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Bush takes charge



Republican presidential candidate Texas Gov. George W. Bush leaves the stage after his Super Tuesday rally in Austin.

McCain ponders end to effort

The Associated Press

George W. Bush won California, New York and five other Super Tuesday primaries, accelerating his drive to vanquish John McCain, from the Republican presidential race. "Soon our party will unite and turn to the main task at hand," said Bush, "ending the era of Clinton-Gore." McCain told The Associated Press he would consider whether to drop out of the race and an aide said a decision could be announced as soon as Thursday. The Arizona senator won four states Tuesday but none beyond independent-minded New

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - Vice President Al Gore blew away former Sen. Bill Bradley in a host of primaries Tuesday, ensuring that he will be the Democratic nominee for president. Gore beat Bradley in all 15 states that held Democratic primaries and caucuses on Super

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Tuesday, in some places by as much as 4 to 1. Most discouraging for Bradley was Gore's victory in New York, a state from which the former New York Knicker had hoped to launch a comeback. Bradley also lost his home state of Missouri.

England and told supporters that he and Bush "may meet again," but did not say they will.

"We're very pleased with the victories we won and disappointed with the ones we lost," McCain

told AP shortly after calling Bush with congratulations. He said he will meet with his aides Wednesday "and talk about our future."

In a reflective mood, McCain said, "We've changed the face of politics and put reform on the agenda. We're proud of what we've done." A senior adviser, speaking on condition of anonymity, said he expects McCain to depart the race Thursday but that no firm decision had been made.

Forging familiar coalitions, Bush relied on party faithful while McCain drew from independents and moderate Republicans.

Magic Valley and state go with vice president

By Michael Journee
Times News writer

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Democrats followed the lead of their counterparts across the country Tuesday night by throwing their support behind Vice President Al Gore as their choice as Democratic presidential nominee.

The "Super Tuesday" balloting seemed to have turned out as predicted across the region, however a strong showing by former U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley in Twin Falls County surprised, but pleased, County Chairman Ken Pederson. Gore garnered 10 of the 18 Twin Falls County delegates with the remaining eight going with Bradley.

"Bradley made a better showing than I thought he would," Pederson said of Bradley's showing among the 47 Democrats at the Twin Falls County gathering. "I'm pleased. It shows we're not a party rubber stamp."



Carol Robertson writes the names of delegates to the state convention on a board. Twin Falls county Democrats selected 18 delegates on Tuesday night, 10 for Vice President Al Gore and eight for former New Jersey senator Bill Bradley.

Statewide, of the 382 convention delegates, Gore claimed 240 to Bradley's 126. Sixteen were uncommitted.

That translated into 12 of the 18 national nominating delegates going to Gore and the other six to McCain. Please see CAUCUSES, Page A2

Valley picks Gore

With all but one county reporting in, Magic Valley Democrats overwhelmingly supported Al Gore as their choice to be the Democratic presidential nominee Tuesday. In the eight counties that reported in by press time, Gore garnered 30 of the Magic Valley's delegates to the state Democratic convention, while 19 delegates fell to U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley. The state Democratic convention will be held June 22-24 in Caldwell. The following is a breakdown of how the Magic Valley delegates will be split by county.

County	Gore	Bradley
Blaine County	3	4
Camas County	1	0
Clatsop County	2	3
Elmore County	5	1
Gooding County	2	1
Jerome County	5	0
Lincoln County	NA	NA
Minidoka County	2	2
Twin Falls County	10	8

Idaho schools trial opens

Some districts claim state shirks mandate for quality funding

The Associated Press

BOISE - Attorneys for 15 school districts say severe problems like rotten floors, faulty wiring, boiler rooms flooded with water and even lead-laden soil outside their school doors are far too great to overcome without funding help from the state.

But Deputy Attorney General Michael Gilmore in opening arguments Tuesday questioned if school officials have looked hard for low-cost solutions to the dangers or double-shifting the students in the safe buildings.

"We can't build a high school in a day, we can decide to double-shift in a week," he said. "Wendell did that."

Students were moved out of the Wendell Middle School to the high school in February after the School Board vacated it due to a crumbling foundation.

Robert Huntley, the districts' lawyer and former Idaho Supreme Court chief justice, asked 4th District Judge Deborah Bail to both approve interim actions to "protect students' health and safety, and also retain jurisdiction to ensure the Legislature budgets enough next session to start curing the core problems in the buildings.

"This is the most significant trial about education to be heard in Idaho in years," Huntley said. "This will determine in a large

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Magic Valley administrators will testify

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A group of school districts suing the state in court this month has Magic Valley schools more than just watching from the sidelines.

Several district superintendents have been called to testify, even though no area schools are among the 15 districts asking a judge to force the Legislature to fund communities pay for school district building needs. Scheduled to testify later this week are Larry Manly of Wendell, Nick Hallett of Minidoka County, and Jim Conroy of the Jerome County School District.

The Wendell School District last month abandoned its middle school that dates back to 1920 after its center was engulfed; Jerome Thursday failed in its fifth attempt to get voter approval to pay for a new middle school to ease overcrowding; and Minidoka County voters in the fall rejected a \$20 million bond issue that would have addressed overcrowding and maintenance issues.

Superintendents from Magic Valley communities that have addressed building needs are paying attention to what happens in 4th District Judge Deborah Bail's courtroom. Idaho Schools for Equal Educational Opportunity, the group of 15 districts suing the

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Ketchum heats up over possible smoking ban

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - Ketchum City Attorney Margaret Simms is pulling together legal information and draft ordinances to help the City Council look more closely at banning smoking in bars and restaurants.

"The council wants as much input as possible before they put

pen to paper," Simms said. "I'm not sure it will get on the next council agenda. It's pretty tight."

The debate entered round two at Monday's City Council meeting at a crowded City Hall.

Spurred on by leaflets plastered on light poles around town, about 25 people showed up to protest the City Council's move to

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Dow tumbles, spoiling Nasdaq's day

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Prices plunged on Wall Street Tuesday, sending the Dow Jones industrials down nearly 375 points, after Procter & Gamble shocked investors with a warning that its profits will drop far below expectations. The selling spilled over to usually buoyant high-tech stocks and cut short

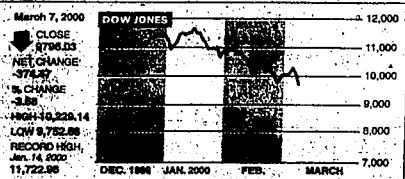
the Nasdaq composite's first foray past 5,000.

The Dow fell 374.47 to close at 9,796.03, its fourth-biggest one-day point drop and its lowest close since March 31, 1999. The blue chips were off more than 400 points in late trading before edging higher just before the close.

The Nasdaq, which soared

more than 100 points to 5,006.78 in early trading, turned lower amid profit-taking and computer-programmed selling that kicked in at the 5,000 mark. The Nasdaq finished down 57.01 at 4,847.84.

The Procter & Gamble news unnerved investors already anxious about profits at blue-chip and high-tech companies, which have generally suffered this year.



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THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High 40 Low: 20
Mostly cloudy today with chance of rain. Cloudy tonight, chance of snow. Cloudy Thursday, chance of rain, high 40.

Treasure Valley

High 40 Low: 34
Cloudy today and tonight with chance of rain. Breezy today. Mostly cloudy Thursday, chance of rain, high 47.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High 39 Low: 23
Cloudy today and tonight with chance of rain or snow. Mostly cloudy Thursday, chance of rain, high 38.

Eastern Idaho

High 43 Low: 27
Cloudy today and tonight with chance of rain or snow. Mostly cloudy Thursday, chance of rain, high 43.

Northern Idaho

High 43 Low: 28
Mostly cloudy today and tonight with chance of rain or snow. Same Thursday, high 43.

Northern Utah

High 49 Low: 33
Mostly cloudy today and tonight with chance of rain or snow. Rain or snow likely Thursday, high 44.

Northern Nevada

High 48 Low: 33
Cloudy today and tonight with chance of rain. Breezy today. Mostly cloudy Thursday, chance of rain, high 47.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today

High 48 Low: 34
Cloudy today and tonight with chance of rain.

Thursday

High 47 Low: 33
Cloudy today and tonight with chance of rain.

Friday

High 40s Low: 20s
Mostly sunny.

Saturday

High 40s Low: 20s
Partly cloudy.

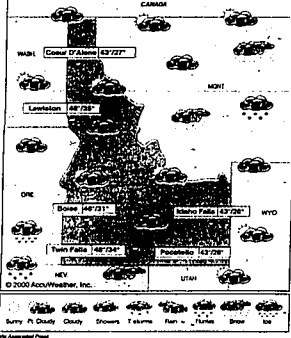
Sunday

High 40s Low: 20s
Partly cloudy.

Idaho weather

Wednesday, March 8

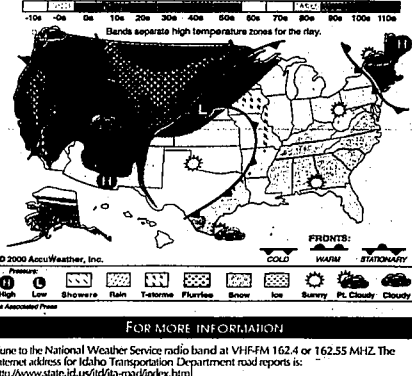
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



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National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Wednesday, March 8.



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UV INDEX ROAD INFORMATION

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Burn time: 60 minutes

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SKYWATCH

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Sunrise tomorrow 7:01 a.m.
Lunar phase First quarter, March 13; full, March 18; last quarter, March 27; new, April 4.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday 43 - 27	Yesterday in Twin Falls 3r.
Last year 40 - 24	Month to date: .11
Normal 49 - 26	Normal mo. to date: .24
	Water year to date: 3.58
	Normal year to date: 5.31

Idaho	Highs/Lows
Boise	Max 47 Min 35 .10
Barley	47 28
Coeur d'Alene	45 30 .02
Grangeville	m .00
Hagerman	43 24 1r.
Idaho Falls	42 28 .01
Lewiston	49 37 .01
Malad	37 21
Mila	40 24
McCall	34 25 .05
Pocatello	44 25 1r.
Salmon	48 28
Stanley	35 12
Sun Valley	43 20 m

Idaho: High, 58 degrees at Lowell, Low, 13 degrees at Stanley.
Nation: High, 93 at Laughlin AFB, Low, 12 at Berlin, and Rochester, N.H.

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	51	48	.....
Anchorage	38	17	.....
Atlanta	78	50	.....
Boston	62	33	.....
Chicago	73	66	.....
Dallas	79	66	.....
Denver	67	37	.....
Des Moines	61	58	.02
Detroit	76	34	.....
Honolulu	83	67	.....
Indianapolis	78	48	.....
Kansas City	70	49	.....
Las Vegas	60	39	.....
Los Angeles	58	44	.....
Memphis	79	44	.....
Miami Beach	79	67	.....
Milwaukee	77	51	.....
Minneapolis	65	46	.....
New Orleans	77	54	.....
New York	65	39	.....
Oklahoma City	72	58	.....
Omaha	74	52	.....
Portland, Me.	51	22	.....
Pittsburgh	76	55	.50
Pompano Beach	76	52	.....
Reno	46	28	.....
San Francisco	83	48	.....
St. Louis	77	32	.....
San Jose	57	32	.....
Spokane	43	28	.....
Washington	70	38	.....
Yonkers	65	44	.....

Canadian Cities

Calgary	25	16	.....
Montreal	41	27	.....
Toronto	42	28	.....
Vancouver	46	32	.....

U.S. promises Africa famine relief

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is pledging 650,000 metric tons of food aid to the Horn of Africa, where about 15 million people are threatened by crop failures resulting from prolonged drought, officials said Tuesday.

According to official estimates, about 8.1 million people could be affected in Ethiopia, 2.7 million in Kenya, 2.4 million in Sudan, 1.2 million in Somalia, 730,000 in Uganda and 545,000 in Eritrea.

"Unreliable rainfall over the past few years has led to complete crop failure in these countries," said Brady Anderson, of the U.S. Agency for international Development.

He told reporters the U.S. commitment of 650,000 tons is about half the 1.3 million tons sought from donor countries by the World Food Program, a United Nations agency. No other countries have pledged help as yet.

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Caucuses

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Bradley. The state also has six so-called super delegates.

Party members at Tuesday's caucus held in the community room at the Obenchain Insurance building downtown, enthusiastically took the opportunity to campaign briefly for their candidate of choice.

While most stuck to typical Democratic issues such as universal health care, education and the economy — the specter of the scandal-ridden Clinton Administration and Gore's connection to it was never far from mind.

"I think if Bill Bradley were elected, the Democratic Party would be redeemed in some people's eyes," Kyle Leuze told the group.

But the candidates' positions were an important factor for Leuze as well.

"Bill Bradley seems to be a little more liberal — I like that personally," he said to the applause of the group.

Roy Graybill spoke in favor of Vice President Gore on behalf of the Twin Falls Teachers Association.

"Both candidates are strong on education," he said. But Bradley's reluctance to denounce the use of school vouchers or tax rebates to allow parents public school students to send their children to private schools highlights a fundamental difference between the two candidates.

"Gore has always been against the vouchers and tax

rebates. Bill Bradley vacillates a bit on that issue," Graybill said.

For Scott Johnson, universal health care is a key issue.

"Gore wants to do it incrementally," Johnson said. "I want to do it all at once."

Although most see Gore's relationship with the Clinton Administration as a detriment, some at the caucus said it's really a strength.

"Gore is the better position man. He's younger and is more up to speed on what's happening. If he were elected the administration wouldn't miss a hitch," Earl Holtz said.

Despite Gore coming out on top, speakers at the caucus said their current preference for one Democratic candidate over another by no means signaled their unhappiness with any faction in the party.

"I think we're very fortunate to have two very good presidential candidates," Bill Flannery said.

But Bradley's ability to be more creative with his policies pulled Flannery into the Bradley camp.

But Democratic loyalty was obvious.

"It would kill me to pull anything but a Democratic lever," said Holtz.

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Ketchum

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consider prohibiting smoking in Ketchum restaurants and bars.

The council decided to consider the idea at its last meeting at the request of a bar and restaurant manager who said that second-hand smoke is detrimental to the health of employees who must work in Ketchum's bars and restaurants.

Smokers got their chance to comment Monday night. Shannon Deal of the Casino Club presented the council with a petition containing 470 signatures against a smoking ban.

Four of the top 10 purchasers of alcohol in the state are in the Ketchum area and a ban on smoking would negatively affect business, she said. Trying to enforce such a ban would be ridiculous, she added.

"Do I have to hold onto someone until they can be arrested?" she asked the council.

Karen Martin, a Ketchum business owner, said she had installed air filters and exhaust fans to get try to erase some of the second-hand smoke. Smokers would be likely to patronize Sun Valley restaurants if Ketchum were to adopt such an ordinance, she said.

"We would be the first ski resort in the country to ban smoking and I'm not sure we're ready to take that on," Martin said.

A quick poll of tourists on Sun Valley's chairlifts Tuesday indicated widespread enthusiasm for the ban.

"I think it's great a resort would consider something like this for non-smokers who are by far the majority," said John Grant, a visitor from Baltimore, Md.

"We went into the Pioneer Saloon last night, and while we had a great dinner, we practically gagged going through the bar section to the restaurant section."

Peter Prekeggs, co-owner of Grumpy's Burgers and Beer, said he wants prospective employees about the same.

"I tell prospective employees there's a

Meeting set

March 20 at City Hall

lot of swearing and a lot of smoking and if you don't have a thick skin you may not want to work here," Prekeggs said. "If an issue like this was brought to the statehouse, I bet you could hear the laughter — at least, all the way to Meridian."

John Craig, who asked the council to consider the ban said the smokers' argument was a smoke screen.

"They went all through this in California and California ended up legislating no smoking in bars," he said. "It's a matter of a few people dictating their needs to the majority. Smoking is not healthy. Why should I be put in situation where I have to smoke it? The only reasons these people have rights is because of effective advertising campaign cigarette manufacturers foisted on society."

Ketchum resident Harry Jones asked the council to forget the whole thing, adding that "most of us want less government interference in our personal lives."

But City Councilman David Hutchinson was reluctant to heed his suggestion.

The council's desire was not to take away choice but to recognize that second-hand cigarette smoke is carcinogenic, Hutchinson said. Contrary to what a few people suggested Monday night, the state does regulate where people can smoke although it may not impose as severe restrictions as California, which recently banned smoking in all public places.

The council asked Simms to look into the legality of the issue. "We're not here to legislate and tell you what to do, but we do care about a healthy community," Hutchinson said. "I think we need to look at this issue a little closer."

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Kate Betts and Matthew Goldman celebrate Mardi Gras in the streets of New Orleans Tuesday. The day-long street party is the last day of the Carnival season.

Partiers jam New Orleans streets for pre-Lenten fling

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Revelers shed inhibitions — and some their clothes — as hundreds of thousands of people jammed the streets for Mardi Gras, the final fling before the austerity of Lent.

While families with children gathered along mansion-lined St. Charles Avenue for a day of parades, in the French Quarter a police ban on nudity went mostly unenforced.

"I haven't had a shirt on in five days," said Ashley Kennedy, a New Orleans bartender.

While an artist painted designs on Kennedy's breasts, four police officers watched from across the street.

"It's Mardi Gras and a little flash of flesh adds to everybody's fun," Kennedy said.

Judi Jones strolled down Bourbon Street with her breasts concealed only by a layer of paint and carrying a sign that read "The right to bare breasts."

"They cost me a fortune so why shouldn't I show them off," said Jones, 24, of Dallas.

No problems were reported, police Chief Richard Pennington said. The annual celebration is normally trouble free and most arrests are only for drunkenness, which police say usually means a

drunk who bothers people around him, and public urination. Police do not release arrest figures until after Mardi Gras, which ends at midnight Tuesday — the last day of feasting and celebration before Ash Wednesday and the sacrifices of Catholics during Lent. Southern Louisiana is heavily Catholic.

This year's later-than-usual Mardi Gras, coinciding with working day for many colleges and 80-degree weather, was expected to produce a record crowd in excess of the million or so that usually jam New Orleans and its suburbs.

"This is my sixth Mardi Gras and it's the largest crowd I've seen," said Pennington. "I'm sure we'll set a record. I'd estimate we have well over a million, maybe a million and a half people on the streets."

The narrow streets of the French Quarter were jammed by midmorning as people strolled through ankle-deep trash or clustered under balconies to grab beads dropped from above. Boozes flowed, with revelers sipping from plastic cups as they walked, and strangers danced to music blaring from bars or posed with each other for pictures.

Military delays warning troops of faulty suits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Although a Pentagon agency warned the Army and Air Force in early February not to use potentially flawed chemical suits, the services didn't pass the message on to the field until weeks later — the day after the problem was made public, military officials say.

Even now it is unclear how widely the message has spread among U.S. forces deployed worldwide.

On Feb. 3, the Defense Logistics Agency, or DLA, told all the military services' logistics offices not to use suits from two suspect lots in any real emergency. But it was not until Feb.

28, the day after The Associated Press reported that many of the suits contained holes and tears and the contractor had been charged with fraud, that the message went beyond the logistics offices.

Unaware of the problem's scope were troops at Army and Air Force bases who, the

Pentagon inspector general says, could have been killed wearing faulty suits during a gas or germ attack.

Only last Friday did the DLA send a memo to four-star generals and admirals on every continent, the Army and Air Force chiefs and others — as opposed to logistics offices.

Census finds one in four Hispanics live in poverty

WASHINGTON (AP) — Census data being released today show that more than a fourth of the Hispanics, the nation's fastest-growing minority, live below the poverty level.

Only one in 10 is college-educated.

More than 25 percent of the nation's 31 million Hispanics lived below poverty level in 1998, considered then to be \$16,600 for a family of four.

About 8 percent of non-Hispanic whites lived in poverty in 1998.

Getting better wages could get tougher for Hispanics, especially recently arrived immigrants, because of increasing demand for college-educated workers, said Gumecindo Salas, vice president for governmental relations of the Hispanic Association for Colleges and Universities.

About 11 percent of Hispanics had bachelor's degrees or higher, compared with 28 percent of non-Hispanic whites.

The data are part of the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey on Hispanics, the last population estimates before the 2000 Census.

U.S. works to stabilize oil prices

WASHINGTON — The U.S. is working with oil-producing nations to help achieve "stable oil prices that aren't too high," President Bill Clinton said Tuesday. In a press briefing at the White House, Clinton said that goal is what the U.S. wants and is "what the oil-producing countries should want."

Clinton noted that continuously rising oil prices will have an impact on the world's economic output. "Some countries will have their economic growth slowed if you have oil prices too high," he said.

He pointed out that in the current energy-use regime, the world is producing 73 million barrels per day and consuming 75 million, leading to rising prices because demand is outstripping supply.

"The tradition among all immigrants in the U.S. is that after two or three generations, you tend to see a movement up in educational level," Salas said. But with Hispanics, "because you have so many coming in over time, it tends to undermine that level of improvement. It may not appear to be improvement, but it actually is."

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Boeing warns of faulty fasteners

SEATTLE (AP) — Twenty Boeing jets now in service have faulty fasteners on their engine housings that could corrode and crack, the world's No. 1 aircraft maker said Tuesday.

In addition, an unknown number of aircraft still on the assembly line will be held up while Boeing searches for and replaces the defective fasteners, which are used to attach a plane's metal skin.

Deliveries of many Boeing airplanes have already been delayed because of the strike that began Feb. 9 by Boeing's engineers and technical workers.

The fasteners, mistakenly made of an aluminum alloy that is prone to cracking, were installed on planes on Boeing's Seattle-area production lines since December, Boeing spokeswoman Vonnelle Leach said.


The 20 planes already in service are all 737s, 757s and 777s. Boeing would not identify the airlines involved.

The fasteners are small circular collars that hold nuts in place. The problem was first reported in Tuesday's Wall Street Journal.


No fastener failures have been reported.

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Trial

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 Start the character of schools for years to come.

The districts, under the banner of Idaho Schools for Equal Educational Opportunity, contend the state is shirking an element of its constitutional mandate to provide a thorough system of public education, an argument that 4th District Judge Daniel Eisman rejected but the Idaho Supreme Court returned to district court for consideration.

The trial began a day after the Idaho House passed two funding bills to help convince Bull the state is meeting its constitutional duties. Huntley already won a victory Tuesday when Bull refused to limit testimony in the trial to just the school districts in the suit.

Schools

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State, contends Idaho isn't meeting its constitutional duty to ensure public schools provide students with a safe environment conducive to learning.

"I certainly hope it will be won," Terrell Donicht, the Twin Falls School District's superintendent, said Tuesday. He credited Twin Falls voters with supporting school construction and maintenance needs, but called the trial a critical issue for the state.

The judge has given the Legislature enough time to address school construction needs, but lawmakers have come up with two proposals that won't offer the level of help struggling districts need, Donicht said.

The Idaho House Monday approved two bills that supporters hope will help convince Bull the state is meeting its constitutional requirement. One measure would establish a \$20 million low-interest revolving loan fund districts could tap after exhausting other funding sources. The other would double the allowed duration of some property tax levies to finance repayment of loans to a new \$50 million fund established by commercial banks.

"Those are not even good enough to say they are putting a Band-Aid on a gaping wound. They are a pathetic excuse to cover neglect," Donicht said.

For instance, Huntley planned to present the comments of a student in the Silver Valley where the levels of lead around the school are too high for safety. But no Shoshone County districts are plaintiffs in the suit.

Skyview High School in the Nampa district has had problems with its fire alarm system, where many teachers report they cannot hear the warning during practice evacuations, he said. Nampa also is not in the suit.

Huntley called for evaluations of the buildings' conditions statewide by July and remedial action before the start of school this fall. He said nearly half of Idaho schools violate the federal Americans with Disabilities Act by structurally denying access to the disabled.

John Garner, superintendent of Kimberly School District, said he wishes the issue could have been settled out of court. He said he doesn't know what to expect as an outcome, but he doesn't expect it to necessarily solve the problems.

"I guess in my wildest dreams I hope it causes people to think of alternatives to funding legitimate needs of schools," said Garner, who looks at the issue as both a taxpayer and an educator.

As a taxpayer, he said he is paying to build a new \$4.86 million Kimberly high school. He doesn't want to shut the door on districts needing help, but he doesn't also want to pay for somebody else's building. If changes are made, Garner said compensation should be available to districts such as Kimberly that have stepped up to handle their building needs.

As an educator, Garner said government shouldn't add requirements to a school district's building obligations, without providing means to pay for them.

He cited, as an example, the fire hazard posed by the open stairwell in the old Kimberly High School, built in 1914. To comply with modern safety standards, the district had to build a new school, Garner said.

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Thousands protest affirmative action changes

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Thousands of demonstrators chanting "Shame on Bush" jammed the state Capitol grounds Tuesday, demanding that Gov. Jeb Bush back off his plan to ban racial and gender preferences in university admissions and state contracting.

Pouring into Tallahassee from around the country, the demonstrators said they feared Bush's plan to end affirmative action would erase the gains blacks and other minorities have made since the civil rights movement. Bush has put portions of the plan into effect through executive order, but other segments still need legislative approval. The rally was timed to coincide with governor's State of the State address and the opening of the legislative session.

Nation in brief

Participants included the Rev. Jesse Jackson, NAACP President Kweisi Mfume, the Rev. Martin Luther King III, members of Congress and state legislators. Inside the Capitol, Bush defended the plan during his address. "The vast majority of Floridians favor the elimination of affirmative action programs," he said.

Clinton urges Congress to pass gun control laws

WASHINGTON — Looking to



An NAACP speaker yells to demonstrators as they prepare to march to the Capitol Tuesday in Tallahassee, Fla. Thousands of demonstrators jammed the state Capitol grounds, demanding that Gov. Jeb Bush back off his plan to ban racial and gender preferences in university admissions and state contracting.

break a stalemate over gun control legislation, President Clinton invited members of Congress and the mother of a slain 6-year-old to the White House Tuesday. "How many people have to get killed before we do something?" he asked.

Clinton chided lawmakers for failing to meet to work out the differences between the House and Senate versions of a juvenile justice bill since last summer, saying that "the American people have waited long enough" for new protections. He challenged Congress to pro-

duce final legislation for his signature by April 20, the anniversary of the massacre at

Columbine High School in Colorado.

Key lawmakers left an Oval Office meeting with Clinton without an agreement to restart negotiations over a juvenile justice bill that contains new measures designed to keep guns out of the hands of children and criminals.

Victim's mother says first-grader needs help

DETROIT — The mother of the 6-year-old girl who was shot to death in her first grade classroom said Tuesday she had talked to her daughter about problems she was having with a classmate several days before the shooting.

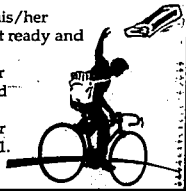
In an interview on the NBC "Today" show, Veronica McQueen said that when she was called a week ago and told her daughter Kayla Rolland was injured, she thought the girl broke her arm or leg. But when she got to the hospital and saw a minister, she knew something much worse had happened.

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IDAHO

Maneuvering begins to deal with Medicaid

By Bob Fick
The Associated Press

BOISE — The campaign to erase an estimated \$27 million in red ink for subsidized health care for the poor began in earnest Tuesday as legislative budget writers started piecing together the huge 2001 Health and Welfare Department budget.



The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee's plan contemplates little in the way of the service or benefit reductions that mobilized some of the 88,000 Medicaid recipients and hundreds of providers to protest at the state Capitol last month.

Instead, the House-Senate panel hopes to forge support for slashing millions of dollars from other parts of the department budget and qualify the three state veterans homes for Medicaid reimbursements to cover the bulk of the state's \$8 million share of the projected deficit. The federal government pays the rest.

Committee members took the first step on Tuesday by voting unanimously to divert to cover the Medicaid deficit some \$835,000 in cash Gov. Dirk Kempthorne had earmarked for equipment and other one-time purchases for department administrative operations. Another \$1.9 million is expected to be sliced from other division budgets on Wednesday.

That approach, however, does little to check the skyrocketing cost of the Medicaid program. The state's share alone has soared from \$39 million in 1990 to \$164 million today, faster than any other state financial commitment.

Kempthorne's 2001 budget blueprint deals with the problem

by simply allocating just \$168 million in general tax revenue for Medicaid and leaving it up to the Legislature to figure out how to avoid paying the other \$8 million analysts say it will actually cost. Overall, the recommended budgeting just \$595 million in state and federal funds when the estimates put actual costs at over \$620 million.

But in allocating about \$32 million for administrative operations — less than half in state general tax revenues — the legislative committee approved earmarking \$11 million from federal welfare reform payments to Kempthorne's statewide child immunization registry initiative.

That cash will be used to develop the computer systems to track vaccinations against critical childhood diseases — one of the centerpieces of Kempthorne's initial year in office.

The bill also accommodates the spinoff of the Division of Veterans Services into an independent agency, complying with requests from veterans groups to separate the agency from any link to welfare programs. The bill authorizing the spinoff is awaiting a final legislative vote in the Senate.

But a key element of the Medicaid budget balancing plan contradicts that point. Veterans groups have already voiced their dissatisfaction with the idea of qualifying the homes in Boise, Lewiston and Pocatello for Medicaid, although that would mean the federal government would pick up 70 percent of the costs the state now covers in their entirety. That translates into a savings of \$2.5 million.

- LEGISLATIVE LOG -

Completes for Tuesday Killed by House

HR519 (Education) — Creates the Personal Information Fund to pay for child and adolescent aids educating parents on early childhood development issues.

HR528 (Local Government) — Requires an election on any proposed city annexation challenged by 25 percent of those affected.

Introduced in House

HR716 (Education) — Establishes a competitive grants program for school districts to explore alternative public school curricula, writing processes and structures.

HR717 (Education) — Allows vested Public Employees Retirement System members to purchase up to 48 months of membership service.

HR718 (State Affairs) — Requires the Board of Pharmacy to notify other licensing boards of an investigation involving a non-pharmacist licensee.

HR719 (State Affairs) — Requires legislative approval of any rules imposed on the state by the Multistate Highway Transportation Agreement.

HR720 (Revenue and Taxation) — Exempts from sales tax purchases of building materials to a contractor or subcontractor building, remodeling or repairing a public school building.

HR721 (Appropriations) — Appropriates \$2.3 million to the Agricultural Research and Cooperative Extension Service for the budget year that begins July 1.

Government to increase Medicare reimbursement rates.

SB1110 (State Affairs) — Urges federal regulators to reject abandonment of the Census Prairie Rail Noe.

SB1547 (State Affairs) — Imposes a state regulatory scheme on telemarketing.

SB1548 (Finance) — Allocates \$7.2 million for the state School for the Deaf and Blind for the new budget year beginning July 1.

SB1549 (Judiciary and Rules) — Revises qualifications for public defender representation.

SB1550 (Judiciary and Rules) — Rewrites the state habeas corpus law.

SB1551 (Judiciary and Rules) — Modifies state laws on prisoners to cover inmates in out of state and private prisons.

SB1552 (Judiciary and Rules) — Exempts certain records of the Correction Department and the parole commission from public disclosure.

SB1553 (Judiciary and Rules) — Prohibits inspection of personal prison record by an inmate or parolee record by a spouse.

SB1554 (State Affairs) — Delegates redrawing of county commissioner district lines to a special committee.

Completes for Monday Signed by governor

HB402 (Newborns) — Authorizes the Public Employees Retirement System Board to establish an unused sick leave pool.

Legislative action complete

SCR153 (State Affairs) — Approves and extends state agency temporary rules that obviate revenue impact at the end of the 2000 legislative session, with exceptions.

SCR154 (State Affairs) — Approves state agency rules that impose fees or charges and indicates those rejected on review.

Introduced in Senate

SB1545 (Finance) — Requires prior legislative approval of any lease or other property procurement by a state agency.

SB1546 (Judiciary and Rules) — Guarantees school districts replacement support for value lost through operation of alternative forest land value.

Introduced in Senate

SB1105 (State Affairs) — Amends the constitution to permit creation of a state bond bank to buy up and consolidate bonds issued by local government units.

SB1106 (State Affairs) — Creates a legislative committee to study the state's Permanent Budget Fund.

SB1160 (Judiciary and Rules) — Creates a legislative committee to study regulation of private prisons.

SB1108 (State Affairs) — Urges Congress to approve deductibility from federal income taxes of health insurance premiums.

SB1109 (State Affairs) — Urges the federal

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EDITORIAL

Dam breaching is bad idea whose time is past

The salmon road show has come to town. That means the Magic Valley probably will see some people dressed up as fish today, plus other spectacles too wondrous to predict.

While we encourage southern Idahoans to add their voices to the debate, no one should be under the illusion that these traveling hearings will affect government decisions much. The hearings are theater - a gaudy caravan of passion and rhetoric that will have far more impact on the evening news than on the calculus of dam breaching and salmon preservation.

As the performance unfolds, southern Idahoans should avoid being swept away by the emotion of the occasion. Despite the fervor of the dam-busting brigades, breaching remains the longest of long-shot options for rescuing the Snake River salmon. It simply isn't going to happen. Even if Congress were to go along, the issue would be tied up in the courts until the salmon were gone.

If the Northwest truly is serious about sustaining the Snake River salmon, why not concentrate on approaches that might actually make a difference - such as reducing the percentage of returning salmon that fall into the nets of Columbia River tribal and commercial fishing interests before the fish ever get to the Snake River?

Breaching is as much symbol as substance. It is the latest Holy Grail of America's environmental movement, which longs to turn back the hands of technological time. Knocking open a series of functioning hydroelec-

Focusing on salmon

Today's Opinion pages are focusing on the salmon recovery issue. We've assembled a variety of viewpoints to help readers sort out the issues.

Want to speak?

Federal officials will be at the Western Plaza in Twin Falls today to accept public comments. Here's the schedule:
5 a.m. - Open house and sign-up.
6:30 p.m. - Presentation by federal officials.
7:30 p.m. - Public comment.

tric dams would give environmental activists a much-coveted boost of momentum and credibility. So they're pulling out all the stops - fish costumes and all.

The challenge for workaday Idahoans is to stay focused on the political and economic realities. Some of those realities, with regard to breaching, include:

- The loss of a river shipping system.
- The loss of power-generating capacity, at a time when shortages seem ever more likely.
- The prospect of southern Idaho irrigation water continuing to be at risk, even if the dams are removed.
- The continued catching and bargain-basement peddling of these supposedly priceless fish.
- An absence of guarantees that breaching will work.

Elsewhere on these pages, we have assembled a variety of perspectives on the issue. We urge you to read and consider them.

In our view, breaching is a bad idea whose time has past. Let's talk about some 21st century approaches.

Don't let slogans dominate dam issue

How best to save Idaho's salmon is probably the most important issue our state has ever faced. It would be a tragedy if this most crucial debate were to end up being decided not by facts but rather by who can shout simplistic slogans the loudest.

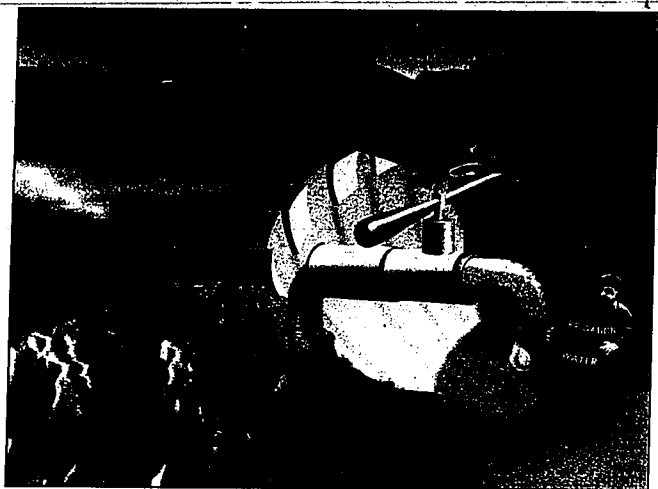
Unfortunately, that's exactly what's happening at the moment. Those who would have us breach four Snake River dams have organized their message to one either/or scenario: dams or water. Breach the dams or the feds will take Idaho's irrigation water. If the dams go, Idaho's water stays.

That patently biased approach trivializes the seriousness of the issue and is an insult to Idahoans' common sense.

We need to look at the facts, not be forced to endure rhetoric. First and foremost: Breaching dams does not save Idaho's water. The federal record shows that every strategy that involves breaching dams also factors in taking Idaho water for flow augmentation.

Idaho has supplied more than 10 million acre-feet of water in the last five years, and it has had no measurable effect. Scientists have told us there is not enough water in the entire Snake River system to make any difference.

Yet despite the evidence, federal officials still have on the table plans that would take an additional million acre-feet of



SHERI L. CHAPMAN

Idaho water, drying up 600,000 acres of farmland and wrecking the Idaho agricultural economy. FWIA has yet to take a stand on the dam-breaching issue. We don't know whether breaching will work.

mean millions of tons of carbon dioxide being released into the air, accelerating global warming.

• 75 million tons of sediment will wash down the Snake and Columbia rivers.

• A river shipping system will be destroyed. A system that will cost taxpayers \$230 million to replace, mean 3,000 families lose their livelihood and result in thousands of extra diesel trucks and train cars polluting the atmosphere and clogging the highway system.

the young salmon smolt. We can modify the operations of the dams and improve river migration conditions. We can reform the commercial fishing harvests; and improve the transportation techniques we use for smolt.

There are lots of things that we can do now. But letting a vocal minority bog us into embracing a risky, scientifically unproven, all-or-nothing gamble is not one of them.

Sheri L. Chapman is the executive director of the Idaho Water Users Association.

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Northwest residents will need the power from disputed dams

With all the clamor surrounding the Snake River salmon recovery, one topic has been almost completely ignored. The rapid growth of the Northwest's human population has set the course for a collision in philosophies within the ranks of the environmental community.

The often-ignored topic is the dependable delivery of electricity to our new high-tech industries, our farms and to our homes.

The Northwest Power Planning Council has predicted that by 2010, there is almost a 25 percent probability that power supply will fall short of demand during peak periods. These peak periods are the dead of winter and the hottest days of summer.

The pro-breachers, in the name of environmentalism, are demanding that we remove our hydroelectric dams, the cleanest source of power available, to any substantial degree. Will the same folks supporting dam breaching want to increase the use of coal-fired power generation? Will the efforts of Vice President Gore to meet his greenhouse agreements allow more coal smoke over the skies of America?

Where do these people want to locate any future nuclear generators to replace our hydropower? Companies like Micron and Hewlett-Packard do not endure

DAN GOICOECHEA

power bumps and outages quite like the average homeowner.

These companies rely on a consistent and consistent power supply. The dairy industry, the No. 1 agriculture commodity in Idaho, also relies heavily on the smooth delivery of electricity.

The pumps that bring water to our fields would cease without electricity. The potential for higher power rates troubles those of us in farming, an industry that doesn't have the luxury of passing on added expenses to consumers.

With the human migration to the Northwest, we will need more clean, renewable and inexpensive sources of electricity, not fewer.

The impacts of breaching the four lower Snake River dams will be felt by all of us, not just the grain grower and a large operator, but by the young couple trying to feed a family and make their level payment each month to the power company. All of the effort put forth by the anti-dam crowd for a radical, drastic solution like dam breaching, with only a remote possibility of ever favorably impacting the fish, is careless.

Dan Goicoechea is the director of information for the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation.

Your water and your money are at risk

JOHN S. BROZ

The salmon recovery hearings are the biggest card game in the Northwest. The deck is reshuffled, and the stakes, with only two key cards in the deck, the water card (increase flow augmentation) and the breaching card (saving water by dam removal).

If the players holding the water card win, it spells disaster for southern Idaho and economy. All proposals except breaching call for additional southern Idaho water, as much as an additional million acre-feet. That translates to 200,000 acres of south Idaho farm ground being literally high and dry and a potential loss of 3,600 jobs.

A suit involving this scenario has been recently filed in U.S. District Court at Portland. The players are environmentalists and commercial fishermen. They filed the suit under the Endangered Species Act, and ESA is a tough partner. They usually win. The water card is inherently weak, some benefits for salmon, but not as effective as breaching. It's poison, don't touch it.

The other option card - dam breaching - if played correctly can result in a win-win for salmon and people. This card, much maligned at first, is now endorsed by more

than 700 organizations. The major point is again water. If the dams were breached, no additional water would be required and probably less. Southern Idaho is off the hook, the suit threat eliminated. No environmental group is recommending dam breaching, plus additional water, and it must be made part of the bargain.

The genetic make-up of salmon simply requires cold running water. No option, save breaching, provides this. The scientific community overwhelmingly endorses it.

A critical review of the economics of breaching has been released by the prestigious firm ECOWest. Its conclusion is favorable for breaching, with definite

positive results for the downstream area. Contrary to the doom-and-gloom prediction, it's not going to dry up and blow away.

For Idaho, it means revival of a sports industry worth \$170 million annually and 5,000 jobs from Riggins to Stanley. A much needed benefit.

As you listen to the hearings, keep in mind we have invested more than \$3 billion in mitigation and have poured a billion fish down the Columbia with meager results.

Go to the show, play your cards on your salmon, water and bucks on the line.

Dr. John S. Broz is a physician living in Twin Falls.

Numerous questions need to be answered

PATRICIA A. BARCLAY

If these four dams are the problem, why did we only have 400,000 fish returning in 1998, decades before these four dams were built?

If we don't need these dams with their production capacity of 3,000 megawatts of power, why are we facing a possible power shortage in a few years?

If we destroy these dams which produce power at \$10 per megawatt hour, will we choose nuclear power at \$60 per megawatt or coal-fired plants at \$45 per megawatt hour or natural gas-fired turbines at \$30 per megawatt hour?

If we destroy these dams, what do we do with the 28.3 metric tons of carbon dioxide in our air that would be produced by thermal power generation?

If we destroy these dams, can our highway system handle the 95 miles of trucks that would be necessary to move the same amount of grain as a four-to-five barge tow on the river system?

If we destroy our river transportation system, how much money and time will it cost to rebuild the railroad infrastructure needed to handle our goods?

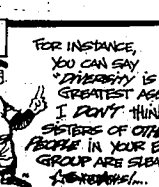
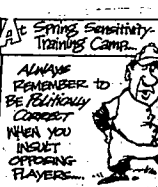
The most basic question of all: If we want to recover salmon runs, why are we focusing all of our time, energy and resources on dam breaching?

Patricia A. Barclay is the executive director of the Idaho Council on Industry and the Environment.

Doonesbury



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Don't heed 'either/or' message

It's time for Idahoans to make the voices of reason be heard and clear. Federal authorities are in Idaho this month seeking input on how best to save Idaho's salmon. We need them to understand that what Idahoans want is a return to reason in this crucial debate. Extremists claim the only solution is to breach dams or take Idaho's water. That "either/or" message has divided us and drowned out any meaningful search for solutions. Idaho common sense says it is wrong to gamble the future of our salmon and the economic health of our state on a single, unproven roll of the dice.



JAMES A. MCCLURE

We must focus on actions that are feasible. It is fruitless to discuss options that cannot happen and will not revitalize wild fish runs. We must devote our time and resources to improving techniques that are working and finding new actions we can take now that will have the best chance to save our salmon. These include actions such as:

- We can continue to improve transportation. Already, 98 percent of transported smolts reach the estuary alive. Transported fish return to spawn at twice the rate of fish that migrate in the river.
- We can improve habitat and fish passage, install better fish screens, modify spillways and upgrade bypass facilities.
- We can speed up the elimination of predator losses to marine mammals and birds.
- We can modify dam operations to improve migration conditions.
- We can address harvest problems and develop hatchery methods that more closely mimic nature.

These are just some of the scientifically sound solutions that can be used now to help safeguard the future of Idaho's salmon. They are the kinds of solutions we hear when we listen to the voices of reason. I ask all Idahoans to reject divisive extremism and, instead, concentrate on the voices of reason. For it is there we will find the answers that will save our salmon and our state.

James A. McClure of Boise is a former U.S. senator from Idaho.

Want salmon? Then breach dams

DAVE BRUHN

As a retired U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service fisheries biologist, I would like to offer some opinions on salmon recovery. Proposed solutions include:

- (1) Continued studies, improved turbine modification at the dams, improved smolt transportation (barging primarily) and reducing depredation by birds at the estuary.
- (2) Flow augmentation utilizing another 1 million acre-feet of water from the Upper and Mid-Snake River over and above the 427,000 acre-feet now dedicated to flow increases.
- (3) Breaching the four dams on the Lower Snake River.

Just for forgetting about the critics is not an option because of the Endangered Species Act. Regarding the above three proposed solutions:

No. 1 - Largely favored by elected officials and industry, almost guarantees the extinc-

tion of Idaho's salmon, in spite of the ESA. For more than 30 years, this approach has resulted in the impending demise of the salmon.

No. 2 - What an economic disaster for southern Idaho. Farmers would have their water rights purchased by the government, and the irrigated land would revert to weeds. Many businesses will disappear. The fallacy of flow augmentation is that there is no basis for believing that more water down the Snake River and through the slack water reservoirs of the Lower Snake would alleviate the problem. Slack water in those reservoirs is still going to be slack water!

No. 3 - Breaching of the four Lower Snake River dams has been strongly advocated by the majority of fisheries workers, whether state, federal or

Native American. To quote a former fisheries colleague, now also retired, "I only ask that concerned people in the Northwest and the country ask themselves one question: Do I want salmon to continue to return to the Snake River or do I want the four Lower Snake dams?; as the debate is that simple."

Data exists showing the adverse effects on these fish as each of the Lower Snake River dams came on line. Granted, numerous other factors affect these fish - ocean conditions, the four Columbia River dams below the mouth of the Snake River, predation by fish and birds, etc. However, the fact remains that the only best possible solution to save Idaho's salmon is to breach the four dams!

Dave Bruhn of Buhl is a retired U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist.

Breaching dams won't shut off your electricity

DICK DAHLGREN

It is said in southern and eastern Idaho, "If the dams are breached, there will be brown-outs, houses will be without power. The price of electricity will go through the roof. We will not be able to afford to run our irrigation pumps!"

This is myth, not close to the truth. If Sen. Craig and Gov. Kempthorne believe this, someone is feeding them misinformation.

Electricity produced in the Northwest consistently costs more than power produced in the East. On Feb. 24, the day after the Boise salmon hearing, Chicago power was 52 percent cheaper than Mid-Columbia power! Coal and natural-gas power is becoming consistently more competitive than power produced by Mid-Columbia hydro-generation.

Smart irrigators are no longer dependent on the Bonneville Power Administration and are using them less all the time. Raft River Electric, Lost River Electric, Salmon River Electric, Clear Water power and nine other farm communities in Oregon and Montana buy power from Pacific Northwest Generation Cooperative of Portland, at a rate of 10 percent to 12 percent cheaper than BPA.

More news: "If the four dams are breached, we are expecting no increase in the wholesale price of electricity in the Northwest," said five leading Northwest economists, two of

which are members of the Northwest Power Planning Council. Most of southern Idaho gets its power from Idaho Power, who sometimes gets less than 1 percent from the four dams.

In other words, effects on southern Idaho from the loss of power production, if the four dams are breached, will amount to nothing.

If breaching the dams doesn't happen, the salmon smolts will still have to be flushed to the ocean. Compliance with the Endangered Species Act will force the feeds to take more water, perhaps an additional million acre-feet. The National Marine Fisheries Service has said at public hearings, "With a return to a natural river, there will be no need to take additional water for flow augmentation." The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service agrees.

Southern Idaho farmers could lose big time. There will be no need to worry about energy for pumps because up to a million acres of crop lands will become dust.

Do southern Idaho farmers want to take a chance on not supporting breaching?

Dick Dahlgren of Ketchum is the founder of "Fishin' Folks of the West." He has been a real estate broker for 30 years.

Save salmon, but protect economy

J. BRENT OLMSTEAD

The goal of the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry for state and federal policy concerning Idaho's natural resources includes consideration not only for maintaining the native species of plant and wildlife but also includes attention to the need for a viable economy.

IACI believes recovery of the salmon in the Columbia and Snake rivers will never occur if the debate continues to focus solely on the dams and water flow augmentation. It is naive and simplistic to suggest that merely removing dams and increasing flows on the river system will bring back the salmon. The dams may be one factor in the decline of the salmon; however, they are not the sole cause.

Since 1991, up to 2.7 million acre-feet of water annually has been released as an experiment to see if additional water helps

salmon survival. The results are at best inconclusive. Impacts such as predator control, ocean conditions, commercial harvest levels and habitat protection must also be studied and evaluated.

The goal of Idaho's public policy should be to protect state sovereignty over water, while maintaining and improving multi-purpose projects that are integral to the diverse uses of the river, and also promote and improve the ecosystem generally or on individual watersheds.

The IACI policy on river governance includes the following:

- IACI supports management of the river through a multi-use concept of power generation, irrigation, transportation, sport fisheries, resident fisheries,

recreation and industrial use.

- IACI opposes river-flow augmentation unless approved on a willing buyer-willing seller basis and provided for by state law.
- IACI opposes dam breaching as a solution for salmon recovery.
- IACI encourages increased research into alternative methods of salmon recovery, including developing improved turbine technology, turbines, predator controls, smolt barging and continued research into threats to salmon from outside the migratory pathways of the Columbia drainage.

The key to whatever eventual plan that is accepted is to recover sustainable populations of fish without devastating local, state and regional economies.

J. Brent Olmstead is the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry's vice president for natural resources.

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Ticket holders should bring their entry to the cooking school (see show details below). Prior to the show, register your cookbook at the contest area inside the auditorium. The winner will be announced during intermission.

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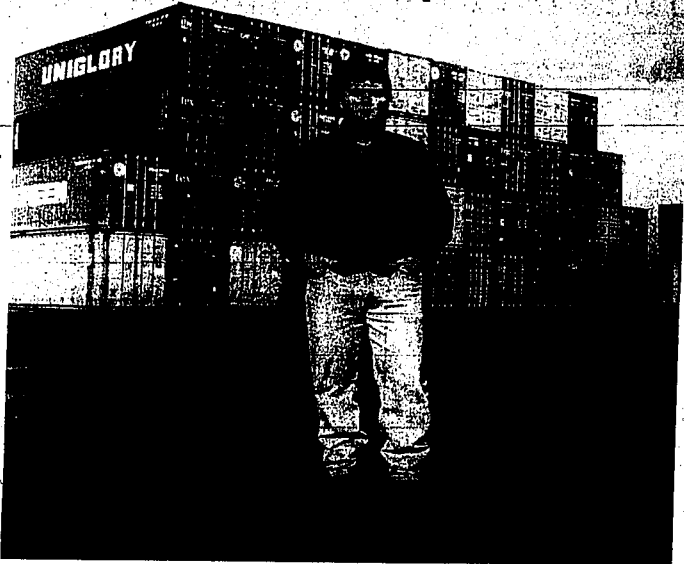
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With Dams, Mike Keeps His Job.



Without Dams, Container Shipping Stops.



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The ABC's of Dam Breaching

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A study of the effects breaching would have on transportation was just completed by an independent engineering firm, working on behalf of several Oregon State agencies.

Findings from that study:

- The current practice of barging commodities on the Snake River would cease.
- The reduced demand (for barging) would result in a loss of income to the Columbia-Snake River barge industry of \$4 million to \$11 million per year.
- Shipping costs for grain produced in northeast Oregon could increase by as much as \$0.13 a bushel.
- Up to 9,000 full export containers currently shipped through the Port of Portland each year could be diverted to the Puget Sound area or other end points such as the Gulf of Mexico and the East Coast.
- Up to four of the six ocean carrier services that currently serve the Port of Portland may choose to stop calling at Portland if containers could no longer be shipped on the Snake River. This would result in a loss of service to South America and Europe and a reduction in service to the Pacific Rim.
- Container shipping costs would increase an estimated \$200 per container for Willamette Valley shippers (and others who use the Port of Portland to ship export containers).
- The existing transportation system infrastructure and current rail service levels may not be able to accommodate the demand created by a loss of barging capacity.
- Agricultural land with yields of less than 45 bushels per acre would be at risk of being taken out of production.
- Increased transportation costs could reduce the value of some farmland in eastern Oregon and eastern Washington by an estimated \$88 per acre.

B.

This is a clear example of the severe economic and social impacts dam breaching would have on our region.

Save Fish & Dams with Balanced Solutions.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Bus accident sends children to hospital

GOODING - Nine school children and a 15-year-old were taken to the hospital Tuesday morning after a pickup truck smashed into a bus south of Gooding. The crash on Idaho Highway 46 sent the pickup driver, Hans Adam of Wendell, to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise with two broken legs and chest and facial injuries. One of the 48 children on the bus were taken to Gooding County Memorial Hospital and treated for minor injuries, including whiplash, Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough said. The bus was stopped to pick up some children when the truck slammed into it from behind at around 65 mph, Gough said. An investigation was continuing.

Salmon hearing comes to Twin Falls today

TWIN FALLS - Federal officials will be in town today to hear what local people think about the options for restoring endangered Idaho salmon and steelhead. Sign-up for people who want to speak at the public hearing starts at 5 p.m. at the Weston Plaza on Blue Lakes Boulevard North. People will be called to speak in the order they sign up, with time allotted to elected officials at the beginning of the hearing. Also starting at 5 p.m. will be an open house during which federal officials will be available to answer questions and provide information. At 6:30 p.m. federal officials will present an overview of the salmon recovery issue, followed by a question and answer session. Public comment will start at 7:30 p.m. Individuals will have three minutes to speak. The hearing is one of 15 across the Pacific Northwest and Alaska to gather comments on an environmental study of breaching four federal dams on the Lower Snake River in southeastern Washington and on a study by nine federal agencies on other options for recovering endangered Idaho salmon and steelhead.

Heart attack kills skier at Sun Valley

SUN VALLEY - An out-of-town skier had a fatal heart attack Monday on Bald Mountain. The skier, whose name was not released, died at 2 p.m. at the St. Moritz campus of the Wood River Medical Center, said Hilary Furlong, the hospital's public relations director. The man was rescued from the mountain around noon by the Sun Valley Ski Patrol, which responded to the Upper Greyhawk run near the end of lift season, a Sun Valley news release said. Ski patrol took the man to the bottom of the mountain, where he was picked up and taken to the hospital, the release said.

Twin Falls City Council states special meeting

TWIN FALLS - The City Council will hold a special meeting at 8 a.m. today at the Best Western Cavanaugh's Canyon Springs Hotel. The City Council will meet with Bernie Meyers, head of Bechtel BWXT Idaho. Meyers will also meet with the Twin Falls Rotary Club at noon.

Fund created for husband, father of accident victim

TWIN FALLS - A fund has been created to help a husband with expenses while his wife recuperates from a crash that killed the couple's 14-year-old daughter. The fund will help Rob Leth, whose wife Cathy, has been at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise since the Feb. 17 crash. Kara Leth died from injuries she suffered in the wreck. Rob Leth might have to stay with his wife for another three weeks. To contribute to the fund send a donation to First Federal Savings Bank, 383 Shoshone St. N., in Twin Falls.

Compiled from staff reports

Enviro groups oppose waste plant

Anti-nuke activists demand INEEL plans be dropped

The Times-News and The Associated Press

SCOVILLE - Two anti-nuclear activist groups are demanding that the federal government drop plans to restart a facility that processes liquid radioactive waste into more stable granular solid.

Officials at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory this week are trying to restart the facility to test a modified process - known as calcining - to solidify the radioactive liquid also contaminated with sodium. The facility would treat liquid radioactive waste now held at

INEEL's Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center in underground tanks above the Snake River Plain Aquifer, which supplies drinking and agricultural water to much of the Magic Valley. The calcining process turns the liquid high-level waste into a powder similar in consistency to laundry detergent.

INEEL officials want to restart the calcining facility to determine whether it would be possible to meet new federal requirements before spending the money on technology improvements, Energy Department spokesman Brad Bugger said. The Environmental Defense Institute of Troy and Keep

Yellowstone Nuclear Free of Jackson, Wyo., have opposed the restart, calling the calciner an unpermitted high-level radioactive waste incinerator.

The two groups also have sued the federal government over plans to build a \$1.2 billion treatment plant for plutonium-contaminated waste, to include an incinerator for a portion of the waste.

"It is our opinion that the risks of restarting of the calciner, in order to determine a technological proof of concept for high-temperature calcination, are unacceptably high for the residents, workers and the environment," the two nuclear watchdog

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PHOTO BY THE TIMES-NEWS

Outlets of nitrogen turn the plume yellow from a facility at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory that processes liquid radioactive waste into a granular solid. Environmentalists have criticized plans to restart the facility this week.

WACKY TIMES AT SUN VALLEY



Sun Valley Community School fifth-grader Alexa DuPont lets out a big yawn after placing first in her division in the Engle Cup race Tuesday at the Elkhorn Resort. The annual event includes a day of skiing, costumes and eating.

NIGHT AT THE CINEMA

Jerome voters use free movie tickets

By Jay Howser Times-News writer

JEROME - Moviegoers in Jerome got to see a show for free Tuesday night with passes they received for voting in last week's school district bond issue election.

Theater Manager Adam McRoberts said 989 people showed up at the Jerome Cinema Tuesday with free passes in hand and the theater was able to accommodate all of them.

"No one was turned away Tuesday night," McRoberts said.

Anticipating a family crowd, the cinema played the PG-rated "Snow Day" on two screens and pushed back the show time for "The Beach," which has an R-rating, to 9 p.m.

It was all part of an effort to increase participation in the bond issue election, as Interstate Amusement Managing Director Larry Roper decided to offer an incentive for voting: a free movie ticket. The passes were offered to anyone

who showed up and voted in the election last Thursday.

The election - the fifth in a series of failed attempts to pass a bond issue to address concerns of crowding in Jerome schools - did draw more voters this time around, with a total of 3,475 people coming out to vote. But Roper said it's hard to measure how much bearing the movie incentive had on that increase.

"I don't know if I had a hand in that, I hope it did," Roper said. "It's sad when you have less than 10 percent or 20 percent of the registered voters making the decisions for the entire community. Hopefully this got somebody out there who normally wouldn't have gone out."

Phyllis Rickert, a retired teacher who served as a poll watcher at Jerome High School Thursday, said she guessed roughly three-quarters of the voters there accepted the passes. She said she heard many positive comments and thought the passes were a good idea.

"I personally thought it was

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Land, water cases hit court's docket

By Brian Haynes Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Idaho's highest court has a varied docket ahead, when it convenes in Twin Falls this week to hear appeals on a number of Magic Valley cases.

The Idaho Supreme Court regularly travels the state to hear appeals, as one of the few circuit-riding supreme courts in the country.

Here is a rundown of selected cases to be heard during the next three days in the Twin Falls County judicial annex, taken from Supreme Court summaries of the cases:

• Blaine County residents John and Elizabeth Stevenson have appealed a judge's decision to

uphold the Blaine County Commission's approval of the Prairie Run Ranch Subdivision south of Bellevue. The Stevensons, who own Hillside Ranch, opposed the subdivision because of potential conflicts with nearby agricultural lands.

The Stevensons say the commission didn't conform to the comprehensive plan and its finding of fact was not supported by competent evidence. Scheduled for today, 8:50 a.m.

• A case arising from a contract dispute between Sun Valley Potatoes and Magic Valley Foods. In three written contracts and one oral contract, Sun Valley Potatoes agreed to

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Victim's family supports probe

By Ruth Streeter Times-News writer

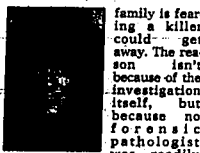
BURLEY - Like the deputies investigating their daughter's death, Kacy Ray's parents are awaiting crucial evidence to come back that may help explain her death.

But two months after Ray's death, in an apparent homicide, the family is pleased with the progress on the investigation.

"I think they've done an excellent job," Leo Ray, Kacy Ray's father, said of the Cassia County investigations division.

Leo Ray, of Burley, says he understands why detectives have to keep mum, and says he's pleased detectives sought help from state investigators.

What is difficult for the Ray



Kacy Ray

family is fearing a killer could get away. The reason isn't because of the investigation itself, but because no forensic pathologist was readily available.

Kacy Ray's autopsy had to be postponed until a forensic pathologist could be brought in from Denver, and Leo Ray fears such a delay may have caused valuable DNA evidence to be lost.

"DNA is probably the most important thing in crime investigation of the future," Leo Ray

said.

What is some consolation for the Ray family is a bill to establish a state medical examiner's office to provide forensic expertise to local coroners. The bill has passed the Idaho House and now is sitting in a Senate committee. It is designed to have considerable cost from hiring outside assistance while preventing evidence from growing stale.

Idaho is one of only nine states that provides no technical help for county coroners.

Kacy Ray's body was found Jan. 13 miles south of Burley, after she had been missing about a week. Kacy Ray, 30, had a stab wound to the neck and wounds on her hands that indicated she may have been defending herself.

P&Z Discusses TF zone change request

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Residential or commercial?

That is the question the Zoning Commission will have to answer when it makes a decision on a zone change request from several owners of property along Addison Avenue.

And the zone change request is likely to cause some discussion between the applicants and residents living in the area, city officials said at a commission work session Tuesday.

LaMar Orton, planning and zoning director, briefed the city

Hearing set

The Twin Falls Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall.

Planning and Zoning Commission about the request, which asks the commission to change the zoning on several pieces of property along Addison from residential professional overlay to commercial overlay.

Several property owners, including Tim and Kate Colner, Don Rahe, Rockey and Mary Slinger and the firm of

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Buhl rec district might find a spot on May ballot

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - Supporters of a recreation district say it could expand recreation programs, create new parks and facilities, add full-time professional recreation staff, build a community recreation center, add more programs for seniors, provide the community with more music, art and cultural activities and build bike and pedestrian pathways and a skate-board park.

Supporters also say a recreation district would maximize the use of school and community facilities, provide stable funding and make it possible to obtain grants for adding and improving facilities.

The Recreation Work Group of the Building Buhl's Future program is kicking off a drive to form a new recreation district, which would be a separate taxing entity to provide parks and recreation services as determined by resi-

The proposed district would have the same boundary lines as the Buhl School District and would be funded by taxpayers living in the district.

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The proposed district would have the same boundary lines as the Buhl School District and would be funded by taxpayers living in the district. The Recreation Work Group is proposing a uniform annual fee of \$45 per year - \$37.50 per month - for all households within the proposed district. At this rate, the proposed district could generate about \$120,000 a year for recreational programs and facilities. Businesses would not be taxed.

Voters will decide whether or

not to approve the creation of a recreation district and petitions are now circulating around the city to get the question on the ballot. The recreation district, 1,000 signatures by April 1 in order to get the question on a ballot in May. Passage would require a simple majority of 50 percent plus one vote. The recreation district, if passed, would be governed by an elected three-member board of directors of Buhl residents. The first board would be appointed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

Petitions can be signed at a number of locations, including the Buhl School District office, Buhl High School, the U.S. Post Office and many area businesses. For more information, call Recreation Work Group Chairman Dan Winn at 543-9126.

Times-News correspondent Mary Lou Potts can be reached in Buhl at 543-8854.

FIGHTING DISEASE

Researchers share ideas for battle against breast cancer

By Karen Bosack
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - Women can protect themselves against breast cancer immeasurably by just saying "No" to that glass of wine with dinner.

There is compelling evidence that the risk of breast cancer increases in direct proportion to alcohol intake, researchers say. Problem is, that same amount of alcohol that may reduce breast cancer could help stave off heart disease.

These are just some of the complex variables researchers are faced with when trying to tell a concerned public what to do and what not to do to prevent certain types of cancer.

"If you have a strong family history of heart disease and personal history of breast cancer, you should sit down with your physician to score our way's best for you," said Dr. Ronald Dorn, chairman of the Mountain States Tumor Institute in Boise.

Dorn was one of 15 breast cancer researchers who met in Sun Valley over the weekend for the Ketchum-based Expedition Inspiration's 4th annual Breast Cancer Symposium. The mission: to exchange ideas to accelerate the development of new, effective treatments for breast cancer.

There are several exciting prospects that could become

To learn more...



available for public use within the next five years, researchers said.

Among them: ways of stimulating the body to fight cancer, boosting the immune system so it can do a better job of resisting cancer and tolerating cancer treatments, new less toxic drugs, psychosocial immunology and vaccines to stimulate killer white blood cells to kill cancer cells.

Though directed at breast cancer, any breakthroughs could be applied to combating cancer in general, said Dr. Malcolm Mitchell, of Detroit, Mich.

There also are trials being conducted on Tibetan herbs, healing touch therapy and other alternative therapies in conjunction with standard therapies.

But researchers are not yet convinced that such things as supplements can help prevent cancer. A quick show of hands of those involved in this weekend's conference indicated that some take vitamins or supplements at all. A couple take a daily aspirin to heart disease or colon cancer in the family. A few take a daily multivitamin and the women also take calcium supplements.

"While exercise and good

nutrition appear to help, it's not as easy as eating more carrots every day. We haven't found a drug or dietary approach that will achieve those purposes," said Dr. Ronald Herberman, of Chicago.

"It pains me to walk into health food stores and see claims that various products will kill cancer cells because there's almost no evidence to support those claims."

Nevertheless, researchers don't try to dissuade people from taking supplements in conjunction with traditional cancer treatment - having a sense of control over their treatment does seem to help patients, they said.

Something that also seems to help is psychosocial intervention such as support groups utilized shortly after a patient has been diagnosed with cancer.

That said, don't think negative thoughts are to blame for a recurrence of cancer, said Dr. Leonard Prosser, of Duke University. There is no scientific evidence to warrant pinning that kind of guilt on people, he said.

At the same time, you want to avoid stress that might impair your immune system, said Laura Evans, a Ketchum woman who founded Expedition Inspiration to raise funds for breast cancer research. Her own ordeal with breast cancer.

Times-News correspondent Karen Bosack can be reached in Halley at 578-2111.

SERVICES

Karma Porter Floyd of Gooding, graveside service at noon today at the Franklin Cemetery in Franklin (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

Eileen Sina Rogers Gruwell of Pocatello, service at 11 a.m. today at the Burley Third Ward LDS Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave. Friends and family may call one hour before the funeral at the church (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

James T. "Jimmy" Moore of Idaho Falls, and formerly of Paul, services at 11 a.m. today at the Teton LDS Church; friends may call one hour before services at the church (Bidwell Funeral Home).

Ella M. Pedersen of Hansen, services at 1 p.m. Saturday at Shoshone Falls. A private Irish wake will follow for family members (White Mortuary and Crematory in Twin Falls).

John L. Howe of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. March 19 at the Grace Baptist Church (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Earl Jensen of Jerome, services at 2 p.m. today at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Marie Owen of Buhl, services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Buhl. Viewing will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Seledonio Gonzales BURLEY - Seledonio Gonzales, 74, of Burley, died Friday, March 3, 2000, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2000, at Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, with Pastor Gary Clark officiating. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call one hour before services Wednesday at Payne Memorial Chapel.

RUPERT - Lawrence Roemer, 72, of Nampa, and formerly of Rupert, died Monday, March 6, 2000, at the Nampa Care Center in Nampa. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 10, 2000, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. Burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 9, 2000, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. A full obituary will run at a later date.

RAMIRO LOPEZ AND ELLA MOYLE, both of Twin Falls. Some names are omitted at patients' request.

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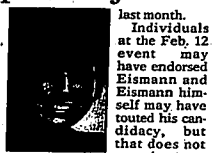
OMEGA LOD OF RUPERT; and Sylvia Ochona and baby girl, both of Burley.

Supreme Court's Cathy Silak calls on public to police judicial campaigns

BOISE (AP) - Justice Cathy Silak called on the public to help ensure judicial elections, such as the Idaho Supreme Court re-election challenge, are free from 4th District Judge Daniel Eismann, are free of political partisanship.

"When a breach occurs, the citizens should speak out and criticize the candidate," Silak said in remarks prepared for a speech on Tuesday to the Women of Rotary. "I urge citizens to appoint themselves campaign watchdogs who will be ready to call foul when necessary."

The state attorney general's office last week declared that Eismann did not violate any laws when he spoke at a Republican fund-raising dinner in Idaho Falls



Cathy Silak

last month. Individuals at the Feb. 12 event may have endorsed Eismann and Eismann himself may have touted his candidacy, but that does not constitute a formal party endorsement, Thorpe Orton, deputy chief of staff to Republican Attorney General Al Luce, wrote in a letter to Robert Huntley, a former Idaho Supreme Court justice and recalled 1998 Democratic gubernatorial

candidate, alleged that the actions of Eismann, who has solid Republican ties and the support of a number of members of the GOP-dominated Legislature, were inappropriate and possibly unconstitutional.

Huntley has said that any involvement by political parties in the selection of judges violates at least the spirit of the Idaho Constitution's requirement that the process be nonpartisan.

Silak sounded that same theme throughout Tuesday's speech, which focused on the importance to Idaho's entire system of government of judicial candidates avoiding even the appearance of partisanship.

DEATH NOTICES

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER. Some names are omitted at patients' request.

FAITH HEAD OF SHOSHONE; Valerie Martinez of Buhl; Robert Perrine of Hansen; and Paula Simon of Twin Falls.

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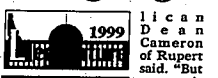
OMEGA LOD OF RUPERT; and Sylvia Ochona and baby girl, both of Burley.

Senate endorses bill targeting rowdy sports fans

BOISE - Legislation intended to rein in rowdy sports fans, including often overzealous parents at school and Little League games, was easily endorsed Tuesday by the state Senate.

Sent to the House on a 247 vote over objections of members who claimed it was unnecessary or overkill, the legislation makes it a misdemeanor to make offensive physical contact with a registered referee or other sports official. The maximum penalty would be a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine plus a civil damage assessment of between \$500 and \$1,000.

"School officials can deal with the players, they can also take care of the coaches," said Republican Sen. Darrel Deide, the longtime superintendent of the Caldwell School District. "But they can't with the fans, who too often exhibit very poor behavior."



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Panel OKs bill requiring boards to consider uniforms

BOISE - The House Education Committee unanimously endorsed changes to legislation aimed at requiring each Idaho school board to at least discuss whether their students should wear uniforms.

Republican Rep. Kent Kunz of Pocatello said he has no prob-

lems with proposed amendments to his bill that would ease some of the concerns cited by the Idaho Association of School Administrators and Idaho School Boards Association.

They said on Tuesday that Kunz's original language might have imposed a mandate on school boards to implement a school uniform policy.

If the full House approves the proposed amendments, the bill now only calls for each board of trustees to develop a policy regarding school uniforms.

Public schools already have the option of requiring uniforms, but Kunz said too often questions of legality or expense keep trustees from even seriously considering the option.

- Compiled from wire reports

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER. Some names are omitted at patients' request.

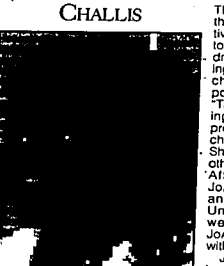
FAITH HEAD OF SHOSHONE; Valerie Martinez of Buhl; Robert Perrine of Hansen; and Paula Simon of Twin Falls.

RAMIRO LOPEZ AND ELLA MOYLE, both of Twin Falls. Some names are omitted at patients' request.

OMEGA LOD OF RUPERT; and Sylvia Ochona and baby girl, both of Burley.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0934, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.



CHALLIS

JoAnn Mary (Sabini) Bennetts succumbed to cancer Saturday, March 4, 2000, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, surrounded by her loving family.

A memorial service will be held at the Challis High School Gymnasium on Saturday, March 11, 2000, at 2 p.m., under the direction of Summers Funeral Home of Boise, with the Reverend Liz Stock officiating.

JoAnn was born February 27, 1941, in Queens, New York, to Albert and Marie Josephine Sabini. She attended elementary and secondary school in Queens, New York, later working for Mobil Oil Company in Manhattan, where she met Gene and Marilyn Moon, who introduced her to the wonders of Idaho. In 1963, she met her future husband and moved to Challis, Idaho, where she married Jim Bennetts, and resided for the remainder of her life. Jim and JoAnn were blessed with four children, Jeff, Jan, Jon and J.D.

Through JoAnn's hard work and thoughtfulness, a number of positive and worthwhile projects came to life. In addition to raising her children, being a loving wife and working in Jim's law office, JoAnn was a charter director of "The HUB," a position she held until her death.

"The HUB" is a thrift store accepting donations of used items, with proceeds from the sale of said merchandise going to various charities. She offered her services to many other charitable and public causes. After her children were grown, JoAnn fulfilled a life-long dream and attended Idaho State University, driving to Pocatello weekly as a part-time student. JoAnn loved most the time spent with her family and friends.

JoAnn is survived by her husband Jim of Challis, Idaho; her son Dr. Jeff Bennetts, DVM, and his wife Carl of Challis, and formerly of Burley; her daughter Jan Stambaugh and her husband Cory of Eggle, Idaho; her son Jon Bennetts and his wife and her son J.D. Bennetts of Moscow and Challis. Also surviving are her beloved grandchildren, Curtie, Heidi and Jesse of Challis; her father Albert Sabini of Anchorage, Alaska; her brother Al Sabini of Eskling, New Jersey; and her sister Isabel Nuttall of Anchorage, Alaska.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Josephine Sabini.

The family suggests memorials in lieu of flowers be sent to the General Scholarship Fund, School District #81, P.O. Box 200, Challis, Idaho 83226, or to the Blake Koyle Bronson Scholarship Fund, ATTN: Annie Chambers, Declo High School, 505 E. Main, Declo, Idaho 83232.

JEROME

Olive Irene Crothers
Olive Irene Crothers, 100, of Jerome, died Thursday March 3, 2000, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center Long Term Care Unit.

She was born February 13, 1900, in Springfield, Missouri, the daughter of Elizabeth Taylor Leach. Olive's family moved to Berryville, Arkansas, when she was a young child and then later to Jerome, when she was a young woman. She married Delbert Crothers on October 21, 1923, and he preceded her in death in 1967.

Olive worked as a housekeeper for a number of families in Jerome and Eden prior to her marriage. After renting two farms in Jerome County, Olive and Delbert bought a farm northeast of Jerome, where they lived until 1960, when they moved into town. It health forced her to reside at St. Benedict's Long Term Care Unit for the past several years. She recently celebrated her 100th birthday. Olive was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Goldenrod Club, the Eldorado Heights Club, and a 50 year member of the Jerome Grange. She worked as a clerk at Craig Service, north of Jerome, and as a cook for the Jerome School lunch program.

Olive is survived by her sons, Kenneth (Inez) Crothers of Shoshone, and Steven (Geavry) Crothers of Kimberly; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; six brothers; and two sisters.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 9, 2000, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel, with Pastor Jeffrey Dill officiating. Burial will be at a later date. Cremation preceded the services, and no viewing is planned.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the First Baptist Church, or a charity of one's choice.

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Albion project backs up

Water rights dispute delays recreation area

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

ALBION — Just south of Albion, a lodge sits unfinished and a reservoir remains dry.

More than 15 years after he began his project and more than a year after a civil suit filed by the Idaho Department of Water Resources was dismissed, Bennie Smyer is down to the final obstacle standing between him and his goal — resolving a water right dispute.

But just upstream of Smyer, the ramifications of his project remain unclear.

Smyer has completed two controversial dams he began building along Idaho Highway 77 in the mid-1980s — one on Summit Creek near the other on Pine and Antone creeks — in order to provide a campground, lodge, fishing area and wildlife habitat. Now he needs a storage certificate, and a water storage right before he can actually impound water.

Smyer said his project has cost him \$50,000 and caused a controversy that destroyed his marriage. He has neglected his cattle and is four years behind schedule in completing his project.

Fred Hawker, who owns a ranch upstream of Smyer, filed a protest to Smyer's application in 1990, and the disputes remain unresolved a decade later.

Hawker has a 1992 water right on Pine and Antone creeks. He says that if Smyer impedes the water flow to downstream neighbors with senior water rights, Hawker's water could be affected.

In a letter Hawker wrote to the



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Once the center of controversy over two dams he was building, Bennie Smyer is still trying to open up his property for recreational use. That plan includes finishing this lodge. After a civil suit filed by the Idaho Department of Water Resources was dismissed in 1998, Smyer now says he is waiting for an upstream neighbor to lift a protest to Smyer's application for a water right.

Department of Water Resources dated November 1990, Hawker wrote that Smyer's application would not need clarification, so Hawker knows exactly how his right is affected.

Smyer said the protest should have been filed as a clarification, not a protest, Smyer said he told Hawker that he would amend the application so it would seek a non-consumptive permit. But Smyer said he will not amend his permit until Hawker withdraws his protest.

In 1999 Smyer said he would irrigate water from his plan. With a non-consumptive permit, he would "only be storing Summit Creek water during non-irrigation time, which should not affect you in any way," he wrote in a 1999 letter to Hawker.

Nor will water flow to downstream neighbors be impeded, Smyer says, because of pipes he has provided for irrigation months, when downstream users

are entitled to water. Hawker disagrees. "That doesn't change the fact he's still holding back water," Hawker said.

Hawker's concern is that water that doesn't make it downstream will have to be made up somewhere.

Pine and Antone creeks and Summit Creek are tributaries to Howell Creek, which eventually flows into Marsh Creek. Although Hawker has first water rights on Pine and Antone creeks and Howell Creek, Skaggs Ranch, which is on Marsh Creek, is one of the primary water holders for the whole basin.

If Smyer's dams affect water flow, the Skaggs Ranch rights holders in the 1970s. And just as the amount of mowpuck varies from

Hawker said that happened once in the 1970s. And just as the amount of mowpuck varies from

year to year, the affect Smyer's dam would have on water flow is just another unknown, Hawker says.

Smyer said he had not discussed his application with Hawker before he filed it, six years into his project, because he did not think his upstream neighbor's water rights would have been affected in any way. Smyer maintains that position.

"I don't want to interfere with anybody's water right," Smyer said.

Because the matter has not yet gone to a hearing, Water Resources can't judge how flow would be affected. If Smyer moves ahead, said Ann Merritt, the department's regional manager.

The department, however, can't schedule a hearing on the matter until the permit to make it non-consumptive, Merritt said.

Because of the moratorium on consumptive permits, Smyer's application can't be processed, and a hearing would be pointless unless Smyer had "something we can process," Merritt said.

The two dams Smyer had been building were hotly contested by residents who feared they would cause flooding, rather than provide the flood control he assured. After 15 locals petitioned Water Resources, the state became involved in making sure his dams were engineered correctly and within regulation.

A civil suit ensued, requiring Smyer to resolve certain safety issues and allow water to reach downstream water right holders. The department dismissed that suit in September 1998, on the condition that Smyer install a spillway on his larger dam and improve the slope of the earthen reservoir.

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Rupert Renaissance pushes for rec facilities

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The Rupert Renaissance Recreation Committee on Monday again asked the City Council to consider using the old Lincoln School lot for recreational facilities.

And city officials again asked Renaissance Recreation Committee members to come up with a proposal showing specifically where basketball courts, sandlot volleyball and soccer fields would be placed.

In 1996, the lot — which has been vacant since 1947 or 1948, when the Lincoln School was torn down — was being considered for a city police facility. But lack of money stopped plans for the facility.

Renaissance Recreation Committee proposed using the park for a recreation facility. Former Mayor Dwinelle Allred asked the committee to come up with a more specific proposal, saying the city was still considering using the lot for police buildings. Allred said the lot could possibly be used for soccer and volleyball until the city decided if the lots would be used for city buildings.

The city never pursued official plans to use the lot for city buildings.

"Considering how long that lot has been empty, I'd love to see some kids there," Mayor Audrey Neirwerth said.

The city has allocated enough money for the recreation facilities the Renaissance Recreation Committee suggested, said Renaissance Recreation Committee member Jess Hess.

The committee could probably come up with the rest through fund-raising and donated labor, Hess said.

"It all stems on what the city wants to do with the park," he said.

City staff members have expressed concern because there is a major sewer and water line running through the park, City Administrator Roger Bugeley said. The city needs to be able to access those lines, said Water

Superintendent Dennis Andrew.

It would be best if facilities were placed along the south side of the park to allow the city to access that area, Andrew said. "It's not opposed to doing it if we make it work," councilman Steve Barrios said.

It would be an opportunity for the mechanical design class at Minico High School to get involved by making plans for a facility, Hess said.

"We need to involve the youth," Hess said. "They will be spending the most time on it."

Rupert resident Louie Caldwell said he lives near basketball courts.

"Kids are there all the time," Caldwell said. "There is such a need for youth."

Richard Blincoe and Jeff Feraday discussed the protection of the future water supply.

Feraday, a Boise attorney who specializes in water rights litigation, asked the city to consider joining Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, a nonprofit organization which works to protect the rights of ground water pumpers, both municipal and rural irrigators, Feraday said.

IGWA provides representation in adjudication and in court cases involving water rights and information, he said.

Richard Blincoe, a Minidoka County farmer, spoke on behalf of the Magic Valley Groundwater District and said it's important to address water issues.

"If we don't get our water issues straightened out, it will affect you. Your wells will start to dry up," he said. "We are looking for financial assistance from all cities to help with some of these problems."

It would cost \$5,000 for a municipality to join IGWA, Feraday said.

The council will review the issue, Neirwerth said.

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Judge refuses to toss drilling ban

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — A federal judge on Tuesday refused to overturn a 1997 U.S. Forest Service ban on oil and gas drilling on the Rocky Mountain Front, where the Rockies meet the plains in northwestern Montana.

Two trade associations did not have a legal standing to file their lawsuit challenging the leasing ban, and failed to prove their claim that the federal agency's

decision was arbitrary, capricious or in violation of any law, said U.S. District Judge Charles C. Lovell.

"The agency gave the question a sufficiently hard look and considered public opposition and many other relevant factors," Lovell said.

The Forest Service provided a rational explanation for its action when it announced its decision, he added.

INEEL

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groups said in formal comments. The calcining facility has been operated since 1982 without a permit required under federal environmental laws, operating instead for the past 10 years under "interim status" and an agreement with the state Division of Environmental Quality and the federal Environmental Protection Agency, the groups said.

Interim status, similar to a grandfather clause for facilities already in operation when hazardous waste laws took effect — allows existing facilities to continue to operate while the required permits are sought, said Brian Monson, head of DEQ's hazardous waste program.

An April 19, 1999, change in that agreement requires INEEL to shut down the facility by June 1 unless it gets a hazardous waste permit.

The state wants to ensure that the facility complies with hazardous waste laws if it continues to operate, Monson said. To get the permit the facility must demonstrate that it can meet hazardous waste and air quality requirements.

Officials of Keep Yellowstone Nuclear Free say there have been numerous instances of atmospheric releases and other problems in recent years at the New Waste Calcine Facility.

Bugger maintained that the facility has worked successfully and will be restarted this week with tests run through June.

"We feel like it would be better to have more data," Bugger said. "There's a lot of skepticism about whether we can effectively calcine this material."

The planned test runs would use actual radioactive waste to help federal officials determine what kinds of emissions the process would produce, and see if the emissions can be controlled within allowable limits, Bugger said.

INEEL officials have had four

processing liquid wastes. The tests will focus on increasing temperatures to treat the sodium-bearing waste.

Under the state's 1995 court-ordered nuclear waste cleanup agreement with the federal government, the government must be processing an estimated 1.5 million gallons of sodium-bearing liquid waste by June 2001 and complete the work before 2013.

But in a letter to Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, Keep Yellowstone Nuclear Free members cited several problems at the calcining plant.

"There were at least 18 incidents where equipment, filter failures, power outages and poor operations have resulted in excessive atmospheric releases of radioactive materials, in some cases causing widespread, severe contamination."

In April 1992, employees were forced to remain indoors after an accidental release from the main stack went beyond the plant boundary, resulting in up to six acres of land being decontaminated.

In 1999, an explosion at the calciner caused worker overexposures, and significant damage to it.

There were at least six fires at the calciner, and inspectors found several instances where fire radiation alarms were shut off.

"The lax regulation and troubling operational record of the calciner at INEEL does not bode well for the proposed plutonium incinerator to be operated by British Nuclear Fuels Limited," said Berte Hirschfeld, president of Keep Yellowstone Nuclear Free.

Two of those incidents were investigated and the causes resolved, Bugger said. The fires were not within the calcine facility itself, and did not result in any radioactive or chemical releases or any danger to workers or the public, he said.

Gooding School Board sets meeting

The Times-News

GOODING — A number of items will be up for discussion at today's Gooding School Board meeting.

A crisis management response manual, Goals 2000 grant proposals, and districtwide discipline are among them.

Other business includes amendments to district policies governing graduation requirements and student promotion and whether to approve another year of involvement with the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition.

The board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the district office.

Nampa restores money to library

NAMPA (AP) — City Council members restored \$50,000 of the public library's funds after a debate on extending Internet filters in the library's computers.

All four members of the council voted Monday in favor of restoring the money.

Internet filtering software has been in place for library patrons

who are 18 years of age or under. Adult patrons will not encounter filtering.

All library patrons, however, must agree to abide by a new, more specific Internet policy when they first log on to the Internet.

The language in the new policy was adopted by the library's Board of Trustees on Friday.

Zoning

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Hunington and Lammers, requested the zone change.

The properties are located at 105 Buchanan St., 1025 Shoshone St. North, 840 Addison Avenue, 104 Lincoln St., 104 Lincoln St. and 135 10th Avenue North.

"We've already heard from several people in the neighborhood who are very much against the zone change," Sliger said.

In a letter to the city Planning and Zoning Commission, Rocky and Mary Sliger said it is their intent to move their retail store "Simpler Times Village" into the vacant Arden Building located on 10th Avenue North.

"We have outgrown our present location and need to relocate," they wrote in their letter.

Sliger said it was neither her nor her husband's intent to disrupt the area or cause contention among residents and property owners.

"I just need a place to go to work," Sliger said. "I'm taking a chance," Sliger said on Tuesday. "Our intentions are to improve the area. We're not noisy. We're not smelly."

The other applicants have said they may someday need to expand or relocate in the area and a commercial overlay classification for the listed properties would be beneficial, Sliger said. But residents have been concerned with traffic flow in the

area and the commercial development of residential areas along Lakes Boulevard east of Washington Street.

"There has recently been concern expressed by the public as well as the commission and the City Council about maintaining the viability of the residential areas of the original townsite and other nearby older residential areas," the city Planning and Zoning Commission staff report said.

But Sliger said many of the homes located on Addison, or just off Addison, east of Washington Street and west of Blue Lakes Boulevard, are difficult to sell as residential.

The building she and her husband purchased on 10th Avenue is better suited for a commercial business, Sliger said. If the Planning and Zoning Commission denies the zone change request, however, Sliger said the building she and her husband purchased would instead be turned into an apartment complex instead.

The city Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on the zone change request at its meeting later this month.

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sell potatoes to Magic Valley Foods, a processor. Sun Valley Potatoes delivered its potatoes for the first three contracts, but when Magic Valley Foods didn't pay, Sun Valley Potatoes stopped sending spuds.

Magic Valley Foods sued, and following a bench trial, District Judge Daniel Meehl ruled against Sun Valley because it didn't insist on strict compliance with payment terms. Meehl awarded Magic Valley lost profits and downtime, and both sides appealed. Scheduled for today at 10 a.m.

A suit brought by Mark Dunlap and Nicole Whitlock against Cassia Memorial Hospital and Medical Center over the death of their son, Alan Lee Dunlap. That lawsuit was dismissed by District Judge Monte Carlson, who said no causal connection was shown between the actions of hospital staff and the life-threatening conditions that led to the infant's death.

The parents appealed the dismissal. Scheduled for today, at 11:10 a.m.

The owners of the Highway 30 Garage have appealed a court decision allowing the Twin Falls Highway District and Idaho Transportation Department to take some of their land to widen U.S. Highway 30 without compensation.

G. Carter and Donna Killinger filed a complaint in 1996 over an

agreement between the highway district and the state, to part of an access road on their property for the widening project.

District Judge Daniel Meehl ruled against the Killingers, saying they didn't show the widening would substantially impair their right of access. On appeal the Killingers say the judge erred in his decision and ask for compensation and legal fees.

Scheduled for Friday, 8:50 a.m. • In 1993 Russell Orthman was permanently disabled trying to reconnect electricity to his home. Idaho Power had disconnected power because of criminal delinquency in payment. Orthman sued and a jury split blame between Orthman and Idaho Power, so Orthman received nothing.

Orthman and his wife appeal the case on two issues. First, they say the judge erred in giving jury certain instructions. Second, they say the judge erred in admitting testimony about ratepayers absorbing the cost of delinquent customers. Scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday.

The Northwestern Band of the Shoshoni Nation is appealing a decision by former Snake River Basin Adjudication Judge Daniel Huribut to dismiss the band's water claims. Huribut said the band had failed to pursue the claims for five years, which precluded the state. Scheduled for Friday at 11:10 a.m.

Movie

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very nice because this is something that he did on his own to also support the community," Rickert said.

"Not all Jerome residents agreed with Roper's plan, however, and many were critical of it. Elmer Dallman said he doesn't think people should need incentives to do their civic duty and vote."

"All the years that I've lived it's been a privilege to vote — the only privilege you have in this country," he said. "It's a privilege to vote, and you darn sure need a movie ticket to do it. That's just bribery. It's an underhanded way of doing things."

"Dallman said he doesn't understand why incentives are forbidden in elections involving federal officials but allowed in school elections. School elections are subsidized by the state and federal governments, he said, so incentives should be prohibited at the local level as well."

Mark Hillman agreed.

"It's still an election. Why should it be OK for a local school bond issue, but not for a federal election?" he asked.

But folks at the theaters, tickets in hand, didn't seem to mind Roper's tactic.

"I don't think it hurt anything because you're not buying a vote either way, you're just trying to get people to vote," said Garver Showers. "Turnouts are so low all the time, you've got to do something to get people's opinion."

Sandy Davidson had similar feelings.

"I think it's great. It didn't say you had to vote one way or the other. I think it's a good incentive to get people out and encourage them to vote," she said.

Some people, like Lisa Mason, didn't have strong feelings either way but were happy to have a free movie ticket.

"I didn't really think it was a very big deal. I was voting anyway. I just got the ticket and I'm using it," Mason said.

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CLUB CALENDAR

CLASSIC THEATER

Civic

Rotary Clubs

Bliss Lakes - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Weston Plaza Hotel & Convention Center in Twin Falls, 734-7007 or 734-4187.

Burley - Noon Tuesdays at Burley Inn Convention Center; 678-2211.

Booth - Noon Thursdays at the Acapulco Restaurant in Buhl; 543-5841 or 543-5506.

Gooding - 12:15 p.m. Friday at the Lincoln Inn; 543-4555.

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

Jerome - Noon Tuesdays at China Village, 123 S. Alder; 324-7000 or 324-4511.

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

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

Shoshone - Noon Wednesdays at the Senior Citizens Center; 886-2221 or 886-2883.

Twin Falls

Midweek meetings at the Twin Falls Club; 736-4023 or 734-6549.

Lions Clubs

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

Gooding - 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays at the Lincoln Inn; 934-4141.

Halley - Noon first and third Wednesdays at Full Moon Restaurant in Blaine County.

Heyburn - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at Heyburn fire station; 436-3030.

Jerome - Noon Tuesdays at China Village; 324-7000 or 324-4511.

Rupert - 8 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at Rupert Elks; 826-3671.

Women's Clubs

Burley - Noon Wednesdays at the Grandstand Sports Grill; call 543-2330 or 543-8576.

Burley - Noon Wednesdays at Brice's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave.; 436-3228 or 436-0720.

Flax - Noon Tuesdays at the First Methodist Church; 326-6330 or 326-6455.

Rupert - Noon Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks; 436-8124.

Jerome - Noon Thursdays at Brice's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave.; call 324-2332.

Twin Falls - Noon Thursdays at the Turf Club for lunch; 736-4776 or 734-4144.

Optimist Clubs

Twin Falls - Noon Thursdays at the Mandarin House; 733-2878, 733-7035 or 734-7805.

Blaine County - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Oop's Market, 156 E. Main St.; 324-5469.

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

Civil Air Patrol

Burley - 7 p.m. Mondays at the Federal Aviation Administration Building at the Burley Airport; 677-2559 or 436-6661.

Twin Falls - 7 p.m. Mondays at the Airport Loop at Joslin Blvd.; call Gary Thibault at 734-4061.

Other civic

Magic Valley Jaycees - 7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at the Plaza in Twin Falls; call 324-2543 or 734-2917.

Society for Creative Anachronism - The Shire of Iron Lines, 3 p.m. Sundays at the Twin Falls City Park; 326-4125.

Gooding Business and Professional Women - Noon Monday at the Lincoln Inn; 934-4552 or 324-8205.

Magic Valley Toastmasters - 10 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays in Magic Valley Mental Health Services conference room, 823 Harrison; 733-6088.

Soroptimist International of Twin Falls - first, third and fourth Tuesdays at 12 p.m. at the Buffet, 1719 Kimberly Blvd. in Twin Falls. All business women are invited. Call 734-5866.

Alpha Tau chapters of Beta Sigma Phi - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 734-4655 or 734-1367.

Buhl Chamber of Commerce - first and third Tuesdays at Grandstand Sports Grill.

Lambda Delta Sigma sorority - meets at 7 p.m. each Thursday at the Burley LDS Institute, 220 E. Second Ave. New members welcome. Call 678-6392 or 678-1622.

Musical

Magic Valley Singers Square - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at 823 Harrison; 733-6088.

Jerome's Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome; 734-5685.

Magisthords Barbershop Chorus

7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the First Methodist Church basement, Shoshone, call 625-9604.

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

Snake River Flats - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Harmony Hall, 112 K St. in Rupert; 436-6047 or 438-8148.

Sweet Adelines Chorus - Members eat post to Boise chorus every Tuesday evening. Call 733-6238.

Hobbies

Bingo - 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Golden Years Senior Citizens center, 218 N. Rall St. W. Shoshone; anyone over 18 years of age welcome; call 625-2665.

Magic Valley Chess Club - 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Every other Saturday at Barnes & Noble in Twin Falls; 733-6186.

Magic Valley Pinch Club - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Disabled American Veterans Building, Main Street and Shoup Avenue, Twin Falls.

Valley Vista Retirement Center Pinch 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. N. Twin Falls, 7 p.m. daily except Wednesdays and Sundays; 736-1895.

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

Magic Valley Callery League - Magic Valley Callery, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Club, 253 Fifth Ave. W., moderate pistol caliber and 22, 324-5350 or 324-5722.

Open chess - 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, Take a Break Coffee Shop, 205 N. Lincoln St. in Jerome; 324-8329. All levels welcome.

Weight loss

Weight Watchers - 6 p.m. Mondays at the Odd Fellows Hall, 123 E. Oakley and Oakley Ave.; 436-2288.

TOPS Clubs

Burley Chapter 256 - 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays at 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. Tuesdays at the public library; 324-7426 or 324-5722.

Twin Falls Chapter 3 - 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Our Savior Church, 734-0664.

Heyburn Ave. E.; 733-3304 or 326-6833.

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

Support Groups

GriefShare - 3:35 p.m. Sundays, March 19; June 19; September 19; United Methodist Church, 605 H. St.; 436-3354.

12-step LDS Support group - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 630 1st p.m. Fridays at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2400 Parke Ave.; call Jan at 678-7447.

Alcoholics Anonymous - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the recreation room at 475 Caswell Ave. W.; 734-5132 or 736-3291.

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

Alateen for young people living with alcoholics - 6 p.m. Mondays at Falls Professional Center, Suite 21, 1201 Falls Ave. E. in Twin Falls; 734-0664.

Senior Support Group for Blind and Visually Impaired people, noon at the Twin Falls Senior Center. The next Wednesday of the month, meeting following lunch, call 733-5073.

Grandmothers in Touch - Christian support group for those who pray for their grandchildren; for information call Lorraine at 734-7015.

Magic Valley Brain Injury Support Group and Referral Service - For information, call Cassandra Blakley at 326-4080.

Moms in Touch - Meets at various times throughout the week to pray for their children, their schools and their teachers. For information, call 625-9604.

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

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

Parents of Down Syndrome Children - For information, call 733-8863, leave a message.

Pass Pele Support Group - For information, call 678-2571.

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

Mini-Cassia Singles - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at 1901 W. St. in Rexburg; 678-5333.

Substance Abuse Volunteer Efforts - For information, call 436-9600.

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Mental Health Support Group - 7 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital conference room; (800) 572-9940.

Mini-Cassia Cancer Support Group - Call 624-2241.

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

Alzheimer's Support Group - 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Bridgeview Estates, 1823 Bridgeview Blvd., Twin Falls; 736-3933.

Brent's Easy Club and Magic Valley Brewers Club of Idaho - For more information, call 344-6567.

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

Cocaine Anonymous - For information, call 732-5317.

CoDa - Codependents Anonymous - 5 p.m. Thursdays at the Walker Center in Gooding; 934-6611.

Fibromyalgia chronic fatigue free seminar - 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 734-4476.

DivorceCare - 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Burley United Methodist Church, 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.; 733-6128.

Twin Falls - 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Twin Falls First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N. Beginning Jan. 5 for 12 weeks; 733-6610.

Bible Study Anonymous - 7 p.m. Tuesdays. For information, call 733-8300, 736-8446 or 733-7897.

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

Sunday Breakfast Group - Serves members between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Edith's Cafe, Highway 81 E. across from the golf course, Burley; 678-0798 or 678-0209.

Study Group - 8 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays at St. James Episcopal Church, 218 St. and Oakley, Burley; 678-9414.

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

Women's Group - 5 p.m. Mondays at the Snow Building, 1321 Oakley Ave. No. 9; 678-9040 or 678-9424.

Mini-Cassia Group - 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Snow Building, 1321 Oakley Ave. No. 9; 677-9040 or 678-9424.

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

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

Halley/Beleue - For more information, call 738-5950.

Ketchum/Sun Valley - For more information, call 726-4650.

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

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Narcotics Anonymous - For information, call 736-1160 or (800) 452-4340.

Gooding - 8 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; Shoshone, call 625-9604.

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. Sundays, 220 E. Ellis.

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Thursday Rupert Group, 7 p.m. Thursdays, 215 Shoshone St. (backdoor); 6 p.m. Fridays, 315 Falls Ave., Desert Building, Rm 112; 7 p.m. Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 6 p.m. Thursdays, 7 p.m. Fridays, 10 p.m. Fridays, 7 p.m. Saturdays at 801 2nd Ave. N.

Overaters Anonymous - Twin Falls - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays or 10 a.m. Saturdays or 1 p.m. Mondays, all meetings at the First Baptist Church, 210 Shoshone St. (use side door on Wednesdays and Ninth Avenue entrance on Saturdays); 732-5676.

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Other

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Other organizations

Twin Falls Chapter Order of DeMolay - 7 p.m. first and third Thursdays at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Chapter 17 O.E.S. - First and third Wednesdays; 532-4296.

Idaho Rebekah Lodge 96 - First and third Mondays at 8 p.m. at 120 W. Ave. A, Wendell.

Guiding Star Lodge 4 - Second and fourth Thursdays in Mountain Home.

Oregon Lodge Rebekah Lodge 98 - 7 p.m. First and third Wednesdays at the IOOF Hall at Third and Avenue and Idaho Street in Caldwell.

Occident Lodge 58 - Second and third Thursdays in Fairfield.

Union Lodge 45 - First and third Thursdays at 2 p.m. in Hagerman.

Springa Rebekah Lodge 110 - Second and fourth Mondays at 8 p.m. at 132 E. Ave. B, Jerome.

Odd Fellows - 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Odd Fellows Hall, 13th and Oakley, Burley; 678-1431.

Masonic activities

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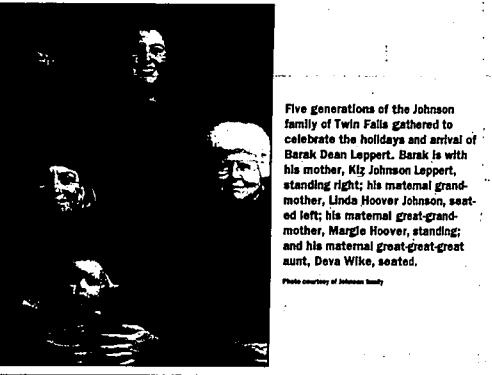
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The Gooding High School drama department tackled a powerful play, 'The Crucible,' on Feb. 18-19. Cast members include, left to right, Heather Day, Jordan Peterson, Zach Torncay, Stacy Goble and Evan Barnes. Arthur Miller's play is about the Salem witch trials but conforming to societal norms is the heart of the classic play. Kyle Woods is the head of the drama department.

75 GENERATIONS



Five generations of the Johnson family of Twin Falls gathered to celebrate the holidays and arrival of Barack Dean Leppert. Barack is with his mother, Kitz Johnson Leppert, standing right; his maternal grandmother, Linda Hoover Johnson, seated left; his maternal great-grandmother, Margie Hoover, standing; and his maternal great-great-aunt, Deva Wilke, seated.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Glenns Ferry High School alumni plans all-school class reunion

GLENN'S FERRY - A class reunion for all graduates of Glenns Ferry High School is planned for July 1-2 at the high school at 545 N. Bannock St. in Glenns Ferry.

The reunion with the theme "A Crossing in Time," will commemorate the millennium and the new interpretive center, located in the old rock elementary school in Glenns Ferry.

Reunion registration will be July 1 at the high school, followed by an assembly, dinner is at 7 p.m. at the fairgrounds with a dance to follow. There will also be a special tour of the interpretive center for Glenns Ferry alumni.

A picnic and farewell program will be held Sunday at the state park in Glenns Ferry.

Former alumni who have not received a reunion letter are asked to call any of the following committee members, Donna Carnahan at 366-2192, Eddie Bostic at 366-2676, Cheryl Rose at 366-7113, Ken Watkins at 366-7568, Paul Shrum at 366-7988 or Lisa Burck at 366-2308.

Cost per person is \$100 and the class is required for people interested in becoming a certified lifeguard.

For more information, call 734-2336 or visit the Twin Falls City Pool at its location near Twin Falls High School on Stadium Lane.

Astronomy society hosts program on 'Messier Objects'

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Astronomical Society will discuss "The Messier Objects," at its meeting at 7 p.m. Saturday in room 117 of the Shields Building on the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls.

"The Messier Objects," discovered by Charles Messier while he was looking for comets, will be discussed.

After the program, the group will set up telescopes in front of Herrett Science and Arts building on campus for a joint star party, with the telescopes of the Herrett Center.

Star gazers are encouraged to bring their own telescopes and to dress warmly for the outdoors viewing.

Objects to view for the evening include Orion and its nebula, Beehive Cluster, Pleiades and many others. The public is invited to attend the meeting and to view through the telescopes. All the events are free.

For more information, call Forrest Ray at 736-8678.

Twin Falls business offers cake decorating, egg class

TWIN FALLS - Kitchen Magic in Twin Falls will hold Cake Decorating 3 p.m. Thursday to 6 p.m. March 18 and a Panoramix Eggs Class from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 15 at its location at the Lynwood Shopping Center in Twin Falls.

The cake decorating course is \$47.38 per person and includes a kit and a book. Students must pre-register by Monday.

The Panoramix Eggs class is \$25 per person and includes a kit. Students are asked to pre-register as the class has limited availability.

For more information, call Kitchen Magic at 733-4285.

Golden Years Senior Citizens host summer trips to New York

SHOSHONE - The Golden Years Senior Citizens Center is hosting summer trips to Manhattan, the coast of Maine, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and a night trip to Elko.

The Manhattan trip is from May 15-21. The northeast trip to Maine, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island is 11 days from Aug. 30 to Sept. 9 and the Elko trip is March 16-17. Cost per person for the Elko trip is \$50.

For more information, call 788-3468.

Jerome Historical Society hears about books about Idaho

Jerome - The Jerome Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Jerome Public Library at 100 First Ave. E. in Jerome.

The program will feature a presentation by Lon McDonald, titled "Finding and Reading Books about Idaho and Our Local Area."

For more information, call Emma Coupe at 324-4612.

Twin Falls Pool offers Red Cross Lifeguarding class

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Community Pool is offering an American Red Cross Life guarding class March 13-25.

Falls District Roundtable meets Thursday at council building

TWIN FALLS - The Falls District Roundtable of the Snake River Council, Boy Scouts of America will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the CSC Building on Falls Avenue.

All unit leaders are urged to attend.

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You never stand alone.

There is someone with you in anxious moments who knows your deepest desires and wants what's best for you. Think of the person who has loved you most. Multiply that love a million times over and you still haven't reached the extent of God's personal love for you.

You can go beyond yourself.

You can forgive those who have hurt you, however deeply. Even when you feel intense pain, the possibility of forgiveness lies within you. You can forgive others because God is always ready to forgive your sins. You can overlook wrongs because God empowers you to go beyond your own heartache.

You can ask forgiveness of those you have hurt.

You can admit wrongs and ask forgiveness to make relationships right. His grace can heal you.

You can care for the weak.

You can remove injustices, alleviate poverty, annihilate oppression and restore righteousness in our world. The love of God in you gives you strength to defend the unborn, support the elderly, and lift the hearts of those without hope. God's grace in you helps you to see that in every person beats a heart yearning to be loved.

You have the power to touch hearts with compassion.

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New possibilities lie before you—before all of us—at the start of the third Christian millennium. This is a Jubilee Year of Celebration. This is a time to look at the world and decide how to better serve your neighbor. Thanks to God you can do it! Two thousand years ago the Father sent Jesus his son into the world as the Savior. Now through the Holy Spirit, the power of God's love lies within you.

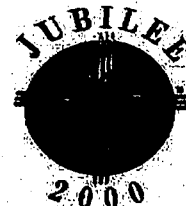
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Every quarter century Catholics celebrate a "holy year," in which we turn to Jesus, ask for the grace that converts our hearts and minds, and look forward in hope. As we celebrate the two thousand years of Christianity, we wish to witness to our faith in Jesus and how the Gospel empowers and challenges us.

As we think about home and school, work and play, we see a need for the saving presence of Jesus Christ throughout the land. This is vital as violence threatens to shatter peace and the lure of instant gratification keeps people from looking beyond themselves. Such threats can blind a person to the existence of God's timeless caring and affection.

As you step across the threshold into the new millennium, think about what God's love means for you.



A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MICHAEL DRISCOLL AND THE CATHOLIC PEOPLE OF IDAHO

Announce baby's arrival with style

Kitchen Quest

'Grandpa Moses of the kitchen' learns the joys of cooking healthy

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls attorney Dennis Voorhees calls himself the Grandpa Moses of the kitchen. He says he is "living proof for the legion of middle-aged men who think they could never get the hang of cooking."

Originally from New Jersey, Voorhees said he watched too many Gene Autry movies as a kid and then decided to "go west." He graduated from the University of Idaho with a law degree in 1978. A little over a year ago, Voorhees said, he decided to do something about his middle-aged spread. Since he "didn't know an amino acid from an anti oxidant," he went to the library, rolled up his sleeves, did some serious research and taught himself about nutrition.

Then he took over the cooking of the family meals, and he has figured out how to make what's good for you taste good. He typically spends about 45 minutes to an hour preparing a meal.

LeNee, his wife, was happy to retire from the cooking, she said. In fact, the two have made a pact. He does the cooking; she does the clean-up.

It is always a surprise to come to dinner. "I always get a surprise to come to dinner," she said.

Now, she's thinking of planting an herb garden to further enhance the meals. In the process of teaching himself to cook, Voorhees has lost 35 pounds - in 14 months. For him, the key to weight loss is to get the fatty acids early in the day to avoid that "run-out-of-gas feeling" and to keep the blood sugar level up. This helps you avoid eating everything in sight because you are too hungry, he explained.

These days, at the Voorhees home, dinner is a special occasion. The table is often set with the handpainted plates that

LeNee brought with her from Venezuela, her homeland. And dinner is often by candlelight. While cooking, Voorhees listens to Italian music or golden oldies from the 1960s and 1970s. Voorhees and his wife have five grown daughters, one grandson and one granddaughter.

Here are some of his favorite recipes:

CREAMY PUMPKIN SOUP
Serves 6
16 ounces pumpkin (canned or fresh pureed)
13.75 ounces chicken broth
1 large onion
2 carrots (wheels or diced)
2 cups half and half or evaporated milk
1/4 cup sour cream
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/3 teaspoon (or less) salt
2 stalks celery
6 sprigs parsley

Put chicken broth, onions, carrots, celery, salt and pepper into a large pot. Simmer uncovered for 10 to 15 minutes until carrots are soft. Add pumpkin and half and half. Simmer uncovered for 10 minutes. Pour into soup crocks or soup bowls. Top with sour cream and parsley sprigs.
-Source: The Pumpkin Nook on the Web at <http://members.aol.com/expumpkin/cookbook.htm>

TEMPEH A VOCADO SANDWICH

Serves 4
Tempeh (fermented soybean)
Avocado
Parmesan cheese
Whole wheat bread
Olive oil
Caraway seeds or sliced olives (optional)
Saute sliced tempeh in olive oil (use whatever amounts you



Left, Amaranth Date Nut Bread is one of the specialties of the house at the Voorhees residence. Below, Dennis Voorhees says his adventures in the kitchen began with a desire to diet. He now considers himself a 'serious student' of the culinary arts.

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want). Melt cheese over tempeh while sauteing. (Optional: microwave tempeh and cheese; also optional: after sauteing, add caraway seeds or sliced olives to tempeh/cheese.) Put sliced avocado and tempeh/cheese between slices of toasted whole wheat bread.

ROASTED ROOT VEGETABLES

Serves 6
1 to 2 pounds root vegetables (potatoes, carrots, parsnips, turnips, rutabagas, beets, sweet potatoes), peeled and cut into 1-inch pieces
1 medium onion, peeled
Please see QUEST, Back page



Q: What Are Some Creative Ideas for Birth Announcements?

A: Birth announcements are a wonderful way to announce a new arrival. Handmade cards communicate warmth by their very nature, but printed and engraved cards can be just as personal and distinctive.

WHAT TO SAY

The most formal version could include nothing more than the baby's name and birth date and the parents' formal names (for example, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith). You can also use given names (Mary and John Smith).

Often, parents choose wording that reflects their feelings: "Mary and John Smith proudly announce (or joyfully announce...)" the birth of their daughter, Ann.

Less-formal cards could read "Mary and John Smith welcome with love..." or "It's a boy!"

When a child is adopted, parents often use the word "arrival" or "arrived," as in "Mary and John Smith proudly announce the arrival of Ann Smith," and may include both birth date and arrival date.

HANDMADE CARDS

The easiest announcement of all is also one of the most personal: a note handwritten on good stationery.

You can dress up simple cards with special touches. Just fold pretty pieces of sturdy paper in half (trim them first to the size you want), or use single thicknesses of card stock. You can also center a piece of paper on a slightly larger piece of card stock, using two holes at the top of the two cards and join with ribbon. Details can be handwritten or printed out on the card, which can be embellished:

- For an embossed card, draw a rattle shape lightly in pencil, then use a thumbtack to make holes along the outline at 1/8-inch intervals. Thread a needle with embroidery floss, and stitch along the outline using a back stitch.

- Take one good impression of your baby's footprint with an ink pad, then bring the image to a rubber stamp counter where it will be turned into a stamp to decorate your cards.

- For a card with a flannel "one-up," cut out a tiny onesie shape from plain white material and use craft glue to attach it to the card.

PHOTO CARDS

Attach a photo to a card using ribbon corners, a craft thread or thin cord. To make ribbon corners, fold short lengths of 1/2-inch-wide ribbon into points around a corner of a card, slide card out and iron the ribbon flat. Glue ribbon to the card and insert photo.

To use thick thread or cord, position the photo on a card. Use a pencil to mark where you'll need holes: one on either side of each corner and two centered below the photo. Make the holes with a pushpin. Send one end of thread from the back through one bottom-center hole, then lace it over and around the card. Insert photo, pull thread taut and tie a bow.

PAPER DOLLS

AND STITCHING CARDS
Paper dolls are perfect for twins or triplets. Make a template for one doll by drawing a shape similar to a gingerbread man. For twins, fold paper in half, place the "hand" on the fold of the paper, and trace the template. Cut out shape. For triplets, fold the paper accordion style to make three or more dolls. The ribbon around their "waists," and write in the details.

A tiny newborn's sock is an adorable vehicle for information: Cut out stocking shapes from thick paper, rubber stamp or write the baby's name on top and details below; slip it into the sock, and tie with a bow.

Questions should be addressed to **Martha Stewart**, care of *The New York Times Syndication Sales Corp.*, 122 E. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10017. Or visit *The Times-News Online's Newsline* to contact **Martha Stewart** by e-mail.

Family Features

Three of New York's hottest chefs have teamed up with the "Got Milk?" advertising campaign to create decadent, yet nutrient-packed, hot chocolate drinks made with lowfat chocolate milk.

As an alternative to coffee and tea, many do enjoy hot chocolate drinks made to suit a sophisticated palate. Try the following to add some flair to your hot chocolate drinks:

- Add a spoonful of melted peanut butter for an irresistible combination.

- Use a cinnamon stick or a peppermint stick as a stirrer to add some zing.

- Stir in a spoonful of raspberry preserve for a fabulous and fruity concoction.

- Try a dash of hazelnut syrup for a rich, nutty flavor.

For a free copy of the brochure "Hot Chefs, Hot Chocolate," call 1-800-WHY MILK or log on to <http://www.whymilk.com>.

MULLED HOT CHOCOLATE

1 quart lowfat chocolate milk
4 whole allspice or 1/8 teaspoon ground allspice
1/2 rind from a whole orange
1/4 cup sugar
6 ounces bittersweet chocolate chunks

1 tablespoon vanilla extract
Cut the skin off an orange, removing the pith. Next, julienne the orange peel and set aside. Pour lowfat chocolate milk into a saucepan and bring to a simmer. Add sugar, cinnamon sticks, allspice and orange rind. Then remove from heat for 10 to 15 minutes. After the spices have steeped in the milk,



Spiced Hot Chocolate, created by Scott Campbell, chef/owner of Avana restaurant, is a super winter warm-up.

reheat the mixture to a very low heat and add chocolate chunks, stirring occasionally until melted (takes about 3 to 5 minutes). Carefully pour hot chocolate mixture through a metal strainer to remove spices and finish by adding vanilla extract. Pour into individual mugs and top off hot chocolate with whipped cream and julienned

orange peel, if desired. Serves 6.
-Created by Scott Campbell, chef/owner, Avana

THE FAIRWAY CAFE'S MITCHELL LONDON HOT CHOCOLATE

4 cups fat free milk
1 1/4 pound semisweet chocolate
1 quart lowfat chocolate milk

Combine first two ingredients in a saucepan over low heat until chocolate melts (takes about 3 to 5 minutes). Add lowfat chocolate milk and stir until the mixture reaches the desired consistency. Pour into individual mugs and top with whipped cream, if desired. Serves 6.
-Created by Steve Jenkins, chef, The Fairway

SPICED HOT CHOCOLATE

1 quart lowfat chocolate milk
4 cinnamon sticks
4 whole allspice or 1/8 teaspoon ground allspice
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 cup sugar
6 ounces bittersweet chocolate chunks
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
Pour lowfat chocolate milk into a saucepan and bring to a simmer; add sugar, cinnamon sticks, allspice and nutmeg; then remove from heat for 10 to 15 minutes. After the spices have steeped in the milk, reheat the mixture to a very low heat and add chocolate chunks, stirring occasionally until melted (takes about 3 to 5 minutes). Carefully pour hot chocolate mixture through a metal strainer to remove spices and finish by adding vanilla extract to the strained liquid. Pour into individual mugs and top off hot chocolate with whipped cream and a cinnamon stick, if desired. Serves 6.
-Created by Scott Campbell, chef/owner, Avana

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH MOROCCAN SPICES

3 cups lowfat chocolate milk, divided
2 ounces bittersweet Belgian chocolate, plus 1/2 ounce for garnish
2 cinnamon sticks
1 orange rind
3 pieces cardamom pods or 1/8 teaspoon ground cardamom
Bring 2 cups of lowfat chocolate milk to a boil. Steep cinnamon sticks, orange rind and cardamom pods in the milk mixture. Remove from heat for 10 min-

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FOOD & HOME

Spare some dryer lint for feathered friends

Pardon me, can you spare a little dryer lint?
It's not for me. The songbirds are back, you see, and it's that time of year again when they're frantically searching for the perfect nesting materials. They'd be tickled to find some of your dryer lint. If you could spare it.

Think how soft and cozy dryer lint would make an otherwise scratchy nest. If you're a baby bird with no feathers, it would be a pretty big deal to you. It wouldn't take a lot of lint, but a few puffs of the stuff would be appreciated.
It's the least you could do. After all, think what the birds do for your garden: snapping up countless weed seeds and bugs during the spring and summer. And they sing all the while. You can't buy a better garden tool.

DEAR CATHY: I wrote to you once before about my spathiphyllum. I've transplanted it, and



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

bought some 20-20-20 fertilizer. Now how do I use it?

-HOUSEPLANT HANNA
DEAR HANNA: I use Peters 20-20-20 on all my houseplants weekly. I have a standard, 1 1/2-quart watering can to which I add about a half scoop (the one that comes with the fertilizer) of the blue powder, then fill it with tepid water and water everything that needs it.
That's the trick with houseplants: Knowing which ones want a drink when. Most of the potting soil turns a lighter color when it gets dry. The rest of them need a

gentle prodding with my fingertip to see if it feels damp or dry just below the surface.

The dry soils get water. I pour the water slowly into each pot until the excess water comes out the bottom drainage holes. I wait a few minutes, then drain that water from the saucers. That way, no plant suffers from wet feet, nor the resulting root rot.
You and your spathiphyllum should enjoy many more happy years together.

TIP OF THE WEEK: It's too long all spring, you say? Your cooking needs a little pizzazz, you say? How about some garlic greens? Here's how:
• Break apart a head of garlic.
• Fill a small pot, just bigger than the garlic, with potting soil.
• Mix in a little water, just until moist. An old dinner fork works really well for this task,

but don't let your spouse see what happens to the silviculture between meals.

• Push several garlic cloves down into the moist soil, covering them completely.
• Put the pot in a sunny window sill. Keep the soil moist, but not wet. Soon, the little shoots will be two inches tall — tall enough to harvest for the nice, fresh, fragrant greens. Throw them into salads, soups, stews and stir-fry. Just make sure you leave a half inch of the little green stems to "re-grow" for next time.

MINI-CASSIA READERS: Can't wait to see you at the Home, Garden and Recreation Expo at the Snake River Plaza between 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday.

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

Home-grown onions run rings around store bought

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The best onions are grown with great patience and eaten without delay.
For the main crop of the year — harvested in July — now is the time to plant or sow. Onions also are perfect vegetables for the small garden: Planted three inches apart, you can get 100 in a 25-foot row.

Gardeners new to growing onions may find some puzzling terminology attached to catalog entries. Here's an overview.
The young plant begins its growth with foliage alone, slender reeds that thicken over the months. Bulb formation is the last stage, triggered by temperature and lengthening periods of daylight in late spring.
Garden centers stock small onion

bulbs or "sets," immature onions that, when planted in rich soil, will grow into full-size bulbs. You buy blind: The sets are sold by color, dot by named variety, and some gardeners report difficulty getting them to bulb (and enjoy them, nevertheless, as small onions).
Onions are easiest to grow from sets or field-grown seedlings, typically sold in bundles of 50 or so. Get them in as soon as possible; they can be planted any time the soil can be worked — the earlier the better. They should get compost-rich soil laced with a slow-release organic fertilizer to get as much green growth as possible on them quickly.
As soon as the onion harvest is complete, new bulbs or plants can go in during August or September, making a grand use of a fallow winter garden.

Sometimes, elaborate cakes are easy as pie

By Sylvia Carter
Newsday

Cakes are showy, compared to pies. They stand high and proud. And, truth to tell, for many cooks, cakes are easier to make than pies. So herewith, we print a few of the cake recipes readers have contributed.

"I'm no Betty Crocker," declared Katherine Cornaz of Levittown, N.Y., when she gave us her coffee cake recipe. It'd rather eat her cake than Betty Crocker's any day.

COFFEE CAKE
For filling:
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
2/3 cup chocolate chips
For cake:
Nonstick spray
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
1 cup sugar
2 eggs, at room temperature, beaten
1 cup sour cream
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
Combine filling ingredients set aside. Coat a 9-inch tube pan with nonstick spray. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In another bowl, lightly cream together butter and sugar. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating after each. Add sour cream, vanilla and the flour mix-

ture, mixing well. Spoon half the batter into pan, use rubber spatula to spread evenly. Sprinkle on 2/3 of filling. Add remaining batter. Bake 10 minutes in preheated 350-degree oven. Sprinkle remaining topping over cake and bake 25 to 30 minutes or until cake tests done. Cool on a rack.

Bernice Magalnick of Roslyn, N.Y., prefers Rome Beauties or McIntosh for this cake. It is important to cut the apples into fine slivers or paper-thin slices, not chunks. I have made the cake a couple of times, and it is moist and delicious made with either English walnuts or black walnuts.

APPLE-WALNUT CAKE
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
2 cups sugar
3 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoons soda
1 1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
3 cups peeled apples cut into slivers
1 cup chopped walnuts
Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In a large bowl, using an electric mixer if desired, cream butter and sugar. Add eggs 1 at a time, beating after each. Add dry ingredients, mixing well. Stir in vanilla. Fold in chopped d apples and walnuts. Batter will be very thick. Spread in greased and floured 10-inch tube pan. Bake in 325-degree oven for about 1 hour to 1 1/2 hours, until cake tests done. Do not overbake.

Mona Solski of Commack, N.Y., was inspired to send this recipe from "The Brooklyn Cookbook" by Lyn Stallworth. "A friend of my family... would always bring over his cheesecake for Christmas," Solski said of her days growing up in Brooklyn. "He was a neighborhood character. He would bend 8-inch spikes in his mouth. I would say, I hope you aren't going to die and take the cheesecake recipe with you!"

BROOKLYN CHEESECAKE
1 cup crushed graham cracker crumbs
3 pounds ricotta
2 cups sugar, divided
6 egg yolks
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
1/2 cup sifted all purpose flour
3/4 cup heavy cream
6 egg whites
1/2 cup sour cream
Butter a 12-inch springform pan. Cover bottom of pan evenly with graham cracker crumbs. Preheat oven to 425. Beat ricotta until smooth in heavy-duty mixer, about 15 to 20 minutes. Add 1 1/2 cups of the sugar, beating as you add it. Beat in egg yolks, 1 at a time. Add vanilla and flour and beat well in a separate bowl, which cream until soft peaks form. In another bowl, beat eggs whites until foamy, then add remaining 1/2 cup sugar gradually, beating until stiff peaks form. Fold white cream and sour cream into the cheese mixture, and last, carefully fold in egg whites, using a spatula. Pour mixture into pan slowly so you don't mess up the graham cracker

crumbs. Bake cake in center of oven for 10 minutes. Lower heat to 325 degrees and bake 1 hour and 15 minutes longer. Turn off heat and let cool in the oven for 2 hours. It will crack on top and settle, and that is as it should be. Cool completely at room temperature.

Ruth Wies of Huntington, N.Y., contributed her favorite.
CHOCOLATE COFFEE CAKE
For cake:
1 (4 pound, 212 ounces) package yellow cake mix
1 (3.9-ounce) package instant chocolate pudding
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1 cup sour cream
4 eggs
For cinnamon-sugar mixture:
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 (6-ounce) package chocolate chips
Butter and flour a 10-inch tube pan. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Put all cake ingredients in a bowl and mix well on medium speed. Put half the batter in pan. Sprinkle with half the sugar and cinnamon mixture, and then half the chips. Spread on remaining batter and top with remaining sugar-cinnamon mixture. Repeat this layer. Bake 50 minutes to 1 hour, or until cake tests done.

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'70s dishes will bring party to life

By Linda Cleero
The Miami Herald

QUESTION: My daughter is celebrating her 30th birthday this year. For a party, we are doing the '70s thing. Can you recommend some recipes that were popular then?

ANSWER: I'd recommend quiche, fondue and crepes. Try crescent rolls baked with Velveeta and mini hot dogs inside. Sweetdish meatballs. Homemade Chex mix. Pineapple upside-down cake. Apple wine.
Here's a recipe for Chex mix as we made it in 1970 for my high school graduation party.

VINTAGE CHEX COCKTAIL MIX
8 cups Wheat Chex
6 cups Chexitos
1 pound mixed nuts
1 pound pretzel sticks
1 pound (4 sticks) butter or margarine
1 tablespoon celery salt
1 tablespoon onion salt
1 tablespoon garlic salt
1 tablespoon Worcestershire
Toss together the Chex, Chexitos, nuts and pretzel sticks in a large roasting pan. Melt the butter and stir in the celery, onion and garlic salts. Stir in the

Worcestershire. Drizzle over the snack mix. Bake in a 250-degree oven for 2 hours, stirring every 30 minutes. Cool and store in airtight containers. Makes 100 servings.

Here's a fun rice dish attributed to then-California Gov. Ronald Reagan from the "1971 Bicentennial Commemorative Cookbook."

RONALD REAGAN'S RANCH CALIFORNIA RICE
4 tablespoons butter
1 cup chopped onion
4 cups cooked rice
2 cups sour cream
1 cup cottage cheese
1 lb. cheddar cheese
Salt and pepper
16-ounce can whole green chilies
2 cups grated cheddar cheese
Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté onion until limp and transparent. Stir in the rice, sour cream, cottage cheese, bay leaf and salt and pepper to taste, mixing well. Cook a 2-quart ovenproof casserole dish lightly with vegetable oil. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Spread the chilies and cut into strips. Place casserole, cover with half the chilies, then top with a third of

the cheese. Repeat, but reserve the last third of the cheese. Bake uncovered for 35 minutes. Top with reserved cheese; bake 10 minutes longer, until cheese is melted and bubbling. Let sit 5 minutes before serving. Makes 4 main-dish or 8 side-dish servings.

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Professional-style gas ranges look great, work efficiently

DEAR JIM: We are remodeling our kitchen and we want a professional gas range like the ones at our favorite restaurants with all the options. Will one of those use more gas because the burners are so powerful?

-KARL P.

DEAR KARL: First, there is a safety difference between a true professional commercial gas range and home-use models that look identical. Especially if you have children, select one with AGA-certification for residential use. They have many safety features that are not required on commercial models.

As more families are interested in gourmet and "big" cooking, professional-style gas ranges are increasingly popular for home use. They include all the bells and whistles like woks, convection ovens, quad oven lights, infrared broilers, warming racks, and griddles, digital controls, etc.

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Since professional gas ranges are often used by gourmet cooks, most models have one or more simmer type of burners. The heat output can be adjusted as low as 450 Btu. It uses very little gas at this heat setting. The Vari-Flame burner is an example of this multistage low/high burner design.

Look for infrared broilers for juicy meats and seafood. Instead of just an open flame above the meat, the gas flows out into a large rectangular honeycomb box. This produces a large area of even, intense searing heat.

Although 48- and 60-inch wide professional ranges are most common, some now make 30- and 36-inch wide models for smaller kitchens. These smaller models still have the professional stainless steel look and large burners.

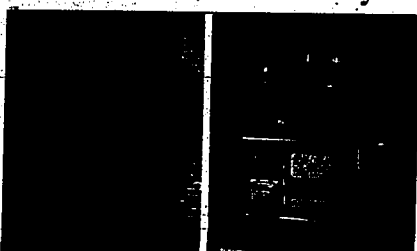
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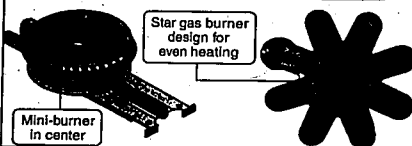
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The Keizer is a small home with a big heart. Brick veneer gives it a look of solidity; the recessed front porch extends a warm welcome.

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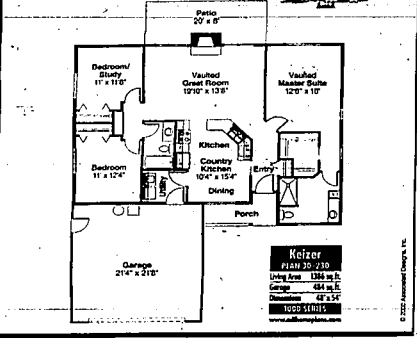
The kitchen ceiling is a lofty 11 feet high and flat. It transitions to vaulted in the great room at the rear, and the richly glassed glazing area facing the street.

Wide windows on both sides of the direct vent gas fireplace warm the family room. If preferred, the fireplace could be constructed with a chimney. A sliding glass door on one side allows access to a rear patio, ideal for outdoor dining on warm days.

The master suite is fairly large for a home this size, completely filling the entire right side. A vaulted ceiling further expands the sense of volume here, and a walk-in closet provides abundant storage space. Other notable features include a linen closet and an oversized shower. Obscure glass fills a large double window that bathes the room in natural light.

Two more bedrooms plus a bathroom cluster together on the left. One of these rooms could be used as a home office or hobby room, if desired. The large linen closet in the hallway is convenient to all three rooms.

Laundry appliances are handy but out of sight in a passthrough utility room that connects the Keizer's kitchen to the garage.



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Grapefruit pie hails from uncertain roots

By Beverly Bundy
Knight Ridder News Service

The Rio Grande Valley is home to grapefruit pie, a dessert that showcases the ruby red fruit of the surrounding citrus groves.

The pie, in its homey gelatin-based guise, has vague roots. But it was at Ferrell's Pit, a barbecue spot in Mission, that it gained certain success.

Elizabeth Ferrell introduced the pie to the restaurant menu in the late 1960s. She got the recipe from a friend and was sworn to secrecy. Today, her sister-in-law Louise Waymire owns the restaurant — and keeps the secret.

"No, it's not Jell-O," she says by phone. And it's not whipped cream on top? "It's your story, write what you want."

Waymire says the restaurant sells 50 to 150 of the pies daily.

Home cooks in the area each seem to have their own variation on the grapefruit pie — some with gelatin, some without.

BERRY BEST TEXAS CITRUS PIE

2 Texas red grapefruit (sectioned and strained)

16-ounce package frozen blackberries, thawed

3/4 cup sugar

4 teaspoons cornstarch

3-ounce package raspberry gelatin

9-inch baked pastry pie shell

Whipped cream, optional

Coarsely crush blackberries. In medium saucepan, combine blackberries, sugar and cornstarch. Cook mixture over medium-high heat, stirring constantly. Bring mixture to a boil; cook 1 more minute. Remove from heat. Stir in gelatin and blend well; chill 30 minutes. Fold grapefruit sections into berry and gelatin mixture. Pour into pie shell and chill until set. Top with whipped cream if desired.

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America is recycling more than ever, according to a recent report by the Waste Policy Center of Leesburg, Va. The report said that recycling in the United States grew from 16 percent in 1990 to 28 percent in 1998, the last year for which figures are available.

You have to go back to the years of World War II to find a time when Americans were reusing a greater percentage of their waste than they are today.

Trouble is, Americans are also consuming more and throwing away more than ever before. So while the amount of recycling continues to grow, so does the trash pile.

Here in Southern Idaho, the rate of recycling was less than 5 percent in 1990, when opportunities to recycle were few and far between. Today, we have recycling bins available for basic recyclables (cans, newspapers, cardboard) in almost every community and the rate of recycling is three or four times higher than it was then.

In the six counties (Blaine, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka) served by Southern Idaho Solid Waste (SISW) in 1998-99, the "waste diversion" rate for 1998-99 was about 23 percent.

These diversions include:

- recyclables (cans, newspaper, cardboard) dropped off in neighborhood recycling bins
- home composting bins that convert organic waste into compost
- waste tire collections at landfills and waste transfer stations
- wood waste that is ground up and used as mulch or livestock bedding
- construction and demolition debris, such as rock and cement which is diverted from the landfill and used as fill material.

Lincoln County led the six county members of SISW with a diversion rate of 36.7 percent, followed by Blaine County with 27.2 percent. Next were Gooding County at 25.3 percent, Jerome County at 22.1 percent, Minidoka County at 18.2 percent and Cassia County at 13.8 percent.

All of these diversions reduce the volume of waste being deposited in the landfill. They save taxpayers the cost of haul-

RECYCLING
Michael Hofferber

ing and disposing of materials that can be re-used or remade into new products, and they save the national economy and its environment the expense of mining or importing new materials to replace those that were needlessly thrown away.

Nationally, there are concerns that a 28 percent rate of recycling is not enough. Too much is still being wasted. The U.S. government has set a national recycling goal of 35 percent by 2005. In Southern Idaho, we could easily surpass that goal if a few more households would start composting and a few more businesses would save their paper and a few more contractors would buy recycled products rather than virgin materials.

We can congratulate ourselves on how much less we are wasting these days, and commit ourselves to wasting less — much less — in the months and years to come.

Detailed figures on recycling and solid waste collections in Southern Idaho will be included in the SISW Annual Report for '99. To request a copy, write to SISW Annual Report, SISW, P.O. Box 159, Burley, ID 83318. Or send an e-mail to

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Michael Hofferber is recycling coordinator for the Southern Idaho Solid Waste District.

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FOOD & HOME

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Irish cooking

By Jason Hill
Daily Press

It's a misty morning in the west of Ireland. Gray clouds hang low in the sky, and rain lightly drizzles on the country's rolling green hills. Several country cottages are burning peat, and the earthy smell of the smoke fills the air. Inside, no doubt, the homeowners are enjoying a traditional Irish breakfast — a sizzling platter of fried eggs, rashers, bangers

and black and white pudding. Although Ireland's fine dining scene has changed by leaps and bounds, most Irish residents stick to tradition in the home. For centuries, the Irish have enjoyed such staples as oatmeal, dairy products, leeks and fish in their diet.

TRADITIONAL IRISH SCONES

- 3 cups all purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda

- 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 6 tablespoons chilled unsalted butter, cut into pieces
 - 1 egg, beaten to blend
 - 3/4 cup plus 3 tablespoons (about) buttermilk
 - 1/5 cup dried currants, cherries, raisins or cranberries
- Preheat oven to 425 F. Mix 3 cups flour, sugar, baking soda and salt in large bowl. Add butter and mix until mixture resembles fine meal. Mix in dried fruit pieces. Mix in egg, and enough butter-

milk to form soft dough. Turn dough out onto floured surface. Pat dough into 3/4-inch-thick round. Cut out rounds, using 2 1/2-inch round cookie cutter. Cut out additional rounds with scraps. Lightly flour large baking sheet. Transfer scones to prepared baking sheet. Brush tops with milk. Bake until scones are golden brown and cooked through, about 18 minutes. Serve warm with butter or whipped cream and jam. Makes about 15 servings

'Smashed Potatoes' will really hit the spot

By Sylvia Carter
Newsday

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, which is coming soon, here is my favorite way of making "smashed" potatoes. Or try the decadently rich stuffed potato recipe.

SMASHED POTATOES

2 pounds small potatoes, preferably Yukon Gold or red, skinned, washed and roughly cut up

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 teaspoons salt, or to taste
- Freshly ground pepper
- Snipped chives or diced scallions, optional

Cook potatoes in a saucepan with water just to cover and a sprinkle of salt. While they are cooking, melt butter. When potatoes are tender, drain, reserving water to use in soup or for making bread if desired. Mash potatoes lightly with butter, sour cream, salt and a generous quantity of pepper. Potatoes should be lumpy, not smoothly mashed. Stir in a few tablespoons of chives or scallions if desired. Makes 2 servings if you aren't eating anything else for supper, or 4 hearty side-dish servings.

TWICE-BAKED STUFFED POTATOES

4 large, perfect russet potatoes or "chef's" potatoes

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon salt, divided
- 8 strips bacon
- 1 medium red onion, diced fine
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese

1 1/2 cups sour cream
2 tablespoons snipped chives
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Scrub potatoes. Rub outsides thoroughly with olive oil and 1 teaspoon of the salt. Prick skins of potatoes and place in a baking pan. Place in preheated oven. Fry bacon until crisp. Drain on paper towels. Pour all but 1 tablespoon of the fat out of the pan and use the remainder to saute red onion. In a bowl, blend together onion, Cheddar, sour cream, remaining 2 teaspoons salt, and chives. Check potatoes after about half an hour and turn over so that heat circulates evenly around them. When potatoes can be pierced easily with a fork, remove from oven. Leave heat on. Using a potholder to protect yourself from the hot potatoes, slice in half and scoop out as much flesh as possible, leaving skins intact. Mash potatoes, gradually adding sour-cream mixture. Fill potatoes with mixture, heaping it generously, and place in baking pan. Return to oven and bake 15 minutes, or until heated through and slightly brown on top. Crumble crisp bacon over the tops of the potato halves. Makes 8 servings.

Recipe makes tasty gingersnaps

By Ellen Hawks
The Baltimore Sun

Ethel Walker of Hebron, Ill., requested a recipe for gingersnaps. She wrote that her cookies just didn't taste right. Many readers responded. This recipe is from Gail Jochen of Phoenix, who says she has made these cookies many times and finds them delicious.

GINGERSNAPS

- 3/4 cup shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup unsulphured molasses
- 2 cups sifted flour
- 1 tablespoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

2 teaspoons baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
Granulated sugar, for rolling
Cream shortening and sugar together well. Beat in egg and molasses. Measure dry ingredients and sift, adding to creamed mixture. Blend well. Form teaspoonfuls of dough into small balls, rolling between hands. Roll balls in granulated sugar. Bake on ungreased cookie sheets in preheated 350-degree oven for 12 to 15 minutes, or until cookies just begin to color around edges. These cookies spread out, so leave plenty of room between balls. Cool cookies on sheets 1 minute, remove to rack to cool completely. Makes 3 dozen.

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Capture kids' imaginations with cooking

Research shows that kids who are encouraged to learn how to cook. That's too bad considering the fun I have had in the kitchen over the years. No, I'm not talking about the "Oh my gosh dinner is in a hurry, better get some hamburger out of the freezer" kind of cooking. I've had those days, too! What I'm talking about are those "roll up the sleeves lose track of time browse through cookbooks and have fun experimenting and tweaking recipes and seeing what you can create" kinds of days.

My granddaughter, age 5, loves to help me cook. Actually, she wants to be in the middle of anything that is traditionally labeled "women's work." When she comes to visit, we have great fun creating masterpieces that the guys can only wonder about.

Maybe if we catch kids young enough and capture their imaginations in the kitchen, we can keep them interested in cooking.

Here are some simple twists to traditional recipes that make the dishes look complicated when served. They are really very easy. Give them a try.

EDIBLE COOKIE BOWL

- 1 1/2 cups flour
 - 1/2 cup cocoa powder
 - 1/4 cup slivered almonds, finely ground
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 4 tablespoons margarine
 - 2/3 cup sugar
 - 1 egg
 - 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Cover the outside of a loaf pan or a round ovenproof bowl with foil. Spray with cooking spray. In a medium bowl mix the flour, cocoa, almonds and salt together. In a large bowl beat the margarine, sugar, egg and vanilla until light and fluffy. Beat in the flour mixture. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Roll out the dough to 1/8-inch thickness. Using a 1 1/2-inch cookie cutter, cut out cookie shapes. Cover foil-covered pan with cookie cutouts, overlapping them slightly and pressing the edges to seal. Bake the cookie bowl until the edges are firm, about 10 to 12 minutes. Cool on a wire rack. Carefully lift off the foil-lined loaf pan. Remove the foil. Fill the cookie bowl with your favorite cookies.

BREAD BOWL CHILI

- For the bowl:
 - 1 large round bread loaf
- To make the bowl, use a serrated knife to slice off about 1 inch from the top of the loaf of bread.

Give this low-fat chicken a try

Nowaday

This recipe from Janet and Greta Podleski's high-spirited, cartoon-illustrated, low-fat cookbook "Crazy Plates" weighs in at 516 calories in a serving with 18 percent of its calories from fat.

MOM'S FAMOUS NO-PEEK CHICKEN

- 2 (10 3/4-ounce) cans reduced-fat cream of celery soup or cream of mushroom soup, or one of each
- 1 1/2 cups skim milk
- 1 1/4 cups uncooked brown rice
- 4 whole chicken legs, skin removed
- 1/2 envelope dry onion soup mix

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with nonstick spray. Set aside. In a medium bowl, whisk together soup (undiluted) and skim milk until smooth. Stir in rice. Pour into baking dish, arrange chicken legs on top and sprinkle everything with onion soup mix. Cover with foil and bake for 1 1/2 hours. Do not peek! Remove from oven and let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Makes 4 servings.



VALLEY COOKING
Dixie Thomas Reale

Carve out the center of the bowl leaving, about 1 inch of bread around the sides.

- For the chili:
- 1 medium jalapeno pepper, diced
- 12 ounces lean ground beef
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 1 medium bell pepper
- 1 tablespoon chili pepper
- 1 can (14 ounces) whole tomatoes
- 1/4 cup tomato paste
- 1 can (8 1/2 ounces) red kidney beans
- 1 can (7 ounces) whole kernel corn, drained

In a large skillet, cook the beef over medium heat until browned, about 5 minutes. Drain fat off. Remove beef and set aside. Add olive oil and onions to skillet; cook, stirring for about 5 minutes. Add bell pepper, jalapeno pepper and chili powder; cook, stirring for 5 minutes. Add beef, tomatoes with liquid and tomato paste; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer for 30 minutes. Add beans and corn; cook 5 minutes longer. Ladle chili into bowl and serve immediately.

NOTE: If you are pressed for time, use canned chili.

FRUIT SALAD BASKET OR BOWL

- 1 watermelon
 - 1 cantaloupe
 - 1 honey dew melon
 - 3 cups fresh strawberries, washed and hulled
 - 2 cups black, red or white seedless grapes
 - 2 oranges, peeled and separated into sections
 - 1 cup fresh pineapple chunks
 - 2 kiwis, peeled and sliced
- Cut the watermelon in two around the middle. If you wish, cut a handle for the watermelon bowl from one side to the other across the top. Serrate the edges. Remove the excess rind and set aside. With a melon baller, scoop out the watermelon flesh and place in a large bowl. Set aside. Trim up the edges of the scalloped

edges of the watermelon basket or bowl with a vegetable peeler. Cover with plastic wrap and set aside. Using a melon baller, make cantaloupe and honeydew balls. Combine the melon balls and the rest of the fruit. Toss to combine. Allow the fruit to chill in the refrigerator for 30 minutes. Just before serving, transfer the fruit to the watermelon bowl. It makes a pretty fruit salad.

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

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STUCK ON SOURDOUGH

Bakers lovingly cultivate their valuable starter

By David Kinney
The Associated Press

WEST CHESTER, Pa. — Irv Friedlander opens the refrigerator, rustles behind the tubs and bottles and plastic containers, and pulls out two stout jars. He pops open the lid of the first one, and the smell of yeast wafts forth. Inside is a cream-white paste topped with a yellow liquid.

This is Irv's sourdough starter, progeny of the stuff his older brother gave him in the late 1960s. For 30 years, he's lovingly cultivated this simple mix of flour, water and yeast.

Friedlander has had his fleeting eccentricities — beekeeping, homebrewing. But his sourdough obsession has given him his small sliver of local fame, via fabulously tangy pancakes that he whips up for the general public twice a year.

"God knows who gave it (the sourdough) to my brother," Friedlander says. "Or how old it is."

Doesn't sound so tough to keep a batch of sourdough starter alive for 30 years? That's where that other jar comes in. It contains a chocolate-shake-colored slurry and a rank liquid. This is what happens when bad things happen in the sourdough.

Friedlander's sourdough first made its way out of his kitchen a few years ago at a Rotary Club breakfast for charity. Twice a year now, his pancakes showcase the

breakfast, and because of it, he often finds himself filling requests from friends and Rotarians for a dollop of his start.

That's how Friedlander got his start, too. His brother, Robert, cooked him some pancakes one day and Irv Friedlander, then a long-haired hippie at Rutgers University, couldn't believe how good they were. He left with a jar of the starter.

It's been with him ever since, longer than his wife of 25 years, Elaine.

He has kept it alive through two stints as an auditor, a year at Temple University to study contemporary American ethics, several years teaching handicapped kids at a school in Haddonfield, N.J., through chiropractic school in Portland, Ore., and a long, crowded road trip back to West Chester, a suburb of Philadelphia.

Thirty years since he first started with the sourdough, the 53-year-old Friedlander has shaved off the long hair. And he wears cardigan sweaters rather than tie-dye. But his sourdough lives on.

The trick is to feed it — add flour and water — at least every six months. Keeping it in the refrigerator helps. Friedlander learned over the years to avoid jars with metal lids, which can ruin the sourdough.

And he keeps two jars going, so he has a backup in case of trouble. If it dies, he could make another starter by leaving water and flour out for a while, but the new batch wouldn't be the same.

All this he learned from an old book, "Sourdough Jack's Cookery."

Currently, Friedlander and a friend are testing a few recipes they hope to market.



Irv Friedlander shows the yeast paste that will become the starter for sourdough bread at his home in West Chester, Pa. For more than 30 years, Friedlander has kept a colony of yeast cells alive, through college, two cross-country moves and more than 25 years of marriage.

Kansan rakes in dough with oatmeal cookie recipe

By Joe Stamps
The Wichita Eagle

When Julie Veith went looking for ideas for a new kind of oatmeal cookie, she turned to the experts: her family.

"Oatmeal cookies are my husband and sons' favorite," Veith said.

Their advice — and her hairdresser — helped the Wichita nurse win the \$10,000 first prize in the Quaker Oats Oatmeal Cookie of the Millennium contest.

"We were sitting around the dinner table one day and I said, 'What do you think should go in a new oatmeal cookie?' My husband said black walnuts. My youngest son said marshmallows and my oldest son said chocolate chips. And I thought, well, coffee goes good with chocolate, and that's how we came up with it."

Veith mentioned the cookie contest to her hairdresser who suggested incorporating "Rocky Road" into the tide.

The first-time contest entrant, thought someone was playing a joke on her when Quaker Oats telephoned to tell her she'd won.

Veith and her husband, Bill, plan to use the prize on home improvements and a Colorado vacation with their sons, Matt, 13, and Nick, 11.

MILLENNIUM MOCHA - ROCKY ROAD OATMEAL COOKIES

- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 tablespoon instant coffee granules
- 1 tablespoon hot water
- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour (see note)
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 1/2 cups quick-cooking or old-fashioned oats, uncooked
- 1 1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped toasted walnuts
- 1 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray cookie sheets with cooking spray. In large bowl, beat butter and sugars with electric mixer until creamy. Add eggs and vanilla; beat well. Dissolve coffee granules in hot water. Add to butter mixture; mix well. Add combined flour, baking soda and salt; mix well. Stir in oats, chocolate chips and walnuts. To shape cookies, flatten 1 heaping teaspoon of dough in palm of hand. Arrange 4 marshmallows; wrap dough around marshmallows to completely cover. Repeat with remaining dough and marshmallows. Space cookies 2 inches apart on cookie sheets. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until edges are golden brown. Do not overbake; centers of cookies should be soft. Let stand 2 minutes on cookie sheets; remove to wire racks. Cool completely. Store tightly covered. Makes about 3 dozen cookies.

NOTE: For old-fashioned oats, add 2 additional tablespoons flour. If desired, instant coffee granules may be omitted. Substitute 1 tablespoon milk for the hot water.

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Enjoy black-eyed peas anytime

By Russ Parsons
Los Angeles Times

Browsing the produce department at my local grocery store, I happened across a plastic tub of black-eyed peas. These were dried peas that had been soaked and are ready for cooking. If you prefer peas that are not pre-soaked, follow package instructions for soaking.

- BLACK-EYED PEAS AND MUSHROOMS**
- 1 (11-ounce) carton pre-soaked black-eyed peas
 - 2 cups water
 - Salt
 - 2 tablespoons butter
 - 3/4 pound mushrooms, quartered
 - 2 cloves garlic, minced

Freshly ground pepper
2 1/2 cup chopped parsley
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Drain peas and combine in small saucepan with water and 1 teaspoon salt. Bring to simmer and cook until just tender, 15 to 20 minutes. Melt butter in nonstick skillet over high heat. When butter has foamed and foam has receded, add mushrooms. Cook, stirring occasionally, until mushrooms begin to brown, about 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook, stirring, until very fragrant, 2 to 3 minutes. When peas are done, drain and add to mushrooms. Stir together and season to taste with salt. Add healthy grind of pepper. Add parsley and stir well, then add lemon juice. Taste and adjust seasoning; mixture may need a little more lemon juice.

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utes. Meanwhile, finely grate chocolate and place in bowl. Using a metal strainer, carefully strain out the spices from the milk mixture. Pour hot milk mixture over the chocolate. Stir mixture until well blended. In a saucepan, froth the remaining cup of lowfat chocolate milk. Pour into individual mugs and top with foam and sprinkle with grated chocolate, if desired. Serves 6.

—Created by Katy Sparks, chef, Quilty's

THE AVENUE'S CLASSIC HOT CHOCOLATE

1 quart lowfat chocolate milk
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
3 tablespoons sugar
6 ounces bittersweet chocolate chunks
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
Pour lowfat chocolate milk and unsweetened cocoa powder into a saucepan and mix well; bring to a simmer and mix in sugar. Reduce heat to very low and add chocolate chunks, stirring occasionally until melted (takes about 3 to 5 minutes). Carefully pour hot chocolate mixture through a metal strainer and finish by adding vanilla extract. Pour into individual mugs and top off with marshmallows or whipped cream, if desired. Serves 6.

—Created by Scott Campbell, chef/owner, Avenue



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cut into 1/3-inch wedges
2 tablespoons olive oil
Salt to taste
1 head garlic, separated into cloves and peeled
Herbs or balsamic vinegar (optional)
Heat oven to 400 degrees. Place the root vegetables and the onion in a roasting pan. Toss the vegetables with the olive oil and salt to taste. Do not crowd the vegetables. Roast the mixture for 45-50 minutes, stirring every 15 minutes until they are tender and evenly browned. After half an hour, scatter the garlic cloves in with the vegetables. Before serving, taste and add seasoning as you desire, such as a sprinkling of fresh chopped herbs or balsamic vinegar.

—Source: Dr. Andrew Weil on the Web at www.pathfinder.com/drweil/recipes/index.html

1 cup chopped dates (and/or figs)
1/2 cup amaranth
1 cup boiling water
2 eggs or egg substitute
1/2 cup honey
1/4 cup butter, melted
2 cups whole wheat flour
2 teaspoons non-alum baking powder
1 cup chopped pecans
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Soak amaranth and dates in boiling water. Beat eggs well; add honey and butter and beat well again. Stir in all remaining ingredients, mixing well. Pour into an oiled loaf pan, and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour and 15 min.

—Source: recipe on package of Arrowhead Mills whole grain amaranth (sold at The Health Food Place and Market in Centennial Square)

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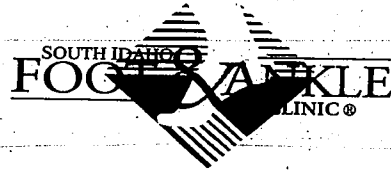


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Spruce up your favorite cake mixes

By Carol J.G. Ward
Knight Ridder News Service

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Here are some great cakes from mixes:

GOOEY CAKE
1 box devil's food cake mix
1 stick margarine, melted
1 egg
chopped nuts
Topping:
1 box confectioners' sugar
2 eggs
8 ounces cream cheese, softened
1 teaspoon vanilla
Mix together the above ingredients and spread into a well-greased 9-by-13 pan. Mix together topping ingredients and spread over the batter. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Cut into bite-size pieces.

—From Pat Jacobs, Columbia

BUTTER PECAN/COCONUT CAKE
1 box butter pecan cake mix
1 small box toasted coconut pudding
3/4 cup canola oil
1 cup chopped pecans
4 eggs
1 cup hot water (not boiling)
Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease and flour 2 loaf pans or 1 Bundt pan. Mix all ingredients, and pour batter into pan. Bake 45 minutes

—From Gena Campbell, Darlington

CINNAMON NUT CAKE
1 box golden recipe butter mix cake mix
1/2 cup sugar
1 tablespoon cinnamon

2 tablespoons brown sugar
8 ounces sour cream
3/4 cup oil
4 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup chopped pecans
Sift cake mix, sugar, cinnamon and brown sugar together. Set aside. In a separate bowl, mix sour cream, oil, eggs and vanilla in another bowl with a mixer, just until smooth. Fold the dry ingredients into the wet and mix in pecans. Use cooking spray to grease small loaf pans (if you want to give them away) or a regular pound cake pan can be used. Bake at 325 for 45 minutes or until toothpick test is complete. Let cool.

—From Michele Davis, who credits her grandmother Louise Y. Davis of Columbia

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“I think he embarrassed me. You definitely want a rematch. You have to stand up for yourself.”

—NHL enforcer *Marty McSorley* on ESPN Tuesday, hours after being charged with assault for hitting Vancouver's David Brishear with his stick

IN BRIEF

Co-ed city softball will meet Thursday

TWIN FALLS — An organizational meeting for co-ed city league softball will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Twin Falls Park and Rec Building, located at 136 Maxwell Avenue. The meeting is for all team captains and players interested in joining co-ed softball this year. Call Stan Sorenson at 734-7538 or 734-4976 for more information.

Frank Hunter holes Blue Lakes No. 9

TWIN FALLS — Frank Hunter of Jerome ace'd the 130-yard ninth hole at Blue Lakes Country Club on Sunday with a 9-iron. His wife, Betty Hunter, witnessed the shot.

Sign up for Run/Walk at Malad Gorge

HAGERMAN — The 10th annual St. Patrick's Run/Walk pre-registration deadline is Wednesday for Saturday's event at Malad Gorge State Park. The races begin at 10 a.m. with the following divisions: 3.5-mile walk/run and 5-mile run. Registration is \$15 before Wednesday, \$18 on race day. The fee includes a T-shirt and entry into the post-race party for which tickets may be purchased for non-racers for \$4 apiece. For additional information, call Kevin Lynott at (208) 837-4505.

Ingraham, Petrucic snare WCHL honors

BOISE — The Idaho Steelheads' Col Ingraham was named the West Coast Hockey League Player of the Week and teammate Jeff Petrucic earned honorable mention Tuesday.

Ingraham received the Feb. 28 through-March 6 award scoring 11 points and going plus-7 in three Steelhead wins, recording hat tricks in two of his three games played. He tied his own team record with six points (3g-3a) last Wednesday against Anchorage.

Canyon Springs men open season Sunday

TWIN FALLS — The Canyon Springs Men's Golf Association will hold its opening scramble this Sunday. Entry fee includes breakfast, which will be served at 8 a.m. Early sign-up is suggested in the pro shop.

Vandals' Olsen to battle for shot put title

MOSCOW — The University of Idaho's Joachim Olsen will be contending for a national championship title in the men's shot put at the NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships, slated for the University of Arkansas on March 10-11. Olsen, a sophomore from Haliborn, Denmark, is the only Vandal to qualify for nationals.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

CSI track gears up for final season

By Jeff Rosen
Times-News sports editor

TWIN FALLS — There's a storm cloud hanging over the College of Southern Idaho track team as it prepares for Saturday's season opener in Eugene, Ore.

The school crunched numbers, reviewed scenarios and made up its mind: in order to join the growing ranks of Scenic West Athletic Conference colleges offering softball as a women's sport, which CSI will in spring 2002, something had to give.

That something was the track and cross country department. Arguably the most successful program at the school, it is being discontinued after this spring.

"It's been a great program for local athletes to be able to compete in," said CSI Athletic Director, Jeff Duggan. "But cross country is dying out at junior colleges across the country. There's maybe 16 (NJCAA) Division I schools offering softball, and even those are dropping off like flies."

For school officials, the decision was a financial one. Track and cross country accounted for \$68,500 of the athletic department budget this year, operating the baseball program, a rough indicator of the cost of operating a softball program, ran \$78,700.

"We're a fiscally responsible institution acting in a fiscally responsible manner," Duggan said. "We're not going to spend beyond our means."

CSI counselor Scott Scholes, a local road racing enthusiast, has stepped in to shuttle the program through its swan song season. Coach Gary Slevens, who guided the program to national prominence and nearly 100 All-Americans, took a coaching job at Wake Forest University this winter.

"It's all kind of sad, really,"



B.J. Christenson leads the pack during the College of Southern Idaho's team practice on Tuesday afternoon at the Twin Falls High School track.

said Montana freshman Hanni Buettner. "The program has just been so successful. It's disappointing."

A culinary arts major who enrolled at Southern Idaho on

the strength of that department, Buettner is one of few runners on this season's squad planning to stay in CSI's post-track era.

If anything, the school's announcement last month deliv-

ered new urgency to the team's preseason workouts. The Golden Eagles will be looking to add to the prestige of the program this

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Close endings rule finales

By Matt Peterson
Times-News writer

JEROME — One broken rim and two close finishes highlighted a feel-good night of basketball Tuesday as the cream of the Magic Valley's senior crop took to the floor to compete in the annual A-1 vs. A-2 Senior All-Star Games at Jerome High School.

In the early game, the Class A-1 girls escaped with a 48-47 victory over their A-2 counterparts. Twin Falls' post Sara Wilkin hit one of two free throws with eight seconds remaining for the win.

"I was concentrating too hard (on the earlier shot)," said Wilkin, who earlier air-balled a free throw at the same end of the floor. "But I made the one that counted."

She finished with a game-high 12 points.

The A-2 team called a timeout with three seconds remaining and had one shot to win, but Joanne Anderson's mid-range jumper missed its mark as time expired.

Jerome's Camille Brittain and Cyra Warner scored 11 and 10 points, respectively. Filer's

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A-3 teams sweep pair from A-4

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

MURTAUGH — Seniors took center stage while defense took a back seat Tuesday night during the Class A-3 and A-4 boys' and girls' all-star games inside Murtaugh High School's Hulse Gymnasium.

In a wildly entertaining last-second thriller, the A-3 Canyon Conference boys fought back from as many as 20 points down in the third period to notch a 120-118 victory over the best from the A-4 Magic Valley Conference.

"Oh, that's fun," said Valley High School head coach Roger Carasin, coach of the A-3 team. "In all-star games, you're not surprised by anything."

In the earlier girls' matchup, the A-3 team built a 16-point halftime lead, saw it dwindle to one, held on to beat the A-4 all-stars, 61-57.

The games were showcases for seniors from both conferences representing nine A-3 and A-4 teams from around the valley. Both contests featured all-out scoring and little defense with only two timeouts called the entire evening. The boys also played four 10-minute quarters, rather than the regular eight-minute periods during the regular season.

Even with the loss in front of a partisan crowd, Murtaugh senior Kyle Rosebrogh didn't mind losing his final game knowing he gave it his all in the flurry of points Tuesday night.

"That was fun," he said, scoring 12 points on the night. "It feels good to only lose by two rather than the 16 we lost at state in our last game. I liked it. We just came out and played rat ball. There's nothing but fun out here."

The fun was evidenced throughout in the many smiles and bench-clearing substitutions that readily came in the rapidly moving game.

A hor-shooting A-4 team came out smoking against its A-3 counterparts, bolting out to a quick 15-2 lead in the first quarter, before heading into the half with a nine-point lead at 64-55.

The A-4 boys stretched their advantage to as many as 20 points at 92-72 late in the third period. But then the A-3 team came alive, outscoring the home white

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Track and field is off and running

The Times-News

It's time to lace up the spikes, step into the blocks and hit the field.

From Burley to Wood River, high school track and field competition in the region's Class A-1, A-2 and A-3 divisions starts this week.

Region III track and field will be paced by two-time state champion triple-jumper Matt Anderson of Twin Falls and Burley's Simplot Games high jump champion Christina Fomesbeck.

"I hope to jump 50 feet in triple and 23 in long jump," Anderson said. "I can get a new PR in triple jump the first couple of meets, it will be well reachable, so I can at least break the overall state record."

In Class A-2, Gooding remains strong in the distance events paced by Carin Patterson, who finished second in the state cross country meet last fall, and brother Chris Patterson, who came away from the state meet last year with sixth place in the 800.

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Class A-4 track coaches: Please return completed questionnaires with schedules no later than Monday at noon to The Times-News (fax - 208-734-5538)



Mark Fuller sets up to crack a forehand during a practice for the Bruin tennis squad on Tuesday, Twin Falls will open its season against Burley on Friday. All local teams are gearing up for the 2000 season.

Spring High School Previews

Today: Tennis: Class A-1, A-2, A-3 track
Thursday: Baseball,
softball

Next weeks: Class A-4 track and field

Smashing Spartans set up for tennis

The Times-News

RUPERT — Backhands, lob shots and volleys hit the Magic Valley this week.

As the high school tennis season begins, many teams return seasoned talent. But for at least one squad — the Minico Spartans — competition in the racketed ranks will make for an entirely new experience.

Taking to the courts for the first time, the Spartans will be coached by Wally Studer, a 1980 Minico graduate and the school's current head bowling coach. Twenty-three players, most of them juniors and seniors, have turned out for this year's team. But age does not necessarily equal experience, as most are playing for the first time, Studer said.

"(My first goal) is to get the kids to know enough where they can at least go out and enjoy the game," said Studer, who taught tennis as an adult education class at the College of Southern Idaho and led summer youth programs throughout the 1990s.

In starting the program, Studer said one of the biggest challenges

has been finding suitable equipment for his players. When practice first started Feb. 25, for example, a few of the athletes arrived "toting wooden rackets — something akin to enrolling in algebra and using only a slide rule.

But it's the desire to play, not the equipment, that matters most. "For many years, it's been talked about why we didn't have a tennis team," said Minico activities director Tim Perrigot. "Our district finally realized it was time we offered that program... We're excited about it and we have a pretty good turnout."

The upstart Spartans will play their home matches at the Rupert Courts, home turf they will share with Declo. Minico's inaugural season begins Friday in Pocatello against Century.

A look at each Magic Valley Class A and B team follows (teams are listed alphabetically):

Burley Bobcats

Coach: Shane Ogden, 2nd year
Returning Boys: Cree Jones (Sr.), Jonathan Barker (So.), Kasey Aldrich (So.)

Returning Girls: Stephanie Davis (Jr.), Jill Bingham (Jr.), Heather Alverson (Jr.), Giselle Coll (Jr.)

Other contributors: Pete Delis (Sr.), Nicholas Barker (Fr.), Sanae Kitanka (Sr.)
Outlook: Though many of the players on the boys' squad have never played before, Ogden said the singles look strong and adds his team will work hard and excel. Most of the girls do not have varsity experience either, he noted, so their biggest challenge will be becoming a competitive team quickly.

Declo Hornets

Coach: Cheryl Koyle, 4th year
Returning Boys: Jesse Meyer (Sr.), Derek Moss (Jr.), Gregg Pasient (Jr.), Shane Searle (Sr.)
Returning Girls: Kerilyn Briggs (Sr.), April Brown (Sr.), Katie Kidd (Sr.), Abby Priest (So.), Amelia Stimpson (Sr.)

Other contributors: Boys: Jacob Blawie, Tyler Dehaack, Jacoby Fox, Caleb Meyer, Trevor Petersen, Jason Rasmussen, Rhett Spear, Chris Stoker, Girls: Lindsay Croft, Heidi Jarek, Amber Nielsen, Lindsay Smith, Sally Wrigley

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SPORTS

Bobcat, Bruin make all-region hoop squad

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The 2000 All-Region III boys' basketball honorees were announced this week by conference officials.

Most Valuable Player was awarded to Brandon Mennear, a senior at Pocatello High School, while two boys represent the Magic Valley on the first team: Eric Hoskins, a senior at Burley High School, and Jeremy Sudik, a senior from Twin Falls.

Junior Brandon Nielsen of Twin Falls, Brad Stokes of Jerome and John Fennell of Minico were named to the second team.

Jerome's Todd Capps, Brett Cook and Jason Lierman, Minico's Buck Fife, Gifford Gillette and Derek Kunz and Burley's Troy Hollands and Adam Hope made honorable mention. The honorees are listed below in alphabetical order of schools.

Most Valuable Player

Brandon Mennear (Sr.), Pocatello First Team All-Region - Eric Hoskins (Sr.), Burley; Danny Frasure (Sr.), Highland; Matt Hagner (Sr.), Pocatello; Casey Oliver (Sr.), Pocatello; Jeremy Sudik (Sr.), Twin Falls.

Second Team All-Region - Aaron Treanyme (So.), Century; Jordan Hill (Sr.), Highland; Brad Stokes (Jr.), Jerome; John Fennell (So.), Minico; Ty Pearson (Jr.), Pocatello; Brandon Nielsen (Jr.), Twin Falls.

Honorable Mention - Troy Holland (Sr.), Burley; Adam Hope (Sr.), Burley; Jordan Coffin (Jr.), Century; Matt Stucki (So.), Century; Ryan Blancett (Sr.), Highland; Rocky Rhodes (Sr.), Highland; Ryan Zweigart (Jr.), Highland; Todd Capps (Sr.), Jerome; Brett Cook (Sr.), Jerome; Jason Lierman (Sr.), Jerome; Buck Fife (Sr.), Minico; Gifford Gillette (Sr.), Minico; Derek Kunz (Sr.), Minico; John Beckstead (Sr.), Pocatello; Jim Chadwick (Sr.), Pocatello.

Stockton sizzles in Jazz victory

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Karl Malone scored 30 points and John Stockton tied a season high with 18 assists as the Utah Jazz won their fifth straight, beating the Cleveland Cavaliers 113-95 on Tuesday night.

Malone scored Utah's first six points of the third quarter and had 10 during the period as the Jazz used a 14-1 run over a span of 3:42 to pull away from a 62-55 halftime lead.

Jeff Hornacek scored 18, Byron Russell had 15 points and 10 rebounds and center Olden Polynice added 10 points as Utah won its fifth straight. Since the All-Star break the Jazz have won 10 of 12.

Stockton, the NBA's career assists leader, was at his best in outdueling Cleveland rookie Andre Miller. In recent years, the two have tied in pickup games during Miller's career at the University of Utah.

Miller led the Cavaliers with 15 points and eight assists but was ineffective in the second half. After he missed a layup late in the third quarter, the frustration was evident on Miller's face.

Shawn Kemp and Andrew Deletex scored 14 points each for Cleveland, Danny Ferry had 11 and Lamond Murray 10.



Denver's Nick Van Exel cuts under Indiana's Travis Best as he prepares to dish off to a teammate during the second quarter of Tuesday's game in Indianapolis.

Nicks 111, Grizzlies 86

NEW YORK — Charlie Ward made an immediate difference in his return from the injured list as New York opened a big early lead and cruised past Vancouver.

Luttrell Sprewell and Allan Houston scored 22 points apiece, Patrick Ewing had 21 and Johnson

NBA

and John Wallace added 13 each. Ward contributed five points, six assists and a team-high seven rebounds.

Pacers 90, Nuggets 89

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana, the league's leading free throw shooter, made Denver pay for its fouling and earned its 24th consecutive home victory.

The Pacers overcame 39 percent shooting from the field by outscoring Denver 23-6 from the free throw line. It was Denver's ninth straight loss. The Pacers' Jalen Rose led the Pacers with 19 points and nine assists.

Bulls 89, Hawks 82

CHICAGO — Elton Brand scored 31 points and Randy Brown came through with a huge 3-pointer and two free throws as the Bulls beat the Hawks in an ugly game featuring two ejections and six technical fouls.

Chris Carr scored six points in the last eight minutes, including two free throws with 44 seconds left to tie the game. The victory snapped an eight-game losing streak for the Bulls. Atlanta lost its ninth straight despite six players in double figures. Atlanta's Alan Henderson and Bulls coach Tim Floyd were ejected.

Suns 108, Rockets 101

HOUSTON — Rodney Rogers scored six of his 15 points in the final two minutes to spark the Suns. Anfernee Hardaway led Phoenix with 24 points, followed by Tom Gugliotta with 23, Cliff Robinson with 19 and Jason Kidd and Rogers each with 15.

Steve Francis paced Houston with 32 points, followed by Shandon Anderson with 20.

Capitals take sole possession of lead

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Washington Capitals moved into first place, a position they haven't held since late in 1995, by beating the Florida Panthers 4-2 Tuesday night.

Steve Konowalchuk and Adam Oates scored first-period goals and Peter Bondra and Ulf Dahlén also tallied as the Capitals passed their Southeast Division rivals with 15 games left.

On Jan. 16, the Capitals were 16th and trailed the Panthers by 16 points. The last time the Caps held sole possession of first place this late was March 17, 1989.

Riktor Kozlov and Cameron Stewart scored for the Panthers, 3-7 in 11 games.

Predators 3, Blackhawks 1

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Sebastian Bordolcous scored a short-handed goal in the first period as Nashville snipped a five-game losing streak with victory over Chicago.

Mike Dunham made 31 saves for the Predators, who beat Chicago on Feb. 23 for their last victory. Nashville moved out of last place in the Central Division, one point ahead of the Blackhawks.

Blues 4, Coyotes 0

ST. LOUIS — Roman Turek made 16 saves to record his fifth shutout as St. Louis extended its unbeaten streak to four with a win against Phoenix.

Turek, with 35 wins, is one away from tying Curtis Joseph's team record for most in a season.

Wizards 90, Wolves 86

MINNEAPOLIS — After a succession of horrendous away games throughout January and February, the Wizards are suddenly the kings of the road in March.

Losers of 15 straight away games through the end of last month, Washington won its second consecutive road game Tuesday, outscoring the Minnesota Timberwolves by 12 in the final period to win 90-86.

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Mandi Turner led the A-2 squad with nine points. "It was fun," Turner said. "You get to play with your friends and meet new people... I thought we were pretty evenly matched."

While the final score always matters, it matters less after you lose to the A-2s when "we're supposed to be the big dogs."

Filer's Ben Allen led all scorers with 17 points, including a big two-handed jam in the third quarter, in the losing effort. Teammate Ric scored added 13 points and James Cordes netted 10.

Minico's Buck Fife led the A-1 team with nine points.

with three seconds remaining to lift the A-1 team to a 66-65 come-from-behind victory.

"It'd just like to thank the A-2s for dunking it (because the new rim) got that nice bounce and rolled (the free throws in)," said Hoskins, who scored seven points in the win. "We didn't want to lose to the A-2s when we're supposed to be the big dogs."

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A-1 Girls 48, A-2 Girls 47

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A-4 squad 15-0 in the final 2:30, 43-23 in the quarter, for the win.

With time rapidly winding down, the A-4's pushed the ball inside, but Rory Johnson, who led all scorers with 33 points, batted away a desperation shot at the buzzer.

Moeyer added 26 points and Stoker and 18 to lead the A-4 team. Cranney had 23 and Hansen's Omar Vega scored 13 to lead the A-4 side.

In girls' action, three schools' worth of all-stars combined to outlast a squad of A-4 standouts at the Class A-3 girls' all-star team won 61-57.

"This is for the seniors," said Raft River head coach Randy Spaeth. "They've worked hard and earned a privilege to be here. We just try to get them all involved and have some fun. It was a good game."

Valley's Kyle Beem poured in the game-high 17 points and Declo's Brandi Mathews, who scored the game's first six points, chipped in a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds before fouling

out with 2:12 remaining in the game.
Raft River's Trisha Hitt dumped in 12 points and Kimberly Kidd added nine for the A-4 team.

Boys

A-3 All-Stars 120, A-4 All-Stars 118

A-3 All-Stars (120)
Cody Wright 26, Alex Crane 13, David Thomas 17, Jesse Hoyle 26, Coley Harrison 11, Corey Slocum 11, Andrew Johnson 11, Jeff Decker 11, John Smith 12, Jeremy Hoefler 4
A-4 All-Stars (118)
Drew Cameron 8, Trevor Cronley 23, Tucker Johnson 7, Jeff Adams 11, Kyle Smith 11, David Thomas 11, Andrew Johnson 11, Jeff Decker 11, John Smith 12, Jeremy Hoefler 4
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Rodman faces drunk driving charge

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Basketball star Dennis Rodman was charged Tuesday with misdemeanor drunken driving stemming from a December arrest in Costa Mesa. Meanwhile, his court date in Las Vegas on a contractual waitress' claim that grabbed her breasts is nearing.

Police said the 38-year-old Dallas Mavericks forward had a blood-alcohol level of .15, nearly twice California's legal limit, when he was pulled over Dec. 22. After his arrest, a smiling Rodman told reporters he had a couple of beers and had no criticism for officers who stopped him.

His arraignment is scheduled for April 3.

Royals obtain Zaun from Detroit

DUNEDIN, Fla. — Catcher Gregg Zaun was traded to the Kansas City Royals from the Detroit Tigers on Tuesday for a player to be named or cash.

Zaun, 28, spent last season with the Texas Rangers as the backup to Ivan Rodriguez. He was obtained by the Tigers in the nine-player trade that sent Juan Gonzalez to Detroit.

NCAA committee readies for session

INDIANAPOLIS — The 10-member NCAA Division I men's basketball committee will convene at the Westin Hotel on Thursday to begin selecting 35 at-large teams, seeding them and the 29 automatic conference qualifiers and slotting all 64 teams in brackets for the 2000 NCAA Championships.

The committee conducted its deliberations the past 18 years in Kansas City, Mo. When the NCAA moved its headquarters to Indianapolis, the selection site was moved, too. The Final Four will be at the nearby RCA Dome on April 1-3.

Weber player earns another award

OGDEN, Utah — For the second consecutive season, Weber State forward Harold Arceneaux has been named the Big Sky

Laker center makes case for MVP award

Shaq attack

The Lakers' Shaquille O'Neal helped cement his bid for the NBA's Most Valuable Player Award scoring a career-high 61 points and grabbing 23 rebounds against the Clippers on Monday.

How he ranks in the NBA (1999-2000)

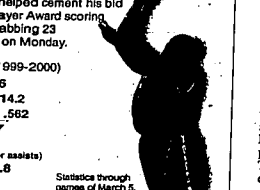
- 2nd in points per game, 27.6
- 2nd in rebounds per game, 14.2
- 1st in field-goal percentage, .562
- 3rd in blocks per game, 3.37
- 1st in double doubles, 48 (double figures in points, rebounds or assists)
- 5th in minutes per game, 39.8

Players to score at least 60 points and have 20 rebounds in a game

Player	No. of times
Elton Brand	2
Shaquille O'Neal	1

Sources: National Basketball Association; Elias Sports Bureau

Denver's Nick Van Exel cuts under Indiana's Travis Best as he prepares to dish off to a teammate during the second quarter of Tuesday's game in Indianapolis.



Statistics through games of March 5.

ing. The usually blasé Los Angeles fans were on their feet cheering each time O'Neal scored in the fourth quarter. O'Neal's teammates were happy to help him break the 60-point barrier, making him the first NBA player to do since San Antonio's David Robinson scored 71 points against the Clippers in April 1994.

"We showed our appreciation to him that he is having a heck of a year," said Ron Harper, who had four assists. "I'm not surprised he hasn't scored 60 before. That's something that's hard to do."

Making it easier was the fact that 7-foot Clippers center Michael Olowokunmi played just 14 minutes because of five fouls. His absence created a size deficit against the 7-foot-11 O'Neal that the Clippers couldn't overcome.

"We knew that if we moved the ball and found Shaq in the middle of the lane, he'd have the position," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "The team hooked up well and played exactly the way we'd like to see them do it."

Attend an NBA game in Southern California — certainly thought so. Fans chanted "MVP, MVP" when O'Neal sank a free throw to complete a three-point play with his 59th point with 4:12 remain-

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Conference's player of the year, the league announced Tuesday.

Arceneaux, a senior from New Orleans, led the league with a scoring average of 22.9 points a game. He had the Big Sky's top three scoring efforts in the regular season and was in the top 10 for rebounding, field goal percentage, free throw percentage, steals and blocked shots.

The Big Sky's top newcomer was Portland State's Ime Udoka, a Portland native who transferred home from the University of San Francisco. The outstanding freshman was Stephen Bachman of Weber State, a 6-10 center from Diellikon, Switzerland. Bachman started 24 of 27 games for the Wildcats and was second in Big Sky field goal percentage.

Nets' center says he's nearly ready

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Star center Jayson Williams participated in a very light workout, broke a sweat and proclaimed he's self ready to play for the New Jersey Nets 11 months after breaking his right leg and tearing up his knee in a game.

While Nets management and coaches hope Williams back on the court this season, they said he will not play unless he gets medical clearance. Williams is scheduled to undergo another examination of his leg this morning. He wants to play against Portland tonight, but team president Michael Rowe and coach Don Casey said he is not ready for that.

All's daughter stays perfect with KO

WINDSOR, Ontario — Laila Ali, daughter of former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali, remained unbeaten in her budding boxing career with a first-round knockout of Crystal Arcand in a scheduled four-round bout Tuesday night at Casino Windsor.

At 21, a 5-10, 166-pound middleweight, is 4-0, all by knockout. Her latest fight lasted only 70 seconds. All came out aggressively from the opening bell and floored Arcand, making her pro debut, with a right jab about

15 seconds into the bout. Arcand got up slowly and Ali continued the attack, putting Arcand on the canvas again with a straight right to the chin before she was counted out.

Ferrero drops Raft in Arizona

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Patrick Raft, still feeling the effects of a surgery injury, put up little resistance Tuesday in a first-round loss to Spain's Juan Carlos Ferrero in the main delayed Franklin Templeton Tennis Classic began.

The eighth-seeded Raft reached the quarterfinals last week in Delray Beach, Fla., in his first action since hurting his shoulder. He won the first round of the U.S. Open on Aug. 30. But he said Ferrero's 6-4, 6-2 victory showed he wasn't ready to return.

Cowboys hire former Aikman backup

IRVING, Texas — The Dallas Cowboys hired Wade Wilson, a former backup for Troy Aikman, as their quarterback's coach on Tuesday. Wilson succeeds Buddy Geis and completes coach Dave Campo's staff.

Tyson could fight in May in Italy

MILAN, Italy — Mike Tyson, who was supposed to fight in April, might not fight until May. A match had been planned for April 8 in Milan. Now the probable date is May 1 or 20, said Andrea Locantelli, an official of Media Partners, the Milan group organizing the bout. Lou Savarese is Tyson's most likely opponent.

Relay man tests positive for drugs

LONDON — Mark Richardson became the latest British athlete to be suspended by his national Olympic body following a positive test for the steroid androline. According to UK Athletics, an independent panel it had appointed to study the case found evidence "that a doping offense may have taken place."

Gonzalez, Sosa homer, Grif struggles CSI

The Associated Press

Juan Gonzalez and Sammy Sosa hit their first home runs of the spring, while Jose Canseco and Jay Buhner tried to show they've returned from injury problems.

Gonzalez, acquired from Texas during the offseason, hit a long, two-run shot. He has been nursing a strained left hamstring. As a result, he has been used only as designated hitter this spring, and only at Joker Marchant Stadium.

"I want to see him get to where he wants to be, which is swinging the bat," Garner said. "He doesn't need to make road trips in spring training."

In Tucson, Ariz., Sosa homered in a five-run fifth, but the Arizona Diamondbacks rallied for four runs with two outs in the ninth to beat the Chicago Cubs 9-8.

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CSI

Continued from D1 season, but more emphasis than ever will likely fall on garnering individual acclaim.

Some of this year's runners have decided where they'll compete next year, but others are starting to get anxious. Scholes considers his job making each runner better, good enough to be noticed by other schools and offered scholarships.

Scholarships are awarded on a year-by-year basis at CSI, meaning this year's runners may stay in school for the remainder of their school year provided they maintain academic eligibility.

"I'm really looking at the individual development of each athlete," said Scholes, 31, a Twin Falls High School graduate who attended the College of Idaho (now Albertson College) for a year before transferring to Boise State University to pursue his bachelor's and master's degrees.

"We have goals: Make the national championships, and be placed at a school that is an event at a meet, we'll do it even if it wouldn't be the best team position-wise."

Among the men, sophomore Oregon and Nampa's John Burkey, who ran with a stress fracture last year and has become much quicker this season in the 5,000 and 10,000.

Freshmen include Mike Cimprini, CSI's third-highest finisher at 1999 cross country nationals and a Montreal native being recruited by Georgia; Wyoming native and shorter distance runner John Dana, who is considering a transfer to North Idaho College; 1,500 to 5,000 Idaho product Matt Redington, who will go on a mission this summer but is eyeing an eventual stop at the University of Utah; and Oregon arrival Jeremiah Sudyka,

who may run the 5,000 or 10,000. On the women's side, Boise two-sport sophomore standout Joanne Whitaker recorded a 2:18 in the 800 at nationals last season. She's planning to attend Idaho State University, however, and may sit out this season to preserve a year of eligibility. If she competes, she may also run the 1,500. Whitaker ran an 18:53.6 at cross country nationals last autumn, finishing ninth - highest of any CSI entrant.

Sophomore Courtney Barlow will run the 3,000, but is undecided on her next move. She took eighth in the 5,000 at track nationals last spring. Washington sophomore Krispy Warner, meanwhile, enters the season on the heels of a 13th-place showing at cross country nationals last fall, and will run the 1,500 and 3,000 this season. She may end up at Eastern Oregon next year.

Other sophomores include 5,000 to 10,000 entrants Jeanne Russo of Hansen and Amber Carroll of Wyoming. Both have yet to determine where they'll be next fall.

Among the freshmen, Jerome's Liz Jackson, 22nd at cross country nationals and an 800 to 1,500 candidate this spring, leads a talented group including Idaho's Dwight middle distance runner Laura Hernandez, Oregon's Courtney Copenhaver, 3,000-5,000 runner Buester and Idaho Falls' Jen Crumley.

Crumley, a 5,000-meter runner, remains undecided about her next move, while Copenhaver has shown interest in Lewis-Clark State College.

CSI Track 2000

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Old woman is a Dominica treasure

LOS ANGELES Times

PORTSMOUTH, Dominica — At first glance, she doesn't appear to be much left of Elizabeth Israel.

Her leathery and furrowed skin sags from a frail, 90-pound frame. She is bald and wears a couple of years and went blind in November. From time to time, her sentences trail off.

But as she greeted a visitor in her simple plywood shack on a recent afternoon, her handshake was firm. She listened intently to the porable radio on her bed, as she does most days — "except when they're talking nonsense," she said. Her elegant appearance confirmed what her friends and neighbors say: She insists that her perfume, her hair and her

earrings be just so.

Through her neighbors, she reminisced in her native Cocoly dialect about what a "wicked boy" that Adolf Hitler was, about how rocky her only marriage was — coming so late in life, in 1925 — and about the three grandsons she has outlived.

All in all, not bad for a woman who, according to church records, turned 125 in January.

In fact, Dominicans believe Israel is the world's oldest person.

Because of a caring neighbor's persistence and a local radio journalist's conviction, this Caribbean island nation's Roman Catholic archdiocese issued an official baptismal certificate just in time for Israel's birthday, declaring that she was born Jan. 27, 1875.

The document confirms an entry the neighbor unearthed in December in a tattered church registry, which recorded Israel's baptism on Jan. 30 of that year.

The story of Israel, known to all of her neighbors as Ma Pampo but unknown, until recently, to most everyone else, goes beyond record books. It is a tale of roots, national pride, human endurance and the lessons that such a long life can teach.

"I believe she is gifted, that her long life is by design," said Dominican broadcaster Alexander Bruno, who used his knowledge of her dialect to help document Ma Pampo's age and history. He considers her a treasure link to his people's past.

Indeed, this daughter of a freed slave, who never knew her

father and worked on a lime and coconut plantation for about 50 years for pennies a day — she retired about 21 years ago — lives penniless in a blue clapboard shack that is as old as she is. Yet she is blessed by the love and charity of her neighbors.

"How old is Pampo?" said neighbor Lucian Dasilver, who discovered Israel's baptismal entry in one of the island's many Catholic churches.

"She just told me she didn't know. She could give me names but no dates. About three years ago, I started searching the church records. I'd got to thinking. I searched and searched until I found it. When I saw the date, I couldn't believe it. I told the girl at the presbytery. No, that cannot be possible."

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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Snorkelers sacrifice for dolphins

Snorkelers aren't allowed to wear sunscreen in Monkey Mia Bay on Australia's west coast. Locals say it irritates the eyes of dolphins.

Q: If you were told it was a "gregarious" cat, what kind of cat would it be?

A: A lion. No other sort of feline, big or small, is termed "gregarious." "One that prefers to live in close proximity to its own kind."

Miners don't kill rats underground.

One species of botfly lays its eggs in the nostrils of camels. When the big beasts sneeze, the larvae are blasted forth into the sand to grow.

Q: What's the name "Kenneth" mean?

A: "Handsome." Or so it meant once. In Gaelic.

Our Love and War man still monitors superstitious pertinent to his specialty. One often-reported example, spawned in the cotton era of the Old South, held that those who mowed daylight love in cotton fields at harvest time would have good luck. It's said devout believers multiplied.

An 8.3-Richter earthquake hit Chile in May of 1960, and the earth reverberated elephantine bass notes for more than a month.

Great quakes do that, set the whole world arting, like a bell in the Milky Way.

It is reported as fact that the human lung is so elastic it's 100 times more easily inflated than a child's balloon.

When flowing over land, it's called "lava." When rolling underground, it's called "magma." No other difference.

If nothing is as powerful as an idea whose time has come, then few things can be as thrasonic as an idea whose time has gone." So observed a writer named Rosalind Miles.

Scientists look at though they belonged to another age, don't they? They do, in fact. Fossil scorpions date back 400 million years. Among insects, spiders, crabs, that sort, scorpions are the oldest.

"Second" avenues nationwide outnumber "First" avenues.

OOPS



A snowboarder finds out the hard way how deep the snow is Monday at Mt. Baldy Ski Resort in the Angeles National Forest near Claremont, Calif.

Aries — best prepare for a day of activity

IF MARCH 8 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are intense, creative, sexual, and when responsibilities pile up, you handle them. Capricorn, Cancer persons play major roles in your life, are likely to have these letters, initials in names — H, Q, Z. During April, focus on promotion, production, intense love relationship. During May travel indicated along with valid opportunity for fame and fortune.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): What a day. Quick changes, variety of sensations. You exude aura of personality, sex appeal. Creative juices stir. Virgo, Sagittarius persons play roles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Cycle is moving up, what was previously rejected will be accepted. Maintain aura of mystery, don't tell all. Visit individual confined to hospital.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Wishes come true. Moon position emphasizes ability to obtain funding, to win friends and influence people. Pisces, Virgo bow to your demands.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Power play. Pressure is on, you are up to it. Money comes your way in surprising manner. Focus on promotion, promotion, added responsibility.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Favorable lunar aspect coincides with career, prestige, possibility of fame, fortune. Travel indicated to far-off representative in foreign country for your product.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make room for the new — get rid

HOROSCOPE
Sydney Omarr

of outmoded concepts, products. A different kind of love is on the way. Leo, Aquarius persons will figure prominently.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus on partnership, publicity, fight for legal rights. Proposals received — career, business, marriage. Cancer, Capricorn persons play outstanding roles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Diversify without scattering forces. Some places burden on your shoulders, not fair. Gemini can help, you must first ask. You will get credit due.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Period of being confined is temporary. Release date coming. Taurus, Scorpio persons will play memorable roles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Focus on land, real estate, flirtation that gets hot and heavy. Make no commitments unless positive they can be fulfilled. Write your dreams.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): People have good feelings about you, family dispute settled. Aries relative declines. You think you're right, but I love you too much to fight." Number 6.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Valuable lost article is located. If you plan carefully, more money received. Virgo, another Pisces will play exciting roles. Mystery woman confesses.

Where are the Oscar ballots?

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Ten mailbags with all 4,000 Oscar ballots are missing in a real Hollywood whodunit for Academy Awards executives, a distinguished accounting firm and the Post reported.

A week after mailing the ballots, tucked in business envelopes with 33-cent, first-class postage, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, then getting panicky Tuesday because members hadn't received them.

The deadline for returning ballots is March 21. The Oscars are March 26.

"We mailed the ballots, 4,000 of them, to Academy members last Wednesday and Price Waterhouse Coopers took the 10 mailbags to the Beverly Hills Post office and left them there as would anybody," Academy spokesman John Pavlik said.

"That's the last they have been seen," Pavlik said, adding foul play isn't suspected.

Frequent family weekends are wearing out this stepmother

DEAR ABBY: I am 57. Two years ago, I married a widower with four grown children. This is my second marriage. We moved to Louisville when my husband accepted a lucrative job here.

My dilemma is his four children. Three of them have spouses. Approximately every six weeks, all seven of them visit for a three-day weekend. Abby, they are wearing me out from cooking (none of the girls cook), picking up after them and doing mounds of laundry.

After they leave, it takes me three days to clean up the house and recover.

I love my husband and have told him that I just can't do it anymore. He is upset with me and makes me feel like I am keeping him from his children. I have offered to host Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, which is all I can handle. I'm at the point that I dread the holidays.

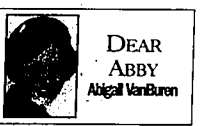
I have two children of my own and two grandchildren. I love to see them, but not every six weeks! I visit — or they visit — every three to four months, which is enough for me.

Abby, please tell me how to handle the situation without being the "wicked stepmother."

— OVERWHELMED

IN KENTUCKY

DEAR OVERWHELMED: It is unfair for your husband to expect you to be cook and housemaid for



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

has no respect for anyone. He seems to lack a fundamental concern, compassion and respect for other human beings. On top of this, he is sneaky. His work ethic is low, and he categorizes people who enjoy their work as "workaholics who work and one day die." He lacks passion, has no hobbies outside of TV and computers, and could not be less enthused about life.

During the holidays, my mom kills herself to lay out a spread that makes the Ritz pale by comparison, and each year my husband shows up in jeans and a sweatshirt.

When I ask him each year to please pack something nice, he gets an attitude. The kicker is that she tries hard each time he is coming to prepare the things he likes. He treats his own mother the same way. She laughs it off and seems to get his lack of manners in stride.

Is there any hope of changing someone who doesn't care what others think of him, or what his actions do in regard to other people's feelings?

— STUMPED
IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR STUMPED: Sorry — you are fighting a losing battle. There is no way to help someone who is not willing to help himself. But if any of my readers have managed to "raise the dead," I'll pass along their input.

Judges finalize list of annual awards for literary fiction

LONDON — The field of finalists for the richest annual literary award for a single work of fiction was narrowed to seven on Monday.

This year's International IMPAC Dublin prize finalists: "Wide Open" by Nicola Barker of England; "Trumpet" by Jackie Kay of Scotland; "This Side of Brightness" by Colum McCann of Ireland; and four books by American writers: "Charming Billy" by Alice McDermott; "The Hours" by Michael Cunningham; "Paradise" by Toni Morrison; and "I Married a Communist" by Phillip Roth.

The winner is to be announced May 9.

The prize, which carried a \$122,000 award, was established in 1996 by U.S. management company IMPAC and Dublin Corporation.

QVC host prepares for big jump to daytime talk show

WEST GOSHEN, Pa. — The diva of Diamondville is leaving television retailer QVC to host a daytime talk show.

Kathy Levine is leaving the Pennsylvania-based television shopping network at the end of

People in the news

April, according to a letter posted on QVC's Web site. "Well folks, I must be doing something right, for now another dream has come true for me," Levine wrote. "I've been given an opportunity to host a daytime talk show."

Levine didn't release any details about the show. "I leave QVC with a happy heart, but not without a few tears," she said. "What can I say? I'm a very lucky lady. I will miss you all."

Muslim holy man's wife gives birth to a boy

GOUVIEUX, France — The wife of the Aga Khan, the 49th hereditary imam of the Ismaili Muslim community, gave birth to a son Tuesday in Paris.

Newborn Prince Aly Muhannad was named for his late grandfather and Herat Aly, the cousin and son-in-law of the Prophet Muhammad and the first imam of the Ismaili Muslims. The Ismaili Muslim community has a following of 12 million to 15 million worldwide.

— compiled from wire reports

NATION

Bush fought off McCain's outsider appeal

WASHINGTON (AP) - George W. Bush relied on his core of support from Republicans and conservatives to overwhelm John McCain's backing from moderates, independents and crossover Democrats in many regions, exit polls found.

Two-thirds of the voters in the Republican primaries Tuesday saw Bush as the candidate who could win in November. But the Texas governor still was unable to expand his base of support outside the party.

McCain's overall message played well in New England, but his gambit of criticizing conservative Christian leaders may have backfired in some key states.

In Ohio and New York, more than a third of voters in the Republican primaries said McCain's criticism of the religious leaders affected their votes, and they went for Bush by a margin of 3-to-1, according to the exit polls conducted for The Associated Press and television networks by Voter News Service.

And more than a third of voters in the Republican primaries said they had an unfavorable opinion of McCain, ranging from almost half in Georgia to about a fifth in Massachusetts. Just over a fourth said that about Bush.

"McCain's just too nervous and excitable," said Joe O'Connor, a Bush voter from Kansas City, Mo. "There's no telling what that man



Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain of Arizona phones into a radio talk show interview Tuesday from his Beverly Hills, Calif., hotel suite as his wife, Cindy, sits nearby.

might do if he were to become president." In the Democratic race, Al Gore got strong backing from Democrats, voters who liked his experience, his leadership skills

and his proposed health care plans. Bill Bradley made health care the centerpiece of his campaign, but voters preferred Gore's more modest plan by a 3-1 margin.

Republicans

While Bush and McCain split the vote among those who said personal qualities were most important, four in 10 said issues

were most important and they went for Bush by almost 2-1. Bush led among those who thought moral values and taxes were the top issues, while he and McCain split the voters who thought Social Security was the most important.

McCain severely criticized Bush for visiting South Carolina's Bob Jones University - which has a history of anti-Catholic views, and had a stronger showing among Roman Catholic voters in some states.

Democrats

Gore led Bradley among liberals, moderates and conservatives. Four of five voters in the Democratic primaries had a favorable view of Gore, while about two-thirds felt that way about Bradley.

Seven in 10 thought Gore was about right on the issues ideologically while about half felt that way about Bradley.

Four of five voters in the Democratic primary approved of the job done by President Clinton and that group went for Gore by almost 3-to-1. "I'm pleased with the Clinton regime," said Gene Broussard, a 49-year-old Democrat from Baltimore. "The economy is really good right now... I guess it's a matter of keeping things going in the same direction. You know what they say, don't fix it if it's not broken."

Voters say 'no' to gay marriage in California

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Californians rejected gay marriage Tuesday, approving a ballot measure that prohibits the state from recognizing same-sex marriages legally performed in any other state.

Exit polls conducted by Voter News Service for The Associated Press and television networks showed Proposition 22 passing with strong support from both men and women and from voters of all races and income groups. Democrats opposed it by 2-1 but Republicans backed it by about 6-1.

"It's a victory for California families," said Robert Glazier, spokesman for the Yes-on-22 campaign.

"Naturally we're heartbroken," said Esperanza Macias, field coordinator for No-on-22. "But this is far from over."

The text of Proposition 22 is brief - "Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid and recognized in California - but complex legal and moral issues lay beneath the surface, and the campaign was intense and expensive."

The initiative was aimed at denying marital rights to same-sex couples in California who were legally married in any other state.

Gore crushes Bradley as vote count builds

The Associated Press

Al Gore swept past Bill Bradley in an unbroken string of states on Super Tuesday, pushing his rival to the brink of withdrawal in the Democratic presidential campaign. "We need to build on our record of prosperity," the vice president said, turning his focus toward November.

"He won, I lost," said Bradley, all but conceding his challenge was over.

Gore won from New York to Georgia to Ohio and at several stops in between, regularly gaining 60 percent of the vote or more. Seeking to shut out his rival, he also led for victory in California, the biggest prize on the busiest night of the primary season.

Polling place interviews with voters in every region of the country underscored the vice president's strength among core constituencies vital in Democratic primaries.

Blacks preferred Gore over Bradley by a margin of 6-1 and Hispanics by 3-1. The margin among union members was smaller, but a healthy 3-1. Gore also won the vote of independents, a key element of Bradley's electoral strategy, and a group that the Democratic nominee will need in the general election race. The exit polling was conducted by Voter News Service, a consortium of the AP and television networks.

Gore defeated Bradley in the New England states of Maine, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts

and Rhode Island, completing a regional sweep that began in New Hampshire's leadoff primary more than a month ago. He triumphed, as well, in Georgia, where he was winning roughly 80 percent of the vote; Ohio, roughly 70 percent; and New York, Maryland and Missouri, roughly 60 percent.

Bradley came closest in Vermont, where he was gaining 44 percent of the vote.

In addition to primaries in 11 states, Gore won party caucuses in North Dakota. He and Bradley also were competing in caucuses in three other states and American Samoa.

Campaigning against Bradley, Gore also kept one eye on the Republican race. There, George W. Bush and John McCain held their own Super Tuesday competition across 13 states.

In remarks to supporters in Tennessee, the vice president said Democrats were "the party of the mainstream."

He said his approach was the right one to continue the current economic expansion begun under Bill Clinton - the only time he used the president's name. In an unnamed reference to Bush's policies, he cautioned against "wasting the surplus on a risky tax scheme."

Gore challenged his Republican rival to two weekly debates between the nominating conventions and Election Day in November. He was pleased to continue to hold meetings around the nation, with his next one planned in Detroit tonight.



Al Gore



Bill Bradley

Democrats, Republicans differ on mandatory locks

The Associated Press

The Associated Press asked the presidential candidates: Should federal law require manufacturers to have trigger locks on guns sold to the public?

Democrats

Bill Bradley: "I absolutely support safety locks on handguns as part of my comprehensive proposal for gun control."

"My proposal is the boldest of any candidate and also includes registering all 65 million unregistered handguns, a ban on junk guns and getting gun dealers out of residential neighborhoods."

Al Gore: "Yes. The recent tragic shooting in Michigan reminds us once again - we must face with new resolve the issue of gun violence in America."

"The first thing we must do is urge Congress to require child safety locks on every new handgun sold in America. It cannot be that Kayla Roland died in vain."

On the issues: Gun safety

Reform

Pat Buchanan: No response.

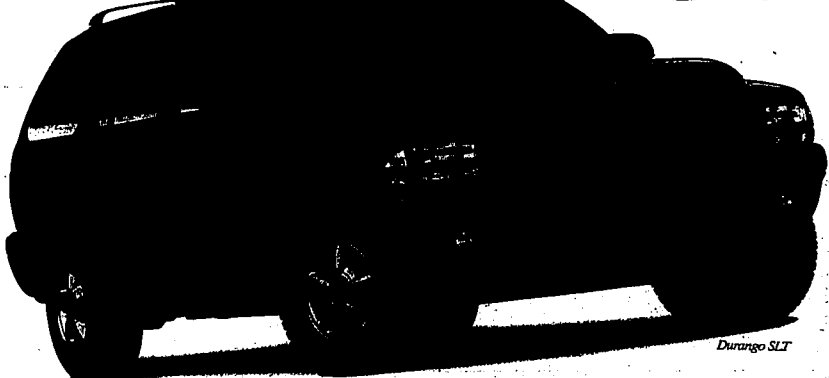
Republicans

George W. Bush: "I support voluntary efforts to equip new handguns with child safety locks. If Congress passed legislation requiring mandatory trigger locks for all new handguns, I would sign it. I am concerned, however, that such legislation not be seen as a pander, because adults still have to be responsible for using the trigger locks and for monitoring their children's actions."

Alan Keyes: No response.

John McCain: "With rights come responsibilities. Trigger locks should be used to protect children and stop intruders from using a firearm. I was pleased to lead the effort to ensure that trigger locks are sold with every firearm."

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Washington Federal launches new loans

SEATTLE - Washington Federal Savings this week introduced three new home mortgage loans in the Magic Valley and the rest of its six-state market area, including two convertible rate mortgages and an affordable home loan requiring 3 percent down.

The "Enhanced 97 Loan" combines a competitive fixed interest rate with down-payment flexibility, the bank said. Borrowers can use gifts, grants or unsecured loans for the 3-percent down payment for all closing costs. These can come from relatives, homeowner-ship organizations, even credit cards.

The only cash the borrowers must provide comes from their own funds amounts to two months' principal and interest which must be set aside in a bank account.

Washington Federal said it plans to target this loan at homebuyers with little or no money set aside for a normal down payment.

"Home affordability is an issue for many working people," said Chuck Richmond, executive vice president and chief lending officer for Washington Federal. "Not because they don't have the income to afford a house payment, but because they find it difficult in an expensive rental market to apply extra cash toward savings."

The Enhanced 97 Loan has no income restrictions, is priced at the same rate as the bank's standard home loans, and allows for a maximum loan of \$300,000.

Washington Federal said it is also launching two convertible loans; borrowers who select the "5-Year" or "5-Year Convertible Loans" pay below-market fixed rates for the first three or five years.

Then the loan converts to an adjusted fixed rate. Borrowers also may convert to a fixed rate through Washington Federal's rate renegotiation program anytime during the initial term with no prepayment penalty.

Aqua Vie Beverage enlists Rush Limbaugh

KETCHUM - Aqua Vie Beverage Corp. said Tuesday it has committed to an initial 10-week flight of radio commercials on The Rush Limbaugh Show, beginning in Chicago about March 27.

The commercials will coincide with regional availability of Aqua Vie's Hydrators at retail locations throughout greater metropolitan Chicago and with the Food Marketing Institute show to be held in Chicago May 7-9. The Ketchum-based company said.

Talk show host Rush Limbaugh is heard Monday through Friday and broadcast live on the Internet.

The show boasts 20 million listeners on more than 660 radio stations nationwide, with more than half of these located throughout the company's market. Aqua Vie expects to expand the campaign to additional cities.

Compiled from staff reports

Finishing with a flourish

Year's construction numbers top 1998's

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - December did the trick for the valley's construction industry.

The estimated value of projects issued building permits in 1999 topped December 1998 by 7 percent - that's 28 percent - for selected areas of the Magic Valley, according to data compiled in First Security's Bank's just-released statewide report.

That performance helped finish the year at \$182.2 billion - or 7 percent - above 1998's total construction values in the Magic Valley. More than half of that improvement was posted the month before, when the estimated value of projects issued permits topped November 1998 by \$9.6 million, thanks in part to expensive Wood River Valley homes.

In December, Gooding, Halley, Sun Valley, Twin Falls, Cassia County and Minidoka County improved on their year-ago numbers for combined construction types. Jerome, rural Blaine County and the rest of Twin Falls County lost ground. Ketchum and Shoshone issued no permits at all. Rupert's performance was almost identical to its December 1998 showing.

In the valley's largest city, a new church and a new communications tower, along with nicely rising home values, helped boost 1999 to \$2.2 million in combined-construction types in December.

The nondenominational Eternal Life Christian Center, which already has had six homes in its five years, received a permit for a new \$480,240 church building at 451 Orchard Drive in Twin Falls. In preparation to expand Twin Falls wireless services, Nextel Partners received a permit to build a 330-foot, \$147,842 cellular communications tower at 171 Canyon St. near Rock Creek Canyon.

The Magic Valley as a whole did its part in December and throughout the year to help Idaho in 1999 break the \$2 billion mark for the first time.

December '99	December '98	All of 1999	All of 1998
\$1,068,978	\$40,000	\$2,000,230	\$2,070,817
\$228,018	\$80,884	\$12,850,890	\$22,836,702
\$1,040,960	\$344,850	\$54,487,908	\$93,108,988
\$977,000	\$98,000	\$90,132,486	\$83,423,623
\$485,000	\$58,000	\$95,278,500	\$46,790,900
\$197,478	\$807,340	\$8,598,882	\$4,481,880
\$1,040,960	\$0	\$541,550	\$1,021,106
\$3,285,890	\$1,948,409	\$38,423,112	\$39,261,782
\$298,116	\$1,246,101	\$22,287,461	\$18,156,461
\$1,948,928	\$678,084	\$14,999,252	\$15,434,207
\$37,581	\$32,631	\$1,424,837	\$1,380,378
\$2,116,723	\$668,073	\$13,957,256	\$26,976,638
\$8,598,114	\$6,728,872	\$283.17 million	\$244.95 million

Area	December '99	December '98	All of 1999	All of 1998
Gooding	1	0	7	7
Halley	1	0	2	18
Ketchum	1	1	67	79
Sun Valley	0	1	2	19
Blaine County (unincorporated portion)	2	0	42	27
Jerome	1	2	47	60
Shoshone	0	0	5	5
Twin Falls	9	16	178	196
Twin Falls County (unincorporated portion)	3	3	103	81
Cassia County (entire county)	8	0	68	89
Rupert	0	0	6	6
Minidoka County (unincorporated portion)	7	2	73	64
Total:	31	33	721	690

Source: "Idaho Construction Report" by First Security Bank. December report is the most recent available.

"Idaho's 1999 total construction value rose 7.5 percent, following a revised gain of 8.4 percent in 1998 and a 1997 decline of 3.4 percent," said First Security's "Idaho Construction Report," authored by bank economist Kelly Matthews.

In addition, the state's new residential construction value, at \$1.125 billion in 1999, was 5.8 percent above the 1998 prior record of \$1.064 billion, Matthews said.

For 2000, he forecast single-digit statewide declines in total construction value and single-family building permits.

"Net immigration is expected to slow this year, but new-job growth should rise 2.5 percent," the Idaho report said.

Residential news in the Magic

Valley was mixed in December.

The areas of the valley surveyed issued permits for 31 new single-family homes during the month - down slightly from 33 in December 1998. The average estimated value of those homes logged in at \$115,785 - a 15 percent rise over the \$100,617 of a year earlier.

But December's average value didn't live up to November's whopping \$260,598 - an average weighted heavily by pricey, new single-family homes in Halley, Ketchum, Sun Valley and rural Blaine County.

Besides Ketchum and Shoshone, Rupert issued no permits for new residential construction. The valley's only multi-family housing units to receive permits in December were four in Twin Falls and three in Cassia

County.

In 1999 as a whole, the Magic Valley logged 31 more new single-family homes than in the previous year, a 4.5 percent rise. Specifically, the areas of the valley surveyed issued 721 single-family permits during the year, up from 690 in 1998. The average estimated value of those homes logged in at \$173,155 in 1999 - a 2 percent rise over the \$172,767 of the year before.

Finishing the year on a high note, Cassia and Minidoka counties showed substantial hikes in December's total construction values.

Minidoka County's commercial activity for the month included an addition to Amalgamated Sugar Co.'s Paul manufacturing

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Qwest, Washington reach terms on US West deal

Other reports say merger might stall

Knight Ridder News Service

SEATTLE - Washington's state utilities commission staff and state Attorney General's Office approved terms for Denver-based Qwest's acquisition of local carrier U S West, paving the way for the full commission's approval of the \$56 billion merger.

The agreement, however, comes amid reports that Germany-based Deutsche Telekom's efforts to buy Qwest may scuttle the U S West merger.

Under the terms agreed to Friday, Qwest will offer the state service guarantees, including an annual \$20 million refund to cus-

tomers if it fails to meet quality standards, such as installing and repairing phone lines, fixing dial-tone problems, and responding to customer complaints. The agreement also would freeze rates until 2004.

"This is really a critical step down the road to getting commission approval," said Kirk Nelson, U S West's vice president for Washington.

Other highlights of the settlement include: Qwest will replace all outdated analog switches with digital switches and connect every central office to a fiber-optic network. The company will clear hundreds of backlogged orders for basic telephone service by Oct. 1. Qwest will offer full monthly credits to customers experiencing prolonged repair or dial-tone

problems. Thirty days after the merger is completed, Qwest will submit a "customer bill of rights" to the commission, which ultimately will approve and enforce it.

One of the most contentious points in the negotiations, said Glenn Blackmon, the staff's assistant director for telecommunications, was to set up a financial penalty should Qwest's U S West not live up to the agreement.

In exchange for Qwest's \$20 million refund offer, the staff agreed to cap its demand that Qwest invest \$500 million into Washington's phone network.

"This gives U S West and Qwest the chance to avoid the (penalty) entirely if their service is good," said Blackmon.

In drafting the agreement, the staff did not address U S West's

dispute with long-distance carriers about opening its phone lines to competition. Companies such as AT&T and MCI long have accused U S West of dragging its feet on the issue.

Still, Ron Gayman, AT&T's state director for government affairs, said he hopes the agreement will inject new momentum into those stalled negotiations.

The settlement caps a whirlwind of activity last week surrounding the merger. Last Tuesday, U S West Chairman Sol Trujillo announced he would resign after the merger is completed.

The following day, reports surfaced that Deutsche Telekom was talking to Qwest about a takeover.

In response, U S West threat-

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S&P reviews Penney

Credit rating goes on the line again

Knight Ridder News Service

PLANO, Texas - Standard & Poor's said this week it is reviewing J.C. Penney Co.'s credit ratings for possible downgrade for the second time in nine months.

Last week, Plano-based Penney said its February same-store sales were down 2.4 percent, representing the sixth monthly decline since June when S&P last lowered Penney's ratings.

Penney's "previous stable" outlook on that rating relied on the potential for better performance, as management's strategies to focus on improving margins and marketing at department stores seemed to have a reasonable chance for success," S&P said in its statement.

"Although Standard & Poor's anticipated that management's task would be very challenging, considering the large store base and intense competition, it appears that J.C. Penney has continued to struggle without gaining success."

Last month, Penney - which has a couple of Magic Valley stores - reported lower-than-expected fourth-quarter profits, and said that it will close 45 Penney department stores and 289 Eckerd drugstores after an undisclosed number of employees.

"Our balance sheet and liquidity remain strong," said Rita Flynn, J.C. Penney spokeswoman in Plano. "The company has announced a number of initiatives to improve results, and we look forward to discussing these initiatives with Standard & Poor's."

J.C. Penney Co.'s corporate credit and senior unsecured debt are rated triple-B-plus, and J.C. Penney Funding Corp.'s corporate credit ratings are triple-B-plus/A-2 and its commercial paper is rated A-2.

Recently, Penney was hit with another outside blow. The California Public Employees' Retirement System, the largest U.S. pension fund, included J.C. Penney among its annual list of 10 underperforming stocks in its portfolio.

Calpers, which has assets of more than \$17 billion, makes its annual list public and pressures management of those companies to do better.

Penney was cited for its disappointing stock price relative to its peers. The company's stock price was down nearly 45 percent for the five-year period ended Dec. 31, while the S&P Retail Department Stores Index gained more than 43 percent, Calpers said.

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Online privacy becomes issue for Clinton

President doesn't e-mail daughter due to concerns

By Dan Gillmor Knight Ridder News Service

All over America, parents exchange e-mail with their children when the kids head off to college. Meet one parent who doesn't: Bill Clinton.

"I don't do e-mail with Chelsea," the president said after a speech Friday. "Absolutely not - I don't think it's secure."

That's a shame for the first family, which is clearly in a category by itself when it comes to security. But in an odd way, the rest of us can draw some comfort from Clinton's worries. When online privacy becomes a personal issue for the president of the United States, maybe we're closer to a day when privacy will reach the position it deserves on the public agenda.

Clinton elevated the subject in his remarks to the Aspen Institute's Forum on Communications & Society, which met in San Jose, Calif., Friday. He spoke of the genuine, justified angst gnawing at regular folks who don't trust business companies to keep their most personal information private.

Trust is earned in this world. There are some responsible mem-

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bers of the online community, companies and sites that go to great lengths to protect the privacy of Web surfers and shoppers. But the bad actors who roll for personal information so they can manipulate and trade it, mock the self-regulation so many in the Net community say is the answer.

So when Clinton called - albeit tentatively - for laws protecting the privacy of individuals' online medical and financial information, as well as all children's activities, he surely struck a resonant chord with average people.

A zone of privacy is central to the American way of life, he said with absolute accuracy, "and we give it up too early."

Welcome words. But they come in a context that invites some skepticism.

The Clintons could enjoy an entirely private e-mail correspondence, right now. They'd need no strong encryption, the scam-bling of data so that it can't be understood even if intercepted. But this president, taking the advice of law enforcers and spies, has done everything in his power to discourage the widespread use of strong encryption. He constantly uses strong encryption in his voice and data communications with military and intelligence agencies, but the fact that he apparently hasn't even considered it for fami-

ly e-mail is testament to the government's paranoia that regular folks, not just criminals, might truly protect their own privacy in this world.

His other problem is part technical and part social. The president would have to trust that someone wasn't reading his daughter's e-mail once it had been encrypted on her computer, either over her shoulder or by jacking into that computer through the network to which it's attached.

He surely trusts his daughter. But as he noted in his speech Friday, it's unclear whether any of us can trust the network. The tech industry has some distance to travel in that direction.

The administration has also been tone-deaf - and that's a charitable description - to civil liberties issues. The president and his appointees have again and again supported legislation that has eroded the Bill of Rights and other fundamental liberties.

In the privacy arena, too, the Clinton team has been less than faithful to the notions the president floated on Friday. When it issued regulations about the privacy of medical records last fall, the administration talked a great game. But the fine print didn't match the rhetoric.

The White House record on financial data doesn't give privacy advocates the warm and fuzzies, either. It has, for example, carried water for big business by lobbying

against the European Union's worthy efforts to apply its data-privacy laws to American companies doing business in Europe. Meanwhile, the administration has been the chief cheerleader for the discredited notion that industry can regulate itself on these matters.

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The president's chief achievement Friday was to put the issue in the context of real people - that is, real voters whose worries become the worries of politicians who want to be elected or re-elected. Even in an era when "one person, one vote" has morphed toward the sickening notion of "one dollar, one vote" the concerns of real people do matter.

Let's assume the administration will push the right kind of laws. Will Congress act? I asked him that question after the speech.

"I kind of think we'll get legislation this year," Clinton said.

Microsoft will unveil video game project plan

Knight Ridder News Service

REDMOND, Wash. - Microsoft Corp. has decided to take games very seriously.

Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates is expected to divulge details Friday about a secret project code-named "X-Box" - the console Microsoft hopes will give it the supremacy in video games that it has achieved in the PC industry.

Sources familiar with Microsoft's plans say the company is prepared to tap into its vast resources and spend billions to rule this new arena, now dominated by Sony Corp.'s PlayStation console and Sega Enterprises Ltd. X-Box will probably go on sale sometime next year.

Why should Gates care about machines that play products with names like Final Fantasy VII and Zombie Revenge? Because video games, which generated \$7 billion last year in the United States alone, are a serious threat to Microsoft's core business on the Internet. Sony is billing the PlayStation 2, released in Japan Saturday and due in the United States this fall, as an entertainment center that not only plays video games but also plays music CDs and DVD movies, and surfs the Web.

If Sony succeeds with PlayStation 2 - and one in four U.S. homes already owns the original PlayStation - Microsoft could

eventually lose its PC-based position as the main on-ramp to the Internet.

Microsoft has so far kept quiet about the X-Box project, and has asked game developers to do the same. But the video game community is still buzzing in anticipation of the annual Game Developers Conference this week in San Jose, where Gates is scheduled to make a presentation Friday. One source said Microsoft demonstrated the power of the X-Box by having it display a scene in which ping-pong balls bounce wildly in a room full of mouse traps. He said the level of speed and detail is "dramatically better" than the PlayStation 2, the most advanced system on the market today.

The X-Box console has the innards of a high-performance computer, say people close to Microsoft. It has a processor that runs at 600 MHz or faster, 128 MB of memory, a port for connecting to the Internet and a new version of the Windows operating system on a 4.7-inch optical disc. The console (it boots up in just a couple of seconds, rather than minutes).

Microsoft has always wanted to have influence on, if not be a leader in, video game activity, said Richard Doherty, founder of market research firm Envisionering Inc. in Seaford, N.Y. "It's an underlying element of all this, yes it's a video game, but it's also the home entertainment hub of tomorrow."

A handful of companies are already developing games for the X-Box console, which industry analysts expect no sooner than next year.

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legal action if Qwest backed out of the deal to buy U.S. West. Faced with a penalty that could reach \$800 million if the deal were not completed, Qwest issued a statement Sunday saying any agreement with another company

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would have to include U.S. West. Analysts suspect U.S. West's regulatory problems led to Qwest having cold feet. Of the 14 states that have approved the merger, only Colorado has approved the merger. Action is pending in seven more

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states, including Washington, where approval is expected in early summer. In an interview with The Denver Post last week, Qwest Chairman Joe Nacchio distanced his company from U.S. West, arguing that the

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Baby Bell's regulatory mishaps were its own problem, not Qwest's. If Deutsche Telekom buys both companies, Blackmon said the agreement would work to protect all consumers it strikes with Qwest and U.S. West.

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U.S. productivity surges to best showing in years

WASHINGTON (AP) - The efficiency of American workers surged at a 6.4 percent rate in the final three months of 1999, marking the strongest jump in productivity growth since a 7.4 percent rate of increase at the end of 1997. It also was in line with the 6.5 percent rate many analysts were forecasting.

In the third quarter, productivity grew at a sizzling 5 percent rate, the highest since 1992. That revised estimate pushed productivity growth for all of last year to 3 percent, slightly better than the government has previously thought. It was the best showing on workers' efficiency gains since a 4.1 percent increase in 1992.

The surge in fourth-quarter productivity - defined as the amount of output for each hour of work - was stronger than the 1.9 percent annual rate of growth the Labor Department reported one month ago. The government had initially pegged fourth-quarter productivity at a 4.3 percent rate.

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Economists consider healthy productivity gains the key to prosperity and rising living standards. Stable gains means companies can pay employees more, hold the line on prices and still deliver increased profits to shareholders. Computers, satellites and other technological changes are credited with helping to boost workers' productivity.

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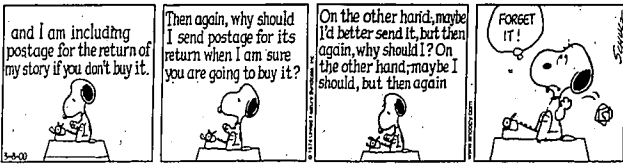
The units won't be rentals, he added; they're a place for an out-of-state family of business people to live with their children and to enjoy a rural setting and get away from the big city."

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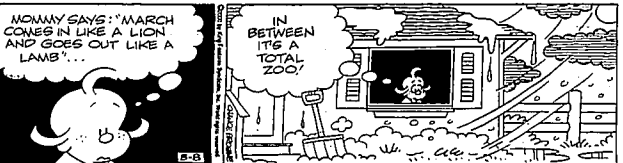
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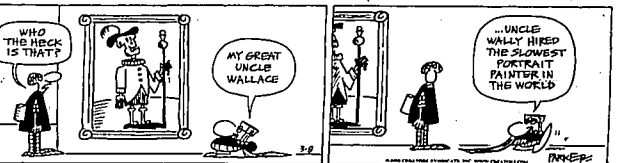
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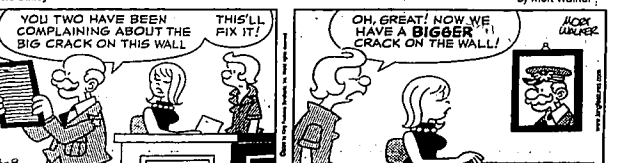
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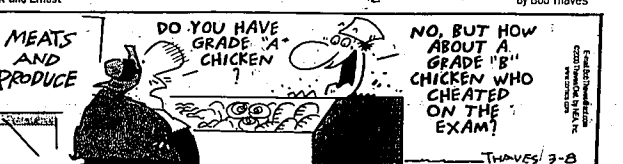
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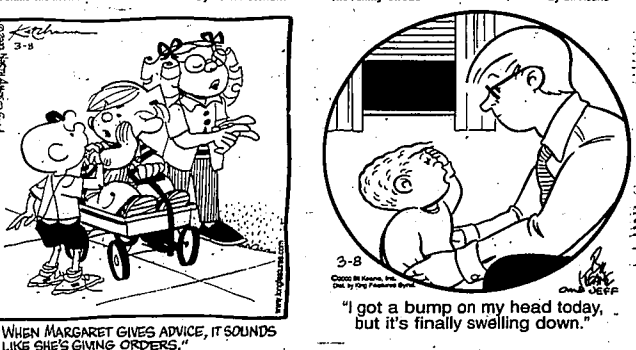


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