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Parental consent bill becomes law

By Bob Fick
The Associated Press

BOISE — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne made good on his promise to anti-abortion activists on Tuesday, signing into law legislation requiring girls under 18 to get parental or judicial consent before obtaining an abortion. "The decision to terminate a pregnancy and essentially a life is so serious that parents should give their consent," the governor

Pro-choice advocates consider court challenge

said during the signing ceremony in his Capitol office. Overwhelmingly approved by both houses, the legislation takes effect July 1. It reflects a consensus on key issues including Kempthorne's demand for a medical emergency exception that the anti-abortion camp had originally fought but finally agreed to accept.

"I didn't know this day would ever come," said Rep. Bill Sali, the Kuna Republican who spearheaded the latest drive to check abortions. "If we were able to save a few lives in this state, those babies are the ones I'm concerned about most." Pro-choice advocates were still considering a court challenge to the bill despite assurances that it

is constitutional from Kempthorne, who has a solid anti-abortion record, and Attorney General Al Lance, who has said he would have opposed the controversial 1990 abortion ban had he been in the Legislature that year. The bill's critics also want to assess the so-called judicial bypass that enables girls unable or unwilling to consult with their

parents to go before a judge to get consent for an abortion. They will press ahead with programs to reduce teen pregnancy in Idaho, where the rate is already well below the national average. The new law was drafted in the closing days of the 1999 session, modeled on a Missouri law that Sali said has resulted in fewer teen-age pregnancies and abortions there. He said the same **Please see ABORTION, Page A2**

FAREWELL IN WENDELL



Seventh-graders at Wendell Middle School, Whitney Wart, Lynze Tolle, and Veronica Phillips help their teachers move things into storage Tuesday afternoon. The writing on the walls was the students' way of saying good-bye to their 80-year-old school, which is being closed over safety concerns. Middle school classes will resume next Monday in Wendell's high school.

School closes for good this week

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

WENDELL — The names of students, and messages about the old building, mark the walls of Wendell Middle School, which will be abandoned this week. Teachers worked in mostly emptied classrooms Tuesday afternoon as they sorted through their files and desks.

The middle school is being closed this week as the staff moves out of the building. Its center, dating back to 1920, has been condemned since a structural engineer told the district the foundation is unsafe, and the city building inspector ordered that it be vacated. Covering the walls with names made for a form of closure for students. Administrators didn't

seem to mind. "It's us saying goodbye to our school," Lyric Vipperman, 13, an eighth-grade student council representative, Vipperman, who hauled desks and boxes of books for most of the day, said members of the student council helped move furniture and supplies into storage. Students, who have to abandon the school during the middle

of the year, are sad and down about the move, Vipperman said. "It's been a big part of our community for a long time. ... So it is hard for our entire community to see it shut down," said teacher Kaelie Campbell, who graduated from the school in 1985. **Please see WENDELL, Page A2**

Seed firm's restructuring threatens area jobs

By Carol Ryan Dumas
Ag Weekly editor

TWIN FALLS — A seed company's global cost-cutting initiative should force about 50 layoffs at its Magic Valley facilities.

Saticoy, Calif.-based Seminis Inc., which has facilities in Twin Falls and Filer, announced the cutbacks Tuesday. Dick Sayers, administrator of Seminis' Twin Falls research facility, said the announcement

didn't really take him by surprise, but the extent of the reorganization did. "The rumor mill was running a thousand miles an hour," he said, adding that rumors have been flying since the first of the year.

Sayers said the company's production plant at Filer — which includes a germination lab and a genetics quality testing lab — will be phased out completely beginning in 2001. **Please see LAYOFFS, Page A2**

Rupert attorney Roger Ling for the district noted that the district's water rights are held by the U.S. government. Scott Campbell speaking for Pioneer Irrigation Co. and other irrigators, said the tribe has shown no evidence that their claims would affect the judge's water rights or his family's water rights. **Please see WATER, Page A2**

Independents, Democrats give McCain Michigan victory

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Sen. John McCain thumped George W. Bush in a two-state sweep Tuesday night, rallying a coalition of independent and Democratic voters in Michigan and winning his home state of Arizona to seize momentum for a two-week blitz of Republican primaries. Humbled by defeat, Bush said, "This is a marathon and I'm going to be in it all the way to the end — and some primaries you win and sometimes you don't." McCain's is the latest victory in a see-sawing Republican nomination race. The Arizona won New Hampshire's leadoff primary in a landslide, lost the follow-up showdown in South Carolina and won Michigan by a narrow margin.

In each case, Bush and McCain forged mirror-image coalitions: Bush with an overwhelming majority of bedrock Republicans and McCain reaching outside the party for a similar-sized force of Democrats and independents. Bush supporters bitterly dismissed McCain's victory. "John McCain isn't party building, he's party-borrowing," said Michigan Gov. John Engler, who accused the senator of "renting

Democrats" for the night. Engler had promised to carry Michigan for Bush, and took blame for the defeat. Interviews with voters as they left polling places showed that half of the Michigan voters were non-Republicans — independents and Democrats who voted in far larger numbers than in the 1996 open primary in Michigan. Two-thirds of McCain's vote came from the non-Republicans, and two-thirds of Bush's vote came from bedrock Republicans. The interviews were conducted by Voter News Service, a consortium of The Associated Press and television networks. Heading into a high-stakes spring of GOP races, Bush and McCain agreed that McCain's election was pivotal.



George W. Bush



Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain watches results in his Phoenix home Tuesday. At left, George W. Bush acknowledges defeat.

THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 40 Low: 20
Cloudy today and tonight with rain or snow likely. Mostly cloudy Thursday, chance of rain or snow, 35.

Treasure Valley

High: 45 Low: 30
Cloudy today and tonight with rain or snow likely. Mostly cloudy Thursday, chance of rain or snow, 45.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 41 Low: 21
Cloudy today and tonight with rain or snow likely. Mostly cloudy Thursday, chance of rain or snow, 36.

Eastern Idaho

High: 38 Low: 19
Cloudy today and tonight with rain or snow likely. Mostly cloudy Thursday, chance of rain or snow, 36.

Northern Idaho

High: 43 Low: 27
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Northern Utah

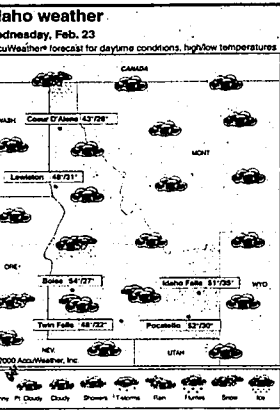
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Northern Nevada

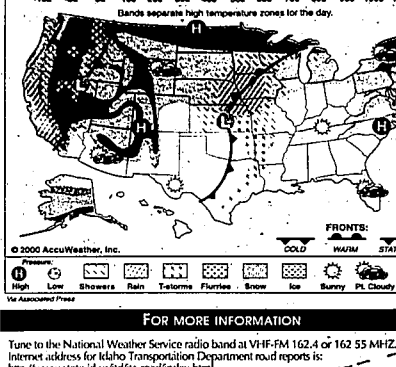
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MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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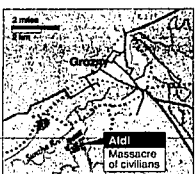
ACROSS THE NATION

Nation Rain continued falling along much of the West Coast on Tuesday, with snow in the mountains, and showers and thunderstorms rippled across the southern Plains. Light rain fell in western Oregon and Washington and moderate amounts of rain soaked parts of northern California. Moderate to heavy snow fell on the northern Sierra Nevada, and a winter storm watch was issued for higher elevations along the eastern slopes. Strong wind warnings were posted along California's northern coast, where winds gusted to 46 mph at Crescent City, Calif., and to 30 mph at San Francisco. Rain was possible in southern California during the night, with a chance of heavy snow in the mountains. A disturbance over the southern Rockies brought snow showers to parts of Utah and Colorado. Elsewhere, radar showed light showers over parts of Tennessee, Kentucky and West Virginia.

Group alleges Russian massacre of civilians

Human Rights Watch said Tuesday it has evidence of a massacre of Chechen civilians by Russian soldiers that could be the worst atrocity of the Chechnya war. The group said at least 62 people died in Aldi, on the outskirts of Grozny, in a two-day rampage that began Feb. 5. It said about 100 soldiers robbed and shot civilians. The troops also committed several rapes and hurled grenades into basements where residents were hiding, the group said, citing survivors' accounts. Russia has repeatedly denied reports that its troops have taken part in atrocities.

News-in-brief



one on the end of a 197-foot mast. The method is expected to produce precise 3-D maps of Earth's peaks and valleys.

Shuttle Endeavour lands with map-making treasure

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Endeavour and its crew of six returned to Earth Tuesday with more than a week's worth of radar images that will be transformed into the finest maps of the planet. Commander Kevin Kreigel guided the shuttle down through a clear sky moments after sunset. Gust winds at the runway had forced him to make an extra swing around Earth, delaying the homecoming by 11 days. During their 11-day voyage, Endeavour's astronauts worked in round-the-clock shifts to keep two large radar antennas running — one in the shuttle cargo bay and

Jury ready to ponder verdict in Diallo trial

ALBANY, N.Y. — African immigrant Amadou Diallo, killed in a barrage of 41 bullets, gave four white police officers no choice but to open fire when he refused to stop for questioning and drew what they thought was a gun, defense attorneys argued Tuesday. The arguments came after nine days of testimony in the trial of Sean Carroll, 37, Edward McMellon, 27, Kenneth Boss, 28, and Richard Murphy, 27, who are charged with murder.

Abortion

Continued from A1 should hold true in Idaho, even though the number of teen's receiving abortions in the state fell from 152 in 1998 to 77 last year — despite the existing law. Advocates maintained that the Missouri law simply sent teenagers across the border to other states. They also maintain that nearly all girls with unwanted pregnancies abort with their parents under the state's existing parental notification law, excepting the comments of then-Gov. Phil Batt as he vetoed a similar bill two years ago as likely to do more

Water

Continued from A1 The Nez Perce Tribe had filed 1,113 claims to water in the Snake River as part of adjudication. The tribe sued in 1955 treaty granting fishing rights implied a water right to sustain the fishing rights. Opponents to the claims said they could, if granted, affect every other water right in the Snake River Basin. On November 10, Wood rejected that argument. He held that an 1893 agreement legally reduced the Nez Perce reservation to just a fraction of the land the tribe originally inhabited — and ruled that the tribes were not entitled to water in the Snake. Campbell accused the tribe of "forum shopping," seeking to disqualify the judge after he rendered an unfavorable ruling. The tribe, however, said the information upon which its motion is based, did not become available until the judge's decision was made. And judicial code of conduct requires the judge to make such information known through a disclosure to the parties in the case. Wood discussed his own water interests with Idaho Supreme Court Chief Justice Linda Trout,

Idaho senator holds roadless hearings, lambastes officials

WASHINGTON (AP) — In one of her strongest assaults yet on President Clinton's forest protection effort, GOP senator said Tuesday the initiative violates federal laws and was crafted secretly with the help of environmental special interests. "You have fatally tainted this rule making," Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, told Clinton administration officials at a hearing of the subcommittee he chairs. He said the effort violates at least four laws, including the Freedom of Information Act and the National Environmental Policy Act. Sen. Pat Domenici, R-New Mexico, said the administration should "declare this process is invalid and start over." But agency officials defended the year-long process, which could result in permanent protection of as much as 50 million acres of roadless federal forest land.

President Clinton announced the effort in October and gained accolades from environmentalists for launching what they called one of the great conservation efforts of the 20th century. The Clinton officials said they have already gathered 500 public comments and held 300 public meetings on the preliminary, scoping phase of the rule-making. They said they plan dozens of more meetings after a draft protection plan is unveiled in May. Sen. Pat For suggestions that the Forest Service is limiting public comments, "Nothing could be further from the truth," said Jim Lyons, the Agriculture Department undersecretary who oversees the Forest Service.

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Water

but his water interests and the interests of his family were not made public until after the Nez Perce motion was filed. The judge and his family's interests are sufficient to constitute a conflict of interest, Moore said. The state argued that the court has no jurisdiction over the case, and the judge's interest must be substantial to constitute a conflict of interest and to justify setting aside an earlier decision, Deputy Attorney General Steven Strack said. Peter Monson of the U.S. Department of Justice, said the Nez Perce claims make up one of the most important parts of the adjudication, and the adjudication is one of the most important cases handled by the Idaho judiciary. He urged the court not to retreat from judicial ethics. Monson also suggested all adjudication assistant judges be required to file disclosures, and give parties to the case a set amount of time to file any disqualification motions. Wood took no action Tuesday. Times-News writer N.S. Ninkiewicz can be reached at 733-0931. Ext. 237, or by e-mail nink@magicvalley.com

Wendell

Continued from A1 But she also said moving out is a chance to look forward to improvements. The district's immediate plans include holding split middle school and senior high sessions at the high school. Students in sixth through eighth grades will attend classes from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. High school students will be in class from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. High school students will be in class today, but they will be off Thursday and Friday, as staff members organize for the changes. Classes will resume Monday for all grades. Going to school on Saturday is not cool, Viperman said, but she likes the idea of having every other day off. Superintendent Larry Manly said the district hopes to eliminate the need for Saturday classes before the end of the school year. The School Board's vote last week to vacate the middle school, which placed Wendell in the heart of a statewide debate over paying for school buildings, is a short-term decision. The district will have to do with the abandoned school until arrangements building plans after secondary students have been in school for at least a week under the new arrangements, Manly said. The community has shown its support for the schools, in the wake of last week's School Board decision; for instance, many people have volunteered to work on a school building planning committee, he said.

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Layoffs

Continued from A1 expected to be closed by the time that summer. Those activities will be transferred to the company's facility at Oxnard, Calif., he said. The Twin Falls breeding research facility will fare a little better, with some activities continuing there. A reduction, however, is in the works. It is set to begin in July and be completed by October. Savers said the company will continue to produce some seed in the area, but will no longer process it. It will instead receive seed and transport it elsewhere for conditioning, packaging and shipping.

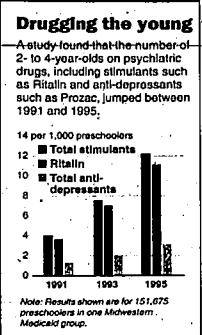
Semins said the first phase of reorganization focuses on its North American operations, which includes consolidating operations at four facilities, opening up a new seed processing, packaging and shipping plant and expanding another. Immediate cost savings in the 2000 budget year, associated with the North American restructuring, are \$500,000, Semins said. At the same time, Semins said, it expects to save close to \$2 million in 2001 and well in excess of \$2 million in 2002 and beyond.

NATION

Soaring numbers found among toddlers using psychiatric drugs

CHICAGO (AP) — When he was a toddler, Heath Barker was nicknamed "the red tornado" for his abrupt hair and his penchant for tearing things up and jumping off the furniture. When he was just 4, he was diagnosed with attention deficit disorder and prescribed Ritalin.

A study of more than 200,000 preschool-age children shows this was not isolated case. The number of 2- to 4-year-olds on psychiatric drugs including Ritalin and anti-depressants like Prozac soared 50 percent between 1991 and 1995, researchers reported in today's Journal of the American Medical Association. Experts said they are troubled by the findings, because the effects of such drugs in children so young are largely unknown. Some doctors worry that powerful drugs could be dangerous for children's development.



Source: Journal of the American Medical Association

behavior problems, Michele Barker said she is hearing of more and more 3- and 4-year-olds being put on drugs like Prozac.

"It's become a quick fix," said Barker, 39, of Hot Springs, Ark. Although the study did not examine reasons for the increases, Julie Magno Zito, the lead author and an assistant professor of pharmacy and medicine at the University of Maryland, suggested a few possibilities. With an increasing number of children attending day care, parents may feel pressured "to have their children conform in their behavior," Zito said. She also said there is a much greater acceptance in the 1990s of psychoactive drugs. Dr. Joseph T. Coyle of Harvard Medical School's psychiatry department said the study reveals a troubling trend, "given that there is no empirical evidence to support psychotropic drug treatment in very young children and that there are valid concerns that such treatment could have deleterious effects on the developing brain."

Justices review rights over police checkpoints

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court, taking a new look at the privacy rights of Americans in their cars, said Tuesday it will decide whether police can set up random traffic checkpoints and stop motorists to search for illegal drugs.

What happened

Some actions of The Supreme Court Tuesday:

- Rejected, by a 5-4 vote, a challenge to Alabama's use of the electric chair as the only means of execution. Doubt remained whether three states — Alabama, Georgia and Nebraska — can continue offering no alternative for putting inmates to death.
- Heard arguments by Whitewater prosecutors who want the justices to pressure presidential friend Webster Hubbell's guilty plea to a misdemeanor tax charge. The court's decision is expected by July.
- Ruled unanimously that California unfairly taxes out-of-state businesses under a franchise tax law in place since 1955.
- Said it will decide in a Tennessee case whether some high school athletic associations can be sued for allegedly violating their members' rights. At issue is whether such athletic associations act on behalf of the state government.
- Ruled unanimously in a North Dakota case that people who win a lawsuit only to see their victory thrown out on appeal because of improper expert testimony are not always entitled to a new trial to prove their case.

The justices said they will review a federal appeals court ruling that said checkpoints where Indianapolis police detained motorists for about three minutes likely amounted to unreasonable seizures in violation of the Constitution's Fourth Amendment. A decision, expected sometime next year, will provide the court's latest word on the amendment's scope.

"This is a significant case, one that will define a city's power to conduct random searches of vehicles whenever it perceives it has a problem," said Kenneth Falk, the Indiana Civil Liberties Union lawyer representing two men who challenged the police practice. Falk said a ruling that allows such searches for drugs also could allow random stops to find people who fail to make child-support payments or people who have not paid traffic fines.

Police generally need a court warrant or a reason to suspect someone of a crime before detaining them for several minutes. But in past rulings, the nation's highest court allowed police to set up sobriety checkpoints aimed at randomly detecting inebriated

motorists and border roadblocks to intercept illegal immigrants.

Official: Pay teacher's for years work

WASHINGTON (AP) — In his yearly speech on the state of American schools, Education Secretary Richard Riley will propose extending teachers' schedules and pay to a year in efforts to raise the bar on teacher quality.

"We can no longer get teachers on the cheap anymore," he said in remarks at his seventh and final State of American Education address. "I believe school districts should begin moving to make teaching a year-round profession over the course of the next five years and pay teachers accordingly for these additional months."

In the teacher proposal, being outlined late Tuesday at Southern High School in Durham, N.C., Riley suggests that the extra time can and should be used for intensive teacher training and supply a workforce for students who need extra help in summer schools.

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Texas: Two death row inmates release guard

LIVINGSTON, Texas — A death row inmate jimmied the lock to his cell door at what's supposed to be one of the most secure prisons in Texas and teamed with another inmate to hold a guard hostage for 13 hours before surrendering peacefully Tuesday.

The guard, Jeanette Bledsoe, 57, was overpowered Monday afternoon, then handcuffed and shackled in a room adjacent to the death row cells of Ponchai Wilkerson, 28, and Howard Guidry, 23.

The standoff at the Terrell Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice ended when the two inmates were allowed to see a group of capital punishment opponents from Houston. Bledsoe was unharmed.

Wilkerson, convicted of killing a Houston jewelry store clerk, is scheduled to be executed on March 14. Guidry, convicted of killing a woman in a murder-for-hire plot, has no date scheduled.

Sex trade replaces drugs in international trafficking

WASHINGTON — With as many as 2 million women worldwide forced into sexual slavery, the sex trade seems to have replaced narcotics as the favored illegal trade activity, White House officials told at a Senate hearing Tuesday.

Harold Koh, assistant Secretary of State for democracy, human rights and labor, said international criminals are moving away from "guns and drugs" to marketing women. "There are weaker restraints and growing demand," Koh told the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on Near Eastern and Southern Asian Affairs.

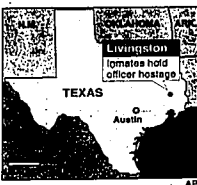
A woman called Inez and disguised to protect her identity testified that she was forced into a life of sexual slavery in the United States by traffickers in her native Mexico. She said she was duped by men who promised her work at a restaurant but said she owed them a "smuggling fee" of \$2,500 that she had to pay off by selling herself to men.

New federal judge gets assigned to Cuban boy case

MIAMI — A new judge was assigned to the Elian Gonzalez case Tuesday after the previous one was hospitalized with a stroke.

U.S. District Judge K. Michael Moore was randomly picked by computer and will meet the schedule set by his predecessor, U.S. District Judge William M. Hoelzer, to begin hearing the case the week of March 6. Hoelzer had planned to hold a hearing Tuesday on whether the

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court has jurisdiction in the case, but the arguments were postponed after he suffered a mild stroke over the weekend. A new date for Moore to hear those arguments was not immediately set.

Meanwhile, a Cuban diplomat recently ordered expelled by the U.S. State Department met with Gonzalez's grandmothers during their first visit to Florida. The Miami Herald reported Tuesday.

The diplomat met with Raquel Rodriguez and Mariela Quintana after they arrived at a Miami airport for an aborted attempt to meet with their 6-year-old grandson on Jan. 23, the newspaper reported, citing three U.S. officials it did not name.

The newspaper said the diplomat, based in Washington, ordered the grandmothers "jet fueled" after a tense standoff at Kendall-Tamiami Executive Airport and accompanied them on the return flight to Washington.

Survival tips keeps boy safe during night in cold woods

WATERVILLE VALLEY, N.H. — Ten-year-old Ryan Lanagan has one more reason to look up to his big brother.

The Mattapoisett, Mass., boy said his brother's outdoor survival tips helped keep him alive when he got lost while skiing and spent the night on a mountain at the Waterville Valley resort in 15-degree weather.

"My brother went on a survival week and taught me a lot," Ryan said Monday after rescuers found him.

Among the lessons he learned from his 14-year-old brother, T.J., was that snow can help insulate against the cold. After wandering through chest-high snow for several hours, he partially buried himself and went to sleep.

On Monday morning, the crew of a helicopter spotted him waving. He had spent about 15 hours in the cold.

— compiled from wire reports

Clinton wants hospitals to report deadly mistakes

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton tried to reassure doctors and hospitals Tuesday that reporting serious and deadly medical mistakes need not lead to more malpractice lawsuits.

Hospitals nationwide would have to disclose serious and deadly mistakes if Congress adopts a White House plan developed in response to a report last year that estimated medical mix-ups kill as many as 98,000 Americans each year.

"It is a balanced, common sense approach based on prevention, not punishment, based on problem-solving, not blame-placing," Clinton said in announcing a plan that is controversial among doctors and insurers.

Clinton also announced several new requirements that do not need congressional approval, including an immediate mandatory reporting requirement for the 500 Defense Department-administered hospitals that serve an estimated 8 million people. And the Health Care Financing Administration will require error reduction plans this year in all 6,000 hospitals that participate in Medicare.

The Food and Drug Administration has a year to develop new standards to help prevent medical mistakes caused by sound-alike drug names or look-alike products. The agency will also come up with new standards for labels that highlight common problems such as errors in dosage size.

"Taken together, these actions represent the most significant effort our nation has ever made

to reduce medical errors," Clinton said. The White House wants all hospitals to report errors within three years, but cannot force compliance without legislation from Congress.

There already are plans in Congress to respond to the Institute of Medicine report on medical mistakes that could short-circuit the White House plan by requiring faster or more

comprehensive reporting. Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., predicted a bipartisan medical error bill will pass this year, and two Senate committees are holding hearings.

The White House sees its plan as a compromise between patient advocates who want full disclosure of medical mistakes and representatives of doctors and hospitals who fear more disclosure means more lawsuits.

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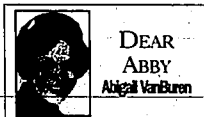
MORNING BREAK

Woman wonders how to turn attraction into date

DEAR ABBY: I never married, but I have a 5-year-old daughter. It has been two years since I moved from my hometown and I haven't had a single date here.

I started a new job last August, where I met a man I'll call "Tony." I have not stopped thinking about him since the day we met. Call me crazy, but I think he may be attracted to me as well. He has flirted with me on many occasions, and I see something in his eyes every time he looks at me. I am no fool, Abby. I know when a man is interested.

The problem is, he has not asked me out except for a few lunches. In the five months I've known him, he has been out of



DEAR ABBY
Abby Cadabby

the country for 2 1/2 months. I am usually shy, but I confess I did flirt a little to let him know I was interested.

However, I didn't want to appear desperate. He is very shy, too, but I feel deep in my heart that he cares. I have grown fond of him and would like to get to know him better. I know that I can't just

ask him out, but I feel there is something special between us. What should I do?

—FEELING AWKWARD IN KENTUCKY

DEAR FEELING AWKWARD: Unless there is a company policy that forbids co-workers from dating, I see no reason why you shouldn't ask him to join you for lunch on a weekend or dinner one evening. It's leap year — so go for broke!

DEAR ABBY: Will you please answer a simple question? Why do grooms (husbands) always think it is the responsibility of the bride (wife) to write the thank-you

notes? Moreover, why do they not know how to write thank-you notes? I love my husband, but I'm about to wring his neck. He just seems lost when it comes to doing this case. I have heard that this is the case with most men.

—CURIOUS

DEAR CURIOUS: There is absolutely no excuse for someone who is literate to be able to write a simple, thank-you note. Your husband may have been raised in a male-dominated household where writing thank-you notes was considered "women's work." However, this is the year 2000 and times have changed.

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Scorpio: Prioritize, find out where you stand with love

IF FEBRUARY 23 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are a natural character analyst. Knowing that something happened is not enough for you... you want to know why it occurred. Social activities accelerate during March. Burden will be lifted. You travel during May and could be intrigued enough to fall in love.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): It might not be easy, but it is necessary for you to break free from your current environment. Family member asks you not to go, but you know you are going.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Focus on work methods, employment, home and marriage. Overcome tendency to lean on people who rob you of independence. Cancer native figures prominently.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Highlight diversity, versatility, special arrangement with young persons. Moon position accents creativity, style, sex appeal. Sagittarius is in picture.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Read, write, investigate and discover. Focus on sale or purchase of property, higher education, hard lessons to learn. Scorpio will dominate scenario.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Relative in noisy outburst makes foolish accusations. Maintain your own emotional equilibrium. Short trip necessary to locate important papers. Gemini plays role.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You could be the talk of the town. Music, entertainment will be in your life. You could

HOROSCOPE
Sydney Omarr

change residences, marital status. Maintain an aura of discretion, glamour.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Cycle high, judgment and intuition on target. Highlight personality; wear clothing with colors of blue; make personal appearances. Pisces, Virgo persons play roles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It becomes evident that you have power, passion. Important that you organize priorities, find out where you stand in love relationship. Capricorn featured.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Look beyond the immediate; permit imagination to roam. Focus on travel, change, variety of experiences. People consult you about their most intimate problems.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Let go of past grievances — make fresh start. Do take chance on romance. Imprint style — don't follow others. Leo, Aquarius persons figure in dramatic scenario.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Cooperate with Cancer-born individual who does have your best interest at heart. Review invoices, accounting procedures. You'll have an excellent dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): What had been hidden will be revealed — to your advantage. Face the music: State your case in dramatic fashion. Marital status figures prominently.

If you're looking for a really blue sky - try horizon at noon

The sky is always bluest at a 90-degree angle from the sun — at noon, it's bluest on the horizons, at dusk it's bluest overhead.

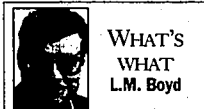
Students complained forcefully when they found nails in soup served at six schools in Nagano, Japan. Now before soup is served, it's passed through metal detectors.

The organic sediment on an aquarium's bottom is called "mulum."

Q. In which of the six classes of musical instruments belongs the harmonica?

A. "Other." There are string, woodwind, brass, percussion, keyboard and other.

A marriage between people near the same age meant trouble. That's what the traditional aborigines — of — Australia — once believed. But when older women married younger men and older men married younger women, that was all right. And they were



WHAT'S WHAT
L.M. Boyd

expected to marry more than once.

No, there's no bridge over the Amazon.

Marco Polo built an extraordinary reputation for himself in his own time, not as the world's greatest explorer, but as the world's greatest liar. Hardly anybody, maybe nobody then, believed him.

Wooden pegs once used to hold beams of houses and barns in place are called "trunnels" — that's short for "trunnels."

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EDITORIAL

Mentoring program for teachers is a step toward accountability

It's been a long time coming, but a bill aimed at improving the quality of Idaho's public school teachers is on the move in the Statehouse.

Senate Bill 1372 is among the first steps the Legislature has taken toward improving teacher accountability. It won't cure all of the problems confronting public education in Idaho, but it's a good start.

The proposal from Sen. Darrel Deide, R-Caldwell, cleared the Senate with flying colors and is now in the House Education Committee. The bill makes sense because it would create mentoring programs for teachers in the early years of their careers. The idea is good for newcomers to the teaching ranks and for the school districts that employ them. It deserves to succeed.

In effect, the bill boils down to a trade-off for rookies: more help from the veterans, but less job security in the first three years.

Deide, a former superintendent of the Caldwell School District, is an ideal legislator to push this bill. He is widely respected in the Senate, where many of his colleagues look to him for leadership on education issues.

Like many observers of Idaho education, Deide knows the state has a woefully inadequate system of teach-

er accountability. That's not to say that Idaho teachers are any worse than those in any other state. The lack of accountability means that no one really knows how well Idaho's public school teachers perform their duties.

Others recognize this, too. In a report late last year, the Fordham Foundation gave the state a D-minus for not improving its system of teacher accountability. Last month, Education

Weekly magazine ranked Idaho dead last in the nation for a lack of written tests on basic skills, subject knowledge or subject-specific methods for certifying new teachers.

Again, none of this is new. But until a formal system of teacher accountability is created, teacher performance is shrouded in mystery. In the circus world, this is known as, "You pay your money and you takes your chances."

Idaho deserves better, and Deide's bill is a beginning. Does it solve all the problems that beset education in Idaho? No. It doesn't reward Idaho's outstanding teachers, nor does it weed out or revitalize teachers who have lost their effectiveness.

But it's a step, and as they say in the high country of Nepal, "A tall mountain is climbed with many steps."

New teachers could count on help from seasoned colleagues as they learn the ropes. Meanwhile, school districts would be free to cut loose new teachers who don't make the grade.

WHO WANTS TO MARRY A MULTI-MILLIONAIRE



They're coming for your water

In early March, residents of southern Idaho will have their last real opportunity to tell Gov. Kempthorne and the Clinton administration that losing our irrigation water and letting salmon and steelhead runs go extinct is unacceptable.

The federal government is holding a series of public hearings across the Northwest to learn if we care enough about preserving Snake River salmon to do what's necessary to save them.

Science says that one essential action is to breach four dams on the lower Snake River in Washington state. History will show this either was the time when Northwesterners rallied by the thousands to save a beloved part of our heritage or the time we sat on our hands while politicians sent salmon into oblivion.

The tragedy of the situation is not that our elected leaders lack the knowledge to save salmon but rather the will to deliver on all the lofty promises they've made while posing at hallowed places like Redfish Lake. One would think any politician who truly loves Idaho would be horrified to know that on his watch, the last chance to keep salmon in the Salmon River was lost forever. That would be a selfish legacy to leave our children, especially for a governor who declared this "the generation of the child."

But our governor doesn't appear to be very horrified. Despite his recent proclamation that "it's our turn and our time to save salmon," Gov. Kempthorne has yet to offer anything meaningful toward a credible regional recovery plan that actually restores salmon to fishable levels,



READER COMMENT
Scott Bosse

Speak your piece

A public hearing on alternatives to restore Idaho's salmon and steelhead runs will be held at 5 p.m. on March 8, at the Weston Plaza, 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

builds a sustainable economy and tends to the needs of people.

The governor instead has painted himself into a corner by stating that Idaho's salmon recovery plan will include neither dam breaching nor additional flow augmentation. He supports only a few small steps that wouldn't even reverse the decline of salmon runs, such as adding the Columbia River estuary of Caspian terns, installing "fish-friendly" turbines, and studying ocean conditions.

At best, this plan would leave us with museum salmon runs for a decade or two. At worst, it is a funeral plan for the fish that have graced our landscape for the past 12,000 years.

Even his own salmon advisers on the Northwest Power Planning Council recently conceded that federal studies show either dam removal or massive amounts of southern Idaho water will be needed to recover salmon.

Gov. Kempthorne has taken this unrealistic stance despite the overwhelming majority of scientists who say that any plan to restore all of Idaho's wild salmon and steelhead runs must include dam breaching. That view is shared by the Fish and Game departments of Idaho, Washington and Oregon, the Idaho Chapter and Western Division of the American Fisheries Society, tribal fisheries agencies, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The only remaining scientific debate is not whether dam removal is necessary but what combination of additional measures in the areas of habitat, harvest and hatcheries will be required.

The federal government has laid its cards on the table. For Idaho, the choice is stark but clear. We can either breach the dams and very likely get our salmon back, or we can leave the dams alone and watch our irrigation water and thousands of farming, timber, mining and recreation jobs vanish along with the salmon. The few benefits those dams provide could easily be replaced with targeted investments in rail and highway infrastructure.

It's too bad that we can't expect our elected leaders to save salmon because it's the right thing to do. Sadly, that's not how most politicians work. So we must show them that voters demand it. The way to do that is to show up at the March 8 hearing in Twin Falls and tell them that we're not willing to part with our salmon for four dams that never made any sense.

Scott Bosse is a conservation scientist with Idaho Rivers United in Boise.

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LETTERS

Visual artists, where are you?

Many talented students have attended O'Leary Junior High since its inception. A number have even gone on to a career in the arts. To celebrate and honor the arts in our school and community, we are trying to locate as many former O'Leary visual artists as possible and acquire artworks created by them since they left O'Leary. The auditorium building serves as a frequent arts-performance location for the community, and its foyer entry wall would be greatly enhanced by a quality permanent display showcasing the fine artworks of O'Leary alumnae.

If you are a former O'Leary student who has gone on to study in the visual arts and may even be pursuing a career in art, are the parent of such a former student or know the whereabouts of one, please contact the current art teacher, Linda Tuley, at O'Leary Junior High, 2350 Elizabeth Blvd., Twin Falls, ID 83301, or at 733-2155 or by e-mail at tuley@sfsl.k12.id.us for further information.

This is your opportunity to both share your artistic talent with the community that helped nurture you and add to your exhibit credentials by having a piece on permanent display in a public facility. We are aiming to have pieces ready for display in the fall of 2000.

LINDA TULEY
Twin Falls

You get used to the smell

I would like to talk about cow-barn smell. I was born in Iowa in 1921. I lived in Iowa for the first 15 years. Then we moved to the country. Every farm in Iowa had lots of corn to feed to hogs and cattle. This place did have some odor. Dad took this high-paying job for \$45 per month. The first year, we did notice the odor. The next year was less. By the third year, nothing. When I went into town, I thought this air is not the same. I sure hoped it wasn't bad for your lungs. About this time, we had friends come out and say, "How do

you stand that smell?" I said, "What smell?"

So if you live close to a big cattle or hog farm, the good Lord reduces your sense of smell. In a few years, you won't smell it. When your kids' kids take over the place and someone asks, "How do you stand that smell?" they will say, "What smell?"

So you can see it only takes one generation to get used to it.

TED VAUX
Hansen

Talk about a big stink

Our business does lawn care and yard maintenance for several dairies in Magic Valley. We have yet to find a dairy lagoon that produces a stench as bad as the Twin Falls sewage line at Pole Line Road and Grandview Drive.

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Jerome

Garbage men do great job

I am writing in response to the letter, "Go private and save."

First of all, I feel like the men on the garbage are doing one heck of a job. They deserve whatever they are paid. You go private, and it will take jobs away from some good men. Remember when Buhl went with a private company for school buses? It lasted one year.

My husband came from Yuma, Ariz., and I came from the Phoenix area. Our garbage wasn't picked up good. If my house was spilled, it was left in the alley or front of the house.

Another thing, look at the problems with the computers. Our son and daughter-in-law live in a small town in Minnesota. When their garbage went private, it got so high they couldn't afford it.

We think we should give a big thank you to our garbage men and leave well enough alone.

MR. AND MRS. AUSTIN STOUT
Buhl

Look at the big picture in Nevada

I need to respond to the Feb. 15 editorial condoning the Forest Service critics' actions in Elko County, Nev.

The editorial sounded sort of sensible and like it might be on target, but it's not even close. I have lived in this area for many years and do not work for the government, and I can tell you that most people that "live here, are not born, then live, and die around here." What a joke. This is a mining boom town, the population has tripled in the last 15 years. I believe the reason some people act uncivilized toward the Forest Service is because, day after day, they listen to one-sided stories, half-truths and quotes by government officials taken out of context.

In my opinion, Nevada is one state that could benefit from a few road closures. The road in Jarbidge has washed out in the past, and I thought it was a good idea to make it into a nice hiking, bike and path way. I don't see it as the Forest Service policy of my local or the highway." It is more like the local politicians saying it's our way or else. At a recent public meeting when I disagreed

with a major player in this mess (a member of the Nevada State Legislature), he said, sarcastically, "I hope you make it out of the meeting alive."

The Jarbidge Road is one source of the poor, pickled-on locals' frustrations; another is a small wilderness in the Ruby Mountains. It is so overrun with snowmobiles that most cross-country skiers and other non-motorized users just stay away. But if the Forest Service tries to enforce the law, they are threatened and called tyrants. I guess it's OK, though, because it's so frustrating for these important locals to obey the law.

There is a bigger picture to all this. The almost daily frenzy of distortion about this issue is orchestrated by a few individuals that stand to gain by dismantling the public lands system, and I think the Sagebrush Rebellion is what it's all about.

DAVID LUND
Elko, Nev.

Sorry for the scratch

I am searching for the owner of a Gold BMW that was parked at JC Penney's on Feb. 16. While opening my door, I hit

the BMW, causing a scratch in the paint. I would like to contact you to personally apologize for this accident. I should have talked to you that day. Please contact me at 423-5231.

Again, I apologize for the incident and for not taking responsibility to talk to you when it happened.

DEVRY NIELD
Kimberly

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OPINION

LETTERS

Jerome has good sports

I am responding to the Jan. 26 letter from Joymae Stone.

As a faculty member in the Jerome School District for the past 19 years and having attended around 500 varsity basketball games (plus many others) in our gymnasium, I felt it necessary to relate some facts about Jerome's sportsmanship:

1. In our high school gym before each varsity basketball game, a code of conduct from the Idaho High School Activities Association is read of the public address system.

2. At a recent pep assembly, one of our basketball coaches addressed the issue of sportsmanship with our student body.

3. Many students are instructed to "Root for their school - not against another school. For it is in rooting against another school that we ourselves become weaker."

4. Jerome High School has been awarded the IHSAA Sportsmanship Trophy three out of the past nine years. This last honor came at the conclusion of the 1999 Girls' Idaho State Basketball Tournament. Many of those coaches and players are still here today.

5. After the girl's regional playoff game on Jan. 29, an administrator from Century High School praised Jerome for the behavior of our athletes.

6. Over these 19 years, I have never observed (nor heard of) a Jerome basketball player (or coach) pushing a referee as Ms. Stone proclaimed in her letter. To do so would set the following process in motion:

A. According to the IHSAA rules, the offender would be immediately removed from the game.

B. This would be followed by at least a one-game suspension. Depending on the situation, that person could be removed from the team for the remainder of the season.

C. This same offender would also feel ill effects from our own school district, the referee's association and the South Central Idaho District Board of Control.

7. The records from the above boards reveal that Jerome's athletes

letes have never been called to appear before these boards to answer for the alleged incident.

If it is true that a player's attitude is directly linked to the coach, then I gladly salute all coaches at Jerome High School and say, "Thank you, coaches, for the outstanding work you do with and for our young athletes."

KEITH LIEN
Music Director
Jerome School District
Jerome

Get your money's worth

Recent news items indicate the Mini-Cassia Economic Development Commission and the economic development specialist, Todd Christensen, have received criticism from Heyburn City Council members. As a Burley taxpayer, I agree with Heyburn that we are simply not getting our money's worth from the commission or the specialist. Before Burley and Cassia County officials spend more tax dollars on expensive and questionable economic development projects, I believe they should obtain the services of an economic development specialist from the University of Idaho Extension Service and determine to what extent economic development would be feasible in this area. This specialist would also conduct a public survey of attitudes toward land use. This would be the first step in developing a comprehensive plan, which is required in each county by state law.

Burley City officials intend to use the Burley Urban Renewal Plan to fund several expensive projects to, hopefully, improve the city's sluggish economy. I disagree. This is wasting our tax dollars. Also, by using the BURP, city officials deprive Burley residents of their right to vote on municipal projects. Burley officials have spent \$30,000 to \$40,000 to "determine what direction the city should take" or to "pander the city's future" (reported Feb. 2). This is another waste of tax dollars.

I believe the Mini-Cassia Development Commission and the economic development specialist should both be terminated.

ed. This would save Mini-Cassia taxpayers at least \$68,000 per year. Also, I believe local business should pay for their own economic development. Taxpayers should not be expected to pay for economic development projects that would benefit primarily local business.

As a Burley taxpayer, I deeply resent our city and county officials paying new business with tax dollars to move into the

Cassia County area.

My wife and I are moving to Idaho Falls soon. One last word of advice: Keep a sharp eye on your elected city and county officials. Terminate the unfair BURP, be leery of Burley's proposed "economic development" projects and say "no" to the proposed large hog factories in Cassia County.
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WORLD

Iran reformists claim victory

Key official says Iran wants action from U.S.



Iran's top parliamentary candidate Mohammadreza Khatami shows a document with the names of 109 candidates that have been elected so far belonging to his party, the Islamic Iran Participation Front, during a news conference Tuesday in Tehran.

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's top parliamentary candidate said Tuesday that the country needs concrete action from the United States to lower the wall of mistrust between the two nations.

"We are waiting for practical steps from the United States more than nice words," Mohammadreza Khatami said in his first comment on the issue since Friday's legislative elections. Khatami, the younger brother of President Mohammad Khatami, heads the country's largest and most influential reformist group, the Islamic Iran Participation Front.

In a statement Sunday, U.S. State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said the Iranian elections were a historic event, with the Iranian people showing they want policies that give them more freedom. U.S. relations with Iran broke off during the 1979 revolution, when demonstrators seized the U.S. Embassy and held 52 Americans captive until January 1981.

Talks with the United States, a more liberal press and increased personal freedoms are expected

to be among the issues discussed in the next Parliament, or Majlis, which will be seated in June.

Moderates are poised to wrest the legislature from hard-line control for the first time since Iran's 1979 Islamic revolution ousted the U.S.-backed shah and brought the Shiite Muslim clergy to power. The election results are seen as a national endorsement

Mohammadreza Khatami said in the new Parliament the reformists will work toward a freer press, more freedom of information and the lifting of a ban on satellite dishes to allow people more access to information.

He also criticized the United States for maintaining U.S. sanctions against Iran.

Peacekeepers push back Kosovo protest

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia (AP) — The divided city of Kosovska Mitrovica was calm Tuesday, a day after NATO-led peacekeepers fired tear gas to prevent thousands of ethnic Albanians from crossing a bridge into Serb-controlled areas.

U.S. paratroopers sent here from southeastern Kosovo as reinforcements manned barricades on the bridge, relieving the British who bore the brunt of Monday's clashes.

French, British, Canadian and Danish soldiers on Monday used armored personnel carriers as barricades, blocking demonstrators who tried to force their way across the bridge spanning the Ibar River. About 4,000 Serbs were waiting on the north side, determined to battle the ethnic Albanians.

As many as 50,000 ethnic Albanians marched to Kosovska

Mitrovica on Monday to demand an end to the city's ethnic bloodshed.

Recent tensions began after a Feb. 2 grenade attack on a U.N. bus killed two elderly Serbs south of the city. That triggered a round of revenge attacks that have left nine people dead and scores injured.

NATO's secretary-general, Lord George Robertson, said Monday there was "no doubt that (Yugoslav President Slobodan) Milosevic will have a hand in some of the provocations being organized on the Serb side."

"There is clearly rising tension in the southern part of Serbia and large numbers of additional Yugoslav troops have moved into the area," Robertson added.

"And I would warn anybody who seeks to be provocative in that part of the world on whatever side of the divide they may be

that again we will not tolerate action being taken."

Both the United States and Yugoslavia have blamed each other for heightening tensions in Kosovska Mitrovica, Kosovo's most multiethnic city.

In an effort to relax the confrontational atmosphere, French Gen. Pierre de Saqui de Sannes said the start of the nightly curfew had been pushed back from 6 p. m. to 8 p. m. He also said weapons searches had been suspended, although peacekeepers reserved the right to resume them "where we want, when we want."

In New York, Richard Holbrooke, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, accused the Yugoslav government in Belgrade of fomenting the latest unrest. His view was shared by Gen. Wesley Clark, the NATO commander in Europe.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

P&Z term limits bill goes to House

BOISE - Despite heavy debate, the House's Local Government Committee Tuesday endorsed a new bill eliminating term limits for planning commission members.

The 64-page measure to the House floor came over the objections of Ada County Farm Bureau representative Viki Purdy, who said planning commissioners in her area are not like farmers and ranchers in their actions, making it hard for her clients to pursue their livelihood.

Purdy said turnover in her planning and zoning commissions would bring in new ideas, making the body more viable. The bill would eliminate the six-year limit on planning commission spots, with a two-thirds majority vote of the governing body which appoints them. County commissions and city councils appoint the volunteer commissioners. Tuesday's bill is the second measure attempting to eliminate term limits for the commissioners.

The first bill died in the Local Government Committee after Rep. Dawn Hornbeck, R-Grangeville, left the committee room to find an absent committee member just before the voting. Without Hornbeck's support, the measure died. She later said she would have voted in favor of the measure. Hornbeck made Tuesday's motion for the committee to endorse the bill, sponsored by House-Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, and Rep. Tim Ridinger, R-Shoshone.

Department reviews fairgrounds petting zoo

TWIN FALLS - The South Central District Department will discuss one way to make the Twin Falls County-fair a little bit cleaner. At its meeting this afternoon, the board will discuss plans to install hand-washing stations at the fairgrounds petting zoo. The change would emphasize the dangers of disease transmission after handling livestock. In other business, the board is scheduled to discuss the Healthy People 2010 program, a new approach to health care that shifts the focus from disease monitoring to behavior monitoring. Results of both a Women and Children in Crisis and for child abuse survey will be available at the meeting, and details on April's Public Health Week will also be discussed. The meeting starts at 1:30 p.m. at the Board Conference Room at its Twin Falls office, 1020 N. Washington St., and is open to the public.

Hospital to unveil new wing at open house

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is hosting an open house today from 3 to 6 p.m. to introduce a new location for three services. In a move to provide one-stop shopping for such services as occupational health programs, cardiopulmonary rehabilitation program and women's imaging and outpatient x-ray services have been moved to the southeast corner of the medical office building. The open house includes refreshments, a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 5 p.m., and drawings for a free mammogram, hearing screening and stress test. The free event will be held in the Medical Office Building.

Centennial committee will meet tonight

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Centennial Committee will meet tonight as it plans the city's 100-year anniversary celebration. The committee will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Twin Falls Civic Center, 858 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. The committee is in charge of organizing events to celebrate the city's centennial.

Principals to present progress update

TWIN FALLS - Principals of Twin Falls schools today will continue a monthly series of presentations to the Twin Falls School Board. Principals are updating the board once a month for the remainder of the school year on progress in meeting goals set by staff at each school. Principals Chris Gillette, from Harrison Elementary School, and Kent Anderson, from I.B. Perrine Elementary School, will give their presentations today. Goals focus on student achievement and other issues unique to each school. The board meets at 7 p.m. at the school district's administrative offices, 201 Main Ave. W.

Compiled from staff reports

Buhl man gets at least 20 years

By Brian Haynes Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A Buhl man convicted of handcuffing his girlfriend and twice shooting her finger at point-blank range was sentenced Tuesday to spend at least 20 years in prison. Members of William Henry Brazil's family sobbed as District Judge Nathan Higer read his sentence, which could be as long

as 50 years. Higer also fined Brazil \$3,500 and ordered him to pay more than \$17,000 in restitution to victim Wanda Vulgamore for medical costs and lost wages. A jury convicted Brazil in December of kidnapping and two counts of aggravated battery. On May 24, 1999, Vulgamore went to Brazil's house, slept and awoke to find Brazil on top of her

demanding sex, Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebis said during Tuesday's sentencing hearing. When Vulgamore refused he bit and hit her before shooting two knuckles on her left index finger, he said. Then Brazil handcuffed Vulgamore's wrists and ankles, carried her to the car and began to drive away. Vulgamore escaped when Brazil stopped the

car and briefly went inside the home, Loebis said. Brazil said at trial that Vulgamore was trying to kill herself, and the gun accidentally went off as he tried to take the gun from her. During Tuesday's sentencing hearing, Brazil's ex-wife and sister testified that Brazil was a loving, caring man who changed after he began using methamphetamine and met Vulgamore.

Lucy Vieira, his sister, read a greeting card that she recently received from Brazil. "How can somebody who Mr. Loebis says is so hardened ... have all this love in his heart?" she said, referring to the card. Brazil's lawyer, Loren Bingham, asked for a short prison term that gave his client a chance for rehabilitation.

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New merger hopes to bridge gap



Bret Turner gets his picture taken by Vernon Platt during an orientation session on Tuesday. Turner is a new employee of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center who used to work for an ambulance company in Jerome.

Ambulance should improve response time, officials say

By Jay Hovser Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A new merger of two ambulance services is designed to improve service on both sides of the Snake River. But in the short run, the merger of paramedic services in Jerome and Twin Falls counties will leave the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center a little short on personnel.

Under a joint agreement between Jerome County and Magic Valley Regional, the hospital placed one of its three ambulance crews at the Jerome main station Monday. With this expansion, employees will have to work extra hours until new employees can be trained.

"It's requiring that some people work some extra shifts, so we'll be a little short-handed for the next couple of months," said Gilbert Schmidt, director of Magic Valley Regional's ambulance and paramedics service.

"But I don't really think it will affect the service. We have enough people to handle the call volume in the interim."

Magic Valley Regional has hired the 15 employees who worked for Unistar, the Jerome County ambulance service, and their orientation with Magic Valley Regional finishes today. When they are deployed into the field, they will be under the tutelage and supervision of field training officers, who will determine when their new training is complete.

After the transition, hospital officials are expecting the combined service to run smoothly. "We have established an ambulance service that will run as if there are no county lines," said Jerry Hart, Magic Valley Regional's chief executive officer. "This regional EMS service will ensure that pre-hospital care is of the highest quality and the

care of the patient at critical junctures is better coordinated."

From filling out new forms to getting familiar a lot of new area, there is much for the new recruits to learn, Schmidt said. "There is a lot of variation from service to service in how things are done. There's a lot of things for them to learn and a whole new system to fit into," Schmidt said.

Eventually the center plans to have five ambulance crews in Jerome and Twin Falls counties. Officials are working out the details of a plan to station a crew in northeast Twin Falls, one in Buhl and one near the Traveler's Oasis Gas Station by the Hansen Bridge on Interstate 84.

These changes would cut response times significantly, Schmidt said. The current response time to Murtaugh, for example, is 30 minutes. With an ambulance at the Oasis station, that time would be cut to about

14 minutes. The new stations will probably be ready in the next four or five months, but it all hinges on Magic Valley Regional's training. Schmidt said he anticipates the center will have to hire about 10 more employees from outside the area.

Vehicles and equipment, however, are not a problem. Magic Valley Regional has purchased Unistar's ambulance. The merger also allows the center to use Jerome County's three ambulances, bringing the hospital's fleet up to 10.

"These changes give us an opportunity to combine services and, by doing so, give us a service that was stronger than either one was to begin with," Schmidt said.

Schmidt said patients will usually be able to choose which health care facility treats them. This is important because many

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Kemphorne pushes property rights package

By Michael Joumeo Times-News writer

BOISE - The complex issue of private property rights and how they relate to Idaho's roads and highways is under discussion at the Statehouse this week.

Three measures, all sponsored by Rep. Jim Kempton, R-Albion, deal with rights-of-way and eminent domain and will be up for discussion this week. The House of Representatives struck down one bill Tuesday, and the other two, different versions of the same bill, will likely be discussed Thursday in committee.

Tuesday's tie House vote killed Kempton's attempt to clarify the process by which road commissioners determine whether a road should be public or private. The measure would

have provided an outline for officials to determine just compensation if a road is declared eminent domain, a clause allowed in Idaho code.

"It's a question of private property rights," Kempton said. Kempton said the bill most likely died due to the technical and legal nature of its language. Many legislators may have felt too unsure to give it their endorsement, he said.

But Kempton has two more bills in the works to ensure that eminent domain actions don't hurt businesses - and that if they do, the landowner has recourse to get compensation.

Ray Moore's case is a good example of what can happen when the state exercises its right to take over property to widen or

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Council approves development plans

By Brian Haynes Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Two commercial developments on the Snake River Canyon rim moved closer to reality Tuesday night when the Twin Falls City Council approved plans for the Craig H. Nelsen properties.

Canyon Park East sits on 12 acres between the Magic Valley Mall and the canyon rim. Canyon Park North sits on 15 acres west of Blue Lakes Boulevard North between the canyon rim and another Nelsen property, Canyon Park West.

The next step on the two projects is for the city and Nelsen, a

former Twin Falls resident who lives in Las Vegas, to reach a planned-unit development agreement. Last week the council approved such an agreement for Canyon Park West, paving the way for construction to begin.

Nelsen has also proposed putting a 175-room and 15,000-square-foot convention center on 7 acres of the Canyon Park North, but that proposal continues to be hammered out.

The council rezoned a 58-acre parcel southwest of the intersection at Addison Avenue East and 3300 East, inside the city's impact zone. Property owners Jay Frost and Nick Vance Steeg asked the city to rezone the property to allow for one-acre residential lots. They plan to develop a subdivision that would include large common spaces where horses could be kept.

The council approved a plan

Movies for votes

Jerome School District pushes bond issue

By Jay Hovser Times-News writer

JEROME - The Jerome School District is trying its hardest to get a school bond issue passed on March 2, and officials say most of their promotional efforts go to simply getting information about the district and the bond issue out to the public.

"We're trying to put forward factual information about the district," said district Business Manager Mike Gibson. "We're providing the public with an idea of where we are now and what they can anticipate in the future."

The district is using several methods to get its message out. District Clerk Linda Adams said the district's facility committee, a five-member citizens group,

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Movie tickets for votes

After turnout for past Jerome bond issue elections has been lower than many officials would like, and one Magic Valley resident has decided to take action.

Larry Roper, managing director for Interstate Amusement, which operates several area movie theaters, has decided to offer a free movie pass to everyone who shows up

at the movies. Roper said it upsets him that a small percentage of the people decide an issue as important as this one, and he wants to see more community involvement. Some have taken exception to Roper's tactic, accusing him of trying to buy votes for the bond issue, which he said he hopes will pass. But Roper said he doesn't care how people vote, he simply wants to increase participation.

"We're not going to know how they vote. We're not trying to buy anything. We just want you to get involved. If we're buying anything, we're trying to buy involvement," Roper said.

Roper said he has planned to accommodate 3,000 people, although only about 1,600 people voted in the last bond issue election, he said. If even more people show up for this election, he will make changes to provide free shows for all of them, he said. "Hopefully it just gets people to vote," Roper said. "It would be nice if we could get 3,000 people out to vote."

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

Jerome discusses aging water system

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - In the search for ways to upgrade Jerome's aging water system without raising taxes, the City Council held a special meeting on Tuesday with Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney and Economic Development Specialist Dave McAlindin.

Courtney said Twin Falls faced a situation similar to Jerome's about five years ago when rapid growth placed too much strain on the city's water system.

Courtney said the city of Twin Falls used the judicial confirmation process to gradually raise

water rates over a several-year period. He said the process was only used when needed.

The process allows a city to ask a judge to approve the city to make improvements and recover the expenses by increasing user rates rather than passing a bond. The city must have the data to make a case for bypassing the taxpayers, Courtney said.

Judicial confirmation is not for fief projects, but when there is no choice, judicial confirmation is an option," Courtney said.

In August, Jerome voters defeated a \$1.7 million bond issue for Phase 3 of the city's water system upgrade. Phase 3 was to have included upgrades in the north-

east and southeast sections of the city. The Jerome city water system has pipes in it dating back to 1920 which are badly corroded and in need of repair.

Mayor Dennis Moore said his main concern was that the city might not be able to supply adequate water flows to fight fires to all parts of the city during peak times during the summer months.

If the city of Jerome decides to pursue judicial confirmation, McAlindin suggested the council form a citizens committee to help with the process.

Times-News correspondent Dixie Thomas Reale can be reached in Jerome at 324-3670.

Hollister city ponders dairy odor

By Mickey Brown
Times-News correspondent

HOLLISTER - A nearby dairy is working at making its operation a little more olfactory-friendly, council members Ron Hunicutt and Eric Webb told their fellow council members on Monday.

Hunicutt and Webb gave the council a rundown on Saturday's tour of the John Reitsma Dairy located south of the city. The two council members joined four other Hollister residents to tour the dairy and hear about what the operation is doing to control odor problems. Jim Etherington of Enz-A-Bac, the dairy waste management firm hired by Reitsma to design and construct an odor abatement system, directed the tour.

"Most of the smell we're getting right now is off of the holding pens," Hunicutt said. "They're working diligently to clear that out because there is a lot of standing water. They have about 20 tons of straw out there and used nearly 80 percent of that to soak up the water and have spent an astronomical amount of money to control the

When they meet

The Hollister City Council will hold a work session to discuss matters, 7 p.m. Monday at City Hall. The council will hold its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. March 13 at City Hall.

ence," said Etherington, who has acted as a liaison between the dairy and the city since December. "It will change the whole waste processing operation and at that point there will be a substantial change in certain types of odors out there."

Webb pointed out on Monday that the dairy will also begin to use a regular pond maintenance schedule, cleaning out the lagoons at 30-day intervals.

"I was very impressed with the strides they've taken to cure this problem," Webb said.

In other action Monday, Hunicutt asked for a work session to discuss the city's water system and its maintenance.

"I'd like to know if there is some way we could put a meter on our wells, or at least our booster pumps, to show how much water we're pumping out of the ground every month," Hunicutt said. "That's information I think we would find very valuable. I also think we need to do a lot more to work better as a group."

The council agreed to hold a work session on Monday.

Times-News correspondent Mickey Brown can be reached in Hollister at 543-6562.

SERVICES

James E. Coudley of Twin Falls, memorial at 6 p.m. Thursday at Sax Fifth Avenue at 213 Fifth Ave. S. in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Clarence R. Tat' Heath, 85, of Kimberly, services at 2 p.m. today at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 3850 N. 3500 E. in Kimberly. Friends may call from 12:45-1:45 p.m. today at the church (High Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Nolana Hazel Thorpe, 90, of Filer, and formerly of Jerome, services at 2 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome. Friends and family may call from

12 p.m. today at the chapel.

Allan C. Hansen of Wendell, service at 11 a.m. today at the United Methodist Church in Wendell; viewing from 10-11 a.m. today at the church (Demary's Wendell Chapel).

Shelly Ann Heck Neibaur of Paul, services at 11 a.m. today at the Paul Stake Center. Friends may call one hour before services today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Shoshone Chapel.

Gilbert Jaramillo

BLISS - Gilbert Jaramillo, 65, of Bliss, died Monday, Feb. 21, 2000, at his residence.

Services are pending at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Lowell D. Anderson

SHOSHONE - Lowell D. Anderson, 79, of Shoshone, died Monday, Feb. 21, 2000, at the Wood River Medical Center in Sun Valley.

Services are pending and will be announced by Demary's

Shoshone Chapel.

Gilbert Jaramillo

BLISS - Gilbert Jaramillo, 65, of Bliss, died Monday, Feb. 21, 2000, at his residence.

Services are pending at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

HOSPITALS

Minidoka Memorial Hospital

Admitted

Sheryl Delgado of Heyburn; and Brenden Pruett of Decburn.

Dismissed

Wyatt Homer and Virginia Johnson, both of Rupert; Faye Franzen of Burley; Andrew Kaylee of Heyburn.

Medical Center

Admitted

James Rathburn of Kimberly.

Discharged

Mark Craig of Twin Falls.

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OBITUARIES

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BUHL

Kara Ashlea Leith

Kara Ashlea Leith, 14, a beloved daughter, sister and granddaughter, was taken from this earth on February 20, 2000, at St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise, ID.

Kara was born on July 15, 1985, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane, Washington. She lived with her mother and father on the Rathdrum Prairie in Northern Idaho until she was six-years-old. In July of 1991, Rob, Cathy and Kara moved to Buhl, Idaho, to live on the family homestead with Kara's grandparents, Leonard and Mary Leith. Kara was a freshman at Buhl High School, where she excelled in sports, music, drama and academics. She loved music and was a student in piano under her grandmother's tutelage.

Music filled her life, her room, and time shared with her friends. With the assistance, encouragement and coaching of her dad and grandfather, Don Leith, she became a champion softball player, and a cherished teammate on the volleyball team. Kara was smitten or bitten with her newly found passion for drama. She participated in one production, certainly with many more on the horizon. This past semester, after several near misses, Kara achieved a personal goal of attaining a 4.0 grade-point average.

Kara and her mother Cathy, have shared a special bond, unlike that known to most people. They both inspired and were inspired by each other, their hearts and minds often working as one.

Kara lived every day to the fullest, never sparing a minute or inactively. Her middle name could have been passionate, for that is how she embraced her athletics, academics, friends and family with vigor and enthusiasm, including keeping in contact with up to ten people across the globe. She created joy and laughter with her light-hearted warm giggles and outlook on life. She would open a room of her peers or family to

brighntness and laughter. Kara leaves many fond memories that will be cherished for a lifetime. We will miss you Kara and you will remain in our hearts forever.

Kara is survived by her parents Rob and Cathy Leith, sister Laura Reinhardt of Coeur d'Alene, ID; brother Brian Leith of Nampa, ID; grandparents Leonard and Mary Leith of Buhl, ID; grandfather S.D. Waldner of Punta Gorda, Fla.; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at the Buhl Middle School, Buhl, ID, on Thursday, February 24th at 4 p.m. A reception for all family and friends will be held immediately following the service. The family requests that no flowers be sent.

Contributions in Kara's memory may be made to the Buhl Music Department at the Buhl branch of Farmers National Bank.

Thibodaux, La., Mary Colores of Baldwin Park, Calif., and Rosalie Rodriguez of Los Angeles, Calif.

Altogether, seven sons, 10 daughters, 42 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and three sisters, Maxine Panco of Buhl, Idaho, Joyce Walker of Seattle, Wash., and Lillian Garner of Boise, Idaho; seven nieces and nephews, and 13 grand-nephews and nieces.

TWIN FALLS



Esther Irene Frahm

Esther Irene Frahm, 85, died Monday, February 21, 2000, at the Twin Falls Care Center, of natural causes.

Esther was born May 14, 1914, in Laport, Colorado. She moved with her parents to Idaho, where she and her family lived until she moved to California to live with her grandmother and grandfather Venemero. She later met and married Edward Rick and Gary Garner from Twin Falls; daughters Lora Lee from Buhl, and Shauna Otto from Chubbuck, Idaho; his surviving wife Esther, with daughter and two sons, Donald Jr. and Ralph from Homeland, Calif.; Dean from Texas, Lynn of Atlanta, Ga.; daughters Donna Springfield and Dorotea McNally, both of Temecula, Calif.; Lori Luna of Anaheim, Calif.; Denise Hansel of Camp Lejeune, N.C.; Leslie Lunford of Mission Viejo, Calif.; Linnett Guillote of

Donald Garner

Donald Garner, 74, of Buhl, in loving memory of a good man, father and grandfather.

Don was born May 29, 1925, at his parent's home in Buhl, Idaho. He died January 27, 2000, in his home in Home, California. Funeral services were held in California, and he was buried at Riverside National Cemetery in California, with full military honors.

Donald Garner served in the U.S. Navy during WW II, then became a self-employed contractor and inventor. Don loved boxing, fishing and sightseeing.

He is survived by his former wife, Charlene Haynes; with daughters and son, Edward Rick and Gary Garner from Twin Falls; daughters Lora Lee from Buhl, and Shauna Otto from Chubbuck, Idaho; his surviving wife Esther, with daughter and two sons, Donald Jr. and Ralph from Homeland, Calif.; Dean from Texas, Lynn of Atlanta, Ga.; daughters Donna Springfield and Dorotea McNally, both of Temecula, Calif.; Lori Luna of Anaheim, Calif.; Denise Hansel of Camp Lejeune, N.C.; Leslie Lunford of Mission Viejo, Calif.; Linnett Guillote of

Bliss School District, community help to improve summer athletic program

By Dore Jensen
Times-News correspondent

BLISS - The Bliss School District is helping to improve athletic programs offered in the community during the summer months.

Bliss High School Principal Roy Sawyer presented a report on the community's suggestions for improving athletics that came out of a special meeting held last week.

The board approved one of the suggestions to loan out the district's physical education equipment to summer programs like Little League. Guidelines for the use of the gymnasium will also be put into place and the district's summer maintenance crew will maintain the restrooms.

Also Monday, the Bliss High School senior class presented its itinerary for the annual senior class trip. This year's trip will take 15 seniors and four adult chaperones to Seattle during spring break the last week of

March. Seniors plan to visit the Boeing Museum of Flight, Ballard Locks, Pike Street Market on the Wharf and a shipwreck museum.

The district will provide bus transportation to and from the Boise airport.

Bliss basketball player Scott Thompson will not be joining his classmates on this year's senior trip.

The School Board denied Thompson's request that it reconsider its decision to suspend him from all extracurricular school activities. The School Board banned the 18-year-old senior from all extracurricular school activities for the remainder of the school year for pushing a referee during a Nov. 29 boys' basketball game.

Other School Board business:

- Superintendent Kevin Lancaster requested suggestions from the board for doing background checks on school volunteers who help with extracurricular activities.
- The board approved paying

school employees extra for driving buses after their normal hours.

- Lancaster told the board he will continue to work on the Bliss school calendar to get it more in line with the calendars of other schools in the Magic Valley.
- The board approved Sauer's request to look into a trimester system.
- The board approved paying the fees for coaches Carol Wood, Jerry Couch, Dalin K, Diana Bouter, Laren Erastin, Jon Goss and Lane Durtsch to attend a clinic for coaches and officials to be held March 10-12 in Jackpot, Nev.
- The board accepted a \$300 check from The Farmers National Bank to be used for school needs.
- The building's electrical rewiring project is 80 percent complete.

Times-News correspondent Dore Jensen can be reached in Bliss at 837-6211.

House approves change in method of apportioning sales tax to towns

BOISE (AP) - Arguments for fairness and recognizing economic and demographic reality convinced the House to approve a fundamental change in the way a share of state sales tax revenue is allocated to local governments.

The 50-18 vote on Tuesday sent to the Senate legislation nearly identical to that killed by the House 34-33 last year.

The bill would update a more than 30-year-old revenue sharing formula while buffering relatively smaller, economically stagnant communities from dramatic financial consequences.

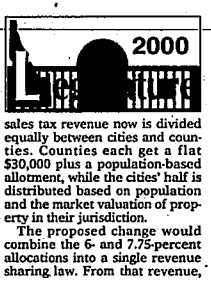
"By doing it this way everybody comes out on top," Republican Rep. Mike Moyle of Star said. "There's going to be a shift, but it's going to be a gradual shift."

53 percent of the revenue Idaho collects from its 5-percent sales tax now is distributed to cities, counties and taxing districts other than schools to replace money they stopped getting when the business inventory tax was eliminated in the mid-1960s.

Each taxing jurisdiction gets a base share equal to the amount distributed to them in the fourth quarter of 1979.

The rest is allocated based on business inventory taxes collected within their areas in 1965, 1966 and 1967.

Another 7.75 percent of state



\$6.4 percent would be distributed to cities and counties just as the 7.75-percent allotment is now. Another 7.7 percent of the combined revenue would go to special taxing districts and 35.9 percent would be split between cities and counties.

The latter two allocations would start with a base set at 105 percent of the amount distributed in the fourth quarter of 1999 under the current inventory tax replacement formula.

Then additional disbursements would be made to cities and counties based on their relative population and to special taxing districts based on their property tax budgets.

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Animal shelter reviews no-kill policy

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

HALLEY - The Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley is considering suspending the no-kill policy it adopted last year.

It's running out of room for stray pets.

"We're either going to have to expand or go back to the kill policy," shelter manager Natalie McCann said Tuesday.

The shelter's cat population is at its maximum now at 40. Dogs and puppies are nose to nose, with 30 puppies and 50 dogs.

The facility has set a moratorium on accepting new animals.

"I think adoptions are down while additions go up in winter," McCann said.

That might be because people are more likely to pick up an animal in the snow and bring it in, but less likely to want to take one home and try to house-train it in the middle of winter.

McCann said she plans to go to her board of directors and ask for an expansion, or ask to go back to the old kill policy. A large building nearby could house another 25 dogs in outdoor pens, but that's the end of the present options.

The non-profit shelter taps several sources for the \$250,000 needed annually to run the oper-

ation. Donations comprise a large percentage of the budget, but other money comes from proceeds of the Barkin' Basement thrift shop, fund-raisers, license and impound fees, and a crematorium.

Maybe next year, McCann said, the shelter will have room to offer a sanctuary for animals that have not been adopted within a year.

"Right now we're trying to be both - a shelter as well as a sanctuary," she said.

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PICK A STICK - ANY STICK



MEMO TITLE/The Times-News
Brian Packer, 11, and Samantha Ward, 7, measure sticks Tuesday with Almo Elementary School head teacher Trina Wilson. Students searched for the straightest sticks possible to help build a teepee. Wilson said the project is part of the students' history lesson on Idaho Indians.

Kemthorne, chairman plan tax reductions

BOISE (AP) - The governor and the Senate tax chairman weighed in with their own plans for cutting some of the taxes generating the state's growing cash surplus.

The day after House Revenue and Taxation Chairman Dolores Crow unveiled her own omnibus proposal for slashing more than \$50 million in taxes, bills introduced in the same committee Tuesday took a less ambitious approach.

As promised, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's office introduced a measure taking the second of eight steps toward phasing out the so-called marriage penalty on state income tax.

Increasing the standard deduction for joint returns from \$150 to \$300 would cost the state \$1.25 million in prospective revenue starting next year.

The result for about 150,000 married couples claiming that deduction would be an additional savings of roughly 24 cents a week.

Senate Tax Chairman Jerry Thorne of Nampa, a maverick among senators who have been more cautious in their approach to potential tax cuts than members of the House, introduced a more sweeping measure. It would eliminate the marriage penalty entirely.

That would reduce the state's general tax revenue by about \$11 million next year while allowing married couples to keep about \$2 a week more in their pockets.

Minico students attend Legislature

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Property tax decreases, school safety issues, and bond issues are not topics people would expect to hear teenagers discuss.

Last week Garrett Haynes and Reese Harper, two Minico High School seniors, attended a day at the Legislature to discuss these issues with lawmakers and policymakers.

Haynes and Harper traveled to the Statehouse with a group of Minidoka County school officials for an up-front look at what the Legislature is about. The boys did not go to the legislative sessions to get special credit or any kind of award, but because they wanted to find out what it is like and to give input, Haynes said.

The boys asked legislators to support making high school college credits state-funded. Minico has a large number of college credit classes, but students have to pay tuition to receive credit.

"It would be an incentive to go to college if they already have a foundation to start with," said Harper, Minico's student body president.

With schools in Gooding, Wendell, Jerome and Minico

lacking in new facilities, especially for technology, the students said the Legislature should look at making changes.

Haynes and Harper have been involved in working for better facilities for Minico. Last fall when the district was planning a bond issue, the boys were among many Minico students who participated in a rally and did other volunteer work to encourage voters to vote for the bond issue. Haynes spoke at the rally.

The bond issue failed to get the two-thirds support needed to pass.

So Haynes and Harper visited with legislators about lowering the majority needed to pass a bond issue.

"Idaho is one of only four states that requires a two-thirds majority to get a bond to pass," Harper said.

The boys want to help facilitate change because they are concerned about the community. Both hope to continue living in Minidoka County after they return from college.

If a bond issue passes and facilities are improved, it would bring in better businesses, Harper said.

"Right now, it is obvious a business will look at Burley for their facilities," Haynes said.

By going to Boise, the boys learned their voices can make a difference, they said.

"We were the only ones under the age of 30," Haynes said. "People were very interested in our opinion. It is interesting what impact one voice can have."

Both would like to make a difference later in life.

"If I were to stand there and let things fly by I couldn't live with myself," said Haynes, who says he can see himself running for state or federal office. "I'd like to make my decisions and not have them made for me."

Harper sees himself as influencing change in another capacity.

"I'd like to manage a larger business that would bring jobs to our community," he said.

Another way of getting involved, the teenagers said, is by serving on the School Board.

"Those guys are real cool cats," said Haynes, the student representative to the Minidoka School Board.

Board member George MacDonald went along to Boise with Haynes and Harper.

"Those young men saw government in action," MacDonald said. "They got a genuine picture of what it is about."

Burley city debates pet ordinance

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The City Council on Tuesday amended the city's curfew ordinance to hold hearings to be held between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sundays.

Council member Curtis Mendenhall acknowledged the people in the community who do not want curfew hearings to be held on Sundays, but said it wouldn't be right to tell one kind of business it couldn't operate on Sundays without telling all other businesses the same thing.

Councilman Dave Ringle said that sometimes government must not act on behalf of the majority but on behalf of what's morally right.

"I think there comes a time when you take a stand on things morally," Ringle said.

Councilman Al Thaxton disagreed.

"I don't think you can legislate morality," he said.

An ordinance that at one time prohibited any business from being open on Sunday was amended in the 1970s to allow certain businesses to open, but still included auctions in the ban. Ringle said "maybe we owe some allegiance to the city fathers"

who kept the ban on auctions in place.

Councilman Jon Anderson said that until people stop patronizing grocery stores on Sunday, the city cannot discriminate against one particular business.

In response to the concern of some residents that outdoor auctions would be a nuisance, Anderson proposed that the city's nuisance laws would still be in effect.

In other action Tuesday, a discussion on amendments to the city's pet ordinance drew another round of heated debate as residents protested subjecting cats to the same rules as dogs.

The ordinance would allow property owners to trap cats on their property and would charge a \$25 pickup fee for each dog or cat picked up by animal control. To encourage owners to monitor their pets, an additional \$25 would be assessed for each time the same licensed dog or cat is picked up. Owners of licensed pets would be exempt from the \$25 fee.

Betsy Barrett said she had trouble with the trapping issue, and Jean Hickman said she struggled with increased fines for licensed cats that are picked up more than

once as cats like to roam.

Ringle said he understood that some property owners might not want a person's cat repeatedly coming on their property.

Mendenhall said he was "not convinced we can adequately trap cats without an additional officer," and that until an officer is budgeted the ordinance would not be enforceable.

The ordinance will undergo three more readings before the council makes a final decision.

Other City Council business:

- The council passed a resolution that establishes no-parking zones on Parke Avenue and West 21st Street.
- Representatives from the Burley library district discussed a plan to form a library district that includes Cassia and Minidoka counties. Such a district would increase funding for local libraries, allow inventory to be acquired more cheaply, allow inter-library borrowing and expand city services outside city limits, they said.
- The council approved a \$17,430 contract with Moon & Associates to move a city lift station from the middle of Idaho Highway 27 on the north side of the Overland Bridge westward.

Lawsuit demands more water for benefit of Snake River salmon

The Times-News and The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. - Adding another dimension to the fight over removing dams, environmentalists and commercial fishermen filed a lawsuit Tuesday demanding federal agencies increase flows in the Columbia and Snake rivers to benefit salmon at the expense of Idaho farmers.

The suit could force federal agencies to acquire additional water in southern Idaho and eastern Idaho. An earlier study by the Bureau of Reclamation estimated that taking a proposed 1.4 million acre-feet of water from Upper Snake River reservoirs could dry up 350,000 acres of farmland - more in a dry year.

"That's certainly one way to get people's attention, is to sue them," said John Kosholt, attorney for the Twin Falls and Northside Canal companies. But it was not clear Tuesday specifically how the lawsuit would affect southern Idaho irrigators.

Filed in U.S. District Court under the Endangered Species Act, the lawsuit contends that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation have failed to meet minimum flows necessary for salmon survival set by the National Marine Fisheries Service in 1995. All three agencies were named as defendants.

Rich Rigby of Reclamation's Boise office said the agency has lived up to its obligations. The agency has been sending 427,000 acre-feet of water from southern Idaho down the river and releasing more than 1 million acre-feet

of water from Dworshak Reservoir on the Clearwater River in northern Idaho.

But in 1995, the Fisheries Service asked the bureau to secure additional water in the Snake River basin beyond the 427,000 acre-feet.

The key to survival of young salmon migrating downriver to the ocean is river flow, the plaintiffs argue. Dams have slowed and warmed the river to the point salmon are more vulnerable to predators and disease unless the amount of water is increased.

The lawsuit is the latest development in a fight over how best to remove four dams to return 140 miles of the lower Snake River to freeflowing conditions, agencies would have to boost flows with hundreds of thousands of acre-feet of water now allocated to farmers in Idaho for irrigation, said Glen Spain of the Pacific Federation of Fishermen's Associations.

"It puts into bold relief the two options for the Snake River," said Spain. "Either you have to remove the four dams, or you take a lot more water from Idaho than is currently being done. That could be astronomical in terms of cost to Idaho agriculture."

Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne says he opposes taking irrigation water from Idaho to help recover endangered salmon. He also opposes breaching the four

Snake River dams in southeastern Washington.

The Army Corps of Engineers did not immediately return a telephone call for comment.

The Fisheries Service does not comment on pending litigation, however keeping the four lower Snake dams will require sacrifices in other areas, said spokesman Brian Gorman.

Federal agencies are now reviewing a range of options for restoring dwindling populations of Columbia river salmon. 12 populations of which are on the endangered species list.

The most controversial option is a proposal to breach four dams on the lower Snake River: Lower Monumental, Little Goose, Ice Harbor and Lower Granite. Breaching would remove the earthen portion of the dams, leaving the concrete spillways, powerhouses and navigation locks.

Environmentalists, Indian tribes and fishermen who support breaching argue it is the best single step that can be taken to benefit salmon in the Snake River basin. It would restore spawning habitat for fall chinook and reduce mortality for juvenile fish migrating to the ocean.

But farmers, barge operators and aluminum smelters who oppose breaching argue it would eliminate cheap barge transportation of commodities between Lewiston and Pasco, Wash.; lower a reservoir used to irrigate about 370,000 acres, and eliminate 5 percent of the power sold by Bonneville Power Administration.

Jerome

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sends out a monthly blue sheet, a bulletin that contains information on tax cuts and enrollment growth, among other things.

The committee has developed an informational brochure to go out with next week's blue sheet offering more information, Adams said.

She also said the district is using the media as much as they

can to keep the public up-to-date. Several members of the community have written letters to the editor of The Times-News to state their opinions about how the bond issue would help the schools.

In addition, several downtown businesses are displaying informational and promotional signs made by a Jerome middle school art teacher.

All these actions are designed

to give the public all the facts they need to make an informed decision, and the district hopes it will be in its favor.

"We think that the key is getting information to the public. This is something we've attempted to do at each bond levy election," Adams said. "We've made every effort to get the information out. We've tried to develop a feasible plan the public will support."

Kempthorne

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improve roads, Kempton said. Former Filer business convenience store owner, lost his gas pumps when the road in front of his business was widened. He lost most of his business as a result, but was only compensated for the value of the tanks and pumps.

Moore eventually received a negotiated settlement for his

losses, but the example still holds true, Kempton said.

Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, an attorney, raised concerns about the language in the second of Kempton's bills. So Kempton is planning to introduce a third bill this morning in the House State Affairs Committee. If the committee votes to print the bill, or introduce it for further discussion, it would then be transferred

to the House Transportation Committee, where Kempton sits as chairman.

Both bills would then be heard by the Kempton's committee Thursday.

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Ambulance

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insurance companies pay only for treatment from the hospital closest to the patient's home.

A patient's preference will be another consideration, in many cases. However, patients with severe burns or eye injuries, for example, must be brought to Magic Valley Regional, the only health center adequately equipped to treat those injuries.

Jerome County Com-

missioner Roy Prescott, one official who worked on the merger, said he is pleased with the progress so far.

"It will provide patient service and care in a timely manner," Prescott said. "I think it's a progressive move for us. It should help state agencies about how that is not the case. We're addressing it now. This is a good, strong, positive movement forward for the residents of this

valley."

Final details on the merger's cost are unavailable.

A Magic Valley Regional news release said revenue from ambulance and paramedic services is expected to increase from \$1.7 million in the 1999 budget year to \$2.5 million in 2000. With the new vehicles and personnel, the center expects the service to break even financially in about three years.

Buhl

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"He's anxious to be the kind of father he was prior to his involvement in the drug scene," Bingham said.

Brazil's love for his family was a small issue considering the "very serious, very brutal crime," Loeb said in asking for a 25- to 50-year sentence.

"It was a case I thought long and hard about, and I couldn't

think of a way to give him a lesser term," Loeb said after sentencing.

Higer gave Brazil a 20- to 50-year sentence, which breaks down as five to 25 years on the kidnapping conviction and a consecutive sentence of 15 to 25 years on one aggravated battery charge. On the second aggravated battery charge, Brazil must serve a 5- to 15-year sentence to run concurrently with the other sentences.

Seeing Brazil's family in the courtroom, Higer said, realized that their pain was a result of his actions.

"Sentencing is not designed to sentence them, but that is what happens because of your choices," he said.

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

Former justice objects to attending fund-raiser

BOISE (AP) - Former Supreme Court Justice Robert Huntley is filing a complaint against 4th District Court Judge Dan Eismann because of Eismann's participation in a Republican fund-raiser in Idaho Falls.



Robert Huntley

Eismann was introduced at the annual Region 7 Lincoln Day banquet on Feb. 12 as a potential candidate for the Idaho Supreme Court seat now held by Justice Cathy Slak.

was critical of judges who act as activists in their interpretation of federal and state constitutions. In an interview after his e-mails, Eismann said courts had been pursuing political agendas with decisions that reinterpret the Constitution.

House legislation targets school safety problems

BOISE (AP) - Complementary plans for helping school districts address their building safety problems were introduced in the House just two weeks before the scheduled start of a trial on the adequacy of state policy on the issue.



Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's plan mandating development of a statewide school building safety standard and an establishing process for closing schools that pose imminent threat of harm to students also was introduced Tuesday by the House Education Committee.

Kempthorne's proposal - all but ignored by legislators - for the State Building Authority to issue bonds that would finance loans to schools and on which the state would pay the interest.

Uncertainty looms over new Idaho spending plan

BOISE (AP) - Legislative budget writers took the first steps toward setting the 2000-2001 state spending blueprint on Tuesday despite persisting uncertainty over just how much money they will eventually have to spend.

Legislative leaders believe the two bills introduced Tuesday in the House Revenue and Taxation Committee provide better options and will go a long way toward responding to the question that will be at issue in a trial ordered by the Idaho Supreme Court in late 1998.

Disagreement within the House and between the House and Senate over how big an election-year tax on voters should get and how to bend off a possible court judgment requiring the state to fix deteriorated school buildings is tying up tens of millions of dollars from the cash surplus.

In fact, they contend passing just the proposal for a \$20 million low-interest revolving loan fund - probably financed from the state's growing cash surplus - that districts could tap after exhausting other funding sources could be enough.

And the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee is facing a number of spending questions that were not accommodated in the \$1.8 billion general tax fund bill.

The committee wrapped up a second day of hearings on legislative options to control the escalating cost of the Medicaid program with seemingly fading optimism that any significant dent in the skyrocketing bill can be made in the new budget.

Complicating the mix, House Speaker Bruce Newcomb said

later, is at least one proposal that contemplates diverting \$20 million from Kempthorne's modest state public school aid package to school building needs.

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Hansen school building takes shape

By Margaret Jones Times-News correspondent

HANSEN - The Hansen School District's new vocational technology building is starting to take shape, with the erection of the frame under way.

At the School Board's January meeting, Superintendent Dennis Coulter said the construction crew had discovered a massive hole where one of the main supports had to be placed. No one could determine what this buried concrete hole had been used for, but it took \$2,000 worth of concrete mix to fill it and give a solid base for the support column.

In other School Board business: The Idaho Reading Indicator tests for kindergarten through third grade students revealed that out of the 35 kindergartners starting school, only 14 percent were reading at grade level.

The board discussed the purchase of a modular unit to ease elementary school crowding, and discussed ways to cut energy costs throughout the district. The board will meet March 13 to work on a long-range program for school needs and improvements.

The first two Saturday school sessions had been held with four students attending, secondary Principal Rick Abel said. These students were required to make up for tardies and absenteeism.

The board voted to advertise for a special education teacher for the next school year. Standley said there was a shortage of special ed teachers, so it's important to hire one as soon as possible.

The board voted to increase the salary of substitute teachers from \$40 to \$45 a day. The board agreed to accept Heidi Cranney as a student teacher next fall. The honors breakfast was held Jan. 28, with 57 students honored. The elementary honors choir will sing at the Statehouse on March 9 at 11:30 a.m.

Upcoming student events include track practice, which could start by March 6, a performance by the Ricks College music program on March 2, and an upcoming social studies class visit to the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center.

Galaxy 2000 Gala Mt Harrison Heritage Foundation's Gala 2000 March 6, 2000 • 7:30 pm • King Fine Arts Center For ticket information call 678-8888.

Memorial notice for Larry (Toby) Kober, brother of Mike Traugher, Billy Anderson, and Ken Priebe. Ben & Wanda Kober, GalyN & Nancy Kober, Wadsworth, Nick & Toby Wadsworth.

HANSEN AUCTION FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2000. LOCATED: Buhl, Idaho. From the northwest corner of Buhl, (Jackson's Cafe) go 10 8/10 miles northwest on Hwy. 30 to Magic Water Project Road, then 2 miles west, then 1 mile north on 800 East road, then 1 mile west and 4/10 mile south. Watch for auctions signs. Sale Time: 11:00 am Lunch by Kathy

TRACTORS-CRAWLER Allis Chalmers 7060 diesel tractor, cab with air, wide front, dual remotes, 540 and 1000 RPM P.T.O., category II 3 pt. hitch, synco transmission, 18x4x38 rubber, 4969 hours, 160 hp. Massey Ferguson 180 diesel tractor multipower, dual remotes, wide front, 15x5x38 rubber, category II 3 pt. hitch, 5648 hours, has mounted a Schwartz hydraulic loader with hydraulic 6' bucket. Loader to be sold separately. 1951 Caterpillar D4 crawler tractor, diesel engine, gas starting engine, 8' dozer blade, track and rails about 50%, good older unit. Pair of 18x4x38 snap on duals.

TRUCK-PICKUP 1974 Chevrolet 160 tandem axle truck, new 366 V8, 5 speed with 4 speed live/low. P.S., air brakes, 20" rubber, with metal 20" bed with grain slides, and a twin ram horn. • 1983 Chevrolet 1/2 ton pickup, 6.2 diesel engine, automatic, P.S., P.B., long wide box. GROUND WORKING EQUIPMENT Allis Chalmers 12' chisel plow, gauge wheels, 3 pt. hitch. • Bearcat 14' roller harrow, crop foot rollers, dual inside rubber, hydraulic lift. • John Deere 8' pul' type land plane, hand adjust, 3 pt. hitch. • Schaffer 14' tandem disc, needs some repairs. • 4 section 6' metal harrow with 3 pt. drawbar • 2 section 6' wood harrow and drawbar • 3 section 5' metal harrow and drawbar • Linderman 4' tandem disc with cutouts front, 3 pt. hitch

BEET - BEAN - CORN EQUIPMENT John Deere 7100 6 row corn planter, herbicide attachment, monitor, hydraulic markers, 3 pt. hitch • IHC 6 row 185 unit planter with bean and beet attachment, Gandy applicators, 3 pt. hitch • Allied 6 row front mount bean cutter with hydraulic cylinders • Massey Ferguson 3 bar T bar bean cultivator, tools, 3 pt. hitch • John Deere 4 section tine tooth harrow, folding 3 pt. hitch drawbar • Allis Chalmers 6 row 5 tine corn cultivator, rolling shields, gauge wheels, 3 pt. hitch

OTHER EQUIPMENT Like new Alloway 8" x 62" grain auger on rubber, P.T.O. drive, 2 years old • Hutchinson 6" x 50" grain auger, on rubber, P.T.O. drive • Century 500 gallon pul' type weed sprayer, poly tank, 30' booms, hand gun, P.T.O. pump • Meyers V type ditcher, 3 pt. hitch

SHOP ITEMS Shop Ace 235 amp electric welder • Ingersoll Rand 3/4 hp portable air compressor • Small 12 ton shop press • Shop bench and vise • Small 60 lb. anvil • Central machine band saw • 1" incline 1200 ft lbs air impact wrench • 1" pistol grip 800 ft. lbs. air impact wrench • 11 pc. 1" to 2" • 9.6 volt cordless drill with charger • 14 volt cordless drill with charger • Some antique hand tools • Assorted hand tools • Welding table • 3 like new barrel pumps.

IRRIGATION ITEMS Berkley P.T.O. pump on rubber, 4" in 3" out, P.T.O. drive • New pivot motor • Valley pivot gear boxes • Sprinkler valves • Assorted sprinkler components • 4 new Valley gear boxes • 10 used pivot wheels and tires.

TRAILBIKE & MISCELLANEOUS Honda 90 trail motorbike, low mileage • Pickup tool box • Craftsman 36" riding lawn mower, needs mechanic • Rotary 3 1/2" rotary lawn mower, like new • Dresser fertilizer injector pump with motor • Several hundred feet of aluminum electric and copper wire • 14 gallon ATV sprayer • 2 aluminum extension ladders • Used hand wire • Cultivator tools • Butane torch • Log chain • Metal shelving • Grass guns • Oil can • Extension cords • 10 gallon milk cans • Herbicide and chemicals • Wooden posts • 1 ton truck bed extensions • Jumper cables • Gas rototiller • Used lumber • 50 gallon water pressure tank • Assorted barrels • 50 gallon poly tank • Truck tires • Remington 1100 12 gauge Magnum shotgun without barrel • Chicago electric 10,000 watt generator with a B&S 16 hp twin cylinder motor with electric start, like new • 1 hp lawn pump with electric motor and other miscellaneous items too numerous to mention

NEIGHBORS CONSIGNMENT Massey Ferguson 57, 4 bottom 2 way plow, trip beam, 3 pt. hitch • Monsoon 12 row bean planter, disc type, 3 pt. hitch • Pair of markers • 3 section 5' metal harrow and drawbar • Gandy applicators. NOTE: Carl has sold the farm and is moving to Utah. OWNER: CARL HANSEN Terms: Cash or Bankable Check Day of Sale Sole managed by Masters Auction Service "The Business that Service Built" AUCTIONEERS Lyle Masters Gary Bennett Lamo Landrand Buhl, Idaho Gooding, Idaho Hagerman, Idaho Rupert, Idaho (208) 643-5227 (208) 834-5350 (208) 837-4589 (208) 436-9883 Mobile Phones: 731-1616 • 639-6360 • 431-7355 Ringside Phone 208-431-7355 • FAX 208-436-7356 • www.mastersauction.com

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COMICS

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

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"A MAN HAS TWENTY COINS CONSISTING OF DIMES AND QUARTERS."

"IF THE DIMES WERE QUARTERS AND THE QUARTERS WERE DIMES, HE WOULD HAVE NINETY CENTS MORE THAN HE HAS. NOW, HOW MANY DIMES AND QUARTERS DOES HE HAVE?"

HELP!!!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

GRANDPA, IF YOU LINED UP ALL THE NICE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD - Y'ALL THE "NICE LINE" WOULD BE LONGER?

I BELIEVE THERE IS GOOD IN EVERYONE, APRIL. GO WITHOUT A LOBSTER. THE "NICE LINE" WOULD BE LONGER.

I KNOW I'D BE IN THE "NICE LINE" - FOR SURE!

EVEN IF I HAD TO LIE A LITTLE BIT TO BE THERE.

Dilbert By Scott Adams

PUT TOGETHER A DEMO OF OUR NEW PRODUCT. OUR CEO WANTS TO SEE IT.

MY PARTNER IS CHANNELING THE ANGRY ENERGY OF A THOUSAND DEAD SOULS.

WHY CAN'T YOU BE MORE LIKE THAT?

Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

THIS WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO TRY YOUR EXPERIMENT.

BLASSA MOBBLE PUPPET ZATS!

OKAY, GO OUTSIDE TO THE DRIVE-THROUGH SPEAKER.

HOW MAY I HELP YOU?

I HEARD EVERY WORD PERFECTLY!

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT!

B.C. By Johnny Hart

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED TAKING UP GOLF?

DR. PETER HEAD THINKER.

WHAT GOOD WOULD THAT DO?

WE COULD TALK ON THE COURSE.

Pickles By Brian Crane

HEH HEH HEH! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, MUFFIN?

IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE TOOK A LITTLE MOUSTACHE WAX TO YOUR WHISKERS.

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW SILENT YOU LOOK? HA HA!

CATG HAVE NO SENSE OF HUMOR!

Garfield By Jim Davis

SPOTLIGHT!

SPOTLIGHT, YOU IDIOT!

KRONG!

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

The Family Circus By Bill Keane

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"Know what I think? We're in a giant glass snow globe and somebody's shakin' it."

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

WA!

I'M HUNGRY!

OK, OK, I'M COMING!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE SUCH A STINK!

WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT DIRTY DIAPERS?

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

IS OUR NEW TOWN CRIER FROM THE SOUTH?

YES, HOW DID YOU KNOW?

LUCKY GUESS.

HEAR Y'ALL! HEAR Y'ALL!

Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

QUICKLY! GET MY PRISM AND WE'LL RESCUE THE LOST RAINBOW!

I'LL SET THE PRISM DOWN HERE AND WAIT FOR THE RAINBOW TO CLIMB IN!

I THINK WE GOT HIM! LET'S BRING HIM INSIDE!

YEP! HE'S SAFE AND SOUND WITH US FOR THE WINTER!

WHEN SPRING COMES, WE'LL LET HIM GO.

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

AS A LAWYER, DO YOU EVER GET COMPLAINTS FROM PEOPLE YOU'VE DEFENDED IN COURT?

NOT REALLY...

THEY'RE MOSTLY LOCKED UP.

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

ALL THE GREAT CHEFFS COOK ON VERY HIGH HEAT.

Bette Bailey By Mort Walker

ANY CALLS? MAIL? DELIVERIES?

NOPE NOPE NOPE

ANYONE COME BY? FAXES? E-MAIL?

NOPE NOPE NOPE

BUT I THINK I SEE SOME SHAKE SIGNALS ON THE WESTERN HORIZON.

Luann By Greg Evans

WOW... HERE'S CHARLIE BROWN'S PITCHER'S MOUND.

AND LUCY'S BOOTH.

AND SCHROEDER'S PIANO...

ANY! THIS IS MORE LIKE IT!

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

AL'S DINER

THERE'S A BUG IN MY ALPHABET SOUP!

MAYBE IT'S A SPELLING BEE!

Strange Brew By John Deering

THE QUEST FOR EARLY APPLIANCES

Non Sequitur By Wiley

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

I DON'T CARE WHAT THE PARTNERS SAY, THIS FOOB-NOMAN NEEDS MY LEGAL COUNSEL AND I'M NOT GOING TO LET HER DOWN!

AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS!

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Strange Brew By John Deering

THE QUEST FOR EARLY APPLIANCES

IDAHO/WEST

Scholars work to reveal importance of black slave's role in expedition

PORTLAND (AP) - Scholars are trying to bring attention to a largely overlooked figure in the Lewis & Clark expedition: a black slave named York who played a vital role on the historic trek. Despite his contributions, York's name does not appear in most history books, movies and other depictions of the explorers' journey to the Northwest between 1803 and 1806. The bronze edifice of York with William Clark at the University of Portland is thought to be the first time he was included in a statue.

"This is unfortunate," said James Holmberg, editor and annotator of a cache of letters written by Clark and Sacagawea, the Shoshone woman who joined the expedition as an interpreter, were invaluable diplomats along the 8,000-mile expedition. Holmberg said, and were named after York. York also proved to be a resourceful hunter, fisherman, trader, scout and entertainer.

He was the first black man known to have crossed the continent from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Coast and the first to cross the western frontier north of Mexico, Holmberg said. In part, York is a lesser known member of the expedition because he did not write and keep a journal, experts said, and did not have an advocacy group to

than 50 recently discovered letters written by Clark between 1792 and 1811 indicate that York apparently was married before the expedition and he definitely was not freed immediately afterward.

"This is unfortunate. He was more important to the success of the expedition than most of the guys in the group."

-James Holmberg, editor, annotator

Most intriguing, Holmberg said, are Clark's heated condemnations and retaliations for York's escalating efforts to gain his freedom. After contributing greatly to the big expedition, York thought he had earned his freedom.

"For three years, he had had a real good taste of freedom - hardship is a good leveling factor," Holmberg said. But "York comes back from the expedition in 1806 and crashes back to the reality that he's a slave again." Sparks flew between the two men after Clark decided in 1808 to move permanently to St. Louis from Louisville, where York's wife and other relatives lived, Holmberg said. Finally Clark sent York back to Louisville to work for his brother with confidential instructions to send York to New Orleans to be sold or hired out to a severe master if he refused to perform his duties as a slave or attempted to escape.

But Holmberg said the more

speaking out for him as Sacagawea did in the women's suffrage movement. Much of York's life is still a mystery, Holmberg said, especially his experiences after the expedition. Historians still debate whether he was granted his freedom immediately upon returning or continued to work as one of Clark's slaves. There also are lingering questions about York's marriage and family life, and the legend that he returned to the West and became a chief in the Crow Nation.

Report: 18% of Idaho's children live in poverty

COEUR d'ALENE (AP) - The stories of elementary school students whose families are being evicted, whose parents cannot pay the electric bills and cannot afford a trip to the dentist are all too familiar to Jim Miller Jr.

Miller, the family resource social worker for several Shoshone County elementary schools, got \$9,000 a year in federal money to provide emergency help to some of those families. But the money is only available to families for 90 days.

Shoshone County has the highest percentage of children living in poverty in the state, according to the 1999-2000 Idaho Kids Count report. The annual collection of data provides a county-by-county breakdown of child well-being.

More than 30 percent of Shoshone County children live in poverty, compared with 16.5 percent statewide, according to the

study, which was released this month. About 13 percent of the state's population lives in poverty, but 40 percent of those people are children, according to Kids Count data. That is one in six Idaho children.

Nationally, about 20 percent of children live in poverty, according to the National Center for Children in Poverty. "Children living in poverty will be more vulnerable to health conditions, they're going to be more vulnerable in school readiness, they're more likely to be vulnerable to emotional stress because of the stress on the families," said Linda Jensen, Idaho Kids Count director.

The average family income in Shoshone County is \$20,600, and more than half of all schoolchildren receive free or reduced-price lunches.

Police administrators, officers examine use-of-force policies

BOISE (AP) - Police administrators and officers are examining whether the department's use-of-force policies are sound and whether a rookie officer followed them when punching a man while trying to restrain him at a hospital Oct. 2.

Chief Don Pierce said the working group, composed of himself and eight officers, has had frank discussions on policies and training related to the case, including use-of-force methods, handcuffing methods and methods for dealing with those held in protective custody.

"What I want to find out is, is this a systematic problem or an individual problem," Pierce said.

Another goal is to determine if the officer, who resigned last month before completing his routine entry-status probation, was following the department's procedures, practices and training.

"If it's systematic, we need to change our practices and procedures and training quickly," Pierce said. "But I have to tell you, I don't think that's the case."

Pierce's move comes in response to a finding issued by Boise Community Ombudsman Pierce Murphy earlier this month. Murphy said the officer used unnecessary and unreasonable force when he repeatedly punched Shane Graves, 32, who was under protective custody at Saint Alphonsus - Regional Medical Center for undisclosed reasons.

On Jan. 26, eight days after Pierce was hired, he asked the officer to resign and the officer did. City officials have declined to reveal the officer's identity, citing personnel privacy rights.

Post Falls water passes chemical test

COEUR d'ALENE (AP) - The results of tests done on water supplies in Post Falls were negative for a potentially cancer-causing gasoline additive.

City public works officials decided to test for methyl tertiary butyl ether after seeing a "60 Minutes" segment about the widely used chemical that is added to gasoline to make it burn cleaner.

Two tests detected none of the additive.

State officials have said they

found the additive at troubling levels in ground water samples in at least three places in northern Idaho. And the additive is under scrutiny from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and has been detected in ground water systems around the country.

Though not linked directly to cancer in people, methyl tertiary butyl ether causes tumors in rodents. And it can foul water at very low levels of concentration, researchers said.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lower Snake River Juvenile Salmon Migration Draft FR/EIS

Federal Caucus Conservation of Columbia Basin Fish All-H Paper

Conservation of Columbia Basin Fish



Tues., March 7
Idaho Falls, Idaho
Shilo Inn
780 Lindsay Boulevard
Yellowstone Room and
Grand Teton Room
5:00 p.m.
Open house
runs concurrently
with session.

Wed., March 8
Twin Falls, Idaho
Weston Plaza
1350 Blue Lakes
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Blue Lakes, Shoshone,
Pomerelle, Teton,
and Sawtooth Rooms
5:00 p.m.
Open house
runs concurrently
with session.

You will be able to make written and oral comments on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Juvenile Salmon Migration Draft Feasibility Report/Environmental Impact Statement and the Federal Caucus Conservation of Columbia Basin Fish All-H Paper.

These meetings will give you the opportunity to learn more about the options being considered for recovery through an open house, presentation, and Q&A session.

For more information on:
• U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Draft FR/EIS, visit www.usace.army.mil, or e-mail salmonstudy@usace.army.mil
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COMMUNITY

Early school announces semester honor roll Hagerman names honor students

TWIN FALLS - O'Leary Junior High recently announced the honor roll for the first semester of the 1999-2000 school year...

Handy, A.J. Hall, Stephanie Morris, Ben Stewart, Amanda Thom, Melissa VanHooser, Samantha Brooks, Sarah Butler, Britni Davis, Sara Jackson, Tim Jay, Shanelle Knight, Jesse Leija, Kimberly Steiner, Megan Mavencamp, Lucas Mills, Pauline McCreum, JT Patterson, Kara Ravenscroft and Kyle...

HAGERMAN - Hagerman High School and Hagerman Middle School recently announced the honor roll for the first semester of the 1999-2000 school year.

Students on the high honor roll include Chris Andrus, Josi Anderson, Kristina Carmo, Jennifer Hammond, Angel Harrison, Minnie Hensler, Ryan Jayo, Napsun, Jodi Haveskamp, Lindsey McKinnon, Jacob Parish, Chris Potter, Cory Ravenscroft, Troy Smith, Stephanie Stuart, Jessica Stuart, Ryan Urie, Treva Andrus, Janelle Beskebile, Lindsey Choules, Will Fontaine, Ashley Glauner, Brandon Knight, Jake Patterson, Eljah Twitchell, Janice Cole, Adam Davis, Nathan Jayo, Britni Jensen, Teresa Wolfe, Crystal Palmer, Shawn Potter, Corinne Smith, Cynthia Stewart, Brittini Chappell, Lindsey Green, Kelly Leija, Amanda Madrigales, Jasmine Mendez, Jessica Patterson, Heidi Peterson, JJ Pfeiffer, Kristin Peterson, Brian Ravercroft, Brian Brown, Drew Choules, Whitney Clark, Gordon...

Students on the honor roll, earning a 3.49 to 3.00 grade-point average are: Priscilla Borde, Clayton Karris, Gary Kiger, Randi Kuhn, Kelly Leija, Denise Mueller, Ronny Reichert, Andy Stephenson, Christi Wargo, Erin Clark, Jason Duffee, Drew Gosi, Matt Green, Steve Hitch, Aki Imal, Levi Lemmon, Fritz Mavencamp, Breanna Menaker, CJ Palmer, Thomas Scott, Matt Swanson, Greg Gaumer, Bryan King, Greg Lemmon, Whitney Martin, Gary McCann, Gary Peterson, Matt Peterson, Prescott, Melissa Wise, Jodi Zollinger, Jessica Baker, Lockie Cole, Shirlee Jensen, Keri Kasper, Kelly Leija, Amanda V. Jurdin, Willie, Kyle Davis, Quinn Smith, Hannah Bates, Jade Cole, Jacklyn Fries, Amanda Gulliford, Ryan Gulliford, Justin Hays, Matt Hays, Peary Pearson and LaChell Taylor.

Castledorf School District lists semester honor students

CASTLEFORD - The Castledorf School District announced the honor roll for the first semester. Students are...

Zawala, Middle school students on the honor roll, earning a 3.49 to 3.00 grade-point average are eighth-graders Stephanie Guerry, Jessica Hill, Tim Hill, Jimmy Wiley, Wesley Rodriguez and Heidi Wierman; seventh-graders on the honor roll are Kohl Bower, Amanda Draper, Andrew Frey, Alycia Parks and Erica...

Krystine Wiersman, Janelle Wierman, Leanna Wiersman, Zane Wyatt and Ricardo Zavala. Honor roll are Susana Cardoso, Eric Cline, David Cline, Kelly Cline, Elaine Cline, Megan Hark, Mark Hark, Jessica Jenks, Rj Jones, Andrew Mitchell, Ashley Nicole Lori Puckett, Aimee Reinhold, Amy Schofield, Brandon Tveit, Sara VanDerWalker, Jeannery Wheeler and Yella Yagou.

POCATELLO - The Idaho State University fall semester

POCATELLO - The Idaho State University fall semester honor roll for the first semester of the 1999-2000 school year has been released. To qualify, students must complete at least 12 semester credits and receive a grade-point average of 3.00 or higher.

ISU names arts dean's list

ISU names arts dean's list. Students include William Ewing of Buhl; Michael Blauer, Aaron Bradley, Holly Buck and Catherine Reardon, all of Pocatello; Richard Hyman and Wendilyn McGreer, both of Filer; Chad Nielson of Gooding; Ronald Jex, Jr. and Andrew Shiers, both of Halley; Kelly Cramer of Collegeport; Melissa both of Hazelton; Mitchell Goodwin and Patricia Kosman, both of Heyburn; Kevin Capps, Michelle Palmaster, Kelly Peterson, Tracy Stracy, Wendy Wilkinson, all of Jerome; Nikki Hilger and Mindy Rands, both of Kimberly; Kelly Peterson, Kelly Peterson, Tracy Stracy, Arndt, Shelley Christensen, Lisa Donnell, David Khechavan, Melissa Oloff, Greg Starley and Rebecca Williams, all of Pocatello; Chad Farnes and Shawn Manning, both of Wendell.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

"They don't tolerate wife beaters or people getting charged with murder. And fighting is the same thing."

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—NASCAR crew member Jason Shapiro, fined \$2,000 last week for being too aggressive in breaking up a scuffle between Tony Stewart and Jeff Gordon

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Boys' basketball
Class A-2 SCIC Tournament, at CSI
Filer vs. Kimberly, 7 p.m.
A-4, District IV* Tourney (at Burley)
HS, new gym
Murough vs. Dietrich, 6:30 p.m.
Castelford vs. Camas Co., 8 p.m.

Bowling
District I Team* Tournament, at the
Bowldrome

IN BRIEF

Jerome's Stewart will play at Montana Tech

JEROME — Jerome High School senior Paul Stewart, a 1999 All-Times-News and coaches' All-Region first-teamer as an offensive guard, has signed a letter-of-intent to play college football at Montana School of Mines in Butte.

Stewart, at 6-foot-2, 295 pounds, plans to study engineering at the four-year school.

"He's one tough cookie to push around," said Jerome coach Eric Anderson. "Defensive tackles had a hard time getting penetration past him."

Montana School of Mines coach Bob Green welcomed the news of Stewart's decision, saying "Paul is an outstanding young man, and we are very pleased he has taken the opportunity to continue his academic and athletic career at Montana Tech."

Physicals, tryouts set for Minico baseball

RUPERT — Physical testing for Minico High School baseball will take place Thursday at 8 p.m. in the high school gym, with tryouts set for Friday at 3:30 p.m. after school.

Players should attend Thursday's session with their paperwork completed and be dressed in shorts, t-shirts and tennis shoes. For more information, call the high school or Russ Wright at 436-6875.

All-Northside Conference girls are announced

SHOSHONE — The Northside Conference has announced its All-Conference selections for the recently completed girls' high school basketball season.

Named to the first team were Shoshone's Ann Cox, Ketchum's Lindsey Woodcock, Dietrich's Brandi McCowan and Carey's Kami Peck and Kristy Barton. Named to the second team were Dietrich's Kaitlin Astle, Shoshone's Monica Uhrig, Jennifer Ross and Amy Williams and Camas County's Sarah Vouch.

Honorable mentions included Jasmine Harris of Shoshone, Jennifer Royal and Kendra Bailey of Carey, Michelle Ward of Richfield, Raysia Parker-Exon and Cindree Edwards of Dietrich, Bridgett Dahn of Camas County and Fauli Och of Ketchum.

Cochair of the Year was Tim Chapman of Shoshone. The Indians finished fifth in the state highest of any Northside team this season. Three Northside players qualified for the tournament behind District IV champion Raft River: Shoshone, Carey and consolation champion Dietrich.

Compiled from staff reports

Valley rises to top



Declio's Jesse Meyer and Kyler Howard chase Valley guard David Thibault, who made a steal to help his team come from behind Tuesday night and beat the Hornets by one point, 48-47, clinching the Class A-3 District IV championship.

Clutch free throws send Vikings to state

By Matt Peterson
Times-News writer

HAZELTON — Just when it looked like Declio had finally found a way to beat Valley, Rob Black stepped to the free-throw line.

The junior forward-knocked down three consecutive free throws with 11 seconds to play to lift the Vikings to a 48-47 come-from-behind, home victory for Tuesday and claim the Canyon Conference Tournament championship and a berth in the Class A-3 boys' state basketball tournament.

"It's the kind of thing that when you're young you dream about," said Black, who finished with a game-high 18 points. "My teammates — they gave me the ball and said, 'Rob, go win it.'"

and I wasn't going to let them down."

Black's winning free throws capped a wild fourth quarter that saw five lead changes and two ties, the last of which came with 50 seconds—to play, 45-45, on a Dallin Moon free throw for Valley. On the Hornets' ensuing possession, senior Jesse Meyer got inside for a layup to break the stalemate and give Declio a 47-45 lead with 25 seconds to play.

Meyer finished with a team-high-15 points, nine of which

came in the second half. Valley then brought the ball up court and called a time-out with 18 ticks remaining. In the huddle, coach Roger Caresia called Black's number.

"It was an inbound play for (Black) to come off a double pick," Caresia said. "I told him if he was open to go ahead and let it go."

Fighting through the middle of the lane, Black caught the ball near the top of the three-point arc with about 12 seconds remaining. Declio's Jeff Stoker charged out to contest the potential game-winner, but caught Black on the arm, sending him to the line for

the decisive free throws.

"When I came up out of the middle," Black said, "Jeff Stoker realized I was open and he fouled me."

So confident was Black that he would make all three free throws, that after hitting the first two to "force" a 47-47 tie, he stepped away from the line and shouted to Caresia, "When I make this, do you want me to call a timeout?"

His coach's answer was 'no,' and after Black's third consecutive conversion, Declio dribbled across halfcourt, and with seven seconds left, called a play-stoppage of its own. After the time-out, the Hornets tried to get the ball inside, but their entry pass was deflected and Valley came up with the loose ball as time

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— Rob Black, Valley

Tigers tame the Northside

By Holly Keyt
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — Paybacks are sweet, as the Richfield Tigers learned Tuesday night.

After dropping their only tournament game by a free throw to Camas County the previous night, the Tigers stormed onto the court ready for revenge.

The Tigers, ranked No. 2 in the state's most recent Associate Press poll, outscored the Mushers 12-0 in the second quarter to claim the Northside Conference championship and a trip to next week's state tournament.

"We were nervous and tentative last night," said Richfield coach Gary Ward. "But we came out and attacked tonight."

Both teams began the game with tough defense and scoring bounced back and forth. By the end of the first period, the Tigers and Mushers were tied, 9-8.

Rouven Wagner started Richfield's second-quarter run with a couple of free throws and lay-ins for six of his nine total points. The Mushers could not seem to get their shots to drop as they went 0-for-11 from the field.

At the break, Richfield led Camas 20-8, and the Mushers could never recover.

"They did not come within nine for the remainder of the contest."

"We shot the worst we've shot all year," said Camas coach Jon Boyer. "They just caught us on a night when we were shooting poor."

The third quarter opened with a three-point play by Camas County's Josh Ivie. Ivie was promptly answered by Camas' Kenyon Loran Fuchs, who again knocked down trays for the Tigers, expanding Richfield's lead to 15 points.

Then Camas began to regain some ground, but a deficit ended the quarter trailing the Tigers by nine.

Kent dominated the fourth quarter as he pulled down eight of the game's 16 points off lay-ups and free throws.

"The guys set good screens for me," Kent said.

The Mushers were called for

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Kimberly advances for shot at Filer

By Ryan Bevan
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Kimberly Bulldogs' 47-37 win over the Wendell Trojans Tuesday, using an explosive first quarter to set up a 48-41 Class A-2 District IV boys' basketball tournament victory.

The Bulldogs will play the No. 1-seeded Filer Wildcats at 7 p.m. tonight at the College of Southern Idaho for the SCIC Boys' Tournament.

In winning, Kimberly avenged a second-round loss to Wendell last Thursday. The Bulldogs outscored Wendell 15-4 in the first period and never looked back, forcing the Trojans to play catch-up all night.

"We started great defensively," said Kimberly coach Roger Keller. "We got off to a quick start and held a solid lead the rest of the night."

The Bulldogs held Wendell to just six points over their first 12 minutes of play, building on their already 10-point-plus advantage.

"They got off to a good start," said Wendell coach Allen Kelsey. "They executed their offense well early and we had to play comeback all night."

Kimberly's J.J. Plew led the offensive charge for the Bulldogs converting inside early. Plew led all scorers with 20 points in the game.

The Trojans licked their first-half wounds, coming within seven in the second half, but Kimberly was a sore that wouldn't go away as the Bulldogs hit their free throws down the stretch for the win.

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Zeck dismisses two players from CSI squad

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Point guard William "Smooch" Parker and backup forward Dean Browne will not return to the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team this season, head coach Derek Zeck said Monday.

"They're removed from the team for violating rules," Zeck said. "This is my team. They can either buy in or not buy in. It's been their choice."

Browne missed class last Tuesday and subsequently skipped practice, while Parker's dismissal follows several attitude-related incidents. Both are freshmen.

Parker's absence may be the bigger blow, as the athletic guard led the team in steals (84) and averaged 11.7 points and six assists a game. With guard Mike Hood's return from a midseason broken hand, the blow has been considerably lessened. In Saturday's win at North Idaho College, Hood had four steals and five assists to go along with 11 points.

Both players remain under scholarship, and are still enrolled in school. Each plans to finish the academic year. After the season, Zeck will reevaluate each play-

er's situation, and whether or not they will return for their sophomore seasons.

"They're both great kids," he said. "My job is to help kids, but anytime you lose (someone), you feel that you've failed."

For their part, the two New Yorkers have little to say about the incidents that forced their departures. Both are embarrassed, but say they still support the team.

"I'm frustrated," Browne said. "I've got a lot of things going on and I took out my anger on the wrong people. Now I'm just going to class, being a student and that's it."

Parker showed his support for the team as a member of the audience Feb. 11 and 12. Browne said he expects to be in the gym come Friday night.

"Of course I support this team," Browne said.

With the Seenic West Athletic Conference regular season ending Saturday and the men's Region 18 Tournament tipping off next Thursday, Zeck said the team can't afford any distractions at this critical point of the season.

"In February, a good basketball team has no distractions," Zeck said. "And we've had two

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The star is back: Red Sox ace draws crowd at workout

The Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Senior citizens and Little Leaguers pressed against the chain-link fence, straining for a glimpse of Pedro Martinez. Minicamps recorded him sipping water from a paper cup.

The star was back, the sun was shining and all was right again Tuesday in the Boston Red Sox camp.

For two days, manager Jimmy Williams had insisted that his ace's absence from spring training was no big deal. His arrival was, even to his teammates. They exchanged handshakes, hugs and bars in the clubhouse.

"I want to be modest about this," Martinez said with a smile, "but they love me in there. Everybody loves me."

Why shouldn't they? His bubbly personality and infectious smile help him make friends. His Cy Young Award, 23.4 record, 2.07 ERA and 313 strikeouts don't hurt either.

He did all that last season and said he feels better now than he did a year ago. He has just one goal this year, to stay healthy, and has no idea if he can surpass last year's performances.

"I don't know," Martinez said. "Could be better, could be worse. Imagine if those games that I got no decisions had gone



Boston pitcher and last season's American League Cy Young award winner Pedro Martinez crouches today as he leaves the field Tuesday after his first day of spring training workouts.

My way. What, 28, 27 wins instead of 23? Who knows? Maybe next year I won't be able to win 20. Maybe I'll win 25, 26. Who knows?"

He reported two days after the first workout for pitchers and catchers because he had to take care of personal matters, which he wouldn't discuss. He said he called general manager Dan Duquette and received permission to miss the two workouts. Duquette confirmed that.

SPORTS

CSI volleyball standouts move on

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS - Like a proud father sending his children out into the world...

schools.
De Abreu will head to the University of Iowa where Hawley's coach Rita Crockett said the versatile Brazilian will play a commanding role...

guarantee of a degree was a critical-selling point in De Abreu's decision.
She wanted to play in a real competitive conference, number one, Stroud said on Tuesday.

NJCAA Volleyball Team of the Century for 2000.
Joining De Abreu in signing letters of intent: Roberta Robert has signed at Tampa...

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Filer Little Kids program starts for wrestlers
FILER - Filer's Little Kids wrestling program for young people in kindergarten through sixth grade starts Wednesday, March 1.

Highland forces second title showdown
POCATELLO - Highland, who ousted Twin Falls early this week, outscored Pocatello 19-12 in the fourth quarter Tuesday night en route to a 54-48 win...

Yankees' Strawberry tests positive for drugs
TAMPA, Fla. - New York Yankees outfielder Darryl Strawberry tested positive for cocaine on Jan. 19 and might once again be suspended from baseball.

It's official: Kingdome will fall in March
SEATTLE - The date for imploding the Kingdome has been narrowed to March 19 or 26. The blast will likely take place about 8:30 a.m.

Second-seeded Kiefer falls from AXA
LONDON - Second-seeded Nicolas Kiefer of Germany was ousted from the first round of the AXA Cup on Tuesday, falling 6-2, 6-3 to 18-year-old Roger Federer of Switzerland.

A-Rod to Mariners: Forget talking long-term
PEORIA, Ariz. - Alex Rodriguez says the Seattle Mariners shouldn't even think about offering him a contract extension this spring.

Vanover pleads guilty to theft charge
KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Tamarick Vanover, a kick return specialist for the Kansas City Chiefs, pleaded guilty Tuesday to assisting in the sale of a stolen vehicle and is now cooperating in a broad federal investigation.

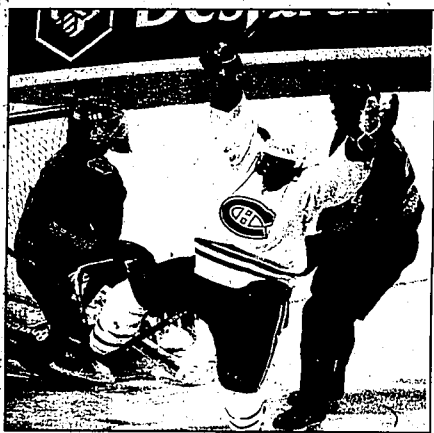
Warriors' Jamison will miss rest of season
MINNEAPOLIS - Golden State Warriors forward Antawn Jamison is expected to miss the rest of the season after undergoing arthroscopic surgery on his left knee Tuesday in Los Angeles.

Saints sign Jake Reed for \$4.5 million
NEW ORLEANS - The New Orleans Saints agreed to terms with wide receiver Jake Reed on a two-year contract Tuesday.

Flag issue prompts Knicks to move camp
COLUMBIA, S.C. - The New York Knicks, reacting to a boycott of the state by the NAACP, said it would pull its playoff training camp out of Charleston this season.

McSorley kicked out for stick incident
NEW YORK - The NHL indefinitely suspended Marty McSorley on Tuesday for knocking out Donald Brashear with a stick-swinging move to savage that postgame investigation.

Seattle signs Kansas City strong safety
KIRKLAND, Wash. - The Seattle Seahawks, not expected to be a big factor in free agency this winter, signed unrestricted free agent Reggie Tongue on Tuesday to be their starting strong safety.



Montreal's Benoit Brunet celebrates after scoring on the Coyotes' goaltender Sean Burke as Phoenix defenseman Stan Necker looks on during the third period in Montreal, Tuesday.

Rangers hold on for 4-3 win over Penguins

NEW YORK (AP) - Radek Dvorak and Jan Havac each had a goal and an assist Tuesday night as the New York Rangers held on for a 4-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins, playing without injured star Jaromir Jagr.

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Brunet scored with less than seven minutes left in Montreal's victory over Phoenix.
The win was Montreal's sixth in a row, its longest winning streak since seven straight in November 1997.

Canadians 1, Coyotes 0

MONTREAL - Jeff Hackett made the 27th save of his first shutout of the season, and Benoit Brunet scored his 300th NHL goal, and Daymond Langkow also had a goal for the Flyers, who won their third straight and stretched their unbeaten streak to four.

PHILADELPHIA - Valeri Zelepukin had a goal and an assist and rookie Brian Boucher made 22 saves as Philadelphia beat Chicago.
John LeClair scored his 300th NHL goal, and Daymond Langkow also had a goal for the Flyers, who won their third straight and stretched their unbeaten streak to four.

Tigers

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five fouts, including one technical, and sent the Tigers to the line five times within 44 seconds in the final minutes of the game.
Richfield made 60 percent of those free-throw attempts to stretch his lead to 46-30.
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With the win, the Tigers are guaranteed a spot in the state tournament, a position they have not been in for more than a decade.
Ward attributes his team's success to the dedication of its players and fans.
This is the most disciplined team I've ever coached," Ward said. "And we couldn't have done it without the support of the community and fans."

Miffed teammate wants apology from John Rocker

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) - Randy Simon wondered if he could ever be teammates again with John Rocker after allegedly being called a "fat monkey."
Some people suggested Simon take a punch at the outspoken reliever.

Even though Simon wasn't named in the article, he was sure he was the target.
"Everybody in Curacao was mad about it," he said. "Some people called me to say I should hit him. Other people told me, 'Don't worry about it. Just go after your business.'"

Eventually, Simon decided one word would make things right.
"I want him to say he's sorry," the first baseman said Tuesday after arriving at the Atlanta Braves spring training complex. "I'm willing to forgive him if he comes to me and apologizes for what he said."

After talking with his mother and new wife, Simon decided to put the issue behind him as much as possible.
He does so with a coy smile when revealing that he lost 10 pounds during the offseason.
But Simon scoffed at Rocker's claim that the "fat monkey" comment was only a joke, something he had said before to the chunky first baseman in the privacy of the clubhouse.

Back home in his Caribbean homeland, Deo's patience Tuesday, however, did not last. He mustered just 45 points and escaped with a one-point win.
"Congratulations to Valley,"

He has a lot of talent, but he messed up and said some things he shouldn't have said," McGwire said. "He might have been better off not to appeal the suspension, just apologized, sat out his time and gotten on with his life."

Valley

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expired.
Despite the loss, DeLo kept Valley from running the floor Tuesday and forced the Vikings into a slow, deliberate, half-court style.
The slower pace favored the taller Hornets and kept the run-and-gun Valley shooters frustrated.

Wood and David Thibault each finished with 10 points for Valley.
The Hornets (17-7) won 10 of their last 14 games to close the season. All four losses came to Valley.

SPORTS

Wizards break their fall against Bucks

WASHINGTON (AP) - Mitch Richmond scored 26 points and Jahlil White had 18 points and 11 rebounds as the Washington Wizards snapped a season-high seven-game losing streak Tuesday night by routing the Milwaukee Bucks 126-101.



Lakers' forward Koby Bryant, center, and New Jersey's Kerry Kittles, right, eye a loose ball during the second quarter Tuesday in East Rutherford, N.J. The Lakers beat the Nets 97-89.

Washington, which returned home after losing the second half of the season with four straight road losses, is 2-8 under interim coach Darrell Walker.

Lakers 97, Nets 89
At East Rutherford, N.J., Shaquille O'Neal scored 35 points, Kobe Bryant 21 and Glen Rice 15 as the Lakers extended their winning streak to eight games. Bryant broke the 30-point barrier for the 22nd time this season, shooting 15-for-26 in an arena where he scored 50 points the last time he played there two years ago.

T-wolves 112, Warriors 89
At Minneapolis, the Timberwolves made their 20-point first-half lead over Golden State hold up behind rookie Wally Szczerbiak's 21 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds. Terrell Brandon had 21 points and Kevin Garnett had 18 points and 14 rebounds for Minnesota, which blew a 20-

point first-half lead the last time the Warriors came to town.
At Chicago, Michael Dickerson scored 25 points and grabbed six rebounds, and Bryant Reeves added 15 points and seven rebounds for Vancouver. After losing their first seven games to

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the Bulls, the Grizzlies now have won two straight. Sharief Abdur-Rahim, the Grizzlies' leading scorer with 20.8 points a game, came down with the flu Monday and skipped the team's practice Tuesday morning. He stayed in the starting lineup, though, playing 37 minutes.

Suns 86, Nuggets 67
At Phoenix, reserve Rodney Rogers scored 17 points as the Suns routed Denver in their best defensive effort in 25 years. The 67 points were the fewest allowed by the Suns since an 85-65 victory over the Chicago Bulls on March 6, 1975. Phoenix also set a franchise mark for fewest points allowed in a half, holding Denver to 25 first-half points on 10-of-40 shooting.

Sonics 127, Magic 91
At Seattle, Rashard Lewis scored 21 points and Emanuel Davis hit five three-pointers and scored 17 points for Seattle. Gary Payton and Brent Barry, Seattle's starting backcourt, had 17 and 16 points, respectively, against a Magic team coming off a demoralizing overtime loss to the Los Angeles Lakers.

Crimson Tide swallows No. 11 Auburn in upset

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) - Terrance Meade made two free throws with 3.8 seconds to play Tuesday night, helping Alabama snap a 68-64 upset over No. 11 Auburn and snapping the Crimson Tide's four-game losing streak to the Tigers. Alabama's first sellout crowd of the season stormed the court and Tide coach Mark Gottfried grabbed a microphone and thanked the fans for coming.

NCAA Top 25

In-season title as Shane Battier scored a career-high 35 points. The Blue Devils became the second team to win four straight ACC titles, matching Duke's run from 1963 through 1969.

No. 17 Iowa St. 89, No. 14 Texas 77
At Ames, Iowa, Marcus Fizer scored 25 points and grabbed 35 points and made one huge play after another for Iowa State (23-4, 11-2 Big 12), which pulled into a tie with Oklahoma State for first place in the league with three games to play. Texas (19-7, 10-3) dropped one game back.

No. 19 Maryland 76, Clemson 63
At Clemson, S.C., Lony Baxter scored 25 points, including a fast-break dunk with 3:43 to play that gave Maryland (20-7, 9-4 Atlantic Coast Conference) its biggest lead at 74-52. Clemson's Will Solomon won the battle of the ACC's top scorers, finishing with 12 points.

Scott Pohlman gave Auburn (21-5, 9-4 Southeastern Conference) a 64-63 lead with a driving layup with 1:09 to play. Alabama (12-13, 5-8) regained the lead on Ron Gray's three-pointer - his fifth of the night - that put the Tide up 66-64 with 55 seconds to go. Grizzard, a freshman forward, led Alabama with 25 points and successfully battled New Jersey's Chris Porter all night. Porter, senior, led Auburn with 21 points and 12 rebounds.

No. 2 Duke 96, Wake Forest 78
At Durham, N.C., Duke (22-3, 13-1 ACC) won its fourth straight Atlantic Coast Conference regular season.

Kimberly

Kimberly shot 18-of-21 from the free-throw line and had key free throws from Billy Humphreys in the fourth quarter to ice the victory. "Billy did a great job for us from the line in the fourth," Keller said.

4-8 midway through the season to 12-12 at the end. The guys really worked hard." Kimberly and Fifer split their season series, and Kimberly will look to force a second championship game Thursday. The outright District IV winner will earn a trip to the state tournament, while the second-place team must play a consolation one-game inter-district playoff this weekend.

Although the Bulldogs eliminated Wendell from the postseason Tuesday, Kelsey was proud of the team's effort in the latter part of the regular season. "We came together and worked as a team, and the last half of the season was great for us," Kelsey said. "We went from

"If we play like we're capable, we can be right there when it counts," Keller said. Kimberly and Fifer split their season series, and Kimberly will look to force a second championship game Thursday. The outright District IV winner will earn a trip to the state tournament, while the second-place team must play a consolation one-game inter-district playoff this weekend.

Tiger, Campbell bring match play excitement

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) - When last seen on the world stage of golf, Michael Campbell pulled off an amazing shot out of the Road Hole bunker at St. Andrews and finished one stroke out of a playoff in the 1995 British Open.

I just keep on doing what I'm doing right now, tomorrow is going to be exciting," Campbell said Tuesday prior to a final practice round at La Costa Resort held before the \$5 million World Golf Championship event.

Classic in Taiwan on the European tour - belonged to none other than Campbell. Woods was four strokes back to start the final round, putted poorly and wound up five strokes behind Campbell in a tie for sixth.

He returns today in the Match Play Championship as perhaps the hottest player in the world, the winner in three of his last four tournaments and the first player since Greg Norman in 1988 to win four times on the Australasia Tour.

Campbell turns 31 on today, a birthday that no doubt would be much sweeter should he take out the No. 1 player in the world. Then again, it could be old hat. Campbell is the reason why Woods never got too wrapped up in the streak. Sure, he became the first player since Ben Hogan in 1948 to win six straight PGA Tour events before it ended down the road at Torrey Pines two weeks ago.

That's about what this week amounts to. Even though Woods is mixed in a "slump" - just think, he's gone two whole tournaments without winning - he remains the favorite to win his third consecutive WGC event and pocket another \$1 mil-

lion. Then again, last year proved there is no such thing as a favorite. The defending champion is Jeff Maggert, who was the 24th seed and beat No. 50 Andrew Magee with a chip on the 38th hole in the finals. Five out of the top seven players, and 12 out of the top 20, checked out after the first round.

Even Woods isn't willing to look past the first round. "What you're taught in match play is you have to stay in the moment," said Woods, the only man to win three straight U.S. Amateur titles. "You look in the future and you're looking to get a ticket counter and catch a flight home."

Wizards 126, Bucks 101

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Late NBA box scores

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SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS



"Fight for position, Scotti and Andy don't get intimidated! If he goes you, goe him right back!!"

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NBA Standings

Table with columns: Conference, Team, Points, Rebounds, Assists. Eastern Conference: Bulls 101, Grizzlies 86, Nets 89.

ON THE AIR

Table with columns: Event, Time, Network. Golf, Anderson World Match Play, ESPN, 9:00M.

TELEVISION

Table with columns: Event, Time, Network. College basketball, Villanova at Syracuse, ESPN, 5 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Table with columns: Player, Team, Position. Scotti and Andy traded to the Bulls.

BASEBALL

Table with columns: Team, Points, Rebounds, Assists. Yankees 10, Red Sox 5.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Zions, First Security set merger meetings

SALT LAKE CITY - Zions Bancorporation and First Security Corp. have rescheduled meetings during which shareholders will be asked to approve the two banking companies' pending consolidation. Zions stockholders will meet at 8:30 a.m. March 22 at the Salt Lake City Marriott, 75 S. West Temple. First Security shareholders will meet at 11 a.m. the same day.

Shareholders of the banks - which both have Magic Valley branches - are expected to overwhelmingly approve the deal.

First Security and Zions originally had scheduled stockholder meetings in December that were cancelled after the Securities and Exchange Commission asked Zions to restate the way it accounted for some past acquisitions. Zions had classified the deals as pooling of interests instead of as purchases.

The restatement, recently approved by the SEC, reduced Zions' 1999 earnings by \$22 million.

The two companies, which will operate under the First Security name, already have 68 branches, 39 branches and sell 68 Bancwest Corp. of Honolulu. Some Magic Valley branches will be affected.

Wells Fargo offers online IRA opening, funds transfer

SAN FRANCISCO - Just in time for tax season, Wells Fargo & Co. said Tuesday it is the first financial services provider to offer customers the ability to open and fund Individual Retirement Accounts online with the click of a mouse.

Customers can transfer multiple, existing accounts to a consolidated Wells Fargo IRA account, eliminating the custodial fees charged by other services, Wells Fargo said.

As the tax season nears, we saw the number of online tax filings surge. This tax season, the latest craze in Internet investing will be online IRAs," said Dan Hilken, director of retirement services at Wells Fargo (NYSE: WFC). "It's easy for people to get confused about IRAs, especially when they have opened several at various locations over the years. Our new service not only enables the quick opening of an IRA, but greatly facilitates their consolidation into one institution for better personal financial management."

Other online IRA providers require an application be printed, completed and sent via traditional mail, Wells Fargo said. Wells Fargo's online IRA feature enables customers to submit applications online up to midnight April 17.

Ribbon cutting set for Home Health Professionals

TWIN FALLS - The ribbon cutting this week for Home Health Professionals will start at 3 p.m. Friday.

The Twin Falls business, previously in a different downtown location, is opening its doors at 147 Main Ave. E., the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce said.

Compiled from staff and wire reports



DAK FELD/The Times-News

Clamor for coins

Golden Dollars find popularity

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

BURLEY - A shipment to the Burley Wal-Mart store Tuesday brought fresh supplies of one of the hottest items around - the new Golden Dollar coins featuring a face from Idaho's history.

"I've already had people call and ask when they'll arrive," Store Manager Jeff Hansen said shortly before the noon delivery, the local Wal-Mart's fourth such shipment.

When the Burley store distributes the last of Tuesday's gold-colored, smooth-edged coins - in five-to-seven days, Hansen predicted - its visitors will have carried out close to \$18,000 in Golden Dollars in the past four weeks, he said.

Most of the coins have been returned for purchases.

The first batch of coins reached Burley Jan. 27. Within three days, the store had exchanged \$7,000 - at a limit of 10 coins per customer with no purchase required, Hansen said. Most exchanges are specifically requested; few Golden Dollars are distributed as change, he added.

Demand for the coin is golden around the nation.

The U.S. Mint said it has shipped more than 60 million of the coins, which debuted late last month, to Federal Reserve banks - about the same level of bank demand for an entire year for the

Susan B. Anthony dollar coin.

The coin, which features an image of Sacagawea, the American Indian guide for explorers Lewis and Clark, is intended to replace the Anthony coin, which was often mistaken for a quarter and was rejected by the public. Not wanting another flop, the Mint has aggressively marketed the new coin, encouraging banks and retailers to use it, promoting it in special boxes of Cheerios cereal and making it available for change at Wal-Mart and Sam's Club stores.

Because of heavy demand for the dollar, the Mint is doubling production to 5 million coins a day. By the end of this month, more than 200 million of the coins are expected to be in circulation.

The initial public demand for the Golden Dollar has been extraordinarily strong," Mint Director Philip N. Diehl said recently in a statement. Diehl said a backlog

of orders will be filled over the next several weeks.

The new coins were released by Federal Reserve banks to commercial banks beginning Jan. 26.

"But you aren't guaranteed to find a Sacagawea dollar at your neighborhood bank."

The downtown Twin Falls office of D.L. Evans Bank, for example, received just \$50 in the new coins about

two weeks ago. D.L. Evans Bank's allotment was divided between its branches, said Laura Gines, operations supervisor for the downtown branch.

"Ours were gone within a week, if that," she said. The bank has had to disappoint hopeful collectors, who have been showing up in all ages. Not many folks requesting the coins want to use them as currency, she added.

The last she heard, the branch might get more supplies at the end of March or beginning of April, Gines said, but she has no date to give clients.

Word of Wal-Mart's Sacagawea shipments spreads by word of mouth, with no help from store announcements, Hansen said.

"It gets around pretty quick."

Folks asking for the coins - and persisting until they get 'em - seem to be the store's normal Magic Valley and Mini-Cassia clientele, he said. An occasional interstate traveler stops to check Sacagawea availability, he said.

The store's normal merchandise cashiers handle the dollar-coin lines, too.

"It's just been pleasant ... it doesn't deter them from their job at all," Hansen said. "We've had a lot of fun with it, actually."

The coin's release is timely for fourth-graders at Morningside Elementary School in Twin Falls, who are learning about the Lewis and Clark expedition in their study of Idaho history, Principal Dennis Sonius said. Fourth-grade teachers will show the coin and talk to students about it, but they don't know how else to capitalize on the Sacagawea dollar.

The school hopes to see the Mint issue lesson plans, Sonius said.

Last year, Morningside used the release of quarters featuring states to get some fifth-graders started as coin collectors, he said. When a new state's quarter arrives, Sonius gets a roll at a bank, because he knows students will ask for them.

The Washington Post contributed to this report.

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- Philip N. Diehl, mint director

Home Depot earnings jump 38 percent

Bridge News

ATLANTA - The Home Depot Inc., the world's largest home improvement retailer, said Tuesday that fourth-quarter earnings edged past expectations as sales climbed strongly.

The Atlanta-based company - which will open a new Twin Falls store this spring - said net income rose 38 percent to \$578 million, or

25 cents a share, from \$418 million, or 18 cents a year ago, beating the 24 cents forecast by analysts polled by First Call Corp.

Sales rose 26 percent to \$9.17 billion from \$7.26 billion, while sales at stores open a year or more rose 9 percent from the previous quarter. During the quarter, Home Depot opened 52 new stores and relocated one store.

"Through the efforts of 200,000 associates serving our customers, we generated a year of strong growth, market share gains and record earnings, even as we continued to make investments in longer-term growth," said Arthur M. Blank, chief executive.

For the full year, Home Depot earned \$2.32 billion, or \$1 per diluted share, up from \$1.61 bil-

lion, or 71 cents a share, in 1998. Sales climbed 27 percent to \$3.4 billion, with a 10 percent increase in comparable-store sales.

Home Depot, which also runs EXPO Design Centers selling bath, kitchen and lighting products, is expanding into Puerto Rico and South America and opening smaller U.S. stores called Villager's Hardware.

Salary cap may get the boot

By Jim Barlow
Knight Ridder News Service

In an astounding display of bipartisanship, both our Republican and Democratic lords and masters in Washington seem ready to give us old folks a break.

It's astounding because our politicians too often don't look at a problem as something to be solved. Instead, they regard it as an issue to be sharpened - the better to use to poke their political opponents in the sitting area. In this particular case, it looks like there is a consensus in Washington to remove the earnings cap on Social Security recipients. The cap applies to those under age 70.

If you are drawing Social Security benefits, are still working and are under age 65, then for every \$2 you earn over \$10,080, your benefits check is reduced by a dollar. For beneficiaries 65 to 69, for every \$3 you make over \$17,000, your benefits are reduced by \$1.

After age 70, the earnings cap goes away.

The cap came along in the 1930s when Social Security was established. We were in the midst of the Great Depression. The idea was to get people out of the work force to open up jobs for the many people out of work. It was not the only such effort. I once talked to an elderly professor at the University of North Texas in Denton. During the Depression his wife was also a professor at what is now Texas Woman's University in the same town. She was fired on the grounds that her husband was already earning a paycheck from the state.

Well fortunately for one and all, we suffer today from a lack of workers, not too many of them. Yet Social Security still encourages people to get out of the work force.

The Employment Policy Foundation, a Washington-based think tank, points out that as baby boomers age, the pool of prime-age workers will begin to shrink. In 1990, one of eight Americans was over 65. By 2020, one in six will be.

Keeping these folks in the work force is important if the United States expects its present strong economic growth to continue.

There's also the fact that older workers tend to be more productive than younger ones. That didn't use to be true when the majority of work involved muscles, not minds. But today, a majority of Americans work in air-conditioned buildings. The knowledge older workers have accumulated over the years is put to good use.

In the past 50 years, improvements in work-force quality came largely from new entrants with higher skills taking their

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Decoding the secret language of stock analysts

Ratings reports confuse some of the beginners

by Peter Sider Knight-Ridder News Service

I WAS ON THE INTERNET the other day looking at how Wall Street firms rated various stocks. This is easy to do on most financial Web sites. I clicked on Yahoo!, which lists the investment ratings by brokerage house analysts on all stocks, and highlights daily changes, such as upgrades, downgrades and new coverage.

I discovered that a brokerage firm had started covering two of my stocks. One got a "buy" rating and another got a "hold" rating. This sounded pretty good. I asked my broker for the reports.

When they arrived, I noticed the small print below the ratings. On the report with the "buy" rating, it said, "We rate this stock a buy, we believe it

will be dead money for the foreseeable future."

I was a little confused. How could something be a buy if the analyst expected it to be dead money?

On the report with the hold rating, it said, "Our price target is \$22," meaning that the analyst thought the stock should be sold when it reached \$22. Again I was confused. Why should I hold it, since it was already \$4 above its price target?

Then I remembered: these were analysts' ratings. To understand them, I needed my decoder ring that translates the secret language of Wall Street analysts into English. I switched on the ring.

My brokerage house has five ratings. The first is "strong buy." This is like buy, only it sounds much more macho. I knew strong buy was good. But what did that say about just plain buy?

The giant-sized detergent that is not so detergent that is not so detergent, buy is an analyst's way of saying, "This is not a great buy,

but we have to say something positive if we want to be in the company's next deal."

Of course, there is no reason to purchase a stock rated buy when you can purchase one rated strong buy.

The third rating, "accumulate," is the most interesting. There are strong buys and buys, why should you pick a stock rated accumulate?

When analysts use accumulate, they mean, "This stock is not a buy. If you own it, don't panic. You'll make out, if you live long enough."

The fourth rating, hold, sounds pretty good, but its meaning is not. Hold usually means "If you hold this stock, you won't make any money."

The final rating, "sell," means sell!

But you rarely see a sell. You may find this perplexing. Since by defining the amount of selling is equal to the amount of buying, buying and accumulating combined, you would think that the analysts would

spend as much time finding sells as buys. But the reality is analysts have more than 100 buys for every sell.

Of course, my decoder ring flashes sell when it sees terms like hold, market perform or long-term attractive.

Since investment banking fees drive Wall Street, analysts who want to eat well and have a co-op on Park Avenue will probably not issue a lot of sells. Instead, they stick with euphemisms like "dead money," "significant risk" or "source of funds" to describe stocks they do not like.

With the help of my decoder ring, I looked back at the two reports from my broker, and did exactly what the analyst wanted me to do. I sold the stock rated hold, since it was well above its price objective, and I sold the stock rated buy, since it was dead money.

Following the advice of analysts is easy, as long as you have a decoder ring.

Economists think Fed will play bigger role in slowing economy

WASHINGTON (AP) - The record-breaking U.S. economy will turn in solid growth both this year and next but the Federal Reserve will be forced to raise interest rates more than had been expected to keep inflation in bay, a group of business economists forecast Tuesday.

The National Association for Business Economics predicted in its latest economic outlook that the gross domestic product, the nation's total economic output,

would slow slightly to 3.8 percent this year, after three straight years of growth at 4 percent or higher.

In early 2001, the group saw an even more pronounced slowdown with the GDP expanding by just 3 percent, which would be the slowest annual growth rate since a 2.7 percent increase in 1995.

The economists said the slowdown will be the work of the Federal Reserve, which has already raised interest rates four

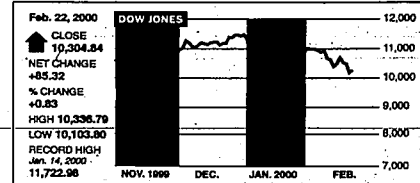
times since June in an effort to keep inflation from getting out of hand.

While in their last survey in November the business economists had expected the Fed to raise interest rates only once this year, the group is now forecasting three. The first came Feb. 2, a quarter-point move that left the federal funds rate at 5.75 percent.

Diane Swonk, president of the business economists group and

chief economist at Bank One in Chicago, said the unrelenting strength of the economy had made the forecasting panel rethink its view of Fed actions this year.

"In the past the panel believed that the economy would eventually slow on its own, with little intervention from the Fed," she said. "Today, the panel believes that the Fed will need to tighten to get the economy to slow measurably."



Afternoon rally boosts blue chips

NEW YORK (AP) - Blue-chip stocks broke a three-day losing streak in a volatile day on Wall Street Tuesday as investors looked for bargains and shunned usually hot technology stocks.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which had been down as much as 115 points early in the day, rallied in the afternoon to close up 85.32 at 10,304.84.

Nasdaq technology-focused stocks were unable to shake off concerns about interest rates and fell 29.62 to 4,382.12. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 6.08 to 1,352.17.

Tuesday's performance was a marked change from the recent trend on Wall Street that has pushed the Nasdaq up more than 8 percent this year and sent the Dow down 11 percent.

Securities in Chicago. Some recent favorites on Wall Street were hit hard Tuesday. Cisco fell 1 7/8 to 123 15/16, and Qualcomm dipped 3 1/16 to 130 9/16.

Investors instead favored companies including General Electric, whose shares rose 1/8 to 129 1/4, and Bank of America, up 1 3/16 to 44 15/16.

"The average investor is looking for the opportunity to step in here, but with the pressure that's been created by the Federal Reserve, this could drag on for a while," Bob Dickey, managing director of technical analysis at Dain Rauscher Wessels.

Tuesday morning, William McDonough, president of the New York Federal Reserve, reinforced expectations that the Federal Reserve will likely raise interest rates again.

"It's very clear that we will have to use the interest rate tool as long as the demand side of the economy stays this robust," he said in New York.

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Rep. Steve Largent says Tuesday at the University of Tulsa that he is concerned about the security of the Internet.

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Internet retailing industry has been attacked recently by hackers who tied up high profile Web sites and breached online credit databases.

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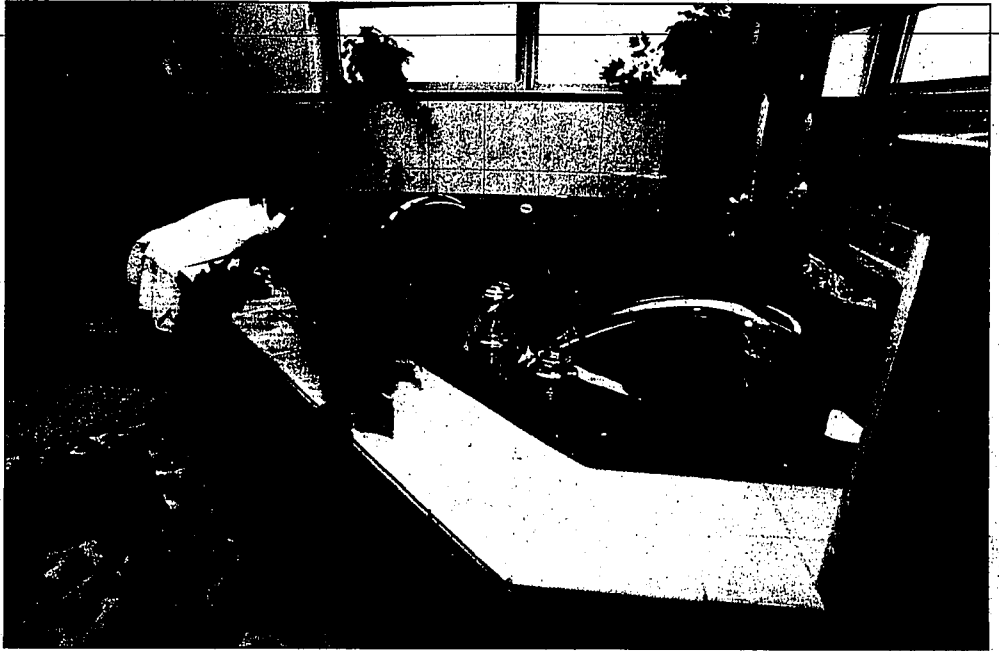
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Right, the master bath in Sandy and Ed Luf's Twin Falls home was designed to make bathers feel like they are in the great outdoors.



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Arlene Kitley's bathroom is decorated in a jungle motif.

Express yourself

Residents' personalities extend into interior design

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Think of a home as a whole entity, like a large piece of sculpture, advised Jana Hutchinson, an architect, landscape artist and interior designer with Design Enterprises. That way, it's easy to see how the colors, designs and rooms can flow into one another to bring the outside inside - and take the inside outside.

Using this technique, the home becomes more than just a collection of rooms. It becomes an extension of the residents' personalities, Hutchinson said. Hutchinson likes houses that are one

great room with high and open ceilings and many of the walls removed. Activity centers like the cooking area, eating area and recreation area replace kitchens, dining rooms and living rooms. The patio, deck, garden and gazebo are incorporated into the home's living area.

It doesn't matter if you live in a million-dollar home or a fixer-upper, according to Hutchinson, the home can be designed to reduce stress.

Many new homes are being built for openness and light, with lots of windows

and glass. Plants and colors are being used to tie the home together. Fountains are being used indoors as well as outdoors.

Arlene Kitley of Glass and Interiors said fashion designers are starting to recognize that the home is an extension of the personality, and are offering furniture to complement their clothing designs.

Since everyone has different styles and preferences, there are no "in" colors to chase after, Kitley said.

The year 2000 is also a time for looking back. Nostalgia is big, as in comfort designs and furniture of yesteryear. The retro look of the '30s, '40s and '50s (called "millennium modern") is popular.

The grays are approaching silver, and silver and gold leaf are being used to give the feeling of elegance. Stainless steel, marble and gold are also being incorporated into the decor to give a feeling of opulence, Kitley said.

People are traveling more and are

making investments when choosing solvents - Oriental rugs, large focal point pieces of furniture, exotic or ornate picture frames, a painting to enhance the decor, a choice antique.

Tones and textures are being layered on top of each other. The feeling in interiors is soft and harmonious. People are blending antiques with modern furniture, and the modern furniture is being designed with a timeless quality in mind, Kitley said.

Hutchinson said homes are moving toward a less-cluttered look. Clean, gas fireplaces are being installed. And both textured and polished cement floors are popular, along with rock and tile floors.

Colors that are popular in southern Idaho are usually rich, earthy tones. Cinnamon, sage, oregano, brownish greens and reds with yellow work well, said Twin Falls interior decorator Anneta Glavin.



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Decorating in the year 2000

Local tastes incorporate region's colors

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Minimalism and vibrancy are popular decorating techniques in the coastal regions of the United States, but locally, natural earthy tones are more desired.

In the mountainous area of Idaho, colors such as cinnamon, sage, oregano, brown-green and red-yellow work better than the coastal colors of red, blue and yellow, explained Anneta Glavin, an interior decorator at Inspirations.

Woods that have more of a natural finish and texture also work better in this area, as opposed to the brushed aluminum that is popular in larger metropolitan areas.

"Reds, yellows and bright blues paired with brushed aluminum very seldom work here," Glavin said. "People who live in the

mountains want more natural (decor) ... People have the great outdoors and want to bring that in. Earthy tones work well."

Fabrics with a lot of texture and the combination of prints with plaid also are popular decorating concepts in southern Idaho, according to Glavin.

And the designs of Ralph Lauren are popular among local designers.

"I think it's an unconscious desire of people to (bring the outdoors into their home)," Glavin said. "People are spending more time in their homes. We see that in the size of the kitchen, master bedroom and bathroom."

Some nationwide trends also affect southern Idaho. For example, there is a "steering down" of bulky couch arms and other pieces of furniture.

"Everything is being redefined in terms of being more sleek than it has been before," Glavin said.

"People are spending more time in their homes."

— Anneta Glavin,
interior decorator



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A combination of paisley prints with plaid flows well and works in the southern Idaho region, says Glavin.

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HOME DECORATING

A photographic inventory can save hassles after a disaster

By Jim Quinn
Knight-Ridder News Service

The first time David Bennett's home burned down, he was 14. The second time, he was furious. Bennett, 44, has unusually strong opinions about home insurance in general, and fire insurance in particular. A careless plumber accidentally burned Bennett's home down in 1983, and a neighbor accidentally burned him out in 1991.

Now, Bennett is so well prepared that if anything happens to his current home, he'll have no trouble giving his insurance company a detailed list of exactly what was lost.

Today, Bennett is a partner in the advertising firm Wingfield, Bennett and Baez, but in 1983 he was a radio personality handling the afternoon shift at the former WAEZ-FM. He was on the air when his mother called the station to say his condo in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, was on fire.

The experience that followed was agonizing, Bennett said. The fire destroyed irreplaceable photos, scrapbooks and a quilt made by Bennett's grandmother in the 1920s. It also forced Bennett to go through the laborious process of trying to recall exactly what was destroyed so he could file an insurance claim.

In both fires, Bennett's insurance adjusters routinely fail to complete the household property inventory forms they receive when they buy home insurance, she said. Without that inventory, homeowners will find it almost impossible to recoup their losses.

"What you learn from a fire is that all the little, insignificant items you accumulate over the years suddenly become very significant," Bennett said.

Seemingly minor items - tools, small appliances - escaped his memory as he prepared his claim. "All those little things, I had to pay for on my own," he said.

"Even though I couldn't remember them when I filed my claim, I couldn't live without them."



Framed art, elegant three pillows and the perfect dining room table are worth the time it takes to protect them, say those who advise recording a photographic inventory of the home.

Institute in New York City. Homeowners and apartment dwellers routinely fail to complete the household property inventory forms they receive when they buy home insurance, she said. Without that inventory, homeowners will find it almost impossible to recoup their losses.

Items you accumulate over the years suddenly become very significant," Bennett said. "Even though I couldn't remember them when I filed my claim, I couldn't live without them."

These days Bennett lives in a custom-built home in Bath and keeps a record of all his major purchases in a secure place. The best way to compile an inventory list is to take photographs of every room, with close-ups and receipts for major items. Forms provided by your insurance agent - or from the Insurance Information Institute on

the Internet at <http://www.iii.org/> - are intended to give a room-by-room listing with purchase prices and dates. The inventories are especially important to collectors, Neagle said.

For the computer, there is software that is easy to update as you add purchases. Neagle said a program called MyDataBase by MySoftware Inc. is available for \$29.95 by calling 1-800-325-3508.

Some homeowners simply walk through their homes with a video-camera, scanning each room. If you do this, Neagle said, zoom in on major things and pro-

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How to grow flowers and veggies from seed

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Once you've decided on your seeds, make a planting schedule. Seeds should not all be started at once. Calculate how long each plant needs to grow indoors and when it can be transplanted. This information appears on seed packets. Take into account the time from the date you start the seed. Then determine the date you need to start each type of seed. A greenhouse is ideal, but you don't need. Just choose a heated, well-ventilated space that has room for hanging light fixtures.

Growing

Gather your planting materials. You will need a light, sterile growing medium, such as a mixture of equal parts peat moss, fine-grade perlite and vermiculite. You will also need sterile plastic pots with holes in the bottom for drainage. No. 3 sand to use as a mulch on top of the soil, sheets of plastic (such as cut-up garbage bags or small pieces of plastic wrap) and seed markers. Begin by dampening the planting medium with warm water and filling the pots to within a half-inch from the top. Gently tamp down the medium. Plant your seeds according to the instructions on the packets. In general, plant seeds twice as deep as their size. Large seeds should be spaced about an inch apart, medium seeds about a half-inch apart. Small seeds can be scattered over the surface and lightly covered with soil. Label each pot, and cover with a thin layer of No. 3 sand. Water with a very gentle spray, then cover pots with plastic to hold in the moisture. Check pots often to be sure the soil is not drying out. If seeds require darkness to germinate - this will be indicated on the seed packet - cover pots with cardboard or another opaque material until seedlings sprout.

Caring for seedlings

Once the seeds begin sprouting, remove the plastic and cardboard covers and place the pots in direct light. Simulate ideal growing conditions by hanging fluorescent lights 2 to 4 inches above the seedlings, and move the lights up as the plants grow. Use a timer to ensure adequate light each day - 12 to 14 hours is ideal. After the first leaves appear, fertilize the plants each time you water by adding a 1/4-strength mixture of fish emulsion and liquid seaweed, or a weak mixture of commercial, water-soluble plant food. As seedlings grow and become sturdier, they will begin to crowd each other. To sep-

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MARTHA
Martha Stewart

arate them, carefully remove each ball of soil from its pot, and drop it onto a table to break the seedlings apart. Fill the plastic pots with an all-purpose potting mix, and replant the seedlings, giving them more space. Make small holes in the soil with a pencil, then place the roots in the holes. Pat the soil in place and

carefully water. Handle the delicate seedlings gently. Hold the leaves - rather than stems - to support their weight.

Transplanting

The day will arrive when your baby seedlings are ready for their first trip outdoors. This date may be within a week of the final frost; it will vary according to the plant. Again, follow instructions on the seed packets. Don't shock the plants by abruptly transplanting them into the garden. Allow them a chance to "harden off" by placing them outdoors for a short time, then bringing them back inside. Increase the length of time outdoors each day. After a couple of weeks, they will be ready for planting in their appointed spot

in the garden.

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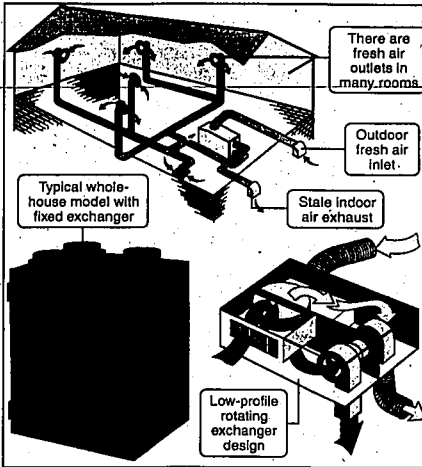
Dear Deb: Stale indoor air is not only unpleasant, but it can be unhealthy according to the EPA. You don't often realize how stale the air is until you open a door to let a pet in, for example. The gush of outdoor air is very refreshing. This is a problem even in older, so-called leaky homes.

The key to a healthy and comfortable indoor environment for your family is to circulate a substantial volume of fresh outdoor air throughout your house. This is also important in the summer because the higher indoor humidity levels can allow molds, dust mites, and other allergens to accumulate.

Opening a window has the least expensive initial cost, but it pushes up your utility bills. Running kitchen and bathroom exhaust fans helps some, but provides little control over where the fresh air leaks indoors. Fresh air inlet-only designs, like Therma-Stor's unit, bring fresh air into the main air return duct.

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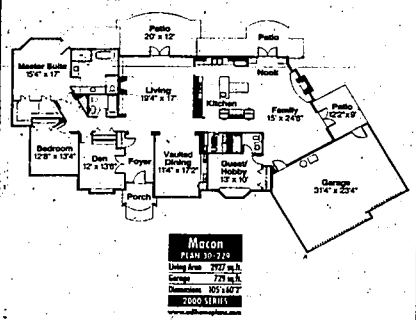
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The vaulted dining room and sunken living room are richly windowed. In the living room, wide shelves and cabinets fill the walls beside a fireplace fueled by wood or gas. Three more fanlights cap the French doors and multi-paned windows in this elegant, high-ceilinged space.

Fully open to the kitchen, the sprawling family room boasts a

second fireplace and offers patio access on two sides. Twin window seats create cozy alcoves by the rear-facing French doors. Kitchen amenities include a T-shaped work island with prep sink, built-in appliances, and two pantries.

Utilities and a large combination guest/hobby room are just steps away. Natural light washes over the deck nestled into the window bay, creating a great spot for sewing or other crafts.

An even wider bay window expands the Macon's palatial master suite. Luxury features include two large walk-in closets, direct patio access, and a large bathroom with oversize shower, spa tub, enclosed water closet, and two vanities.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$20 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Drive, Dept. W, Eugene, Ore. 97402. Please specify the Macon 30-229 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring 300 home plans is available for \$12. For more information call (800) 634-0123.

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The Orange County Registrar

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Home notes

Hardwood: Are you considering a hardwood floor but you're confused about the variety of types and styles on the market? The Hardwood Information Center—a trade group—may be able to help. It has produced a 28-page brochure with full-color photos depicting each species, also showing applications of each wood. For a free copy of the brochure, call (800) 373-9663 or write to the Hardwood Manufacturers Association, 400 Penn Center Blvd., Suite 530, Pittsburgh, PA 15235. You can also visit the association's Web site at <http://www.hardwood.org/>

No foolin': It's too early for seeds

April 1. It's more than just April Fool's Day, it's six weeks before our planting date, which is the second week in May—right around Mother's Day. Mark April 1 on your calendar. Do whatever you have to do to keep from planting your seeds earlier than that.

Of course, there are the cool-season crops, such as peas, cabbage, lettuce, spinach and radishes. Those can tolerate night-time temperatures in the 30s. And you can always build yourself a little cold frame to set those salad fixings out in. But for the rest—the warm-season crops, such as the beloved tomatoes, wait. Wait till they can be set out in night-time temperatures of 55 degrees or better.

In the meantime, if you've got any tricks up your sleeve to warm the soil up early, share it with the rest of the world. Write or e-mail me at the address below. After all, that's one of the things gardeners do best: Share.

Dear Cathy: What suggestions do you have for climbing flowers? We have a pergola in our Boise backyard, and we already have plenty of roses. We want something else that flowers all spring and summer. If something like this also attracted hummingbirds, it would be perfect. Thank you.

—Just Jack, No Beanstalk



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

Dear Jack: Have you already explored (and ruled out) clematis? There are a zillion varieties, but word is that Montana is the best. It grows happily to 20 feet or more and is described as "extremely hardy" in Sunser's "Western Garden" book.

Old-fashioned sweet peas are all the rage now. Some grow to be quite tall so they would do a good job of covering the pergola. They are fragrant and colorful, and I think they give a nice, soft, look to the garden. If you use sweet peas, please remember that the pods, though they look delectable, are poisonous. So don't throw them into your stir-fry!

Also, anything that you normally think of or is categorized a ground cover makes a good climber. Try the creeping euonymus for a variegated broad-leaved evergreen. If those aren't enough to get you started—write back and I'll do some digging.

Tip of the Week: While you're doing all that arm-chair gardening—strolling through imaginary gardens in all those seed catalogs—you're also picking up a lot of garden tips. Most everywhere you look, somebody is telling you to add wood ashes to your soil. Please don't.

ASH increases the soil pH—Our soil often tests out about as high as baking soda as it is—we don't need any help getting the acid out of our soil. Same goes for limestone. Lime has an even greater effect on the soil than ashes, pushing the pH up still more.

Instead, think of ways you can decrease the soil's pH. I add all the contents of used, dried tea bags and coffee grounds I can get my hands on. And I use a finely-chopped bark mulch, often referred to as "soil aid" in nursery centers. It takes nitrogen to help organic materials decompose and enrich the soil, so a few handfuls of ammonium sulfate keeps things humming along.

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

And, hey: Come see me at the Home and Garden Show at 2 p.m. Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center.

Paint, fabrics, lighting will warm up family room

Knight Ridder News Service

Q. I am absolutely bedazzled as to what to do with my lovely family room. As with many new houses, the kitchen, dining area and family room make up one big space. I hear this is called "great room." I would love for my family room to actually be a great room, since that is where most of our family time is spent.

The room is about 14 by 16 feet (with the eating and kitchen areas, the entire space is 14 by 34 feet). I am mainly interested in the space that makes up the family room. At the far end of the room, opposite the kitchen, is a tiled fireplace. We would like to add a pretty mantel, so I can display family photos and accessories.

The walls are white and the ceiling is 9 feet high. There is a large window looking out to the back yard and two skinny windows on either side. We have 2-inch-thick white wood blinds on the windows. We have a full-size futon and chair covered in a Tabasco-colored fabric and a beautiful 9-by-11-foot rug in earth tones. The flooring is oak. There is a niche for the television opposite the windows.

The problem is the starkness of the room. I would love for the room to be warm and inviting, in muted browns, greens and cream, as I love colors from nature.

A. Let's start with paint. Get rid

of those white walls by using a soft, butter-cream color—something like Martha Stewart's Corn Silk, E16 (available at Sears). It will make your white blinds and future mantle stand out and will instantly warm your space.

Consider adding window valances in a plaid or print fabric. If you have a window in the kitchen, use the same fabric there, even if you choose a different style. It will tie the rooms together.

Also, make some pillows from the same fabric to use on the futon. Turn your area rug on an angle with the short side facing the corner to the left of the fireplace. Put your chair on this end of the rug facing the opposite end. Place the futon along the 11-foot side nearest the window. This should allow you to see both the fireplace and the television for a split focal point.

Now for new furniture. Add a sofa table behind the futon, a round or square glass-top coffee table with a warm gold-bronze metal base, an upholstered swivel chair to face the existing chair and a corner cupboard to go opposite the futon. Use a round, draped table between the old chair and the futon. Here's a chance to bring in another kind of fabric for a tablecloth and some more pillows. Don't forget to vary the trims on the pillows with rope, brush, fringe, etc.

Lighting is next. Use different table lamps on the round table

and the kitchen end of the sofa table (this one may require the installation of a floor outlet). These will provide task lighting. A torchier can be positioned next to the corner cupboard for up-lighting on that side of the room.

Bring some of the green you love into the room with a tree in the corner to the left of the fireplace and a 3-foot plant on the floor between the television and corner cupboard. Add a picture above the fireplace. Have fun choosing old and new accessories for the three tables and the corner cupboard (if it has doors on top, leave them open). Look for a mix in size, texture and color. Add pouches of rich fall colors such as burgundy, aubergine, olive and burnt orange. If you have a collection, display it in one spot instead of spreading it around.

Treat yourself to a tweed-textured throw to toss on your Tabasco-colored chair to make it

wonderfully inviting on a cold day. Add fresh flowers on the coffee table or mantel. Build a fire and delight in your warm, cozy room.

This week's question was answered by Karin Lechner, of HomeStyles in Lafayette, Calif.

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Bathroom style can survive antiquated tile

By Patricia Diane Rogers
The Washington Post

Paint and wallpaper may come and go. But bathroom tile, it seems, is forever.

"Like it or not, cracked, crazed and chipped tile in colors politely described as retro are there till the jackhammer arrives. And demolition and replacement costs are steep, even in small spaces.

"To get to mud-ser tile, you've got to yank the sink and toilet," says Bruce Case, head of the Bethesda, Md.-based Case Construction's Bath and Kitchen Division. In the average 5 foot by 7 foot space, he estimates, figure \$8,000 for walls and floor, \$4,000 or more to replace sink, tub and toilet.

So if pink and green or black and yellow is not your thing, here are some ideas.

"White beadboard is an affordable fix," says Judy Bracht, a designer with Tunis Kitchens & Baths of Chevy Chase, Md. On powder-room walls tiled halfway up, for instance, she suggests the narrow wood strips over the tile, trimmed with chair rail, baseboard and, if ceiling height allows, three-inch crown molding that repeats the trim. (A 4-by-8-foot beadboard panel runs about \$30 at home centers; Pottery Barn catalog is now selling a version called "Cottage Wainscoting" - a 68-by-32-inch section is \$79).

Bracht would play to the counter look with a white pedestal sink bracketed by sconces, and add brightness by mirroring the wall over the sink and hanging a framed mirror on top. Above the

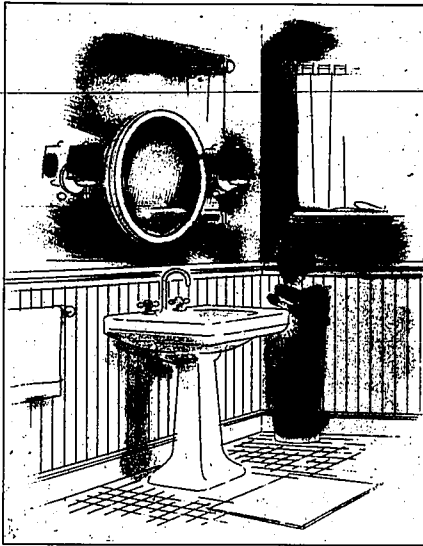


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Designer Judy Bracht hides ugly tile wainscoting under fresh white beadboard. beadboard, she suggests a dramatic wall color like navy blue or sage green. And pass up gold-toned fixtures for "something sil-

very with a matte finish, like pewter."

Darryl Savage and Anthony Awkard of DHS Design in

Annapolis, Md., suggest a sleek Biedermeier-style cover-up that pairs pale maple plywood with ebonized ash trim.

"When tile is obnoxious, I'd do anything to get rid of it," says Savage.

They once used this technique with an ebony ledge just wide enough to hold propped artwork. They kept the original white sink and its chrome and porcelain fittings but replaced the medicine cabinet with a large rectangular mirror in a black frame. Painted walls echo the creamy color of the maple.

The paneling can be special-ordered through millworks for about \$55 for a 4-by-8 sheet of maple; \$5 for a three-foot length of ash trim (you're on your own for staining it black). Savage says a modest powder room could be treated like this for about \$2,000 - less with birch and stained oak.

Some pros say wood can warp in humid bathrooms, so powder rooms might be the best candidate for paneling. If you try it in a full bath, you'd want to use more durable materials around the tub and shower. Or leave the old tile there, reglazed in a new color using synthetic porcelain (polyurethane enamels) for about \$40 per linear foot. Professional refinishers also do sinks and tubs but few will tackle floors or toilets.

The easiest route may be to make the most of what you have.

"You can live with the tile, even if they're pink and lime green," says Bruce Schaefer, owner of the Market Square Shop in Alexandria, Va. "But you

must rip out the medicine cabinet and the overhead light fixture."

Freshen the room with a new mirror and wallpaper.

"I see lime green and white striped-paper-and-a-mirror-with-green fern leaves painted around the outer edge," he says.

If you can't bear the floor, try seagrass or jute carpeting, he says, or lay new tile over the old. The results will look fresh and need not be expensive. Depending on the products you choose, this redo can run to hundreds rather than thousands.

Actor pulls up stakes, moves family into gated community

Los Angeles Times

Denzel Washington and his wife, Pauletta, have sold their Toluca Lake home of about seven years for close to its asking price of about \$2 million.

The actor, 45, and his family moved to a new home in a gated community.

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Take your pick of flower arrangement fashion

By Gary Kimo
The Orange County Register

If you haven't been paying attention or don't particularly care, let it be known right here and now that there are trends in how flowers are arranged, just as there are trends in food, fashion and home decor.

"Trends (the floral arranging kind) start in many pockets of the world," says Mike Stapp, a floral design expert at the International Flower Bulb Center in Hillegom, the Netherlands. "The best ones tend to sweep the globe." Hmm. Sounds serious.

Set to sweep the field of spring-blooming tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, lilies, Star of Bethlehem (ornithogalum), Persian buttercups (ranunculus), and grape hyacinths (muscari) according to Stapp, are the following:

• Outside-in arrangements. In this setup, both the stems and the flowers appear totally INSIDE clear vases so that the flowers appear "under glass," as if in a jeweler's or museum case. The vase envelops the flowers completely, with the tops of the flowers aligned near the upper rim of the vase. Water is kept low and topped off regularly.

• Repeat performances. This is a flower-arranging style that's been designed to show off the individual shapes of different blooms. Here's how it works: Groups of identical containers



Photo courtesy of TANGIT

A cozy, beautiful kitchen is easy to create when you think fruit and flowers.

are featured, each holding one perfect flower.

How many containers? That's up to you. But just about anything goes - at least three up to as many as you choose. The continuity of the containers helps create a unified feel.

• Low slung and topsy-turvy. Some floral designers are opting to flip-flop the traditional design formula of 1/3 vase topped by 2/3 stems and flowers. The new topsy-turvy look is low slung and

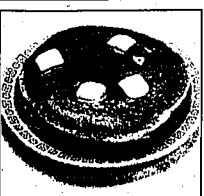
bottom-heavy, with the vase occupying the lower 2/3 of the arrangement and the flowers just cresting over the top.

• Twist and shout. Designers with steady, deft hands have adapted hand-tied bouquets in which stems are carefully angled in a spiraling fashion to create free-standing arrangements that stand on their stems in plates or bowls of water. While it looks like the flowers are standing upright on their own, that's not really the case. The water and the tied stems provide just enough oomph to hold the flowers up.

• Roots. One interesting trend in Europe that is making its way to the United States is to display spring-blooming bulb flowers such as tulips, hyacinths or amaryllis as complete units with the flower and stem still attached to the bulb and the roots. The look is reminiscent of historic botanical drawings. The bulbs and flowers can be displayed inside a vase balanced among stones and moss using the outside-in technique we've already taken a look at.

Another approach has the bulb flowers standing upright in a small circle with the stems tied just below the flowers. In either case, water is provided at root level. To pull off this type of arrangement, buy potted bulb plants, gently remove the pot, rinse the soil from the bulb end, and then arrange.

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Fresh ideas are in the house

By Daniela Deane
The Washington Post

DALLAS — You swing your legs over the edge of the bed in the middle of the night and, as your feet hit the ground, pathway lights come on to lead you through the house. When you leave home in the morning, push a button before you close the door. After you exit, all the lights go off and the electrical appliances shut down. As you pull into your driveway at the end of the day, the lights come back on and the spa warms up.

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It's all happening at the New American Home, a show house built annually for the past 15 years to highlight what's new and cool in the construction industry. The house was open for tours in January at the annual convention here of the National Association of Home Builders.

Technology and energy conservation were buzzwords for this year's home, a 4,495-square-foot French Colonial taking up much of a 10,370-square-foot lot in the affluent north Dallas suburb of Frisco. Asking price: \$975,000.

Flexibility, too, was a goal for this "dream home for the 21st century," according to the house's architect, Don Evans of the Orlando, Fla.-based Evans Group. Dad, Mom and the child, he said, could be a 54-year-old man living with his 27-year-old second wife and year-old baby, plus two teenagers from his first marriage.

One way to make a house flexible, this year's New American Home showed, is by giving traditional rooms new names. For example, the "garden suite," situated above the two-car garage, is essentially what used to be called a granny flat. The area can be used as a home office, a place for a young couple who can't afford their own house, a nanny suite or a home for an aged parent, according to the home's sponsors, Builder magazine, Ladies' Home Journal and the home builders association.

Then there's the "imagination room," a child's room with built-in refrigerator drawers to keep those juice boxes cool. It could also be a hobby room, a game room or another home office. There also is the leisure room, previously known as the family room, and the "cafe," formerly the kitchen breakfast nook. The master bedroom is no longer just a suite; it has become a master bedroom "retreat." In a nod to the 21st century, there's the "Internet alcove," where one can put a computer.

Flexibility also was evident in furniture and paint selection: a round conference table in the first-floor study so the room can double as extra dining space; furniture on casters for easy moving; coordinated fabrics so furniture can travel from room to room; timeless paint colors such as pale yellow, off-white and a light lime green.

The "heart" of the house is an area once known simply as a courtyard patio. In this house, it's called the "oasis." This outdoor space is a 945-square-foot patio that includes a billiard pool/spa, a fireplace, a waterfall and a built-in outdoor television.



The multifaceted show house is a French Colonial design with nearly 4,500 square feet of space.

"Everyone has their own space to be in, or they can open up and be with the rest of the family," said Susan Orlie of Susan Orlie Designs Inc. of Arlington, Tex., the interior designer of the house.

The master bedroom retreat (read suite) looks out onto the oasis (read patio). That means that if those two teenagers from the husband's first marriage are out there with friends, that's the end of privacy for the parents.

The imagination room is open to a narrow library loft passageway, which rings the second story of the two-story leisure room (read family room). If children are playing in this room, you can hear them clearly in the first-floor kitchen, which opens onto the family, uh, leisure room.

The house is insulated with a new spray-on wall insulation called Cocoon, which is essentially ground up newspaper sprayed onto a dry adhesive to keep it in place on the wall. The windows are double-glazed to reduce heat gain; the cavities under the stairs are insulated to keep them both quiet and warm.

Across the hallway from the imagination room is a bedroom-sized space called the Energy Room, which holds the "brains" of the house: the integrated automation and environmental systems.

The entire house is automated to allow remote control of every one of its functions. Everything that runs on electricity, from the television to the coffee maker, is hooked up to hardware called the IBM Home Director.

This city gal has given up the farm

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Whoopi Goldberg, who has long had a "home" in the Los Angeles area, has sold her 13-acre Connecticut farm for \$915,000.

The Oscar-winning Goldberg, who produces and appears on the new "Hollywood Squares" game show, has owned the home in rural Litchfield County, since 1991. She restored the five-bedroom, 4,000-square-foot Colonial-style farmhouse, built in 1860.

The house has a sun room, workshop, two fireplaces and cathedral ceilings. Goldberg continues to own an adjacent 27-acre parcel of land.

The farm, previously owned by the Gannett publishing family, was sold to an attorney with international clients. The asking price was \$975,000.

Goldberg, 44, sold the property because she wasn't using it.

Movie producer purchases villa at Manson murder site

The 18,000-square-foot Mediterranean-style villa that was built on the site of the Benedict Canyon home where actress Sharon Tate and four others were murdered by Charles Manson's gang in 1968 has been sold in the \$6-million range.

The buyer was Jeff Franklin, executive producer of the movies "Stuart Little" and "Love Stinks," which he also wrote and directed.

Known as "Villa Bella," the house, on 3.3 acres, was originally listed in 1994, when construction had just begun, at \$12.5 million. The owner-builder was Al Weintraub, who bought the property in 1991.

Weintraub razed the house in which the murders occurred after it failed to sell in 1992, when it was listed at \$4.95 million. For about a year before he tore down the house, however, he rented it to Trent Reznor of the synthesized-rock group Nine Inch Nails.

The newly built home has nine bedrooms, including two master suites, a wine cellar, screening room, elevator, tennis court, infinity pool, spa and city-to-ocean views. It also has 18-foot entry gates and a motor court with parking for dozens of cars.

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HOME DECORATING

Appliance makers follow Apple computers' colorful lead

The Washington Post

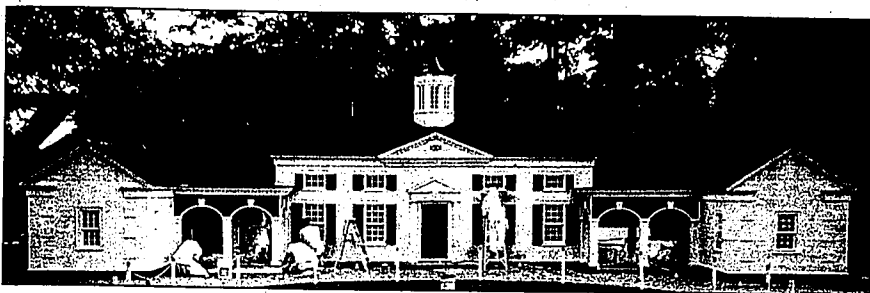
CHICAGO - If a frosty strawberry color monitor can bring a smile to your face, why not a turquoise vacuum? Get ready for a techno-color revolution in your broom closet, on your kitchen counter, in your bathroom cupboard. Appliance manufacturers are clicking on to the translucent, jelly-bean colors that shook up the computer world when Apple introduced its curvy, nerdy iMac in August 1998. The candy colors and elliptical con-

tours of the iMac, as well as its cousin the iBook, are credited with bringing the buzz back to Apple products. After years of slipping market share, Apple components in tangerine, blueberry, grape and lime started elbowing for desk space against phalanxes of boring beige boxes. Now manufacturers of humidifiers and microwaves are hoping to catch some of that magic, reaching out to a younger, hipper cyber crowd - and to bored consumers of all ages. White and off-white appliances have always dominated the small electric cate-

gory, although manufacturers have zapped their products with color before, like Miele's red vacuum cleaners and KitchenAid's hunter-green mixers. The plastics in earlier products, however, were opaque. What's different here is a misty, see-through color shows off the electronics underneath. At January's International Housewares Show here, crowds gathered around the Sharp Electronics booth to see the row of 13-inch Half Pint microwaves in rounded shapes and translucent colors of blue, amber and

graphite that revealed the working apparatus of the oven beneath. Sharp sold 2.5 million Half Pints over 10 years, until the product was discontinued in 1995. The reintroduced Half Pints, which retail for less than \$100, are still lightweight and functional. The 600-watt oven accommodates a 10-inch dinner plate and includes an automatic popcorn button. But the real news is in the styling and zap of color: the cute-factor of VW Beetles combined with the slick appeal of hard candy. Company marketers are counting on major sales to college stu-

dents and Gen-Xers when the ovens hit store shelves in April. At the show, 60,000 buyers and sellers from 100 countries converged on the cavernous McCormick Place to see 1,900 manufacturers of housewares. On display: vacuums in translucent wine and yellow, steam irons in watery violet and aqua and hair dryers in pink. Translucency has already been a trend in home furnishings; cutting-edge Italian manufacturers are producing stylish, inexpensive, see-through chairs and tables.



George Washington's house never looked whimsical until craftsmen translated its classic lines into a faithfully detailed - and pricey - playhouse.

George Washington would be proud

By J. J. McCoy
The Washington Post

Are there any kids out there who still dream of growing up to be president? Sue Hilliger's got just the training ground for them: a playhouse, built as a scale model of Mount Vernon. But better start throwing those fundraising dinners early - the house costs \$750,000 unfurnished, \$980,000 complete with candlesticks and bed linens. Hilliger, wife of clothing designer Tommy Hilliger, is also the owner of Best & Co., purveyor of upscale children's clothes and furnishings. When called on to contribute to a decorator show

house in Greenwich, Conn., last fall, she hit on the idea of a playhouse modeled on George Washington's estate - perfect for the red-white-and-blue Hilliger image. She commissioned Washington architect Allan Greenberg, an expert on Mount Vernon and author of "George Washington, Architect," who simplified the floor plan from eight rooms to four and shrank the interior dimensions to about two-thirds size: The main house measures 8-by-22 feet; doorways are 4-foot-3-inches tall; double-hung windows that suggest two stories from outside look into single-floor rooms with ceilings between 6 and 7 1/2 feet high.

Greenberg says that although they took liberties with the floor plan, the playhouse design was inspired by original details, and "the craftsmanship is superb throughout the building." Touches include hand-cut, "fish scale" roof shingles, "rusticated" wood siding to give the grainy appearance of stone, paint colors matching authentic chips provided by the estate and half-size fireplaces constructed with tiny bricks in each room. For the show house, the minimane was furnished in period detail, right down to the monogrammed antique linens, ribbon-back Chippendale mahogany side chairs and a reproduction of

a dove weather vane designed by the first president. As for the duration of the show house, Greenberg recalls, kids had the run of the place, and the collectibles came out of it intact. These days, the playhouse sits in storage in Connecticut. Hilliger explored the possibility of selling copies through a licensing agreement with the Mount Vernon estate. That deal fell through last week, however, and now she is considering donating it to the Smithsonian Institution. Pending those plans, anyone wanting one will just have to hold onto his money - which, considering the price, probably belongs in a scale-model Fort Knox.

New book tells how not to be homeless at home

By Charyne Varkonyi Schaub
Sun-Sentinel, South Florida

The thing I admire most about Alexandra Stoddard is how she encourages people to feel comfortable with themselves. In this superficial world where "new money" tries to cover humble beginnings with gaudy gifts, this down-to-earth interior designer urges people to show the world who they really are and be proud of it. Stoddard always hits the target in her writing, but her latest book, "Feeling at Home" (William Morrow), is the best of the 21 she has written. "Feeling at Home" is really feeling at home with yourself," she said in an interview before her recent appearance at the Palm Beach Winter Antiques Show in West Palm Beach. "Feeling at home with our-

selves and being able to create a spirit of place that nourishes us physically, emotionally and spiritually is a goal worthy of our highest priority," she wrote. "We can raise our sights high when we're willing to break free from being conformists who live a conventional life simply because we are too afraid to express our uniqueness." Much more than a decorating primer, this book takes the reader on a psychological journey of self-discovery. She said the idea for the book germinated in May 1998 at Misty McLeland, general manager of the Atlanta Design Center, asked her to give a talk entitled "The Path to Yourself." Stoddard, who gives several speeches a year, was fascinated. She went through her 5,000 slides and came up with pictures of gardens, a little girl with sun-

light filtering through her hair and the red barn where she used to hide as a child. She also remembered a conversation she had with her daughter Brooke, senior editor at House & Garden. Brooke recalled sitting in a Paris cafe, thinking about how important France was to her life. She pulled out her purple Filofax and wrote down the 10 words that defined who she was. Several years later, over lunch in a French bistro on Madison Avenue, Brooke asked her mother - at stepfather, Peter Megarage Brown, to write down their 10 words. "The list made me define who I was," Stoddard said. The words? Love. Sunlight. Gardens. Beaches. Children. Food. Family. Color. Ribbons. Home. Brown's words were strikingly

similar. Love. Beaches. Old friends. Children. Reading. Dancing. Music. Wine. Lunch. Memories. Stoddard had her first garden at age 7, selected a sunny yellow floral for the upholstery in their Park Avenue apartment, gives ribbons to people who attend her speeches and wears pantsuits in charrreuse and fuchsia. Brown has framed pictures of his friends from the baseboard to the cornice, loves to celebrate with good wine and is well-read. Try the exercise yourself. Don't think about it. Just write the 10 words down. Does your home reflect these things? If not, ask yourself why not? If your home doesn't reflect you, change it. Otherwise you may become what Alexandra describes as "people who are homeless in their own homes."

Decorative wall paneling kits lend a luxurious look

The Orange County Register

For centuries, one of the hallmarks of fine homes in Europe, and, later, America has been the luxurious look of decorative woodwork. The Raised Panel System from New England Classic, a specialty building products company, is an affordable solution for the look of decorative wall paneling. To provide a wide range of design flexibility, the interlocking components are sold in kits complete with precision-machined rails, stiles, plus base, shoe and cap moldings that easily slide together with the

Design notes panels. Components come premium stained, ready to stain, and ready to paint. Finishes include oak, maple and cherry. For more information, call (888) 880-6324. New wallpaper: Masterpiece, a new Waverly wallpaper and border collection with coordinating fabrics, includes patterns that lend either romantic charm or fresh sophistication to most any room setting. Bucolic toile, large-scale florals with lavish blooms

and exotic paisleys stand out smartly when paired with the crisp plaids, stripes and checks in the collection. Plays of color range from combinations of blue with either white or pink; green with pink, white or tan as well as red jewel tones with hunter green or white. Putty and black are matched with white. Other colors that punctuate the collection include straw, a range of neutrals, olive, rose, soft yellow and midnight blue. Design tip: If you're interested in giving a room a French country feel, consider doing it with

fabric. Mix and match floral patterns in blues, yellows and reds. Chintz and toile are very popular along with large-scale romantic designs.

Magazine feature covers wainscoting

The Orange County Register

Check out Country Home magazine's February issue for a great article on how to do a basketweave wainscot in your home. Also in a February issue - this time in House Beautiful - is an eye-opening article showing how different colors can transform kitchens.

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FOOD

The ultimate Mardi Gras party

By Arlene Coco
Knight Rider News Service

It has been said that Mardi Gras is the greatest free show on earth. I remember as a child waiting in the streets for what seemed like forever to see the endless parade of masked Kings and Queens.

Mardi Gras Day started early. To get a good spot, we parked and set up for that first parade, which usually started at 8 a.m. We always packed food for the whole day and set up in a spot about 50 feet from the street if we could.

Urban picnicking is a refined art in New Orleans. You start off with beignets (French doughnuts) and cafe au lait, or other doughnuts that can be eaten with your hands. Back in the old days, my Aunt Mary used to fry her own chicken the night before Carnival.

French explorer Iberville discovered the land that is now New Orleans and on March 3, 1699, christened the site Point du Mardi Gras. Carnival (as the locals call it) was created as a period of merriment that would serve as a prelude to the season of Lent, which starts on Ash Wednesday. Mardi Gras Day (Fat Tuesday) is the last day of the Mardi Gras Carnival season.

Mardi Gras can occur on any Tuesday from Feb. 3 through March 9. The fluctuating date was established by the Roman Catholic church. This year, Mardi Gras Day is March 7.

But the New Orleans Mardi Gras season started Sunday, with the city's first parade, to be followed by more than 50 parades leading up until March 7. This is the time to have a few people over to celebrate Carnival.

Decorate in green, purple and gold; cook up the traditional recipes, put on some Cajun music and Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler!

Although this recipe hails from Shirley O. Corriher's book "Cookwise" (William Morrow), it is the recipe from my old instructor, Lee Barnes, who owned a large cooking school in New Orleans, where Shirley taught on occasion. Says Shirley of Lee's recipe: "She gave me permission

ROAST BEEF PO-BOY

By Arlene Coco
Knight Rider News Service

The Roast Beef Po-Boy is, without a doubt, southeastern Louisiana's most famous sandwich. There are shops everywhere that sell this delicious specialty.

Last month, my brother Russell, a Baton Rouge boy who happens to be a roast beef po-boy connoisseur, took me on a tour in search of the best po-boy. We talked to some of the best soul food cooks in the city, including Shirley Davis, owner of Snowflake BBQ, about cooking delicious local dishes.

The Po-Boy originated during the Depression. Made with hot gravy and scraps of roast beef larded onto French bread, the sandwiches were sold for five cents each to poor boys from the back doors of restaurants during a railroad strike.

Today, it is still widely consumed by lunchtime workers on a budget and it still has lots of juice. One restaurant even boasts of selling a "five-napkin Po-Boy."

Mothers' Restaurant is probably the most famous Po-Boy restaurant (on the Internet, see

www.mothersrestaurant.com). But if you can't make it to the Big Easy, don't fret. You can make your own Po-Boy.

Just get a good crusty French bread — soft on the inside and a crunchiness outside. And remember, all po-boys come dressed, which means they are served with shredded cabbage, pickles, mayo, creole mustard and yellow mustard.

ROAST BEEF PO-BOY
4-5 pounds inside round (eye of round), trimmed of fat, or round tip, with the cap off (or, really any beef you prefer)
2 teaspoons celery seed
2 teaspoons crushed red pepper
2 teaspoons onion powder
2 teaspoons garlic powder or fresh garlic, minced
1 tablespoon dry oregano
2 tablespoons dry parsley or fresh chopped
1 tablespoon dry thyme

Sprinkle all of the herbs and seasonings on the meat, then place meat in a crockpot. Add water to reach halfway up the crockpot. Bake on High for 6 hours. Remove meat, slice and pour juice on meat. Dress and serve. Serves 4-6 Big Cajun appetites.

containing. Makes about 30 2-inch pralines.

NOTE: If you want to make a double batch, add 1 tablespoon corn syrup to the ingredients. This will slow crystallization just enough to allow you to spoon up the larger batch.

Between New Orleans and Baton Rouge there is a small town called Gonzales. I recall going to the Jambalaya festival and watching the huge black cauldrons filled with spices, meats and rice being stirred with boat paddles. The best jambalaya cooks reign from Gonzales.

TURKEY AND SHRIMP JAMBALAYA

1/2 pound andouille sausage, sliced (optional)
1 pound raw turkey breast, diced in 1/2-inch pieces
2 cups onions, chopped
4 cloves garlic, minced
1 bell pepper, chopped
2 stalks celery, chopped
3 bay leaves
1/2 teaspoon dry thyme
2 cups long grain rice (Uncle Ben's converted)

1 1/2-pound can tomatoes, crushed with liquid
2 cups hot chicken stock
1 pound shrimp, peeled, raw (any size)
4 green onions, sliced
1/4 cup parsley, chopped
Salt and pepper to taste
Tabasco or hot sauce to taste

Saute hot sausage and turkey in oil, if needed, for several minutes. In the same oil or fat, cook onions and garlic until soft. Add bell pepper and celery. Cook until tender. Add bay leaves and thyme. Add rice and stir until coated in oil. Add tomatoes, chicken stock. Bring mixture to a boil. Cover and simmer for about 30 minutes until rice is done.

Add shrimp; cook until shrimp is pink. Just before serving, add green onion, parsley, salt, pepper and hot sauce. Serve with French bread and a green salad. Serves 6-8.

Preheat the broiler element. Preheat a 8-inch-square baking dish. Spread 1/2 cup coconut oil on the baking dish and broil, stirring frequently, until golden. Whisk sugar into milk until it's dissolved. Whisk in flour. Whisk in eggs, then salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves. Add vanilla and mix well. Blend in banana puree, then all the coconut. Pour into prepared baking dish and bake at 350 degrees about 50 minutes or until set. Cool completely. Makes 9 servings.

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Limes: A tart green dose of vitamin C

By Carol J. G. Ward
Knight Rider News Service

The two main varieties of limes are the Persian lime and the Key lime from Florida. The Key lime is smaller and rounder and has a color more yellow than green. Outside of Florida, the Key lime is usually found only in specialty produce markets and some supermarkets that carry gourmet produce.

Selection and storage: Shop for bright green fruits with a floral fragrance that are heavy for their size. Avoid fruits with yellow spots or hard skins; they're old. Slight brown spots, called scald, won't affect flavor or juiciness. A hard skin will, however.

It's OK to stock up on limes in bulk. Uncut ones keep well in the refrigerator for up to a month. Keep cut limes fresh for five days by storing them in a plastic bag in the refrigerator. If you happen upon a great sale, buy limes in bulk. Then juice them and freeze the juice in ice cube trays. When the juice is solid, remove the cubes and store them in a plastic bag in the freezer. You also can freeze the zest, the thinly grated or sliced skin, in a plastic bag. Be sure to wash the fruit if you plan on using the skin. Peel the zest using a citrus zester, stripper or small-toothed grater; before cutting for juice.

Preparation: The versatile lime can be used for a wide range of mixed drinks or a marinade for raw fish dishes. Lime juice tenderizes meats and is the base of many sauces, particularly in Thailand and Vietnam. To maximize juice yield, use fruit warmed to room temperature. Or microwave on high for 10 to 20 seconds uncovered. Roll the limes between your palm and the countertop to loosen fibers before cutting and juicing them.

An average lime produces about 1 1/2 tablespoons of juice and 1 1/2 teaspoons of zest. One pound of limes, about six to eight fruit, yields 12 to 23 cups of juice.

Nutritional highlights: Fresh limes are packed with vitamin C and contain respectable amounts of protein, calcium and iron.

COCONUT LIME SQUARES

Crust:
3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
3/4 stick (6 tablespoons) cold unsalted butter, cut into bits
1/3 cup sweetened flaked coconut, toasted and cooled
1/4 cup confectioners' sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
Custard:
4 large eggs
1 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice (from about 5 limes)
1 tablespoon freshly grated lime zest (from about 2 limes)
1/2 cup sweetened flaked coconut, toasted and cooled

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Butter and flour an 8-inch square baking pan, knocking out excess flour. In a bowl, blend together 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar and salt until mixture resembles coarse meal. Pat mixture into prepared pan and bake in middle of oven 25 to 30 minutes, or until golden brown. Reduce oven temperature to 300 degrees. In a bowl, whisk together eggs and granulated sugar until combined well and stir in flour, lime juice and zest. Pour mixture over crust and bake in middle of oven 20 minutes. Top custard with coconut and bake 5 to 10 minutes more, or until just set. Cool in pan on a rack and chill 1 hour. Cut into squares.

—From Gourmet magazine

to use (it) on the condition that I pronounce pralines correctly — "praw" like law, not "pray."

REAL NAWLINS PRAWLEENS

Butter for greasing foil
1 1/4 cups walnut or pecan pieces
1/2 cup almond slivers, optional
2 tablespoons and 2 table-
spoons butter (4 tablespoons/ 1/2
stick all together)
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup packed light brown sugar
1/2 cup melted sugar
1/2 cup canned evaporated milk
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
or good rum

Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Generously grease a large sheet of foil with butter. Set aside. Spread nuts on a baking sheet

and roast until lightly browned, 10 to 12 minutes. If using almonds, too, put them on the baking sheet near the oven door so that you can watch them. While the nuts are hot, stir in 2 tablespoons butter and sprinkle with salt. Set aside. In a heavy medium saucepan, stir together well and boil the brown sugar, granulated sugar, evaporated milk, 2 tablespoons butter and roasted nuts until the mixture reaches the soft-ball stage (236 degrees).

Let stand undisturbed for 4 minutes to cool. Add vanilla. Then start beating with a large wooden spoon. The second you feel the mixture begin to thicken, start spooning up the candies. Spoon heaping tablespoon-size pralines as fast as possible onto the buttered foil. Let stand to cool and set. Store in an airtight

Author's book is African history in the baking

By Deborah H. Hartz
Sun-Sentinel, South Florida

Diane Spivey of Miami appreciates that this is Black History Month. "But we have to live our history 365 days a year," she says.

Spivey is the author of "The Peppers, Cracklings, and Knots of Wool Cookbook" (SUNY). While many cookbooks are travelogues, Spivey's is the heavily documented story of how African people, culture and cuisine migrated to different parts of the globe.

The book is the result of 20 years of research. Years spent looking into disciplines as diverse as agronomy, ethnography, philology, paleontology, psychology, botany, zoology, geography and music. Not to mention food and cooking.

It began in the 1970s when Spivey lived in Dayton, Ohio, she says she wanted to enlarge her own repertoire of recipes that she prepared for herself and her husband, Donald. So she went to

the library and checked out African cookbooks. What she found was disappointing.

"The African cookbooks ignored history and were actually insulting. 'I took it personally,'" she says.

After moving to Miami in 1994 when her husband was offered the history department chairmanship at the University of Miami, Spivey went to work in earnest on her own cookbook.

To serve this pudding, line a serving dish with bananas and spoon the pudding on top. Then garnish with whipped cream.

SPIVEY'S COCONUT BANANA PUDDING

1 cup fine-grated coconut, divided
1/2 cup sugar
2 cups milk
2 tablespoons flour
2 eggs
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 whole clove, finely crushed

2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2 ripe bananas (1 large, 1 medium-large), pureed
Preheat the broiler element.

Butter an 8-inch-square baking dish. Spread 1/2 cup coconut oil on the baking dish and broil, stirring frequently, until golden. Whisk sugar into milk until it's dissolved. Whisk in flour. Whisk in eggs, then salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves. Add vanilla and mix well. Blend in banana puree, then all the coconut. Pour into prepared baking dish and bake at 350 degrees about 50 minutes or until set. Cool completely. Makes 9 servings.

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It's time for good-tasting, good-for-you food, drink

By Kathy Martin
Knight Rider News Service

Tea is rich in antioxidants that bolster the body's defenses. Here's an easy way to make an excellent pitcher of iced tea, adapted from Cook's Illustrated magazine.

ICED TEA

Place 8 tea bags (or 2 of those big, family-size bags made especially for iced tea) in a saucepan with about 4 cups water and 1 tablespoon sugar. Heat over high heat just until the water begins to steam (don't let it boil). Remove the pan from the heat and set it aside, covered, for 15 minutes. Remove the bags, pour the tea into a pitcher and add enough ice and water to make 2 quarts.

Cauliflower is one of those powerhouse cruciferous vegetables that's associated with lower rates of some cancers.

TWICE-BAKED POTATOES

4 medium potatoes, washed
1 1/2 pounds cauliflower, washed, green leaves removed
5 tablespoons nonfat milk
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 cup (4 ounces) finely shredded reduced-fat sharp cheddar cheese

Paprika

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Using a fork, puncture the potatoes. Bake 50 to 60 minutes or until tender. Meanwhile, cut the cauliflower into about 8 pieces and steam until very tender. Working in batches if necessary, puree the cauliflower in a food processor or blender with 2 tablespoons of the milk and the salt and pepper. It will yield about 1 cup of puree and resemble mashed potatoes. Set aside. Cut potatoes in half lengthwise. Scoop out the pulp and place into a large mixing bowl, leaving thin shells. Using an electric mixer on lowest speed, beat the potato pulp and the remaining 3 tablespoons milk until blended. Add the pureed cauliflower and beat until well-mixed (do not overbeat). Stir in half the cheese. Divide the mixture among the potato shells. Top with remaining cheese and sprinkle with paprika. Return to the oven and bake until cheese melts, about 5 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

-Source: "Stealth Health" by Evelyn Tribole (Puffin, \$12.95).

CAROLINA BARBECUE PORK

1 large yellow onion, chopped (about 1 1/2 cups)
14 1/2 ounce can diced tomatoes

1/2 cup dark corn syrup
1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar

3 tablespoons cider vinegar
2 tablespoons coarse Dijon mustard

1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

3/4 teaspoon celery salt
1 1/4 teaspoons ground pepper

4 garlic cloves, minced

3 pound pork shoulder roast, trimmed of fat and cut into strips

2 tablespoons tomato paste
2 tablespoons pure maple syrup

1/2 teaspoon Liquid Smoke (prefamily-recipe-flavored)

Combine the onion, tomatoes, corn syrup, brown sugar, vinegar, mustard, Worcestershire sauce, celery salt and 3/4 teaspoon of the pepper in a pressure cooker. Stir in the garlic. Add the strips of pork and the reserved bone. Cover, lock, and bring to high pressure over high heat. Reduce heat to stabilize pressure and cook 25 minutes. Remove pres-

Reel in this quick-fix recipe for bouillabaisse

The Seattle Times

This is a quick-fix bouillabaisse-style soup

QUICK BOUILLABASSE

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 1/2 cups finely chopped onion
1 jar (26 ounces) tomato-basil pasta sauce

2 bottles (8 ounces each) clam juice

1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
Optional: 1/8 teaspoon powdered saffron or 1/4 teaspoon saffron threads

1 pound medium-size raw prawns, shelled and deveined

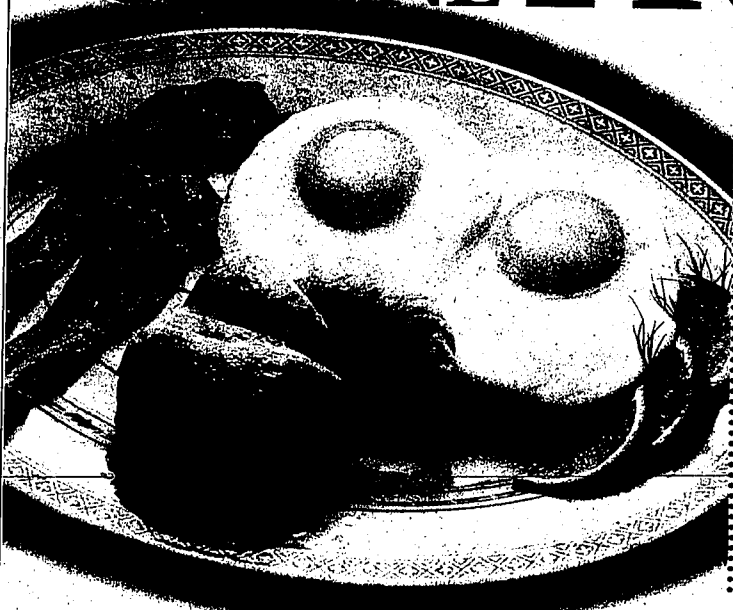
1 pound white fish fillet, skinned and cut into 1-inch cubes
Freshly ground black pepper to taste
In a medium-size saucepan, heat the olive oil over medium

heat. Add onion and saute 5 minutes. Stir in pasta sauce, clam juice, cayenne and saffron. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. While the soup base is

cooking, shell and devein the prawns. Put prawns and fish into the soup. Simmer 5 minutes, or until seafood is cooked through. Season with pepper and serve. Serves 4.

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FOOD

Old-fashioned pot roast works well for busy cooks of today

By Teresa J. Farney
The Gazette

How long has it been since you made a pot roast — you know, the kind the all-American family of the '50s would sit around at least once a week for their meat-and-potatoes fix?

If you've been novellized and fusioned and stir-fried to death, perhaps it's time to treat yourself to this succulent classic.

"Trend-spotters call it comfort food," Primitivo's executive chef John Broening says in his column for one of the restaurant's monthly newsletters. "It's mostly winter food: a backward-looking cuisine, one that looks back to our childhood and back to grandma."

Yet, pot roast is perfect for hectic modern cooks because it's easy and convenient to make, delicious and economical. Easy because you brown a roast, plunk it in a roasting pan, add a little water, cover the pan and let it cook slowly in the oven until the meat is nice and tender. Convenient because once the meat is in the oven, there's no tending to it for several hours. Delicious because of the meat juices that season the vegetables that are cooked with the meat. And economical because you only use this method with inexpensive, less-tender cuts of meat.

MEXICAN BEEF STEW

Serves 8

3 pounds boneless beef round or chuck, cut into 1-inch pieces

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 cup each ready-to-serve beef broth and prepared thick-and-chunky salsa

2 medium zucchini, halved lengthwise, then cut crosswise into 3/4-inch thick pieces

1 (15-ounce) can black beans, drained

1/2 cup frozen whole corn kernels

2 tablespoons cornstarch dissolved in 3 tablespoons water

Toppings (optional):

Chopped fresh cilantro

Sherry sour cream

Chopped tomato

In Dutch oven, heat oil over medium-high heat. When hot, add beef; cook and stir in two

batches, browning pieces evenly. Set beef aside and pour off drippings. Return beef to pan and season with salt. Stir in broth and salsa. Bring to boil; reduce heat to low, cover tightly and simmer gently 1 1/4 hours. Stir in zucchini, beans and corn. Bring to boil; reduce heat to low,

cover tightly, simmer another 15-20 minutes until beef and vegetables are tender. Stir in cornstarch mixture. Bring to boil; cook and stir 1 minute or until thickened. Serve with toppings if want.

—Adapted from The National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

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Favorites combine in light dish

The Seattle Times

The following is a light recipe.

CHICKEN SPAGHETTI

1 pound uncooked spaghetti

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 medium onion, peeled and chopped

1 small green bell pepper, seeds and membranes removed, coarsely chopped

1 pound skinless and boneless chicken breasts, cut into about 1/2-inch cubes

1 1/2 teaspoons dried basil

1/2 teaspoon dried oregano

1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1 can (28 ounces) peeled and diced tomatoes, undrained

3 tablespoons tomato paste

1 1/2 cups low-sodium chicken broth

Optional: 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan per serving

Bring a large pot of water to the boil. Add the spaghetti, stirring well, and cook according to package directions until just cooked through. Drain. In a Dutch oven heat the oil over medium heat.

Add onion and bell pepper; saute 5 minutes. (Add a tablespoon water if the vegetables become too dry.) Push the vegetables to the side of the pan.

Put the chicken into the pan. Sprinkle with the basil, oregano, red pepper flakes, salt and pepper.

Stir until the chicken just begins to turn white. Then add undrained tomatoes, tomato paste and broth. Cook over medium heat, stirring often, until the chicken is cooked through.

Add the drained cooked spaghetti to the pan, stirring to mix well. Remove from the heat, cover and set aside 10 minutes. Garnish each serving with a little grated Parmesan. Serves 6.