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Life Flight boosts air time

By Jay Howser
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is now able to provide air transport service to patients late at night and early in the morning.

Officials at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise announced Tuesday their plan to operate Magic Valley Regional's Life Flight, a medical ambulance transport service 24 hours a day. The hospital previously ran Life Flight from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Hal Iverson, a chief flight nurse who oversees the Life Flight program, said budget constraints had made it impossible to staff helicopter crews longer than 12 hours a day, until now.

"People have medical emergencies around the clock," Iverson said. "We just felt that on a 12-hour-day basis, we've never been able to offer the full range of service to the residents like we wanted to when we started the program."

No figures on the program's budget increase were available

Tuesday.

Iverson said patients injured during Life Flight's off hours previously had to wait for a helicopter from Boise, which took much longer to reach the scene than a local flight would.

"We hope that by being there 24 hours a day we're able to eliminate that often hour delay we needed to get to a patient," he said.

A higher demand in the region led to the decision to increase service hours, said Saint Alphonsus President and CEO Sandra Bruce in a news

release.

Since its launch in September 1998, Life Flight has been requested 353 times and has transferred more than 225 patients to area hospitals, the news release said. A Life Flight membership program has grown to include 11,000 households across the region, according to Life Flight release.

Iverson said Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is in the process of staffing the new helicopter crews and part-time employees have been covering the extra hours since Tuesday.

Report: Power shortage looms

Generating plants fail to keep pace with NW growth

PORTLAND, Ore. - Northwest electric energy providers and regulators agreed that Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Montana are facing an energy crisis that could hit as early as this summer.

But in a region that finds consensus on many issues elusive, the impending power problem has produced more frustration than solutions.

"This is our most important issue," Bonneville Power Administration Chief Judi Johansen told regional conference this week, "but it's getting the least attention."

The problem is that few new generating plants have been built in a region in the last half century since the hydropower dams went up, but the population has been skyrocketing. In just the last decade, Idaho's population has jumped more than 24 percent, Washington's over 18 percent and Oregon's nearly 17 percent.

"This is not an immediate crisis, but it's getting worse," Johansen's predecessor at Bonneville, Power, Randy Hardy, said. "We've got to start thinking about these things, and we aren't."

Under unusual weather conditions blackouts are possible as early as next winter.

The chance of that happening over the next few years is one in four, said Dick Watson, director of power planning for the Northwest.

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CHANGE IN WENDELL



Wendell Middle School photography and cooking instructor Harold Jones gives his students a tour of the high school darkroom Tuesday. Middle school students were moved to the high school after the center portion of the middle school was condemned due to a crumbling foundation.

Middle school students make move

High school will serve seven grades while School Board ponders future

By Gina Mulder
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - The sign on the high school's front doors said it all.

"Welcome Middle School Students."

Meeting tonight

The meeting is open to the public.

That was how the 230 transplanted middle school students were greeted Tuesday as they began their third trimester in their new digs.

"Some of the kids looked to be in shock, trying to find their way through this new situation," Superintendent Larry Manly said as he strolled down the hall, taking an occasional peek into a classroom. "But they will all get used to life here at the high school and we will make the most of our new circumstance."

ter portion of the school was condemned due to a crumbling foundation - a decision that placed the Magic Valley school center stage in a statewide debate over aging public school buildings.

Now middle school and high school students are sharing the high school facilities for the rest of the school year.

Students and staff are settling in at the high school after a frantic move last week from the 80-year-old middle school. Two weeks ago, the School Board, at the request of worried parents, decided to completely vacate the old middle school after the cen-

Schedules had to be juggled in order to accommodate all the students. High school students will attend classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and middle school students will attend classes on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Classes were lengthened to 70 minutes to provide students with the required hours of instruction, making the school day an hour longer with the last bell ringing

at 4:10 p.m.

The first day back seemed less stressful for staff and students, because it was the start of a new trimester. Middle School Principal Marcia Hallett said. Students hit the front doors and immediately separated by class to pick up their new class schedules. Teachers posted signs outside their classrooms so their students could find them.

will have access to more challenging curriculum.

"This is really nice for the students," science teacher Jim Sund said. "They will get exposed to things that they haven't had before now."

"This helped cut down on some of the confusion," said Hallett, as she stopped to help a lost student find his next class.

The most common complaints from students were the extended class periods and losing their Saturdays off. But some students, like Kyle Egbert, saw advantages to the new schedule.

Manly said he had no idea what the next school year will bring. The community and School Board must decide. For now, the board will concentrate on drafting a year-end calendar to meet Idaho Department of Education approval.

All in all, the move and transition went smoothly with just a couple of speed bumps along the way, Hallett said.

"Now that we go every other day, we have more time to get our homework done," Egbert said.

The high school offers other advantages as well. Middle school students will be able to take advantage of science, math and writing labs. High achievers

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Bush sweeps three states; Gore victorious

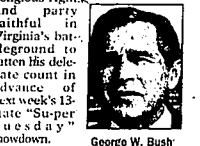
The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. - George W. Bush swept past John McCain in three Republican presidential contests Tuesday, buoyed by the religious right and party faithful in Virginia's battleground to fence his delegate count against the New York advance of next week's 13-state "Super Tuesday" showdown.

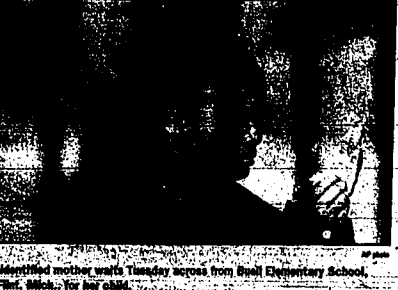
In the Democratic campaign, Vice President Al Gore beat Bill Bradley in a popular-vote Washington state primary that yielded no delegates. The defeat was a severe blow for the former New Jersey senator, who had invested heavily in the political "heavy" campaign in hopes of rejuvenating his sagging campaign.

With the see-sawing Republican presidential race exposing a rift between the party's conservative and moderate wings, Bush

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George W. Bush



An unidentified mother waits Tuesday across from Buell Elementary School, near Flint, Mich., for her child.

First-grader shoots, kills classmate; boy may have gotten gun from home

The Associated Press

MOUNT MORRIS TOWNSHIP, Mich. - In a school shooting made more shocking by the age of the youngsters involved, a 6-year-old boy pulled a gun from his pants and shot a little girl to death Tuesday in front of their horrified first-grade teacher and classmates.

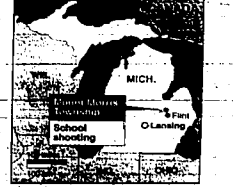
The boy fired a bullet from a .32-caliber gun inside Buell Elementary near Flint, 60 miles from Detroit, striking 6-year-old

Kayla Rolland in the neck. She died a half-hour later.

The boy, whose name was not released, was taken into the custody of a state child welfare agency after the shooting.

Prosecutors did not say how they think the boy got the gun, though they said it had been reported stolen in December and was in the boy's home.

President Clinton, in Florida for a Democratic fund-raiser,



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THE REGION

Camas Prairie
 High 37 Low 20
 Mostly cloudy today with chance of rain or snow, clearing Thursday. Cloudy Thursday, chance of snow early, high 38.

Treasure Valley
 High 49 Low 35
 Fog early today then mostly cloudy with chance of rain. Same tonight. Good chance of rain Thursday, high 52.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley
 High 39 Low 20
 Fog early today, chance of rain, then some clearing. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly cloudy Thursday, high 43.

Eastern Idaho
 High 40 Low 29
 Cloudy early today, chance of rain, then some clearing. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly cloudy Thursday, high 45.

Northern Idaho
 High 45 Low 32
 Fog early today then some clearing. Cloudy tonight. Good chance of rain Thursday, high 45.

Northern Utah
 High 45 Low 31
 Cloudy early today, chance of rain or snow, clearing. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly cloudy Thursday, high 48.

Northern Nevada
 High 45 Low 33
 Mostly cloudy today with chance of rain or snow, then some clearing. Cloudy Thursday, chance of snow early, high 48.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 45 Low 33 Mostly cloudy with chance of rain. Partly cloudy tonight.	High 48 Low 35 Mostly cloudy with chance of rain early.	High 48 Low 28 Partly cloudy with chance of rain/snow.	High 40s Low 20s Partly cloudy with chance of rain/snow.	High 40s Low 20s Partly cloudy with chance of rain/snow.

Idaho weather

Wednesday, March 1
 AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures

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National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Wednesday, March 1.

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls - Precipitation

Yesterday	48	31	Yesterday in Twin Falls	0.03
Last year	44	39	Month to date	1.52
Normal	46	25	Normal mo. to date	1.50
			Water year to date	3.47
			Normal year to date	5.10

Idaho High/Lows

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho: High/Lows
Boise	45	36	.07	degrees at Burley, Low, 11 degrees at
Burley	53	33	.....	Sanley.
Coeur d'Alene	43	30	.04	Nations: High, 50 at
Grangeville	m	m	.....	Laughlin AFB, Texas.
Hagerman	m	28	.....	Low, 8 at Willabone
Idaho Falls	44	23	.....	Reservoir, Nev. *
Leviston	48	36	tr.	
Malad	m	m	.....
Malta	m	m	.....
McCall	35	24	.04	Comfort factors
Pocatello	50	29	.....	Noon humidity: 51%
Salmon	46	25	.....	Noon barometer: 29.94
Stanley	37	11	.....	Pollen and mold counts:
Sun Valley	m	m	.....	The reporting season has
				ended for the year. *
				Asthma & Allergy of
				Idaho reports in Health.

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	56	30	.....
Anchorage	69	27	.....
Atlanta	59	42	.....
Boston	49	36	.....
Chicago	64	44	.....
Dallas	82	62	.....
Denver	55	39	.....
Des Moines	55	39	.....
Detroit	56	31	.....
Honolulu	80	72	.....
Indianapolis	67	36	.....
Kansas City	62	42	.....
Las Vegas	64	43	.....
Los Angeles	63	48	.....
Memphis	54	35	.....
Miami Beach	79	68	.....
Milwaukee	61	38	.....
Minneapolis	61	38	.....
New Orleans	76	46	.....
New York	62	43	.....
Oklahoma City	73	56	.....
Omaha	54	50	.....
Phoenix	57	40	.....
Pittsburgh	57	24	.....
Portland, Me.	41	35	.....
Portland, Ore.	54	43	.....
Reno	48	33	.....
St. Louis	68	46	.....
Salt Lake City	61	38	.....
San Francisco	58	49	.....
Seattle	52	42	.....
Spokane	42	32	.....
Washington	72	51	.....
Yam.	41	.....	.....

Canadian Cities

Calgary	35	12
Montreal	44	27
Toronto	41	24
Vancouver	46	41

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Index: 2 (minimal)
 Burn time: 60 minutes

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SKYWATCH

Sunset today 6:28 p.m.
 Sunrise tomorrow 7:12 a.m.
 Lunar phase: New, March 6; first quarter, March 13; full, March 19; last quarter, March 27.

ACROSS THE NATION

Nation: Fair and dry conditions prevailed in much of the nation Tuesday, while San Francisco set a soggy record of 21 straight days of rain. Wind gusts from 15 to 30 mph were reported from Missouri south into Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas. Portions of western Kansas, and the Oklahoma and Texas panhandle areas had gusts up to 50 mph. A cold front pushed south across parts of Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana, bringing along scattered clouds. In the West, rain was scattered along the West Coast. San Francisco's rainfall total is 23 percent above normal levels for this time of year due to storms that drenched the California coast in February. Snow fell in the mountains of northern and central California, with several inches of accumulation in the Sierra of California. Skies were dry and conditions fair in most of the Rockies, and from Montana south into New Mexico. Light snow showers were reported in the Colorado Rockies.

-The Associated Press

'Granny D' reaches Capitol steps

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 90-year-old great-grandmother ended a yearlong, 3,000-mile trek Tuesday at the steps of the Capitol, accompanied by three congressional backers of the campaign finance reform movement that inspired her journey. "As long as money is the primary factor in our election process, the wealthy and their well-heeled friends will dominate the system," said Doris "Granny D"

Haddock, as she led a demonstration at the end of the walk she began Jan. 1, 1999, in Los Angeles. Police arrested 17 people later as they demonstrated for campaign finance reform inside the massive Rotunda beneath the Capitol dome, said Dan Nichols, Capitol Police spokesman. "The protesters chanted and unfurled banners demanding that elections be financed from the federal Treasury.

Vote

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 McCain paid a high price for attacking evangelical leaders. "The voters of Virginia rejected the politics of putting one religion against another," the Texas governor said. "We are expanding our base without destroying our foundations."

Their bitter fight also was waged in North Dakota and Washington state, and Bush won the delegate chase in both states. He picked up 56 delegates in Virginia, 14 in North Dakota and a still undetermined number in Washington state to take the lead in the race toward the 1,034 — the number needed for the GOP nomination.

Bush won the majority of Republican voters in Washington state. However, voters who picked a third non-partisan ballot chose McCain hands down over Bush, Bradley and Gore.

Sounding tired but defiant,

McCain told backers in Bakersfield, Calif., that Bush was guilty of using negative tactics. "My opponent wants to be president in the worst way. I want to be president in the best way." With the pink evening sun dipping beneath an American flag serving as his backdrop, McCain said, "We're still the underdog. Don't forget it. But we're going to win Tuesday."

The Texas governor won because Republican voters overwhelmed independents and Democrats who crossed party lines in support of McCain, a warning sign for the Arizona senator as he prepares for New York, California, Ohio and 10 other states conducting GOP contests next Tuesday. "I've proven I can bring Republicans out in big numbers," Bush told the AP.

Backed by Gov. James Gilmore's potent political machine, the Texan outspent

McCain in the state. One day after McCain labeled certain evangelical leaders "agents of intolerance," religious conservatives accounted for 20 percent of the Virginia vote. They backed Bush 80-1, prompting the governor to say his victory puts the GOP "one step closer to having a united party."

McCain's best showing was in the Washington suburbs, the most moderate region in the state, according to surveys of Virginia voters conducted by Voter News Service, a consortium of the AP and television networks. Bush beat him elsewhere.

In Virginia, with all of the percent reporting, Bush had 350,185 votes, or 53 percent, McCain had 290,779, or 44 percent, and Alan Keyes had 20,294 votes, or 3 percent.

In North Dakota, with 100 percent of districts reporting, Bush had 6,865 votes, or 76 percent,

McCain had 1,717 votes, or 19 percent, and Keyes had 481 votes, or 5 percent.

Bush won all 56 delegates with his victory in Virginia, and 14 delegates in North Dakota, giving him a total 163 compared to McCain's 100 so far, including four from North Dakota. Keyes won one delegate in North Dakota, for a total of five.

Bush's victory fit a pattern set in the early primary fights: McCain wins if non-Republicans switch to GOP primaries; the Texan wins if Republicans dominate their primaries and caucuses.

In New Hampshire and Michigan, site of McCain's two victories over Bush, Democrats and independents accounted for about half the total vote. In South Carolina and Virginia, two Southern conservative states won by Bush, two-thirds of the vote came from self-identified Republicans.

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Power

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Power Planning Council. "New developments are not coming on line before 2004, and not in quantities that would fill the gap."

Problems could surface this summer if there is insufficient power to supply California's air conditioning needs, said Dan Nix, director of research and analysis for the California Energy Commission.

Electricity deregulation at the retail level is being blamed in part for the problem. New plants are expected to be built by companies, not the public and private utilities that traditionally have supplied power to customers.

And private companies typically will not make significant investments until there is large demand in the consumer market, typically too late to fill any immediate need.

Some believe that independent power producers bent on making a profit could fill the gap. But others argued that the four states in the Northwest have to take charge politically and forge their own solutions.

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NATION

E. coli infects up to half of U.S cattle

WASHINGTON (AP) — Up to half the cattle in the nation's feedlots, far more than previously thought, are infected with deadly bacteria, the government said Tuesday. Researchers using new testing methods found E. coli O157:H7 present in rates varying from 1 percent in the winter months to as much as 50 percent in the summer. Previously, government scientists had thought the infection rate to be no more than about 5 percent.

Cattle are exposed to the bac-

teria from manure in feedlots. The new figures were developed by the Agriculture Department's Agricultural Research Service and presented at a public session sponsored by USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service. The study concluded that chances of E. coli getting into ground beef could be reduced by testing cattle hides and carcasses before the meat is processed. Testing now is done after the beef is ground. Consumers groups agree that the government needs to

require far more extensive testing of cattle and beef to prevent people from being exposed to the germs. "The prevalence figures are much higher than we ever heard before," said Caroline Smith DeWaal of the Center for Science in the Public Interest. Research done at a dozen packing plants last fall found the bacteria on 3.56 percent of the hides that were sampled and 0.44 percent of the carcasses. All the bacteria on the sample carcasses were eventually removed through steam pas-

teurization, hot water or organic acid rinses, the treatments typically used in packing plants. "It is our hope that this data will encourage USDA to re-evaluate its ground-beef sampling program," said James H. Hodges, president of the American Meat Industry Foundation, which sponsored the research. "A carcass testing program for E. coli O157:H7 is more practicable and will help ensure that the safest and most wholesome product possible enters commerce."

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Clinton says he might tap strategic oil supply

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton said Tuesday that he may tap the nation's supply of emergency oil if other options fail to reduce prices.

"I have not taken the petroleum reserve issue off the table, and I certainly wouldn't do that in the event that we don't seem to have any other options," Clinton said before leaving the White House for a political trip to Florida.



Bill Clinton Larry Craig

Meanwhile, Idaho Sen. Larry Craig is co-sponsoring two bills targeting the rise in prices. The first bill imposes a one-year moratorium on diesel-fuel excise taxes used by trucks and other surface transportation vehicles. The second bill repeals the current 4.3 cents per gallon fuel tax that applies to fuel used by trains and barges.

Several Northeast lawmakers have urged the administration to release oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, but Energy Secretary Bill Richardson and other administration officials have repeatedly said they do not intend to do that. The reserve is designed to ease supply disruptions and not to influence prices, administration officials have said.

There is also concern that if the strategic reserve were tapped it would make it more difficult to convince OPEC oil producers to increase production when they meet in March to consider future production strategies.

If production goes up, "then oil prices will go down, and that's really what is needed here," Clinton said today. "We'll see, I'm encouraged that that might occur."

Richardson visited several leading oil-producing countries this weekend but failed to obtain any firm promises that OPEC would agree to significantly raise its self-imposed production cuts.

The cuts have caused oil prices to soar, from \$11.37 a year ago to a nine-year high around \$30 a barrel, and led to the highest average U.S. gasoline prices ever.

Unadjusted for inflation, the price at the pump is \$1.47 per gallon, according to industry analysts. Tribby Lundberg. That is up 6 cents on average in the two weeks ended Friday, the Lundberg Survey of 10,000 stations nationwide reported Sunday.

Navy writes off military weapons as 'lost in transit'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy wrote off as "lost in transit" \$3 billion in military equipment between 1995 and 1998, when in fact most of the missile launchers, night-vision goggles and other items had actually been delivered, a congressional report says.

The General Accounting Office, Congress' watchdog agency, said the Navy is exposing itself to "waste, fraud and abuse" because it is not accurately tracking shipments.

The issue is important, the report says, because secret equipment could fall into the wrong hands if the military's system for tracking inventories doesn't work. Moreover, a broken supply system may lead the services to buy more than they need, it says. The GAO did not do the audit work to prove such double-ordering happened, but it does not know that it didn't, the report adds.

Navy officials "acknowledged that it is possible that purchases could have been made as a result of items being written off," the report says.

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Leap Day brings few glitches

The Associated Press

Leap Day brought scattered and minor computer glitches around the world Tuesday in perhaps the final echo of the Y2K problem that wasn't.

John Koskinen, President Clinton's Y2K czar, said Leap Day was even quieter than New Year's Day.

"At this juncture, as we expected, we have received no reports of any major problems," he told reporters in Washington. "This does not mean that no one has had a computer problem, but in many cases they are minor problems that can be fixed immediately."

Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska had problems with computers that track aircraft parts and vehicles. Lines grew at Reagan National Airport near Washington because some check-in computers failed. A Coast Guard system that archives electronic messages had trouble.

Some caller ID and pagers dis-

played March 1, and Wisconsin Public Service Corp. in Green Bay shut down a record-keeping program it knew was problematic.

"We chose not to fix it or replace it," Public Service spokesman Kerry Spees said. "It will be fine tomorrow, next week, next month and next year."

The U.S. Forest Service could not access some computer files, but a spokesman did not know whether Y2K was the culprit. "Who knows? It could be Leap Year related, or it could be a coincidence," said Rex Holloway, a regional spokesman in Portland, Ore.

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

WHAT'S WHAT L.M. Boyd

Babies hear rhythms of speech

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WHAT'S WHAT L.M. Boyd

Q. What's the least fattening, ounce for ounce, of alcoholic beverages?
A. Beer.
Q. What's the commonest name for a pet dog?
A. "Lady" still is reported to merit that distinction. Is it an inadvertent insult to women? Surely not. But some say, as I've noted earlier, a female dog shouldn't be labeled with a synonym for a woman any more than a woman should be labeled with a synonym for a female dog.
India's playing cards are round.
Scholars want to find an appropriate name for "the science of extraterrestrial life." They're contemplating "exobiology," "astro-biology" and "bioastronomy." Nothing definite yet. It's pretty hard to come up with a name for something you haven't yet discovered and still don't know exists.
That year 1970 was a dandy, but contrary to previous report, it was not an active year for Ernest Hemingway—he died in 1961.
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Aries - you'd better get it in writing

IF MARCH 1 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are sensitive, psychic, creative, independent, an original thinker. Leo, Aquarius persons play special roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names - A, S, J. During April, you make fresh start in different direction and find someone to share your love. During May, there will be period of confusion, but you emerge strong, happier. November also unique.
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Define terms, get promises in writing. Focus on career, business arrangements, prestige. Pisces, Virgo persons will play outstanding roles.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Spotlight on pressure, responsibility, additional funding. Capricorn, Cancer individuals will play major roles, could have these letters, initials in names - R, O, Z.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look beyond the immediate, take charge of your own future. Aries, Libra persons play important roles, will have these initials in names - I and R.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make fresh start, emphasize originality, take chance on romance. Now love is coming into your life. Leo, Aquarius persons due to play memorable roles.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If single, you could encounter future soul mate. If married, spark that brought you together will reignite. Focus on direction, meditation. Cancer native involved.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Display humor, laugh at your own foibles. During social gathering you could encounter individual destined to play major role in your life. Sagittarius involved.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Rewrite, review, rebuild. Deal gingerly with Scorpio individual who displays temper, temperament. Toss aside red tape, aim directly at goal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be ready for change, variety of sensations. You exude personal magnetism, sex appeal. Don't break too many hearts.
Gemini, Virgo persons play significant roles.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Attention revolves around life at home, protection of property, family. Gift received, luxury item, help beautifully home. Taurus plays sensational role.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): See people, relationships in realistic manner. Place individual attempts to deceive. Utilize extroversive perception to ward off evil people.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Scenario highlights money, payments, collections, added responsibility. On personal level, you exude aura of sensuality, sex appeal. Leo in picture.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Short cuts, stick to traditional routes. Some people will tell you otherwise; they don't really know much. Finish what you start, perceive potential.

All hands in hospital should be kept clean

DEAR ABBY: When my father was in the hospital for cancer treatment (surgery and chemotherapy), a doctor examined my father's surgical wound without first washing his hands. When I asked the doctor to please wash his hands, he appeared angry. After that incident, my mother was afraid to ask anyone to wash his or her hands before attending to my father, because she wanted them to be nice to him. We were at their mercy.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

hands with soap for 30 seconds before touching a patient.
- DAUGHTER OF A PATIENT

DEAR DAUGHTER: Your letter is shocking, and I'm pleased to help spread the message. The Mayo Clinic, the world-renowned medical mecca in Minnesota, has sponsored "Infection Awareness Week" programs. Perhaps it's time other hospitals followed suit. Part of the campaign included prominently displaying posters along the corridors of the Mayo hospital complex that depicted a pair of hands under the terse message: "THE 10 MOST COMMON CAUSES OF INFECTION."
Doctors, nurses and other employees of the Mayo Clinic were reminded to wash their hands frequently by other posters bearing a catchy slogan: "A milligram of hand-washing is worth a kilogram of antibiotics."
I urge anyone who encounters a medical professional who fails to adhere to recommended hygiene practices to speak up about it and to report it to the hospital administrator in writing. I am told that instead of hand-washing, some institutions use alcohol-based hand rises and gels containing softeners that remove bacteria and are less irritating or drying to the hands.
Proper hygienic practices are an essential part of high-quality medical care. No one should settle for less.

An article in the *New York Times* (Nov. 9, 1999) reported that a study at Duke University found that only 17 percent of physicians treating patients in intensive care units washed their hands appropriately. The *Times* went on to report that, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 5 percent of the people admitted to hospitals, about 1.8 million patients a year, will pick up an infection there, and 20,000 of them will die as a direct result. By contrast, 17,173 Americans died of AIDS in 1998. Hospital-acquired infections will contribute to the deaths of 70,000 more people.

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Kathie Lee Gifford calls it quits after 11 years

NEW YORK (AP) — Kathie Lee Gifford is calling it quits after 11 years as Regis Philbin's sidekick on television's "Live with Regis and Kathie Lee."

She said on the air Tuesday morning that she would not be coming back for a 12th year of the syndicated talk show.

"It's time," she told Philbin in the surprise announcement. He

asked if she was kidding and she said no. They will do their final show together in July, when her current contract expires. Calls to the show representatives were not immediately returned.

"I have loved my years with you. You've been the greatest professional partner a person could ever have," Gifford said to Philbin on the show.

Philbin replied that "it's been a lot of fun. We'll miss you tremendously."

Gifford has recently branched out beyond her talk show, performing one night a week in the Broadway musical revue, "Putting it Together." Last week, she was a guest host for David Letterman on CBS's "Late Show." The Regis and Kathie show is a solid fourth in the

syndicated talk show market, behind Oprah Winfrey, Jerry Springer and Rosie O'Donnell.

During the past year, Gifford has seen the fortunes of her co-host rise. Philbin has been the host of prime-time's wildly successful, "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" and had been noncommittal himself about how long he wanted to continue the talk show.

Bra magnet leads to arrest

ENON, Ohio (AP) — A magnet hidden in a woman's bra led state troopers to 22 pounds of cocaine hidden in a van.

The State Highway Patrol said the van had been stopped for a traffic violation on Interstate 70 on Friday, and a police dog smelled drugs.

But where were the drugs? A female officer found a

magnet in Eunice Santana's bra during a patdown search. The magnet, it turned out, aligned with a device in the van's center console, providing access to a secret compartment holding the drugs.

Santana, 24, of New York City, and the driver, Gilberto Nunez, 32, of Fairview, N.J., were arrested.

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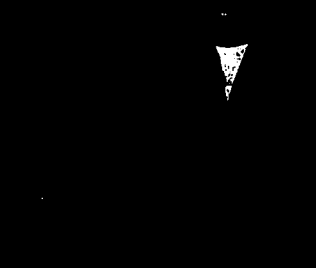
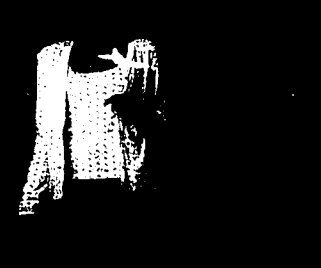
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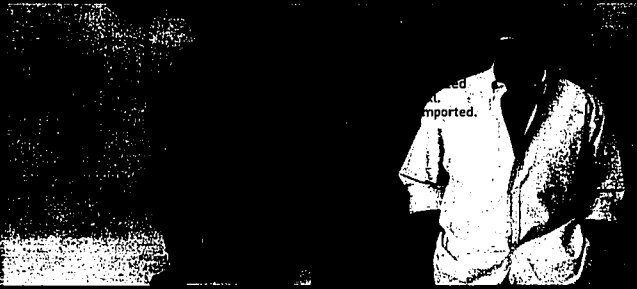
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Shooting

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said: "Why could the child fire the gun? If we have the technology today to put in these child safety locks, why don't we do it?" Genesee County Prosecutor Arthur A. Busch said there may have been "some sort of scuffle or quarrel on the playground" between the boy and girl a day earlier.

He said five pupils were in the classroom preparing to leave for the library when the shooting occurred. The teacher was standing in the doorway when the boy, who had the gun tucked in his pants, pointed it at a pupil, Busch said. The boy then turned toward the Kayla and fired the only bullet in the gun, the prosecutor said.

The boy ran into a bathroom and dropped the gun into a trash can, Busch said. School personnel held the boy until authorities arrived. A girl who identified herself as a classmate, 6-year-old Hailli Durbin, told The Associated Press that Kayla had yelled at the boy because he spit on her desk and stood on it. She was interviewed with her father present.

School Superintendent Ira A. Rutherford told reporters at the police station that the girl's version of events was inaccurate. Police Chief Eric King said he had not heard of the girl or her story. He said investigators had interviewed the children who were in the class at the time of

the shooting, and she was not among them.

Regardless of what the investigation reveals, it may be impossible to bring charges against the boy, the prosecutor said. But he said someone may face charges for enabling the boy to obtain the gun. "There is a presumption in law that a child... is not criminally responsible and can't form an intent to kill. Obviously, he has done a very terrible thing today, but legally, he can't be held criminally responsible," the prosecutor said. "We will get to the bottom of how that gun got into that little boy's hands."

Chris De Wirt, a spokesman for Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, said the boy technically could be tried as an adult under state law if a judge finds he fits "a number of tests." But he added, "It's very doubtful that a 6-year-old would meet that test."

Authorities here did not release the name of the boy, but Busch said his father is in prison and that his mother - whom police initially could not locate - was not living in the home with the boy. An uncle was residing there.

"We are pretty much as zoning in on the home and the conditions in which he lived," Busch said.

The boy is by far the youngest gunman in a series of deadly school shootings that have rocked communities around the country over the past three years. In 1998,

two boys, 11 and 13, opened fire at a middle school in Jonesboro, Ark., killing four girls and a teacher.

At Buell Elementary, Freddie Booth arrived after the shooting to look for his 8-year-old daughter, Fredricka.

"I don't believe this is happening," Booth told The Flint Journal. "A first-grader shoots another first-grader. First-graders shouldn't be able to get a gun. I just want my daughter out of here. She has been traumatized, I'm sure."

About 500 children attend Buell Elementary, which is in an area of neat, small single-family homes. Other parts of the Flint suburb, which has a population of about 25,300, are run-down, with dilapidated homes and boarded-up storefronts. "I moved out here because I'd thought it'd be safer for my grandkids," said Katherine Sutton, who has lived in the area for five years. "I thought things would be better, but I see it's not."

Classes today were canceled, but the school will be open for anyone in the community who wants counseling.

Debra Jones, who said she is a friend of Kayla's parents, went to the family's home after learning of the shooting.

"She smiled all the time. she was just a sweet, sweet little girl," Jones said, tears rolling down her cheeks. She said Kayla loved the TV character Barney.

Census adds Internet capability

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Census Bureau this year will give Americans the choice of answering their census questionnaires over the Internet, and hopes the new option will prompt more people to respond to the once-a-decade survey.

With the click of a mouse, respondents will be able to log on to the Census Bureau's Web site and answer the government's questions - How old you are? What ethnicity are you? - without having to drop the form in the mailbox.

But it's unclear whether allowing forms to be returned for the first time through cyberspace will get more people to respond. Mail response rates have declined in each of the last three surveys, from 78 percent of households in 1980, to 70 percent in 1990, to 65 percent in 1990. Officials estimate that rate will dip to 61 percent this year.

Census Day is April 1, meaning all the information requested by the government concerns the people living in the home that day. The data is critical for the reapportionment of congressional seats as well as distribution of federal and state funds.

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Hunt homesteader recalls hard times, rabbits and rocks

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

HUNT - After 52 years, Norman Johnson still lives on land he and his late wife, Susan, homesteaded north of Eden.

Johnson was one of the veterans to draw homesteads on the site of the old Mindok Japanese Relocation Center in the Hunt area.

During World War II, American citizens of Japanese descent were relocated to internment camps around the west. After the war, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation offered the camp land to veterans.

The first drawing was held June 14, 1947 and to qualify, the prospective homesteader had to have \$3,000 worth of farm equipment, Johnson recalls. The Farmers Home Administration loaned a lot of homesteaders that initial \$3,000.

Some 8,320 acres of ground were divided up among 49 homesteaders, Johnson drew No. 8 and everyone got about 160 acres. If a parcel had a lot of rocks or volcanic blow outs, the bureau added more acres, he says.

"Although the land itself cost us nothing, we had to pay \$150 apiece - that included two 20 by 120 foot barracks from the internment camp, some chairs, stoves and other furniture. The \$150 also covered the cost of moving the barracks to our farms. We had to pay \$1 per acre for the irrigation water," Johnson says.

"That first winter we lived at the internment camp. There was a post office that doubled as a community meeting hall and a store."

The government provided a farming school at the camp, which cost \$90 a month to attend, Johnson says.

"Some were experienced farmers and some didn't know what a shovel looked like," he says.

Life wasn't easy. In the winter of 1948-49 the snow was deep and the Red Cross dropped hay for their cows. A volunteer traveled the countryside on skis, distributing food and medical supplies.

Most people used the barracks lumber



Norman Johnson is one of the few original homesteaders of land where the Mindok Relocation Center for Japanese Americans was located during the 1940s.

to build houses and out buildings. To clear sage brush, they dragged rails across the ground with a tractor.

"Picking rock was a never ending task," Johnson says.

The homesteaders fought coyotes and rattlesnakes and held drives to get rid of the jack rabbits, he says.

"The last one was in about 1952 or '53. Around 100 men, women and children would line up at arms length and drive the rabbits for three-fourths to a mile into pens, then club them to 734-4061."

Johnson recalls.

Only two other original Hunt camp homesteaders still remain on their land - Carl Black and Delbert Waters, Johnson says.

"It took about 30 years to get on our feet financially," he adds. "Most folks own their land free and clear now. Many have sold their homesteads, some rent the ground out to others."

Center offers 'Booster Shot' stress relief class

GOODING - The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center presents "Booster Shots," noon to 2 p.m. Fridays, starting this Friday at the center, 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding.

The seminar is designed for adults balancing multiple responsibilities, experiencing additional stress due to changes in life or who are seeking better control over internal and external issues, CSI says.

Topics include transitions, self-esteem, self-defeating behaviors, time management and stress management. Cost is \$25. Financial assistance and scholarships are available through the Center for New Directions. Participants are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2680 or 1-800-680-0274, Ext. 2680.

Falls District Scouts hold dinner meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Falls District Committee of the Snake River Council, Boy Scouts of America, will have its annual recognition dinner at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Taylor Building on the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls.

National, council and district awards will be presented to volunteer leaders and units of the Falls District. Cost is \$15 per person.

The Falls District Committee will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the CSC building.

Participants can send reservations and payment for

the dinner to Snake River Council, 254 S. Park Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Network holds First Thursday event

TWIN FALLS - The Living Independent Network will hold a First Thursday event from 2-4 p.m. Thursday at its office at 132 Main Ave. S. in Twin Falls.

Activities and refreshments are planned. Attendees are invited to bring a friend.

For more information, call the network at 733-1712.

Castledorf PTYO sponsors carnival

CASTLEFORD - The Castledorf PTYO is holding its annual carnival from 6-9 p.m. Friday at the Castledorf school at 500 W. Main St.

Activities include carnival games, two jumping castles, raffles and bingo. Tickets raised will benefit educational projects for Castledorf students, coordinators say.

For more information, call Jacquie Machado at 875-0875 or Cindy Steigemeier at 543-4767.

Care center hosts open house for Julio Reynoso

BURLEY - The Burley Care Center will host an open house for Julio Reynoso at 1729 Miller Ave. in Burley.

Friends and family are invited to attend this event in honor of Reynoso, a local musician who was a regular performer at care centers in Burley and Rupert.

For more information, call

the Burley Care Center at 678-9474.

Gooding Senior Citizens serve breakfast

GOODING - The Gooding Senior Citizens will serve breakfast from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at the center, 308 Senior Ave. in Gooding.

The menu includes coffee, eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, gravy and juice. Cost is \$2.50 per person.

For more information call the Gooding Senior Center at 934-5504.

Troop holds All You Can Eat Pancake Supper

BUHL - Buhl's Boy Scout Troop 9 will hold its annual All You Can Eat Pancake Supper from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the First Christian Church on the corner of Broadway and Poplar streets in Buhl.

The menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, milk, orange juice and coffee. Prices are \$4 per person, \$7 for couples, \$9.50 for a family of four, \$12 for a family of four and \$2 for each additional family member. Tickets can be purchased from Troop 9 scouts or at the door.

All proceeds from the event will be used for troop camp fees and activities.

Job Service rep assists veterans in Magic Valley

TWIN FALLS - Job Service representative Roy Applewhite will assist veterans at several Magic Valley area locations this month.

Service is available from:
 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays at the Gooding City Hall
 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second

and fourth Wednesdays at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

13 p.m. every Thursday in the room 210 of the Mervinbroer Building, the College of Southern Idaho.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the third Monday at the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce in Reubyn.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the fourth Tuesday at the National Guard Armory in Burley.

Services include work registration; job referrals; veterans' education, training and other programs; vocational guidance; and referrals to community-based organizations.

Veterans are encouraged to contact Applewhite at any of the above locations or at the Magic Valley Job Service Office, 771 North College Reubyn.

For more information, call 735-2028.

Snake River Astronomy sets monthly meeting

JEROME - The Snake River Astronomy Association will hold a monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Jerome Public Library at 100 First Ave. E. in Jerome.

For more information, call Ryan Showers at 324-7606 or Patty Bryant at 324-2678, or e-mail at pbrant@magiclinc.com or sraa@magiclinc.com.

The Times-News would like to hear from your organization. Send your information along with your name, a photo and your phone number to Pat Marcantonio, Community Editor, P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83301.

CLUB CALENDAR

Civic

Rotary Clubs

Blue Lakes - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Weston Plaza Hotel and Convention Center in Twin Falls; 374-7007 or 734-1187.

Burley - Noon Tuesdays at Burley Inn Convention Center; 678-2221.

Buhl - Noon Thursdays at the Acacia Restaurant in Buhl; 543-6841 or 543-5506.

Gooding - 12:15 p.m. Friday at the Lincoln Inn; 934-4585.

Halley - Noon Thursdays at the Senior Center of Blaine County; 788-0897 or 788-2114.

Jerome - Noon Tuesdays at China Village; 123 S. Alder; 324-2000 or 324-5111.

Ketchum - Noon on Tuesday at Clarion Inn Restaurant; Bob Stone at 726-4100.

Rupert - Noon Wednesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge. Call Jack Bell at 436-5611.

Shoshone - Noon Wednesday at the Senior Citizens Center; 865-2221 or 868-2883.

Twin Falls - Noon Wednesdays at the Turf Club in Twin Falls; 736-0734 or 734-6549.

Lions Clubs

Burley - Noon Fridays at Price's Cafe; 2444 Overland Ave.; 678-3027.

Civil Air Patrol

Burley - 7 p.m. Mondays at the Federal Aviation Administration Building at the Burley Airport; 677-2559 or 436-6861.

Twin Falls - 7 p.m. Mondays at 702 Airport Loop at Joslin Field; call Gary Theriot at 734-4061.

Other clubs

Magic Valley Jaycees - 7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at Maxie's Place in Twin Falls; call 734-2543 or 734-2917.

Ladies for Creative Anachronism - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Shire of Two Limes; 3 p.m. Sundays at the Twin Falls City Park; 326-4425.

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

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

Ladies of Delta Sigma sorority meets at 7 p.m. each Thursday at the Burley LDS Institute, 1650 Occidental Ave. New members welcome. Call 678-6392 or 678-1622.

Musical

Magic Valley Singers Square Dance Club - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Jerome's Parish Hall; 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome; 734-5669.

Magdalena Barbershop Chorus - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the First Methodist Church basement, Madison Street and Fourth Ave., Twin Falls; 734-2666.

Magic Philharmonic Orchestra - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Burley High School band room; 678-7430.

Snake River Flute - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Harmony Hall, 123 K St. in Rupert; 436-6047 or 438-8148.

Weight loss

Weight Watchers - 6 p.m. Mondays at the Odd Fellows Hall, 1314 and Oakley Ave., Burley; 654-2298.

TOPS Clubs

Burley Chapter 256 - 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Heyburn School lunch room.

Gooding Chapter 251 - 5 p.m. Thursdays at the Gooding Senior Citizens Center, 308 Senior Ave.; 934-4506 or 934-5440.

Jerome Chapter 48 - 6 p.m. Wednesdays at the public library; 324-7426 or 324-5722.

Twin Falls Chapter 3 - 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E.; 733-3304 or 326-6683.

Burley Chapter 309 - 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the recreation room at 475 Caswell Ave. W.; 734-5132 or 736-3291.

Support Groups

GriefShare - 35 p.m. Sundays, March 19-June 25, Rupert United Methodist Church, 905 H St., 436-3354.

12-Step LDS Support group for compulsive behaviors - 6:30 p.m. Fridays at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2400 Parke Ave.; call Jan at 678-7447.

MOMS Club for support and activities. Call Margi at 736-3395.

Health Care Provider 12 Step Recovery Program - 6:30 p.m. Mondays at 425 2nd St. N. Twin Falls. Call Denise at 734-4777 or Brian at 436-1722.

Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families - 5 p.m. Wednesdays at the Walker Center, 263 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls; 734-7400.

3 p.m. Wednesdays at Disabled American Veterans Hall, Harrison Street and Shoup Avenue, Twin Falls; 734-0665.

Valley Vista Retirement Center Pinocle Club - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays in the community center at 653 Rose St. N. in Twin Falls; 733-5531.

Writers Support Group - 6 p.m. Wednesdays at Chapter 1 Bookstore, 120 N. Main, Halley; 726-5425.

Magic Valley Bingo, 126 2nd Ave. S., Twin Falls, 7 p.m. daily except Wednesdays and Sundays, 736-1895.

Preschool story hour, 10 a.m. Tuesdays at the Gooding Public Library, 306 5th Ave. W., 3 to 5-year-olds, and parents welcome, call 934-4089.

Magic Valley Gallery League indoor match - 7 p.m. Fridays at 253 5th Ave. W. Juniors and adults welcome. Call Sue at 324-5560 or Mark at 734-3923.

Open chess - 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays. Try a Break Coffee Shop, 202 N. Lincoln St., Jerome, 328-8329. All levels welcome.

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Parents of Down Syndrome Children - For information, call 733-8260.

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

Christ Centered Fellowship, Christ centered 12-Step Support Group (for addictive and compulsive behavior) - 7 p.m. Mondays at First Baptist Church, 2262 Hilland Ave., Burley; 678-3757.

Parents of Down Syndrome Children - For information, call 733-8260.

First Polio Support Group - For information, call 678-2571.

Southern Idaho Twin Falls Singers - 8 p.m. Saturdays at Spamburser's Barn for dancing; 733-3712.

Mini-Cassia Singers - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at 1901 W. St. in Heyburn; 678-5328.

Substance Abuse Volunteer Efforts - For information, call 436-9680.

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

Mental Health Support Group - 7 p.m. first and third Mondays at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital conference room; 733-5799.

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

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

Altean for young people living with alcoholics - 6 p.m. Mondays at Falls Professional Center, Suite 21, 1314 Falls Ave. E. in Twin Falls; 734-0665.

Senior Support Group for Blind and Visually Impaired people, noon at the Twin Falls Senior Center the second and fourth Wednesdays, meeting following lunch, call 733-5073.

Grandmothers in Touch - Christian grandmothers who pray for their grandchildren, their schools and call Lorraine at 734-7015.

Magic Valley Brain Injury Support Group and Referral Service - 7 p.m. Wednesdays, call Cassandra Blakley at 326-4000.

Moms in Touch - Meets at various times throughout the week to pray for their children, their schools and their teachers. For information, call 826-9604.

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

Death Easy Club and Magic Valley Brothers Club of Idaho. For more information, call 344-6567.

Christian 12-Step Support Group - For information, call 734-7201, call 678-1330. Sunday night meeting, 7 p.m. Sunday, 220 E. Ellis.

Paul - For information, call 678-1330. Sunday night meeting, 7 p.m. Sunday, 220 E. Ellis.

4 Ladies Only, 6 p.m. Mondays, 220 E. Ellis (non-smoking).

Monday meditation group, 8 p.m. Mondays, 220 E. Ellis (non-smoking).

Church Library, 450 E. 27th St.; 678-2184 or 678-5199.

Twin Falls - 7 p.m. Mondays at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Dr. N.; 324-7035.

Twin Falls - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N. beginning Jan. 5 for 12 weeks, 733-6610.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Twin Falls - For information, call 733-8300, 736-8446 or 733-7897.

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

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

Study Group - 8 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays at St. James Episcopal Church, 20th St. and Oakley, Burley; 678-9414.

Sundays at the Snow Blind, 1321 Oakley Ave. No. 9, Burley; 677-9004.

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

Mini-Cassia Group - 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Snow Blind, 1321 Oakley Ave. No. 9; 677-9000 or 438-5448.

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

Rupert Group - Noon on Wednesdays at 220 E. Ellis, Paul; 432-6718.

Halley/Belleuve - For more information, call 788-5950.

Ketchum/Sun Valley - For more information, call 726-4550.

Debtors Anonymous

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

Business owners - Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 210 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, N., call J.C. at 733-5676.

Narcotics Anonymous

For information, call 736-1160 or (800) 328-5257.

Paul - For information, call 678-1330.

6 p.m. Mondays, corner of 3rd and Idaho; 7 p.m. Fridays, 1120 A Montana St.

Ketchum 7 p.m. Mondays; 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays; 6:30 p.m. Saturdays, 571 E. 2nd St.; Kimberly 8 p.m. Thursdays, 310 Main St.

Burley Saturday Night's Alright Group of NA, 8 p.m. Saturdays, 1321 Oakley Ave., Snow Building, Suite 9; 678-1330, (non-smoking meeting).

Paul - For information, call 678-1330. Sunday night meeting, 7 p.m. Sunday, 220 E. Ellis.

Paul - 8 p.m. Saturdays, 22

EDITORIAL

Huntley's suit against Eismann is a case of selective indignation

Beware the lawyer-politician who decries the intrusion of politics into law.

That would be Robert Huntley, former Idaho Supreme Court justice and losing Democratic candidate in the last election for governor. These days, he's suing the state on behalf of a group of disgruntled school districts. If anyone knows about the commingling of law and politics in Idaho, it's Huntley.

That's what makes his complaint against 4th District Judge Daniel Eismann so puzzling.

Fifth District Judge Daniel Eismann isn't the first Supreme Candidate to join the political dinner circuit.

Eismann, you'll recall, is the judge who's running against incumbent Supreme Court Justice Cathy Silak. Huntley spent most of the 1980s on the Supreme Court, but he had the luxury of being appointed, like Silak, by a Democratic governor.

Eismann, on the other hand, is a challenger. He doesn't have Silak's name recognition, so he's trying to raise his visibility. He even - brace yourselves - has attended a few Republican Lincoln Day dinners around the state.

state such as Idaho?

In a complaint filed in Bonneville County District Court, Huntley alleges that Eismann's participation at a Feb. 12 Lincoln Day banquet in Idaho Falls was illegal. Eismann also attended Lincoln Day banquets in Twin Falls, Nampa and Lewiston.

It's true that Supreme Court races must be non-partisan. Candidates can't be nominated or endorsed by any political party.

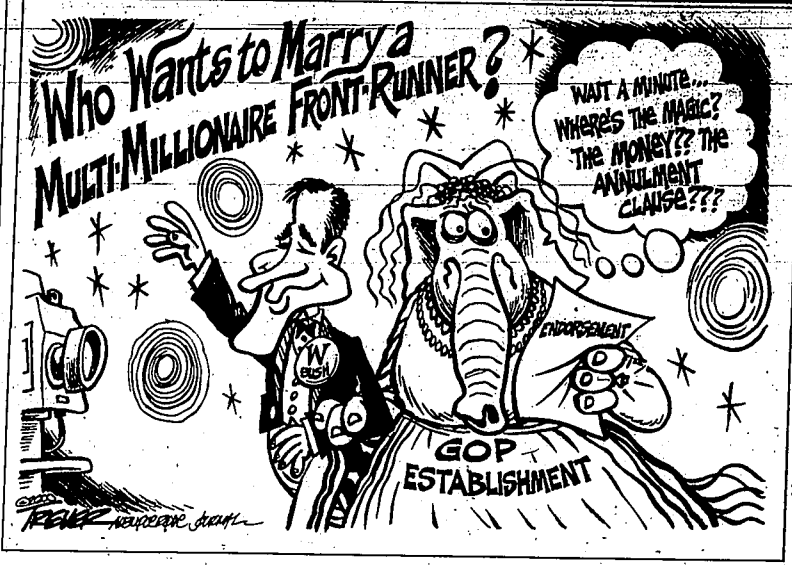
But where's Eismann's crime? All he did was have dinner with some Idaho Falls Republicans.

"I was not there to be endorsed by the Republican Party," he told the Idaho Falls newspaper. "I was there trying to meet people who would be willing to support me."

Eismann isn't the first Supreme Candidate to join the political dinner circuit. Silak herself did it, and so did Mike Wetherell, a Democrat who lost the last contested race for a Supreme Court seat.

Where was Huntley's righteous indignation then? Could it be that his voice was stifled by the fact that Silak and Wetherell were Democrats?

Huntley purports to be a pious defender of judicial purity, but he is the one politicizing the issue. As a former Supreme Court justice, he ought to know better.



LETTERS

School report raises eyebrows

Some items in the Jerome School District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, M&O Cash Flow and other documents are brow-raised at \$10,000 for new lights in the locker room, \$2,000 to refresh the gym floor, \$70,000 for bleachers.

The "blue sheet" of school activities for February showed only three of approximately 20 events were non-athletic. Few students will ever become professional athletes. Some of those 100,000 bucks could have greater impact on preparing students for careers if applied to programs other than athletics.

Is Lottery money being used for property acquisition by the school district - shame they can't pay a share of the property taxes. What do they have planned for the bird farm property, another athletic field?

Interest on the proposed \$10.9 million bond at 5.6 percent for 20 years doubles the original amount to be gouged from citizens who do not have bottomless pits of filthy lucre. An example, the emergency levy - nothing less than taxation without representation.

Charging fees for parking spaces at the high school would reduce the need for the proposed increase in the number of spaces, and the students could learn that busing, pooling and even walking are not great hardships.

Modular buildings are practical, comfortable and mobile. Many communities have used them for years. Kids can learn anyplace. Let's at least try year-round school. Teachers are surely able to work a full calendar year as the majority of American workers do. A comment that "teachers won't come here unless they have their own room" says more about the teachers' character than about the situation.

If Washington School is too dangerous to have children above the first floor, how can those preschoolers be safe beneath the upper floors?

School administrators need to be more realistic in determining necessities and "nice extras." We are all concerned that our students acquire a basic education, but accomplishing that goal does not require the biggest, the best, the most.

Some of us who cannot abide another tax increase will again vote "no" and also decline the unethical gratuities offered by Mr. Poper. It's a character thing.

CARROL HARVEY
Jerome

Bond issue plan is reasonable

We've had the opportunity to read, over the last few weeks, a number of letters critical of the Jerome School District bond proposal to build a new middle school in Jerome. We've read letters reflecting prejudice, protesting property

taxation, rehashing old disagreements with school district officials and more.

Thought the content of these letters has varied, most have a common thread that they don't pay much, if any, attention to the specific bond proposal at all.

The fact is that this proposal is a well thought-out, sound and economical long-range solution to Jerome's school facility needs developed with input from many people in the community. We have the opportunity to provide a critically needed new building for our middle school students and at the same time relieve extreme overcrowding at Jerome High School by shifting ninth graders to a new middle school. The capacity of Jerome elementary schools would also be enhanced by utilizing the old middle school as a building for older elementary-age kids.

This is neither the time nor the place to cast a scary tax-protest vote. Please keep the school children of Jerome foremost in your mind when you walk into the voting booth on Thursday, and do the right thing by casting a yes vote.

KEVIN AND ELLEN REKROAT
Jerome

Failures are disillusioning

Almost 17 years ago, we made the decision to establish a home and medical practice in Jerome. We chose Jerome for its hospital facilities and its proximity to the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind, which offered the kind of educational program we were seeking for our daughter. Even though we had not yet had other children, we also checked into the Jerome schools, going so far as to schedule an interview with one of the school principals. While we could see that Jerome was not a wealthy community, we gained a sense that the schools enjoyed a solid foundation of support.

If we were making the same decision today, we very much doubt we would come to Jerome. This town is not looking toward its future and will suffer perhaps even higher taxes down the road. We need look no further than a few miles to the west to Wendell to see the results of failing to stay abreast of facility needs.

The current bond issue is for a basic middle school facility. There are no "extras" attached. The proposed location offers flexibility for the future. Entire grade levels or individual classes could be shifted as the need might arise. This is a good investment in our future; it encourages businesses to locate here and increase our tax base.

The repeated failure of bond issues in Jerome has left many of us disappointed and disillusioned. Please go to the polls Thursday anyway - vote "yes" again! We can't afford not to.

JAMES S. IRWIN
LORNA IRWIN
Jerome

Don't bury students' futures

A wise man once told this story: A rich merchant was going to take a long trip. Before leaving, he entrusted his employees with some of his money. To one worker, he gave five coins. To another worker, he gave two coins. To the third worker, he only gave one coin. Then the merchant left on his trip.

The first worker wisely invested his five coins, and in no time, his investment paid off. He now had 10 coins after his wise investment. The second did the same, and his two coins became four. However, the third worker was afraid he might lose his one coin so he dug a hole and buried his coin in the dirt. Upon returning from his trip, the rich merchant rewarded his first and second employees for their wise investments but took the dirt-covered coin from his third employee, dismayed.

Now let's move this story into a situation in the year 2000. A rural town in Washington state had a fair amount of money to begin with. They passed a school bond, investing in their children's education. Twenty years later, their economy was thriving and a large percent of their population was earning a substantial income. A second rural town in Oregon had only a nominal amount of money to begin with. They passed a school bond, investing in their children's education. Twenty years later, their economy was thriving and a fair percent of their population was earning a substantial income. A third rural town in Idaho did not have a lot of money to begin with so they chose not to pass their school bond. Twenty years later, their community was even more impoverished because the nation's economy had improved, but their own community was not keeping up.

I keep hearing Idahoans talk about how the rich keep getting richer and the poor keep getting poorer. Again the Jerome School District is trying to pass a school bond. Let's invest in our children's future this time and stop foolishly burying our coins in the dirt. Vote for the Jerome School District bond. It's an investment in our future.

MICHELLE FOGELSONG
Buhl

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LETTERS

Once again, vote no on bond issue

Ten million dollars plus! Once again, it is time to vote on the upcoming "try it again" school bond issue.

Property owners, do you want your taxes raised yet again? Many people are working two and three jobs just to put food on the table, and our senior citizens may have to choose between food and medicine to be able to pay another

increase in their taxes. How much more money can you afford?

How about assessing each student in every grade as they register for school user-bond fees each year to pay for the school bond for the term of the new bond? Then all the users of the school facilities, property owners or not, will pay for the privilege of yet another new school, thus relieving all the people whose children have already attended and graduated and paid through the years and years of yet another increase in the already-too-high taxes paid in Jerome. After all, they have already paid more than their fair share of taxes with no end in sight.

There is one more solution to try offered by Rob Williams at one of the meetings held to try and resolve the issues when questioned about the concerns of the people who were being asked to pay yet again they will just have to suck it up!

Make your voice heard loud and clear once more and vote "no!"

REX AND SANDY KISER
Jerome

Bond issue plan is outrageous

Will the Jerome School Board ever be satisfied even if their latest outrageous demand on the property owners is met? It has never seemed to propose ways to control its spending but, instead, have turned down several other solutions that would have provided more classroom space without having to purchase land, draw up plans and construct a new building from scratch.

I am referring to the chances that they had to purchase the mall when it was almost empty and to the plan to purchase the old John Deere facility (now Con

Paulos' dealership). In the case of the latter, they found money to have plans drawn up to remodel it. Why wasn't this facility good enough for them?

I'll probably vote for a new school after the board does some accounting for all of the money that it wastes and makes some downward adjustments on what it "needs." I don't think there has been much thought given to building a more modest facility.

Kimberly went for a new high school for \$4 million. Couldn't Jerome get by on \$6 or \$7 million for a three-grade middle school?

RAY L. EASTWOOD
Jerome

Give support to school district

Jerome voters have an opportunity to say "thank you" by voting yes on the school bond levy on Thursday. I'm sure nearly everyone has directly benefited from public education supported by our ancestors. We should provide the same privilege to the next generation.

My, and my children's, education was largely funded by someone else's tax dollars. Therefore, I consider it a privilege and an obligation to help fund the education of future generations by paying taxes. I can think of no better use for my tax money than providing a good education for our future leaders.

Some people can always come up with reasons (taxes are too high, there should be another funding mechanism, the district owns too much land, the officials and the citizen's committee are lying about the need, good education doesn't depend on good facilities, etc.) for voting no. I personally think these reasons are smokescreens to hide the real reason for voting no - they don't believe education is critical to our free society.

I will vote yes on Thursday and urge everyone to repay a small part of the benefits they received from public education by also voting yes.

CARL H. NELLIS
Jerome

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

LETTERS



Times-News photo

This photo, originally published Saturday, shows some of the students from two Jerome Middle School classes in a single classroom.

Photo shows two classes

I am sure that there is overcrowding in the Jerome Middle School, but I see no reason to crowd two classrooms (Rogelsong's and McDonald's) into one to make a picture for the paper.

The article in Saturday's Times-News about Jerome Middle School had a dishonest picture above it, and I did not appreciate seeing my daughter in it. You should at least take a picture of a true overcrowded classroom and not use children for dishonest acts. I try to teach my children honesty and this happens!

Shame on whoever's idea this was.
NEYSA HEADEN
Jerome

(Editor's note: After receiving Naysa Haden's letter, we spoke with Jerome Middle School Principal Dave Zumwalt. Zumwalt said a Times-News photographer came to the school during the sixth period, when half the students from each classroom had gone to a physical education class. Rather than depict a classroom that was half empty, Zumwalt said he combined two half-strength classes for the photo. The Times-News photographer was not aware that the classes had been combined.)

Why tap just one tump?

What a disgrace it is that educated people (some of them in the so-called "highly educated" bracket) will stoop so low to use tactics that have been undertaken by these people to gain or capture a costly plum that has been refused them five times. The "school bond issue," this time a \$10 million-plus item, if passed to be paid off by the property tax-paying citizens of the city and county of Jerome, I do not believe there isn't one of us property tax-paying citizens who doesn't realize and believe that "yes," we do need more and better school facilities for our children, but tell me, "why?"

should all the blood come from just the one turnip? Where do these educated ones get off enticing any and all 18-year-old-plus city and county citizens with the promise of a movie ticket if they just get down to the voting places and cast their votes? What "angers" me more than anything is for me to know and understand that I as a property-owning taxpayer, my vote can be canceled out by some 18-year-old or plus high school student or high school dropout who hasn't one drop or drip of pride about themselves (whether it be boy or girl) to be seen in school or on the streets of Jerome looking like a human being and not some rag-bag who

has been drug through the city waste treatment plant. Yes, because he or she has been promised a free movie ticket, it entices and gives that sleazebag enough get up and go to go cancel out my vote. How glibbie must I be to try and think or believe that this free movie ticket was Mr. Roper's (of Twin Falls) idea? Let's also look into the legality of using such a chaper to get a vote whether or not it is for or against an issue. I have to wonder, too what are some of the other capers being pulled by this educated "mad mob" to get their way on this school bond issue. They ought to spend their time and energy to

come up with a plan that gives an equal share to all the city and county voters. Each of these bond issues has the meaning of crucifying the property tax payer.
CHARLIE HALLERAN
Jerome

(Editor's note: Ben Ysursa, chief deputy for the Idaho secretary of state, said offering movie tickets as an incentive to vote is legal in an Idaho school district election. Federal law prohibits the practice in elections involving federal officers, but as long as no federal officers are involved, and as long as the incentives do not favor a particular outcome, Idaho law allows this kind of giveaway.)

Getting in touch

Want to make your feelings known to your representatives in Congress? Here's how:

Sen. Mike Crapo

In Twin Falls, call or write: Linda Norris, senior regional director
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Twin Falls, ID 83301
734-2515, Fax 733-0414
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(202) 224-6142
e-mail messages can be sent via Sen. Crapo's home page at www.senate.gov/~crapo

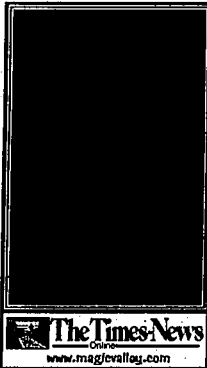
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Jury gives Malta man \$4.4 million

Ryan Parke had footed crushed - later amputated; Koch Industries will seek new trial

By Dan Fields
Times-News writer

BOISE - A federal jury Monday awarded a 23-year-old Malta man \$4.4 million as the result of injuries he suffered from a 1995 industrial accident in Acquia.

The verdict was returned late Monday in favor of Ryan Parke, a Koch Agriculture employee, a clerk with the U.S. federal courthouse in Boise said Tuesday.

Koch Agriculture will seek a new trial, the company's attorney

said Tuesday evening.

Parke was working at the Koch Agriculture grain facility in Acquia for only three days when the accident occurred on July 21, 1995, said John Lezamis, Parke's Twin Falls attorney.

Lezamis said Parke's right foot was crushed and had to be amputated.

Lezamis said Parke and two other men were moving three empty boxes by using a small tractor and a chain that Koch provided. Parke, who was acting as

the brakeman on a railcar, was suddenly jerked off the railcar and consequently had his foot crushed.

"The tools Koch provided to do the job were incredibly unsafe," Lezamis said. "You can't move 210,000 pounds of steel with a 5,000-pound tractor. There's no doubt that this was an accident waiting to happen."

Lezamis said Koch Agriculture had a stationary railcar puller at the Acquia plant, but it could travel only about half the length

of the facility.

Parke was awarded \$925,000 in medical expenses and lost wages and \$3.5 million for pain and suffering. He could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

John Howard, Koch Agriculture's Boise attorney, declined to discuss the specifics of the case. However, he suggested the civil trial was mishandled.

"What I can tell you is that there were a number of horrible, horrible procedural mistakes," Howard said Tuesday evening.

"We're going to get a new trial. I can tell you with absolute confidence that we're going to get a new trial," Lezamis, however, applauded the verdict.

"It was a strong liability case, I felt, from the beginning," Lezamis said. "I was pleased with the verdict; it was a fair result."

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Rollover kills 17 man Tuesday

HOLLISTER - A Twin Falls man died Tuesday morning at the scene of a one-vehicle rollover in southern Twin Falls County.

Kirby Newman, 33, died when his Toyota pickup truck lost control and tipped several times at 3000 East about a mile north of Nat-Soo Pah Hot Springs and RV Park, said Nancy Howell, spokeswoman for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office. The wreck sent 35-year-old passenger Steve Crippen to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center before he was airlifted to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. Crippen, who was ejected from the truck, was in critical condition Tuesday night.

Sheriff's deputies were continuing their investigation, but it appeared the pickup went off the road slightly before Newman lost control, Howell said.

Ambulance driver receives traffic citation

TWIN FALLS - An ambulance and car collided Tuesday night in Twin Falls, sending three people to the hospital and earning the ambulance driver a ticket.

The crash occurred around 8 p.m. at the intersection of Blue Lakes Boulevard North and Pole Line Road. The Lincoln County ambulance, with emergency lights flashing and sirens blaring, was taking a elderly patient from Shoshone to the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital. Twin Falls police Sgt. Matt Hicks said.

The southbound ambulance had a red light when it reached the intersection, but it kept going and smashed into an eastbound Volkswagen Golf, Hicks said. After the crash the ambulance ended up in the northbound lanes, and the car spun around and stopped near corner. Both vehicles caused some traffic blockage. The ambulance patient and a passenger from each of the vehicles were taken to the hospital, Hicks said. Their names and injuries were not available. The ambulance driver, Gary Russell, was cited for failing to yield.

Task force gives green light to Greenhorn Gulch bridge

HELEY - A task force representing Blaine County and city councils within the county has told the Idaho Transportation Department to go ahead with a four-lane bridge at Greenhorn Gulch.

The 68-foot bridge is smaller than the one proposed by the transportation department six months ago but larger than what the Ketchum City Council would like. Ketchum City Council members preferred a bridge no wider than 59 feet, which could have accommodated two to four lanes in the future, said the Environmental Policy Act corridor study concludes that two or three lanes is the most appropriate design for the highway. The Highways 75 Improvements Advisory Council needed to make its recommendation by today in order for the transportation department to begin construction this year, said Blaine County Commissioner Dennis Wright, who chaired the council. The bridge work, just north of Halley on Highway 75, will probably be started during low water this fall, said district engineer Devin Rigby. The transportation department is expected to finish the project in 2001.

Watershed committee to hold work session

GOODING - The Wood River Watershed Technical Advisory Committee will meet at 3 p.m. March 14 at the University of Idaho Extension Office at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind at 202 14th Ave. The public is invited to attend the work session. For more information, call Dana Sturgeon at 896-2241.

The committee will hold an executive meeting at 5 p.m. following the work session. The next regular board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. March 28 at the same location.

Gianna Ferry School Board to discuss activity handbook

GLENN'S FERRY - The district's Activity Philosophy Committee will present the School Board with a copy of its activity handbook at its meeting at 7 tonight in the school lunch room.

The meeting is open to the public.

Compiled from staff reports

GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS



Tom Courtney, Twin Falls' city manager, accepts his 'badge of office,' a feather 'hammer' and a captain's hat, during a strategic planning meeting Tuesday. City leaders met to discuss some serious business - the issues that will be facing the city over the next several years.

Officials look to upgrade safety, traffic lights

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

Future goals

- Here is a rundown of some goals outlined during the city's strategic plan:
 - Public Safety:
 - Set up a proactive traffic enforcement program by Oct. 1.
 - Make more officers available for community policing and problem solving.
 - Increased emphasis on child abuse cases, juvenile issues and financial crimes.
 - Staffing:
 - Update strategies to recruit, develop and retain a qualified, motivated and service-oriented work force.
 - Limit annual increases in city property tax collections to 1 percent, plus taxes applicable to new development.

- Water:
 - Convert 75 acres of public open space to pressure irrigation by Nov. 30.
 - Complete South Side Twin Falls recharge injector well feasibility study by June 30, 2001.
- Waste:
 - Complete odor control facility by March 31, 2001.
 - Repair deteriorated sewer trunk line manholes by Dec. 31, 2001.
- Traffic:
 - Complete signal-interconnect project by Dec. 31. Complete Washington Street North and Fler Avenue intersection widening by Sept. 30, to improve efficiency and reduce accidents.

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City officials also filled out their own questionnaire that included questions about the city's mission statement and whether it reflected the vision they have for the city and issues that will be important in the coming years.

Dawneen Blakeslee, president of Blakeslee and Associates from Boise, and Debbie Shoemaker, president of Performance Management Alliance LLC, hosted the session.

Both agreed the session, though long, produced good results.

Blakeslee said she will draft up a revised form of the strategic plan objectives to be sent to city officials. Those objectives will then be put to use immediately, city officials said.

TWIN FALLS - City leaders would like to improve the city's traffic light system, and place more focus on public safety.

Those goals, among others, are part of a city strategic plan crafted Tuesday.

City Council members and city officials met in the all-day work session to create the 2000-01 strategic plan, which sets goals and objectives for the next two years.

The meeting, which took on the theme of a Hawaiian vacation, complete with tocanas hanging from the ceiling and leis for the officials in attendance - lasted more than nine hours. But city officials said the time was well spent, and will make a difference.

"I think this helps us get our priorities straight," new council member Trip Craig said afterwards. "I think it's for not only the greater benefit of Twin Falls, but for the rest of the community also because when Twin Falls

oughs, other areas also could."

Twin Falls City Mayor Elaine Steele echoed Craig's thoughts. "It was real productive," Steele said. "This gives us good direction."

The goals and objectives set Tuesday are attainable, Steele

said. But some goals may be harder to attain than others.

The city has been doing a strategic plan since 1994.

City officials were aided by a community survey sent out to 2,700 people. Of the 2,700 sur-

veys sent out, 648 people responded with their views on city services.

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China might get wheat

By Denise Jewell
State News Service

WASHINGTON - Hoping to increase Idaho exports to China, lawmakers on Tuesday encouraged Chinese trade officials to approve future sales of U.S. wheat.

Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne joined members of the Idaho congressional delegation in a closed-door meeting with the Chinese government trading agency, COFCO, to discuss the future of trade negotiations between the two countries.

China, which does not enjoy most favored nation trade status with the U.S., agreed last December to end a ban on wheat and other farm products from the Pacific Northwest. In turn,

the lawmakers could seek to reverse a law that requires China's trade status to be reviewed by Congress every year.

China will purchase 50,000 metric tons of U.S. wheat, more than half of which will come from the Pacific Northwest. The \$6 million buy will be China's first purchase of wheat from the U.S. in 28 years.

"It is the first time in a quarter century that the Chinese market has been opened to Idaho wheat," Kempthorne said after the meeting. "The quality of our wheat will speak for itself and so this is significant. This is good news for farmers and farm families."

By N.S. Nokkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Stream banks are trampled and the grass grazed off, with traces of cow manure in the water, and little is left of streamside brush.

Ranchers and federal land managers say such problems are isolated on the Sawtooth National Forest.

Idaho Department of Fish and Game says they are widespread. It's a matter of semantics, said Carl Nellis, regional supervisor in the Jerome Fish and Game office. But conditions appear to be worse this past year than in years before.

Nellis said his office has gotten complaints from hunters about livestock grazing on the Twin

Falls and Burley ranger districts of the Sawtooth National Forest.

Last month Nellis wrote to District Ranger Pete Peterson outlining the complaints, and what he called poor livestock management and large-scale degradation common on the Twin Falls and Burley ranger districts.

Fish and Game employees confirmed most of the reports, Nellis wrote in a letter to Peterson.

"Observations by our staff indicate large-scale degradation, especially of riparian areas, was common on the two districts," Nellis wrote. He delivered the letter in person, and the two discussed it.

Peterson said later that he disagreed with Nellis' assessment.

"Neither my staff nor I am

Hearing continues for mother

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

JEROME - The preliminary hearing of a mother charged in the death of her son continued Tuesday after a two-month delay, but it will be at least another two weeks before a judge decides Cynthia Barnett's fate on the charges.

Barnett, formerly known as Cynthia Grissom, is charged with felony injury to a child and possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver in the March 1998 death of Canaan Reign Barnett. She led authorities to the 5-week-old's grave outside Dietrich after she and her ex-husband said the boy was kidnapped.

The preliminary hearing was postponed for two months because of scheduling conflicts. The latest delay concerns a problem with results from blood tests taken after Canaan died.

The test results show Canaan had methamphetamine in his system, special prosecutor Ron Howen said. And he plans to use those results to support the intent to deliver meth charge, but without those results the charge falls through.

Howen asked for more time because certain certifying documents were missing and he might need to fly someone out from the Minnesota lab to testify about the test, he said.

Barnett's lawyer, Keith Roark, objected to further delays and said the court should proceed on the injury to child charge and dismiss the other, which could be refilled. The case is already almost two years old going back to Canaan's death.

But Magistrate Judge Thomas Borresen gave Howen more time, saying it was best to keep both charges together to save the time and money of the court and Barnett.

Howen has 15 days to resolve the problems, then a hearing date will be set. At that hearing, Borresen will hear the last pieces of evidence and final arguments before deciding whether Barnett charges face trial on the charges. He could make a decision during the hearing or postpone it for further review.

During Tuesday's testimony, Elizabeth Suggden, a doctor with the Jerome Family Clinic, said she saw Barnett three times around the time of Canaan's birth.

At two of the three visits Barnett denied using intravenous drugs, Suggden said.

The doctor talked to Barnett

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Grazing concerns Fish and Game

Numbers

South Hills grazing by the number:

- Twin Falls Ranger District: 327,771 acres
- Area: 306,087 acres
- Bureau: 7,727
- 10,938
- Sheep: 8,860
- 5,741

Permittees: 5 shop ranchers, 133 cattle ranchers

willing to accept that there was any large-scale degradation as you suggest," Peterson said in his written response to Nellis.

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MAGIC VALLEY

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TWIN FALLS



Wilda Mae Haggardt

Wilda Mae Haggardt, 80, passed away February 27, 2000, at Allera Wynwood Retirement Center in Twin Falls. She was born October 13, 1919, in Ft. Collins, Colo. to Roy E. and Winnie M. Small. She moved to Twin Falls with her family and attended school here, graduating from Twin Falls High School in 1937. She married Robert F. Haggardt on July 8, 1939. They had a son, Terry L. Haggardt. Her husband, Bob, entered the U.S. Army during World War II and was later killed. Wilda lived and worked in Twin Falls since that time. She worked as a hairdresser, inventory clerk and in retail sales for many years. In later years, she liked to travel and take bus tours. She enjoyed long walks, going to yard sales, and grocery shopping until her health started to fail a few years ago. She always enjoyed special meals and pizza night with her family. She was a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church, and loved to serve the church however she could.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Bob; her son Terry, and brothers, Gilbert and Roy L. Small. She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Rita Haggardt of Pocatello; her sister-in-law, Lorraine Taylor of Twin Falls; nieces and nephews, Dave and Joanne Small and family, of Twin Falls; and Art and Janice Chisler and family of Jerome.

Her funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 2, 2000, at the Church of the Ascension Episcopal Church, with Father Brian Thom officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given to Barbara's name to the Ascension Episcopal Church, 2000, at the Church of the Ascension Episcopal Church, with Father Brian Thom officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the Idaho Youth Ranch, P.O. Box 8539, Boise, ID, 83707-9921, or St. Edward's Catholic Church, 152 Seventh Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

place at 11 a.m. Friday, March 3, 2000, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at Reynolds Chapel on Thursday from 3 until 8 p.m.

The family suggests that memorials contributions be given to the First Christian Church Memorial Fund or to the Alzheimer's Association. Contributions may be left with funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1142.

Barbara Ellen Pritchard Poljar

Barbara Ellen Pritchard Poljar, 80, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, February 29, 2000, in her home. She was born on October 27, 1919, on a farm near Buhl, daughter to Ernest and Pearl Pritchard. She came into the world in a log cabin, and was reared in a shoe box placed on the oven door. She grew up dreaming of "far away places with strange sounding names." Barbara graduated from Albion Normal School and taught junior high and kindergarten. In 1944, her greatest joy came from her children, her church and her travels. She was active on both the Burley and Buhl branches of the Episcopal Church. She was involved in starting Hospice in Sacramento, California. She traveled, visiting six of the seven continents. She was a woman of intelligence and laughter who was loved by many. She is on her last and greatest trip.

Barbara is survived by one daughter, Jori (Gary) Robbins of Ukiah, Calif.; her sons Jack (Jo) Armande of Rocklin, California, and Michael Poljar of Litchfield, Minnesota. Also surviving are five grandchildren and four great grandchildren; one brother, Seward Pritchard; and her husband, Albert Poljar of Citrus Heights, California. She is preceded in death by one brother, Jack Pritchard; and one sister, Ernestine Dauven Morris.

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Frank L. Perrine

Frank Ledyard Perrine, son of a pioneer family, died Monday, February 29, 2000, at age 81, of an extended illness. He was born October 23, 1918, in Twin Falls, the son of Ledyard and Helen Perrine. He attended public schools in Twin Falls and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1937. He attended the University of Idaho's southern branch in Pocatello, where he learned to fly. During World War II, he served as a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps, 62nd Troop Carrier Group, in the North African and Italian campaigns, attaining the rank of Major. He was a skilled pilot and enjoyed a lifelong love of flying. After the war, Frank completed his college degree at the University of Idaho in Moscow. He married Phyllis M. Carter of Spokane, Wash., on September 10, 1949, and they made their home first in Spokane and then in Bellevue, Wash., where Frank worked as an Industrial Engineer for the Boeing Commercial Airplane Company for many years. He retired to his boyhood home where he'd grown up. Frank maintained an active interest in family and his many friends. He was a deacon at the First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls, was on the board of the Twin Falls County Historical Society and was a past member of Kiwanis International.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Phyllis M. Perrine of Twin Falls; daughter, Anna E. Scott, and son-in-law Norm J. Scott of Santa Clara, Calif.; son, David L. Perrine and daughter-in-law Lynn E. Ogdon-Perrine of Seattle, Wash.; and beloved grandchildren, Catherine Scott, Carolee Lynn Scott, Stuart D. Scott, Jeannie M. Scott, Daniel K.F. Perrine and Lisa P. J. Perrine.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Ledyard H. Perrine and Helen A. (Black) Perrine; and by his sister, Anna E. (Perrine) Brown. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 4, 2000, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, with the Reverend Ed Reeves officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Friday, March 3, 2000, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

The family suggests memorial contributions may be made in Frank's name to First Presbyterian Church, 202 Fifth Ave. N., Twin Falls; Idaho 83301; or to the Emergency Medical Service Fund, c/o the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation, P.O. Box 409, Twin Falls, ID, 83303-0409.

BURLEY



Lester O. Brady

Lester Oliver Brady, 92-year-old Burley resident, passed away Monday, February 28, 2000, following a short illness. He had been living for the past five years at Aspen Grove Assisted Living Center, formerly known as the Beehive House, in Burley. Lester, or "Ted," as he was fondly called by family and friends, was born December 12, 1907, at Croton, Nebraska, the eldest of six children of Oliver B. Brady and Nettie M. Luller Brady. The family later moved to South Dakota, where they continued farming. The family moved to Burley in 1937 to relocate following the "Dust Bowl" and grasshopper invasion of that area. Lester continued farming with his father for several years, eventually buying and moving to his own farm, where he resided until his retirement. He married Frances Walker of Wells, Nevada, on October 13, 1976. They lived in Burley until her death on December 17, 1995. Ted was a kind, gentle person, and a "special Uncle" to his 16 nephews and nieces. They enjoyed visiting him and helping him on the farm. They also had many camping and fishing trips together. He had a close and loving relationship with his two brothers and three sisters. He was a member of the Clearmont Grange, and a member for over 50 years of the Oddfellows Lodge #118 of Burley, and also a member of the Ruth Rebekah Lodge #107. Survivors include a brother Floyd (Eula) Brady of Rupert; three sons, Boss Arguson, Hazel (Jim) Jenak, and Clarence (Cecil) Tison, and all their families, all of Burley. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, George Brady.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 3, 2000, at the Payne Mortuary, 22 W. Main St. in Burley, with the Reverend Oliver Lusk of the Rupert Baptist Church officiating. Oddfellow rites will be under the direction of the Burley Oddfellows Lodge #118. A private burial will take place at the Green Memorial Gardens in Burley. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Payne Mortuary, and one hour prior to the funeral on Friday.

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GOODING

Dorothy Quesnell

Dorothy Quesnell, 79, of Gooding, died Tuesday, February 29, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Dorothy was born November 2, 1920, in Castleton, the daughter of William and Jessie Lark. She was raised and educated in Castleton and Filor, graduating from Filor High School in 1939. She married Paul Quesnell on April 16, 1940. She worked at Beacon Bank in Gooding for 17 years, and was a hard working farmwife. Dorothy loved gardening, canning and knitting, and for the last several years she enjoyed crafts. She was a member of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding.

Dorothy is survived by her husband Paul of Gooding; a son, Bart Quesnell of Moscow, Idaho; a daughter Cheryl Smith of Filor, Idaho; a brother, Howard Lark of Sacramento, Calif.; three grandchildren; Amie Degeorge of France, Mincy Rocio of Pocatello, and Anthony Paul Quesnell of Moscow. Dorothy will be reunited at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 2000, at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday at the church. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Dorothy's Gooding Chapel.

SERVICES

Evyn Shepherd Bamer of Burley, services at 11 a.m. today at the View LDS Ward Chapel, 550 S. 500 E. in Burley. Friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church before the funeral (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Myrtle Emelia Gmesch of Buhl, services at 11 a.m. Friday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Buhl, viewing from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Clyde L. Murphy of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Sally Jones (Flight) of Edmonds, Wash., services at 11:30 a.m. today

at Beck's Funeral Home, 405 Fifth Ave. S., Edmonds, Wash. Visitation will be from 10-11:30 a.m. today at the funeral home.

Charles Anderson of Heyburn, services at 2 p.m. today at the Heyburn LDS Chapel, Friends and family may call one hour before services today (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Gertrude Rodgers Ebbrott of Twin Falls, services at noon today at McDougall Funeral Home, 4330 S. Redwood Road in Salt Lake City, Utah. Friends may call from 11 to 11:45 a.m. today at the funeral home (local arrangements by White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

John L. Howe of Twin Falls, memorial services at 3 p.m. today at the Grace Baptist Church (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

William "Bill" F. Bunn of Bliss, services at 11 a.m. today at the Hagerman-Christien-Center (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Veda Rose Gier of Twin Falls, services at 2:30 p.m. today at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Georgy Khachaturov of Twin Falls, gathering at noon today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Donna A. Stone TWIN FALLS - Donna A. Stone, 80, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Feb. 29, 2000, at Twin Falls Care Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Leo M. Hobday BLISS - Leo M. Hobday, 82, of Bliss, died Monday, Feb. 28, 2000, in Gooding. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Hagerman Christian Center. Burial will follow at the Hagerman Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-7 p.m. Friday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Lew R. Gohmes LAS-VEGAS, Nev. - Lew R. Gohmes, 92, of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of Buhl, died Monday, Feb. 28, 2000, in Las Vegas, Nev.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Alice Woodard BUHL - Alice Woodard, 88, of Buhl, died Monday, Feb. 28, 2000, at Snake River Rehabilitation Center in Buhl. Private family services will take place in Missoula, Mont. Local arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Kirby Newman TWIN FALLS - Kirby Newman, 33, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Feb. 29, 2000, south of Twin Falls, in injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Robert Kim Smith BURLEY - Kim Smith, 46, of

Burley, died Monday, Feb. 28, 2000, at his home in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

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Admitted Leonard Lindauer and Dolores Dowell, both of Rupert.

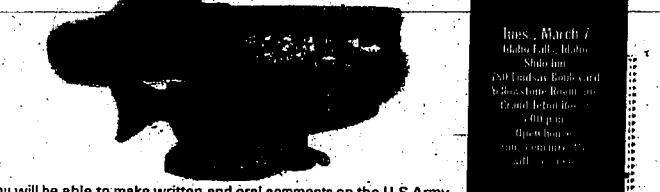
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Mildred Pauline Eslinger

Our Heavenly Father has chosen Mildred to be another angel among us. She died Sunday, February 20, 2000, at SunBridge Nursing Home in Twin Falls. She was born March 12, 1917, to A. E. Gray and Ida Pearl Gray in Kimberly, Idaho. She married Melvin Eslinger on March 12, 1935, in Burley. Mildred was the heart of the whole family. She was a servant for her family, friends and anyone who needed her. A very devoted member of the First Christian Church in Twin Falls, where she spent many years as a deaconess; she was also involved with the calling committee and served as the President of the Women's Society. She was also a group leader, a member of the Homebuilders, and was very active with the Senior Center in Twin Falls. Mildred loved to camp with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is survived by her sister Vivian Coates of Twin Falls; three children, Ronald Eslinger (Dianne) of Twin Falls, Kenneth Eslinger (Nona) of Independence, Oregon, and Charlene Myers of Kirkland; Washington, 14 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother and a sister; her husband of 50 years; and a great-grandchild. The funeral service will be

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Program helps young find work

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

BURLEY - A Mini-Cassia Job Service summer training program designed to help young workers has been so successful, the pilot project is being duplicated in Idaho Department of Labor offices statewide.

The Burley office began the program three years ago for 18- to 24-year-old people who are facing problems getting a job. The program, now branching out, has already made a difference for people like Julio and Rachel Castro, a young Mini-Cassia couple.

The Castros dropped out of school and got married. Julio Castro went back to school to receive a GED, but neither had many job skills.

The Castros participated in the training program two years ago, Rachel Castro said. They toured factories and learned what would be required to work in a factory or processing plant. They learned about hazardous materials and heavy-lift techniques. The program taught them how to go for an interview. First Aid and CPR skills were taught, and the course made them brush up on math and reading skills.

"Work skills were also taught in a hands-on environment. We went and cleaned and painted five hydrants all over Burley," Rachel Castro said. They cleaned up from the training helped Julio Castro get a job at the J.R. Simplot potato pro-

Job program

cessing plant. "It was really a good program; it comes in handy a lot," she said. And now, Julio Castro's job is supporting a growing family; the Castros had a baby a month ago. One of the best things about the program is watching its graduates progress in life, said Lisa Michalek, a Job Service consultant.

"They come back and tell me how their lives have gone," she said. "It gives them a sense of accomplishment." The last two years, students have participated in a community service project. One project took place last summer when students facilitated a growing family for the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce.

This year, a mentoring program was launched. Burley Mayor Doug Manning has volunteered as a mentor. Brent Winn, the Burley Municipal Golf Course superintendent and Gary Fawson, the city's parks superintendent, will teach hands-on job skills to students.

Hands-on work will include helping to put in a sewer system and building a retaining wall at

the golf course clubhouse. Students will also help with weed control in Burley, Pawson said. City officials are hoping to keep some students on the weed crew throughout the summer, he said. Dennis Dexter, administrator of the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center, has also volunteered to teach an interview class once a week. The Job Service training program has met or exceeded its goals, Michalek said. This is the first program for which the Pringle Industrial Council increased funding. "In the first two years, we placed 18 of the 20 participants," she said. "Last year we placed 17 of the 20 students."

The average hourly starting salary for students was \$6.68. People who aren't placed in jobs are asked to return to school full-time. "I am honored to be a part of something that has made a positive impact in young people's lives," Michalek said.

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Convicted doctor fights for office

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - A Burley physician lost a bid in court Tuesday to keep his medical office, while he awaits his March 24 sentencing on drug possession charges.

But Charles Suits is likely to take one last shot at keeping his office, even though the Cassia Regional Medical Center is planning to evict Suits by today. District Judge Monte B. Carlson Tuesday denied Suits' motion for an injunction against Intermountain Health Care, the Utah corporation that operates the hospital. The company had ordered Suits to leave his office by the end of the day Feb. 11, the day a jury found Suits guilty.

But because of "a technical omission" from the motion Suits filed last week, Suits' attorney James Annett is rearguing for an injunction. Annett said Tuesday evening that he is also filing a temporary restraining order that would prevent Suits' eviction until the court hears his motion again.

Annett said he had been working on the new motion all day Tuesday, and would submit it to

Carlson by today. The terms of the lease require staff members to have active privileges in order to lease hospital space. Hospital officials maintain that when Suits voluntarily relinquished his hospital privileges after his December 1998 arrest, he no longer had leasing privileges and those privileges were extended only as a courtesy.

At the Tuesday court hearing, Intermountain Health Care had been ordered to show cause as to why there should be no an injunction.

Intermountain Health Care attorney Bill Dalling said the hospital faces safety concerns. "We feel a need to separate the hospital and its community from Dr. Suits," Dalling said.

Annett said the eviction was an effort "to kick Dr. Suits when he's down." Annett said Suits now faces the undue expense of moving and re-establishing a new office when his future is uncertain.

The hospital has lived with Suits' current arrangement since January 1999, Annett said, and he does not see how the safety of patients have been compromised.

Suits also suggests he would be denied laboratory access if he loses his office.

Dalling said Suits would still have the same lab privileges afforded physicians not housed at the hospital. Annett, however, said he believes federal regulations restrict lab use for physicians who are not in-house.

Suits' new motion will incorporate evidence not allowed at Tuesday's hearing. Annett had attempted to call witnesses, but Dalling objected, saying Annett had not indicated his intent to do so.

Annett also offered Carlson history indicating why Suits voluntarily gave up his privileges, information Annett said he will include in his new motion.

In a letter in which Suits gave up his privileges, he said he would do so until his case was completely resolved, and Suits was not expecting the hospital to take action until sentencing. Annett said.

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Bush promises protection for dams

PASCO, Wash. (AP) - Republican presidential hopeful George W. Bush said he will ensure that the four dams on the lower Snake River will not be breached in an effort to save wild salmon runs from extinction.

"I grew up in West Texas," Bush said during a campaign swing through Washington before Tuesday's primary vote. "I understand the importance of water. I know that water is the lifeblood of agriculture."

"We are not going to breach the dams," he said in a speech to about 500 people at Columbia Basin College in Pasco, which sits at the confluence of the Snake and Columbia rivers.

Bush, the governor of Texas, and his rival for the GOP nomination, U.S. Sen. John McCain of Arizona, have been running dueling campaign ads in eastern Washington on the holy debated issue of dam breaching.

While Bush says he is opposed to breaching - tearing out the earthen portion of the four hydroelectric dams to ease fish passage - McCain's ad says that he is not a proponent of breaching and will consider all aspects of the issue.

On Monday, Bush already was looking ahead to presidential race this fall against Vice President Al Gore, the current Democratic front runner. "I look forward to debating a

man like Al Gore, who cannot figure out how to take a position on this important issue," Bush said.

Breaching the dams, ultimately a congressional decision, would dry up the agricultural cargo traffic and port development along a largely rural, 140-mile stretch of the Snake River between Pasco and Lewiston, Idaho, to the east.

"People matter and water matters," Bush said. "We can use our technology to make sure we have salmon and a healthy economy."

Frustrations mount for lakeside community

BAYVIEW (AP) - The novelty of isolation is wearing a little thin for residents of an off-the-beaten-track community on northern Idaho's Lake Pend Oreille.

Separate rockslides Jan. 31 and Feb. 11 closed the only access road from Bayview to the Cape Horn area, complicating trips to work places, schools and grocery stores.

"As the road blockage continues, inconveniences persist, extra expenses pile up and frustration grows."

"We get cranky. Our psychological well-being is what I'm most concerned about," resident Lynn McCullough said.

Cape Horn, on the huge lake's southwestern shore, has about six small neighborhoods with a mix of full-time residences and vacation homes.

Last week, McCullough and five other residents went practically door-to-door to figure out how many people live in the area and how many need help.

They counted 87 primary homes and 191 people who live there six months or more.

"We have a lot of snowbirds who are going to be coming back around March 1, about 10 a week for a total of about 80 more residents," said Sandy Von Behren of Kootenai County Disaster Services.

Specific problems, "there's usually something we can do about it," he said.

Nellis also complained about uplands grazed well below the subtle height required by sage grouse for nesting.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is considering a number of species for listing under the Endangered Species Act, including Yellowstone cutthroat trout, lynx, sage grouse, sharp-tailed grouse and several plant species. One of the factors considered would be the current management of habitat critical to those species, Nellis wrote.

If habitat degradation leads to endangered species listings or additions to the list of polluted streams, that makes it harder to manage game.

But Crockett noted that at least one of the streams on that list, McMullen Creek, still seems to be good fish habitat - it has a number of good sized trout in it.

Peterson noted that the Sawtooth Forest grazing standards are based on a percentage of consumption and not stubble height. But perhaps the Forest needs to revise those standards to improve nesting and rearing habitat for sage grouse.

"We are committed to working toward that effort," Peterson wrote.

He admitted that "some riparian areas were grazed well beyond the limits identified in the appropriate grazing permits," he said. "But the picture you letter points is that the entire Burley-Twin Falls Ranger District is mired in mismanagement and is severely overgrazed. I am just not willing to accept that," Peterson wrote.

Nellis closed his letter with an offer to help reduce the effects of livestock grazing in the coming grazing season. Peterson welcomed the offer.

Peterson asked for specifics and asked Fish and Game not to wait until end of the year. When they see a problem, they should let Peterson know, he said.

But in the past when Fish and Game employees have done that, the Forest Service has asked for it in writing, Nellis said. This year he saw enough and heard enough complaints from hunters to put his concerns in writing, he said.

But both said they are willing to work together.

Graze

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A number of creeks coming out of the South Hills, mostly affected by grazing, have been added to the state's list of streams that don't meet water quality standards, some on the Twin Falls district and some on the Burley district, Nellis noted.

Overgrazing, unmanaged and winter grazing by livestock degrades habitat - reduces forage, cover and wildlife habitat and affects water quality and aquatic habitat, Nellis said.

Range boss David Crockett of the Western Stockgrowers, which grazes livestock on the Twin Falls Ranger District, defended Peterson's management and said problems were spotty, not widespread.

Cattle did get into areas they weren't supposed to be, but they haven't caused any serious problems, Crockett said. And ranches have made a serious effort to take care of riparian areas.

"This year was a dry year - a wet spring that encouraged lots of growth was followed by a dry summer - and the effects of grazing show up more, though it resulted in no long term damage, except in some small areas, Crockett said.

If ranchers are made aware of

Follow daily business trends in the Magic Valley. Read the expanded Money section Tuesday through Sunday.

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Hearing

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about the dangers of smoking and said he would call the FBI to talk about dangers of drugs transferring through breast milk, she said.

Idaho State Police detective Stu Robinson testified that Barnett told him during an interview that she injected methamphetamine and had used a pump for breast milk in hopes of keeping it out of Cannaan.

Hagerman Police Chief Steve Lawson testified that he collected a syringe from the front yard of a home where Barnett stayed, and former Gooding County court clerk Roseanne Reed testified that Barnett filed a civil protection

order in June 1997, but the case was dropped when she didn't show up for the hearing.

Testimony during the first day of the hearing in December included two Boise-area detectives talking about Michael Grisson's heroin connections. An important element to the injury to child charge is showing Michael Grisson was a heroin addict.

A neighbor of the couple also testified that Michael Grisson threatened the unborn child.

In March 1998 Cannaan was smothered by Grisson while they slept in a Jerome motel room, and the couple covered up the death by telling Burley authorities that

two men kidnapped the child. Less than a week later Barnett was completely ruled authorities to Cannaan's grave.

Barnett and Grisson were charged in the death, but their cases were dropped because of lack of evidence. Grisson was later charged with murder, but that case was dropped when a witness recanted his testimony.

A heroin overdose just days before the latest charges were filed against Barnett.

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Wheat

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Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Blackfoot, said the meeting would lead to more and larger purchases of Idaho wheat and other products. The lawmakers said they hoped permanent trade relations with China could be reached.

"The purchase of Idaho soft white wheat will show China's good faith in living up to its commitments and go a long way toward ensuring strong, mutually beneficial trade relations between the U.S. and China," Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, said in

a statement.

But Kamphornhe said he wants to see China taking another step by purchasing bigger quantities of agricultural goods from the Northwest.

Idaho's Craig R. Idaho, said China's entry into the World Trade Organization would ultimately help Idaho farmers.

"Once they're a member of the WTO, there's a set of rules they have to play by, and those will be very valuable rules for Idaho farmers and their producers," Craig said.

But advocates for normalized trade relations with China have been criticized by groups concerned over the nation's record on human rights.

The Human Rights Watch organization thinks Congress should make China agree to human rights reforms before granting normal trade relations.

"Congress should set concrete, meaningful and realistic human rights conditions that China must meet before receiving permanent NTR," Mike Jendryeznyk of the Human Rights Watch testified in the House Ways and Means Committee this month.

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IDAHO/WEST

Deadline looms for deal on tax cut

BOISE (AP) — Legislative budget writers scrapped more than \$1 million from various funds on Tuesday to cover some of their 2000-2001 general tax spending blueprint as the tax-cutting debate continued to rage in the House.

But the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee was down to just one more day's work before being forced to recess until an agreement is reached on the magnitude of the election-year tax cut that a solid core of House members seems intent on passing.

The major budget, including state aid for public schools, are not scheduled to be set until a tax deal is reached.

Discussion the last few weeks of \$50 million in tax relief that would claim all of the surplus and more convinced budget writers to begin scaling back the modest \$1.8 billion general tax budget Gov. Dirk Kempthorne submitted in mid-January.

That required scripping on



most programs and services despite tens of millions of dollars in surplus cash.

And even after holding the line, the budget produced by the most Republican Legislature in the nation will have to trim at least \$5 million from the state public school aid package Kempthorne proposed to accommodate a tax cut.

Through Tuesday, the House-Senate panel was some \$300,000 below its target budget. Scavenging money from the consumer protection account and other sources enabled members to finance the University of Idaho Agricultural Research program's request for a topflight potato researcher and a hydrology expert for eastern Idaho.

But in what one member called "the present mode of budget restraint," the committee jettisoned Kempthorne's plan for \$3,000 scholarships to help bilingual teacher's aides get their teaching certificates so the corps of minority teachers can be expanded.

And feverish tax-cutters upped the fiscal ante during earlier negotiations.

While they agreed to reduce their proposed permanent tax cut two years from now from 5 percent to 3 percent, they increased the value of the initial tax cut from \$50 million to \$60 million, further reducing the cash available for the new state budget. Since most of the taxes are paid by wealthier people, they would see the lion's share of the break.

It prompted one top Kempthorne administration official to say, "Why not \$100 million? Or \$200 million? It would be just as easy."

Some lawmakers remained optimistic that a cut of

that magnitude would be avoided, enacting it would force the Legislature's state school aid package to fall \$20 million or more short of the Republican governor's proposal.

Skipping on schools has carried a political price for the GOP in the past, and legislative leaders have counted on that kind of political reality to ultimately calm the tax-cutting rage.

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Court hears challenge to Idaho term limits

BOISE (AP) — The American Civil Liberties Union labels a 1998 initiative which would indicate whether congressional candidates pledge to limit their terms political engineering while proponents argue other states have conditions on their ballots.

The Idaho Supreme Court on Tuesday considered a request by state Democratic Party chairman Tony Park, failed Democratic congressional candidate Penny Fletcher, ACLU Idaho director Jack Van Valkenburgh and former Republican gubernatorial candidate Larry Eiland to prevent the secretary of state from implementing the law.

It requires the secretary to permit, but not require, congressional candidates to submit a term limits pledge before certification of the ballot, which would state if the political hopeful either signed or broke term-limits pledge.

Attorney Kurt Halter called the so-called "Gold Star" initiative politically driven and unconstitutional. He said it may force the candidates to alter their campaign strategy to sway the voters

in the sanctity of the election booth.

Van Valkenburgh, who petitioned as an individual rather than an ACLU representative earlier, said the voters should have a clean ballot, uncluttered with messages designed to influence voters at the very moment they cast their vote.

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Ketchum ponders its future

By Karen Basick Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — A standing-room-only crowd jammed the Ketchum City Hall Monday night and spilled out into the lobby, as Ketchum residents debated how to define the Ketchum of tomorrow.

"The small-town Western feel that you seek to maintain just doesn't compute," Ketchum attorney Robert Renfro told Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission members. "By 'Western' does that mean Western United States casual lifestyle or Old West feel? I don't think the evidence is there to show that we are a small Western town if by that you mean architecture."

"The meeting was held to gather input for the Revised Comprehensive Plan, a blueprint for the way Ketchum grows in the future," Commissioners hope to present the plan to the City Council in April.

The plan outlines policies such as limiting office space outside the downtown core, lowering density levels outside "the core of the core," requiring sidewalks for new buildings, encouraging parking and establishing paid parking downtown.

Residents suggested that the Western feel has more to do with attitude than with architecture.

"You think this is a small Western town & I can't get on that, because of all the traffic," said longtime Ketchum resident Gloria DeThorne. "You want a small Western town, go to Pine or Featherhills."

"Several residents encouraged the commission to be careful about imposing additional business restrictions, which could limit business opportunities to the wealthy. Some residents said the city, rather than businesses, should take the lead in providing more parking areas."

Already, high prices are forcing offices south to Hailey and, as a result, Hailey is getting the lunch money and other business. Ketchum resident Lana Moseley said.

"It would be positive to add the wording, 'Support locally owned business,' in your plan," Badell said.

"And also the arts. Nowhere in your plan do you talk about supporting the arts."

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“Always made myself a promise that I would never go inside the Hall of Fame unless I made it.”

—Former Major League baseball manager **Sparky Anderson**, freed from self-exile Tuesday with his election into Cooperstown

Rain or shine, Eagles open today

By **Jeff Rosen**
Times-News sports editor

TWIN FALLS — “Wait a second.” College of Southern Idaho assistant coach **Boomer Walker** says, his hand raised in a stop sign, eyes glued to the clubhouse television.
“This is our favorite channel in the springtime. Better than Sportscenter.”

With that, talk of the baseball team’s home opener at the **McDonald’s Slugout**, which is back on deck today after a year’s absence, turns to pressing matters: The local weather forecast.
Verdict? Rain or snow

McDonald’s Slugout

What: The College of Southern Idaho’s home opening baseball tournament
When: Today through Saturday
Where: At Frontier Field and Twin Falls High School
Who’s playing: C.S.I.; Ricks College, Spokane Falls

overnight, mid-40s and rain early today, 49 degrees Thursday, 50 on Friday and 54 Saturday. A south Idaho warming trend in the works.



C.S.I. vs. C.C.S.N., 4 p.m., Frontier Field

C.C. (Wash.); Edmonds C.C. (Wash.); C.C. of Southern Nevada; Prairie Baseball Academy (Lethbridge, Alberta)

Today’s game: C.S.I. vs. C.C.S.N., 4 p.m., Frontier Field

“You don’t think they mean 54 at 5 p.m., do you?” the Golden Eagles’ defensive coordinator deadpans, gesturing to the tournament schedule and the start time

of Saturday’s championship contest.

Point taken: The host Golden Eagles will plan to be playing in that game, and not the game for third or fifth place on Saturday.
“I think this is a real tune-up for us,” said head coach **Jim Walker**. “Conference play begins next week. It’ll be a real competitive tournament.”

A glance at the level of talent in town for the wood-bat tourney bears him out. Slated to participate are Ricks College and Prairie Baseball Academy, a pair of seasoned Washington state teams in Edmonds and Spokane Falls community colleges and the

young but proven Community College of Southern Nevada, which beat Southern Idaho 1-0 and Dixie College 10-8 last week at its own Coyote Classic.

Barring a rain-out (the Golden Eagles practiced briefly Tuesday before wind and showers’ made doing so miserable), Southern Idaho opens this afternoon against the Coyotes, who left their metal bats at home this week.

“We’re hoping to get good crowds out,” the younger Walker said. “The guys are very, very excited to play Southern Nevada again. They’re a very good club.”

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TODAY’S SCHEDULE

Women’s college basketball
Region 18 Tournament, at Ephraim, Utah— CSI vs. Snow, 8 p.m.

College baseball
McDonald’s Slugout Tournament
CSI vs. Southern Nevada, 4 p.m.

Boys’ basketball
Class A-4 state tournament
Oakley vs. Council, 1:45 p.m.
Murtaugh vs. Kendrick, 1:45 p.m.
Camas Co. vs. Mackay, 3:15 p.m.
Richfield vs. CV, Christian, 8 p.m.

Bowling
Mixed Tournament, at Jerome

IN BRIEF

Peewee Wee basketball begins Thursday

TWIN FALLS — Peewee Wee League co-ed basketball for children in second and third grade starts Thursday and continues through the first four Thursdays in March at Twin Falls High School.

The sessions will begin at 5:30 p.m., with registration taken beforehand at 5 p.m. Cost per player is \$15, with girls from the Twin Falls High School team slated to coach and officiate. Teams will be randomly picked at each session. For more information, call TFFHS girls’ basketball coach **Lawrence Pifferferlo** at 733-6551, Ext. 3054 days, or 734-6623 evenings.

Pleasant Valley opens for the season today

KIMBERLY — Pleasant Valley Golf Course opens to the public for the season today.
Amenities include a restaurant, snack shop, car rentals and a driving range. Cost for nine holes is \$8; a round of 18 is \$12. Call for junior and senior rates. For more information, call PGA course professional **Al Rohweder** at 423-5800.

Local boys invited to register for league

TWIN FALLS — Local boys ages 9-12 are invited to play Cal Broken Baseball.
Information about the league will be available at sign-ups Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at the Parks and Rec building, located at Harmon Park. Contact **Pete Turner** at 734-7443 for more information.

Rodeo association accepts registration

TWIN FALLS — The Southern Idaho Junior Rodeo Association is now accepting applications for the 2000 season.
There will be 10 sanctioned events throughout the Magic Valley beginning in April. Age division will include Pee Wees (8 and under), Juniors (9-14), High School (15-19) and open. Events include barrels, Foles, Breakaway roping and Goat tying. This year’s open barrel racing will be co-approved with the American West Association. For more information or a membership application, contact **Lana Parker** at 536-2772.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

COMING DOWN HARD



San Antonio’s **Antonio Daniels** (33) is fouled by Miami’s **Tim Hardaway** during the second quarter Tuesday in San Antonio. Hardaway was called for a flagrant foul on the play. For more NBA coverage, see Page C-3.

A-4 schools take aim at state title

Four area teams open tournament

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Four teams will be representing the Magic Valley when play begins this afternoon in the Class A-4 boys’ high school basketball state tournament at Vallivue and Caldwell high schools.

The four local squads will compete against 12 other teams from across the state for the right to play Saturday afternoon for the state title.

Leading the Magic Valley contingent will be District IV top seed **Oakley**. The Hornets roll into the tournament riding a five-game win streak, including a dramatic last-second victory over **Richfield** in last week’s A-4 District IV championship game.

“We’re prepared, and we have enough weapons to win the state tournament,” said **Oakley** coach **Jeff Harrah**. “We will go, play tough, have some fun, and see what happens.”

The **Richfield Tigers** should also be a formidable contender, as they lost to **Oakley** by the slimmest of margins on a last-second three-point shot by **Trevor Cranney** in the district finals.

The **Tigers** enter the tournament as the District IV, No. 2 seed.

Although **Murtaugh** is the third-seeded team from District IV, the **Red Devils** have experience on the field. Last year, **Murtaugh** advanced to the first game before falling to **Mackay**, 64-54.

“We have a slight advantage because we have bright kids back who have been there before,” said **Murtaugh** head coach **Clair Anderson**, whose team beat **Dieterich** in the district tourna-

BOYS’ State Tourney

Class A-4 boys’ state high school basketball tournament

Today:
At Vallivue H.S.
Oakley vs. Council, 1:45 p.m.
Camas Co. vs. Mackay, 3:15 p.m.
At Caldwell H.S.:
Murtaugh vs. Kendrick, 1:45 p.m.
Richfield vs. Cole Valley
Christian, 8 p.m.

ment to secure its third consecutive state tournament appearance. “District IV should make a good showing at the tournament because we’re sending four good teams.”

Fourth-seeded **Camas County**, meanwhile, has its work cut out for it opening with defending state champion **Mackay**. But the **Mushers** have shown they can win tough postseason games. After losing to **Richfield** in the second-round of the sub-district tournament, they emerged from the losers’ bracket to beat the **Tigers** and force a decisive second game.

Here’s a look at each Class A-4 team vying for the title this week:

Camas County Mushers
Coach: **John Lutz**, 1st year
Record: 17-11
Road to State: **Forest IV** fourth seed
Lost to **Murtaugh**, 29-18 in final game of the district tournament.
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Cities, state, SLOC reach agreement on event costs

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Legislature agreed Tuesday to give up \$13 million in Olympic sales tax in exchange for Salt Lake City’s word that the state won’t be liable for any municipal costs related to the games.

Leaders in cities with Olympic venues have expressed concern about municipal costs related to the 2002 Winter Games, such as plowing roads, increased law enforcement and transportation costs.

Senate Bill 272, sponsored by Sen. **John Valentine**, is an effort to resolve those fears.

Under the bill, the state has agreed not to collect sales tax on Olympic ticket sales, estimated at \$13 million.

Instead, the Salt Lake Organizing Committee will collect that money, throw in \$2 million of its own money and whatever federal dollars can be attracted and put into a bank account.

Valentine said the federal funds could total as much as \$15 million.

Venue cities with Olympic costs would then be permitted to draw on that account for their public safety and city services related to hosting the games.

“It’s a way to get the funds to the venue communities without those communities having to go to their taxpayers,” Valentine said. “It has worked out a major problem that has been looming over the games since the day we got the bid.”

Valentine’s bill passed the House and Senate and has been sent to Gov. **Mike Leavitt**.

As part of the agreement, Salt Lake City has agreed to waive an indemnification agreement as it applies to city services.

Salt Lake City Councilman **Tom Rogan** is bothered that the city had to give up its indemnification agreement without any formula guaranteeing the city’s share.

“I’m not tickled by it,” he said. “We’re the only one that gave up anything... I just think a far fairer arrangement could have been put together.”

Rogan was the sole dissenter when the council agreed to the Legislature’s terms last week.

Sparky Anderson gets call from Hall

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — **Sparky Anderson**, the only manager to win World Series titles in both leagues, was elected Tuesday to the Hall of Fame.

The Veterans Committee, however, failed to elect anyone in the former major league player category for the first time since 1993. **Bill Mazeroski**, **Mel Harder** and **Gil Hodges** all had been candidates.

Negro leagues star **Turkey Stearnes** and 19th century second baseman **Bid McPhee** also were selected by the 14-man panel.

Anderson, who retired after the 1995 season, ranks third in the career victories list with 2,194. He guided Cincinnati to World Series titles in 1975 and ‘76 with the **Big Red Machine**, and he led **Detroit** to the championship in 1984.

On July 23, **Anderson** will become the 16th manager inducted into the shrine at Cooperstown, N.Y. He will be joined by former **Reds** first baseman **Tony Perez**, and Boston catcher **Carlton Fisk**, both elected in January by the **Baseball Writers’ Association of America**.

Longtime **Reds** broadcaster **Marty Brennaman** also will be inducted.
“It doesn’t seem real,”

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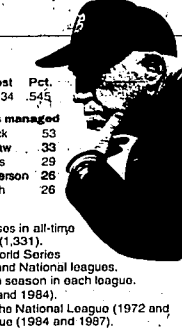
George Lee “Sparky” Anderson
Born: Feb. 22, 1934

Manager	1970-1995
Cincinnati Reds (NL)	Won 2,194 1,834 545
Detroit Tigers (AL)	

Most major league games managed	Most years managed
Connie Mack 7,679	Connie Mack 53
John McGraw 4,711	John McGraw 33
Bucky Harris 4,375	Bucky Harris 29
Sparky Anderson 4,028	Sparky Anderson 26
	Gene Mauch 26

Career highlights

- The only manager to lead two franchises in all-time victories—Cincinnati (1963) and Detroit (1,331).
- The only manager to lead teams to World Series championships in both the American and National leagues.
- The only manager to record a 100-win season in each league.
- Won three World Series (1975, 1976 and 1984).
- Named Manager of the Year twice in the National League (1972 and 1975) and twice in the American League (1984 and 1987).



AP graphic

Anderson said from his home in Thousand Oaks, Calif. “The older I get, the less real it will be. I might be the only person from South Dakota ever elected. That’s a weird thing.”
Even though **Anderson** man-

aged the **Tigers** for a longer period, his Hall of Fame plaque will have a Cincinnati cap. He credited former **Reds** general manager **Bob Hovsman** for hiring him and wanted to pay tribute by wearing a Cincinnati cap.

SPORTS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

NFL: Brown is done with suspension

NEW YORK — Orlando Brown won't have to sit out any more games for showing a referee... The Cleveland Browns announced Tuesday that the NFL decided that their right tackle had been punished enough for forcefully pushing Jeff Triplett to the ground in a game against Jacksonville last Dec. 19.

Minor league team will take Strawberry

NEWARK, N.J. — If Darryl Strawberry wants to play ball during his one-year suspension, count the Newark Bears... "If he wants to play somewhere, we want to have him," Dave Popkin, a spokesman for the unaffiliated minor league team in New Jersey's largest city, said Tuesday.

Compiled from wire reports

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Clark Fork Wampus Cats
Coach: Bob Hays, 2nd year
Record: 16-2
Road to State: Won North Star regular season title and went undefeated at District I Tournament, easily defeating Kootenai and Falls Christian.

Cole Valley Christian Chargers
Coach: Gordon Bayles, 4th year
Record: 16-2
Road to State: Cole Valley lost its first game at the district tournament, but they defeated Gem State Academy, Noun, Idaho City and Cascade to become the fifth-seeded team from the district.

Council Lumberjacks
Coach: David Howe, 4th year
Record: 14-8
Road to State: Finished first in the Long Pin Conference (13-3), then took second to Meadows Valley in the conference tournament, Council is the fourth-seeded team from District III.

Falls Christian Eagles
Coach: John Ehrlich, 20th year
Record: 14-8
Road to State: 2nd year in North Star Conference. Defeated Mullin in District I Tournament, fell to Clark Fork in championship game.

Genesee Bulldogs
Coach: Jerry Jaques, 3rd year
Record: 13-10
Road to State: District II runner-up. Key players: 61 sr. Travis Greiner (15 ppg, 10 rpg); 61 sr. Jesse Alberts (10 ppg, 8 rpg); 5-11 fr. Mike Davis (9 ppg); 61 sr. Nate Hylton.

Greenleaf Friends Academy Grizzlies
Coach: John Ehrlich, 20th year
Record: 13-10
Road to State: District II runner-up. Key players: 64 sr. Jordan Carroll (13 ppg, 11 rpg); 64 sr. Bobby Truxas (8 ppg, 7 rpg); 64 sr. Kyle Kyrer (6 ppg).

Meadows Valley Mountaineers
Coach: Bryan Koller, 6th year
Record: 13-10
Road to State: Meadows Valley defeated 3rd year on Saturday to earn the A-4 District III crown. The Mountaineers had a rocky start (0-5 record in the A-4 Long Pin Conference regular season), but have finished strong and bring an 11-game win streak into the tournament.

Kendrick Tigers
Coach: Glen Bradley, 14th year
Record: 13-10
Road to State: District III champion. Key players: 5-10 sr. Tim Silllow (13 ppg); 6-1 jr. Nate Elieher (13 ppg, 8 rpg); 60 sr. Justin Clements (6 ppg); 61 sr. Andrew Hottenger (5 ppg); 61 sr. John Elieher.

Mackay Miners
Coach: Sheldon Rosenkrantz, 6th year
Record: 13-10
Road to State: The top-seeded Miners rolled through the District IVV Tournament with decisive wins over Clark County and Rockland.

Richfield Tigers
Coach: Gary Ward, 5th year
Record: 13-10
Road to State: District IV, No. 2 seed. Lost to Oakley, 42-39, in a last-second, three-point tie in the district championship game.

Rockland Bulldogs
Coach: Dan Paluga, N/A
Record: 13-10
Road to State: No. 2 seed from District V. After getting a first-round bye in the district tournament, the Bulldogs beat North Gem, lost to Mackay, then beat Clark County.

Troy Trojans
Coach: Brad Main, 10th year
Record: 17-5
Road to State: District II, No. 3 seed. Key players: 57 sr. Zak Payne (12 ppg, 6 rpg); 5-10 sr. Shawn Heston (13 ppg); 5-10 sr. Randy McCall (8 ppg); 61 sr. Alec Jensen (6 ppg).

Oakley Hornets
Coach: Jeff Harrah, 4th year
Record: 16-7
Road to State: Richfield 42-39 for the District IV title on a three-point tie at the buzzer by senior guard Trevor Cranney.

Wildcat Wildcats
Coach: Mario Betancourt, 1st year
Record: 13-10
Road to State: Wildcat fell to Meadows Valley 65-63 in the District III championship game. The Wildcats enter as the District III, No. 2 seed.

Scenic West Standings

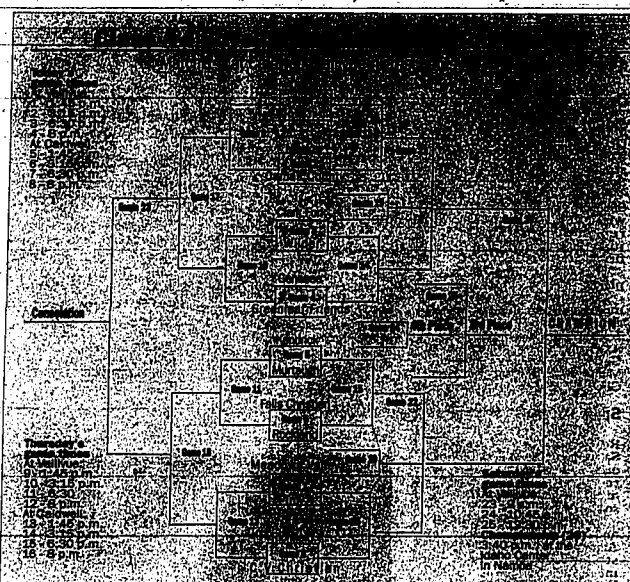
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CSI

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last year with a wrist injury, is out again. Unable to pitch in Las Vegas with what was believed to be strep throat, it's now feared he has mononucleosis. His status remains unclear. "It's just one of those tough breaks," Jim Walker said... Edmonds and Spokane Falls play in the NWAAC, which switched to wood bats exclusively before last season. An added bonus having them here? CSI's players and coaches get a one-year checkup on their progress 12 months removed from aluminum...

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Large advertisement for Cycle City featuring a 22nd Anniversary Sale on Yamaha ATVs. Includes text: 'No Down Payment. No Payment and No Interest for 3 months.**', 'Feb. 28th - March 4th Refreshments • Financing OAC', 'YAMAHA V STAR CLASSIC \$99* \$250', and 'LOOK AT IT THIS WAY: YOU'LL NEVER HAVE TO PUT IT OUT OF ITS MISERY.' Includes images of Yamaha ATVs and Kawasaki motorcycles.

SPORTS

Orlando holds off late charge by SuperSonics

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Ron Mercer scored 27 points and the Orlando Magic never trailed in breaking a five-game losing streak with a 103-94 win over the Sonics.

Seattle cut Orlando's lead to 99-92 on a layup by Gary Payton with 1:37 left, but Mercer responded with consecutive jump shots to give Orlando its first victory since Feb. 16.

Orlando shot 51 percent as six players scored in double figures. Mercer's 27 points were the most he has scored for Orlando since joining the Magic in a Feb. 1 trade with Denver. Darrell Armstrong scored 18 points, Pat Gray 14, John Amaechi and Monty Williams had 11 each and Chucky Atkins chipped in 10.

Spurs 93, Heat 69
SAN ANTONIO — David Robinson scored 19 points as the San Antonio Spurs took control early and cruised to a 93-69 victory over Miami on Tuesday night, holding the Heat to a season-low point total.

Terry Porter added 15 points and Avery Johnson, 14, for San Antonio, which played its third straight game without the injured Tim Duncan, who is sidelined with a lower abdominal strain. San Antonio has won three of its last four games.

Miami, which had a four-game winning streak snapped, was led by P.J. Brown's 16 points. The Heat played without center

NBA
Alonzo Mourning, who was out with a sore left ankle.

Homets 92, Timberwolves 87
MINNEAPOLIS — Elden Campbell scored 22 points and the Charlotte Hornets snuffed a three-game losing skid despite the absence of Derrick Coleman. Coleman, the Hornets' second-leading scorer and rebounder, sat out with a sprained right ankle, which he injured in Charlotte's loss to Seattle on Monday night.

Suns 100, Cavaliers 93
CLEVELAND — Jason Kidd's third steal of the game helped the Suns finish the game with an 8-0 run.

Penny Hardaway scored 22 points to lead six Suns in double digits, but was careless in the final quarter. Kidd scored 21, and his steal of a pass by Shawn Kemp with less than 40 seconds to play helped Phoenix hold the Cavaliers scoreless over the final 2:35.

Kidd was fouled by Allen Miller and made both free throws to give the Suns a 98-93 lead with 36.4 seconds to play. Two more free throws by Kidd in the final seconds finished the scoring.

Pacers 115, Pistons 105
INDIANAPOLIS — Reggie Miller scored 24 points and Jalen Rose had 20 as Indiana overcame the absence of Dale Davis and Al Harrington to extend its home winning streak to 23 games.

Grant Hill led the Pistons with 37 points and Jerry Stackhouse added 32, but they got little help from their teammates. The Pacers have not lost at Conseco Fieldhouse since Detroit beat them 107-99 on Thanksgiving Day.

Raptors 87, Bulls 80
TORONTO — Vince Carter had 26 points and Tracy McGrady hit his career-high with 15 rebounds as Toronto beat Chicago.

The Raptors went on a 11-2 run late in the fourth quarter to send the Bulls to their first straight loss. Toronto tied a franchise record with its 30th win of the season.

76ers 106, Mavericks 87
PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson, playing with a partially torn rotator cuff, made 15 of 18 shots and scored 25 points.

Iverson, who had been listed as day-to-day with the right shoulder injury, wore a bandage on his shoulder blade. He scored on his first shot, a driving layup, and was 7-for-9 in the first quarter for 15 points.

Black Magic closes in on Cup

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) — New Zealand's Black Magic sailed within reach of America's Cup history, pushed along by a colossal tactical blunder by Italy's Luna Rossa.

At 17 knots, veteran sailors aboard the untouchable black boat got it away in routing Luna Rossa on 3 1/2 minutes, 49 seconds on Wednesday (Tuesday in the U.S.) to take a 4-0 lead in the best-of-9 series that resumed after two week-long postponements due to lack of wind.

As usual, there were only low-key congratulations aboard Black Magic: Handshakes, pats on the back and a quick smile and wave from skipper Russell Coutts, who on his 38th birthday matched a record with his ninth straight

American's Cup match victory. The reception will be completely different if the Kiwis can win Race 5 on Thursday, making New Zealand the first country other than the United States to defend the oldest trophy in sports. And Europe will have to wait until 2003 for another chance to try to win back the silver cup that Britain lost to the yacht America in 1851.

In closing in on their second straight 5-0 final victory, the Kiwis are establishing themselves among the most dominating crews in America's Cup history.

Coutts tied Charlie Barr's record of nine straight victories, set in three defenses from 1899-1903 when the New York Yacht Club turned back the first three of five straight challenges by tea

baron Sir Thomas Lipton. Coutts skipped Team New Zealand to a second of Dennis Conner off San Diego in 1995. Australia, the only other country to take the America's Cup from the United States, couldn't hold on to it. Conner came Down Under in 1987 and won it back in a 4-0 rout off Fremantle.

This victory came "about because Italian tactician Tullio Granel, an America's Cup rookie, inexplicably gave away a two-length lead on the upwind first leg by breaking sailing's golden rule of covering the competition. In failing to stay between Black Magic and the buoy marking the end of the leg, he let the Kiwis take the right side of the course and the broader starboard tack advantage."

Hossa's barrage helps Senators sink Bruins

BOSTON (AP) — Marian Hossa scored twice — 36 seconds apart, during a four-goal second period in the Ottawa Senators' 5-3 victory Tuesday night over the Boston Bruins.

Ottawa grabbed a 4-0 lead before the Bruins scored three times in the final period to get back in the game.

Chris Phillips scored his fourth goal into an empty net with 12 seconds remaining to seal the win.

Cameron Mann, Sergei Samsonov and Joe Thornton scored for Boston.

Devils 2, Predators 1
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Randy McKay scored 19 seconds into his 700th NHL game and Martin Brodeur made 35 saves, leading New Jersey over Nashville.

New Jersey has won two straight following an 0-4 slump, while Nashville lost for the eighth time in 10 games.

John Madden, who was stopped on a penalty shot during the Devils, starting a seven-game road trip. Brian Rafalski assisted on both New Jersey goals. Nashville's Vitali Yachukin scored with 7:38 left in the third.

Maple Leafs 4, Thrashers 0
ATLANTA — Newly acquired Gary Tucker had a goal and an assist as Toronto won its fourth straight victory at Atlanta.

Atlanta, which lost for the 15th time in 16 games, managed only

14 shots. The expansion Thrashers lost 1-2 against Northeast Division teams.

Blues 3 Flyers 2
ST. LOUIS — Rookie Marty Reasoner, Bob Bassen and Chris Pronger each scored to lead St. Louis over Philadelphia.

The Blues have won seven in nine while Philadelphia had a five-game winning streak snapped. St. Louis, with 88 points, is tied with New Jersey for the NHL lead. Peter White, playing in only his third game of the year for Philadelphia, scored his first goal. Peter Zelepenko also scored for the Flyers.

Philadelphia, which leads the league in power-play scoring, was shut out on four opportunities.

BASKETBALL

NBA Standings

Conference	Team	W	L	Pct.
Eastern	Orlando	21	17	.556
	Charlotte	21	18	.543
	Washington	17	21	.447
	Atlanta	16	22	.420
	Miami	15	23	.395
	Boston	15	23	.395
	Philadelphia	13	25	.344
	Northeast	10	28	.263
	Dallas	10	28	.263
	Phoenix	9	29	.237
Western	San Antonio	21	17	.556
	Denver	20	18	.526
	Portland	19	19	.500
	Utah	17	21	.447
	Los Angeles	16	22	.420
	San Diego	16	22	.420
	Oakland	15	23	.395
	Golden State	15	23	.395
	Memphis	13	25	.344
	Seattle	12	26	.315

NBA Standings (Continued)

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Indiana	21	18	.543
Toronto	19	20	.488
Pittsburgh	19	20	.488
Cleveland	19	20	.488
Chicago	19	20	.488

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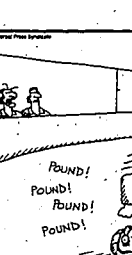
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IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore

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ON THE AIR

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5:30 p.m.	NBA, Jazz at Pistons	FSP2	42
8 p.m.	College basketball, TBA	ESPN	31
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CBA Standings

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Calgary	14	11	.560
St. Louis	14	11	.560
Chicago	13	12	.520
Phoenix	12	13	.480
Colorado	12	13	.480
San Jose	11	14	.438
Vancouver	10	15	.400
Washington	10	15	.400

GOLF

PGA Tour Schedule (through April)

Date	Tournament
Jan. 8-13	Masters Tournament (Tiger Woods)
Jan. 15-20	Bob Hope Chrysler Classic (LPGA)
Jan. 21-26	PGA Tour (Ryder Cup)
Jan. 27-30	PGA Tour (Ryder Cup)
Feb. 1-4	PGA Tour (Ryder Cup)
Feb. 5-8	PGA Tour (Ryder Cup)
Feb. 9-12	PGA Tour (Ryder Cup)

RODEO

Money Leaders

Rank	Name	Points
1	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	1,100
2	Jeff Burton	1,050
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YACHTING

America's Cup Finals

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State Farm Women's Tennis - Classic

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Wrestling

Wrestling

Team	W	L
San Jose	12	2
San Jose	11	3
San Jose	10	4
San Jose	9	5

HOCKEY

NHL Standings (Continued)

Team	W	L	Pct.
San Jose	21	17	.556
San Jose	20	18	.526
Los Angeles	19	19	.500
Los Angeles	18	20	.476
Los Angeles	17	21	.447

TENNIS

Openenhopen Open (Continued)

Player	W	L
Amelia Simons	12	2
Michelle Gruney	11	3
Christine O'Connell	10	4
Julie Ditty	9	5

SPORTS

Catchers break bones at spring training

The Associated Press

It was a bad day for catchers at spring training, with Brook Fordyce of the Chicago White Sox and Tom Lampkin of the Seattle Mariners learning injuries will sideline them for 4-6 weeks each.

Fordyce broke a bone on the top of his left foot during an intrasquad game Tuesday in Tucson, Ariz., feeling it crack when he tried running from first base to second on a pitch in the dirt.

"I don't know what happened," Fordyce said. "I felt a crack and then it felt like my foot split in half."

The 29-year-old catcher, who signed a \$1.5 million, two-year contract with the White Sox on Nov. 17, is the team's No. 1 catcher.

"I can't say I'm frustrated because things happen," Fordyce said. "I just need to think about what I need to do to get back on the field as soon as possible."

Lampkin, Seattle's backup, needs arthroscopic surgery to repair torn cartilage in his right knee.

"This is a minor item they'll fix, and then I'll be ready for the rest of the season," he said in Peoria, Ariz.

He felt the pain this spring, but assumed nothing serious was wrong — until the team's first sliding drills on Sunday.

"I didn't hurt it during sliding drills, but I noticed it then," Lampkin said. "I already had blocked balls, caught pitchers and run after that. It was a full workout. I couldn't sleep that night and then I got up yesterday morning and knew something was wrong with it."

Elsewhere:

Los Angeles Dodgers reliever Mike Fetters, impressive in the early days of spring training, strained a left quadriceps muscle during a rundown in an

intrasquad game in Vero Beach, Fla.

"I'll be all right in a couple days, I think," said Fetters, a 35-year-old right-hander who signed a minor league contract with the Dodgers in December. "I'll know more in the morning."

After skipping his throwing program two days in a row because of shoulder stiffness, Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Curt Schilling felt well enough to continue his rehab Tuesday in Clearwater, Fla.

Schilling also had arthroscopic surgery Dec. 13 and probably will miss at least the first six weeks of the season, played catch for 13 minutes with bullpen catcher Ramon Hernandez.

"There was some tightness, but not enough to not throw," Schilling said. "It's just really kind of like a pinball. I have to bump and get it back, and what ever happens, happens and I've got to accept it."

Schilling lobbed 100 throws in the outfield grass at the Carpenter Complex, the first 75 from 60 feet and the rest from 90 feet.

In nearby Dunedin, Toronto Blue Jays catcher Darren Fletcher started rehabilitation of his right knee less than 24 hours after arthroscopic surgery to repair a slight tear.

And John Rocker, suspended until May 1 for his offensive comments against gays, foreigners and minorities, agreed to a one-year contract with the Atlanta Braves.

Terms of the contract with not immediately available. The 25-year-old left-hander was one of the Braves' lowest-paid players last year at \$217,500.

Rocker had 38 saves, one short of the franchise record, but does not have enough major league service to be eligible for arbitration. That severely limited his bargaining power and probably meant a contract of \$300,000 to \$350,000.



Russian tennis star Anna Kournikova returns a volley during a match with Alina Jidkova at the State Farm Women's Tennis Classic Tuesday in Scottsdale, Ariz. Kournikova was recently engaged to Pavel Bure of the Florida Panthers.

Bure-Kournikova matchup creates buzz

MIAMI (AP) — From Soho to South Beach to Scottsdale, the engagement of Anna Kournikova and Pavel Bure created a buzz Tuesday worthy of two international sports celebrities.

The Russian couple made front-page news in Europe, with London tabloid headlines saying "Anna Nets a Husband" and "Kourna is Comered." In South Florida, following practice with the Florida Panthers, Bure was confronted by TV cameras and reporters asking whether the news was true.

"Maybe, yeah," the media-shy Bure said. "We'll discuss details when she gets back."

Photographers were on alert in Scottsdale, Ariz., where Kournikova was scheduled to play a first-round match in a WTA tournament Tuesday night.

According to witnesses, Bure proposed to Kournikova on Friday at The Forge, his favorite restaurant in trendy South Beach. Free-lance photographer Manny Hernandez shot the couple cuddling at their table.

"They were happy," Hernandez said. "Usually she's very private and doesn't like any pictures. I just happened to be there, and there were other people with point-and-shoot cameras who were taking pictures, too."

Shareef Malik, owner of The

Forge, said he toasted the engagement with Bure and Kournikova on Friday night, The Miami Herald reported.

Kournikova, 18, and Bure, 28, are neighbors in a South Beach high-rise condo and have dated for months. The Panthers charity auction offering dinner with the couple sold earlier this month for \$12,500. She attends Panthers games, and he plans to watch her play in the Ericsson Open in late March on Key Biscayne.

Kournikova, ranked 10th, has yet to win a tournament on the WTA Tour. But her sex appeal has changed the image of the women's game, and she rivals fellow tennis-agers Martina Hingis and the Williams sisters in popularity.

Bure, nicknamed the Russian Rocket, is pretty photogenic himself. He's also the NHL's leading scorer with 43 goals.

Bure's former teammate in junior hockey, Detroit Red Wings center Sergei Fedorov, dated Kournikova for more than two years and was with her at Wimbledon last year. She has also been romantically linked to tennis players Nicolas Pietrangeli and Mark Knowles.

Kournikova reportedly was seen kissing Australian star Mark Philippoussis at the Australian Open in January, but she said they were "just good friends."

Garciaparra scales back workouts

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Nomar Garciaparra's rigorous workouts made him stronger and heavier. Might he also be more prone to injury?

Boston's shortstop endured hamstring and groin injuries last year. He has a sprained ligament in his right knee now that will force him to cut back his workouts for about a week. He describes them as "freakish things."

But he has gained about 40 pounds and plenty of power in less than five years.

"People are going to say everything they want, but I separated my shoulder in college, too. They don't say, 'man, you're too big then,'" Garciaparra said Tuesday. "They're not complaining when the guy is hitting 30 homers or doing all this other stuff either, so it makes me laugh."

An MRI Tuesday confirmed that the AL batting champion has a sprained ligament. He was hurt last Friday when his right foot slid as he tried to plant it while fielding a ground ball.

"There goes the pennant," Red Sox first baseman Mike Stanley joked as he passed a group of reporters surrounding Garciaparra in the clubhouse.

Garciaparra said he felt discomfort in the knee but was improving every day and proba-



Boston Infielder Nomar Garciaparra, last season's American League batting champ, swings the bat for a photographer during picture day Tuesday at the Red Sox spring training camp in Fort Myers, Fla.

bly could play if the injury occurred during the regular season. The primary treatment, he said, is rest.

In 1995, Garciaparra hit 267 with eight homers in 513 at-bats at Double-A Trenton. In 1996, he hit 343 with 16 homers in 172 at-bats at Triple-A Pawtucket. In his last three seasons with Boston, he hit 92 homers.

He's hit for more power as his weight has increased from about 150 pounds at Trenton to about 190 now.

"I came in weighing less than I weighed in last year," he said. "I came in more flexible."

Known for his strenuous training regimen, Garciaparra worked out in the offseason in Arizona with his trainer from his college

days at Georgia Tech, Mark Varstege.

"He treats you as an individual, sports specific," Garciaparra said. "We're able to develop where I needed to be power-wise, keep the flexibility, doing everything you're supposed to do, the things I needed to do in my sport."

Now he can't do everything, although on Tuesday he did hit in the batting cage, play catch and take flips from second baseman Donnie Sadler while standing by the base.

"Me taking a week off isn't sitting at home," Garciaparra said. "It's probably the best thing, taking it nice and light."

He also trotted about 100 feet from a group of fans he signed autographs for back to the Red Sox clubhouse. But he isn't running at full speed or laterally.

"I'm going to go out there and do everything I can so when I am back I'm not far behind at all," he said.

With the exhibition season starting Thursday, there's no need to rush him.

"You don't need to play 30 games in order to get ready," he said.

"We'll just let it run its course; it's five days, eight days," Red Sox manager Jerry Williams said. "The most important game is when we get to Seattle (for Opening Day) so we have some time."

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Associated Food Stores celebrates

TWIN FALLS - Associated Food Stores is observing its 60th anniversary today, and independent grocery-store members will mark the event with anniversary activities. To boost their buying power, 34 independent grocers bound together to form a small wholesale cooperative 60 years ago, the Salt Lake City-based group said. Now it has 590 members throughout the Intermountain West and provides them complete warehouse facilities and services.

"Forty percent of the grocery industry is controlled by four or five corporations. The independent being able to provide foods and services to small communities is essential," said Associate's chief executive, Rich Parkinson. Associated said a new campaign for its store brand, Western Family, tells customers its products are "Best in the West." Plans for a new warehouse are underway, sales are on the rise and the retailer-owned co-op is counting on the independent grocer to prevail, it said. Participating Associated members in the Magic Valley include: Hagerman Foodtown, the IGA Super Center Lynwood market in Twin Falls, Stokes Food Center in Burley, Cosimeno's Country Store in Hollister, Piper's Shopping Center in Richfield, Riddle's Food & Drug in several Magic Valley towns, Bliss Country Store, Cook's Food Town in Gooding, Swenmart in Twin Falls, several Swensen's locations, Simerly's in Wendell, Sawtooth Food Town in Shoshone and William's Market in Filer and Twin Falls.

Computer company announces partnerships

SALT LAKE CITY - Evans & Sutherland Computer Corp. on Tuesday announced three new partnerships, including one with Aspen Resource Consultants.

These new sales partners will deploy E&S RAPIDsite, a professional land development visualization tool, throughout southern Idaho, southern California, Utah and Australia. In addition, the companies will train customers to use the tool and provide installation and implementation services.

"Each of these partners is a highly skilled specialist in providing 3D visualization products and services to the land development community, and will help E&S provide its revolutionary professional visualization solution to a broader audience of land developers, civil engineers, landscape designers and municipal planners," said Robert Ard, E&S group vice president. "Aspen Resource Consultants does urban and regional planning, landscape architecture, resource planning, architectural design and project management throughout Utah and southern Idaho."

Compiled from staff reports

Uncertainty looms as trade obstacle

TF entrepreneur spends some time waiting, wondering

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls entrepreneur aggressively developing international markets for her products has a message for the other Idaho companies she has inspired:

"People who want to get into this really need to know that there are some downsides," said Tamara Hamilton-Harney of Hamilton Manufacturing Inc.

Even the Idaho Department of Commerce director's "poster company" for international business has her bad days.

After a recent overseas negotiation trip, Hamilton-Harney has a Philippines-area company's signed letter of intent to purchase hydroseeding supplies for a huge road-construction project. But a week after sending the company a formal purchasing contract for signatures, she was still wondering and waiting earlier this week.

Hamilton-Harney's lengthy follow-up letter received a two-sentence reply with no indication of how - or when - the company intends to proceed.

"It's frustrating not knowing



exactly where you stand," said the local manufacturer of recycled-paper products.

Hamilton-Harney knows her investment in developing foreign customers carries a risk: "You can spend a lot of time and money and not get anywhere," she said. It's an unusual episode after the year Hamilton Manufacturing has spent "successfully" courting

international trade has been getting attention around the state as a growing benefit to Idaho's economy. Some Magic Valley companies, even small ones, have been aggressive in developing foreign markets for local products such as pork, potatoes, wheat ingredients and insulation. Since April 1999, Times-News

Shanghai-based construction giant Yongge Group as a business partner. Those efforts yielded a product order for Hamilton, Yongge's attention for other construction-related companies in Idaho, and an honorary Shanghai trade representative for Idaho. That success is why Hamilton.

Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins has tracked the effort of one such Twin Falls manufacturer. Our case study is Hamilton Manufacturing Inc., which recently reported annual sales of \$2.3 million and recycles about 15 million pounds of paper a year. Watch for more in coming months on this company, and efforts to expand foreign trade.

Harney was invited to speak at the 2nd Annual International Trade for Idaho Businesses Seminar, set for Thursday in Burley.

Her gracious, developing relationship with Yongge's general trade representative for Idaho. Please see TRADE, Page D3

Western business



Trung Dung, founder and chief technology officer of software start-up OnDisplay Inc., sits outside his office building in San Ramon, Calif. Dung has found success in the United States after escaping from Vietnam 15 years ago.

Idaho pins hopes on China trade

The Times-News and The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Magic Valley wheat farmers waited almost a year for news that came this week.

A small sale of U.S. wheat to China is being touted by the Clinton administration as evidence that the Chinese intend to make good on the concessions they made to win improved trade relations.

Idaho's congressional delegation said the sale signals better wheat prices to come, along with more substantial purchases of Idaho wheat.

The \$6 million deal announced Monday is the first purchase of U.S. agricultural goods under an agreement China made in November to get U.S. backing for its entry to the World Trade Organization and end annual congressional reviews of its U.S. trade status.

China agreed in April to end its ban on Northwest wheat, but local growers were too wary to celebrate much then. Some said they would wait to see China actually accept Idaho wheat before counting on higher prices.

This week's deal will be the first sale of wheat to China from the Pacific Northwest - Idaho, Oregon and Washington - in more than two decades. Before the agreement, soft white wheat shipments from the region had been barred because of China's contention that the grain contained excessive amounts of fungus.

"We hope that there will be many more such purchases to come," Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said in a speech to the National Farmers Union in Salt Lake City.

The time has finally arrived to move this wheat from the grain elevators in Idaho to the ships that will bring the grain to China," said Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho.

Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., said the wheat purchase "demonstrates the potential

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High hopes feed software success

The Associated Press

SAN RAMON, Calif. - It took Trung Dung three tries before he escaped Vietnam on a fishing boat. He then spent a year in a refugee camp before landing in America with a sprinkling of English and \$2 in his pocket.

Looking back, he remembers hope, not hardship. "When I grew up, it's just like there is no opportunity. There is no future," he said. But on coming to the United States, "suddenly, I see all this opportunity that I have."

Fifteen years later, Dung (pronounced Young) is an Internet success story, founder, and chief technology officer of the soft-

ware maker OnDisplay Inc., which has seen its stock triple since going public in December. "You try, and then good things happen," he said.

Based in San Ramon, a computer city on the outskirts of Silicon Valley, OnDisplay makes software that allows Web site operators to retrieve information from other sites and present it in a convenient format. That means they don't lose visitors or customers to other sites.

Dung is in partnership with former Sybase database division head Mark Pine, 45, who was lured out of early retirement after a chance meeting with Dung about five years ago.

OnDisplay employs about 100

people and has 120 customers, including Sabre Inc.'s Travelocity, which uses the software to get information from different hotel and airline sites and display prices and availability to customers.

The company specializes in the growing field of business-to-business software, known as B2B, that concentrates on finding ways to make it easier for businesses to swap information.

OnDisplay announced in January it was buying Cambridge, Mass.-based Oberon Software Inc. for about \$180.7 million. Oberon makes software that helps companies deliver online business services faster.

It's all a long way from Dung's

modest beginnings. Dung, 32, started out life as the relatively privileged son of a small-town mayor in South Vietnam. But after the North Vietnamese conquered in 1975 his world fell apart. His father was jailed; their property confiscated. His mother began plotting their escape.

The third try was a success: After a week at sea, the travelers reached an oil rig owned by Indonesia and were given asylum.

A year in a refugee camp followed - Dung was joined by his sister after three months - and then it was on to Boston. He arrived on a cold May day armed

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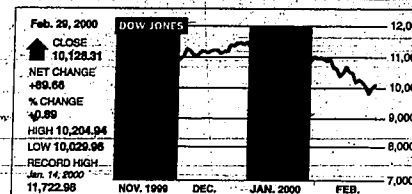
Consumer confidence slips in February

NEW YORK (AP) — Consumer confidence slipped in February from its record-setting January mark, suggesting rising interest rates and gas prices are taking their toll.

continue to fuel U.S. economic growth. The Conference Board said Tuesday its Consumer Confidence Index dipped to 141.8 in February from 144.7 in January, the latter a 33-year high.

reading remained above December's 141.7. The results were lower than the 143 that Wall Street analysts had expected, helping ease worries about inflation.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 89.66 points at 10,128.31 Tuesday, adding to Monday's gain of more than 176 points.



U S West chief will step down after merger

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — U S West president, chairman and chief executive officer Sol Trujillo said Tuesday he will step down from the company once its \$40 billion merger with Qwest is complete.

"For this merger to work for customers and shareholders alike, it is essential for the leadership to be in full alignment on all these key issues," said Trujillo in a letter he had decided to accommodate the views of my counterpart so that he can shape the people selection, organization and government of the new company.

A telephone message seeking comment from Qwest officials was not returned immediately.

But while Trujillo had a broad view of the powers that office would have, Qwest has a much narrower one, said Phillip Burgess, vice president for communications at U S West.

Nasdaq hits new record

NEW YORK (AP) — Technology stocks soared Tuesday, propelling the Nasdaq composite index to a new record and helping the Dow Jones industrial average extend its recovery from last week's steep sell-off.

Microsoft stock price skyrockets

The Times-News

The Nasdaq rose 118.84 to close at 4,696.69, easily surpassing its previous closing high of 4,617.65, reached last Thursday. Nasdaq volume also set a record, with 2.08 billion shares changing hands.

BOISE — Shares of Micron Technology Inc., the biggest U.S. maker of computer-memory chips and a major Idaho employer, rose as much as 28 percent Tuesday amid a rebound in chip prices and signs that demand for its products is rising.

Wheat

Continued from D1 long-term benefits of improved trade relations with China. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said the sale was "a welcome first step."

normal trade relations on a permanent basis. Farm-to-lawmakers who support the move have said China needs to make some significant purchases of U.S. agricultural products to sign the deal, which is good on the concessions it made.

The tariff on beef alone would drop from 45 percent to 12 percent.

from the Pacific Northwest is a significant breakthrough for the U.S. wheat industry and we hope it is just the beginning of a new relationship with this potentially multimillion-ton wheat market," said Alan Tracy, president of U.S. Wheat Associates, the industry's export arm.

Broader indicators also rose sharply Tuesday. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 18.37 to 1,366.42, while the Russell 2000 index of smaller companies surged 20.03 to 577.71, a new record.

Micron rose 17 7/16 to 19.12 in mid-afternoon trading of 17.6 million shares; the report said. Earlier, the shares touched a record high of 100.

Allowing shipments from the Pacific Northwest will save on freight costs and help U.S. farmers compete with producers in other countries for sales in the huge Chinese market.

Glickman said U.S. farmers risk losing sales to Europe, Canada, Australia and Argentina if Congress does not approve the China trade deal.

The Agriculture Department claims sales of farm products to China could triple to \$3 billion annually under terms of the agreement.

The purchase includes 30,000 tons of soft white wheat, 10,000 tons of hard red winter wheat and 10,000 tons of hard red winter wheat.

Companies that make computer chips and high-tech equipment for the Internet were among the strongest performers after investment banks Salomon Smith Barney and Chase H&Q issued wide-ranging recommendations on those sectors.

"Micron in particular has seen pretty weak pricing over most of this calendar year, and the last couple days, there's been strength in the spot market," he said.

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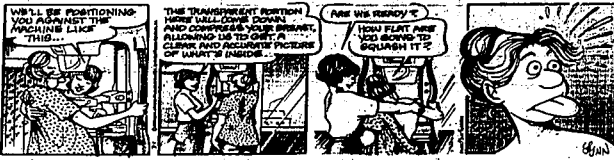
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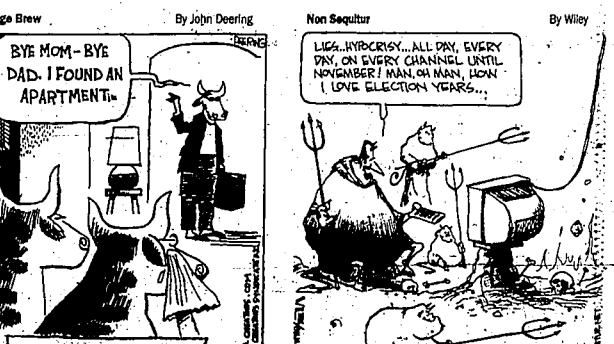


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Make the most of space

Q: How Can I Make The Most of Hidden Spaces for Storage?

A: Drawers, closets and other storage spaces are often the victims of benign neglect. But a coat of paint or the right container can make a utilitarian spot prettier, more playful, even more useful, with a minimum of cost or effort.

UNDER THE BED
Take advantage of under-bed space with stylish storage boxes on casters. Use them to hold blankets, pillows, extra bedding and seasonal clothing. Either ask an unfinished-furniture store to make you simple boxes without decorative fronts, or use orphaned drawers from a bureau or even wine crates.

To determine the height of the box you'll need, measure the distance between the bottom of the bed frame and the floor. From this number, subtract 1 1/2 inches (for clearance) plus the height of your casters. Paint the boxes to match the room's decor; as an alternative, prime them and cover them with wallpaper. If necessary, reinforce each corner of the box (where you'll place the casters) by gluing a flat, triangular piece of wood on the inside or the outside. Position the casters on all four corners and mark their placement with a pencil. Screw the casters into place. To make a handle, attach a drawer pull to the center front of the box, or secure a loop of wide sturdy ribbon (about 10 inches long) to the inside of the front of the box with upholstery tacks, allowing the loop to hang over the front.

CLOSETS AND CABINETS
Transform a closet by painting the inside walls and ceiling an unexpected color - a vivid violet, cheerful green, sunny yellow. You can also dress up a closet with wallpaper, or add wooden storage boxes (for hats, gloves, socks). Enliven the inside of a bookcase, armoire or china cabinet with a coat of colorful paint.

DRAWERS
Line the bottoms of drawers with printed fabric or velvet. First, cut a rectangle of thin chipboard or particleboard to fit the drawer (or ask the hardware store to cut it). Cut a piece of fabric 2 inches longer on each side than the board. Fold the edges over the board, and secure to the back with glue. If the fabric is bulky, you may need to clip it at the corners so it lies flat. Glue ribbon tabs on each end of the board so you can easily lift out the insert for cleaning - or to make it easy to change the look of the space someday.

In the kitchen, line knife drawers in artists' drawing-board liner (available at art-supply stores). It has a slightly rubbery surface that prevents knives from sliding around, and it also wipes clean easily. For silverware, choose a fabric with a subtle flannel, available at fabric stores.

MEDICINE CABINETS
Found objects and flea-market finds make appealing and practical keepers for toiletries. Store cotton swabs and cotton balls in vintage teacups, cream pitchers or small Mason jars; stash bobby pins and hair clips in porcelain egg cups. Sprinkle salt into a jar from a tin sugar shaker. Set combs, makeup brushes, emery boards and hair scissors in vintage mugs or glasses. Use the bottom of a cast-off butter dish as a plate to hold toothpaste and other tubes.

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Learning to cook country style

Like many farm girls, Jerome woman cooked for the threshers

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times News correspondent

JEROME - Great-grandmother Shirley Kunsman grew up cooking for the family on a farm near Richmond, Utah, in an era when neighbors helped neighbors. Her grandmother taught her to cook. Back then, neighbors worked together. The men would make up large threshing and haying crews that would go from farm to farm harvesting the grain and hay. The women would start cooking at dawn to feed the crews of hungry men.

With only two girls in her family, Kunsman was often called upon to help cook for the threshing and haying crews. The dining room table would be filled with meat and potatoes, gravy, rolls and pies.

In 1948, when Kunsman was a young woman, she moved with her family to the Magic Valley. She has lived in Murtaugh, near Curry Crossing and in Jerome. Although she's been retired for seven years, she worked for a bean company for about 15 years. There, fellow employees always requested her pies and baked goods for company dinners.

In the last few years, she started decorating wedding cakes for friends and family. She has three children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She loves gardening, playing golf, bowling, crocheting and watching her grand-



Jerome resident Shirley Kunsman puts the finishing touches on her Easy Fruit Crisp Dump Cake Dessert.

sons play basketball and baseball. She also loves to experiment with food, to see what she can create.

Here are a few of her experiments that she's particularly proud of.

EASY FRUIT CRISP DUMP CAKE DESSERT
1 can (21 ounces) cherry pie filling
1 can (8 ounces) crushed pineapple, undrained

1 package yellow cake mix
1/2 cup margarine
Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spread pie filling and pineapple in ungreased 13-by-9- inch pan.

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As weather warms, bulbs spring to life



Red and yellow cut tulips are worth waiting for, and cultivating with care.

Warm spells leave gardeners confused

Sometimes, about now, the weather throws curve balls. Temperatures warm up, then a cold snap follows, or things warm up and stay up. Other times, the weather's normal - whatever that is.

People can throw their coats on and off. But what about gardeners? Do we take plants in a cold snap? Do we take garden mulch off? What is the right thing to do?

"We get frantic calls when erratic temperatures cause gardeners to panic," said Sally Ferguson, director of the Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center in New York City. "People want to do something. They want to protect spring bulb flowers that have come up, but doing nothing is usually the right thing to do. Tulips are tough. They can take whatever Mother Nature dishes out. They've accustomed to spending winters outdoors, underground."

According to Ferguson, it is not unusual for warm spells to prompt tulips, daffodils and hyacinths to suddenly pop up, often weeks and even months ahead of schedule.

"When that happens," she said, "just leave the plants as they are - don't run out and cover them

Gardeners can now get bulbs by the six-pack

What's new on the spring scene? Six packs of potted tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and crocuses. For Americans accustomed to buying flats of fully grown summer annuals, pre-sprouted spring "bulletines" should have a ready appeal. Increasingly, supermarkets, home and garden centers, and florist shops - and at least one gardening site on the Internet - are offering flats or six packs of young potted bulb plants in seasonal displays.

This is a boom for those who forgot to plant last fall - or just want more spring-blooming flowers to brighten the lengthening days of spring. For instant spring, it's hard to beat pots of stout-stemmed, tight-budded tulips, daffodils and other spring flowers.

Following are tips from the Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center on how to get peak performance from these green-leaved messengers of the season.

• Whether planning to display the flowers inside the home or outdoors, buy potted tulips and other spring bulb flowers when at a young stage with buds formed but not yet fully emerged. Watching the plants grow and mature can provide weeks of enjoyment, culminating in full bloom.

• Bulbs are generally offered in plastic or terra cotta pots. They can be left "as is," or dressed up by reporting or double potting in a decorative container. To report, gently up out the nursery pot contents (keeping bulbs and soil intact to avoid root damage). Repot in a more attractive container with a drainage hole and saucer for collecting water. To double pot, lower the potted plant (still in its nursery pot) into a prettier container that is just slightly larger. You can use a nice container with no drainage hole (often called a cachepot) or a pot with a drainage hole and saucer. Water to keep the soil moist but not soggy. The best technique is to put the pot in the sink, water well so water pools inside the pot rim, then let water drain out the pot bottom.

• Indulge yourself - or treat a friend - with instant plantings of colorful tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, crocuses, iris reticulata and other spring flowers. Buy potted bulbs when the stems are short and the buds are formed but not open.

• After acclimating nursery-grown potted plants to outdoor weather in a protected but unheat-



Pink cyclamen and blue delft hyacinth signal the arrival of spring in a colorful, stylish way.

ed pot for a day or two, they can be planted outdoors in the garden or in large weatherproof pots.

• When ready to plant out, water pots well and let drain. To remove bulbs from a pot, tip the pot gently remove the contents from the original nursery pot and plant in a group or cluster.

• To replant various plants in different configurations or in different mixes of varieties, tip the plants out of the nursery pot and very carefully separate the plants, being careful not to damage the roots. Plant as you would annuals into well-drained soil, then water well.

• For best success when planting nursery-grown potted bulbs outdoors, wait until routine extended freezing temperatures are no longer likely. Though not as tough as fall-planted bulbs (which can generally handle whatever Mother Nature dishes out), spring-planted nursery-grown bulbs can generally adapt to life outdoors under cold but not deep freeze, growing conditions.

• If temperatures in your area are still dropping close to freezing, don't worry, but take precautions. To minimize risk, plant nursery-grown bulbs in protected areas where wind and cold exposure is reduced. Should 24-hour freezing temperatures occur, cover nursery-grown bulbs with a protective material such as straw or leaves.

• Repot your spring-purchased bulbs into your own containers, choosing containers large enough to withstand cold and wind exposure. Planting out a single set of bulb flowers looks great - pairing several looks even better! Choose either all-of-a-kind (three pots of red tulips, perhaps), or mix and match different colors or types that will bloom together or in succession (orange tulips, blue muscari and yellow daffodils make a nice team).

Sometimes a bit of instant color is just what the doctor ordered - when you want it or when you need it. Did you miss a spot last fall? Did the squirrels invade? Is your mother-in-law coming? Or your agent - whether literary, real estate or theatrical.

Since it's fun - and inexpensive too - why not surprise a friend or parent with an instant spring garden? When visiting, bring a pot or two of tulips and a trowel. Before ringing the bell, find a barren spot by the door and sink the bulb flowers in. (Water them before you go.) Soon enough, they'll be noticed.

With flower bulbs, waiting is always half the fun!

FOOD & HOME

Now is the time to prune, but be sure to do it right

Now, before the buds break, before the sap flows, between the late winter-early spring storms... we prune.

We prune to shape, and to encourage strong growth in the trees.

First, we need to know how to prune: Always cut a branch back to its origin—look for a crinkly line of bark at the base of the branch. That is the branch collar. Cut maybe a quarter inch above that, but no more.

Never leave a stub. Trees don't know what to do with stubs. They don't have the right hormones to close off that kind of wound, so those ugly stubs never really heal; they just invite infection and rot into the core of the tree, until one day you have a hollow tree that falls on your head.



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

Don't put anything on the cut. If you cut at the right place, the tree will heal the wound quickly. Anything you put on the wound will only seal in bacteria, fungus or maybe a bug or two. Let the tree take care of it.

Dear Cathy, We would like to improve

our yard, put some color and interest into it, but are limited by a \$60 budget. What can we do?

Tight Purse Strings

Dear Purse Strings, Oh what fun you have before you go immediately to the garden center and pick out all your favorite flowers and vegetables—from the seed rack. Begin saving your milk and eggs cartons. Cut the milk cartons down to about 3 or 4 inches tall; fill leaving about an inch clear at the top, with potting soil. Not the dirt from your yard. You do need sterile potting soil. Use the egg cartons to plant individual seeds.

About the first of April, it will be about six weeks before we can count on frost-free days. That's the time to plant your

seeds and get them growing in your windowsills. When you do set out your flowers, be sure to put vegetables right in the flower beds. You might be surprised to see how pretty they can be. Happy gardening.

Tip of the Week: The National Arbor Day Foundation is once again offering 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees when you join. Your membership only costs \$10 a year, and you get little 12-inch conifers in the bargain.

Colorado blue spruce are wonderful for wind and sight screens. They only get to be about 25 feet in diameter, so they can be used in many yards. The trees will be shipped at the right time to plant between March 1 and May 31, and come

with planting instructions. They are guaranteed to grow.

To become a member of the foundation and receive your free trees, send \$10 to "Ten Free Colorado Blue Spruce Trees," National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410.

MINI-CASSIA READERS: Can't wait to see you at the Mini-Cassia Home and Garden Show between 1 and 3 p.m. March 11 at the Snake River Plaza in Burley. Please drop by.

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

Woman was raised to cook with soul

By Cassandra Sprattling
Detroit Free Press

Kunda Tibbs grew up in a home blessed with a mama and a daddy who both knew how to cook.

Her parents, Peter and Ollie Tibbs, learned their way around the kitchen in their hometown of New Iberia, La., about 150 miles west of New Orleans. For most folks, from those Paris, cooking and eating sumptuous Southern dishes were as common as sunshine at high noon.

By church on Sunday afternoons, or on most any day at anybody's dinner table, you were likely to find steaming greens and ham hocks, melt-in-your-mouth macaroni and cheese, crispy fried chicken, piping hot corn bread, buttery sweet potatoes in pies or casserolles, and a cake—plus a pound cake, just because it was always good to have one on hand.

Like many African Americans who migrated north, the Tibbesses brought that tradition of country cooking known as soul food with them.

As a child, Kunda Tibbs, one of their seven daughters, learned to cook as she watched, helped to chop and licked the bowls at their northwest Detroit home. As an adult studying dietetics at Michigan State University, she learned that many of the foods that tasted good to her were not good for her.

Tibbs is one of a growing number of black Americans who are modifying soul food recipes to make them good for the heart as well as for the soul.

With a grant from the Michigan Public Health Institute and the Michigan Department of Community Health, Tibbs wrote a booklet that presents 33 heart-healthy versions of foods she knows and loves. "Healthy Food, Healthy Soul: African American Cooking" is available through the state health department.

MACARONI AND CHEESE
2 cups dry elbow macaroni

1/2 cup Eggbeaters or favorite egg substitute
4 cups skim milk
1 teaspoon Mrs. Dash original salt-free blend or favorite salt-free seasoning blend
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon salt substitute
1 cup light cheddar cheese
1 cup shredded Velveeta cheese
3 teaspoons light margarine, softened
Nonstick cooking spray

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
Bring 1/2 gallon of water to a boil. Add the macaroni and stir. As soon as the water returns to a rapid boil, cook for another 5 minutes or until the noodles are tender. Turn off the heat, drain the noodles and rinse with cold water to cool them. Drain again and set aside. In a medium bowl, combine the egg substitute and milk. Add the salt-free seasoning, black pepper, paprika and salt substitute. In a separate bowl, combine the macaroni and the cheddar and Velveeta cheeses with the margarine. Spray a 3-to-4-quart baking dish with nonstick spray. Pour the macaroni mixture into the dish. Pour the egg mixture over the macaroni. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes or until bubbly. Remove and let stand about 10 minutes before serving. Makes 10 1/2-cup servings.

PEACH COBBLER
4 pounds sliced peaches
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 cup brown sugar
3 tablespoons cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon salt substitute
4 tablespoons flour
9-inch premade pie crusts
3 tablespoons cold low-fat margarine, cut up
Nonstick cooking spray
Preheat the oven to 425 degrees.
Drain most of the juices from the peaches. Place the peaches in a bowl and set aside. Mix together the sugars, cinnamon, nutmeg, salt

substitute and flour; add the peaches and mix well. Line a 9-by-12-inch pan with two of the pie crusts. Pour the peaches in the pan. Scatter the cold margarine over the peach mixture, then place the two remaining crusts over the peaches. Pierce the top crust with slits to allow steam to escape. Spray the top of the cobbler with the cooking spray. Bake for 15 minutes at 425 degrees, then reduce the temperature to 350 degrees and cook for another 45 minutes until the cobbler is brown and bubbly. Makes 12 servings.

CRISPY OVEN-BAKED CHICKEN
2 chicken thighs
8 chicken breasts
2 chicken drumsticks
Nonstick cooking-spray
1 cup skim milk
Breading:
1 cup bread crumbs
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon poultry seasoning

1 tablespoon Mrs. Dash original salt-free blend or substitute favorite salt-free seasoning blend
1 teaspoon lemon pepper
1/2 teaspoon Creole seasoning
Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.
Remove the skin from the chicken pieces. Lightly coat a baking sheet with cooking spray. Place all of the breading ingredients in a large resealable bag. Seal and shake well to mix. Place 2-3 chicken pieces at a time in the skim milk to moisten, then put them in the bag and shake to coat thoroughly. Put the breaded chicken on the baking sheet. Repeat until all of the chicken pieces are breaded. Lightly spray the chicken with more of the cooking spray. Place the baking sheet on the bottom rack of the oven and bake for 1 hour, turning the pieces every 15 minutes to allow for even browning. Makes 12 servings.

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

This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes have become increasingly less and less effective in today's market. The fact of the matter is that fully three quarters of homeowners don't get what they want for their homes and become disillusioned and worse - financially disadvantaged when they put their home on the market.

As this report uncovers, most homeowners make 7 deadly mistakes that cost them literally thousands of dollars. The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes is entirely preventable.

In answer to this issue, industry leaders have prepared a free special report entitled "The 9 Step System to Get Your Home Sold Fast and For Top Dollar".

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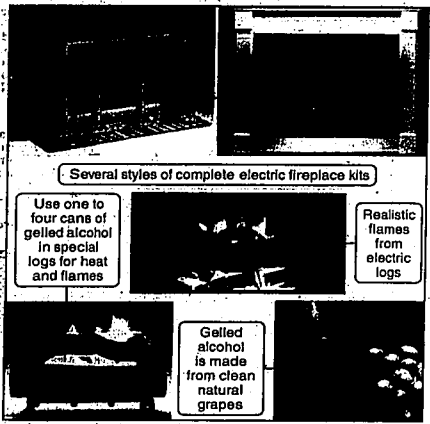
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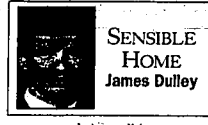
Complete, realistic-flame fireplaces can be installed in minutes.

Dear Jim: On a recent new home tour, I saw a beautiful electric fireplace with flames that looked realistic. It gave off heat and even made a crackling log sound. Are these models very efficient to use?
-Ron R.

Dear Ron: Fireplace kits with new electric logs are hard to distinguish from a real fire. Since they just plug into a standard wall outlet, you can have a crackling warm fire in about ten minutes after you get it home. If you already have a fireplace, just buy the electric log/heater unit.

The hand finished real wood, marble, stone, etc., fireplace surrounds and mantels rival the best gas log fireplaces. Since high heat is not a factor, attractive bookcases and shelves can be built in close to the opening. Some of the electric logs themselves are real wood, not fake ceramic or concrete.

What makes electric fireplaces ideal is that you can use them year-round. The electronics used to create the realistic flames consumes less than 200 watts so it won't increase the cooling load on



Sensible Home
James Dulley

your central air-conditioner. In the winter, switch on the built-in electric heaters with blowers and thermostats that are built into most models. These produce heat 100 percent efficiently just like any small electric room space heater. As an engineer and former Star Wars toy designer for Kenner, I marvel at the simplicity of the methods used to produce the very realistic looking flames. Some models even allow you to vary the appearance of the flames from that of a raging fire to just relaxing lazy flickering flames.

One of the neatest designs is the VisiFlame electric log. This design uses a smoked acrylic plastic movie-type screen in the back of the logs. Red and gold lights create the embers and also reflect off foil ribbons onto the smoked screen. A tiny adjustable blower

makes the ribbons (flames) dance.

Other designs use a combination of various colored lights and rotating disks to vary and project the flickering flame image. Special screening creates a smoky appearance. To simulate the realistic woodburning crackling sound, a spinning foil drum hits against a special plastic sounding material.

Another simple-to-install complete fireplace option is a gelled-alcohol fuel model. These burn

cans of natural gel-fuel made from grapes. The cans are placed inside ceramic logs. They burn up to four hours and look real. Each 16-ounce can produces about 2,500 Btu of heat per hour as it burns.

Write for Update Bulletin No. 680 - buyer's guide of 11 electric and gel-fuel logs and fireplace kits, heat outputs, flame types and features. Please include \$3 and a business-size SASE.

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Brownie pie wins Pillsbury Bake-Off

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Roberta Sonefeld's Cream Cheese Brownie Pie was good enough to win the \$1 million first prize Tuesday at the Pillsbury Bake-Off.

Preparation Time: 15 minutes. Ready in 4 hours, 5 minutes.

Ingredients:
1 Pillsbury Refrigerated Pie Crust from 15-oz. package, soft as directed on package
1 8-oz. package cream cheese, softened
3 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 eggs
1 15.1-oz. package, Pillsbury Thick n' Fudgy Hot Fudge Swirl Deluxe Brownie Mix
2 tablespoons water
5 cup chopped pecans

Reserve hot fudge packet from brownie mix for topping. In large bowl, combine brownie mix, oil, one tablespoon of the water and remaining two eggs. Beat 50 strokes with spoon.

Spread 5 cup brownie mixture in bottom of crust-lined pan. Spoon and carefully spread cream cheese mixture over brownie layer. Top with remaining brownie mixture, spread evenly. Sprinkle with pecans.

Bake at 350 degrees for 40 to 50 minutes or until center is puffed and crust is golden brown. If necessary, cover edge of crust with strips of foil after 15 to 20 minutes of baking to prevent excessive browning. Pie may have cracks on surface.

Place hot fudge from packet in small microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high for 30 seconds. Stir in remaining tablespoon water. Drizzle fudge over top of pie. Cool three hours or until completely cooled. Store in refrigerator.

This recipe makes eight servings and contains 600 calories, 320 from fat, per serving.

Directions: Heat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare pie crust as directed on package for one crust filled pie using 9-inch pie pan.

In medium bowl, combine cream cheese, sugar, vanilla and one of the eggs; beat until smooth. Set aside.

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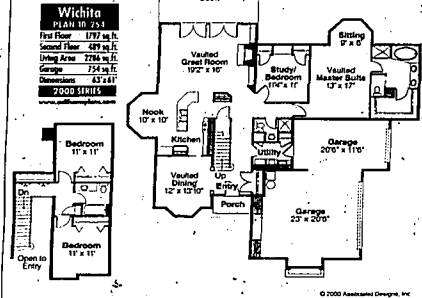
Stucco, brick and multiple roof lines combine to make the Wichita visually appealing from every angle. Brick corner quoins add sturdiness and impart a sense of permanence.

This plan has a side-entry three-car garage with a workbench and storage. What it doesn't have is a living room, but for many contemporary families, that's no loss. Family members would likely spend most of their time in the bright and spacious great room anyway. Two sets of French doors provide natural illumination, and a vaulted ceiling enhances the sense of openness. Shelves flank the fireplace.

The bayed dining room also has a vaulted ceiling, and a pocket door allows you to shut out the noise and mess of the kitchen. Kitchen and nook have 10-foot ceilings. Cozy as a living room, the half-octagonal nook is a great place to linger over a morning cup of coffee or tea. Sink and dishwasher are built into a long work island! A storage closet is under the stairs, opposite another storage area. Utilities and a small powder room with a shower are mere steps away, equally convenient to the garage.

The master suite serves as a quiet adult retreat. Its bayed sitting area is ideal for reading or sewing. Bathroom features include a soaking or spa tub, a large shower, twin linen, a walk-in closet and a private toilet. The adjacent room can be outfitted as a bedroom, study or office. It has a window seat, nestled between two closets.

Two more bedrooms are upstairs in the Wichita, along with a bathroom and a long stor-



age closet. The front-facing dormer window could be built with a window seat.
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Love doesn't compute; use a garden variety de-icer

Knights Ridder News Service

Love doesn't compute: You may love your home computer too much. In a survey of 386 families nationwide, Ikesa found that parents living in homes with three or more computers were the least likely of all those surveyed to have romantic interludes in the morning. People in computer-owning households were four times more likely to say that they did something romantic once or twice a year, compared to at least twice a month in households without computers.

A garden variety de-icer: Fertilize your sidewalk? According to a Penn State pro-

fessor of ornamental horticulture, garden fertilizer is a safe alternative to salt for melting ice on sidewalks. Rock salt can damage lawns, shrubs and ground-cover plants, says

Robert Nuss. "Fertilizer is not quite as effective as salt for melting ice, but it is beneficial to plants if applied in about the same quantities recommended for sodium compounds."

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By-2-inch pan. Stir together cake mix (dry) and margarine in large bowl, until crumbly. Sprinkle evenly over fruit. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until light brown. Serve warm or cool. Top with Cool Whip or cream.

SWEET DREAMS PIZZA
1 roll of Pillsbury refrigerated cookie dough
8 ounces cream cheese
3 cups powdered sugar
12 ounces Cool Whip
Press the dough into a pan. Bake at 350 for 12 minutes. Cool. Mix the cream cheese and powdered sugar till smooth. Then fold in the whipped cream and spread on the crust. Add your choice of toppings - shredded coconut, chocolate chips, pecans, M and Ms, Reese's Pieces or other candies. Or use fruits - cherries, pineapple, berries, kiwi, strawberries, cherries. (If using canned fruit, drain well before adding to the pizza.)

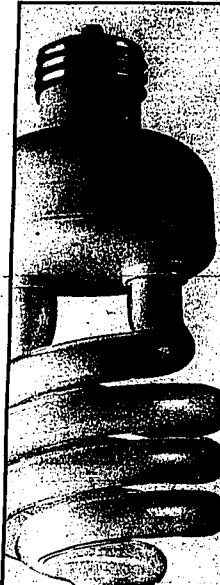
TUNA TRIANGLES
12-ounce can tuna, drained and flaked
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
2 tablespoons ranch dressing
8-ounce can crescent rolls
Add chopped green peppers, onion, celery etc., if desired. Combine the tuna, shredded

cheese and dressing. Separate the dough and shape into 4 rectangles on a cookie sheet. Cut each rectangle in two pieces so you have 8 rectangles on the cookie sheet. Mound some tuna mixture onto one side of a rectangular piece of dough and fold one corner over to form a triangle. Repeat with the rest of the tuna mixture and dough rectangles. Press the edges of the triangles with the tines of a fork to seal closed. Bake at 375 degrees for 14 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

CHOCOLATE CINNAMON ROLLS
3/4 cup warm water
1 package active dry yeast
1/4 cup shortening
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup sugar
1 egg
1/3 cup cocoa
2 1/4 cups sifted enriched flour
1 tablespoon soft butter
1 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
3 teaspoons sugar
Pistachio nuts, almonds or pecans
In mixer bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water. Add shortening, salt sugar, egg, cocoa and 1 cup flour. Beat for 2 minutes on medium speed. Scrape the sides and bottom of the bowl. Stir in remaining flour, blend well. Scrape the sides of the bowl. Cover with a cloth

and let rise in a warm place until double in bulk, about 1 hour. Stir down by beating 25 strokes, turn soft dough out onto well-floured board. Roll into rectangle, 12 inches by 9 inches, spread with butter. Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar mixture. Roll up, beginning at wide side. Pinch the edges to seal. Cut into 12 pieces. Place in a greased 9-inch square pan. Let rise in a warm place until double in size, about 45 minutes. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Bake 25 minutes. Remove from pan. Frost top immediately with icing (3/4 cup sifted powdered sugar moistened with cream or milk to spreading consistency). Sprinkle with chopped nuts. Serve warm.

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FOOD & HOME

Bread pudding makes everything better

By Deborah Byrd
Knight-Ridder News Service

Neither man nor woman lives by bread alone. Sometimes we need bread pudding, too.

In her book "Puddings A to Z" (Eighthon Mifflin Co.), Marie Simmons writes of having to move, reluctantly, to the East Bay because of her husband's job. But it was this dessert that cheered her. "Once I had unpacked by cooking gear and filled the house with the aroma of bread pudding, my resistance to the move began to subside."

In true Cook's Illustrated style, editor Christopher Kimball tinkered with the proportions until, like Baby Bear's porridge, his bread pudding was just right.

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL'S BREAD PUDDING

Serves 6 to 8
4 large, 3/8-inch thick slices country bread, about 4 1/2 cups when cubed
3 tablespoons unsalted butter, room temperature
2 cups milk
1 cup heavy cream
4 large eggs
2/3 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 tablespoon brandy, rum or bourbon
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
Heat oven to 325 degrees.
Butter a 1 1/2- to 2-quart baking dish. Coat bread slices with 2 tablespoons of butter. Remove the crusts if desired. Cut into 3/4-inch cubes and reserve. Whisk together the remaining ingredients and then add the bread cubes. Combine with a rubber spatula and let soak for 15 minutes. Pour into the prepared baking dish and bake for 45 minutes or until the sides are firm and a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Let stand for at least 20 minutes before serving.

white-garbed Cistercian nuns gave the little English village of White Lilies Aston its name now preserved in the name of the pudding, writes Marie Simmons. She suggests serving it plain or with sliced strawberries and a spoonful of cream.

WHITE LADIES PUDDING

Serves 6
3 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
3/4 cup unsweetened shredded coconut
5 slices firm sandwich bread, crusts trimmed
2 cups milk
3 large eggs
1/3 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
Generously butter a 10-inch pie plate or 10-inch square baking dish with some of the softened butter. Sprinkle with 1/2 cup of the coconut. Spread the slices of bread generously with the remaining softened butter. Stack the slices and cut them into four squares. Arrange, slightly overlapping, in the pie plate or baking dish. Heat the milk in a small saucepan until small bubbles appear around the edges. Whisk the eggs and sugar in a medium bowl until well blended. Slowly stir in the hot milk and stir to dissolve the sugar. Add the vanilla. Pour through a sieve over the bread. Sprinkle the top evenly with the remaining 1/4 cup coconut. Let stand for 30 minutes, pressing down on the bread occasionally so it absorbs the custard evenly.

4. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees with a rack in the center. Heat a kettle of water to boiling. Set the pudding in a larger baking pan. Place the baking pan in the oven and add enough boiling water to come halfway up the sides of the pie plate or baking dish. Bake until the custard is set and the top is lightly browned, 30 to 35 minutes. Remove from the oven and let the pudding cool in the water bath. Serve warm or at

room temperature.

This sauce is recommended for any steamed pudding.

LEMON SAUCE

1/2 cup sugar
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1 cup boiling water
2 tablespoons butter
1/4 cup lemon juice
Grated rind of 1 lemon
Few gratings nutmeg (optional)

Pinch of salt

Mix the sugar and cornstarch together in a small saucepan. Add the boiling water, stirring constantly. Boil 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and swirl in the butter, lemon juice and rind, optional nutmeg and pinch of salt. Serve warm.

-From "The Fannie Farmer Cookbook," by Marton Cunningham

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FOOD & HOME



Martha Stewart recently unveiled her 1,000-plus Everyday Garden collection.

Kmart carries latest from Martha empire

By Jura Knolus
The Washington Post

NEW YORK — Hold on to your hedge clippers. Brand Martha is branching out again. Coming in April to a Kmart is Martha Stewart's latest effort to add zing to the lives of mass-market shoppers: stylish outdoor furniture, garden tools, live plants, seeds and barbecue gear-right down to the mesquite wood chips.

The 1,000-plus items in the Martha Stewart Everyday Garden collection, unveiled at a flower-filled press lunch here recently, reflect their namesake tastemaker's legendary attention to detail and zeal for perfection.

"I hate it when I go into somebody's property and see ugly green hoses," Stewart told the group of 100 reporters and magazine editors gathered at posh restaurant Daniel (invitations had arrived printed on Martha seed packets). "They don't have to stick out in the landscape. That's why mine are gray or olive green."

There she goes again. The woman who turned domestic arts into the spectator sport of the 1990s is now into beautifying middle America's patios and decks. This time, the focus is on creating an outdoor oasis lit by romantic low-voltage lanterns and furnished with "Montecito" sling chairs and "peach" colored oval-domed grills (that hold a whole turkey). The 350 varieties of seeds in the collection were and the plants photographed in Martha's Connecticut garden.

The Kmart collection — from the faux-terra-cotta urns to the basket-weave wicker chairs — is

inspired by Martha's Own Stuff. The "Norwood Sprinkler" was named after one of her gardeners.

"I've done inventory in almost all of her properties (at last count five homes and one fab New York apartment)," said Terry Sutton, a vice president of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia. "A lot of the furniture she buys is old. We take elements and re-create them."

Like other Stewart endeavors — her successful Martha Stewart Living magazine, her best-selling books, her Emmy-winning TV show, her Martha-by-Mail catalogue, her Web site — the collection had to pass exacting standards. You'd expect nothing less from the billionaire executive who handed-out flaky broche and fresh-squeezed OJ to Wall Street traders on the morning her company went public last October.

Geraniums have been bred to eliminate what she calls that "acid" smell (hers have a minty or lemony scent). Outdoor cushions that sell for \$8.99 have been plumped with poly-fill. A \$3.99 hand trowel colored a soft sage green is tagged with specific care instructions: "Wipe free of loose dirt after each use; oil occasionally."

The cake mix: I made it from scratch

By Carol J.O. Ward
Knight Ridder News Service

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Confession is good for the baker's soul. If you don't believe it, consider this: When we asked readers to share their sneaky little cake mix secrets, we were inundated with recipes.

"I learned in Home Ec class that mixes are OK as long as you use them with a creative twist," said Linda Reed of Elgin, "(but) even now I hide the box when my mother-in-law comes in the kitchen."

Creative cooks have been fiddling with cake mixes since they appear in grocery stores more than 50 years ago. But many, like Reed, who dubs her cake mix creations "cheater recipes," still feel a tinge of guilt when forced to admit their baked goods technically aren't made from scratch.

Here are some recipe you don't have to feel guilty about.

STRAWBERRY-PECAN TORTE

- 1 package (18 1/2 ounce) yellow cake mix
- 4 eggs, separated
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 2 cups heavy cream, slightly sweetened and whipped

1 package (10 ounces) frozen strawberries, partially thawed

Pecan halves

Whole strawberries

Prepare cake as directed on package, substituting 4 egg yolks for whole egg. Spoon batter into 3 (9-inch) cake pans. Beat egg whites, gradually adding sugar. Beat until stiff and sugar is dissolved. Divide egg whites into thirds, and spread evenly over each pan of cake batter. Sprinkle evenly with the chopped nuts. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 25-30 minutes. Remove and cool for 10 minutes. Carefully turn cake layers out of pans, and place right side up on a cooling rack. Spread one layer with half the whipped cream and half the strawberries. Repeat for the second layer. Add the top layer and decorate with pecan halves and whole strawberries. (This cake serves well when frozen because it's easier to cut).

—From Gladys Rains, Columbia

KAILUA CAKE

- 1 box devil's food cake mix, small box instant chocolate pudding
- 1/2 cup brewed coffee
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup Kahlua
- 2 cups chocolate chips

Mix all ingredients. Pour into a greased funnel pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-60 minutes. Serve with whipped cream.

—From Rachel Langley, Columbia

BLUEBERRY JAM CAKE

- 1 box white cake mix
- 1 cup water
- 3 eggs

1 (4-ounce) package instant French vanilla pudding

1 can vanilla frosting

1 (8-ounce) carton nondairy whipped topping

1/2 cup blueberry jam

1 cup blueberry pie filling

Mix cake mix with water, eggs and pudding mix. Beat 2 minutes at high speed until light and fluffy. Pour into 2 prepared 9-inch round pans. Bake according to package directions. Remove from pans and cool. Place one layer on plate. Spread with frosting. Top with blueberry jam. Carefully place second layer on top. Frost sides with whipped topping; carefully bringing over the sides about 1 inch over the top. Fill in remainder of the top with blueberry pie filling.

—From Kathy Hawks, West Columbia

MOUND CAKE

- 1 box chocolate cake mix
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 12 large marshmallows

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1 (12-ounce) package frozen coconut (or fresh)

Prepare cake mix according to package directions and bake in a 9-by-13 pan). Bring milk and sugar to a boil, then add 12 large marshmallows, and stir until melted. Add coconut. I take a large fork and make holes in cake, then pour filling over it. Keep refrigerated.

—From Ruth Edwards, variation from Mary Ann Hancock, Saluda, S.C.

APPLE SPICE CAKE

- 1 package spice cake mix
- 3 eggs
- 1/4 cup oil

1 can apple pie filling

In a large bowl, mix all ingredients with an electric mixer on medium speed for 2 minutes. Pour into a Bundt pan coated with cooking spray. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes. Sprinkle with confectioner's sugar.

—From Renee Bagnal and Rachel Langley, both of Columbia

—From Shelby Kiff, Cayce, variation from Kitty Batchelor, Chapin, S.C.

QUICK RED VELVET CAKE

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 tablespoons cocoa
- 5 eggs
- 2 ounces red food coloring

Icing:

1 package (8-ounce) cream cheese, softened

1/2 box plus 2 tablespoons confectioner's sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla

1/2 stick margarine, softened

Mix cake mix, oil, buttermilk, cocoa, eggs and food coloring.

Bake according to package directions. For icing, cream together all ingredients, and spread on cake.

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All-America Selections names winners

By Kathy Van Mufkekom
Daily Press

Nine All-America Selections winners greet our new century. There are five flowers and four vegetables. The AAS is an independent testing organization with trial gardens throughout the country. Mail-order seed companies and local garden centers annually sell the AAS winners, which are recognized by the red, white and blue AAS emblem.

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FLOWERS

• **Cosmic Orange** is an improved *Cosmos sulphureus* deserving a sunny site in your garden. Cosmic Orange attains a height of about 12 inches in a full-sun garden. The vigorous cosmos provide abundant, bright orange two-inch blooms all summer. Basically pest and disease free, Cosmic Orange is adaptable and easy-to-grow, flowering in three to four months after sowing seed. This is a "no fuss" annual that will thrive on minimal care. Only water, sun and fertile soil are needed for Cosmic Orange to bloom all summer and even into fall.

• **Melody Pink's** sprays of single pink blooms distinguish it from other annual dianthus. Bred specifically for use as a cut flower, this dianthus produces one-inch flowers with a serrated petal edge, giving it an old-fashioned lacy look.

The long stems are desirable for fresh bouquets. Melody Pink will mature at a midsize garden height of 22-24 inches. Melody Pink is heat and cold-tolerant offering gardeners many months of flowering, blooming about 80 days after sowing seeds. The sprays of pink flowers are as attractive in the garden as they are in floral arrangements.

• **Soraya** is the first sunflower in history to earn an AAS Award. One of the distinct qualities is orange petals; most sunflowers have golden petals. Soraya sunflowers are eye-catching because of the orange petals with a chocolate brown center. Soraya plants are branching and vigorous, producing 4- to 6-inch blooms on long stems perfect for cut flowers. Soraya will flower in about 80-90 days from sowing seed. Plants are self-supporting and may attain a height of 5 to 6 feet in the full sun garden. Soraya

produces seed for birds if left on the plants to mature.

• **Fiesta Del Sol**, the first dwarf Mexican sunflower, thrives on summer heat and humidity attaining a mature height of 2-3 feet.

The single orange daisy flowers are 2-3 inches across, excellent cutflowers and may attract butterflies. There is an abundance of daisy flowers, so you can cut many for informal bouquets and numerous flowers will remain on the plant for the wildlife. Basically pest free, not even deer find the hairy leaves of *Tithonia rotundifolia* worth eating. Easy to grow from seed or plants, Fiesta Del Sol is care-free in the garden or in patio containers. You'll find the best performance.

• **Stardust Orchid** is the first *vinca Catharanthus roseus* with orchid and white bloom. The pastel pattern is consistent on large 1-inch blooms, which are borne above glossy, dark green foliage. Stardust Orchid is relatively pest free, heat and drought tolerant. Freedom of bloom in spite of the weather is a hallmark of this AAS Winner. When grown in full sun, Stardust Orchid will reach 14-16 inches tall and wide when mature.

Stardust Orchid is recommended for novice or experienced gardeners who want a long show-of-flower color with minimal garden care.

VEGETABLES

• **Savoy Express** is the earliest savoy (crinkled or waffle-like) cabbage with a sweet, nonbitter flavor perfect for slaw or other cabbage salads. Savoy Express heads mature in about 55 days from transplanting. The compact plant can be grown at close spacing, about a foot apart in the garden.

The small heads, about 1-1 1/2 pounds, are ideal for meals without too many leftovers. Savoy Express cabbage is recommended for planting as a spring or fall crop and it may be the earliest cabbage on the block.

• **Mr. Big** is a superior English or garden pea with several significant improvements including consistently large pea pods, which are easier to shell. The fresh sweet peas are delicious, no need for butter. Mr. Big produces a high yield because the plants are early, frequently setting two pods per node and the disease resistance lengthens the plant life. The plant is an indeterminate vine reaching 2-3 feet in the garden. There is good vertical support. Harvest mature pea

pods in about 58 to 62 days.

• **Blushing Beauty** describes the color changes of this productive sweet bell pepper. On bushy compact plants, peppers gracefully blush from ivory to pink and red as they mature. The thick-walled peppers are sweet at any color. Blushing Beauty can be harvested in about 72-75 days from transplanting.

The compact plant reaches a mature height of about 18 inches and is attractive when grown in patio containers. The multiple disease tolerances lengthen plant life for a higher yield of

ivory, pink or red sweet peppers.

• **Indian Summer** is the first sweet corn with festive colored kernels, yellow, white, red or purple. It is a supersweet corn that requires isolation from other corn pollen. Indian Summer ears are large, about 8 inches, and gardeners need to check the corn silk for maturity about 79 days from sowing seed. As the ears of corn mature, the color develops. The corn's festive colors actually intensify as the ear cooks. Its closest companions are Honey & Pearl and Appaloosa.

Improvement to mousetrap may be a futile effort, study suggests

Knight Ridder News Service

Building better mousetraps: If you have a mouse in the house, a spring-loaded trap is still the best way to catch it. That's according to the Good Housekeeping

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Apple dumplings bring back memories

By Ellen Hawks
The Baltimore Sun

Elaine A. Brown of Castle Rock, Wash., was looking for a recipe for apple dumplings, which were served at Woolworth's lunch counter years ago. Brown's answer came from Jane Dillman of Falls Creek, Pa. Tester Laura Reiley's comments: "A whole apple is a huge portion. I would recommend cutting them in half and serving them when still warm with a scoop of vanilla ice cream in the center. During the last 20 minutes of baking, I spooned the sauce over the top of each apple to glaze them. The seam at the

top is not pretty, so I recommend cutting out a couple of leaves from excess dough and placing them over the seams before baking."

APPLE DUMPLINGS

- DOUGH:**
 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 2 tablespoons butter
 3 tablespoons shortening
 1/2 cup milk
OTHER INGREDIENTS:
 6 firm-fleshed apples, such as Gala

- Cinnamon, for sprinkling
 Sugar, for sprinkling
 3 tablespoons butter, for dabbing
SYRUP (see recipe):
 3 tablespoons butter
 1/2 cup water
 1/4 cup brown sugar
 Red food coloring, optional
Mix dry ingredients: Add butter and shortening and cut in with a knife until mixture resembles coarse cornmeal. Add milk and stir to combine. Gather dough together in a ball, wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1 hour. Form chilled dough into six

balls, each about the size of a golf ball. Roll the balls to 1/8-inch thickness. Place core-peeled apple in the center of dough. Sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar and dab with a bit of butter. Roll up sides of dough and seal at the top. Repeat with other apples. Place wrapped apples in a large baking dish. Bake in preheated 350-degree oven for 10 minutes, then add syrup to dumplings and bake 20-25 minutes longer.
For the syrup: combine butter, water and brown sugar in small saucepan over medium heat. When brown sugar has dissolved and mixture begins to bubble, remove from heat. Add food color if desired. Makes 6.

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