress will allow a portion of worker's money to be invested in a 401(k) or annuities.

"We need to create that kind of a system for younger people," he said.

The income tax, like Social Security, is running at a surplus. But there is an ongoing debate in Congress about how much of the surplus to spend, and how much to give back to the people, Craig

said. But while the federal budget picture is blooming, farmers are struggling.

"I have never seen it this difficult. It is at or below the breakeven point for almost all commodities," Craig said.

Craig is hoping Congress will pass a sanctions bill, which would open trade with all foreign countries. But many laws need to be changed in order for the United States to compete on a world market.

"None of the old laws fit the world market," he said.

Rotary member James Roper asked Craig what the chances

were of a bipartisan congressional approach to Medicare.

The main factor driving up Medicare costs are new pharmaceuticals, Craig said.

"Biotechnology is producing a phenomenal amount of costly new drugs," he said.

The cost of research and development is being passed on only to U.S. consumers, because prices are fixed in other countries.

Congress needs to find a way to spread the cost of research and development, Craig said.

"Why is our consuming public the only one that pays for it?" Craig said.

Fees

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array of critics, from ranchers to snowblowers to rock climbers.

A drawn criticism, at least privately, from Forest Service officials, who have been left confused and frustrated by the administration's proposal.

"We have a very dysfunctional and sick organization, and what the president did was lob another bomb into it," Craig said.

Council

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The 10th question on the survey asked respondents if they would support general obligation bond issues to build a community recreation center or to purchase Snake River Canyon land. The majority of respondents said no, however, they would favor a bond issue to pay for road improvements.

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Dam advocates mount defense against breaching

PASCO, Wash. (AP) - Worried that breaching advocates are stacking the deck in federal hearings on salmon-saving strategies, Columbia Basin farmers and business leaders are pulling together in defense of four Lower Snake River dams. "The community needs to rise up and demonstrate by its presence just how adamant they are," Fran Forsette, a Kennewick attorney, said Monday. "Now is not the time for

people to think that someone else will take care of them."

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is holding a series of meetings to glean public comment on proposals to save stocks of Snake River salmon and steelhead from extinction. One proposal is to tear out earthen portions of the four Snake River dams to form a free flowing stretch of river between Pasco and Lewiston, Idaho. Breaching would

render useless the dams' hydroelectric generation and navigation systems.

Testimony at three previous hearings has been largely in favor of breaching, but dam advocates suspect conservation organizations have packed the federal meetings, skewing the results.

Congress is expected to look closely at public opinion when deciding what to do with the dams. Lewiston residents felt tes-

timony at a meeting there last week was stacked in favor of dam opponents who signed up early, denying others the opportunity to speak to the federal panel.

"I'm really angry. I mean really angry," said Marvin Dugger, a Potlatch Corp. employee and leader of a save-the-dams campaign after the Lewiston meeting. "This meeting did not reflect the sentiment of the area."

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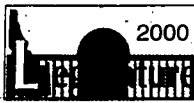
House debates F & G fee hikes

BOISE (AP) - The House Resources and Conservation Committee decided to let the Idaho Department of Fish and Game sweat awhile longer over legislative approval of its request for a \$4.4 million increase in sportsmen's fees.

On an evenly divided voice vote on Tuesday, the panel held the fee hike bill until March 1, by which time lawmakers expect to have the results of a preliminary audit by the state Office of Performance Evaluations.

"This is not a stall tactic, at least not in my mind," Republican Rep. Lenore Hardy Barrett of Challis said. "Any information that I can get related to increasing those fees is important to me."

GOP Assistant Floor Leader Lawrence Denney of Midvale, who proposed the delay, denied it had anything to do with House



leadership efforts to extract a commitment from Fish and Game for officially moving primary responsibility for endangered species policies to the governor's office.

The stated purpose of his motion was to give legislators time to review whether Fish and Game truly has done everything in its power to pare back unnecessary expenses and inefficiencies.

At Fish and Game's request, the Office of Performance Evaluation is studying whether a nearly quarter-million-dollar telephone survey of big game

hunters that critics contend is rife with errors was a waste of money and whether a share of fishing license fees was used for unauthorized programs.

A more thorough audit of Fish and Game's operations also is in the works, but Denney and others said the initial findings will give legislators some additional assurance before approving the financially strapped department's fee request. Resources and Conservation Chairman Golden Linford of Rexburg seemed frustrated by the delay, but he quickly declared the voice vote backed Denney's motion.

Agency officials still hope the substantially new membership of its governing Fish and Game Commission, years of cost-cutting and a willingness to have their operations thoroughly reviewed will help clear the way for additional revenue.

Democrats gear up for caucuses

BOISE (AP) - Former Gov. Cecil Andrus pressed for insurgent presidential candidate Bill Bradley on Tuesday as both he and backers of Vice President Al Gore called on Democrats across Idaho to take part in the March 7 county caucuses that will divvy up Idaho's 16 national nominating delegates.

"It's a head count situation," the four-term chief executive and Carter administration Interior Secretary told supporters of the New Jersey senator.

"It's important to get as many Democrats out as possible," said former state Sen. Mary Lou Reed of Coeur d'Alene, who is one of the leaders for Gore.

Interest in wooing Idaho support, despite its relatively small number of delegates, was clear back in mid-November when Tipper Gore made a special stop in Idaho to counter the scheduled appearance of Ernestine Schlant Bradley.

While neither of their husbands has the slightest chance of winning Idaho in November, the race for the nomination was considered so close that even Idaho's delegates being committed on Super Tuesday were worth courting.

Although activity since then has been low key in a state where the party is all but on life support, State Democratic Party

Director Marsha Pursley said there was an intensity among activists.

"There's getting to be a building momentum here," she said. "It's very competitive between the Gore and Bradley campaigns. There's a lot of healthy

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- Cecil Andrus, former Idaho governor

decide the presidential preference of delegates to the state convention, who will pick the 16 delegates for the national convention based on that preference.

In addition to those national delegates, the state also has seven so-called super delegates, who have nominating votes by virtue of their offices.

They are Party Chairman Brit Groom, Vice Chairman Carolyn Boyce, National Committeeman John Greenfield, National Committeewoman Dorothy Stimson, State Controller J.D. Williams and State Schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard. Groom has the option of naming a seventh.

Andrus, still among the state's most popular politicians, and Greenfield are in the Bradley camp while Williams and Bethlene Church, widow of U.S. Sen. Frank Church and the grand dame of Idaho Democratic politics, are in the Gore camp.

"I'm not campaigning against Al Gore," Andrus told Bradley supporters on the Capitol steps Tuesday. "I'm here to pick the best man, and the best man is Bill Bradley."

Some see Bradley supporters looking for the most palatable candidate for the top of the ticket next November, and in their view just about any candidate without ties to President Clinton is more palatable than Gore.

Buhl council discusses noise laws

BUHL - The City Council on Monday discussed noise and parking ordinances.

Mayor Barbara Gietzen asked Police Chief Terry Tipton to clarify why the noise ordinance violation was a misdemeanor instead of a simple city violation. Tipton said the ordinance was in line with state codes for disturbing the peace which is a misdemeanor and violators could be fined and even jailed.

Tipton also clarified city codes for off-street parking. Tipton said abandoned cars, cars without license plates and cars with expired tags would be checked out, but if the state legislature passes a 72-hour limit on street parking, then all cars would have to be moved within that time frame to avoid citations.

Also Monday, Tom Richmond, a mobile home park owner, spoke to the council about the cost of garbage pickup in mobile home parks. He said the park does not use city facilities but still gets charged for each month. Richmond said the city should hire outside services so all residents could be accommodated. Richmond said he uses a private service and doesn't think he should be charged by the city for services he doesn't use.

Gietzen said the council is looking into the costs of private services and assured Richmond that the city is willing to work with

When they meet

The Buhl City Council will hold its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. March 13 at City Hall.

him to solve the problem. She said the ordinance calls for a \$9.20 per month fee to residents who do not use the service. She said the council is reviewing the ordinance and will hold a workshop Feb. 28 to update it. She said some city ordinances haven't been updated for 50 years and the council is now looking at revising them.

Other City Council business:

• The council said owners of rentals are responsible for the water bills of tenants who move without paying them. The city will try to keep owners informed of tenants who are behind on their utility payments.

• The council approved Tipton's request to not raise the speed limit on Broadway to 35 mph from 25 mph. Tipton said a study showed that the lower speed limit reduced accidents.

• Public Works Director Gary Winn informed the council that bad weather has prevented the department from adding more handicapped parking spaces. He said the project will resume as soon as weather permits.

• Gietzen appointed Winn, Shirley Anderson, Bobbie Wolverton, Robert E. Bailey Sr.,

Barbara Jones, David Mills and William Nungesser to the Parks and Trees Committee.

• The city will begin work on a well as soon as it receives a permit from the Department of Environmental Quality.

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Richfield postpones fee hikes

By Sandra L. Calkins
Times-News correspondent

RICHFIELD - Many items were discussed but no final action was taken by the City Council on Monday due to the lack of a quorum. Just two of the five council members were present at the meeting.

A public hearing was held on ordinances proposing increases in water and sewer hookup fees. There were no comments from the community or council members. Final action will be taken at a later date.

Also Monday, resident Evelyn Wolverton told the council there were discrepancies in the measurement of her property. The city will look into the situation. Wolverton and resident Mac Crofters said they were concerned about the proposed opening of First Street and an alley. Mayor Charles Buttane said the alley will have to wait a while due to the increasing costs of oiling streets.

"It will cost more that it will be value to the people who use it," Buttane said.

He said alleys aren't needed as long as Idaho Power has access to service lines.

In other action Monday, the

If you want to attend

The Richfield City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at the city offices at 180 W. Lincoln.

council received the city's audit report from accountant Raymond Ware said the city is in compliance with Idaho codes and there were no budget deficits.

Also Monday, Buttane talked about his recent testimony in front of a legislative committee regarding the problem of imposing term limits on city planning and zoning commissions. He said the legislative committee was evenly divided on the issue which prevented the bill from moving further at this time.

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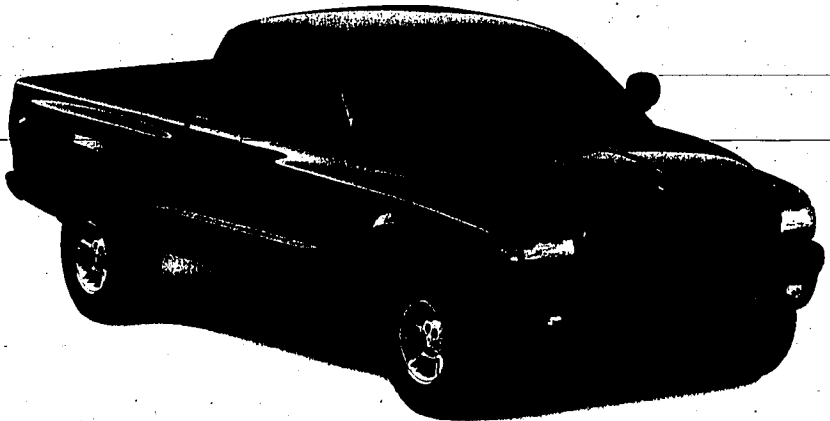
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Finding the mystery ingredient

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-Agnes, via e-mail

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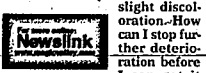


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In addition to fleur de sel, there are many other types of salt to try as alternatives to ordinary table salt, which contains additives to make it flow freely and can taste harsh and acidic. Different regions around the world produce sea salts that vary.

For everyday use, both in cooking and as a seasoning, try Kosher salt, which is inexpensive and sold in supermarkets. It is free of additives and has a fresh, clean taste.

Q: I found an old book in my mother's basement. It is very special to me, and I'm concerned about how I can preserve it. It is worn and has a mildew odor and slight discoloration. How can I stop further deterioration before I can get it restored? Can a book lose its value if restoration is too extensive?



-Lauri Shepherd, Caseville, Mich.

A: An antique book such as the one you're describing is a true piece of history. It can be pore-dored, treasured and passed on to future generations. Unfortunately, books weren't made with longevity in mind; improper storage and handling and the simple passage of time take their toll. Sticking unravels and tears and water marks and mildew can discolor and warp the pages and leaves.

To stop further deterioration, put a dilapidated book in an envelope made from acid-free paper and store it where it won't be subject to bumps, jostling, the elements or anything else that can speed its decomposition. However, if mildew is present, the first thing you should do is air out the book by leaving it lying open in a dry place.

Jerilyn Glenn Davis, a New York City-based book conservationist, offers this tip: To help remove the musty scent, put the book in a airtight bag with a small measure of baking soda. Fan the pages carefully after you've allowed it to sit in the bag for a few days, then place the book into the acid-free envelope.

Because books do lose value if restored, many collectors choose to keep them in special boxes that provide sturdier protection than envelopes. (These are available from the book-conservation organizations listed below.)

If you want to use the book, however, and it is in a state of disrepair, you may want to seek the services of a professional. Here are some sources that can be of help: American Institute for Conservation, 1717 K St. N.W., Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20006; (202) 452-9545; web address: aic.stanford.edu. Guild of Bookworkers: 521 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10015; web address: palimpsest.stanford.edu/byorg/gbw. Jerilyn Glenn Davis Inc., Box 1712, Cathedral Station, New York, N.Y. 10025; (212) 889-2239.

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As an artist, Ralph Lehman creates painting and sculptures, but for his family, Lehman also creates gourmet meals and desserts.

Masterpieces of exceptional taste Twin Falls artist is as good in the kitchen as he is in the studio

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Ralph Lehman is an all-around artist. By profession, he is a sculptor and painter, with artwork displayed around the United States and locally, at the airport. He works from an in-home studio.

In the kitchen, Lehman is equally talented. When he was about 12, he started decorating wedding cakes for his mother. She baked them; he decorated them. Then they delivered them and set them up. A photo of one of young Lehman's cake creations was once published in a national magazine.

About three years ago, Lehman and his wife, Sharon, decided to pack up and move, in mid life, from their home in Indiana to the Magic Valley to be near Sharon's sister. Both of their daughters, now grown, still live in the East.

Although Lehman likes Italian, Greek and Oriental cuisine, he really prefers the "old

comfort foods" he remembers as a child growing up in Indiana.

Before moving to Twin Falls, Lehman had always lived in the country. He planted an herb garden in the back yard of his Twin Falls home primarily for cooking, but when he starts feeling stressed, he goes to the herb garden for some "aroma therapy."

He has hundreds of recipes clipped from magazines, newspapers and food labels stashed in a plastic bag. He estimates he gave away more than 100 cookbooks before moving from Indiana, and still has between 50 and 100 left. His favorite cookbook is his mother's old handwritten recipes, kept in a spiral notebook. His recipe collection is housed in an old Hoosier cupboard in the kitchen.

His wife is Norwegian. So, on holidays, particularly Christmas and

Thanksgiving, the Norwegian desserts come out.

SCANDINAVIAN GIFTS
1 bag cranberries

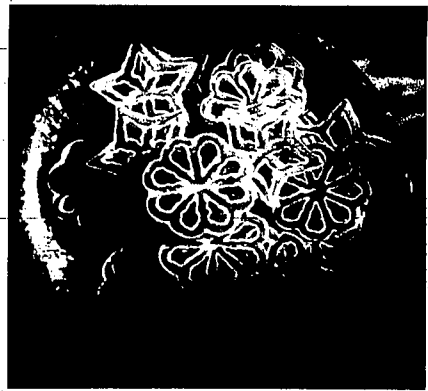
1/2 pint whipping cream
Graham cracker crumbs
1 cup sugar

Use a serving dish, preferably clear to show the beauty of the layering like an English Trifle dish. Put cranberries in saucepan with enough water to not quite cover them. Add sugar and boil until all berries have popped. Cool. When cooled, they should be somewhat thickened. Whip the cream and sweeten to taste with sugar. Put a 1/4-inch layer (more or less of graham cracker crumbs in the bottom of the dish. Then a layer of the cooled cranberry sauce. Then a layer of whipped cream. Repeat the layering until ingredients are used up, with the top layer being whipped cream. If you have a few cranberries left, put a little pile of them in the center as a garnish. Chill for several hours before serving.

NORWEGIAN ROSETTES

2 eggs
1 teaspoon sugar

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Light and airy, Lehman's Scandinavian pastries are a big hit.

Hip, happening and healthy: Snacks a parent can love

Busy parents know how difficult it is to keep the cupboards stocked with snack foods. It's hard enough to find foods your kids will eat without having to worry about the nutritional value. So why not take a little time to make snacks your whole family will enjoy?

Here are some easy recipes that take only moments to prepare and will have your whole family asking for more.

NUTTER' NANA MUFFINS
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 cup mashed ripe bananas (about 2 medium)
1 egg, lightly beaten
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup (6 ounces) coarsely chopped pitted prunes
3 tablespoons chopped unsalted dry roasted peanuts

Heat oven to 350 F. Line 12 medium muffin cups with paper baking cups or spray bottoms only with non-stick cooking spray. In mixer-bowl, beat together sugar, peanut butter and oil until creamy. Add bananas, egg and lemon juice; beat until blended.



Curb kids' hunger and keep them healthy, too, with, clockwise from top left, Nutter' Nana Muffins and Confetti Bites.

Combine flour, baking powder and salt; add to banana mixture, stirring until just moistened. (Do not overmix.) Gently stir in

prunes; fill muffin cups three-fourths full. Sprinkle tops with peanuts; bake 18 to 22 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 5 minutes; remove from pan. Serve warm or cool completely on wire rack. Makes 1 dozen

CONFETTI BITES
1 cup nonfat dry milk
1/3 cup powdered sugar
1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
1/2 cup light corn syrup
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
12 pitted prunes, each cut in half
Colored candy sprinkles or additional powdered sugar (optional)

In medium bowl, combine dry milk and sugar; add peanut butter, corn syrup and vanilla, mixing to blend completely. (Mixture will be stiff.) Divide into 24 portions, about 2 teaspoons each. Form each into a ball; flatten slightly. Wrap each around 1 prune half, covering completely. Reshape into a ball; roll in candy sprinkles or powdered sugar, if desired. Store in covered container. Makes 2 dozen

Nutrition Information Per Serving (2 bites): 160 calories; 6 g fat; 0 mg cholesterol; 100 mg sodium; 25 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 5 g protein; 31 percent calories from fat.

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1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup milk
1 cup flour
Beat eggs slightly with sugar and salt. Add milk and flour and beat until smooth. Heat rosette iron in hot lard or vegetable shortening to 370 degrees. For the first rosette, wipe excess fat from iron with paper towels and dip into batter. BUT DO NOT ALLOW IT TO COME OVER THE TOP EDGE OF IRON, or you won't be able to get them off. Return iron to hot oil and immerse. Fry for about 20 seconds until the desired color is reached.

In removing iron from oil, turn it over to drain. Jolt rosette off iron and repeat. If rosette falls off iron in oil, you don't have enough flour in batter. If rosette is thick, you have too much flour and you need to thin it a little with milk.

This recipe makes about 40 rosettes. When you are finished cooking rosettes, place them on paper towels on a cookie sheet with towels between each layer. Put in oven at 300 degrees. Turn off heat. Allow to cool. This will remove even more oil from them and enhance the flavor. They may be dusted with powdered sugar before serving. In Norway, they are sometimes stacked three high with whipped cream between them and topped with fruit.

NOTE: Rosette irons can be found at kitchen specialty stores

for about \$14.

This is one of the traditional favorites of the Lechman family. Ralph Lechman says everyone who visits him asks for them.

BLUEBERRY MUFFINS

1/2 cup butter or margarine slightly softened
3/4 to 1 cup sugar
2 eggs (or equal egg substitutes)
1 or 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup milk
1 cup blueberries (fresh or thawed frozen)
1 tablespoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg (freshly ground is best)

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Beat butter and sugar until blended. Add eggs, one at a time and beat well till creamy. Add vanilla and mix. Sift and stir flour, baking powder and salt in a large bowl. Pour in half of the wet ingredients and half of the milk, fold gently with spatula. Put in the rest of the wet ingredients and milk and fold some more. Then add blueberries and gently fold just enough to moisten all the ingredients but no more. (Too much mixing makes muffins tough.) Divide among 12 sections of the muffin tin that has been greased with butter. Add nutmeg to 2 tablespoons sugar, mix and sprinkle on the muffins before baking. Bake 18 to 25 minutes. They should be golden

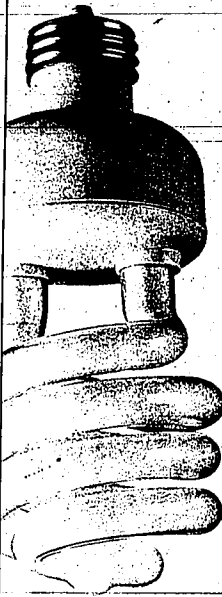
brown on top. Take out of the oven and allow to cool for a few minutes so the flavor can develop.

NUTTY VEGETABLE PILAF

1 tablespoon canola oil
2 cups coarsely chopped broccoli
2 medium carrots, julienned
1 medium onion, chopped
1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 teaspoon thyme leaves
1/2 teaspoon basil leaves
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
3 cups cooked brown rice (cooked in chicken broth)
1/2 cup chopped pecans, toasted
1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

Heat oil in large skillet over medium heat until hot. Add broccoli, carrots, and onion. Cook and stir 5 to 7 minutes or until the broccoli and carrots are tender and the onion is beginning to brown. Add mushrooms, garlic, thyme, basil salt and pepper. Cook and stir 2 or 3 minutes or until mushrooms are tender. Add rice and pecans; cook 1 to 2 minutes, stirring until well blended and heated. Just before serving, add the cheese.

To toast pecans, place on baking sheet, bake 5 to 7 minutes in 350 degree oven or until the nuts are beginning to darken and are fragrant. Or toast in a medium skillet on medium heat, stirring constantly.



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—Scott R.

Dear Scott: A steam bath is sometimes more relaxing than a sauna and you certainly sweat off many pounds. I am not a physician, but someone sneezing during flu season in a warm moist public steam room does not seem very sanitary. There are residential steam room sizes and designs to literally fit any home and decor. Some lower-cost, space-saving corner models, like the "Fiat Neo-angle" are just 38 inches across and about 7 feet tall. Even though they are reasonably priced, they still include fold-up seats and a 10-jet foot massager. If your budget is more open, consider a combination two-person massage shower/whirlpool/steam room. You and your wife could literally spend an entire weekend in one of these. They are sold as a complete unit that neatly fits into a bathroom or bedroom corner to save floor space. The J-Allure series is a good example of this design. The whirlpool has all the newest, high-tech massage jets. There are two showerheads with eight body spray jets and a digitally controlled steam generator. It has a built-in stereo, CD player and an optional TV with DVD player, mood lights, etc. When planning your steam room, determine the minimum size that will satisfy your needs. A larger steam room requires a large (higher wattage) steam generator which uses more electricity to keep it warm (about 117 degrees).

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consider the type of controls. The simplest is a simple timer. The best ones are digital and programmable. These use safe low-voltage wiring or air switches so that you can safely set the time and temperature from inside the steam room. The wiring on some simply plugs in like a telephone jack.

Sauerkraut cake? You bet

By Linda Cicero
The Miami Herald

Q. I had a recipe for sauerkraut cake, but I've lost it. This cake is moist and heavy. — Bob McKenzie, Bellevue, Ohio

A. Here's the deal: You rinse and rinse the sauerkraut to get rid of the briny taste. When you put it in the cake, all it adds is moisture and density; you really can't taste it.

CHOCOLATE SAUERKRAUT CAKE
2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup baking cocoa
1 teaspoon baking soda
2/3 cup butter or margarine, softened

1/2 cups sugar
3 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup water
2/3 cup sauerkraut, thoroughly rinsed and drained

Frosting:
Cream Cheese-Chocolate
1 ounce semi-sweet chocolate
3 ounces cream cheese, softened

1 cup confectioners' sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
Dash of salt

Stir together the flour, baking powder, salt, cocoa and baking soda; set aside. Cream the butter and sugar on medium speed with an electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well. Beat in the vanilla. Add the dry ingredients alternately with the water, beating thoroughly. Stir in the sauerkraut. Spread batter in a greased and floured 9-by-13-inch pan. Bake about 35 minutes at 350 degrees, until cake springs back when lightly touched in center. Cool completely.

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The Isabelle recalls simple small-town life

If you think the Isabelle looks like a home from another era, you're right. Its basic shape is that of the Gabled Ell, an L-shaped house style commonly built in small towns from 1880-1910.

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tangle of diamond-shaped panes set in a tiny gable over the door. Plants will thrive on the high shelf directly below this window.

Standing at the kitchen sink, you face into the living room. Walls flanking the sink buffer kitchen sounds and keep the food clutter out of sight. A small powder room is nearby, next to a pass-through utility room with an exterior door.

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African influence shaped Southern cooking

By Carol J. G. Ward
 Knight Ridder News Service

During Black History Month, there is perhaps no better place to study the influence of African-American culture in the South than in the kitchen.

Food historians credit African cooks with transforming Southern cooking. In New England, little change, except the addition of some native American ingredients, occurred in the English cooking foundation. However, a drastic alteration occurred in the South. The only real difference is in who was doing the cooking, and that was the African cook.

Culinary historian and author of "Classical Southern Cooking" Damon Lee Fowler has said, "We can trace up Southern food very simply to Southern food of English cooking enriched with Native American and African ingredients and made magic by

an African cook."

Sweet potatoes and peanuts became engrained in the Southern diet largely because of the work of botanist and agricultural chemist George Washington Carver. Carver did extensive research on the sweet potato and peanut at Tuskegee University in Alabama. The recipe for Peanut Soup includes both of these ingredients.

PEANUT SOUP

- 4 servings
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 large sweet potato, peeled and cubed
- 1/2 cup roughly chopped celery
- 1/2 cup roughly chopped onions
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 (20-ounce) can stewed tomatoes, undrained
- 4 cups chicken stock
- 2 cups finely chopped peanuts

Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste.

Mince green onions and chopped peanuts for garnish, optional. In a large, heavy saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the sweet potato, celery, onion and parsley. Sprinkle the flour over the vegetables and stir in while cooking. Continue to cook, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables are tender, about 12 to 15 minutes. Meanwhile, in a separate saucepan, combine the tomatoes and stock and bring to a simmer over medium-high heat. Stir in the vegetables and peanuts and season to taste with salt and pepper. Turn heat to low and simmer for about 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Adjust seasoning and, if desired, sprinkle with green onions and additional chopped peanuts before serving.

-From "Dori Sanders' Country Cooking"

This recipe combines two Southern mainstays into a lightly sweet, moist cornbread.

SWEET POTATO CORNBREAD

- 8 servings
 - 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
 - 1 cup mashed sweet potatoes
 - 3 large eggs
 - 1 1/2 cups milk or buttermilk
 - 1/3 cup vegetable oil
 - 3 cups self-rising cornmeal mix
 - 1/2 cup sugar, optional
- Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Add 2 tablespoons vegetable oil to a 12-inch cast iron skillet. Place skillet in oven to preheat about 10 minutes. Combine sweet potatoes, eggs and milk in a large mixing bowl. Blend until smooth. Add oil, cornmeal and sugar (if desired). Stir just until combined. Pour batter into preheated skillet. Bake for 45-50 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm.

-From White Lily

Seeking those sweet potato biscuit dishes

By Ellen Hawks
 The Baltimore Sun

Betty Boynton of Baltimore was seeking a recipe for Sweet Potato Biscuits. Her search ended when Jackie Evans of Onley, Va., responded with an easy-to-make, delicious recipe.

SWEET POTATO BISCUITS

- 2 cups Bisquick
 - 1 cup mashed sweet potato (best if put through a ricer)
 - 1/3 cup sugar
- Mix all ingredients by hand until dough is smooth. Roll out on lightly floured surface to 1/2-inch thickness. Cut with a biscuit cutter. Bake at 450 degrees for 10-12 minutes. Makes 1 dozen biscuits.

NOTE: If you find the batter a bit dry, add just enough milk to moisten it slightly (about 1/8 cup) before rolling out the dough. You could also glaze the top of the biscuits with a pastry brush and a bit of cream or milk.

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Restaurant recipes can serve as a springboard

I read a few things that made me think about food. Try to follow along as I mix together the perfect blend of spicy humor, a dash of common sense and insight to taste.

Many of you read the article a few weeks ago in this paper about the lack of interest in cooking and the dire prediction that Americans will cease to know how to cook at all in future generations. Oh my!

Then, in almost every article on health and fitness that I try to motivate myself with, they pepper the stories with statistics like "99.9 percent of children are obese, and all of you adults are worse!"

"Oprah even highlighted the fatest city (Philadelphia) and the leanest city (San Diego) on her TV show. Apparently, fast food in San Diego is a fruit smoothie, a little sushi and a veggie bar.

To top it off, Readers Digest told me I'm in the middle of my "get-fat years." They debunked some notions I had about baby fat, the size of portions I eat and why NordicTracking isn't doing the trick.

Apparently, having four children isn't the reason my hips have spread. I eat as much as my husband, and I should have desired to have "Ahnold's" muscles more.

As it turns out, Readers Digest is probably right. I've been doing aerobic bike, exercise since daughter number 4 was born, without much success. I started lifting weights, too, and within three weeks there was a dramatic change. I don't know what the scale says, but the seams in my pants are sighing with relief.

We had an old friend of my husband's come for dinner, and I tried serving myself a modest, keep-my-girlish-figure portion. Our guest's plate was piled only about as high as mine. I guess he was trying to keep his girlish figure, too. The point is, I eat too much.

We'll leave the childbirth weight alone. I stopped being able to lose it with number 3, so I still think they're wrong. But statistics are probably right, because most of us, and our kids, are heavier than we need to be. Simply because we like easy food. We've developed a taste for it, so much so that a good homemade stew tastes odd compared to the canned stuff.

Here's one step towards trying to wean ourselves off pre-made food and back into the kitchen - using those basic skills Mom insisted we learn but got lost in the hustle of trying to have children in sports, dance and music lessons, along with having a career and being perfect: Next time you eat a restaurant dish you find irresistible, savor the bites for a moment and see if you can pick out the different flavors. Jot them down on the napkin, and then try it at home.

You know you'll enjoy whatever your creation ends up to be, because you'll add flavors you're familiar with and that you like. It really works, because I've interviewed cooks who've done it.

I've selected a few recipes I've taken over as my own, or created to make taste like something I've enjoyed. They're home cooked, lower in fat and they taste pretty good. In smaller portions, of course.

CHICKEN SOUP
Half of a 32-ounce bag frozen cooked chicken (I've used Schwan's)

Half of a 32-ounce bag frozen stew blend vegetables (this



VALLEY COOKING
Rebecca Tateoka

includes potatoes, celery, carrots, beans, onion)

- 5 cups water
- 1 16-ounce can stewed tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon instant chicken bouillon
- 1 tablespoon parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon rosemary
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup uncooked egg noodles

Combine all ingredients except noodles. Heat until boiling, stirring frequently. When chicken is heated through and vegetables are hot and tender, taste broth. Add whatever seasonings you like, such as onion powder, seasoned salt, or other seasonings. Add noodles; turn heat down and simmer on low heat until noodles are tender and flavors have mixed. Serve with salad.

This originally was a recipe from the Olive Garden, but I've changed it a bit.

EGGPLANT PARMIGIANA

- 1 packet Thick & Zesty spaghetti sauce
- 1 can tomato paste
- 1/4 cup grape jelly
- 14-ounce can stewed tomatoes
- 2 eggplants, sliced in 1/4-inch circles

Finely crushed Ritz crackers
Flour
Oil

Seasoned salt
1/2 pound shredded mozzarella
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
Make spaghetti sauce according to packet directions, using the tomato paste can. Combine spaghetti sauce, jelly and stewed tomatoes that have been broken up with a fork. Heat on medium heat until hot, but do not boil. Keep warm.

Moisten eggplant in milk or water. Coat in a mixture of crushed crackers and flour. Sprinkle seasoned salt on both sides. Quickly brown the slices in hot oil. When tender and golden brown, transfer slices to a 9-by-13

pan. Cover loosely with foil and bake at 375 for 20 to 25 minutes or until tender.

Spread mozzarella cheese over eggplant, then add the sauce. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese across the top, and then return to oven for 5 to 10 minutes to melt the cheeses. Serve immediately.

This is my own concoction, and they taste like HOP pancakes. It's easily doubled.

RESTAURANT PANCAKES

- 1 1/4 cups flour
- 4 tablespoons buttermilk powder
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1 cup milk
 - 1 egg
 - 2 tablespoons oil
- Mix all dry ingredients together. In a separate bowl, mix milk, egg and oil until well blended. Add milk mixture to dry ingredients and whisk until completely blended. Pour (by 1/4 cup for dollar pancakes) onto hot griddle (use 1 cup for large pancakes). Flip when bubbles appear and begin to burst. Serve hot.

Rebecca Tateoka welcomes comments on recipes. You may e-mail her at tateoka@cyberhighway.net

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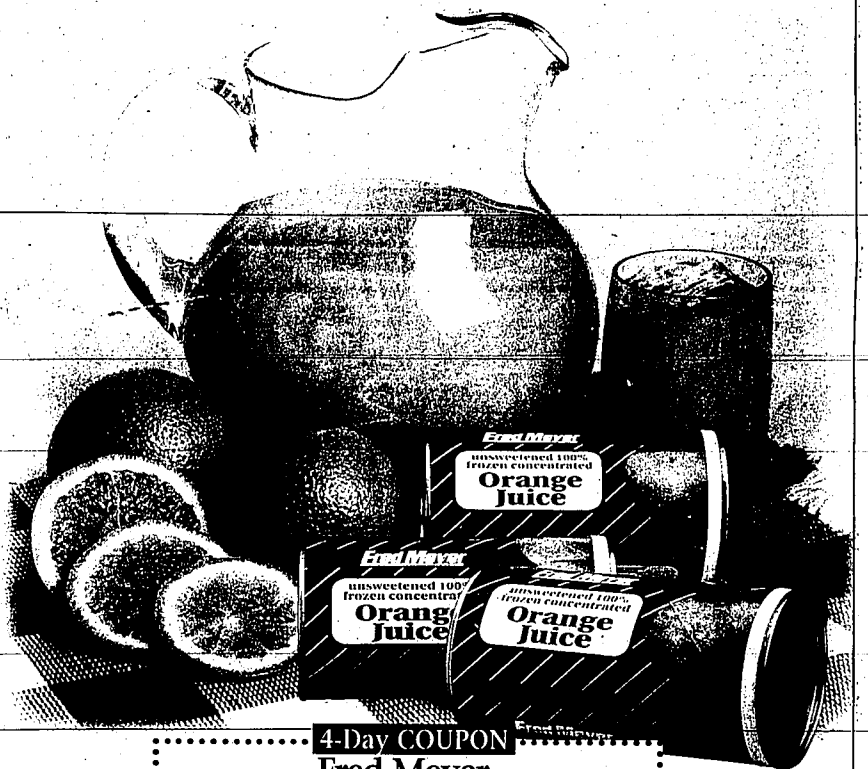
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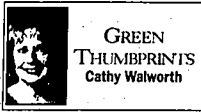
Which plant zone? Check the map

Instead of buying a regular-sized fruit tree that you will have to prune the limbs out of every year, why don't you get a dwarf? You'll get just about as much fruit from a dwarf tree, maybe more, because you'll be able to reach the fruit, and it isn't nearly as much trouble. Not to mention the advantages of all the space it doesn't need.

Dwarf fruit trees are simply fruit trees that are grafted onto a dwarf rootstock. They will grow to maybe a third the size of their original counterparts, and you will be able to harvest, prune and spray every branch. You might even be able to cast a net over the whole tree to keep the birds from stealing your fruit. When you choose a fruit tree, though, make sure you choose a variety that will grow well here. And, know ahead of time whether it is a self-pollinating tree or needs cross-pollination and fruit set. Look it up in Sunset's "Western Garden Book" before you even go shopping. And buy them bare root now - it's a lot cheaper.

Dear Cathy: What zone are we in? Every map seems different. -Flunked Map-Folding 101.

Dear Flunked: You're not alone in your confusion. All those



GREEN THUMBPRINT'S
Cathy Walworth

blurry, wavy lines are murder to follow, even if the maps were big enough to read. I've got a giant USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map on my wall and am happy to share its information. This map gives one step better than most: it breaks up each zone number into "a" and "b" as well. As an example, 5a will be 5 degrees colder than 5b. I'll give you the coldest temperatures usually seen in each zone in Southern Idaho...

Here we go by county: Gooding and Twin Falls, 5b-15; 6a-10; Jerome, 6a-10; Lincoln, 5a, 5b-20; Camas, Blaine, 4b-25; Cassia, Minidoka, 5a, 5b-20; Power, 5a-20; Bingham, Bannock, 5a, 4b-25; Blaineville, 4b-25.

What this means to you is that you must buy plants that are rated for the most extreme temperatures in your zone. Unless you have an incredibly protected spot, don't buy a plant rated for zone 7.

If you know the average minimum temperatures for your area,

you have a guideline for translating Sunset's zone map. For some reason, they took it upon themselves to create their very own zones, and you have to figure out what they all are in the front of the book before you go out and buy your plants, which carry tags noting the USDA zones. All four groups that are rated for a zone colder than yours, it's a good bet that that plant will do well in your garden.

Tip of the Week: Here's a cold winter day project that might keep a garden stake from jumping up and poking you in the eye. Buy a box of ping pong balls. Poke a hole in one side about as big around as your garden stakes. Stick the ping pong ball on the end of the stake. That way, you won't poke yourself in the eye when you lean into the staked flowers. We've all done it, just don't like to admit we did something so silly and painful to ourselves. This way, no stake will ever sneak up and poke you in the eye again.

What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of *timesnews* or e-mail her at: caw@cyberhighway.net.

Get a break and good meal with quick cooking

The Seattle Times

The following is a quick recipe.

MACARONI WITH CHEESE AND HERB BREAD CRUMBS

- 4 servings
- Nonstick cooking spray
- 2 cups small macaroni
- 2 cups milk
- 1 1/2 tablespoons flour
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 cup shredded medium cheddar cheese
- 3 tablespoons fine dry bread crumbs
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil, crushed
- 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano, crushed

Spray a 9-inch baking dish with cooking spray and set aside. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bring a large pot of water to the boil, add the macaroni and cook according to package directions. Drain well and put back into hot pan. While the macaroni is cooking, combine 3 tablespoons of the milk with the flour and mustard in a small bowl. Heat the remaining milk over medium heat.

macaroni, mixing well. Transfer to the prepared baking dish. Combine the bread crumbs, basil and oregano.

• Sprinkle over the top of the

casserole. Bake 20 minutes, or until heated through and thickened. Run the dish under a hot broiler to brown the top. Cool a few minutes before serving.

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Coconuts are versatile and delicious

By Renee Schettler
Knight Ridder News Service

What consumers commonly associate with the word "coconut" is the inside of the green, fibrous fruit. Its covering has been hacked off with a machete to expose the hairy, brown shell and thin skin that protects the treasure within: the sweet, snow-white meat and silky, sweet coconut juice. Though milky, it is not to be confused with actual coconut milk.

TO SELECT: Coconuts are available in produce aisles year-round. Lift the coconut; it should feel heavy for its size. Shake it; listen for liquid jostling inside. Examine the three eye holes on the stem end (where a sprout would emerge if the seed were left to germinate); they should harbor no moisture.

Store uncracked coconuts at room temperature for up to four months or in the refrigerator crisper bin for up to one week.

TO CRACK: If you seem easier to hurt the coconut against a concrete floor. But rather than lose the sweet, almost-opaque juice within, it's preferable to puncture two of the eye holes with an awl-pick-or-screwdriver and set the coconut over a bowl to collect the juice. (If the liquid is excessively oily and rancid tasting, the coconut is old. If the liquid is very thin and bland, the coconut is not fully ripe, but you may eat the still-custardlike coconut meat.)

Next, roast the drained coconut in a 400-degree oven for 20 minutes. If the coconut shell has not cracked, tap it smartly with a hammer in several places until it opens. Using a knife or a clean screwdriver, carefully pry the meat from the shell and then

scrape away the brown skin. Break the coconut into small pieces; shave it with a vegetable peeler or grate it in a food processor or blender.

A single coconut should yield three to four cups of grated or flaked coconut.

TO STORE: To keep the coconut meat readily available, simply cover it tightly and refrigerate for up to four days. To freeze, pack the grated coconut meat into a container and freeze with coconut juice. If desired, stir in about 1/4 cup sugar. Cover tightly and freeze for up to six months.

TO PREPARE: Asian, Indian and Latin American cuisines rely on coconut to impart a wonderfully rich, subtle flavor to everything from soups and stews to curries and sauces to puddings and baked treats. And many traditional treats demand coconut milk, such as Colombian hot cocoa and Puerto Rican rice pudding and eggnog. Substitute coconut juice or milk for water when cooking rice.

To dry shredded or flaked coconut, spread it evenly on a baking sheet and bake in a 125-degree oven (or the warm setting) until dried but not golden, about 30 minutes. To toast shredded or flaked coconut, spread it

on a baking sheet in the same manner but bake at 350 degrees, stirring frequently, until golden, about 20 minutes. Nibble or use as a garnish or in baking. Dried or toasted, the coconut can be stored tightly covered at room temperature.

To make coconut milk, start with equal amounts of water and grated coconut. Bring to a boil; transfer the water and the coconut to a food processor or blender, pulse several times and then process for about 30 seconds. Set the mixture aside to soak for 20 minutes.

Pour the coconut mixture through a strainer, pressing the coconut solids with the back of a spoon to extract as much of the milk as possible. Set the milk aside at room temperature for a few minutes to allow the rich cream-to-raise-to-the-top; this may be skimmed and reserved for recipes calling for coconut cream (not to be confused with cream of coconut, which is sweetened) or stirred back into the milk for added richness. If you prefer a thinner milk, pour additional boiling water - from two to four cups - over the coconut in the strainer. Discard the coconut meat. Coconut milk is best if used immediately, but may be refrigerated overnight.

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Cakes from a mix can be easy to make and also a big hit with guests

By Linda Cicero
The Miami Herald

Anne Byrn, author of the "The Cake Mix Doctor" (Workman) offers lots of cake mix recipes.

When Byrn needs a cake in a hurry, she says, she usually makes this one or a lemon variation.

FRESH ORANGE CAKE
1 18.25-ounce package yellow cake mix with pudding
1 cup fresh orange juice
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
4 large eggs

GLAZE:
1 cup confectioners' sugar, sifted
3 tablespoons fresh orange juice
1 teaspoon fresh grated orange zest

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly mist a 12-cup Bundt pan with vegetable oil spray, then dust with flour, shaking out excess. Set aside. Place the cake mix, orange juice, oil, sugar, vanilla and eggs in a large mixing bowl. Blend on low speed for 1 minute. Stop the machine and scrape down the sides of the bowl with a rubber spatula. Increase speed to medium and beat 2 minutes more, scraping the sides down again if needed. The batter should look thick and well blended.

Pour batter into prepared pan and place on middle rack of oven. Bake until cake is golden brown and starts to pull away from the sides of the pan, 45 to 50 minutes. Remove from oven and place on wire rack to cool for 20 minutes. Run a long, sharp knife around the edge of the cake and invert it onto a wire rack to cool completely, 30 minutes more.

Make glaze: Combine the sugar, juice and zest in a small bowl and stir until smooth. Place the cake on a serving platter and pour the glaze over the top, letting it drizzle down the sides. Let the glaze set a few minutes before slicing.

This legendary cake dates to 1876, Byrn writes, when Bacardi president William Walker was entertaining at his Miami home: "A neighbor brought a cake for dessert. It was based on a yellow cake mix and contained Bacardi dark rum in both the cake and the glaze... Walker asked corporate chef Julio Perez to make one of these cakes for Bacardi executives at lunchtime. They, too, loved the cake and the rest, as they say, is history."

BACARDI RUM CAKE

1 cup finely chopped pecans or walnuts
1 package (18.25 ounces) plain yellow cake mix
1 package (3.4 ounces) vanilla instant pudding mix
1/2 cup Bacardi dark rum
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/2 cup water
4 large eggs

GLAZE:
4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter
2 tablespoons water
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup Bacardi dark rum

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Lightly mist a 12-cup Bundt pan with vegetable oil spray, then dust with flour, shaking out excess. Sprinkle the nuts in the bottom of the pan; set aside. Place the cake mix, pudding mix, rum, oil, water and eggs in a large mixing bowl. Blend with an electric mixer on low speed for 1 minute. Stop the machine and scrape down the sides of the bowl with a rubber spatula. Increase speed to medium and beat 2 minutes more, scraping the sides

down again if needed. The batter should look thick and smooth. Pour into the prepared pan, smoothing it out with a rubber spatula. Place the pan in center rack in the oven. Bake until cake is golden brown and springs back when lightly pressed with your finger, 55 to 60 minutes. Remove from oven and place it on a wire rack to cool for 20 minutes. Run a long, sharp knife around the edge of the cake and invert onto a serving platter. Poke holes in the top with a wooden skewer or toothpick.

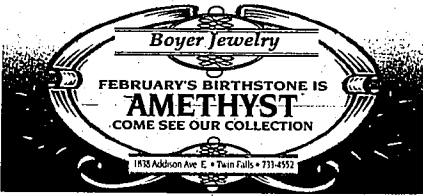
Prepare the glaze: Place the butter in a small saucepan and

melt over low heat, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the water and sugar, stirring. Increase heat to medium

and bring to a boil. Reduce heat slightly and let simmer until thickened, 4 to 5 minutes, stirring

constantly. Remove from the heat and stir in rum. Spoon glaze over the warm cake, allowing it

to seep into the holes and drizzle down the sides. Cool completely before slicing.



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FOOD & HOME

Get back to the basics with the food pyramid

By Carol J. G. Ward
Knight Ridder News Service

Building a healthy diet is like building a house. For a healthy diet, the blueprint can be found in the Food Guide Pyramid.

In 1992, the U.S. Department of Agriculture adopted the pyramid, which calls for eating a variety of foods to get the nutrients you need and the right amount of calories to maintain a healthy weight.

Start with plenty of breads, cereals, rice, pasta, vegetables and fruits. Include two to three servings from the milk group and two to three servings from the meat group. Choose skim milk, nonfat yogurt and part skim or low-fat cheeses often, as well as lean meat, poultry without skin, fish and dry beans and peas. And go easy on fats, oils and sweets.

For more information about the Food Guide Pyramid, visit their site on the Web at: www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/foodpyr/guid.html, or call the Palmetto Health District for a pyramid brochure: (803) 929-6607.

Here are some pyramid power recipes.

GARDEN PIE

6 servings

- 2 cups thinly sliced peeled zucchini
- 1 1/2 cups seeded and diced fresh tomatoes
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1 1/2 cups fat-free milk
- 3/4 cup biscuit mix
- 3 large eggs or 3/4 cup egg substitute

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Prepare a 9-inch glass or ceramic plate with nonstick pan spray. Layer the zucchini, tomatoes and onion in the pie plate. Sprinkle the Parmesan cheese and pepper evenly over the vegetables. Combine the milk, biscuit mix and eggs. Beat until smooth, about 1 minute; pour over the vegetables. Bake about 30 minutes. Let set 5 minutes before cutting into 6 equal wedges.

-From "The New Family Cookbook for People with Diabetes"

- SPINACH-ORANGE SALAD**
- 4 servings
- 4 cups spinach, torn into pieces
- 2 medium oranges, sectioned
- 2/3 cup fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1/2 cup red onion, sliced
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil

- 2 tablespoons vinegar
 - 1/2 cup orange juice
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- Place spinach in a bowl. Add orange sections, mushrooms and

onion. Toss lightly to mix. Mix oil, vinegar, orange juice, ginger and pepper well. Pour over spinach mixture. Chill

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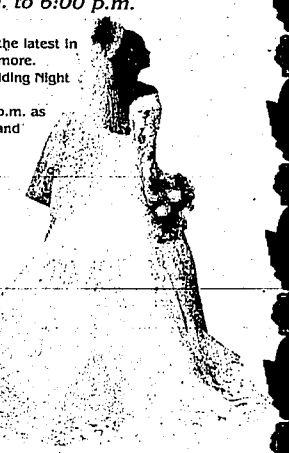
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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“Thank God to be out!”

—Ray Lewis, who left jail on a \$1 million bond Tuesday and is free for the first time since Jan. 31. Lewis was charged with murdering two men after a Super Bowl party earlier that day.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- Wrestling**
District Tournament at Wood River, 1 p.m.
District Tournament at Minico, 11 a.m.
- Girls' basketball**
State Class A-4 Tournament
Raft River vs. Cambridge, 1:45 p.m. (at Skyline HS)
Carey vs. Highland-Craigmont, 1:45 p.m. (at Kuna HS)
Dietrich vs. Leadora, 3:15 p.m. (at Skyline)
Shoshone vs. Idaho City, 8 p.m. (Kuna)
- Boys' basketball**
Class A-3 District Tournament
Declo vs. Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Magic Valley Conference Tournament, at Burley
Murtaugh vs. Hagerman, 7 p.m.
Castelford vs. Oakley, 8:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

TFHS to host area spring rules clinics

BURLEY — The state IHSAA rules clinics for high school track programs as well as baseball and softball umpires will be held next Monday, Feb. 21, at Twin Falls High School.

The track clinic will begin at 7 p.m. in the faculty lounge. Representatives from each school should attend. For more information, call 733-9823.

The softball clinic will begin at 6 p.m. and the baseball clinic will start at 7 p.m. Interested umpires should contact district commissioner Craig Mills at 678-6506 during the day, or 678-7144 in the evening, for more information.

Mini-Cassia youth basketball tryouts set

BURLEY — Tryouts for a Mini-Cassia traveling youth basketball team for boys ages 9-11 will be held Saturday, Feb. 26, from 3-5 p.m. at White Pine Elementary School.

The team will travel to various tournaments around the state. A \$10 registration fee is required and parents will be responsible for covering traveling expenses and tournament entry fees. Volunteer coaches and assistant coaches will be needed. For more information, contact Kody Ketterling at 678-2342.

Sports card show comes to TF Sunday

TWIN FALLS — The annual SportsCards Unlimited sports card, Beanie Baby, Pokemon show is coming to The Ballroom (205 Shoshone St. N. in downtown Twin Falls) this Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dealers from across southern Idaho will be on hand to buy, sell and trade. For more information, call 734-0779 (days) or 734-1384 (evenings). Admission is free.

Correction

In a story Friday on the Jerome parents who were barred from attending extracurricular activities at Jerome High School, the couple received the letter from the Jerome School District banning them from the school three days after their removal from the high school gym on Jan. 22. An earlier letter informed them they had violated a district harassment policy and only warned of possible banishment.

The Times-News regrets the error.

Compiled from staff and wire reports



Above, Declo High School seniors Ty Cahoon, left, and Lance Osterhout are among the favorites to capture this year's Class A-3 District IV heavyweight title and return to the state tournament at Idaho State University. Below, Osterhout spots Cahoon during a workout at Declo High School. Osterhout won the A-3 title at 275 pounds last season, while Cahoon, who recently committed to play football this fall at Rickle College, took home third place.

Double trouble

Hornet big men are A-3 favorites

By Matt Peterson
Times-News writer

DECLO — It's a script even Vince McMahon might admire. Two long-time friends, who together weigh well over a quarter ton, turn against each other and do battle for the heavyweight title.

While that scenario has been played out repeatedly in the World Wrestling Federation, it's one that remains fresher than a spring rain for Declo heavyweights Lance Osterhout and Ty Cahoon. In fact, the two Declo big men might well find later this month in Pocatello that the only thing standing between one of them and a Class A-3 state heavyweight title is the other.

Neither wrestler is a stranger to the state's most prestigious tournament. Osterhout, the defending state champion, defeated Clearwater Valley's Bo Johnson in overtime to win last year's crown, while Cahoon, after losing in the first round, rallied to finish third. With Johnson's graduation last June, Osterhout and Cahoon have had a corner on the No. 1 and No. 2 state rankings all season.

Wrestling fans ought to get a preview of the matchup Thursday at the District IV Tournament in Declo.

In last year's district championship, Osterhout pinned Cahoon in the second round.

"We wrestled before last year and we both kind of just danced around and didn't really try that hard," Cahoon said. "But we want at each other pretty hard (at districts)."

Cahoon, the state's Class A-3 football player of the year, is several inches taller and a few pounds heavier than Osterhout, but the defending state champ enjoys a distinct advantage. As the Hornets' varsity wrestles all season, Osterhout has wrestled on a consistent basis. Cahoon, on the other hand, has been limited to only a handful of matches.

"It's really hard being a senior and backing up the No. 1 wrestler in the state," Cahoon said. "I can't wrestle junior varsity because I come up against freshmen and sophomores and I really don't want to hurt anyone. ... There's really no room for a second heavyweight besides district and state."

Unlike dual meets and some weekend tournaments, coaches can enter two wrestlers in each weight division come the postseason.

Last year, the lack of mat time

State wrestling rankings — D3

at the District IV Tournament in Declo.

"It's been hard for Ty to get to practice every day and work his butt off and not have the payoffs of wrestling in matches," said Declo head coach Jason Taylor.

But his dedication has not gone unappreciated. Osterhout, in particular, has been grateful for Cahoon's daily presence — it's given him the chance to train consistently against the state's best competition.

"It's definitely a great thing to have somebody who can push you every day — not just in a match, but every day in the room," Osterhout said. "Me and Ty get some good wrestle-offs going. Coach Taylor pushes us both."

Training against each other has also made them familiar with each other's style.

"Lance has got a really awkward body style," Cahoon said. "He's hard to wrestle. He's not tall, so you don't really have an opening. He sits tight and there's really not much you can do that affects him. And you definitely don't want to shoot on him."

Standing a Jaiir under six feet and weighing 270 pounds,



Declo High School seniors Ty Cahoon, left, and Lance Osterhout are among the favorites to capture this year's Class A-3 District IV heavyweight title and return to the state tournament at Idaho State University.

didn't seem to affect Cahoon's performance. He finished third despite wrestling just 10 matches all year. In contrast, Osterhout has won more than 100 matches in his varsity career.

"We've played really well," said Raft River head coach Randy Spaeth, who has taken the Trojans to the state tournament the last three seasons. "Our last two games, we played our best basketball. We're going in with a pretty laid-back attitude."

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Here's a capsule look at each team in this year's state tournament:

Cambridge Bulldogs
Coach: Kim Edwards, 1st year
Record: 10-13
Road to state: Took second in league, was District III's fourth seed.

Key players: sr. G Trudy Royal, jr. P Kayla Schwenkfelder (10 ppg, 10 rpg), sr. P Jessie Slyer
Scouting report: Strength is bench ... Six seniors on roster, four juniors ... Question mark is the team's overall lack of height ... Two-time state champion. Open with Raft River.

Carey Panthers
Coach: Elizabeth Young, 1st year
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District wrestling tournaments

The District IV high school wrestling meets begin today with the Class A-1 and A-2 tournaments. The A-3 district tourney will be held Thursday at Declo.

Class A-1: at Minico High School, 11 a.m. today
Class A-2: at Wood River High School, 3 p.m. today
Class A-3: at Declo High School, 2:30 p.m. Thursday

Other information:
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Tigers barely survive, but will face Bruins again

By John Derr
Times-News writer

JEROME — The Tigers left the door open, but Century did not take advantage as Jerome survived to play another day, defeating the Diamondbacks, 57-51, in A-1 Region III boys' basketball consolation action Tuesday.

Jerome stormed out of the gates, sprinting to a 15-0 run in the first quarter, then held on down the stretch to defeat Century for the third time this season. The victory keeps the Tigers hope of a state berth alive while ending the season for the Diamondbacks. Next up for Jerome is Twin Falls, a rematch of the opening round was by the Bruins 59-57, on Thursday in another loser-out battle. The winner of that game meets Burley on Saturday.

"This was our last home game, so we had nothing to lose. We wanted to play our best and with intensity," said Brad Pettengill, who finished 8 of 8 from the field to lead the Tigers with 16 points. "I am playing with confidence. Now I have no doubt when I go to the hole that the shot is going to fall."

Century scored the first basket of the game, but it was all Tigers for the rest of the period. Jason Lierman scored inside, Todd Capps added a bucket and Pettengill converted a pair of lay-ups for a seven-point advantage as the Tigers quickly pushed the ball up the court.

Minor league ball returns to Twin Falls

By Matt Peterson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Get ready to play ball.

Minor league baseball will return to Twin Falls this summer after nearly three decades on hiatus, when the newly formed four-team Rocky Mountain Independent Professional Baseball League begins play on Independence Day.

The formation of the league — which includes teams in Twin Falls, Ontario, Ore., Pocatello and Walla Walla, Wash. — was announced today by league founder Gary Jones, a former minor league general manager and club owner from Indiana.

The four teams will play a 60-game schedule with opening day set for July 4. Home games for the Twin Falls' club will be played at Frontier Field, with seating brought over from the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center to accommodate as many as 1,500 spectators.

The league will field competition similar to that seen in the Class A New York-Penn and Northwest Leagues and the rookie-level Pioneer League. Each club will have a 24-man roster made up of 20 rookies and four players with prior professional experience. No player will be 26 years old before July 1 of each year.

Jones did not immediately disclose the franchise cost, but said in a news release that the league "is being formed to bring professional baseball and affordable family entertainment to selected communities not presently part of professional baseball." The news release also stated that other cities have already applied for expansion teams in 2001.

Although the league's ownership groups have agreed "in principle" as to who the league's commissioner will be, the person's name has not yet been released, said Jeff Duggan, chairman of 2001 franchise bids. Duggan formed to bring minor league baseball back to Twin Falls.

Duggan, assistant to the president and athletic director at the College of Southern Idaho, is one of two local investors already signed on to the project. The other is Twin Falls attorney Laird Stone.

Once a commissioner has been named, general managers will be hired for all four teams, Duggan said.

Next week, the Twin Falls group will elect its team president and announce the remaining names of the club's initial investors. The group is "still soliciting some of (its) initial investors," Duggan said, but currently consists of 15-20 people who have each paid "a little less than \$50,000" to join the group.

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A-4 teams share title dreams

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Ready or not, here they come.

The 2000 Class A-4 girls' Real Dairy Shootout girls' high school basketball tournament tips off today at Skyline and Kuna high schools, with 16 teams putting it all on the line in the hope of reaching Saturday's state basketball championship.

Four Magic Valley teams, including the defending state champion Dietrich Lady Blue team, are heading west knowing that even one loss will put an end to a season of hard work.

"We had a good shot at volleyball and let it slip through our fingers," said Shoshone head coach Tim Chapman, whose squad topped the Blue Devils twice for the Northside title two weeks ago. "They want to win, and beating Dietrich twice was huge for us."

Dietrich (16-7) began the post-season best, winning its first three games of the Northside Conference Sub-District tournament. But any momentum the Lady Blue Devils may have gained ended when they lost three of their final four games. Besides a sweep at the hands of Shoshone (21-5), the Blue Devils fell to Dietrich (17-5) for the state's third seed.

Of the four local squads head-

State Tourney

ing to state, only Raft River (15-7) represents the Magic Valley Conference. The Trojans reached the tournament by sweeping the southside sub-district tournament before defeating Shoshone, 45-42 for the district championship.

If Raft River has learned anything the past few years, it would be this: don't get too high, and don't get too low. Keep an even keel, but at all costs win in the first round.

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Region III Tournament

turned a pair of lay-ups for a seven-point advantage as the Tigers quickly pushed the ball up the court.

Pettengill hit two jumpers and Brad Stokes added a three-pointer as Jerome led 18-6 after the quarter. Century only managed nine attempts in the quarter as the Tigers' defense clamped their pressure.

"They were hungry for a win. They know it's do-or-die time and they didn't want to be over," said Jerome coach Larry Walter. "You can see the intensity in their eyes before we came out."

Midway through the second quarter the Diamondbacks turned up the heat, cutting the deficit to eight points. The Tigers got baskets from Capps and Pettengill to push the lead back to double digits, but a late three-pointer kept the margin at eight points, 30-22, at the half.

Late in the third period a steal and layup by Stokes gave Jerome a 14-point lead and the game looked to be over, but the Diamondbacks again rallied, finishing the quarter on a 6-0 run as the lead remained at eight, heading to

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SPORTS

Indians blast TF 69-50 in tourney

POCATELLO - Pocatello post Brandon Mennear scored a game-high 24 points as the defending A-1 state basketball champion...

Local sports

ing and Travis Tate's 27 points helped the Camas County Mustangs outlast the Dietrich Blue Devils, 55-44...

Bruce Dilworth led Dietrich with 11 points. The Blue Devils take the No. 3 seed into next week's A-4 District tournament.

SCIC Tournament

Buhl 53, Gooding 43
BUHL - Led by Chris Flynn's 22 points, Buhl weathered a host-shooting Seamus Campbell...

With the victory, the Indians head into Thursday night's SCIC loser-out affair against Wood River

at 6 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium. Both teams split in the regular season.

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COACH: GUYTON (10) B. Aker, J. Schuman, J. Lee, T. Aker, T. Aker...

TFCA 61, MVCS 34

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls Christian Academy grabbed 32 rebounds and outscored the Conquerors 13-2 in the opening quarter...

"We just scored a lot of inside points," said TFCA coach Brent Walker.

The Warriors (10-6) next play at Northwest Christian Schools Tournament. Play begins Monday and runs through Wednesday.

The Conquerors have won the 12-team tournament two years running.

Worm gets first ejection, Mavs lose

DALLAS (AP) - In his second game, Dennis Rodman earned his first ejection.

Rodman pulled down 16 rebounds before being ejected in the fourth quarter of the Dallas Mavericks' 112-99 loss to Milwaukee on Tuesday night.

Glenn Robinson led the Bucks with 29 points.

Nugget 27, Timberwolves 104 OT

MINNEAPOLIS - Nick Van Exel scored 25 points, including a crucial 3-pointer in overtime, and the Denver Nuggets snapped a 10-game road skid.

Terrell Brandon was short on a 3-pointer at the buzzer. The teams ended regulation tied 100-100 after going the final 1:41 without scoring.

Lakers 88, Bulls 76

CHICAGO - Phil Jackson returned to the scene of his greatest glories Tuesday night, this time as the opponent as his Los Angeles Lakers beat the Bulls.

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fans, though, who packed the United Center for one of the few times since the Bulls went through one of the most sordid breakdowns in NBA history.

Cavallers 92, Spurs 81

CLEVELAND - Lamond Murray scored 27 points, rookie Andre Miller had 20 and the Cavaliers snapped a four-game losing streak by outshooting the defending NBA champions.

Heat 107, Clippers 88

MIAMI - Jamal Mashburn scored 26 points to Miami over the reeling Clippers, handing Los Angeles its seventh straight loss and 17th defeat in 18 games.

Hawks 103, Nets 86

ATLANTA - Dikembe Mutombo had 21 points, 13 rebounds and 11 blocked shots for his third career triple-double.

Gill's layup with 4:27 remaining to register his first triple-double with the Hawks.

Hornets 95, 76ers 93

PHILADELPHIA - Eddie Jones banked in a 19-foot jumper with 2.2 seconds left.

Raptors 91, Knicks 70

TORONTO - Vince Carter scored 25 points and Tracy McGrady had 18, including 14 in the third quarter, as Toronto won its seventh straight home game.

Rockets 107, Pistons 102

HOUSTON - Shandon Anderson scored 25 points, including eight in the fourth period, to lead the Houston Rockets to a 107-102 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Tuesday night.

Northside Conference Tournament

Camas County 55, Dietrich 44
SHOSHONE - Clutch full shoot

Last year's powers remain in hunt at MVC tournament

By Dex Dutton
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - Two key figures from last year's state Class A-4 boys' basketball tournament face one-on-one stakes battling one another tonight for the final seed to next week's District IV Tournament.

At the Magic Valley Conference Tournament Tuesday night at Burley High School, 1999 state runner-up Murtaugh advanced with a 68-64 win over Raft River and consolation winner Hagerman met on with an 83-52 rout of Hansen.

In the late game, the Pirates' Matt Green led the way with 23 points.

"Matt Green has been our strength defensively all year," said Hagerman coach Willie Harbison. "This was a nice thing to see tonight."

The Pirates outscored the Huskies 23-11 in the first quarter, and led the rest of the way.

"These guys aren't that bad," Harbison said. "But when it comes down to one game, anything can happen."

Heading into tonight's game against the Red Devils, Harbison and his players know they'll have their hands full. Murtaugh has beaten Hagerman twice this season.

"We need to come ready to go," Harbison said. "Fresh out of a three-point loss to Oakley on Monday, the Red Devils had to fend off Trojan sophomore Jacob Nelson's 30 points - including 10 in the final period. Nelson and his team mounted several comeback attempts, but in the end the Trojans were unable to overcome the Murtaugh inside game."

"Every time they started a run, we held on," said Murtaugh coach Clair Anderson, who had high praise for Nelson.

"He is about as good of a ball player as there is. He is just amazing," he said. "He is hard to stop."

In a game in which they trailed, the Red Devils took the early lead after having caused four consecutive first-quarter Trojan turnovers - while themselves scoring on high percentage layups and inside shots.

With a ten-point advantage at the half, the Red Devils appeared to have the game well in hand. But the Trojans went inside to Nelson, who connected on two field goals.

Joel Darrington, Scott Lee and Richard Hall each added a desire and Murtaugh's third-period lead was shaved to seven.

Opening the final period, Nelson again came up big, scoring five unanswered to bring Raft River to within a bucket. But Murtaugh's size and control in the paint cut short the Trojan scoring run and swung the late-fourth quarter momentum to the Red Devils.

Murtaugh's Kyle Roseborough scored five of his team-high 16 points in the final minute and went a lead-preserving 5-for-8 from the free-throw line.

Raft River pulled to within three in the final minute, but was unable to convert on three consecutive three-point attempts.

Today, Hagerman and Murtaugh tangle at 7 p.m., with Castleford and Oakley playing for the conference title and top seed to districts at 8 p.m. The Hagerman-Murtaugh winner will play the loser of that game Thursday at 8 p.m. to decide second and third seed at districts.

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Record: 17-5
Road-to-state: Took Northside Sub-district's No. 3 seed into District IV tournament; beat Southside No. 2 Hagerman to qualify for state, then knocked off defending state champ Dietrich for third district seed.

Key players: 5-8 sr. F Kami Peck (11.4 ppg, 4 rpg, 3.5 stg), 5-9 sr. P Kristy Barton (10 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 2.3 stg), 5-4 sr. G Jenny Royal

Scouting report: New coach ... Looking for first state appearance ... Quick pressing team that likes the fast break ... Not overly tall, but this is a senior-laden bunch. Open with Highland-Craigmont.

Clark Fork Wampus Cats

Coach: Mark Stevens, 6th year
Record: 11-4
Road-to-state: District I champ. Dominated in a weak North Star League.

Key players: 5-9 so. P Shana Worcester (team-high 13.5 ppg), 5-8 so. PG Courtney Kiebert (8.2 ppg)

Scouting report: Kiebert missed district final due to strep throat ... Young team that went 1-2 at state in 1999 ... Worcester was a star as a freshman ... Squad counters lack of height with hustle. Open against Midvale.

Dietrich Blue Devils

Coach: Gene Shaw, 11th year
Record: 16-7
Road-to-state: Northside Sub-district's second seed into district tourney after losing twice to Shshone for North title; beat Murtaugh to secure return ticket to state, then lost to Carey in game of the district semifinals.

Key players: 5-6 sr. G/F Brandi McCowan, 5-3 sr. G Cindee Edwards, 5-7 sr. P Becky Towner

Scouting report: Defending state Class A-4 champion ... Top scorer McCowan played big role on that team ... Questionable depth, rebounding are question marks, but the Blue Devils press with the best and are deadly off the fast break ... Bottom line: could repeat. Open with Leadore.

Genesee Bulldogs

Coach: Robin Barnes, 1st year
Record: 16-8
Road-to-state: No. 3 seed from District II tourney; entered district as No. 4 seed, but upset No. 3 seed Kendrick 42 in 1st-place game after losing to the Tigers twice in regular season.

Key players: 5-6 jr. G Eise Booth (good post-up moves), 5-8 so. F Katie Sobczyk (led team in three-pointers).

Scouting report: Team has no big star - different leading scorer every night ... Went 0-3 against Troy this year, 0-2 against Highland-Craigmont ... Team is in its third head coach in as many years ... Barnes is a former U of I player and Moscow coach. Open with Rimrock.

Greenleaf Friends Academy

Coach: Kari Fisk, 7th year
Record: 2-2
Road-to-state: No. 3 seed from District III, beat Cambridge 56-35 in Feb. 19 A-4 seeding game; lost to Rimrock 51-41 on Feb. 17 to finish as district's southern district runner-up.

Key players: 5-8 sr. G/W Jenny Binford (23.7 ppg, 10 rpg, 6 steals a game), 5-6 sr. G Pam Mavencamp (11.5 ppg, 6 steals, 6 assists per game), 5-10 sr. P Tasha Darrams (9.5 ppg, 9 rpg)

Scouting report: Four returning starters from 1999 fourth-place state team ... Binford was District III South Player of the Year. Open with Troy.

Highland-Craigmont

Coach: Shawn Bovey, 2nd year
Record: 21-2
Road-to-state: District II champion. Beat Troy 59-34 in district title match. Went 3-0 at district tournament.

Key players: 5-9 sr. Moly Mathison (18 ppg, 8 rpg), 5-11 jr. P Maureen Way (strong inside)

Scouting report: Only two losses were to five-time state champion Troy during regular season ... Finish as third seed last year, and most components are back. Plays a physical man defense. Open against Carey.

Idaho City Wildcats

Coach: Vicki Brown, 3rd year
Record: 18-7
Road-to-state: Fifth seed from District III

Key players: Jr. F Autumn Callahan (17 ppg), 5-11 jr. Lindsey Callahan (12 ppg), sr. Jenny Callahan (9 ppg)

Scouting report: The Callahans - two sisters (Autumn and Jenny) and one cousin - were a force to be reckoned with in 1999-00 ... Jenny is team's only senior ... This year marks the Wildcats' second trip to state in the school's five years of existence. Open against Shoshone.

Kootenai Warriors

Coach: Doug Napierala, 2nd year
Record: 6-15
Road-to-state: District I runner-up. Lost to Clark Fork, 50-32, for district championship.

Leadore Mustangs

Coach: Tony Cooper, 8th season
Record: 16-2
Road-to-state: No. 1 seed in District V-VI tournament, sweeping way to state tournament.

Key players: 6-4 jr. P Hollie Tyler (24.7 ppg, 16.7 rpg, 7.9 bpg, 4.4 stg), jr. F Tawna Kauer (6.4 ppg, 4.5 stg)

Scouting report: Mustangs' two losses were to Sho-Ban in regular-season finale on A-3 night. Although she is constantly double- and triple-teamed, Tyler regularly scores in the mid-20s and low-30s ... Mustangs open with defending state champion Dietrich at 3:15 ... Trojans take their place at last year's tournament ... Located in north-central Idaho. Open with Dietrich.

Midvale Rangers

Coach: Dennis Holmes, 3rd year
Record: 20-3
Road-to-state: Won league title in weaker conference; District III runner-up to Rimrock, 53-41

Key players: 5-9 sr. F Kylee Doggett (leading scorer), sr. G Katie Piper (leads in rebounds, 10 ppg)

Scouting report: Went to state last two years, out in first two rounds ... Three seniors, good leadership ... Defense-minded, fast-breaking team ... Incredible shooting, making open looks will be team's key to success ... Start the tournament against the well-coached Wampus Cats.

Raft River Trojans

Coach: Randy Spaeth, 3rd season
Record: 15-7
Road-to-state: District IV's top seed stormed through Southside Sub-District and District tournaments undefeated, beating Shoshone, 45-42 for the No. 1 berth.

Key players: 5-11 sr. F Trisha Hitt (44 ppg, 9.5 rpg), 5-8 sr. G Hannah Hansen; 6-0 sr. F Katie Rigby

Scouting report: Went 1-2 at last year's state tournament ... Tall and experienced ... Active on the glass ... Open with two-time state champion Cambridge ... Spaeth has taken team to state

every year since his hire. Open with Cambridge.

Key players: sr. G T. Rae Hutchings (27.0 ppg, 5.0 rpg, 5 stg, 6 steals)

Scouting report: Uptempo-type team ... Full-court pressing team ... Size is a concern, as tallest player is only 5-9 post Sunni Big Day ... Lost fourth-place game last year to Leadore ... One of only two teams to have beaten Leadore this season ... Open with defending state champion Dietrich ... Located at Fort Hall.

Rimrock Ralders

Coach: Bob Delle, 2nd season
Record: 21-3
Road-to-state: No. 1 seed from District III South, beat Midvale, 53-41 for state berth.

Key players: 5-10 soph. G Michelle Hipwell (13 ppg), 6-1 sr. P Pauline Hegerhorst (10 ppg, 11 rpg); 5-8 jr. G Mila Basabe (6 assists/game)

Scouting report: Finished 1-2 at last year's state tournament ... Located in Bruneau ... Won consolation trophy at 1998 state tournament ... Uptempo offense, balanced scoring - six different players have led in the scoring column this season. Open with Genesee.

Sho-Ban Chiefs

Coach: Jodie VandeVenter
Record: 19-4
Road-to-state: No. 2 seed in District V-VI. After losing to Rockland, Sho-Ban beat North Gem, Mackay and Rockland for title.

Key players: 5-10 sr. P Anna Cox (11.8 ppg, 7.2 rpg, 2.3 stg), 6-3 soph. P Monica Urrig (13.8 ppg, 9.6 rpg), 5-5 sr. C Amy Williams (1.4 3fg, 7.0 ppg, 4.8 stg, 3.5 steals); 5-7 jr. W Jennifer

Scouting report: Indians bring size and smarts to state. Urrig and Cox are both capable of taking over games in the paint ... Lost to Hagerman in state consolation final last year ... State champions in 1986 ... Open with Idaho City.

Troy Trojans

Coach: Kortnie Mills, 1st year
Record: 18-4
Road-to-state: District II runner-up. Lost to Highland-Craigmont in title game.

Key player: 5-8 sr. Lisa Johnson (17 ppg, 7 rpg)

Scouting report: Team has won five titles in 1990s (lost to Dietrich in final last year) - has gone to state 11 of last 12 seasons ... Exciting Bobbi Hazeltine took job at Walla Walla Community College; coach Mills (formerly Edwards) was a star player at Cambridge in the mid-1980s ... Team is senior- and defense-dominated ... Tough man defense, lots of low-scoring games in 1999-00 (usually hold opponents to 20-30 ppg). Open against Greenleaf.

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SPORTS

Wrestle

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Osterhout is also surprisingly quick.
"Lance is really aggressive on his feet," Taylor said. "He wants to get there and take you down..."

iron, however, has been replaced by humility on the wrestling mats.
Although he could challenge Osterhout for the varsity position, he said he prefers to defer to his friend.

Jerome

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the final period.
Pettingill and take you Brett Cook both scored in the paint as Jerome held its advantage at 48-40 with five minutes left in the game.

Jerome finished the game shooting 57 percent on 23-for-40 from the field while Century finished at 44 percent on 23-for-52 attempts.
Lierman added 11 points while Cook finished with 10. Matt Stuckel also chipped in 11 points for the Diamondbacks.

the chicken strips at the nearby Country Store Gas & Deli.
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Minors

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The contest to determine the team's name, logo and colors will also be opened to the public next week, he said.
Whether beer will be sold during games at Frontier Field remains up in the air, Duggan said that issue will have to be negotiated by the as yet-to-be-named general manager and the city of Twin Falls.

Today's announcement is a giant step towards finalizing a process that began nearly four months ago for the Twin Falls baseball team.
In late October, the committee accepted a proposal from former Boise Hawks' manager Matt Fitchman. In short, Fitchman's proposal called for: (1) finding an existing ballpark that, with a few minor additions, could host professional baseball; (2) filling the team's roster with talented and experienced players; and (3) making sure community interests existed for a minor league team.

SPORTS-IN-BRIEF

Lewis free on \$1 million bond after two weeks in jail
ATLANTA Surrounded by deputies, a smiling Ray Lewis left jail on an \$1 million bond Tuesday, slipped into a car and rode away with his lawyers, mother and fiancée.
"Thank God to be out!" said the Baltimore Ravens' linebacker, who was wearing a brown football jersey with the word "Supreme" on the back.
Lewis is free for the first time since Jan. 31, when he was charged with murdering two men after a Super Bowl party earlier that day.

English springer spaniel wins best-in-show honors
NEW YORK Sailing along on snowy, feathered feet, a lively English springer spaniel showed her champion bloodlines and world-class breeding as she took best-in-show honors Tuesday night at the Westminster Kennel Club Show.
Sallynn "Ernie" Shumaker, the 5-year-old daughter of 1993 Westminster Best-in-Show winner, took the top dog Sallynn's Condor, long-haired, silver, standing pool-dog to win the 50th best-in-show title of her career, which will end now.
The dog, owned by Carl Blain and Fran Sunseri of Sacramento, Calif., won the sporting group earlier in the evening. She'll return with Fitz-Cred to join her sire, Robert, in Troy, Mich.

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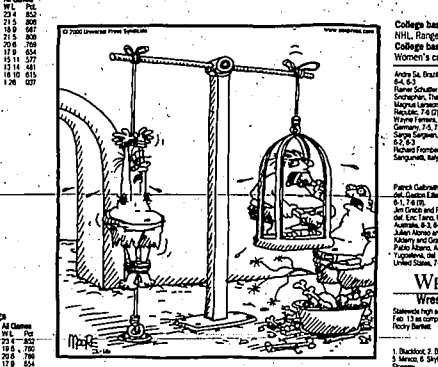
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IN THE BLEACHERS - By Steve Moore



"Come on! Eat, eat, eat! No gain, no pain!"

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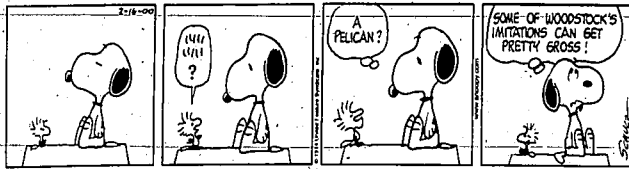
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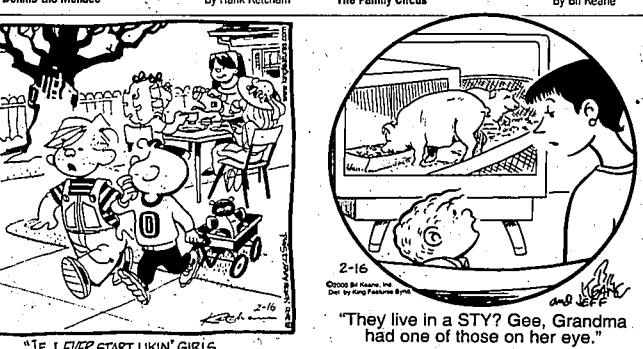


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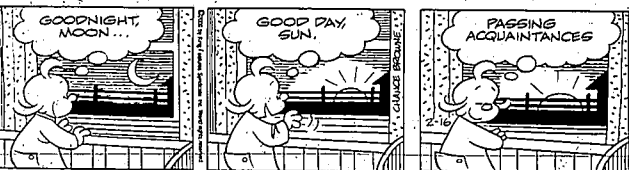
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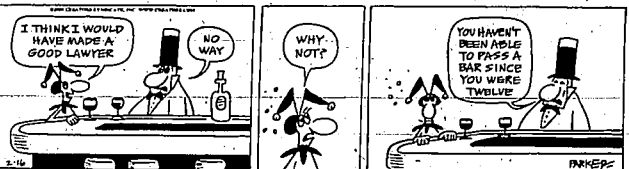
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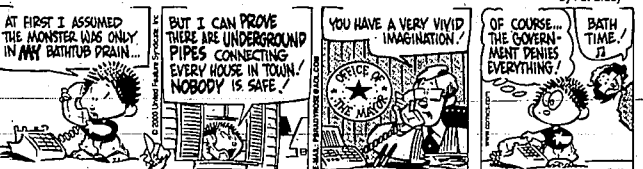
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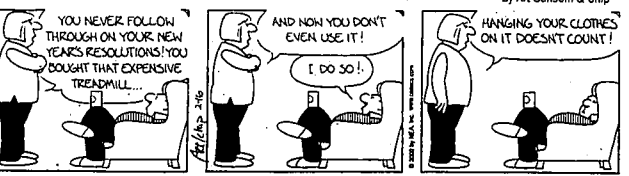
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Workshop addresses shrinking farmland

TWIN FALLS - From 1992 to 1997, Idaho added 190 farms, bringing the total to 22,314. That is not necessarily a hopeful statistic for those who value Idaho's open space and farmland, said Moscow agricultural economist Neil Meyer.

The University of Idaho extension specialist said the rest of the statistical story is that the acreage farmed declined by more than 1.6 million acres. Average size of farms dropped from 609 to 530 acres.

To help communities come to terms with the trend toward shrinking farms, a coalition of state groups plans "Idaho's Vanishing Landscapes: Strategies for Conserving Idaho's Open Space and Farmland," a workshop to be held in five Idaho cities.

The workshop will help those concerned about Idaho's landscapes estimate land use, economic and demographic changes, sponsors said. Other topics include how to estimate citizens' attitudes toward land-use trends, and understanding techniques to accommodate development while protecting open space.

Speakers will address the role of comprehensive planning and current tools available in Idaho, the university said.

The workshop set for Twin Falls will be March 23 at Cavanaugh's Canyon Springs Hotel, Call Julie Thomas at 733-5380, Ext. 132.

Registration costs \$40; limited scholarships are available. Additional registrations for the same organization are \$20.

Registration is due two weeks before the workshop; send a check payable to Bursar, University of Idaho to: Farmland Workshop, Attn: Winnie Neese, Ag Econ and Rural Sociology, University of Idaho Cooperative Extension, P.O. Box 442334, Moscow, ID 83844.

Registration information also may be faxed to 885-5759 or e-mailed to vnese@uidaho.edu.

Sun Valley Co. touts new snow deposits on slopes

SUN VALLEY - The third blizzard of the 1999-2000 ski season deposited more than 18 inches of fresh powder on Baldy, Sun Valley's ski mountain, the Sun Valley Ski Patrol reported Tuesday.

More than 88 inches were recorded at the peak and 62 at the base Tuesday morning, Sun Valley Co. said.

"The repeated heavy snowfalls since Christmas have created some of the best ski and boarding conditions in the nation at Sun Valley, during this year of light to moderate snow in most other areas. This should assure our guests world-class skiing at least until April 23," said Wallace Huffman, general manager.

Enthusiasts can receive the ski shuttle to Baldy early every morning by e-mail, by logging on to the company's Web site.

State sets deadline for utility's application

BOISE - The Idaho Public Utilities Commission set a Feb. 24 deadline to receive written public comment on a request by Idaho Power Co. to revise some charges to irrigation pumpers.

Idaho Power is seeking authority to amend the rates being charged as service deposits, the interest rate paid, prepayment options and preferred due dates for deposit payments, as well as service termination procedures.

Comments can be sent to the commission at 472 W. Washington in Boise, faxed to 334-3762, or e-mailed to inwletter@puc.state.id.us.

Finance Department takes action against telemarketer

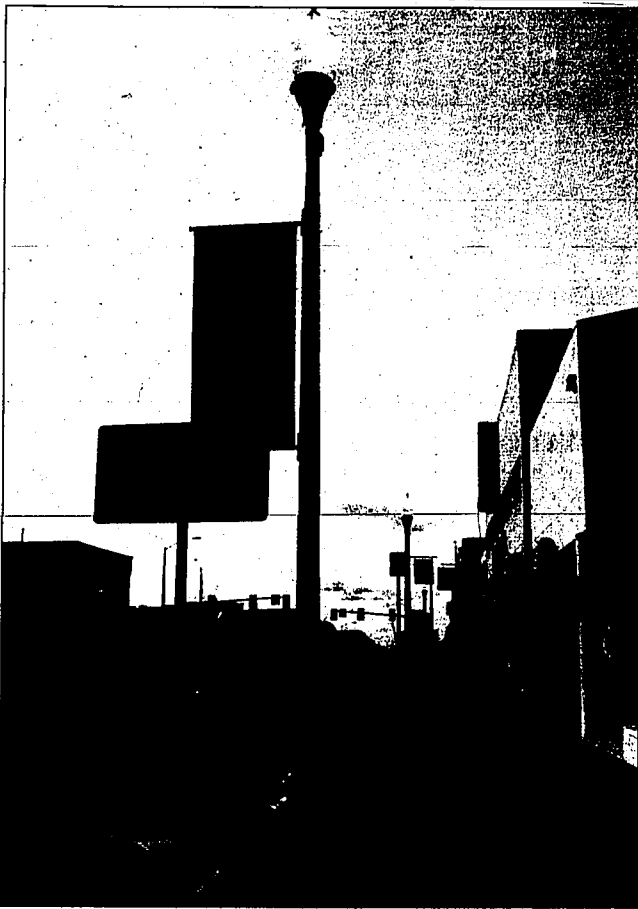
BOISE - The Department of Finance has obtained a permanent injunction against International Currency Management and Howard Needle, both of Hollywood, Fla.

The defendants promoted by telephone on sold investments in an off-exchange foreign currency trading program to Idaho residents.

The Finance Department says the company violated the registration and anti-fraud provisions of the Idaho Securities Act and committed securities transactions of the Idaho Commodity Code.

A court order instructed International Currency Management and Needle to obtain one Idaho investor's \$135,000.

Compiled from staff and wire reports



Jerome resident Zach Nipper spends time in the city's newly renovated downtown area Tuesday. Jerome earned praise from a state official Tuesday as a fine example of entrepreneurial spirit.

Praising progress in Jerome

Commerce director says town has done an excellent job

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

JEROME - There's a progressive attitude in Jerome that Gary Mahn would like to package up and ship to other small Idaho cities.

"This community is very entrepreneurial," Mahn, the Idaho Department of Commerce director, told Jerome's Rotary Club Tuesday. He is in the Magic Valley again today to meet with Twin Falls groups.

Jerome's recent refurbishing of its downtown, and the new commercial and industrial developments popping up around town, are evidence of the city's unusual initiative, its vibrancy and its economic vitality, Mahn said. And Jerome's smaller counterparts are about to get some attention from a state group hoping to spur similar developments.

"The state overall is in a very, very prosperous period," Mahn told Rotarians. Idaho unemployment levels, for example, are at a 30-year low.

But averages are misleading. Of the state's 44 counties, he

said, only 11 are prosperous and 33 have either high unemployment or low per-capita income, a situation prevalent in agricultural areas. Those large pockets of the state that are struggling economically are the focus of a major new initiative.

'This community is very entrepreneurial.'

- Gary Mahn, Idaho Department of Commerce director

The governor's budget for the Commerce Department this year includes \$350,000 for rural-Idaho issues, Mahn said. The department formed a Rural Development Task Force of 50 or 60 people, co-chaired by Con Paulos of Jerome, who is also Magic Valley's representative on the Idaho Economic Advisory Council.

The rough definition for "rural" Idaho: the 181 communities in the state with fewer than 3,000 people.

Other locals on the task force include several Twin Falls manufacturing plants' managers, a Burley city official and a bank executive, Paulos said, adding that the Magic Valley will have

healthy representation. The full group will have its first meeting March 14 in Boise.

The task force will explore how rural communities can help themselves develop economically; its recommendations will go to the Legislature, the governor and the towns themselves. A report is expected from the task force by summer, Mahn said.

One of Mahn's aims for Idaho's rural areas is to "help them reinvent themselves," particularly through electronic commerce, he said.

Another push by the Commerce Department this year will be a "positive, aggressive" marketing program to improve Idaho's image beyond the West, Mahn said. The state's large companies tell the department their recruiting efforts are hampered by the inaccurate perception of Idaho as a home to just potato growers and extremists.

Also Tuesday, Mahn praised the successes of Twin Falls insulation and mulch manufacturer Hamilton Manufacturing Inc. in expanding its paper-recycling plant through developing foreign trade.

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Idaho company must pay \$95,000 to workers

The Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. - An Idaho company must pay \$95,000 to 12 workers in the Spokane area and has been banned from bidding on future public works projects in Washington.

Art's Electric Inc. of Moscow was penalized by the state Department of Labor and Industries in a settlement agreement. The company also does business as Palouse County Electric and U Cities Contracting.

The permanent ban on public

works jobs is the first time Labor and Industries has used that penalty in a prevailing-wage case.

"This sends a clear message to all contractors who wish to bid on public works projects," said Jim Walton, who did the investigation for the agency. "You had better comply with the Washington state prevailing-wage laws if you're going to bid for public works jobs."

Owner John Ficca failed to pay his workers the prevailing wage for six projects at Washington State University and the city of Pullman from 1995-1997, the

agency said.

State law requires that employees be paid the prevailing wage by contractors working on government projects.

Ficca was also accused of failing to pay overtime to employees, and falsifying payroll documents required for public works projects.

The agency originally investigated Ficca in 1995, and found numerous wage violations. Ficca was ordered to reimburse his employees. But the agency then received complaints that Ficca had ordered the employees to return that money to him.

Phone wringer

AT&T calls for review of U S West merger

The Associated Press

DENVER - AT&T Corp. has asked the Colorado Public Utilities Commission to reconsider its approval of the planned \$45.8 billion merger of West and U S West, saying it should get tougher on service quality at the company it would create.

The request came as Denver-based U S West - which also provides local phone service in the Magic Valley - said Monday that it would ask a judge to decide whether it was penalized too much for late service to Colorado customers.

The Colorado commission is the only one in U S West's 14-state region to have approved the merger. It did so Jan. 7, with a requirement for a periodic audit of local phone networks to ensure they are adequately maintained.

Regulators in other states want more. Some are asking, among other things, that U S West meet specific service quality benchmarks and invest more money in local phone networks to ensure they are maintained.

"I don't hold out a lot of hope that the Colorado commission is going to do much with this merger," said Tom Peltro, AT&T's regional vice president of law and government affairs. "They seemed to be in a big hurry to get this deal done."

West spokesman Matt Barkett claimed that was because the Public Utilities Commission recognized that in the long run, the merger will be good for consumers.

"We believe the merger is pro-competitive," he said. "The PUC's

action last month is indicative that it feels the same way."

The Federal Communications Commission is expected to rule on the merger by midyear.

In light of the Colorado commission, AT&T expressed doubt that the order approving the merger would ensure that enough resources would be earmarked for Colorado.

"It is especially worrisome in light of (West and U S West's) willingness to comply with more stringent conditions in other states and in light of their history of dismal service quality in Colorado," it said.

But U S West officials said AT&T has a weak case.

"The commission approved the merger with no significant conditions because they recognized the benefits to consumers," said U S West spokeswoman Anna Osborn.

The Colorado commission is expected to discuss AT&T's filing at a public hearing today, when it will also consider U S West's request to stay \$12.77 million in fines.

Under a Jan. 20 ruling by the commission, U S West has 30 days to begin refunding money to customers who were harmed by late installation of new phones and overdue repairs.

But U S West wants a chance to ask a court to review the fines.

"We can't replicate the numbers (the regulators) came up with using their methodology," Osborn said.

Commission spokesman Terry Bote said the PUC would have a chance to reopen the case before U S West could legally make it to court.

Coalition offers advice for consumer protection

The Associated Press

BOISE - The Idaho Financial Literacy Coalition has joined other advocacy groups to launch the second annual National Consumer Protection Week.

The campaign, "Armchair Armor: Shopping Safely From Home," runs through Sunday and focuses on making the most of shopping through telemarketing, direct mail, the Internet, yard sales and more.

The coalition also hopes to educate people to avoid problems with these shopping methods.

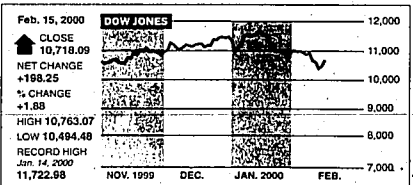
"Our goal is to help teach consumers how to protect themselves when they take advantage of the ever-expanding number of opportunities to shop from

home," said Mark Stephenson, coalition president.

Representatives from federal, state and local organizations and national advocacy groups are giving consumers tools for shopping safely from home. They include the U.S. Department of Justice, Postal Service, Federal Trade Commission and the National Association of Attorneys General.

"Mail order fraud is a serious problem," said Idaho Attorney General Al Lance. "Idaho consumers filed 126 complaints against mail order businesses in 1999."

Gavin Gee, Director of the Idaho Department of Finance, said Internet and telemarketing fraud continue to grow and cause problems for consumers.



Dow soars, pulls market higher

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - A rally in oil stocks and some long-awaited buy orders buoyed the Dow Jones industrial Tuesday. In a major turnaround from recent weeks, the strength in blue-chips helped pull technology stocks out of a severe slump.

The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 198.25 to close at 10,718.09. The Nasdaq composite index, which tumbled as much as 127 points in earlier trading, closed up 2.22 at 4,420.71.

Broader market indicators were modestly higher, but the gains came on weak breadth, with the number of declining issues and advancing issues roughly even.

The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 12.11 to 1,402.05.

For a second session, the Dow held up better than the technology-dominated Nasdaq. Consumer products companies Procter and Gamble and 3M led the blue-chip index. Procter & Gamble rose 3.875 to 95.75, while 3M gained 6.25 to 89.125.

Analysts said the Dow was raised for a comeback after its 53.8-point drop last week, which knocked the index 11 per-

cent below its January peak, within market watchers' traditional definition of a correction.

Joseph T. Kearney, chief investment officer of the Kent Funds in Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Dow got a lift from a surge in oil-related stocks. Exxon Mobil rose 2.875 to 79.576 as crude oil futures remained above \$20 a barrel. Crude prices topped \$30 a barrel Monday for the first time since the eve of the Persian Gulf War in January 1991.

Tecmo rose 1.776 on the New York Stock Exchange. A Lehman Brothers analyst raised his rating on Texaco stock, estimating that shares will reach 65 within the next 12 months.

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"A lot of really good names had been beaten down badly," said Joseph T. Kearney, chief investment officer of the Kent Funds in Grand Rapids, Mich.

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Table of NASDAQ National Market data including Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and various stock price listings.

Making the right tax software choice can make the difference this tax season

WASHINGTON (AP) - Consumers will have more tax preparation software choices than ever this year, including the entry of Microsoft into a market that largely has been dominated by Intuit's TurboTax products.

Taxes 2000 advertisement featuring the IRS logo and text about tax software choices.

about 4.2 million taxpayers used TurboTax products last season. "One in every five individual returns filed with the IRS was prepared using an Intuit tax product," said Bill Campbell, the company's chairman.

product manager, said TaxSaver is aimed primarily at people who haven't used tax preparation software before and at people who now use the company's Money program and want it linked to tax preparation.

"This year, TaxCut is offering a "Refund Return" feature giving customers their refund on a prepaid card accepted at the same businesses as MasterCard. Customers can qualify for discounts with partner businesses on such things as travel and automobiles.

accompanying software for state returns. Using TurboTax, for example, people in 38 states can electronically file those returns as well. Microsoft, however, does not yet offer state software.

Large advertisement for Idaho Central Credit Union featuring a \$5000 below factory invoice offer on a Chevrolet, with details about the financing and terms.

MARKETS

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Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

Table of closing futures prices for metals and currencies, including gold, silver, and various international currencies. Columns include metal name, price, and change.

Gasoline prices might stay high this summer

NEW YORK (AP) - Analysts expect OPEC ministers to boost oil production next month, easing a world shortage. But any increase is unlikely to push down gasoline prices...

BEANS

Table of closing futures prices for various types of beans, including soybean meal and soybean oil.

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Table of closing futures prices for various types of poultry, including chicken and turkey.

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LIVESTOCK

Table of closing futures prices for various types of livestock, including cattle, hogs, and sheep.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table of mutual fund performance data, including fund names, asset sizes, and performance metrics.

Office romance breeds trouble

The Associated Press. Office romances can spark all types of trouble, courting love could land you in court. Unwelcome sexual advances and repeated physical or verbal contact can result in fires, discharge and in some cases, jail.

Taxes: Reading numbers

- Some numbers to keep in mind during this tax filing season.
17. As in April, the deadline for tax returns to be postmarked in 2000, April 15, the traditional date, falls on a Saturday.
127. Projected income tax returns this year, in millions.
1.8 billion, in trillions of dollars, estimated federal tax collections.
90. Number, in millions, of individual refunds last year. Average, \$1,568.
9.9. Percentage of gross incomes.

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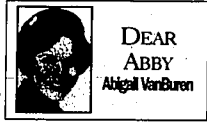
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Husband needs to cut visit to hairdresser short

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married 34 years. We are both 53. For the last few years, our marriage has been strained, but we have never cheated on each other that I'm aware of.

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tion to your intuition. Finding a reliable, reasonably priced printer is as easy as visiting the library and checking out Consumer Reports. At most, it should take a couple of hours. That's a far cry from a year and a half.

I urge you to do the following: Seek the advice of an attorney who specializes in family law. It's important that you know what the laws are in your state that affect the division of family assets. If your husband is in business for himself, you may also need the advice of an accountant. If he's having an affair—and I'm willing to bet he is—he may have already started hiding money that belongs to both of you.

If you don't have your own credit rating, establish one now. You may need it. Begin upgrading your job skills and prepare a resume in case you have to find a job.

Then give your husband an ultimatum—because you do deserve some loyalty, and you shouldn't have to put up with his hairdresser or any other

woman.

DEAR ABBY: As a retired nurse, I think someone needs to correct the stereotyping of elderly people as complainers. There is a fine line between complaining and explaining.

The elderly in our society are, generally, people who have been hard workers most of their lives and, in my experience with them, are mostly embarrassed by their limitations. Also, families need to know the health history of their elders.

The next time Mom or Dad or Uncle Charlie seems to be complaining, listen up! You may be hearing something you'll need to know someday.

—**BEA HAVARE, R.N., FRIDLEY, MINN.**

DEAR BEA: You could be right. However, if a relative complained repeatedly to me about the same ailments, my first response would be: "Does your doctor know how you've been feeling? What did he (or she) have to say about it?"

Could be your time to shine intellectually, Aries

IF FEBRUARY 16 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are meditative, sometimes mystical, attractive and unorthodox. Pisces, Virgo persons play significant roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names—G, P, Y.

Current cycle relates to conditions at home; settlement of financial dispute, marital status. During March, be ready for change, travel, variety of sensations. June most memorable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Examine, investigate, discover. Give full play to intellectual curiosity. Laugh at your own foibles and the world will laugh with you. Money picture bright.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Check details, accounting procedures and be aware that there

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might be computer error. This could be termed make-over day for you. **Scorpio plays role.**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Read and write, teach and learn. Short journey involves relative. Be analytical, don't be satisfied merely that something occurred. Find out why it happened.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Attention revolves around family, home, domestic issues. Unpaid bills could cause embarrassment, applies especially to insurance, dental. Libra figures in scenario.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Current dilemma will be resolved. See people, places as they exist, not merely as you wish they could be. Pisces individual has hypnotic effect on you.

VRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Practical issues dominate, including finances. Focus on promotion, production, added responsibility. When pressure is on, you unrupt to it. **Cancer native plays role.**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your prophetic powers surface—your predictions of future are amazing, includes fashions, styles, music, literature. Aries, another Libran are in picture.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Shake off tendency to be ultra-practical. Make fresh start, let go of past prejudices. Leo, Aquarius persons play outstanding roles. New love on way!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Spotlight on cooperative efforts, involvement in city hall politics. Emphasis also on home, property, marriage. Capricorn plays behind-scenes role.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Emphasis on diversity, versatility, curiosity. Be up-to-date regarding "fashion" experimentation with diet. Relative miles away calls, hints for a visit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Deal with higher-ups in confident manner. On personal level, be positive your love is not unrequited. Program revised, itinerary changes. Taurus involved.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You are released from "bondage." You will experience freedom of thought, action. You will be complimented on sex appeal. Gemini, Virgo persons play top roles.

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A: "Let me die in my old uniform. God forgive me for ever putting on another."

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 L.M. Boyd

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Crooks don't like to be cold; cockroaches like beer

Q. How hot is "piping hot"?

A. Hot enough to hiss or sizzle. Or whistle, if you're talking tea. Piping is what a pipe does. A bosun's pipe, for instance.

From the top of the Grand Canyon's north rim—don't look down—it's more than a mile straight to the bottom.

Q. At what age can a child be left home alone?

A. Depends on the child no doubt. Follsters have been asking



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Smashing Pumpkins bassist agrees to attend drug prevention classes

CHICAGO (AP)— Former Smashing Pumpkins bassist D'Arcy Wretzky has agreed to take drug prevention classes in exchange for the dismissal of cocaine possession charges.

She appeared in court Monday, accused of buying crack cocaine on Jan. 25 at a building under surveillance for suspected drug sales.

"I ain't do it," Wretzky said outside court.

Even so, she agreed to attend four Saturday classes on drug awareness and prevention—an option available to first-time offenders. The charges will be dropped if she completes the classes by May 19.

Wretzky left the alternative rock band in September over differences with founder Billy Corgan. Keyboard player Jonathan Melvin died of a hero-

People in the news

in overdose and drummer Jimmy Chamberlin was ousted from the group for alleged heroin use, but he has since returned.

Brnagh puts new twist on Shakespeare once again

BERLIN— Kenneth Branagh says his latest twist on Shakespeare was a bold step, especially for his backers.

"It was very courageous of them to do an obscure Shakespeare comedy as a film musical," he said Tuesday after "Love's Labor's Lost" was screened at the Berlin Film Festival. Branagh directed and stars in the film.

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F.B.S. has an Outside Pneumatic Tool Sales Position Open. Sales position would consist of selling Pneumatic tools, Power Tools, etc. As well as Pneumatic tool repairs. Applicant must be knowledgeable in Pneumatic Tools, repair and nails etc. Basic knowledge of framing and carpentry tools helpful. Outside sales experience helpful but not required. Apply in person or send resume to:

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Twin Falls, ID 83301

PARALEGAL/RECEPTIONIST: PT call 1-800-921-7349

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217 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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218 Times News Carriers

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SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST: Possible Bookkeeping, salary based on experience Call 734-9988.

TRUCK DRIVERS: Simple Subscribers needs local truck drivers for spring & summer. CDL req. Apply 797 Eastland Dr S or 733-4502 EOE

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FILER (8)
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THE TIMES-NEWS IS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER CARRIERS FOR THE FILER AREA. Walking Routes Available

ROUTE 549
100-600 5th Street

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RUPERT
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THE TIMES-NEWS IS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR INDEPENDENT WALKING ROUTE CARRIERS IN THE RUPERT AREA

RUPERT 1
ROUTE 427
1st-11th St.
K St. - F St.

IF YOU LIVE IN THE RUPERT AREA & ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A NEWSPAPER CARRIER, PLEASE CONTACT THE BURLEY TIMES-NEWS OFFICE AT 677-4042 OR STOP BY THE BURLEY OFFICE AT 325 1/2 E. 5th N. (Next to Wal-Mart).

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ROUTE 706
400 Blk Bitterbrush Dr.
400 Blk Pace Dr.
2600-2700 Blk Sagbrush Drive
200-500 Blk Trotter

ROUTE 726
600-800 Blk Cherokee Lane
700-800 Blk Hivawaha Way
2600-2700 Blk Indian Trail

ROUTE 770
600-1000 Blk Aspenwood
600-700 Blk Green Tree Way
600-800 Blk O'Leary Way

ROUTE 786
1500-2200 Falls Ave. E
Chase Capt Drive

ROUTE 833
100-400 Blk Harrison St.
100-400 Blk Van Buren Street

ROUTE 845
500-600 Blk Adams St.
500-600 Blk Jefferson Street
500 Blk Madison St.
600 Blk Marion St.
100-200 Blk Moreland Avenue

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COMBINE Axillow 1460, w/100 grain head, make offer. Call 542-0293.
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JD 7810, 1600 hr. Rear weights & duals. 14x46 JD 730-0465 or 731-0465
LOGAN 1990, 4 place, plant, tack. New tires. \$3700. 734-8800 after 5.

MILTON - 12 row beet planter, \$2500. 12 row beet and bean cultivator, \$3000. 12-44G tires and rims, fits JD, \$1000. 432-5235 or 420-5235.
WATER, diesel, Ford, exc cond, pump vehicle, \$550. 733-1634 or 734-6481.
FLOW, Casco II 145, 4 ball, pump, \$260-5297. Call 326-7204.
POTATOES If you have an open market potatoes there is a 50,000 cwt opening at Sun Valley Potato Co-op to run your 1999 crop 438-8580 or 870-3594.

RAKES - NH 216, exc cond. Call 324-4615.
SEED CUTTER, Bortol, built, 80', Call 678-0140 or 370-2570.
SPRAY TANK, 110 gallon, twin, power take off pump, hand held sprayer, \$170. Call 526-5365 or 208-530-6550 day time.
STRAW - 400 small bales, \$1.25 each, small lots. Call 328-4593.
TRACTOR, JD 7800, 4000 hrs, Duals & weights. Call 326-5237 or 326-5211.

U.S. AUCTION for all your auction needs. Call Van-Tassell, Keith Couch 208-343-6300 or 208-431-6300.
WANT TO RENT 38 acres of reg. dist. bays. Call 432-9235 or 420-5235.
WANT TO RENT BEET SHARES, 175 acres for 2000 crop. 978-8230.

705 IRRIGATION
 3/4 MILE 1/2" ALUMINUM main line, in exc. shape \$3.50 pr. ft. 862-3884
ALUMINUM GATED PIPE 75c a ft. plastic gated 1 1/2", 20 hp booster pump, 532-4362 leave message
FOR SALE new 25 hp short coupled turbine pump. Low pressure. High volume. Complete without switch & panel. \$5,000. 678-2719

IRRIGATION SYSTEM - Priced for quick sale complete, Duxit diesel pump, 2700 ft. mainline, four handlines and two Wade-Ran wheelies. Located on your trailer. Call 208-889-2100.
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 Hand lines, main lines and 2" pipe, even in the field. Call 678-7149.
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 208-677-4543 (BURLEY)

802 APPLIANCES
 ELECTRIC STOVE, \$150. Call 734-0728.
 TV 30" wide screen Panasonic good condition. Call after 6:00. \$200. 324-2514

804 BUILDING MATERIALS
 BARN SHED, 8x12, converted to solar kit for drying rough lumber. Could also be used as greenhouse. \$600. 524-4512/mg
BLACK WALNUT TREES - make offer. 208-436-0204 or 432-5340

808 COMMUNICATION DEVICES
3 MOTOROLA Classic radio/cars chargers, 2 have phone pads. 208-438-5919
MOTOROLA (2) Radius P200 radios with phone & chargers. \$500 ea. Call 432-5568 evas & wings.

809 COMPUTERS
COMPAQ, SVGA monitor, CD-ROM, sound, modem, printer, WIN 95, MS Office 97. \$395. 733-1110
COMPUTER FINANCING FOR ANYONE
 Good credit, bad credit or no credit history from Earth Comp. 208-687-2878

810 FIREWOOD
 FIREWOOD - Dry & green, split & delivered \$10 a cord while supply lasts Call 677-2382
 FIREWOOD, Board ends of firewood, \$30 for box or \$30 for PU load. Hours 8 am to 5 pm. 734-8573.
LUMP & STOKER KAC 800 sq ft to 500 sq w/ply. Call Mike's Inc. 423-5533

811 FURNITURE & CARPET
CARPET - 50sq. yards, Brown, Commercial grade carpet, good cond., \$3.00 sq. yard. Call 733-3403.
CHAIRS - Mr. & Mrs Wing backs, mauve, new - Mr. red, brown, good cond. \$400. 735-9670 am.

COUCH Hide A Bed, by the Sofa factory, exc. cond. no children, \$450. Call 324-6637.
COUCH, beautiful, brown, like new, \$250. 22" CONSOLE G.T.V. \$250. Call 736-8415 after 5 pm.

CHOUCH & MATCHING
CHAIR, Floagel, exc. cond. \$350/offer. 735-6243
DINING TABLE w/ chairs - 2 cap., velvet seats, 12 leaves, \$600/offer. Must sell. 735-1190
HEAD BOARD, tall - bookcase style, King size, Gold Drapes, 2 par. Inad, 84X105, Decorator Road, 738-1025.
LARGE LOUNGE CHAIR, soft dark green, clean, good cond. \$200 677-1157

LOG PINE
 Beds & Tables, Beautiful! Made to order. \$50 off the first 5 orders. 437-3019
MATCHING couch & love seat, \$95/\$85 or \$160 for both. Call 734-2195
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OAK TABLE, \$200. COFFEE TABLE & END TABLES, \$125, antique, square, oak. \$43-2048.
QUEEN SIZE PILLOW TOP MATTRESS SET Still in plastic. \$200.00. 734-8881

SOFA Sect., w/like on white like new \$250. Coffee & end table w/like inserts \$175. Octagonal coffee table \$75. La-Z-Boy Recliner newly re-covered, almost \$250. Must see to appreciate. 733-0084 days, 733-5238 evenings.

814 JEWELRY & FURS
MEN'S WEDDING RING, \$1200 new, must sell. Separatist \$700/offer. Please call 208-328-8513.
WEDDING RING - set 14 karat gold, diamond solitaire/Baguette diamond ring guard, total weight 50 carats, like new. \$550. Call 735-1636.

816 EXERCISE EQUIPMENT
PARA BODY MAIN FRAME incline & decline bench with lateral pull down, 300 lbs of free weights with complete bar set, excellent condition. \$800. Call 735-0966.

817 MISC FOR SALE
DJ EQUIPMENT Sirobe, Mirror Ball, Fogger, & more! Call 837-4945.
DRYER gas-Whirlpool \$100. GE oven \$150. 9" Rockwell table saw \$200/offer. Call 352-1132/mg
 E-mail your classified ad to: twined@micron.net

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JUKEBOXES For sale \$1000. All running. Steve Lynch 678-1201 Bailey.
MEMBERSHIP To Clear Lake Country Club. \$5000+ green fees for the yr. 543-6547 leave msg.
MISC, GE freezer, \$150. Wicker turn, \$100. Recliner, \$500. 888-2487, trade?
POOL TABLE Regulation, good cond., 8' slate, \$700. PING PONG Table \$75. Call 324-5338.

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818 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
PIANO Kimball Console. For Sale, \$1000. 432-5388 evas & weekends.
PIANOS Rebuilt, Restored, Tuned, Also Play ers, \$1500/ up. 733-3905

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ELECTRONIC PHONE SYSTEM, 8 station, AT&T. Call 733-3287

820 PETS & SUPPLIES
ALABAMA MALAMUTE/LAB mix pups. 6 1/2 wks. \$25 ea. 733-0516.
AUSTRIAN SHEPHERD pups, reg. beautiful champion lines. \$250. 886-2644

821 BOXER, full blooded, female, w/akita, \$200. Call 828-5354 or 733-8728, ask for Dobi.
CHOW Purebred, House broken, \$75. Both parents on site. 877-3079
COCKER SPANIEL - puppy, AKC, Reg. 10 wks, 1 male, built 250/offer. Willing to meet in Mtn. Home. Call 208-456-2824.

822 DACHSHUND Mini AKC 10 wks old, female, dapple, \$350. Female chocolate \$250. 543-2020.
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