

GOOD MORNING

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Today: Partly cloudy and warmer, with southwest winds 5-15 mph. High, 79. Increasing clouds tonight, low 42.

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Land management: Two ranchers and a motorcycle enthusiast want to show that local management can work better on 1.4 million acres of federal lands in Twin Falls and Cassia counties.

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Governor's gathering: Starting today, more than 300 people will discuss Idaho's travel and recreation trend, at a Sun Valley conference.

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Hot Hills: Jerome High School's pitcher-first baseman KC Hills, who will play college ball next year, keyed a late win for the Tigers Tuesday.

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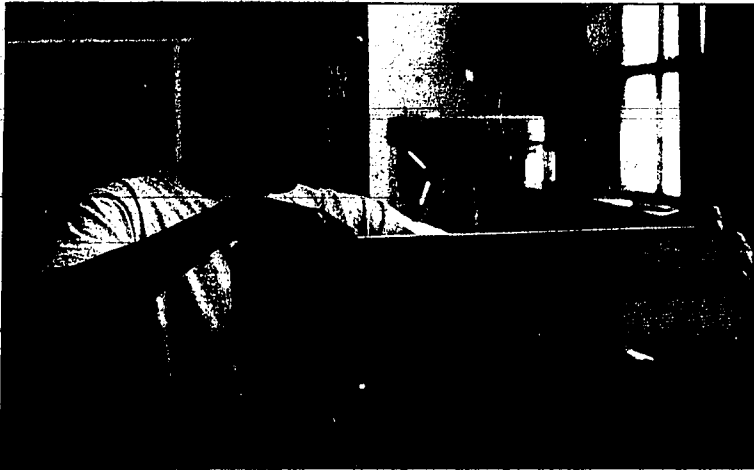
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Wendell students might return to old campus in fall

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

WENDELL — It could be back to their old campus in the fall for Wendell Middle School students, a sign of a change in community attitude since February when parents told the School Board they didn't want their children attending classes in a partially condemned building.

A facilities committee formed by parents will ask the Wendell School Board tonight to pursue a bond issue and make do with accessible portions of the old campus until a new school can be built.

The committee proposed the plan at a community meeting Monday night that drew about 150 people.

Parents expressed dissatisfaction with the split shifts running at the high school since March, voicing problems such as differing grades, interruption in family weekend time and students at home alone all day, every other day.

"Their education is suffering. I know that the teachers are trying. I know that everyone is trying," said Stef Davis, a mother

What's in the proposal?

The committee will propose that a new middle school building be built on the old campus. The building will be a two-story structure with 12 classrooms and a gymnasium. The building will be built on the old campus, which is partially condemned. The building will be built on the old campus, which is partially condemned. The building will be built on the old campus, which is partially condemned.

who has two middle school students and one high school student.

Davis is a member of the committee proposing students return to the middle school campus in the fall. Students need the struc-

ture of an 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. school day, she said. School every other day leaves room for tons of homework on days off and ample time to procrastinate.

Since March, high school students have attended classes

Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays and middle school students have been in school Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Classes were lengthy.

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Blaine voters OK \$40M levy for school improvement

Measure gamers 58.7 percent approval rate

By Barb Newton
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — Voters on Tuesday approved a \$40 million plant facilities levy to build new schools and facilities and make improvements at existing school buildings in the Blaine County School District.

The levy required a 55-percent voter approval to pass and it received approval from 58.7 percent of voters. A total of 3,569 votes were cast — 2,095 for the levy and 1,474 against the levy.

The levy will run for 10 years,

collecting \$4 million annually. It will cost taxpayers \$86.16 per \$100,000 assessed property value annually, but the district says this amount will decrease each year as countywide property values increase. Projections show that taxpayers will pay \$46.87 per \$100,000 by the 10th year of the levy.

The levy will provide the money to build a new high school, a new elementary school, a new high school wing to the Carey School, add classrooms to the Middle School and make improve-

ments at three other schools. The master building plan includes the following:

- \$1 million bus garage to be finished in 2000.
- \$19.6 million high school to be completed in 2003.
- \$5 million addition of a high school wing and remodeling to the Carey School to be completed in 2005.
- \$2.7 million to add 12 classrooms to Wood River Middle School to be finished in 2005.
- \$8.1 million new elementary school to be built on property the school district owns in south Hailey and finished in 2007.

• \$500,000 after-school, child care facility at Hemingway Elementary School in Ketchum.

• \$500,000 improvements at Bellevue Elementary School.

• \$300,000 improvements at Hailey Elementary School.

The old high school will be kept open under a three-way partnership between the school district, CSI, and the recreation district. A large portion of the school will become a technical center to house the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition academy classes. CSI will utilize office and classroom space to

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Protesters brace for U.S. 'invasion'

Demonstrators vow not to let another bomb fall on training range

The Associated Press

VIEQUES, Puerto Rico — With a showdown looming over the U.S. Navy's prime Atlantic training ground, protesters who have blocked bombing for over a year said Tuesday that federal agents would have to arrest them to clear the range but promised they wouldn't fight back.

Supporters from the U.S. mainland, including U.S. legislators Luis V. Gutierrez and Nydia Velazquez, promised Tuesday to join the protesters, and national and international church councils urged President Clinton to call off any planned raid.

Scores of Puerto Ricans kept a vigil at the main gate to the restricted Navy compound on Vieques Island, jeering at soldiers in passing Humvees. With three U.S. warships offshore, the occupiers readied for what they called "the invasion" with goggles, petroleum jelly and vinegar-soaked rags to protect against tear gas.

"They are trying to create panic among the people with this deployment," protester Robert Roblin told the crowd, referring to the arrival of three U.S. warships — reportedly carrying 1,000 Marines — a day before. "The people of Vieques have determined

that not one more bomb will be dropped here."

The range has been occupied by protesters since a civilian security guard was killed by stray bombs in April 1999, releasing pent-up frustrations throughout Puerto Rico, a U.S. territory of 4 million people. Arrests planned this week would be carried out in an operation directed by the Justice Department, Pentagon officials say.

The Pentagon insists that its range, on the eastern third of Vieques is vital to national security because it provides live-fire combat training before every

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Developer, TF settle water fight

Action might pave way for development at Crossroads site

By Jay Howser
Times-News writer

JEROME — The city of Twin Falls and developers of the proposed Crossroads Ranch project announced Tuesday they have resolved a water right dispute at the Crossroads site, opening the door for further development there.

The development is proposed for the intersection of U.S. Highway 93 and Interstate 84 north of Twin Falls.

The parties reached a voluntary settlement agreement over the conversion of an existing water right at the ranch from irrigation to commercial use. Twin Falls officials — concerned about wastewater running into the city's groundwater supply — had protested ABC Agra LLC's application to the Idaho Department of Water Resources in October.

Twin Falls Mayor Elaine Steele said the intent of the protest was to preserve the city's appeal rights while Brockway Engineering conducted an additional groundwater study to determine what effect the conversion might have on the city's water right at Blue Lakes.

The study was completed in March, and it described the potential effect on the Twin Falls water source as very small. A Brockway study of the same area for ABC Agra's predecessor showed the existing well at Crossroads Ranch would have no impact on Blue Lakes and the city's water right.

Though the city was mostly pleased by the findings, ABC Agra agreed to provide an added level of protection as part of the settlement agreement by not drilling new wells south or east of the existing well. It also agreed to limit the land application of wastewater to areas south of its northern boundary and east of its western boundary, and to ensure that any ponds required for development of the property be constructed according to state standards.

Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney said any business deciding to move into the complex would be in compliance with the agreement. This includes WestFarm Foods Inc., previously known as Darigold Inc., which was considering setting up a large cheese operation there, sparking much of the concern over water contamination. The Crossroads Ranch has not yet reached an agreement with WestFarm Foods. The agreement came at an adversarial hearing that had been scheduled for May 10 and 11. Jerome businessman Con Paulos, who helped in the process to resolve the dispute, said he is happy it didn't come to that.

"I think the canyon would have been a little bit wider and our lawyers would have been busier. That would not have been good for either side," Paulos said. "It's very exciting to me that we were able to reach a decision. It really was a regional effort involving a number of entities."

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THE REGION

Camas Prairie High 63 Low: 34 Partly cloudy and warmer. Mostly cloudy Thursday morning with a chance of showers.

Treasure Valley High 82 Low: 48 Partly cloudy and warmer. Mostly cloudy Thursday morning with a chance of showers.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley High 73 Low: 38 Mostly sunny and warmer. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly cloudy on Thursday with a slight chance of showers.

Eastern Idaho High: 78 Low: 42 Mostly sunny and unseasonably warm. Partly cloudy on Thursday with a chance of showers.

Northern Idaho High: 70 Low: 50 Mostly cloudy, with a chance of showers. Winds 5-15 mph. A chance of showers Thursday morning.

Northern Utah High: 78 Low: 50 Mostly sunny today and fair tonight. Partly cloudy on Thursday with highs in the 70s.

Northern Nevada High: 79 Low: 42 Partly cloudy and warmer, with southwest winds 5-15 mph. Partly cloudy on Thursday.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. High/Low forecasts and weather icons for each day.

Idaho weather: Wednesday, May 3

AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures. Includes a map of Idaho with weather icons for different regions.

National weather: The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Wednesday, May 3.

AccuWeather national forecast for noon, Wednesday, May 3. Includes a map of the United States with weather icons and a legend for weather symbols.

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UV Index: 7 (High) Call the following number for road conditions in Idaho: 1-888-IDA-ROAD (1-888-432-7623).

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ACROSS THE NATION

Northwest: Clouds continued to darken the Northwest on Tuesday, while clear skies were the norm over the central part of the country. A cold front stretching from Virginia, west into Kentucky continued to slowly sag southward. Clouds were found in association with this front.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Table showing weather for Twin Falls and precipitation for Idaho. Includes columns for Yesterday, Last year, Normal, and High/Lows.

Idaho High/Lows

Table of high and low temperatures for various Idaho locations like Boise, Burley, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

The Nation

Table of high and low temperatures for various national cities like Albuquerque, Albuquerque, Albuquerque, etc.

Blaine

offer college courses through CSL, Boise State University, Idaho State University, University of Idaho and Northwest Nazarene University. The Recreation District will use the gymnasium and weight rooms for a commu-

ty recreation center. The school district wants to expand facilities to accommodate its growing student population. Wood River High School was built in 1975 to accommodate 350 students. Enrollment has grown to 735 students, and

although the school has been able to find enough classroom space, the commons areas of the building can only accommodate 350 students at a time. Even with zero growth, the school will have 904 students on the roster in just four years.

"From being down in the trenches, I see a need for more space real soon," said Wood River High School counselor Donna Sipe. "Continuous student growth throughout Blaine County puts a stress on already overcrowded buildings."

The Navy announced Tuesday that, under Clinton's directive, it will begin removing 1,600 tons of munitions from the western third of Vieques on Thursday in order to transfer the federal land — nearly 8,000 acres — to Puerto Rico later this year. Army and Navy personnel will remove the conventional munitions in a 10-day operation, said Navy spokesman Robert Nelson.

The Navy purchased its two-thirds of Vieques on the eve of World War II. Civilians are sandwiched in the middle third. In Washington, meanwhile, a Senate Armed Forces subcommittee was to consider a \$40 million aid package for Vieques ordered by Clinton.

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The U.S. National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches separately appealed to Clinton to call off any planned arrest raid and to order an end to using Vieques for "war games."

Wendell

ended to 70 minutes to provide students with the required hours of instruction, making the school day run an hour longer to 4:10 p.m. The need for Saturday middle school classes ends this weekend; the students will attend Tuesdays and Thursdays until the last day of classes May 25. Nearly everybody at Monday's meeting raised their hands in support of returning to the middle school campus in the fall, a reverse course from a similar meeting in February after parents overwhelmingly urged the

School Board to close the entire middle school because its center was condemned. Parent Barry Brackett was the lone dissenter in Monday's vote, but not because he worries about safety in the rest of the middle school. "I'm all in favor for the new school," he told the group. "I'm concerned if we go with the temporary structure... temporary works so good we just don't fix it."

An alternative to sending students back to the middle school campus would be to keep them at the high school next year. High school students would start school at 7 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. Middle-school students would start elective classes at the old campus at 10:30 a.m. and move to the high school in the afternoon, finishing out the school day at 5 p.m.

While a show of hands was not requested to indicate support for a bond issue, most people at the meeting either by applause or comment indicated they favored a bond issue for a long-term solution. "I think we need to go forward," said parent Leslie Dumit, who has a fourth-grader at the elementary school. "We need to make progress. We can't just have them stuck in a short-term plan."

People said they did not want to risk voter rejection by adding extras such as one suggestion to build an all-weather track. Such a plan would surely doom any proposal, even if it involved fundraising and wasn't part of the bond package, several people said. A vocational/technical lab

was another option. A few folks at the meeting raised past issues of contention in the district about a decision in the '70s to build a gym rather than an agricultural shop and not demolishing the condemned portion of the middle school when the new high school was built nine years ago. But little of the meeting was devoted to the discussion, considered moot by others present.

Mert Lancaster, who said he represented senior citizens on the facilities committee, told the crowd he had paid taxes for 72 years. "If all of us here tonight are in favor of a new school, the best way we can turn the senior citizens around is by word of mouth," he said. "We really need it. Let's get behind this committee and pass this bond by word of mouth."

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Water

Jerome County Commissioner Roy Prescott said the agreement sets a precedent for working through issues on a regional and cooperative manner outside the courts. "What this shows is that one community certainly does affect the other. We don't live in an isolated world," Prescott said. "It's the first step in a very long road." Project manager Steve Thorson said the agreement opens doors for further development at the ranch, which he hopes will create new job opportunities in the Magic Valley. The project is designed to be a commercial, light industrial and business trade center. "This project is not about building buildings and selling dirt. It's about developing quality employment opportunities," Thorson said. Times-News writer Jay Howard can be reached in Twin Falls at 733-0931, ext. 407 or by e-mail at jhoward@magicalvalley.com

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Gore calls for drug testing prisoners

Vice president hits Bush's Texas record



Democratic presidential candidate Vice President Al Gore delivers an address on crime Tuesday at the Virginia Highlands YMCA in Atlanta, Ga.

ATLANTA (AP) - Al Gore proposed drug-test requirements for prisoners and parolees Tuesday with better drug treatment - but also more jail time - for those who fall. He accused George W. Bush of slashing such programs in Texas and pushing criminals through "the same old revolving door."

"We need to get more police, not fewer," the vice president said, portraying himself as the stronger candidate on law enforcement, an area in which polls show him trailing his Republican rival. "We need to get tougher with repeat offenders, not just put them back on the streets."

Aides to the Republican Texas governor responded that the

Democratic Clinton-Gore administration has cut rehabilitation programs for federal prisoners and showed little commitment to the drug issue.

Gore should explain "why during his term teen drug use in America nearly doubled, the number of drug treatment beds in federal prisons was cut by over one-third, the Office of National

Drug Control Policy was cut by 83 percent and federal gun prosecutions have decreased by 46 percent."

Bush had a 14-point advantage over Gore on the crime issue in a March CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll and led him in April by an even larger margin. Even on guns, an issue the vice president hopes to use against his anti-gun control opponent, Bush is slightly favored by voters over Gore.

Meanwhile, polls show Bush in good shape on some issues that traditionally favor Democrats, such as education and health care. The governor's standing improved after a series of policy addresses on those issues.

Former U.S. attorney investigates federal judge

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a rare step, a federal panel has hired a former U.S. attorney to investigate why the chief federal judge in Washington specially assigned the cases of presidential friends to judges appointed by President Clinton, legal sources said Tuesday.

Joe D. Whitley, a Republican who served in the Reagan and Bush administrations as a prosecutor in Georgia and Washington, will conduct the investigation of U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson, according to the legal sources, who spoke only on condition of anonymity. Whitley will work for the five-judge panel that is overseeing a misconduct complaint against Johnson to determine why she bypassed the normal random case assignment system in a half dozen prosecutions in the fund-raising and Whitewater investigations.

In each instance, Johnson, a Democratic appointee, sent cases to judges appointed by Clinton, and in one instance she urged fed-

eral prosecutors to request a specific judge appointed by him.

The cases included those of presidential friends Webster Hubbell, a Whitewater figure, and Charlie Trie, a key Clinton fundraiser. After The Associated Press first disclosed special assignments in the Trie and Hubbell cases last year, Johnson wrote a letter saying her decision was not politically motivated and simply was designed to shift complex cases to judges with open schedules.

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ABC returns temporarily to Time-Warner systems

NEW YORK (AP) - Time Warner called a sudden truce Tuesday in the corporate brawl that deprived 3.5 million cable TV customers of ABC for more than 27 hours, restoring the channel in time for viewers to see "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

ence, broadcast live-by Time Warner-owned CNN, Collins stepped away from the podium shortly past 3 p.m. to confer with his executives. He returned to the microphone to announce that Disney had offered the extension until July 15.

"We're going to accept this," Collins said.

Within a half hour, WABCTV in New York was back on the air, showing "General Hospital." In Raleigh, N.C., ABC returned with "Ozark" at 4 p.m.

The cable company and the Walt Disney Co. ABC's parent, didn't settle their differences, but set a new deadline of July 15 for their negotiations over compensation for cable channels.

Customers had reacted angrily when Time Warner systems in seven cities, including New York, Houston and Los Angeles, started airing ABC programs at 9:30 a.m. Monday. The blackout started a run on rabbit-ear antennas and satellite TV systems.

The compromise came in the middle of a news conference called by Time Warner Cable chairman Joseph Collins. He was offering Disney a six-month extension to continue airing ABC's signal, without resolving the disputed issue of cable compensation.

Disney had earlier rejected an eight-month extension. Collins said ABC programming would not be restored until ABC had agreed to the extra time.

In the midst of the news conference,

ABC issued a statement saying it was "gratified that Time Warner is now making the viewers their first priority."

"We are broadcasters and until yesterday had provided uninterrupted service to all viewers for 47 years. Wanting to restore service as quickly as possible to those who depend on us, we, too, are willing to compromise," ABC said.

Report: Virus that causes cervical cancer may also cause oral cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The world's cervical cancer also appears to cause some oral cancer, mostly tumors found in the tonsils, scientists report Tuesday.

The good news: Tumors linked to the human papillomavirus may be much less deadly than other cancers of the head and neck that are caused by the usual culprits:

smoking or alcohol.

"We were surprised," said Dr. Maura Gillison, a Johns Hopkins University oncologist who began the study expecting to disprove the viral link. Instead, she said, "We think we found a cause for these cancers in people who don't smoke or drink."

Her findings are so strong that Hopkins researchers developing

an experimental vaccine-like treatment to fight cervical cancer now are preparing to test the therapy on some oral cancer patients.

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Administration holds parenting conference

WASHINGTON (AP) - Parenting teens is just as important as holding down a government job, President Clinton said Tuesday in signing an executive order prohibiting discrimination against parents in the federal workplace.

"Believe it or not, there are still some employers who are reluctant to hire or promote employees who have children at home," Clinton said at a White House conference on raising and mentoring responsible teens.

"The goal of this order simply lays no glass ceiling for parents," Clinton said.

The order ensures that workers are not discriminated against simply because they are parenting. It applies only to federal workers and does not require approval from Congress.

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NATION

Teens die in fiery suicide, call in goodbyes

EAST HADDAM, Conn. (AP) — There were no skid marks in front of the tree.

The two teen-age boys who drove a Ford Bronco straight at the giant spruce and died in a fiery crash early Monday had made clear their terrible intentions in cell phone goodbyes a few minutes earlier.

Tell our parents we love them, the boys told friends.

Then — at the same time where his 15-year-old brother died in a car crash six months ago — 13-year-old Michael Dombrowski and his 15-year-old friend Jeffrey Barton ended their lives in this town about 20 miles from Hartford.

Friends said a grief-stricken Michael had planned his death as a tribute to the elder brother he idolized. Jeff, whom friends described as troubled, joined Michael out of friendship.

"This just created a situation where we're starting to ask ourselves, 'Why East Haddam?'" said School Superintendent Steven Durham.

The tree, which stood on the lawn at the First Church of Christ, was cut down Monday afternoon for fear it would become a magnet for more suicides.



A small bouquet of flowers lies in front of the First Church of Christ in East Haddam, Conn., Tuesday, at the site where Jeffrey Barton, 15, and Michael Dombrowski, 13, crashed an SUV into a tree, killing themselves.

Church leaders had planned to cut it down sooner, but had left it standing as a memorial to Daniel Dombrowski and Hunter Daniels, both 15, who died Nov. 6 when a car driven by a third teen-ager

struck the tree. The driver of that car, 19-year-old Jason Duplin, faces two charges of manslaughter with a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

State police believe Michael and Jeff had been planning the suicides for some time, but it is not clear how long, when their friends found out or whether any adults were informed, said Sgt. Stephen Ostroski.

A friend, Kaitlin Mullarkey, had written them a note urging them to find some other way to show their love for Daniel. "I don't know why they felt like they had to do this," she said.

Late Sunday night, after making calls to a number of friends, the boys took Michael's father's Bronco. Shortly after 3 a.m. Monday, after making additional calls from the car — at one point telling friends that they had taken some pills to dull the pain of the crash — they steered the SUV toward the tree.

At the moment of the crash, one of the boys may have been on the phone with a girlfriend, Ostroski said.

Police don't know how fast

they were going. But the vehicle burst into flames and was destroyed. Pieces of metal and glass were melted into the surface of the road.

The inferno was so intense that fire marshals are investigating the possibility that the boys had loaded the car with flammable materials.

The medical examiner's office ruled the deaths suicides Tuesday. The boys' families have declined to comment.

"It's always an unfortunate event when youths have permanent solutions to temporary problems," Ostroski said.

Suicide is the third-highest cause of death for people ages 15 to 24, and the fourth-highest among children ages 10 to 14. The suicide rate for children in the lower age group has more than doubled over the last 10 years, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Among the many worries for officials and residents is the specter of copycat suicides. Counselors were at the Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School on Tuesday, along with experts from a state hospital.

Arkansas executes woman

VARNER, Ark. (AP) — A former nurse who asked for the death penalty for drugging and suffocating her two children was executed by injection Tuesday in Arkansas' first execution of a woman in more than 150 years.

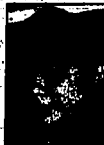
Christina Marie Riggs, 28, was the fifth woman executed in the United States since the Supreme Court lifted a ban on capital punishment in 1976.

She had maintained throughout that she wanted to die and her last words reflected her grief.

"There is no way no words can express how sorry I am for taking the lives of my babies," she said. "Now I can be with my babies, as I always intended."

She had withdrawn all appeals and chose not to seek clemency from Gov. Mike Eusekbee.

Riggs told authorities that she intended to use potassium chlo-



Christina Riggs

would make them drowsy, then injected Justin with the potassium chloride but did not administer it properly.

When Justin began crying, Riggs told police, she injected him with morphine left over from a hospital patient and smothered both children. Riggs then took 28 antidepressant tablets, intending to commit suicide.

ride — the same heart-stopping drug used in executions — to kill her children, 5-year-old Justin and 2-year-old Shelby Alexis, in 1997.

She gave the children an antidepressant in hopes it

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Panel: Cut corners led to bonfire collapse

Poor organization lies at bottom of tragedy, investigators say

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M University students cut corners in construction and school officials failed to adequately supervise them before the bonfire collapse last fall that killed 12 students, an investigating panel reported Tuesday.

Five people who were asked by the school to determine a cause for the Nov. 18 accident cited organizational failures and structural problems with the 59-foot pile of logs, which weighed more than 2 million pounds.

The commission said student drinking and horseplay were not a direct cause, but were among the problems that led to organizational failure. The panel said safe bonfire construction was beyond the capability of student leaders. Leo Linbeck Jr., the Houston construction executive who headed the panel, said a safe bonfire was possible if



Texas A&M students listen to the results of the bonfire collapse investigation Tuesday as it is released in College Station, Texas.

school officials had taken precautions. Linbeck made no recommendation as to whether the 90-year tradition be continued. But his comment that the bonfire could be built safely brought whoops from the crowd of 1,500 students who filled the A&M basketball arena to listen to the panel's findings.

Texas A&M President Ray Bowen praised the commission for what he said was its thoroughness and precision, and added, "There's nothing I've heard that I disagree with."

He said he would take about six weeks to decide whether to

continue the bonfire tradition. "If I allow my heart to make the decision, we would continue bonfire," he said. "My heart will


not make the decision. My brain needs to make the decision."

The bonfire event annually draws thousands of Aggies to the College Station campus on the eve of A&M's football game against its archrival, the University of Texas.

Still, many A&M students and relatives of those who were killed in the collapse have said they want the tradition to remain.

The commission determined the structural failure was caused by excessive stresses on the lower of the four tiers. Those stresses were heightened by excessive wedging of logs from the second stack into gaps in the lowest stack.

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EDITORIAL

Minidoka to Arco road is a good idea for another day

It's been kicking around for at least 30 years, but the idea of a paved highway stretching from Minidoka to Arco may need another 30 years before it becomes a reality. At this point, the proposed highway wouldn't provide enough benefit to warrant the expense.

Make no mistake, there would be plenty of expense. A scratchy dirt road already exists, but it could cost upwards of \$75 million to turn it into a blacktop highway. The distance is only about 60 miles as the crow flies, but it's reckoned to be about 72 miles by road.

There's never enough money to grant everyone's wish for highway construction, particularly in a rural state such as Idaho.

The subcommittee's support is a far cry from state support. There's never enough money to grant everyone's wish for highway construction, particularly in a rural state such as Idaho. There are other, more pressing construction needs.

Consider U.S. Highway 95, which is the only major road connecting North Idaho with the southern half of the state. Famously described as a "goat track," Highway 95 carries a lot of traffic, so it is clearly in line ahead of the Minidoka-Arco road.

Other road projects also have powerful constituencies. There isn't enough need for a Minidoka-Arco highway to justify paving expenses of \$1 million to \$1.5 million per mile. That's not counting the maintenance expenses, which must be paid every year after a road is completed.

Perhaps that's why Idaho's transportation policy forbids adding new highways to the state system without abandoning an equal amount of existing highway.

Backers are free to sing the praises of a Minidoka-Arco highway, but that doesn't mean the rest of the state will hum along.

Correction

Tuesday's editorial misstated the job held by Will Stelle. He is the regional director of the National Marine Fisheries Service. The Times-News regrets the error.

Many of those are hard miles, running through the rugged heart of southern Idaho's high desert. Backers say a high-speed road would provide better access to one of Idaho's least accessible places - the Great Rift. It would also provide another route to the Craters of the Moon National Monument.

Perhaps more significantly, it would provide access to employment opportunities at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. If the road were improved, workers in the economically depressed Mini-Cassia area could conceivably commute to the INEEL.

The Minidoka-Arco Subcommittee of the Mini-Cassia Transportation Committee is an ardent backer of the plan. That's entirely appropriate, but



Beware the 'blanket primaries'

The prospects of the Democratic and Republican parties in this new century will be strongly influenced by the outcome of the presidential, congressional, gubernatorial and legislative elections this November. But the future of the American party system may well rest more on a decision the Supreme Court will hand down later this spring.

Last week, the justices heard arguments on the constitutionality of the California "blanket primary," in which all voters may choose among candidates of all parties on a single ballot. That system, for example, permits a single voter, who may be affiliated with no party, to select a Democratic nominee for governor, a Republican candidate for the Senate, a Libertarian for the state Senate and a Green Party contender for the Assembly.

The system, approved overwhelmingly in a 1996 voter initiative and used in both 1998 and in March, has been challenged - so far unsuccessfully - by both the major parties and their smaller rivals, on the grounds that it denies them their First Amendment right of association. It permits voters who profess no affiliation with the party to vote as much as in picking the party nominee (and thus determining its general election message) as loyal party members, the challengers say, and that is wrong.

Thomas F. Gede, defending the system for the state attorney general's office, argued that it has reversed declining turnout, enabled millions of previously disenfranchised independents to participate in the primaries and thus served the important goal of increasing democratic participation. In an era when more and more new voters are declining to state a party preference, there is little doubt that the spread of "blanket primaries," now found only in four states, would expand the number of people able to



DAVID S. BRODER

choose the party nominees. There's also little doubt that it would further weaken the ability of parties to present a clear, coherent message to the voters or to hold their candidates accountable to support the principles and platforms of their parties.

The trade-off came into clear focus when Gede was questioned by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, the only court member to hold partisan elective office, and Antonin Scalia.

"Is the fundamental assumption ... that it's for the voters to tell the Republican Party or the Democratic Party what those parties should stand for?" O'Connor asked.

"No," said Gede, "the fundamental assumption is that the election belongs to the voters."

"You've let the people select who the Republican Party nominee is going to be and who the Democratic Party nominee is going to be, rather than letting Republicans ... and Democrats select them."

"That's correct," Gede said. "That is why this case presents such a

fundamental test of the viability of the party system. The "blanket primary" is favored by politicians who want to blur the differences between the parties - to move politics in what they regard as a more centrist direction.

The initiative that created it in California was sponsored by Rep. Tom Campbell, one of the most liberal Republicans in Congress, after he lost the 1992 Senate Republican primary dominated by conservative activists to conservative broadcaster Bruce Herschensohn. Running in another contested Senate primary this year - under the new rules - Campbell prevailed over two more conservative opponents.

But it is not at all clear that he will fare any better in November against moderate Democrat Sen. Dianne Feinstein than Herschensohn did against liberal Democrat Barbara Boxer. And the Boxer-Herschensohn battle gave voters what O'Connor and Scalia clearly think is undesirable - a sharply defined choice between articulate exponents of opposing political viewpoints.

That would seem a goal everyone might desire. But in fact, the public often expresses its frustration with partisan gridlock. Ticket-splitting voters regularly choose divided government. They act as if they think parties don't matter or wish the parties would just disappear. And ironically, the public disdain for the parties and the growing inclination to register as independents make it easier for the ideological extremes to capture control of the party nominations.

The Supreme Court has an opportunity to say that parties still matter and have a legitimate place in governing America. But if the "blanket primary" is upheld, it could easily become the shroud in which the party system is buried.

David S. Broder is a Washington Post columnist.

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LETTERS

Keep Loeb in office

After reading the April 15 Times-News article, "Challenger fires salvo at Loeb," I felt compelled to write to urge people to support the re-election of Grant Loeb for Twin Falls County prosecutor. The Bannock County Democrat, Mark Murphy, can take his deceptions elsewhere.

From the beginning, Mark Murphy has said he's a Republican. The nobody has ever questioned him about it. On the April-15 front page, The Times-News revealed that Murphy was elected as a Democrat precinct committeeman in Bannock County in 1996.

When asked to run for the job, all Murphy said was that he supported his Democrat boss, "right or wrong." Should we believe that? If his boss had asked him to switch religions, would he have done it? If his boss had told him to convict an innocent man or set a guilty man free, would he have done that?

An officer of the court must have more integrity than that. He must stand on his own convictions, if he has any.

Secondly, Murphy has consistently claimed that law enforcement is dissatisfied with Loeb. But in the April 15 article, police Capt. Jim Massey and Sheriff Wayne Toustey both say Loeb and his office are doing a fine job. In the Feb. 28 Times-News, Chief Lee DeVore and Judge Roger Burdick said the same thing.

Should we believe a Bannock County Democrat or the leaders of our own law enforcement community? Murphy's claims are patently false. Let's all support Grant Loeb for Twin Falls County prosecutor on May 23. L.C. CRAIG, Twin Falls

Don't put Murphy in office

I read with amazement the April 15 article your paper ran about Mark Murphy. I could not believe he has the audacity to run for election as a Democrat in Pocatello, then come here and claim to be a Republican.

This guy is an opportunist who thinks he can blow in from out of town and win our prosecutor's job as a Republican.

As a law-enforcement officer, this guy not only allowed his friend to drive drunk, but then by his own admission, drunkenly abused the diligent and sober law-enforcement officer who was arresting his friend.

No wonder Mark Murphy is so loyal to his former boss in Pocatello: that kind of conduct would no doubt have gotten him fired at most prosecutors' offices. Murphy endangered his own life and discredited his office and the law-enforcement community in Pocatello.

Murphy claims that a couple of law-enforcement officers are "privately supporting" him. Is it any wonder why they will not publicly support this guy? Do these alleged law-enforcement officers even know about his past? I would think not, because to support a person like Murphy would forever taint their badge. SHAWNNA WASKO, Twin Falls

Address women properly

Roselee Sarah Rangan wrote a good letter on April 13. Thanks for printing it. I have felt the same way about women being called by last names for years. Why didn't I think to write and voice my opinion? She deserves credit. RA CHEE, CHRISTENSEN, Twin Falls

Casualty of Elian raid - liberty

I'm sick of hearing "at least nobody was hurt" during the raid on Elian's Miami home. Hurt isn't always physical.

Despite continually telling us that a child will suffer lifelong scarring even seeing a gun, Clinton, through Reno, allowed Elian and his cousins (ages 6 and 11) to be terrorized by government agents. These agents battered through doors, screamed threats, sprayed gas and pointed their weapons at the inhabitants, including the children. No trauma?

That now-famous photograph says it all: A government law officer pointing his weapon at the chest of Donata. Dalrymple - the fisherman who saved Elian's life - and yelling, "I will shoot you," as he tugs at the terrified child in Donata's arms. Tell me again "nobody was hurt."

What galls me is that after weeks of Clinton's and Reno's promises that force wouldn't be used (Reno: "You don't go in and pick up little boys like that") and after the 11th Circuit Court wouldn't issue an order for such action, they went ahead and ordered that action and had the nerve to blame the family. They broke off negotiations" fell apart after Aaron Podhurski, chief negotiator and Reno's friend of 30 years, said he was on the phone with Reno telling her that an agreement was moments away when the raid started.

Here's how normal custody battles unfold: A court order to turn a child over is issued; if refused, then a court decides on contempt and an arrest warrant is issued for the adults in defiance; then they are arrested. This didn't happen. Instead, Clinton and Reno, trumpeting

"rule of law," made themselves the law. As disturbing as that is, what chills my blood is the 70 percent approval of their actions. While degrading our national defenses, Clinton has expanded and armed federal law enforcement. Now he and Reno have put themselves above the law by attacking an American home despite constitutional and legal dictates. This apparently doesn't bother a majority of America. In both ways.

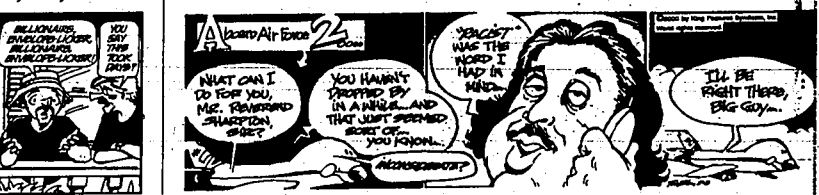
The actions of the government didn't really surprise me, but the positive reaction of the public has me at once both incensed and ashamed. The greatest enemy of liberty is apathy and right now, liberty, with our blessings, is dying. WILLIAM LOCKER, Filer

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

OPINION

LETTER

How to infuriate millions

Years ago, sliding away some time in a doctor's waiting room, I made a list of jobs I'd hate to have. I was reminded of the list over the weekend when I got talking to a young man who was making some extra money working on a garbage truck two days a week. His regular job, he told me, as he dumped a load of garbage into his truck, was as a prison guard. He's the first person I've met who has two jobs I wouldn't want.

As long as I'd dislike those jobs, I'd rather do either one than be a Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Except for the honor, there's nothing good about it. We all make our own personal decisions about the guilt or innocence of people in cases we read about, and we agree or disagree with court decisions. We may even argue over them with friends and family, but our opinions don't matter. We argue and decide what we think as a hobby, and we decide to make a datum bit of difference to anyone.

When the Justices of the Supreme Court come to a decision, it makes a huge difference. The lives of millions of people. I don't know how the justices sleep at night knowing that. Looking at the list of cases they have to decide during the current session and the next year, I just can't say I'm happy until it was over. Half the issues are so complicated a normal person wouldn't even understand what they were. The other half are so philosophi-



ANDY ROONEY

cally complex it would be difficult to know where you stand or what you think about them.

One case involves the question of whether or not grandparents can demand visitation rights with their grandchildren.

In a case from the small town of Santa Fe, Texas, they have to decide whether or not prayer at high school football games is a violation of the separation of church and state.

Does an accused person have to be told that he has the right not to answer any questions from the police? In other words, are the Miranda warnings still valid? Should partial birth abortion be considered a criminal procedure?

If the government provides free computers to public schools, does it also have to provide them to parochial schools? A lot of people object to having their tax money support religions they don't approve of.

Gayboy is fighting a court order that requires cable television to scramble the signal or limit the hours their dirty movies can be shown. A violation of free speech?

The toughest issue of all is the

one involving The Boy Scouts of America and a former assistant scoutmaster and Eagle Scout who was thrown out of a scout troop in New Jersey because he's gay.

The issue is not as simple as that. Can the Scouts deny membership to a gay boy? The Scouts claim that if they are forced to take anyone who applies, they would also have to take girls in the Boy Scouts. The Scout lawyer asks whether an organization like The Gay Alliance would be forced to accept heterosexual men as members. Would a Jewish group have to accept Christians or Muslims?

It seems to me that a gay man is no more apt to make aggressive sexual advances against other members of a Boy Scout troop than a heterosexual man is going to make sexual advances toward every woman he meets. On the other hand, it does seem as though an organization ought to be able to establish standards for membership. One Boy Scout standard calls for its members to be "moral." The judges are going to have to consider whether homosexual acts are moral or immoral. I'd rather be a prison guard than have to decide that.

The fact is, I have strong opinions on most of these issues. I just wouldn't want to make all of you mad by having to say what they are the way Justices of the Supreme Court have to.

Andy Rooney is a columnist for Tribune Media Services.

Suits is a good doctor

In September of 1993, I was in a life-threatening situation. I was transported to Cassia Hospital, where Dr. Charles Suits was called in to diagnose my condition. He immediately identified the problem and rec-

ommended that I be flown to McKay Dee Hospital in Ogden, Utah. Upon my recovery, the physician in Ogden, Dr. Grant Holland, advised my immediate family that the Burley area was very fortunate to have doctor of the caliber of Dr. Suits because his expertise had

saved my life. I appreciate the wonderful care Dr. Suits has given me since that time. He is a dedicated and caring physician who is very knowledgeable in the field of internal medicine.

ROBERT F. DARRINGTON
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LETTERS

Prayer can save America

I am so concerned about the future of America. We see more and more violence and crime on the street; pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases and abortions; ethical dilemmas within medicine as well as the corporate world. Let us stop slipping further and further away from the source of our strength.

All throughout history, America has turned to God from our children's training. Can't we see that the slippage of society is related to our expressed apathy? Christians are ridiculed on TV, and rather than realize that it is ourselves and our very beliefs being attacked, we laugh it off as if talking about someone else.

What can bring America back? Prayer. America has a tradition of prayer. The National Day of Prayer, designated since 1988 as the first Thursday of May every year, is a great opportunity for Americans to unite in recognition of our incredible need for God. Appropriately, this year's theme is "America, Return to God." It is only the working of God within our society, our laws, our judgments and our actions that America will again know the healing of God's power upon our land.

We spend 364 days a year doing basically the same thing. Many of us spend one day a week

worshipping God. But all of us can take some time out of one day to join with millions of Americans across the nation in lifting our country to the God who truly cares about us and has within his power both the ability and willingness to help those who turn to him for wisdom and guidance.

This year's National Day of Prayer falls on Thursday. I will personally be observing the day in our own local event by meeting for a prayer breakfast at Cavanaugh's Canyon Springs Hotel to pray for leaders of our community and state. Many others will be attending on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. I hope that our entire community will realize the importance of God's hand in America and will remember, at least on the National Day of Prayer (if not every day), the great opportunity and freedom that we still have in America to come before God publicly and corporately.

PASTOR DANIEL AMSTUTZ
Twin Falls

Adults attitudes lack, too

I'm writing in response to a letter written by Ben Call, printed April 21. I have been following the letters about the skateboarding issue, and a lot of people have complained about the attitudes of some of the skaters.

I am wondering if maybe Mr. Call's letter shows you where they got it. I was rather offended by this man's letter. I don't believe we should stoop to making fun of one another.

If I truly do not believe this will help either side, so I say as the adults ask the teen-agers to do an attitude check, maybe they also should check.

CARL MUELLER
Twin Falls

Free lunches?

Recently, I have come to the understanding that the Idaho Department of Fish and Game spends approximately \$500,000 on sack lunches per year. The reason I am writing this letter is to see if anyone could verify if this is true or false.

Now if this is true, how can the Legislature justify raising our hunting and fishing licenses and tags? When most everyone else in the state of Idaho has to pay for their own lunches, and they are wasting approximately half a million dollars for sack lunches per year. Not only that, but Fish and Game has been operating in the red approximately \$5 million for the past several years.

If anyone could verify this, I would like a response.

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Relatives of Lockerbie bomb victims arrive at site of trial

CAMP ZEIST, Netherlands (AP) - Nearly 12 years have passed since their mothers, fathers, spouses and children were killed, blown from the sky over Lockerbie, Scotland. Now, as they arrive for the trial in the 1988 Pan Am bombing, relatives of some of the 270 victims see the proceeding as their last chance for justice.

Many said they hoped prosecutors in the trial of two Libyans would finally uncover the full story behind the terrorist plot that killed their loved ones.

"If they aren't found guilty, there's no one left," said Susan Cohen of Cape May Court House, N.J., the mother of 20-year-old Theodora Cohen, who died in the crash of Flight 103.

The two Libyan defendants go on trial today at a Scottish court in the Netherlands, charged with murder and a host of other crimes in the attack that killed 259 passengers and 11 people on the ground. Sadness filled Cohen's face as she thought of facing the two men in court, separated only by a bulletproof glass wall.

"Those who did it should never be forgiven," she said after arriving in Amsterdam on Tuesday from the United States.

About a dozen American relatives visited the courtroom at Camp Zeist, an old U.S. Air Force base deemed Scottish territory for the trial. Between 30 and 40 family members - Cohen among them - are expected to attend the early sessions. Other relatives will watch the trial on closed-circuit television in Washington, New York, London and Dumfries, Scotland. Libyan and U.S. government representatives will also attend, officials said.

The Cohens waited almost a decade for the bombers to be brought to justice. Then, last year, Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamem Khalifa Fhimah - described by prosecutors as Libyan intelligence agents - were handed over by Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi.

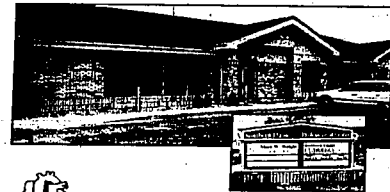
Cohen said she hoped the trial would shed light on those who planned and ordered the bomb-



Jim and Rosemary Wolfe of Alexandria, Va., step-parents of Miriam Lily Wolfe, who was one of the 270 victims of the 1988 bombing, talk to a reporter Tuesday upon their arrival at Eindhoven airport in Amsterdam.

ing. "These guys are just pawns," she said of the co-defendants. "The people who are really responsible are who we are after," said Kathleen Flynn of Montville, N.J., whose son also died.

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Miami mayor objects to swearing in of new police chief

MIAMI (AP) - Over the objections of the mayor, a Cuban immigrant was sworn in as Miami's new police chief Tuesday after his predecessor quit in the political furor over the Elian Gonzalez case.

Manager Donald Warshaw, who is on his way out after being fired by the mayor, said that Martinez replaces William O'Brien, who resigned following the April 22 federal raid in which Elian was taken from his Miami relatives' home.

Raul Martinez, 50, spent 24 years as a police officer. He becomes the first Hispanic to lead the department. He was selected by City

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Senate backs Clinton's nuke waste veto

By States News Service and The Times-News

WASHINGTON - In a move that could leave nuclear waste in Idaho's temporary storage facilities until 2010, the Senate on Tuesday rejected a plan to move the waste to a permanent site three years ahead of schedule.

The plan, which would begin nuclear waste shipments to a permanent site at Yucca Mountain, Nev., in 2007, failed to achieve the 67 votes needed to override a veto issued by President Clinton last week.

Clinton said the plan authored by Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, diminished the oversight authority of the Environmental Protection Agency by transferring the agency to consult with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the National Academy of Sciences on waste storage sites.

The Nevada site is being investigated for suitability as a permanent disposal site for highly radioactive used fuel rods from commercial power reactors. Government officials also have said the site would take

similar waste now stored at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory from government reactors.

"This legislation would also have gone a long way towards ensuring the federal government's commitment to remove all spent nuclear fuel from Idaho by 2035," said Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho.

But perhaps not.

Idaho's INEEL Oversight Program notes that the environmental impact statement for the Yucca Mountain project makes no provision for any of the high-level waste at INEEL.

While the Clinton Administration was required to take ownership of commercial "spent fuel" by 1998, the permanent disposal site's launch date has been delayed over 10 years.

Sens. Harry Reid, and Richard Bryan, D-Nev., argued that transporting the waste from nuclear reactors to storage sites via trains and trucks could result in spills or other contamination hazards.

"Every American should be proud of this president's position," Reid said in a statement.

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Teacher pleads innocent to charges

GOODING - A Gooding teacher charged with having sex with a student pleaded innocent Tuesday in District Court.

Julie Ann Merrick, 34, was charged in March with two counts of sexual conduct with a child and sexual battery of a minor.

The charges arose after a former student at the Gooding Accelerated Learning Center told authorities that he had an ongoing sexual relationship with Merrick during the 1997-1998 school year. The student was 15 and 16 years old during the school year.

A status hearing was scheduled for June 6.

Three jail escapes remain on the loose Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - Three Twin Falls County Jail escapes remained on the loose Tuesday.

Kevin John Scherer, 22, Phillip Conrad Gleason, 22, and Randall Demont McCullough, 29, escaped Saturday night through a fence above the recreation area. They stole a car and disappeared.

Authorities are confident the men have left Twin Falls County.

Gleason is 5 feet 10 inches tall, 155 pounds with blue eyes, a goatee and a shaved head. Scherer is 6 feet tall, 195 pounds with brown eyes and brown hair. McCullough is 5 feet 7 inches tall, 163 pounds with green eyes, black shoulder-length hair and a beard.

Anyone with information on their whereabouts can call police dispatch at 735-1911 or Crime Stoppers at 732-5387. Tips can be left anonymously and up to a \$1,000 reward is available.

Adoptions of Idaho foster children double in 1999

BOISE - Adoptions of Idaho foster children more than doubled in 1999 from the fastest rate of increase in the nation, according to a report released this month by the North American Council on Adoptable Children. The report shows most of those adoptions were made to foster families.

"This is a real reason to be proud of these numbers," said Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. "I'm thrilled to think of what we've accomplished in Idaho, but while we're celebrating we need to remember that there is still a need for foster families. There are 1,200 children in foster care in Idaho on any given day, but only 800 foster families."

News of the adoption record coincides with a proclamation by Kempthorne declaring May Foster Parent Appreciation Month.

Man pleads guilty to charges in peeping case

BURLEY - A Burley man pleaded guilty to peeping through the downstairs window of a video camera inside her heating vent pleaded guilty at a Monday hearing.

Daryl Allesh Hedges, 30, entered into a plea agreement with the prosecution. For pleading guilty to one misdemeanor count of trespassing, the other count was dropped, according to magistrate court documents.

Hedges faces a maximum sentence of six months in prison and a maximum \$500 fine.

Justice Walsh had been renting a basement apartment for two months when in February she noticed light hitting an object in her vent, according to a Cassia County Sheriff's report. Sheriff's officials were called to investigate and upon obtaining a search warrant found wires leading from the downstairs air duct to a videocassette recorder, according to a sworn affidavit.

Hedges is scheduled for sentencing June 5.

AARP to hold meeting today in Twin Falls parish hall

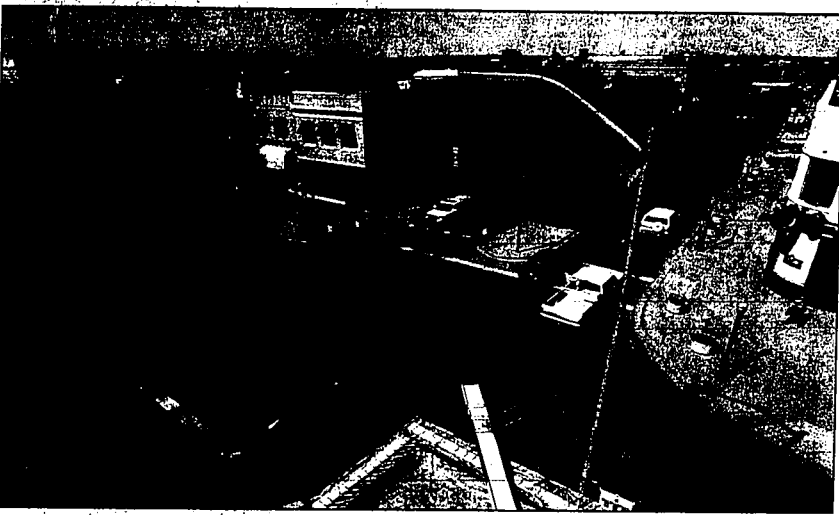
TWIN FALLS - An organization dedicated to improving the lifestyle of senior citizens is holding its quarterly meeting today and seniors are invited.

AARP is hosting the event titled "Fun Times and Fellowship." Robert Parrish, the group's state communications coordinator, said AARP is trying to form a coalition of people who are interested in programs for the elderly.

The meeting starts at 10:30 a.m. at St. Edward's Parish Hall at 206 7th Ave. E. in Twin Falls and is open to the public.

Compiled from staff reports

NO WAY AROUND



A roundabout - a circular intersection - won't be replacing the Main Avenue and Shoshone Street intersection because of the cost of the project and a shortage of space.

Round trip? Not likely, says engineer

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - You've seen them in movies, heard them sung about and maybe even driven on one.

But a roundabout in downtown Twin Falls?

Not likely, according to City Engineer Gary Young. That is, unless the city wants to pay \$2 million - or more - to tear down buildings that stand in the way.

"The room just isn't there now," Young said, glancing over

Roundabout facts

What they are: A roundabout is a circular intersection. Traffic flows in one direction around a central island.

History: The concept was invented in the early 1900s and used throughout Europe and America. During the 1950s, many roundabouts were replaced with signal lights, both in America and Europe.

Advantages: Better traffic flow, in most cases, and fewer accidents because of lower speeds.

Disadvantages: Unfamiliar design might confuse drivers and cause more accidents at first.

(Source: Oregon and California transportation departments)

and Shoshone Street, or at Blue Lakes Boulevard and Addison Avenue.

Tom Hudson, a Moscow-based redevelopment consultant, recommended the idea in a report.

"Decisions must be made about primary entry corridors," Hudson wrote. "From Blue Lakes, at Addison, the diagonal turn onto Shoshone should be much more ceremonial and highlighted. This intersection is one of the most important in the city, yet is confusing and awkward."

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District judge slams prison health care system

By Ruth Stroeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - An Idaho Correction Department spokesman says the department is happy with its medical care provider. But a 5th District judge says the care given to a prisoner from Burley "violates the standards

of decency."

Judge Monte B. Carlson this week suspended the prison time he previously had given to Kenneth Lavern Pool, 70, and placed Pool under house arrest. Medical care in the Idaho State Penitentiary had put Pool's life at risk, Carlson said.

Pool, who suffers from congestive heart

failure and other health problems, had been sentenced in November for vehicular manslaughter. Carlson ordered him to serve six years in prison, in connection with the traffic death of Ronald Green, 56.

In his ruling, Carlson emphasized he still

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Yo, Willy Shakespeare! Ever heard of mud flaps?

From Sept. 18, 1995

In honor of the Idaho Shakespeare Festival, which is visiting our neck of the woods this weekend with a production of Shakespeare's "Two Gentlemen of Verona":

"Two Gentlemen from Jeroma"

Porkrind: "Cease to entreat, Thou homely polticer, Shant' use my truck, So don't try to dickie."

Wille Joe: "Mine rig is busted. The starter needs fltin' And I hath me a date With a big-city vizen."

Porkrind: "Avalleth what? Passion to slake, Ere scorn is bought with a glance?"

From a dude 'ere constrained to take His sister to 'Homecoming's dance."

Wille Joe: "Villain! Inconstant and snidel"

"'Twould God cancel thy pension, I'll deliver thy head a tire iron, Ere it gets thy attention."

Porkrind: "Thy mother, grotesquely, Lives in a bog, Thy brother's a newt, And thy sister a frog."

Wille Joe: "Then to Milan, and fair Nusturia; 'tis where I flee, Metropolis of Sophie Loren And of the great Chef Boyardee."

(Enter Darlene, a lady of Jeroma, beloved of Wille Joe, and Sammi Sue, who's sweet on Porkrind)


Darlene: "That two-dinning rat, Ere passion's bespoke, Ere evansong's spent, To have his legs broke."

Sammi Sue: "Don't be a chump, A rube or a knave, For I know the judge - He's mine Uncle Dave."

(Enter Uncle Dave, borne along

The Don't Ask Me Decade

We're celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Steve Crump's "Don't Ask Me" column with favorites from each of the past 10 years. Remember to enter our Don't Ask Me Haiku Contest. The theme must be Idaho-rustic and the deadline is May 31. Send entries to Haiku Contest, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls ID



Steve Crump
83303, fax to (208) 734-5538, or e-mail to crump@magic-valley.com

Enter Porkrind, bowing deeply) tugged by a police cruiser.)

Judge Dave: "Grief fills the wind, See the leaves bend, Sweet Sammi Sue, darlin' - What's with your friend?"

Sammi Sue: "Forsaken her beau, Now angels shall weep, For now he's skipped town, That four-flushing creep."

Enter Porkrind, bowing deeply) tugged by a police cruiser.)

Porkrind: "Yo, judge, let's entreat And please don't demur, Ere I woo Nusturia, Throw Wille in str."

(Exeunt Judge Dave and his entourage; enter Wille Joe, stage left, in handcuffs.)

Wille Joe: "By Venus forsaken, Weep for my soul, I'm bound for the pen,

Would some local control be better?

Ranchers and motorcyclists offer land management ideas

By N.S. Nolkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Two ranchers and a motorcycle enthusiast want to show that local management can work better on 1.4 million acres of federal lands in Twin Falls and Cassia counties.

They can manage those lands quicker, cheaper and more effectively, they say.

Oakley rancher Scott Bedke, rancher Joe Tugaw and businessman Mel Quale of Twin Falls have proposed the state take on management of most of the federal lands in Twin Falls and Cassia counties as a pilot project for the Idaho Federal Lands Task Force.

"I'm just convinced there's a better way to do it than has been done in the past," said Tugaw, former president of the Idaho Cattle Association and regional vice president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Tugaw and the others argue that federal management of public lands is not working, and they

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Jerome might still see water rate increase

By Dixie Thomas Raale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Bypassing previously reluctant voters, the city will ask a judge to approve higher water rates to pay for water system modernization.

The \$1.7 million improvement project would add \$3 to each city water customer's \$4.30 base monthly rate.

Voters at August turned down a revenue bond issue that would have led to a similar rate increase, and a recent town meeting on the subject drew only 20 people. So rather than

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MAGIC VALLEY

Blaine seeks uniform juvenile laws

By Barb Nelwert
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Law enforcement officials are lobbying Blaine County communities to adopt similar ordinances dealing with truancy, curfews, runaways, and parental responsibility in order to streamline enforcement for juvenile offenders.

Sun Valley, Hailey, Bellevue, and Blaine County should adopt juvenile ordinances similar to those adopted by the Ketchum City Council this past summer, Prosecuting Attorney Doug Werth said at a roundtable held on Thursday night with parents of teenagers from around the county.

Fifth District Judge John F. Varin and Deputy Prosecutor Jim Thomas attended the meeting to discuss Werth's proposed juvenile ordinances, as well as ways to uniformly hand down juvenile sentences by the magistrate court for infractions involving drugs and alcohol.

Curfew provisions within Werth's proposed ordinance, drafted using the Ketchum rules as a reference, drew many comments from parents.

As drafted, the ordinance would make it illegal for anyone under 18 to be in a public place between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. on school nights and between 12 a.m. and 5 a.m. at all other times.

There are eight exceptions to this rule, including when the minor is accompanied by their parents, is on an errand for their

parents, is involved in an emergency, is returning home from work, or is returning home from an officially sponsored school, religious, or civic activity. The minor's First Amendment rights are protected if he is exercising religion, freedom of speech or assembly after curfew hours.

Sue Woodyard said she and other parents were unsure of the need for a curfew and asked why it was included with the other important measures of the ordinance.

Werth's response was that parents likely do not know where their children are if they are not at home late at night. And teens are more likely to get in trouble at night rather than during the day when the community is awake.

Varin, who serves as the juvenile magistrate judge for six Magic Valley counties, said it all boils down to a public safety issue.

"If a community deems it is dangerous for a child to be out during curfew hours, then a curfew is warranted, he said.

Varin said curfews are designed to be proactive and that curfew violations fall under the classification of status offenses - offenses based solely on age.

These types of offenses are treated differently from more serious crimes and are designed to give juvenile authorities an opportunity to intervene with children at the first sign of trouble.

Varin said if the communities pass these ordinances, stronger enforcement provisions would also be needed to back them up.

Twin Falls County has a Status Offender Project in place that refers children with family problems to experts for treatment. The program has worked well in its first two years, Varin said.

"If you really want to know the value of it, talk to the students," said Pete DeBauw, Youth Pastor of the Church of the Big Wood. "They appreciate the boundary - it's a good thing."

The parental responsibility portion of the ordinance would make it illegal if a parent failed to supervise a minor who committed a crime, was truant, or violated curfew.

In addition to juvenile ordinances, parents were concerned with sentencing of drug and alcohol offenders.

DeBauw said he talks with teens frequently who are frustrated about inconsistent punishments for juvenile drug and alcohol-related infractions.

"It seems like in our valley here the lack of consistency makes it an invitation to those students who want to breach that," DeBauw said.

Varin agreed. He said the inconsistencies come courts putting some juvenile crimes under the juvenile court and some under the adult system. He would like all juvenile infractions to be seen by the juvenile court system, rather than bouncing between juvenile and adult court depending upon the violation.

"Our whole goal is to make sure that the child never breaks the law again," Varin said.

Ketchum council backs affordable housing

By Karen Boesick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - The City Council affirmed its commitment to affordable housing Monday night by asking developers of a proposed subdivision to retool their proposal to meet the city's affordable housing requirements.

The matter will be taken up at the city's June 5 council meeting. In the end in question, tentatively called River Glen, involves little more than 5 acres of land near the KOA Campground site near the southern end of Ketchum. It is on the west side of Highway 75.

The land is zoned for one house per acre, but developers want to build 11 housing units - nearly twice what the land's zoned for on the property.

To get around the zoning requirements, the council proposed turning to a planned unit development ordinance which would allow the developers to increase the density if they agreed to provide affordable housing.

In order to achieve the higher density, the city requires the developers to include 30 percent affordable housing. That's three units in this case, Councilman David Hutchinson pointed out.

Developers offered to give the city money to build affordable housing elsewhere or convert existing housing into affordable housing. But council member Maurice Gumbert said there's plenty of land on the area they wish to develop for building affordable housing without denigrating land values.

Developers said they were not trying to get out of the affordable housing requirement but that they had been told they could get a waiver to move the affordable

Councilman David Hutchinson said it would be nice to see a mix of units instead of all two-bedroom apartments, townhouses or condos. Specifically, he suggested detached single-family dwellings containing about 1,400 square feet and selling for a reasonable

price like \$130,000. Single-family units could comfortably fit in a corner of the project, Hutchinson said.

"We're not talking about eating up a ton of your property," he said. "You might be able to get most of the cost back. That's a win-win in my mind."

When one member of the development team questioned whether the units would sell, she prompted a chorus of "I'll buy one!" from many of those attending the meeting.

Councilwoman Chris Potters indicated she objected to increasing the density of the project, whether or not it met affordable housing guidelines. The area is a migration corridor for elk, moose and deer, she said. And high-density development would force the animals into sensitive areas.

In addition, she said, the riparian area invites a conflict between fishermen and homeowners, even though developers are proposing a path for fisherman access.

Times-News correspondent Karen Boesick can be reached in Hailey at 578-2111.

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SERVICES

Robert Hackworth of Jerome, service at 1 p.m. today at the First and Third Ward LDS Church at 825 E. Ave. B in Jerome (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Eleanor Lillian Leinen of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Beth Armstrong of Richfield, service at 10 a.m. today at the Richfield Cemetery.

Helen Jeanette Batch of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Rupert; family and friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Hansen Mortuary.

Wayne O. Turnipsed of Bakersfield, Calif., services at 11 a.m. today in North Kern Cemetery in Delano, Calif.

Calif. (Delano Mortuary in Delano, Calif.)

DEATH NOTICES

Noah Francis 'Fritz' Stowell
SHOSHONE - Noah Francis "Fritz" Stowell, 92, of Shoshone, died Monday, May 1, 2000, at his granddaughter's residence in Twin Falls. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, May 5, 2000, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Shoshone, with Bishop Ross Gedeberg officiating.

Burial will follow at the Shoshone Cemetery. Family members and friends may call

from 1-7 p.m. Thursday at Demary's Shoshone Chapel, and from 10-11 a.m. Friday at the church. A complete obituary will appear in the May 4 edition of The Times-News.

Frank Mauer
HEYBURN - Frank Mauer, 58, of Heyburn, died Monday, May 1, 2000, at Cassia Regional Medical Center. Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names have been omitted at patient's request.

Admits
Paulina Boll of Buhl; Geri-Brown of Wendell; Arthur Easley of Kimberly; Verena Polson of Hansen; Tina Gonzalez of Jerome; Mary Gray of St. Anthony; and Betsy Mottishaw of Twin Falls.

Dismissals
A. Helen Paxton of Buhl.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
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Admits
Zenaida Juarez and baby girl, and Phyllis Miller, all of Paul; Juana Juarez and Mildred Rippey, both of Burley; Ron Broadhead and Ellen Jensen, both of Rupert.

Dismissals
Alisa Aldrich and baby boy of Burley; Louis Spevak of Rupert

OBITUARIES

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

MALTA
Cecelia Hoggan of Soda Springs; a son, James of Burley; a sister, Louanna Stokes of Snowville, Utah; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, a brother, and a granddaughter.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 6, 2000, at the Malta LDS First and Second Ward Chapel, with Bishop DeVan Tolman officiating. Burial will be in the Valley View Cemetery in Malta. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Payne Mortuary at 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church, prior to the funeral.

injuries received in a motor vehicle accident.

He was born February 19, 1964, at Rupert, Idaho, the son of Theodore Clyde and Lorna Karen Rasmussen Arbogast. He received his education in Lennox, California, and Burley, graduating from Burley High School in 1982. He married Sherry RisLee Hooper on June 4, 1994, at Burley. He lived in Utah, Texas, Arkansas, and Burley. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was a Boy Scout, belonged to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the Orid Fellows Lodge. He loved hunting, fishing, camping, softball and cooking. He had a special place in his heart for his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Sherry Arbogast of Burley; his children, Tanya Short of York, Nebraska, and James Wallace of Tooele, Utah; his parents, Ted and Lorna Arbogast of Burley; one brother, Jeff Arbogast of Burley; one sister, Kanoy (Randy) Barksdale of Twin Falls; one granddaughter, Chrissa, Elizabeth and LaShae; one grandson, Brendan; a nephew, Teddy; and two nieces, Karen and Debra.

He was preceded in death by two grandsons; a granddaughter; his paternal grandparents and maternal grandfather.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday, May 5, 2000, at the Star LDS First and Second Ward Chapel at 100 S. 200 W. in Burley, with Bishop Joe Sagers officiating. Interment will follow at Gom Memorial Gardens. Friends may call from 10-11 a.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home at 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 1-1:45 p.m. Friday at the church.

BURLEY
Norma Garbanati Parke
Norma Garbanati Parke, 81-year-old Malta resident, died Monday, May 1, 2000, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care Center in Rupert.

She was born January 4, 1919, in Stone, Idaho, the daughter of James Henry and Ethel Lily Waddo Garbanati. She married Elmer Jay Parke on February 4, 1937, in Twin Falls. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Logan LDS Temple on June 9, 1924. They owned and operated the Sunset Motel in Malta for many years. She was a member of the LDS Church, where she served as a Primary Teacher, Relief Society Teacher and as a Literature Teacher. Norma was a hard worker, and enjoyed crocheting and hand-dipping chocolates.

Survivors include her husband, Elmer of Malta; two daughters, Janet McFarland of Malta, and

Gregory T. Arbogast
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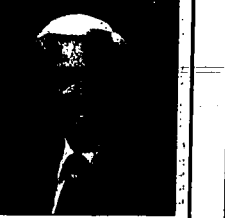
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Land

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are asking for a chance to try their proposal, they told The Times-News editorial board Tuesday.

The proposal would encompass Burley and Twin Falls ranch districts of the Sawtooth National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management's Burley Resource Area.

But critics are skeptical of the proposal, which still is vague and a work in progress.

The pilot projects are an obvious fall for the cattle and timber industries, said John McCarthy of the Idaho Conservation League in Boise.

"I don't see that they're offering anything that is not already there - including the confusion," said Jim Prunty of Twin Falls, a retired Forest Service employee and critic of grazing management on federal lands.

Prunty and others asked where the money would come from, and who would pay for the fencing that now is paid for by the federal government. A cattle guard costs \$5,000, he said.

But such details and many others remain to be worked out, said John McGee, coordinator for the Idaho Federal Lands Task Force.

Task Force appointment

Bedke was appointed by former Gov. Bill Batt in 1996 to the task force formed to look at the potential for state management of federal public land in Idaho. The task force issued a report and proposals were called based on that report, McGee said. He has received five proposals - the other four are in central and northern Idaho.

If the Twin Falls-Cassia proposal is selected as a pilot project, a local steering committee would help manage the resources on the federal lands. But users would still have to abide by all federal laws, Bedke said.

"It's not going to be rancher paradise," he said during an information meeting on the proposal Monday evening. Most of the 35 who attended were ranchers. The perception of some critics is that the proposal is meant only to benefit ranchers.

The grazing industry at a glance

Category	Value
Total value of livestock and poultry products in the state	\$500,000,000
Value of beef cattle and calves	245,000,000
Value of sheep and goats	150,000,000
Value of horses	100,000,000
Value of swine	100,000,000
Value of poultry	105,000,000

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proposal Tuesday afternoon, nor were they invited to the Monday evening meeting.

"If this is supposed to be a collaborative process, it would be more for the federal partner to be part of that collaboration," said Bill LeVeré, supervisor of the Sawtooth National Forest.

"I feel like I'll be the last to know," he said.

The Forest Service is neither for nor against the idea, but he has some questions, such as how it would affect payments to county schools and roads.

In addition, there have been problems with the permit process on some allotments. The Forest Service imposed permit reductions in 1995, '96 and '97 as a result of permit violations by the Magic Valley Grazing Association, of which Bedke has been a member.

Tugaw's permit was reduced 10 percent this year as a result of permit violations.

Because of those issues, "this might not be the best place to try this," LeVeré said.

Bedke acknowledged the past problems over resource conditions and said the status quo doesn't seem to be working. But instead of fighting, he wants to sit down and work out a solution that all can live with.

LeVeré said he wouldn't be opposed to the plan if they can manage the land in an environmentally sound manner and more efficiently. But LeVeré said he hasn't seen any concrete proposals.

"Either has the Regional Forester Jack Blackwell's office in Ogdén, spokesman Bob Swinford said. BLM officials have not seen the proposal either, spokesman Joe Smith said. Neither has the Department of Fish and Game's Region 4 Director Carl Nellis in Jerome.

A better way

The pilot project would be an experiment - something to learn from, said Bedke, who hopes to gain stability in the things he and other users have come to expect from public land. Few users now are satisfied with public lands management.

Collaborative effort

The proposal says that all interested or concerned agencies, organizations and interest groups must be involved. Yet key federal and state agencies had not seen the

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Council members said it would be unlikely to police chief candidates to hire them and then let them go a few months later if county and city law enforcement agencies consolidate.

Rupert resident Martin Barclay asked if a temporary interim chief could be chosen from local law enforcement personnel.

Council members said they hadn't had a chance to review potential applicants and didn't know if there was anyone who had the qualifications to serve as the interim police chief.

Barclay also asked about turnover rates for the Rupert Police Department was high.

"Why look outside our area?" Barclay asked.

Barclay said many issues the council and county commissioners must consider when it comes to consolidation.

"There is a lot that needs to be answered," he said. County Commissioner John Remsburg reduced sentence.

"He would have died anyway. It has nothing to do with him being in prison," said Matt Green, Ronald Green's son. Green accused Pool of just trying to be a hero and save someone's jail time.

Pool's health problems had been discussed at his original sentencing, with his lawyer arguing he was elderly and that he was too sick for prison.

Pool's attorney, Keith Hutchinson, said it was "awfully clear" the penitentiary's standards were below those considered acceptable. He said his client is considering legal action against the state penitentiary system.

Under Carlson's ruling, Pool must serve five years' probation, with the first 2 1/2 years spent under house arrest, where he will be electronically monitored and only allowed to leave home for medical attention.

During his probation, Pool must submit to random alcohol tests and can't drive, Carlson's order said.

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Kempthorne will address video conference that will link several cities across the state

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne will address a statewide video conference meeting with government leaders and education policymakers Tuesday.

The conference was organized by the Idaho State Board of Education to discuss pertinent educational issues and concerns.

The conference will connect five sites - Boise, Moscow, Pocatello, Coeur

Valley in brief

d'Alene and Twin Falls. Individual location discussion will begin at noon Mountain Time, and all sites for the conference will be connected at 12:30 p.m. The video will address the conference from the Boise location.

Idaho Public Television will host the conference at 1455 N. Orchard in Boise on the University of Idaho cam-

pus in Moscow, on the Idaho State University campus in Pocatello and the North Idaho College campus in Coeur d'Alene; and in Room C76 of the Evergreen Building at the College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls.

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Defense of the Clinton veto.

Cravo rebutted those safety concerns, saying nuclear fuel waste has been moved across the country safely for nearly 40 years.

"The nuclear energy industry supported the Murkowski bill, which would allow energy companies to produce more waste as soon as disposal began."

She also noted the veto was a Bush victory in November. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, said he hopes to

Round

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major design amenity such as a sculpture, perhaps even a roundabout, could make this the city's major asset."

But Young said the idea for a roundabout at either intersection just isn't feasible.

To understand the problem, a person must understand what a roundabout is and does. Most commonly seen in European cities, a roundabout moves traffic in a circular pattern around an

To put a roundabout downtown would mean widening the Main and Shoshone intersection from a 42-foot diameter to about

100 feet, Young said.

Making room for the extra roadway and sidewalk space would mean cutting the corners off adjacent buildings, including KeyBank, First Security and Dunkin's Draught House.

That would mean demolishing the buildings, then rebuilding them for about \$500 per square foot. That comes out to an estimated \$760,500 for each building, or a total cost of about \$2 million.

A roundabout at the Blue Lakes and Addison intersection could cost even more, Young said.

In other words, drivers should

get used to the intersections the way they are.

In the meantime, city officials have taken other steps to try to improve downtown.

The City Council recently approved a request from downtown leaders to allow left turns from Shoshone onto Main Avenue. Merchants hope the change will help bring customers downtown.

But Young and Assistant City Engineer Rod Mathis have doubts about the decision's wisdom. They predict more rear-end accidents, as drowsy drivers slam into cars waiting to turn.

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try again to persuade voters, the City Council unanimously voted last week to pursue "judicial confirmation."

If a judge approves, the city would use the higher water rates to repay the bonds.

"The revenue bond has already been tried unsuccessfully and leaves a bad taste in the community," Councilman Joe Skaggs said. "It's the council's responsibility to get the repairs done."

The judicial process can take up to nine months, according to City Administrator Jon Cogg. The city has already been approved for a \$1.7 million loan from the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality's drinking

water loan fund. If the city doesn't accept the loan by the end of the year, it may have to reapply for the funds next year.

Fire Chief Jim Auclair is looking forward to the improvements.

The repairs that have already been made to the system increased the water flow an average of 320 gallons per minute," Auclair said recently. "However some places in town still have only 200 gallons per minute flow. For good fire flow, 1,000 gallons per minute is needed."

The council's decision isn't popular with Jerome residents. Fred Tate said many of his neighbors were senior citizens with fixed incomes. They don't want to pay higher water rates.

Report: Idaho schools need \$968 M

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new National Education Association report dramatically ups the ante on the cost of making Idaho schools safe and up-to-date, estimating almost \$968 million in needs — more than half again the previous high assessment.

More than 20 million schoolchildren nationwide attend schools that are falling apart or ill-equipped for classroom computers, the nation's largest teachers union says in a report setting on states to pony up their budget surpluses.

Right now, states need \$322 billion for school construction — roughly 10 times what they spend and nearly three times what the federal government has estimated they need, the NEA said in a report to be released Wednesday.

The General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, has estimated that the nation's schools need \$112 billion for repair and update of buildings 74 percent of which the Association of School Administrators says were built before 1970.

The nation's largest teachers union says it is considering a lawsuit filed by 15 school districts that contend the state is shirking its constitutional duty to ensure public schools are

safe, learning-friendly environments. The lead attorney in that case, former Idaho Supreme Court justice Robert Huntley, has estimated the total need at \$612 million.

That is about 8 percent less than the \$661 million identified in a 1993 state report, and more than 10 times the estimate of less than \$50 million for safety issues alone that Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's school assessment committee came up with last year.

Consultants to that committee found about \$300 million in overall needs, including those associated with enrollment increases and providing infrastructure for new educational technology.

President Clinton and congressional Democrats are pushing increased federal funds for school repair and construction. But states bear most of the responsibility for such costs, and they have been spending more than ever, the NEA said.

"The crisis is eclipsing their efforts," said Bob Chase, president of the union, which analyzed recent state finance data for the report. "We often fail to recognize that where our students learn can have a dramatic effect on what they learn."

Individual state needs, the union's report

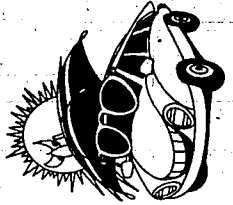
said, vary widely because some states are more populated or have higher costs for land and building materials. New York tops the list, needing \$51 billion; Vermont, a much smaller state, needs about \$333 million.

Meanwhile, the report said, states had a \$31 million surplus in fiscal 1999. States such as Alaska, Indiana and Delaware have the highest portion of budget surpluses, the report said.

Idaho's estimated \$65 million surplus in the budget year that ends July 1 has already been spoken for by lawmakers who approved a \$29 million tax cut. Much of the rest was committed to settling a lawsuit with truckers and establishing a \$10 million loan fund for school districts that have exhausted all other means to address safety problems.

The teachers union's estimates are based on 1998 and 1999 data that include school enrollment, age and condition of existing buildings, and construction costs, spokesman Steve Wollmer said.

Most of the school construction cost estimates cover bricks and mortar, but \$54 billion is needed to help wire schools for the computer technology many policymakers have been keen on funding, the report said.



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Tribe offers help to salmon with hatchery

BREMERTON, Wash. (AP) — Protected by his wet suit, Paul Dorn dropped over the side of his boat into the chilly, swift current of Agate Passage.

The swim toward the middle of the inlet ended nearly 200 yards, while 70,000 confined coho salmon darted out of his way.

Dorn manages the Squamish Tribe's salmon hatchery program. After 15 years of work with the salmon in Puget Sound, Dorn has begun to feel the pressure of the Endangered Species Act.

A tribal biologist since 1977, he is the first to admit that some historical hatchery practices have damaged wild salmon runs.

For example, building a hatchery where cultured salmon compete directly with their wild

cousins can reduce food for wild fish. It also weakens their genetic makeup.

But not all hatcheries are bad. Dorn said.

"A lot of us feel we can provide supplemental hatchery fish to be harvested without harming the wild stocks," he said. "Hatchery programs are not static. We're always learning from our mistakes."

The Squamish Tribe's net pens in Agate Passage were first floated into place 20 years ago. Dorn has handled generations of hatchery fish. He expresses an affection for these Agate Passage coho.

"We call this the Jane Fonda pen for the fish," he said smiling. The constant currents keep the fish in shape, he explained. When

released, they look more like wild fish in prime condition.

Still swimming in the net pen, Dorn clutched the end of a seine in one hand while he encircled a school of coho. Then he cinched the net close to the boat so that a few dozen fish could be sampled for size and possible disease.

These coho will be released within a week or two. Most will eventually head out to the ocean.

A similar bunch of coho was released about two weeks ago from pens near Brownsville. Those are probably the ones people are noticing in dense schools along the shore of Bremerton's Port Washington Narrows at high tide, Dorn said.

The coho originate at the state's Minter Creek Hatchery

west of Gig Harbor.

Since chinook have been listed as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act, the National Marine Fisheries Service is expected to scrutinize tribal and state hatchery plans.

Dorn welcomes the investigation. "We are our own strongest critics," he said, "and we don't want to do anything to risk the wild stocks."

Ideally, freshwater habitat will be restored over time so salmon can spawn naturally and grow in numbers, he said.

"I think it will be some time before we get back to a natural landscape," said the hatchery expert, his blond beard glistening with seawater. "Between now and then, hatcheries will have their place."

Spring chinook salmon running at fevered pitch

ASTORIA, Ore. (AP) — Spring chinook salmon are running in huge numbers in the Columbia River, and this year could be the best since the late 1970s.

More than 90,000 fish had been counted so far, Bonneville Dam, the first in the Columbia River.

Scientists say cooling conditions in the Pacific Ocean, along with the fish mature, are increasing the odds of survival.

"Some very good news is coming from the fish counters at the Bonneville Dam," Northwest Power Planning Council Chairman Larry Cassidy said. The fish count last spring told us this would be a good run, but it was two greater than we predicted.

Biologists are also feeling about this year that are four to six times the 10-year average, according to the Bonneville Power Administration.

Jacks are smaller salmon that return after only a year at sea. They provide valuable hints about how others fish in their spawning class are doing and how many will return after a few years in the ocean.

The return has been so good that the Idaho Fish and Game Commission authorized a spring chinook season for anglers beginning Friday. It's only the fourth season in the past decade.

The count at Bonneville includes wild and hatchery fish. It will be several months before fish counts in the spawning sites in the tributaries verify how well the wild stocks are doing.

This year's count is on track to beat the 1960s' average of 91,536 spring chinook and could come close the 10-year average from the 1970s of about 115,300 salmon.

Bonneville Power Administration chief Judi Johanson said the upswing shows how

important ocean conditions can be.

"But we shouldn't fool ourselves by thinking nature will do the work for us," she said. "The ocean won't yield fish unless we continue to vigorously address the other causes of decline — harvest, habitat, hatcheries and hydro operations."

Scientists say several El Nino events warmed the Pacific Ocean in recent years, killing off plankton and other sea life important to the food chain for salmon.

Under good sea conditions, up to 6 percent of juvenile salmon that migrate to the Pacific return as adults to spawn in basin streams in Idaho and elsewhere.

"We don't know how long this good fortune will last," Cassidy said. "Several good years would show us how well we've been doing in our efforts to restore spawning habitat and increase production of wild fish in the

river without the distortion of heavy losses at sea."

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Court reduces man's sentence for escape

BOISE (AP) — Given the circumstances, it was unreasonable for a judge to impose a five-year prison sentence for escape on a Canyon County man whose probation was revoked, the Idaho Court of Appeals ruled.

The three-member court on this matter unanimously concluded that 2nd District Judge Dennis Coff should have discretion in sentencing Fred Martinez Chavez to the maximum term allowed by law.

The appellate court ordered the sentence reduced to one year in prison.

"Although Chavez committed probation violations that we have found sufficient to justify revocation of his probation, these transgressions were not egregious," Judge Kahn Lansing wrote. "We conclude that a sentence of this severity is unwarranted in view of the circumstances of the particular offense involved, Chavez's overall record, and his demon-

stration of positive lifestyle changes."

Lansing outlined how Chavez violated his probation by moving away from his wife and in with his father nearby because of "marital discord," failing to make a monthly report to his probation officer in October 1998, failing to keep a job and failing to make restitution and supervision fee payments. But she said he turned himself in after learning there was a warrant for his arrest.

Chavez originally was sentenced to serve two to six years in prison for methamphetamine possession in 1994, but the sentences were suspended and he was placed on probation for six years.

About three months later, while on work release from a one-year county jail term for misdemeanor driving without privileges, Chavez failed to return to the jail at the end of his workday. He remained at large for about

five months but later agreed to plead guilty to escape and to admit a probation violation.

But he also explained that his walkaway escape from the work release program was only to protect his family, failing he considered in danger from a drug dealer seeking revenge for prosecution testimony Chavez's stepson had provided.

A fixed five-year prison sentence was ordered, in addition to the earlier methamphetamine possession term. But Chavez again was released on probation, which he served without incident for almost four years before the problems that led to the 1998 violations.

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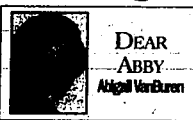
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MORNING BREAK

Man's best friend gets top billing in obituary

DEAR ABBY: I am 77 years old, and this is my first letter to you. After reading an obituary in our local newspaper, I decided to write and ask your opinion of it.



part of the family, and many owners love them as they love family members.

DEAR DISGUSTED: Most pet owners cherish their animals, and these animals return that love unconditionally. They become

The problem is I have two sons, ages 18 and 19. They are pretty independent and have lived on their own for the last year or so.

-CONFUSED IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR CONFUSED: Your sons have proven to be responsible young men living on their own.

Talk candidly with them about your plans and assure them that you will always be available to them by telephone, and they are welcome to visit you.

A final word of advice: I am concerned that your fiance may have control issues.

marry him, make absolutely sure you are in a 50/50 partnership.

DEAR ABBY: You recently reread a letter in your column from the mother of a 13-year-old girl regarding the "frank talk" she had about sex with her daughter.

-OLGA IN LAKE COUNTY, ILL.

DEAR OLGA: Perhaps I agree that males are as responsible for contraception as females.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Capricorn: Time to go places; buy those shoes

IF MAY 3 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have delightful sense of humor, are stubborn, courageous, have appreciation for the arts.

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

purpose of entertainment. Don't tell how trick it is done. Pisces becomes true ally.

Drew Carey has little patience for star-studded affairs, fakes

NEW YORK (AP) - Drew Carey has had it with star-studded charity benefits.

People in the news

in May, including three concerts planned with the Symphonic Orchestra of Puerto Rico.

Lightning kills a lot of fish

Astronomy and astrology used to take pretty much the same line of study. Then people found out the earth spun around the sun.



WHAT'S WHAT L.M. Boyd

mean that plays more than one note... A six flutes made from the hollow wing bones of cranes.

Undersea cracks could trigger tsunami

FALMOUTH, Mass. (AP) - Scientists have discovered cracks in the ocean floor off the East Coast that they say could trigger a tsunami.

75-year-old tenor makes comeback

NEW YORK (AP) - Imagine Willie Mays coming back to baseball - and picking the seventh game of the World Series for his return.

Hospital releases band leader after heart treatment

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico - Tito Puente was released from a hospital Tuesday after ten days of treatment for an irregular heartbeat.

Gladys Knight will deliver commencement speech

SAN DIEGO - Gladys Knight, minus the Pips, will be the commencement speaker this month at the University of San Diego.

Lightning kills a lot of fish

Report is 7 percent of the men - in places where the survivors go - regularly pull their eyebrows.

Garibaldi's Restaurant & Bar advertisement for May 5th celebration with prizes and karaoke.

Lamphouse Theatre Art Cinema & Video advertisement for 'Your Movies' featuring Twin Cinema 12 and Jerome Cinema 1.

Garage Sale Dollar Days advertisement for 6 lines 3 days \$15.00, plus more, with contact info for The Times-News.

Group's candidate questions raise some ire

LEWISTON (AP) - The Idaho Christian Coalition wants to know whether congressional and legislative candidates have been convicted of drunken driving, paid for an abortion or violated the state's adultery law.

The conservative group also is asking candidates whether they failed a drug test, support outlawing nude dancing or have ever owned a bar, strip club or casino.

Twenty of the 73 questions in the Idaho Christian Coalition's candidate questionnaire are on character issues. The group will use the responses in voter guides for the May 23 primary election.

Lt. Gov. Butch Otter, the Republican front-runner in Idaho's 1st District congressional race, refused to reply directly to the questions. Instead, he sent his

responses to the National Christian Coalition's survey to the state coalition.

"I am a lifelong Catholic and conservative, sharing many of the same values held by your organization," Otter wrote in a letter dated Friday to Matt Roetter, a Coeur d'Alene-based official for the Idaho Christian Coalition.

Otter said he has cast votes reflecting his commitment to less government, more personal responsibility, conservative values, and that distinguishes him from other candidates in the race.

"Having said that, I doubt the objectivity of your organization's efforts to produce a fair voter guide," he wrote. "You clearly have your mind made up, but I hope I'm wrong."

Seven years ago, Otter was con-

vinced of misdemeanor drunken driving and apologized to Idaho citizens and lawmakers immediately afterward: He also is a partner in the Piper Inn and Grill in Boise.

Roetter declined comment. Idaho Family Forum founder Dennis Mansfield said that while he has not asked Roetter to endorse his Republican bid for the 1st District seat, he found the Christian Coalition's questions appropriate.

"I think people want to know if someone had a drug problem or a drinking problem and if they have overcome it. That is key. I hope and pray they have overcome it," Mansfield said.

Another 1st District Republican candidate, former Idaho GOP chairman Ron McMurray of Lewiston, said he

has no problem with the coalition's questions.

"If we think of the last seven years with what we have had in the White House, morality is the issue," he said. "Some people are going to vote that way and want to know."

Craig Benjamin, a Moscow minister and Washington State University employee seeking the Republican 1st District nomination, also responded directly to the Idaho Christian Coalition's questions.

But Democrat Linda Pall, a Moscow attorney, declined.

"I find that the questionnaire mode is the least productive way to get that kind of information because people tend to write questions from a strong ideological perspective to the left or right," she said.

Otter bid embroiled in banking dispute

BOISE (AP) - Lt. Gov. Butch Otter's congressional bid has been drawn into the middle of a dispute between his longtime friend and business partner, J. Michael Gwartney, and the New Jersey owner of Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Meridian.

David Bolger, who bought the bank in 1993 from Otter's former father-in-law, J.R. Simpson, claims the front-runner to succeed retiring Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage tried to use his position as lieutenant governor to keep Gwartney in as chairman of the bank's board last year.

"It was a control issue, whether I owned the bank and could remove them from the board," the president of Bolger & Co. in Ridgewood, N.J., said. "They tried to take control of the bank."

But Otter calls Bolger's accusations baseless and a claim backed up by the state banking regulator. Bolger claims Otter tried to influence.

"David's got an inflated view of what the lieutenant governor of Idaho can do," Otter said.

The fourth-term lieutenant governor claims Bolger is trying to threaten the congressional campaign, even though he has financially supported it, as a way to get to Gwartney, who sued Bolger for nearly \$2 million last week. Gwartney claims he is owned the money under a 1993 compensation agreement the two signed.

"He owes Mike \$2 million bucks, and he doesn't want to pay it," Otter said. "He thinks that the way to get to Gwartney is through me... Bolger has specifically said to me, 'Butch, why don't you talk to Mike and why don't you talk to Mike's lawyers and get them to back off on this demand.'"

Bolger contributed \$1,000 to Otter's 1994 lieutenant governor campaign, \$500 to the 1998 re-election campaign and \$500 to this year's congressional campaign.

Still, he has asked Attorney General Al Lance to determine whether Otter illegally tried to influence state Finance Director Gavin Gee during last year's



Butch Otter

boardroom battle that ultimately saw Gwartney, Otter and Royce Chigrow, Otter's campaign treasurer, leave the board.

Bolger suggested that Lance is delaying his response to the request until after the May 23 primary. But Lance spokesman Bob Cooper said the attorney general is preparing a response that will be issued in a few days.

Although the bank prospered with Gwartney as board chairman through 1998, growing from an estimated \$18 million in 1985 to more than 120 million now, Bolger said he decided to oust Gwartney because Gwartney was trying to take over day-to-day operations from President Clarence Jones in early 1999 after retiring from Boise Cascade Corp.

Bolger said he had become increasingly disturbed about reports he was

getting on various financial transactions involving cars, country clubs, trips and other expenses. Otter said Bolger was mischaracterizing the situation, emphasizing that all financial transactions were approved by the board and that many of the expenditures benefited Bolger himself.

"He was on all these calls, all these trips, and he's the one that claims Gwartney converted all these things to private use," Otter said. "And that's not true."

Otter acknowledged that he advised Gee of the events involving the bank because he was concerned that Bolger was putting his financial benefit ahead of that of the depositors.

But he denied trying to influence Gee into stepping in as a regulator on Gwartney's side, and Gee confirmed that account.

"He didn't say anything or do anything that I perceived as being inappropriate or trying to influence me relative to that change," Gee said.

GOP leaders reconsider holding Elian hearings

WASHINGTON (AP) - Republican leaders expressed new reservations Tuesday over whether to hold congressional hearings on the Elian Gonzalez raid.

"I don't know the answer to whether or not a hearing will be necessary," House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, told reporters.

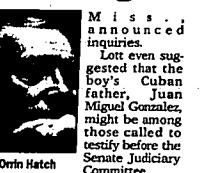
Meanwhile, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, whose Senate Judiciary Committee had originally announced hearings this week, indicated he's still awaiting requested documents from the Justice Department.

In a taunting statement, Hatch suggested the agency may have been too busy preparing for Attorney General Janet Reno "for several appearances on television news and entertainment programs" to respond to his request for documents.

His statements were issued just after the airing of Reno's appearance on Oprah Winfrey's talk show in Chicago - and brought a quick response from the Justice Department.

"The attorney general's appearance on Oprah had no bearing on the department's ability to gather the documents for the Judiciary Committee," spokeswoman Carole Florman responded.

Despite Hatch's job at Reno, Republican leaders in both chambers seemed to show less enthusiasm for hearings than they did just a week ago. Then, both House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-



Orrin Hatch

Miss announced inquiries. Lott even suggested that the boy's Cuban father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, might be among those called to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Polls have shown that most Americans approved of the administration's tactics in wresting the six-year-old chipmunk survivor from the home of his Miami relatives and returning him to his father.

Lott told reporters on Tuesday that he still believed there should be hearings.

But, he said, they should be "sharply focused," and of one or two days duration at most.

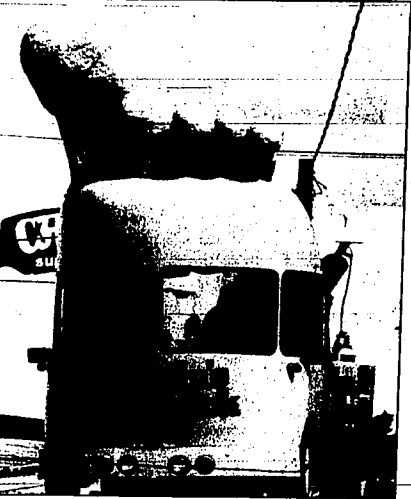
"It never was intended to be an ongoing, protracted hearing," Lott said.

He said he agreed with Hatch that "the responsible way to proceed is to at least have the documents before you go forward." Armey said Elian's pre-drawn capture late last month was a "pretty frightening picture" and "there are serious questions that have to be asked about that."

"We'll sit down and talk about it. I think perhaps we'll do some communications with the agency and see if we can't get answers," Armey said.

But, he added, "I don't know the answer to whether or not a hearing will be necessary."

A PEDICURIST'S NIGHTMARE



It looks like the 'Toe Truck,' a plink Volkswagen minivan that's parked Tuesday at an exit of Interstate 5 in Seattle, Wash., will have no trouble finding a new home. Ed and Connie Lincoln, who own Lincoln Towing, have retired and the truck will need to be moved because the city is taking over the property where it now sits. There is interest from a museum and candy maker, or maybe it will even end up on eBay auction.

Court upholds tribe's claim to part of Lake Coeur d'Alene

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A three-judge federal appellate panel on Tuesday upheld the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's claim to ownership of the southern third of northern Idaho's Lake Coeur d'Alene.

The panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge's finding in mid-1998 that an 1873 order by President Ulysses S. Grant and later congressional acts clearly gave the tribe control of the section of the lake and the St. Joe River within the reservation boundaries.

The appellate court found that in setting the reservation boundaries Grant had to include the lake bottom for the Coeur d'Alene to accept his order, and that subsequent congressional action essentially ratified Grant's concession of ownership of part of the lake to the tribe.

In both 1873 and 1889 when the reservation boundaries were renegotiated at congressional direction, the court pointed out that the northern boundary line

was drawn across the lake, which only could have been meant and understood to convey title to submerged lands within the reservation's borders."

Attorney General Al Lance said the 28-page opinion was being reviewed. It will be up to the state Land Board to decide whether to press the state's claim to the U.S. Supreme Court. The board meets next week.

The state has argued it controlled all navigable waterways since statehood in 1890 and Lake Coeur d'Alene was no exception.

Ray Givens, who argued the case for the tribe before the 9th Circuit, said the decision reflected past U.S. Supreme Court precedent.

"The decision is not surprising," Givens said. "But you're always nervous until you get the result."

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe has had management control over the southern third of the lake since Lodge's original ruling nearly two years ago, assuring state leaders they would act in the best interest of the resource.

Study estimates falling seniors will cost Idaho \$78M in 2000

BOISE (AP) - Falls by Idaho senior citizens this year are expected to cost more than \$78 million for medical treatment and long-term care, according to new research conducted for the American Association of Retired People.

The 735 falls projected for people over 65 are fewer than for all but 10 states and the District of Columbia, and seven states and the District of Columbia are expected to face less expense than Idaho dealing with related injuries, the association's Public Policy Institute said in a study released Tuesday.

Annually, the group projects more than 1.75 million falls by the elderly this year will lead to costs totaling more than \$17 billion.

The findings were released as part of the association's Independent Living Week, aimed at promoting activities that encourage self-help projects and provide information to help people continue living at home as they age.

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Firefighters gain ground against Tonto forest fire

PHOENIX (AP) - Calm winds continued to help firefighters gain ground on the Coon Creek fire that has burned about 6,300 acres of the Tonto National Forest.

"Things seem to be in kind of a holding pattern," said Emily Garber, a fire information officer for the forest. "The winds are not real bad. That's really helped quite a bit."

About 525 people along with two air tankers dropping flame retardant, six helicopters carrying giant buckets of water from Lake Roosevelt and two observation planes are now in the area. It started a week ago in the Sierra Ancha Wilderness area of the forest and grew into the first large-scale wildfire in Arizona this year.

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Family business gave cook a sweet start

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - When he was a kid, Lynn Hunter dreamed of a job working in the family's candy factory in Utah. He started there at about age 12, and continued working for several years. He'd make 200 to 300 pounds of candy at a time - chocolate, salt water taffy, marshmallow and fudge confections. At first, he went wild sampling, but the novelty of so many sweets soon wore off. Eventually, he didn't even want to taste the candy.

During LDS conference weeks, the little candy factory was very busy, and young Hunter was kept hopping, packaging and wrapping sweets for thousands of visitors to Salt Lake City. Working in a candy factory also inspired him to learn to cook other foods.

One day during his childhood, Hunter was in a hurry and wanted to cook potatoes. He'd heard that a pressure cooker speeds up the cooking time, but nobody had told him that the pressure on the gauge has to go down completely before the lid can be safely removed.

He made an awful mess in the kitchen.

When his mom got home, she asked how the potatoes got onto the ceiling.

Both of Hunter's parents cooked - his father helped in the kitchen for holidays and liked to run the barbecue on weekends. In fact, Hunter's dad invented a shrimp batter that Hunter still uses for special occasions, when he cooks up 15 to 20 pounds of shrimp.

Hunter is a computer network engineer with Trilogy Network Systems in Twin Falls. He was raised in Utah, but has lived in Twin Falls for 20 years. He and wife Terri have made a pact: He cooks and she cleans up, or vice versa.



Lynn Hunter says that root beer isn't the most complicated thing he makes in his kitchen, but it is certainly popular with his children.

Their five children range in age from 2 to 20.

Hunter said he is a meat-and-potatoes man who likes to barbecue year round, weather permitting. But as he moves into middle age, he has cut down on his meat consumption.

FUN HOLIDAY ROOT BEER
1 ounce root beer extract
2 gallons lukewarm water

5 cups sugar
Place the ingredients into an open topped container and mix. Add 4 to 5 pounds dry ice. Let stand for a few minutes to cool properly. This root beer foams froths, smokes and puts on a really great show for Halloween or other special occasion.

This is a family favorite, handed down through several generations.

CLAM CHOWDER
2 (6 ounces) cans clams, chopped fine (save the juice)
1 cup onions, chopped fine
2 cups potatoes, chopped fine
1 cup celery, chopped fine
3/4 cup butter
3/4 cup flour
1 quart half and half
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 to 1 teaspoon pepper (to taste)

1 teaspoon sugar
Put sugar, pepper, salt, flour and butter in skillet and cook for a minute or two on low to make a roux. Add the half and half and stir till thick and smooth. In another pan, cook the vegetables in the clams and clam juice. Add water to cover the vegetables if needed. Cook till tender. Mix everything all together, stir and serve.

Kids love these green beans

By Denise Turner
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Here are more recipes from our new Magic Valley Cookbook Internet exchange.

This bean dish, from Genie Williams of Twin Falls, resulted from "trial and error" in the kitchen. "I once had a recipe for green beans, silvered almonds, olive oil and Feta cheese," Williams wrote. "The kids liked the bacon flavor better, and it's been a mom's house favorite ever since. Make sure to make extra for the next morning. It's like pizza - kids love it cold the day after! If you on a diet, forget it."

MOM'S OWN HOLIDAY GREEN BEANS
Serving: 4 (or 2 in our house)
1 pound FRESH green beans (don't bother with the canned ones, doesn't compare) and 1 tablespoon minced garlic
1/2 pound Falls Brand thick bacon, cut into 1/2-inch cubes and fully cooked
4 to 6 ounces crumbled Feta cheese (depending on taste)
Soak fresh green beans in cold water for 1 hour. Slice and fully cook bacon, reserving grease in large pan; put bacon to one side, leaving grease in pan. Snap beans into thirds. Heat bacon grease on medium and add garlic. Cook green beans in hot bacon drippings until tender (only 3 to 5 minutes and they turn bright green). Be careful of splatters when adding beans to grease! Drain green beans in colander and put into serving dish while hot; sprinkle with crumbled Feta cheese and toss with bacon. Serve immediately.

"I love salsa and cream cheese," wrote Sumer Shinn of Twin Falls, so Shinn created this recipe.

SALSA CHEESE DIP
1 jar of your favorite salsa (Pace's thick and chunky works great)
1 package Philly cream cheese, softened
Shredded cheddar cheese
In a pie plate, layer cream cheese, salsa and cheddar cheese. Serve with tortilla chips.

Shinn also sent in this main dish recipe that she got from her mom. "It was always made for our Super Bowl parties when I was growing up," she wrote. "My aunt showed my mom this easy way, and then my mom passed it to me." She added, "This is a Super Bowl and Sunday favorite of all who try it! Happy cooking!"

EASY ENCHILADAS
Serving: 8 to 12
2 1/2 pounds hamburger
2 small onions
1 pound cheddar cheese, shredded
1 pound Monterey jack cheese, shredded (2 pounds of cheddar cheese works great, too, if you don't have Monterey jack)
2 cans of La Victoria Mild Enchilada Sauce
2 cans cream of mushroom soup
1 dozen corn tortillas
1 small can chopped olives (optional)
Sour cream (optional)
Brown hamburger and onion. At same time, warm over low heat enchilada sauce and cream of mushroom soup (stir occasionally). Drain hamburger and onion. After warm, remove pan from heat; then dip corn tortillas in enchilada sauce/cream of mushroom mixture. Use two cake pans or one jumbo cake pan; layer hamburger, dipped tortillas, then cheese. Repeat two times. Four remaining sauce over the top layer of cheese, and add your olives. Cover with foil, bake at 375 degrees for 1 hour or until bubbling. Serve with sour cream.

Requests for recipes or recipes to share may be sent to Recipe Exchange, Denise Turner, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Or use our fax at (208) 734-5538. Or use our web site - www.magicvalley.com - and click on Magic Valley Cookbook to follow the instructions.

Zip up your dinners with tasty, satisfying bean dishes

A survey of leading chefs we'll be creating meals with foods that taste good and are satisfying during this millennium. That includes dry beans.

ROASTED VEGETABLE AND BEAN SOUP
Makes 8 main dish servings or 16 side dish servings
Vegetable cooking spray
1 medium eggplant, unpeeled
2 medium zucchini
1 large sweet potato, peeled
1 large white potato, unpeeled
2 large red peppers
1 leek
8 ounces mushrooms
1 teaspoon dried rosemary leaves
1/2 teaspoon dried sage leaves
6 cloves garlic
1 can (15 ounces) Garbanzo beans or 1 1/2 cups cooked dry-packaged Garbanzo beans, rinsed, drained
1 can (15 ounces) Red Kidney beans or 1 1/2 cups cooked dry-packaged Red Kidney beans, rinsed, drained
1 can (15 ounces) Blackeyes or 1 1/2 cups cooked dry-packaged Blackeyes, rinsed, drained
4 cans (14 1/2 ounces each) vegetable broth or fat-free reduced-sodium chicken broth
2 to 3 teaspoons white balsamic vinegar
Salt and pepper, to taste
Line large jelly-roll pan with vegetables on top; spray generously with cooking spray and sprinkle with combined herbs. Bake in preheated 425 F oven until vegetables are browned and tender, about 30 minutes. Spray large saucepan with cooking spray; heat over medium heat until hot. Sauté garlic until tender, 2 to 3 minutes. Add roasted vegetables, beans, vegetable broth and vinegar; heat to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, 5 to 10 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.



Roasted Vegetable and Bean Soup makes for a hearty main dish.

Tips make cooking with beans a breeze

Dry-packaged beans are easy to prepare. The Bean Education & Awareness Network offers the following preparation tips.

- Start with a soak before cooking. Soak dry-packaged beans to help soften and return moisture to the beans and reduce cooking time. Most beans will rehydrate to about triple their dry size, so be sure to start with a big enough pot.

Preferred Hot Soak Method - Proper soaking helps dissolve some of the gas-causing substances, making the beans easier to digest. For each pound of beans, add 10 cups hot water; heat to boiling and let boil 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from heat, cover and set aside for at least 1 hour and up to 4 hours.

- Get cooking. Drain soaking water and rinse beans; cook in fresh water. In general, beans take 30 minutes to 2 hours to cook, depending on variety. Check bean packaging for specific cooking times and instructions. Spice up beans while they cook. Seasonings, such as garlic, onion, oregano, parsley or thyme, can be added to the pot while beans are cooking.

Make something special this year for your mom

Q: What are your ideas for handmade Mother's Day gifts?

A: Here are some ideas for handmade Mother's Day gifts. You'll find more ideas for celebrating this special holiday on my daily television program, "Martha Stewart Living," on May 8 - and my mother is going to join me on the show.



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HERIROOM RECIPES
Protect and preserve recipes by turning them into laminated cards that are easy to wipe off. Enter your family's recipes into a computer, then print recipes two to a page onto 8 1/2-by-11-inch colored paper, so there's one recipe on the top half and one on the bottom.

Color-code the recipes by category. For example, use orange for side dishes and yellow for appetizers. Cut each sheet in half horizontally. Place the recipe between two pages, leaving a 1/2-inch margin, and smooth, and trim off any excess from the card's edges. Punch a hole in the upper-

left-hand corner of each card; string cards onto a loose-leaf ring.

PHOTOS AND KEEPSAKES
Create a themed album with photos from an eventful summer, a family gathering or birthdays or Christmas through the years. Be sure to use an archival-quality album. Write captions alongside photos that either record basic facts or describe the people, places and events in detail. (Use a photo-safe pen that won't run on your prints.)

- Present a select group of a few favorite photos - of you at different ages, and

siblings or other relatives, or perhaps shots of several generations of the women in your family - in a custom-made picture-frame quartet. You'll need four unfinished frames in the same size, matte or semigloss paint, six mounting brackets with screws and two Drings (all available at hardware stores). First, paint the unfinished frames (using different but complementary colors looks especially nice). Let dry, then assemble the frames in a grid or any other pattern you like. Turn them face down, and join them with the mounting brackets. Insert the glass, photographs and backing material. Then screw two Drings to the back of the joined frames for hanging. To hang from an ornamental nailhead, run a decorative ribbon through the Drings. Or string wire between the Drings to hang from a nail.

- Present small objects from your childhood don't have to be packed away; use a shadow box to display a silver baby spoon or rattle, crocheted booties or a lock of

hair. If you have children of your own, use mementos of theirs to make a wonderful gift for grandmother. Measure the object's depth before buying a shadowbox frame. Cover the mat board with wallpaper or other patterned paper, and use archival tape or white craft glue to mount the treasures. To hold in place heavier, three-dimensional objects, such as a spoon or rattle, tightly wind metallic thread around the object, then send the ends through two small holes in the mat board, to be tied in back. Write the baby's name on a strip of paper with the ends attached like ribbon, and glue it beneath the object.

Questions should be addressed to Martha Stewart, care of The New York Times Syndication Sales Corp., 123 E. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10168. Or visit The Times-News Online's NewsLink page to contact Martha Stewart by email. "Martha Stewart Living" is on KSNV-TV at 9 a.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. Sunday.

FOOD & HOME

Don't worry, it's almost time to plant tomatoes and peppers

It's almost time: If you haven't cleared yet with Wall O' Waters or some other sort of hotcap or cloche, you'll soon be putting tomatoes and peppers out in the garden.

Tomatoes and peppers need warm things: six to 10 hours of sun and rich, well-drained soil. If your soil lacks in the "rich" department, add organic matter (compost, manure, etc.) to the top 6 inches and mix it all up. It doesn't work if you just put good stuff in the planting hole - you didn't really expect the roots to want to stay in that little tiny spot, did you? No, they'll be all over the garden, given the chance.

Transplant on a cloudy day or in the cooler morning or evening hours. Space staked or trellised tomatoes a foot or two apart. Leave 3 feet between caged tomatoes. Set peppers 18 to 24 inches



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

I want my tomatoes and I want them now.

DEAR CATHY: My rose bushes get grass right in the middle. Is there anything I can pour on there, or that I can do to kill the grass and not the bush? Your answer is greatly appreciated.

-GRASS IN THE GARDEN

DEAR GRASS: Please don't pour anything on the roses or any other flowers. Instead, put on some rubber gloves and cut off a handy-sized piece of kitchen sponge. Dab the sponge with RoundUp, directly from the bottle. Don't use the RTU kind - RTU means "ready to use" and they've already diluted it. You want it full strength.

Stroke the offending grass gently with the sponge. You don't want to squeeze excess chemical out of the sponge, you just want

to wipe it onto the grass blades. Those grass blades are history. Throw away the sponge, wash your rubber gloves and go in the house and have some lemonade.

TIP OF THE WEEK: Teachers and parents: Here's a terrific way to enhance the science, social studies and gardening curricula in your school. The National Gardening Association has a new project called "Making Connections Through Gardening." It will be launched next fall. It is designed to help students consider the roles of gardening and agriculture around the world.

"Making Connections" is designed for students in grades five through eight and will connect 50 United States schools with Ghana. Students will learn about Ghanaian culture, gardening practices and nutritional habits and will gain an awareness

of the environmental issues in Ghana. All participants have access to curriculum activities on the KidsGardening Website at: <http://www.KidsGardening.org>.

To participate, you need Internet access, an e-mail address and an interest in global environmental issues. To be considered for Ambassador in Making Connections, please send your name, e-mail address, school name, class size and grade level to Project Coordinator Joan White: joanw@garden.org.

NEWS FLASH: Terry Dunfield of Novartis Seeds Rogers Brand

will donate 100 Roma tomato plants - limit five per person, first-come first-served - to anyone who will promise to give the harvest to needy people, through an area soup kitchen or similar organization. This is part of the Plant a Row for the Hungry campaign. If you want a tomato plant, call Dunfield at 733-1777 or stop by 3372 N. 2500 E.

What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or: Terndri Communications, 3262 E. 3210 N., Twin Falls, ID 83721, or e-mail her at: cwb@cyberhighway.net.

You'll pucker up for this angelic lemon pie

By Linda Cleero
The Miami Herald

The recipe was contributed by Janice Okun of the Buffalo (N.Y.) News.

LEMON ANGEL PIE
4 egg whites
1 cup sugar (divided)
3/4 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
LEMON FILLING:
4 egg yolks
1/2 cup sugar
4 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
2 tablespoons grated lemon zest (yellow part only)
1 cup heavy cream

In a mixing bowl with an electric mixer, beat egg whites until stiff. Gradually beat in half the

sugar. Add the rest of the sugar a little at a time alternately with the lemon juice. Beat until egg whites are very stiff and glossy. Cream in the bottom of the cooled pie pan that has been lined with parchment or wax paper. Bake in a preheated 275-degree oven for 60 minutes. Cool slightly. Remove from pan and cool completely on wire rack.

Meanwhile, prepare lemon custard filling. In a medium mixing bowl with an electric mixer, beat egg yolks until thick and lemon colored. Gradually beat in the sugar, then blend in lemon juice and lemon zest. Four lemon mixture into the top of a double boiler. Cook over hot water, stirring constantly, until mixture is thick.

5 to 8 minutes. Cool completely. Whip the cream in a medium bowl with an electric mixer until stiff. Spread half of the whipped cream in the bottom of the cooled meringue shell. Spread with cooled lemon custard filling, then top with remaining whipped cream. Chill about 12 hours before serving. Makes 8 servings.

This recipe appears in the Miami National Council of Jewish Women's cookbook, "Recipes to Savor."
EMBERS SALAD DRESSING
2 cups mayonnaise
1/2 cup ketchup
1/3 cup sour cream
1/4 cup juice from a jar of sweet pickles or pickle relish
2 garlic cloves, crushed

1 teaspoon yellow mustard
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon paprika
Juice of 2 lemons
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 hard-boiled egg (optional)
Olives (optional)
Blend mayonnaise, ketchup, sour cream, pickle juice, garlic, mustard, sugar, paprika, lemon juice and Worcestershire sauce in a blender for a second or two. Refrigerate 24 hours before serving. If you like, chop egg fine and garnish salad plates with egg and olives. Makes 2 1/2 cups dressing.

Beans

Continued from C1
MILLENNIUM CONFETTI BEAN SALAD
Makes 8 servings
1 can (15 ounces) Garbanzo beans, rinsed, drained
1 can (15 ounces) Red Kidney beans, rinsed, drained
1 can (15 ounces) Pinto beans, rinsed, drained
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes with roasted garlic, undrained
1 can (8 3/4 ounces) whole kernel corn, drained
1 jar (8 ounces) mushrooms and garlic, drained
1/2 cup fat-free Caesar Italian salad dressing
2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
1/4 teaspoon pepper
Mix all ingredients. Serve at room temperature, can be chilled or heated as desired.

4 green onions and tops, sliced
2 large cloves garlic, minced
1 to 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 cups broccoli florets
1 can (15 ounces) Blackeyes or 1 1/2 cups cooked dry-packaged Blackeyes, rinsed, drained
1 cup reduced-sodium beef broth
4 teaspoons cornstarch
1 1/2 cups halved cherry tomatoes
Salt and pepper, to taste
3 cups cooked wild rice or white rice, hot
Stir fry beef, onion and garlic in oil in wok or large skillet until beef is browned, 3 to 5 minutes. Add broccoli and stir fry 2 to 3 minutes. Add Blackeyes and cook, covered, over medium heat until broccoli is crisp-tender, 3 to 4 minutes. Mix beef broth and cornstarch; add to skillet and heat to boiling. Boil, stirring constantly, until thickened, about 1 minute. Add tomatoes; cook 1 to 2 minutes longer. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve over rice.

1 teaspoon minced garlic
1 tablespoon flour
1 pound boneless, skinless chicken tenders, cut into 1-inch pieces
1 can (15 ounces) Red Kidney beans, drained and rinsed
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
1 1/4 cups fat-free reduced-sodium chicken broth
2 tablespoons tomato paste
1 can (4 ounces) mushrooms, drained
2 extra orange rind (3-by-1 inch)
3/4 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
1/2 teaspoon dried tarragon leaves
Salt and pepper, to taste
4 cups cooked noodles or rice, warm
Spray large saucpan with cooking spray; heat over medium heat until hot. Sauté onion and garlic 5 minutes; stir in flour and cook 1 minute. Add chicken and cook until browned, about 5 minutes.

STIR-FRIED BLACKEYES AND BEEF
Makes 4 servings
12 ounces boneless beef eye of round or sirloin steak, cut into 1 1/2-inch strips

CHICKEN MARENGO
Makes 6 main dish servings
Vegetable cooking spray
2 cups chopped onions

Add remaining ingredients, except salt, pepper and rice to saucpan; heat to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, until onions are tender and chicken is cooked, 10 to 15 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve over noodles or rice.

Tips

cooking. Add acidic ingredients, such as tomatoes, vinegar, wine or citrus juices, only at end of cooking, or the beans will not soften.
To test for doneness, bite-eat a few beans. They should be tender, but not mushy. When cooking, keep beans in cooking liquid to prevent them from drying out.
• Secrets for storing: Cooked dry beans can be stored in airtight containers in the freezer for up to 6 months. Bean dishes can be stored about 4 to 5 days in refrigerator.
• Bean counting:
1 pound dry-packaged beans (uncooked) = about 2 cups dry = 5 to 6 cups cooked, drained.
1 cup dry-packaged beans (uncooked) = 3 cups cooked = about 2 cans (15 1/2 ounces each), drained.

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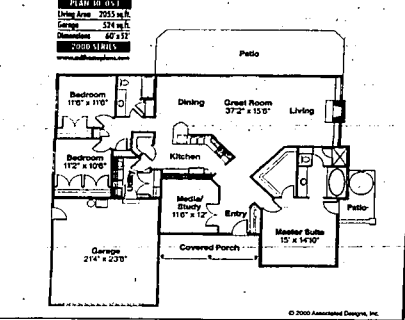
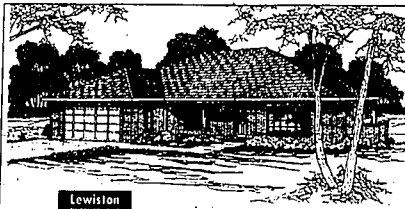
This three-bedroom home is designed for families who have little use for formal living spaces. The functions generally served by a living room, dining room and family room are combined here in one large, brightly lit, open-plan shaped great room. It boasts a 9-foot ceiling, gas fireplace, and a richly windowed rear wall. One set of sliding glass doors provides access to a large patio. Interesting angles characterize the walls opposite the windows.

The kitchen, too, is angled. Amenities here include a step-in pantry, extensive counter space, and built-in appliances. A large utility room with plenty of storage space is just steps away. The utility room has garage access as well, handy for unloading groceries in inclement weather or after dark. The garage is large enough to shelter two cars and still have space for storage and a workbench.

Another one of those angled wall spaces is the master suite's spacious walk-in closet. Other luxuries in the master suite include a small private patio with space for an outdoor spa, and a private bathroom with oversized shower, spa tub, and separately enclosed toilet.

Secondary bedrooms share the central bathroom and are well-isolated from the master suite. Linen closets in the bedrooms plus there's a large linen closet in the bathroom as well.

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Frozen foods take center stage

By Joe Stump
Knight Ridder News Service

When it comes to food, fresh is always best, right? Well... in a perfect world, we'd all eat perfectly ripe tomatoes plucked from the vine, clear-eyed fish steamed straight from the sea, rich, moist cake pulled right from the oven. But in reality, factors such as availability, cost, convenience and even taste and nutrition may dictate otherwise.

These days, frozen foods occupy center stage in many supermarkets. Here are tips to keep in mind when buying and using frozen foods:

- Start by making the frozen food department the last stop during your grocery trip, to help keep those products frozen. Bag frozen foods together (or make sure the store does), return home promptly and place immediately in the freezer.
- Keep the temperature of that freezer at zero degrees or lower. Use a thermometer or this rule of thumb: if the freezer can't keep ice cream brick solid, the freezer is too warm. If that's the case, don't plan to store food more than a week or two.
- Freezer burn - the gray or white dried surface on frozen food caused by exposure to air - may make food somewhat dry and lacking in flavor, but it's not dangerous. To avoid freezer burn, use a moisture-proof, sturdy package that's the correct size for the contents. When using freezer bags, squeeze out as much air as possible before sealing.
- Thaw frozen foods in the refrigerator rather than at room temperature, which can hasten spoilage. If defrosting foods in the microwave, use only microwave-safe dishes or containers. Some foods, on the other hand, do not need to be thawed and can be cooked or heated straight from the freezer. They include uncooked casseroles

(including combination dishes with meats and vegetables), baked bread and rolls and uncooked fruit pies. Cooked soups, casseroles and meat dishes need partial thawing before heating.

EASY BROCCOLI-CHEESE SOUP

- 2-tablespoons margarine or butter
 - 1/2 cup shredded carrot
 - 1/2 cup chopped onion
 - 2 tablespoons flour
 - 1 jar (15 ounces) cheese and salsa dip
 - 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) ready-to-serve chicken broth
 - 1 package (9 ounces) frozen cut broccoli, thawed, larger pieces cut in half
 - 1 cup milk
- Melt margarine in large saucepan over medium heat. Add carrot and onion, return home, stirring occasionally. Sprinkle flour over vegetables; stir to blend. Add all remaining ingredients; blend well. Cook over medium heat until thoroughly heated, stirring occasionally. Makes four 1 1/2-cup servings.

-Source: Green Giant (Pillsbury)

TIRAMISU

- 2 eggs
 - 3/4 cup sugar
 - 1/2 cup strong coffee
 - 8 ounces mascarpone cheese or cream cheese, softened
 - 1 16-ounce frozen pound cake, cut into 18 cubes
 - 2 cups whipping cream
 - 2 tablespoons powdered sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon cocoa powder
- In a medium saucepan, combine eggs, 1/2 cup sugar and 1/4 cup coffee. Using a wire whisk, beat egg mixture over medium-low heat 3 to 5 minutes until mixture is frothy and thickened; let cool. In a small cup, combine remaining 1/4 cup sugar and 1/4 cup coffee. In a medium bowl, combine mascarpone cheese and egg mixture; beat with an electric mixer until smooth. Lay 9 slices pound cake on bottom of

11 1/2-by-8-inch pan. Brush with half of the coffee mixture. Spoon cheese mixture over cake and place remaining cake slices on top; brush with remaining coffee mixture. In medium bowl, beat whipping cream and powdered sugar with electric mixer until soft peaks form. Gently spread mixture over cake and dust with cocoa powder. Makes 9 servings.

-Source: Sam Lee.

HAND-HELD QUILCHE

- 6 frozen waffles, toasted
 - 1 cup shredded low-fat Swiss cheese
 - 6 strips turkey bacon, cooked and crumbled to 1/2 cup
 - 1/2 cup egg substitute
 - 1/2 cup low-fat plain yogurt
 - 2 tablespoons sliced green onions
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- Vegetable cooking spray. Place waffles on foil-lined tray coated with cooking spray. Sprinkle each waffle with cheese and bacon. Combine remaining ingredients and spread evenly over each waffle. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until set and lightly browned. Serve hot. Makes 6 servings.

-Source: Kellogg's.

Cooking for one takes creativity

By Kathleen Purvis
Knight Ridder News Service

The worst time is from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The time was, that was Rudolph Ferre's favorite part of the day. Her husband, George, an orthopedic surgeon, would come home to their house in Cheraw, S.C., and sit at the table while Ferre did the cooking.

But then George died last spring. And Ferre, who's in her mid-60s, had to find a way to spend those hours.

Now, each night at 5:30, Ferre has a ritual: She cooks a real meal for herself - something fresh, not just leftovers. She sets the table, with a place mat and candles. She pours herself a glass of wine, turns on the TV and has dinner, first with Tom Brokaw, then with Dan Rather. Then she cleans up the kitchen to the sound of "Entertainment Tonight." When she's finished, it's 8 o'clock. And the hard part is over.

Getting creative is part of what Marion Cunningham teaches. The author of several cookbooks, including "The Fanny Farmer Cookbook," Cunningham turned her experiences as a cooking teacher into a book for beginners, "Learning to Cook."

Many of Cunningham's students were single people who had never seen cooking being done regularly. Making it an everyday activity for them was part of her challenge.

Stock your pantry

- **Butter** - Buy in bulk. It's cheaper and lasts longer.
- **Oil** - Buy in bulk. It's cheaper and lasts longer.
- **Spices** - Buy in bulk. It's cheaper and lasts longer.
- **Herbs** - Buy in bulk. It's cheaper and lasts longer.
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- **Butternut squash** - Buy in bulk. It's cheaper and lasts longer.
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- **Green beans** - Buy in bulk. It's cheaper and lasts longer.
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- **Pinto beans** - Buy in bulk. It's cheaper and lasts longer.
- **Navy beans** - Buy in bulk. It's cheaper and lasts longer.
- **Great Northern beans** - Buy in bulk. It's cheaper and lasts longer.
- **Black-eyed peas** - Buy in bulk. It's cheaper and lasts longer.
- **Split peas** - Buy in bulk. It's cheaper and lasts longer.
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- **CHEESE SOUFFLE FOR ONE**
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 4 tablespoons milk or half and half
- 1/3 cup shredded cheddar cheese (preferably sharp)
- 1 egg, separated
- Pinch of dry mustard
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a small saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Stir in flour and cook until bubbly, about 30 seconds. Reduce heat to low; whisk in milk and stir until thickened. Remove from heat and stir in cheese, dry mustard and salt and pepper, stirring cheese 'til melted. Stir in egg yolk. Set aside. In a small, very clean bowl with a clean whisk, whip egg white until soft peaks form (when you lift the whisk, the peaks will stand up, then fold over.) With rubber spatula, fold egg white into cheese mixture, lifting under and up through batter just until combined (a few streaks of white may remain.) Spoon into a 10-ounce oven-safe dish with straight sides. Smooth top. Then run your finger around the rim of the dish (that helps the top rise higher). Place in preheated oven and bake for 20 minutes, until top is puffy. Serve immediately. (If the top doesn't rise, don't fret - a fallen souffle is still tasty.)

15 minutes. Stir in broccoli, cover and cook 5 minutes. Stir in pasta and cook briefly, just to heat through. Taste and correct seasoning. (If you aren't using reduced-sodium broth, make sure you taste the soup before adding salt.)

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It's easy to forget lettuces can be cooked

By Kathleen Purvis
Knight Ridder News Service

Whether you sowed a row of lettuce seed when the ground was still cool, or buy a bag of mixed greens at a farm stand, or grow through the green bundles under the sprinkle in your supermarket, salad greens should be bright and fresh. Look for lettuces that are crisp and free of signs and browning leaves.

At home, wash them and drain them completely, either shaking them dry or using a salad spinner. For very dirty lettuces, fill a sink with cold water, swish your lettuces, then lift the leaves out of the water, leaving the grit and sand at the bottom of the sink.

The best way to keep lettuce is to put it in paper towels, then store it in a plastic bag in the coldest part of the refrigerator. Cloth produce bags, available in some kitchen supply stores, also keep lettuce crisp for days. Dampen the bag first, then roll the lettuce in it loosely. If you clean your lettuce, removing the core, then store it as soon as you get it home, it will be crisp and chilled, ready to use at a moment's notice.

There are so many members of the salad green group, it's impossible to list them all. Generally, they break down into four types - loose leaf lettuces, crispheads, butterheads and romaines. But all are low in calories, and most have calcium, iron and vitamins A and C. As a rule, the darker the lettuce, the higher it is in nutrients.

Now, what are you going to do with your lettuce? True, a freshly picked bowl of salad greens, dressed modestly with a simple vinaigrette, is always in fashion. But in a world of salad bars, it's easy to forget that lettuces can be cooked, too. The thick stems of romaine turn tender when braised in a little liquid. The tender green of soft lettuces add a buttery note to fresh peas. Cooked in broth and sauced, a butterhead lettuce can transform into a velvety soup. It's spring. Turn over a new leaf.

Adapted from "Butter Beans to Blackberries," by Ferni Landy (North Point Press, 1999). Cooking fresh garden peas under a leaf of lettuce is an old favorite. This version adapts the idea by cooking peas and lettuce together.

If you have peas from the supermarket, cook the peas with the onions for 20 minutes. Or use frozen baby peas. This can be served over hot, cooked grits for a summer meal.

SPRING PEAS AND LETTUCE
Makes 4 to 6 servings.
2 cups frozen baby peas (or shelled fresh green peas)
1/2 pearl onions
1 cup water
2 tablespoons butter
1 teaspoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
16 large leaves romaine or curly leaf lettuce
Fresh ground black pepper

If using frozen peas, pour them into a colander to thaw slightly while you cook the onions. Trim the ends from the onions and remove the papery outer skins.

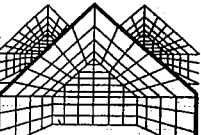
In a saucepan with a lid, heat the water and butter over medium heat until the butter melts. Add the sugar, salt and onions and fresh peas, if using. Turn the heat very low, cover and simmer for 15 minutes. Rinse the lettuce leaves well and slice them into thin strips, about 2 inches long and 1/2-inch wide. Stir lettuce leaves and frozen peas into the onion mixture. Cover and cook about 5 minutes. Stir to make sure lettuce is combined with the broth. Cover and cook 5 minutes longer. Add pepper to taste and serve immediately.

Adapted from "Pete Luckett's Cookbook and Guide to Fresh Fruits & Vegetables," by Kathleen Robinson and Pete Luckett (Fisher Books, 1990). Romaine-type lettuces lend themselves to braised dishes, where the moisture allows the ribs to cook until tender.

LETTUCE AND BACON
Makes 4 servings.
2 heads romaine lettuce, washed, shaken dry and cut into quarters
3 to 4 slices bacon, sliced
1/2 large onion, sliced

1 large tomato, seeded and coarsely chopped
1/2 pound mushrooms, sliced
1 teaspoon dried thyme
1/4 cup chicken broth
Bring a large pot of water to boil. Cook lettuce for 1 minute, just to soften. Remove and drain in a strainer or colander. Pat dry between paper towels. Empty pot, dry it and return to heat. Add bacon and cook over medium-high heat, just until it begins

to brown but isn't crisp. Add mushrooms and onions and cook, stirring frequently, until mushrooms begin to soften. Add tomato and reduce heat to medium. Cook until vegetables are soft. Add lettuce and broth. Cover and cook over medium heat about 5 minutes. Remove cover, increase heat to medium-high and cook until lettuce is soft and some of the liquid has cooked away. Serve hot.



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Potpie recipe is a favorite through the generations

By Ellen Hawks
The Baltimore Sun

A Slippery Potpie recipe was the request of Susan Livingston of Johnstown, Pa., who said she lost this recipe.

Laurey Krouse Cappe of Towson, Md., responded with a recipe she said came from "my 80-year-old mother, who got it from her mother, who got it from her mother. I don't know how many more generations this Pennsylvania Dutch recipe goes back."

SLIPPERY POTPIE

2 quarts chicken, ham or beef stock
2 cups of meat used to make stock, shredded

1 cup chopped celery
1 medium onion, chopped
1 cup chopped carrot
2-3 peeled and diced potatoes
1 tablespoon parsley flakes
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

DOUGH:

3 cups all purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup lard or butter (optional)
3/4 cup water (1 1/2 cups to 2 cups if not using lard or butter)
Bring the first 9 ingredients to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for about 30 minutes while making the dough.

In a mixing bowl or in the bowl of food processor fitted with a steel blade, combine dough ingredients, adding the water a bit at a time until the dough reaches the

consistency of a pie crust, like a coarse cornmeal. Roll out the dough on a floured surface to about 1/16-inch thickness. Cut dough into 2- to 3-inch squares with a dough cutter or knife.

Bring broth back to a boil and slip the dough squares one by one into the boiling broth. Reduce heat. Cover and cook gently for about 30 minutes more. Serve with a side dish of coleslaw. Serves 8-10.
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ments: "This is like a rich chicken noodle soup more than like a potpie. The crust, which is lowered into the cooking soup, is thin enough to resemble homemade noodles more than dumplings. I can't imagine what a ham version of this would taste like, but the chicken version made the whole kitchen smell homey and wonderful. I would suggest cutting the crust into 1- to 2-inch squares. At 3 inches, they are unwieldy and not too pretty in the soup."



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Parsley, sage and rosemary time

By Carol J. G. Ward
Knight Ridder News Service

When Melinda Spencer and Beverly Kleckley tell how the Herb Bunch gardening club got started, they share identical stories even down to many of the word choices. You get the feeling that, if they were telling the story together, they'd finish each other's sentences.

Three years ago the friends turned their mutual love of gardening into a quest to learn how to grow and use herbs.

"Both of us come from backgrounds where our grandparents gardened a lot ... We both are kind of earthy, both like to cook," Spencer said.

When Spencer and Kleckley began sharing their enthusiasm with others, the result was the Herb Bunch, a club that meets monthly in Lexington, S.C. Spencer is president, and Kleckley is vice president.

The Herb Bunch has an emphasis on growing, cooking and crafting with herbs but also plans educational programs on herb medicinal and therapeutic uses, including aromatherapy.

Spencer and Kleckley went to workshops. They learned about how to grow herbs, cook with them and prepare them for medi-

cal uses. Then they heard about a Shakespearean herb luncheon in Abingdon, Va., and off they went to the Herb Bunch.

They shared their idea with another friend, Willie Wingard, who had retired from Lexington County Family and Community Leaders, a program of Clemson University. The three decided the Clemson Extension Service would be the perfect partner for the club.

They mailed flyers and made phone calls, and in August 1997 35 herb enthusiasts - women and men, gardeners, business leaders, educators and students - attended the first meeting of what became the Herb Bunch.

The Herb Bunch has collected members' recipes into a cookbook called "Collected Herbal Favorites." Cost is \$10. For information, call (803) 359-8515.

GREEN BEAN SALAD WITH SHALLOTS AND MINT

- 4 servings
- 1 cup green beans
- 1/2 cup walnuts, chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped mint
- 1/2 cup minced shallots
- 2 tablespoons white wine or rice vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

- 1/4 cup walnut oil
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Trim beans and break into 2 1/2 inch pieces. Steam beans 5-6 minutes. Transfer beans to a bowl. Add walnuts. Mix mint, shallots, vinegar, salt, pepper, walnut oil and olive oil. Pour over green beans. Toss and let stand at least 30 minutes before serving.

CHIVE AND CHEDDAR BISCUITS

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup vegetable shortening
- 1 cup grated cheddar or sharp cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh chives
- 1 cup milk
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- Preheat oven to 450 degrees. In a large bowl, mix the flour, baking powder and salt. With a pastry cutter, cut in the shortening until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in the cheese and chives. Add the milk and stir just until the mixture forms a soft dough. Push the dough into a large bowl, mix the flour, baking powder and salt. With a pastry cutter, cut in the shortening until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in the cheese and chives. Add the milk and stir just until the mixture forms a soft dough. Push the dough into a lightly floured surface; knead to mix thoroughly. Roll dough into a cylinder. Cut in 1-inch slices and place on a cookie sheet. Brush with melted butter. Bake 12-15 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 12 to 15 biscuits.

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Knight Ridder News Service

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Want to grow herbs? Begin with a collection of four easy basics

By Adrienne Cook
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - It would be difficult to think of a category of plants more easily grown or more gratifying than herbs. Few insects or diseases bother these innocuous plants, they take to a range of soil conditions and the scope and intensity of flavor they produce belie the modesty of their physical stature.

Herbs are marvelously adaptable. Compact, narrow-leaved thyme or a silvery mound of sage can be snuggled among perennials for satisfying visual impact. Spiky-leaved, aromatic rosemary or rose-scented geraniums are happy to be confined to patio planters. Parsley and cilantro will drape comfortably from hanging baskets. French tarragon takes as easily to dappled shade as to full sun; chives tolerate even dense shade. Oregon's spreading habit and easygoing nature make it a candidate for a hard-to-plant area. Marjoram's wealth of pink and purple summer flowers draw an abundance of eager ben-

eficial insects to flower or vegetable garden. And mints thrive anywhere, wet or dry, sun or shade.

At the core of a well-rounded collection are the familiar parsley, basil, thyme and chives.

Old parsley can be insipid and bitter, but when used right out of the garden and in abundance, its flavor is surprisingly complex and rich: wild and clear-cut with a touch of mint and a distinct pepperiness. Parsley lives for two seasons; in its second year, it produces flowers and goes to seed; the flavor falls off. Plant it anew (or sow seeds) every spring.

Basil is spicy, clove-scented, utterly appealing, but a warm-weather annual. Don't sow seeds or plant seedlings until mid-May at the earliest. Once established under the blazing summer sun, it will give unstintingly.

Thyme and chives are both perennials - they'll live for years in the garden. The former is the Lilliputian-leaved secret of many of Europe's most delectable traditional soups and stews. But

thyme also is at home on the American grill, lavishly seasoning fish, chicken or lamb or lending a lemony marinated-mushroom salad. In American gardens, thyme is undemanding enough to be squeezed between paving stones on a well-trod path, paired with other herbs or a cluster of flowers in hanging baskets or pots or permitted to grow with abandon at the edge of a perennial border.

Chives may qualify as one of the most beautiful herbs as well as the most useful. In spring, it produces a profusion of mauve and pink blooms borne at the end of stalks like so many lavender cotton balls. In the kitchen, add chives to everything from soups hot or cold to salads green or white. In between, they'll accompany thyme satisfyingly on grilled chicken or fish (top the entree with snippets of chives just before serving), impart their flavor to whipped butter melting on a sizzled steak, proudly spike a baked potato and meld equally well with grilled vegetables or steamed peas.

Cooking with herbs

Knight Ridder News Service

Stagnant fresh herbs will keep for several days in a breathable plastic bag in the refrigerator. The stems can be placed in a glass of water and kept at room temperature.

One of the easiest ways to extend the garden's bounty is to freeze or dry herbs. Remember the drying process concentrates flavor, so when seasoning with dried herbs, use about one-third to one-half as much as you would with fresh.

Because their delicate flavors are easily dissipated by heat, it's best to add fresh herbs near the end of cooking. If you add fresh herbs at the start, add more at the end to get the fresh flavor. On the other hand, dried herbs should be added toward the beginning of cooking to release their flavor.

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Hush puppies will hit the spot

By Linda Cicera
The Miami Herald

There are lots of ways to make hush puppies — sometimes they include corn and/or chopped bell pepper, sometimes they're dusted with confectioners' sugar. This is a basic recipe that never fails, and you can add your own touches.

HUSH PUPPIES

- 1 3/4 cups cornmeal
 - 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
 - 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon black or cayenne pepper
 - 3 tablespoons finely chopped onion
 - 1 cup buttermilk
 - 1 egg, beaten
 - Vegetable oil for frying
- Stir together the cornmeal, flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt and pepper. Add the onion, then the buttermilk. Add the egg and mix well. Let stand while you heat vegetable oil, about 2 inches deep in a heavy skillet, to about 350 degrees. Form ~~hush~~ into log shapes or drop batter by rounded tablespoons into hot oil; fry until golden brown, turning once. Drain on paper towels. Makes about 20.

about 1 cup of the mixture into a bowl; add the pumpkin, nutmeg and cinnamon and stir until well blended. Add the remaining cream mixture. Pour into ice cream maker and freeze according to manufacturer's directions. Makes 1 quart.

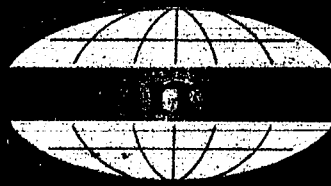
QUESTION: Years ago, I enjoyed an unusual dessert called Illinois Lemon Pie. All I remember is that entire lemons were thinly sliced and covered with sugar. I think it was a two-crust pie. Can you find this recipe?

BARBARA NOVA, ALHAMBRA, CALIF.
ANSWER: Martha Stewart calls this Shaker Lemon Pie in her "Pies and Tarts." The first time I made it I was dubious, fearing it would be too sour, but it is wonderful. The secret is to slice the lemons see-through thin — otherwise the peels will be too tough. Stewart suggests using a meat slicer, but since few of us have one, you simply have to be patient and use a very sharp knife. (I was able to cut 1 large lemon into 40 slices.) If you don't want to make such a large pie, cut the ingredients in half and use an 8-inch pan.

SHAKER LEMON PIE
4 large lemons
4 cups sugar

Dough for 11-inch double crust pie

9 eggs, well beaten
2 egg whites, beaten
Wash 2 unpeeled lemons and cut into paper-thin slices. Remove the peel and pith of the 2 remaining lemons; slice the flesh very, very thinly and put it with the other slices in a large mixing bowl. Add the sugar and toss well to coat. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and let the mixture rest overnight, stirring occasionally. This takes the bitterness from the rind. The next day, preheat the oven to 450 degrees. Press one circle of pastry into an 11-inch pie plate and chill. Add the beaten eggs to the sugar-coated lemon slices and mix well. Turn the mixture into the prepared pie shell, neatly arranging some of the lemon slices on top. Cut long, even slashes 1 inch apart in the other pastry round and cover the filling with it. Crimp the edges of the pie to seal. Brush the pastry top and edges with the beaten egg whites. Bake for 15 minutes. Reduce the oven temperature to 375 degrees and continue baking for 30 minutes, or until the crust is golden brown and shiny. Let cool on a rack before serving. Makes 12 servings.



QUESTION: I have lost my mother's recipe for pumpkin ice cream. Can you help?

ARDEL PRICE, VIA E-MAIL
ANSWER: This recipe avoids using raw eggs and still makes a wonderful ice cream. If you like, add 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves with the other spices, or substitute pumpkin pie spice. Evaporated milk can be substituted for the half-and-half.

PUMPKIN ICE CREAM
2 cups heavy cream
2/3 cup half and half
3/4 cup sugar
1 cup canned pumpkin
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon cinnamon
Whisk the cream and half and half together. Beat in the sugar until no crystals remain. Pour

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Buhl at Wood River, 4 p.m.
High school tennis
Bonneville at Burley, 4 p.m.
Minico, Gooding at Twin Falls, 4 p.m.
Golf
Burley, Minico girls at Falls Classic (at Pinecrest), 10 a.m.
High school softball
Century at Twin Falls, 4 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Filer's Turner signs at SW Oregon

FILER - Filer High School senior Mandi Turner, a point guard on the Lady Wildcats basketball team that played at this year's state tournament, has committed to Southwestern Oregon Community College.

Hills to play baseball at Northwest Nazarene

JEROME - Jerome High School senior pitcher KC Hills has signed to play baseball for Nazarene at Northwest Nazarene University (11-29, 8-19 in the NAIA Cascade Conference).

Hills, a 6-foot-2 lefty averaging 10 strikeouts per game, will be the ace of the bullpen while working his way toward the No. 4 spot in the rotation, according to NNU pitching coach Tim Onofrei.

Onofrei said Hills wanted to attend a Christian school and had verbally committed to Biola University, but later changed his mind.

"We're excited to have him," Onofrei said. "It's the type of player who will fit well into our system. He's a good prospect for sure."

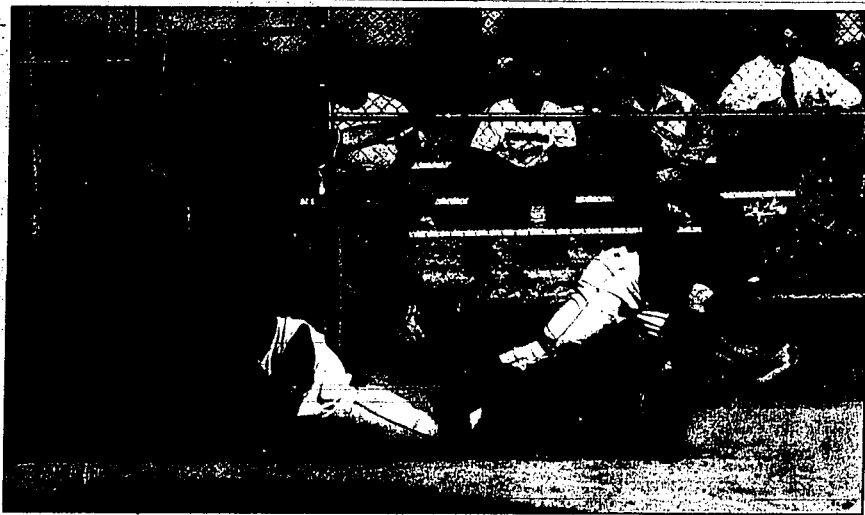
Bratt wins racquetball title in Sandpoint

SANDPOINT - Daniel Bratt, a 1999 Twin Falls High School graduate, won the junior state singles racquetball title last weekend at the Sandpoint Athletic Club.

Bratt, who attends the College of Southern Idaho, also won the state doubles title with Ryan Boyko of North Idaho College. He will compete at the national singles tournament the last weekend of June in Minneapolis, Minn.

Canyon Springs men plan fun night Thursday

TWIN FALLS - The Canyon Springs Men's Golf Association will hold its first fun night of the year on Thursday. The format is a two man scramble. Sign-up in the pro shop; play will start at 5:30 p.m. Added money will be provided by the men's association. For more information, call the pro shop at 734-7609.



Burley High School catcher Joe Peterson tries to tag Jerome's Jonathan Roberts. Roberts scored the winning run in the seventh inning as the Tigers beat the Bobcats 8-0.

Tigers win in seventh inning Hills strikes out 10 in victory over Burley

By John Derr Times-News writer

JEROME - Jerome High School's K.C. Hills celebrated his clinching at Northwest Nazarene University with a big outing. Hills earned the victory on the mound and was responsible for five of the Tiger runs as Jerome scored twice in the bottom of the seventh for the 6-5 win in Region III baseball action.

Hills singled, and Jerome tied it in the second. Pinch runner Matt Wilson scored on a base hit by designated hitter Will Black. The Tigers moved in front 2-1 in the fourth as Hills started the inning with another single.

The advantage became three in the fifth. Jonathan Roberts and Kiel Thibault both singled. Hills blasted one to the gap in right and both runners scored, but he was easily caught stretching for a triple.

"I felt good. I found the zone and took a little off the ball," Hills said. "I sat back on him and roped it." Hills said. The Tigers came out flat and Burley took advantage. Adam Hope reached on an error, then scored twice in the bottom of the seventh for the 6-5 win in Region III baseball action.

"I was pretty excited for her," said Filer coach Kim Krumm. "She has great character. She will represent Filer well."

Seattle aims to even the score with Utah

SEATTLE - Having come up with a big win in Game 3, Gary Payton and the Seattle SuperSonics think they can get two more victories against the Utah Jazz.

"I'm all right and we're OK now," Payton said after Tuesday's practice. "You can't think about next year. We don't have 82 more games. If we lose, we're out."

Utah and Seattle split four games during the regular season, with each team going 1-1 on its homecourt. The Jazz won 98-95 on March 24 in Seattle.

Faced with playoff elimination and a painful summer of criticism, second-year coach Westphal did not play Lazaro Borrell in Game 3 after starting him in Game 1 and playing him off the bench in Game 2.

"It's always exciting if you keep playing. I don't want to go home." After winning Game 3 of their first-round playoff series with Utah, the Sonics can even the series tonight at Key Arena. Game 5, if necessary, will be played Friday in Salt Lake City.

The Sonics prevailed 89-78 Saturday in Seattle as coach Paul Westphal utilized a big lineup of Vin Baker, Horace Grant, Rashard Lewis, Ruben Patterson and Payton at key stretches in the second half.

A minute later, Smith was called for a foul on Peeler, and Smith stared him down again.

The Jazz returned to Salt Lake City between Games 3 and 4. After Tuesday's practice there, they said they were hoping to avoid playing a Game 5.

Take a team to Make Life Stop



Philadelphia's Keith Jones scores a first-period goal on Pittsburgh goalie Ron Tugnutt, left, and fallen Penguins defenseman Jiri Sigm during Tuesday's playoff game in Pittsburgh.

Smith, Blazers bounce T'Wolves

MINNEAPOLIS - Steve Smith got mad, then he kept the Minnesota Timberwolves from getting even.

Portland's Jason Kidd, left, looks to pass around San Antonio's Avery Johnson in the first quarter of Game 5 of their Western Conference first-round playoff series Tuesday in Phoenix.

Flyers beat Pens, stay alive

PITTSBURGH - The Philadelphia Flyers almost had no chance to win the game or lose their season.

The seventh-seeded Penguins took a 2-1 lead into Game 4 of the Eastern Conference semifinals Thursday, but squandered a chance to virtually wrap up the series by allowing the Flyers to dominate the overtime. The top-seeded Flyers outshot them 11-1 in the extra session, with Delmore scoring a shot from the slot past Ron Tugnutt off drop passes by Keith Jones, who had a goal and two assists, and Jody Hull.

The Flyers let Jaromir Jagr's line rally Pittsburgh from a two-goal deficit, then came back to do on the road what they couldn't do at home by winning 4-3 on Andy Delmore's overtime goal Tuesday night to cut the Penguins' series lead to a game.

Jagr scored his fourth and fifth goals of the series and had a hand in every Penguins goal as they rallied from Flyers leads of 2-0 and 3-2 before Philadelphia ended an eight-game playoff overtime losing streak.

Smith hit a key three-pointer minutes after drawing a technical for ruffling with Anthony Peeler, and the Portland Trail Blazers went on to eliminate the Wolves from the NBA playoffs with an 85-77 victory Tuesday night.

The Blazers won the best-of-five series 3-1 and advanced to face the Utah-Seattle winner. The Jazz lead that series 2-1 with Game 4 tonight in Seattle. Minnesota failed to reach the second round for the fourth straight season.

Smith and Peeler confronted each other with 5:07 left and the Wolves clinging to a 73-72 lead. Smith fell down after taking a long jumper, and Peeler walked over him. The two jawed at each other and drew double-technical fouls.

Wallace barked in a jumper from the top of the circle with 32 seconds left, barely beating the buzzer and giving Portland a four-point lead. His two free throws 12 seconds later tied it.

Smith finished with 14 points, one fewer than Rasheed Wallace's 15, and Steve Nash with 10.

Greg Anthony capped the scoring with a pair of free throws that provided the final margin. It was the first time in eight games between the teams this season that the final margin was bigger than seven points.

The Blazers trailed 75-74 before Smith's three-pointer with 3:45 left, and the Wolves never regained the lead. Smith finished with 14 points, one fewer than Rasheed Wallace's 15, and Steve Nash with 10.

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SPORTS

Kimberly rallies to squeeze past Filer

FILER — Kimberly catcher Mindy Woodhull tried and homered Tuesday as the Lady Bulldogs concluded their regular season with a softball victory over host Filer, 10-8.

Local sports
Cory Hamilton single and back-to-back home runs by Sonny Thornbrow and T.J. Cline. Pitcher Seth Mathews improved to 10-0 with the win.

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Jordan, Wilkens meet about coaching job
WASHINGTON — Lenny Wilkens, who resigned from the Atlanta Hawks last month after a 28-54 season, met with Wizards' president of basketball operations Michael Jordan on Tuesday regarding Washington's coaching vacancy.

Bonds' big blast splashes down in SF Bay
SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds' drive soared and sailed and didn't come down until it was in the drink. Nine games into the inaugural season at Pacific Bell Park, there was another first: Bonds' sixth-inning, three-run shot off New York's Rich Rodriguez, part of San Francisco's 10-3 win over the Mets on Monday night, took a 418-foot flight over the right field wall, clearing the pierside walkway and plopping into McCovey Cove.

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Major League Baseball
Diamondbacks 5, Brewers 1
MILWAUKEE — Steve Finley had his second multihomer game this year, the 16th of his career, and Todd Stottlemyre (5-1) allowed one run and four hits in seven innings.

Pirates 10, Cardinals 7
ST. LOUIS — Mark McGwire hit his 531st career home run with a man on in the first off Jason Schmidt. But the Pirates rallied for six runs in the eighth against Heathcliff Slocumb (0-1), who entered with a career .036 ERA in Busch Stadium.

Yankees 4, Indians 2
CLEVELAND — Andy Pettitte (1-1) held Cleveland to one run in a bases-loaded walk — and three singles in six innings Tuesday night, leading the New York Yankees to a 4-2 win over the Indians. Ricky Ledee homered for the first time this year.

Kansas City 8, Athletics 7
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Carlos Febles' RBI single capped a three-run 10th inning. Jason Isringhausen, who was 14-for-14 in 19 career save chances, was two outs away from tying the major league record for consecutive saves starting a career.

Orioles 7, Angels 6
BALTIMORE — Mike Bordick singled in the winning run in the ninth inning as Baltimore rallied to beat Troy Percival and Anaheim. Baltimore led 5-0 lead, then came back to score twice in the ninth without making an out. Mike Trombley (2-3) got the win.

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LETTERS Spartans sweep Region III

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This year in Kendall Grant. This is not just a program up; this is just the continuation of a very successful program.

CHARLES LEHRMAN
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Of renegades and rednecks
This is in regard to the Sidelone comment by Kevin Hall about the Magic Valley Speedway and Steve York's letter to the editor. Steve, you may be taking things a little too serious and, Kevin, you are not coming across with the humor I think you intended. I have been involved with the racing activities at the speedway for almost 10 years now. I am a spectator and a driver. The speedway, and the sport of racing, draws wide a variety of people. Yes, "rednecks" and "renegades" and even "rebels" frequent the track, both in the stands and in the pits. There are also within its ranks leaders of our community, church-going families and the "kid next door" in attendance. Maybe we need to look at the definition of redneck and renegade.

The definition of "redneck" (according to Webster) is a white member of the Southern rural laboring class. I would have to say that the permanent residents of southern Idaho are mostly white and are of the rural laboring class. This is a farming community and outdoor sports like hunting, fishing and camping are on the sporting list for these people as well as the golf and Little League. Could the people of Idaho be considered rednecks or is that reserved for those only living in the "Southern" part of the United States? The definition for renegade (according to Webster) is one who rejects one's religion, cause, allegiance or group for another. Often called a traitor and an outlaw. If we the people of the United States did not have forefathers that were renegades, the pilgrims would not have ever sailed to this country and we would still be under a British rule and religion, the "Wild West" would still be uninhabited (including Idaho), and the sport of racing may not have evolved into the sport as we know today. Fast Racing started with the moonshine running days of the South.

And when we arrived in the Americas, didn't the native people have a different religion, culture and allegiance than our forefathers? Who is the renegade there? Of the fans and racers that are seen to frequent the Magic Valley Speedway on Saturday nights, many can be seen with clothes, hair, vehicles and other items that perhaps put them into the visual classes of rednecks, renegades, rebels or the typical family next door. Kevin reported what he and anybody who has ever been at an event that draws a crowd has seen. And Steve, protecting the fans from ridicule is noble, after all, they are our livelihood. Kevin was given an award for his writing ability and reporting what he saw on the track. His observations and opinions may not always be the same as yours, but he has been given the constitutional freedom by our "renegade" forefathers to report what he sees and feels. Was this not reporting, humor and all a little short or perhaps just the facts? BILLI MILLES
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By Matt Peterson
Times-News writer
RUPERT - Minico used a five-run third inning to break open a scoreless game, then handed by a 9-4 victory over Focacello Tuesday under the lights at Warburton Field. The win completed a perfect 12-0 sweep of the Region III playoffs for the Spartans, now 20-0 overall. "Now everybody goes back to zero-zero," said Minico head coach Russ Wright, whose team came out as a first-round favorite in the Region III tournament and will host the winner of the No. 4-vs.-5 game Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. Third baseman Jason Crowland kept the five-run Minico third, launching a towering grand slam over the left field fence after Focacello opted to load the bases by intentionally walking catcher Jared Price. "That will probably hang a little bit," Wright said. "Guys stepping up" is going to be pivotal because Price is a great player and you're probably not going to let him beat you if you have an alternative. I thought Crow led the ball real well. The home run came on a 0-1 hanging breaking ball - one of the few poor pitches Hubbard threw all night, said Pocacello head coach Gary Fink. This is the first varsity game (Hubbard has thrown) in Region III and L28 overall with the loss. The teams finished at the No. 3-seeded team in Region III and will host the No. 6 seed Monday. Outdueling Hubbard was Minico sophomore John Fennell. Fennell's right hand scattered seven hits in seven innings and struck out nine to earn the victory. He worked ahead in the count all night, throwing first-pitch strikes to 20 of the 32 hitters he faced, and retiring the leadoff man in five of the game's seven innings. "I Johnny walk balls tonight," Wright said. Price, playing in front of several major league scouts, finished 2-for-2 with two doubles, two walks and two runs scored in Center fielder Jim Roske led the Indians, going 2-for-4 with a double.
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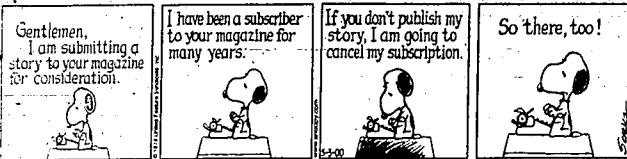
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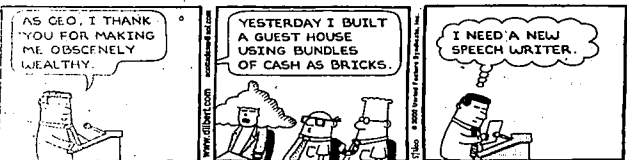
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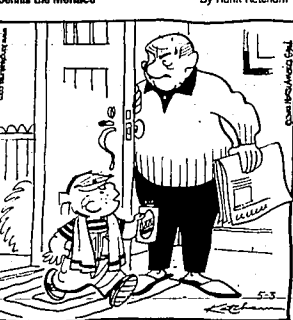
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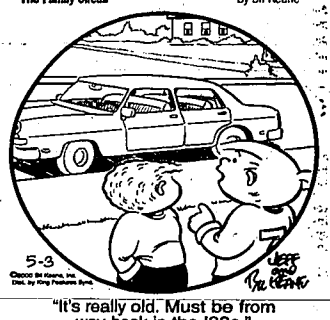
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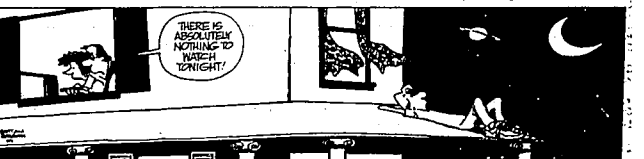
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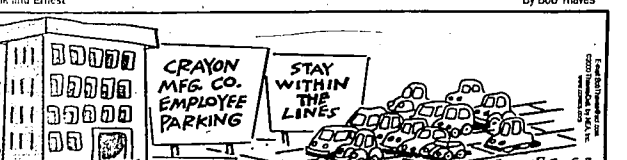
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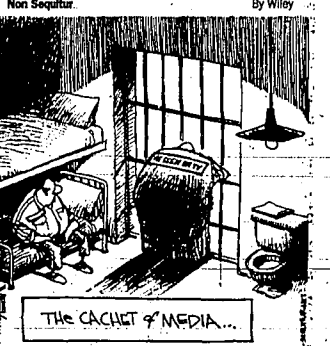
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CONGRESSIONAL WINNERS

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Twin Falls and Kimberly students were recognized for hundreds of hours of community service and personal development in Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorn's annual silver and bronze Congressional Awards at a February ceremony at O'Leary Junior High School. Winners and dignitaries are left to right: Casey York, Nancy VanWynne, Lindsay Kevan, Malinda Barrett, Adam Jussel, Joseph Michta, Casey Tucker, Austin Krasl, Keith Smith, Kevin Jossel and Elsie Blumhagen; middle row: Tiffany Barrett, Melissa Hoover, Angie Fry, Laura Boyd, Elise Tateoka, Leah Weeks, Julie Herthel, Glenn Nahapet, Kellie Scheck and Brooks Jaylino; front row: Twin Falls Police Chief Leo DeVora; Twin Falls School Board Chairman Vera Rodman, Twin Falls Mayor Idaho Steeke, Idaho Congressional Award President Barbara Vander Boegh, Gov. Kempthorn, Idaho Sen. Larry Craig, Twin Falls Superintendent Terrell Doughty, State Controller J.D. Williams, Magic Goetz and O'Leary Principal Willy Dobbs. Not pictured are Ben Adrian, Carmel Adrian and Amber Rae Herwood. Bronze medalists completed 200 hours of community service, 50 hours mentoring personal development goals, 50 hours on physical fitness and spent at least one night on a wilderness outing and other exploration. Silver recipients doubled these amounts. Silver medalists were Ben Adrian, Malinda Barrett, Fry, Adam Jussel and Nabesh earned silver medals. The remainder earned bronze awards.

Group hosts child safety seat check

JEROME - Idaho SAFE KIDS will host a child safety seat check from 4-7 p.m. Friday at Con Paulos Chevrolet at 901 S. Lincoln St. in Jerome.

Local certified child-passenger safety technicians will show parents how to install safety seats to a vehicle's seat belt system, and how to place a child correctly in the seat.

People are also invited to have technicians check safety seat installation in their vehicles.

More than 90 percent of child safety seats in Idaho are not installed correctly, which may reduce the seat's effectiveness in a crash, SAFE KIDS coordinators said.

For more information, call the Magic Valley SAFE KIDS Coalition at 1-800-947-4852, Ext. 2433, a local public health department or the area Idaho State Police Agency.

Clubs

Rotary Clubs
Blue Lakes - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Weston Plaza Hotel & Convention Center in Twin Falls; 734-7037 or 734-4127.
Burley - Noon Tuesdays at Burley Inn Convention Center; 678-4221.
Buhl - Noon Thursdays at the Appleton Restaurant in Buhl; 543-6941 or 543-6235.
Gooding - 12:15 p.m. Friday at the Lincoln Inn; 534-4385.
Bakley - Noon Thursdays at the Senior Center of Blaine County; 789-0897 or 789-2214.
Jerome - Noon Tuesdays at China Village; 123 S. Alder; 324-7000 or 324-4511.
Ketchum - Noon on Tuesday at Clarion Inn Restaurant; Bob Stone at 732-74100.
Rupert - Noon Wednesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge; Call Jack Holl at 436-5911.
Shoshone - Noon Wednesdays at the Senior Citizens Center; 886-2221 or 886-2883.
Twin Falls - Noon Wednesdays at the Turf Club in Twin Falls; 734-4023 or 734-6543.
Lions Clubs
Bakley - Noon Fridays at Price's Cafe; 2444 Overland Ave.; 678-2037.
Gooding - 6 p.m. on the second and third Mondays at the Lincoln Inn; 534-4141.
Hailey - Noon first and third Wednesdays at Pull Motel Restaurant in Bellevue.
Hayburn - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at Hayburn fire station; 436-8035.
Jerome - Noon Tuesday at China Village; 324-7000 or 324-4511.
Rupert - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Monday at Rod Crossing building; 707 F.E. 436-6301.
Shoshone - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at United Methodist Church; 605 H.E. 436-9662.
Twin Falls - Noon Wednesdays at the Jade Restaurant; 734-5023.
Twin Falls Menorah - Meets first and third Thursdays at the Menorah Truck in Twin Falls.
Kiwanis Clubs
Buhl - Noon Wednesdays at The Grandstand Sports Grill; call 543-3230 or 543-5756.
Burley - Noon Wednesdays at Price's Cafe; 2444 Overland Ave.; 678-3223 or 678-2037.
Filer - Noon Tuesdays at the Filer Memorial Church; 526-4530 or 526-4051.
Hawser - Noon Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks; 436-8124.
Jerome - Noon Thursdays at the Jerome Elks Center; 212 First Ave. E.; call 324-3232.
Owada Falls - Noon Thursdays at the Turf Club for lunch; 736-4275 or 734-4244.
Optimist Clubs
Twin Falls - Noon Thursdays at the Magic Valley Center; 733-2273, 733-7035 or 734-7905.
Bakley - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Copi's; 543-6941.
Wendell - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Wendell Restaurant in Wendell; 536-6470.
Civil Air Patrol
Burley - 7 p.m. Mondays at the Federal Aviation Administration Building at the Burley Airport; 677-5203 or 678-5661.
Twin Falls - 7 p.m. Mondays at 702

Lazy J Homeowners meets today for program by funeral home

TWIN FALLS - The Lazy J Homeowners' Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. today at the park meeting room at 6305 E. Pollock Ave. Road in Twin Falls.

The program will be presented by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home and includes refreshments and prizes.

Minidoka County schools set kindergarten registration

RUPERT - Kindergarten registration for Minidoka County schools is scheduled for Thursday and Friday.

Parents can register students for Heyburn Elementary, Paul Elementary and Memorial Elementary between 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday at the schools.

Aquatic Elementary registration is set from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday at the school.

The child must be 5-years-old on or before Sept. 1. Parents must bring the child's health certificate and immunization records.

Snake River Plaza hosts Gift and Craft Fair this weekend

BURLEY - The Snake River Plaza will host a Gift and Craft Fair from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Exhibitors feature jewelry, crafts, import items, candles, ceramics, jewelry and wood items will be on hand.

There is no cost to attend. Exhibitor booths are still available for a fee.

For more information to reserve a booth, call Steve Thompson at 679-3143.

O'Leary Junior High holds seventh-grade orientation night

TWIN FALLS - O'Leary Junior High School will hold a seventh-grade orientation night for 2000-2001 students from 7-9 p.m. Monday in the school auditorium at 2350 Elizabeth Ave. in Twin Falls.

Parents and students will meet in the auditorium, tour the campus and have ice cream sundaes.

For more information, call 733-2155.

Twin Falls Farmers' Market opens for the season Saturday

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Farmers' Market opens for its ninth season from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the parking lot at Grocery Outlet and Kmart on addition avenue in Twin Falls.

Hundreds of bedding plants, early spring produce, baked goods and crafts will be featured.

For more information, call Rose Garber at 739-5913 or Steve Tanguy at 734-7134.

Oakley resident celebrates 80th birthday with open house

OAKLEY - Norma Udy Bedke will be honored from 1-5 p.m. Saturday at an open house to celebrate her 80th birthday.

Bedke Feedlot Rec Hall at 1900 S. 600 W. on Marion Road in Oakley.

Bedke was born May 5, 1920 to Lot Smith and Etta Rich Udy on the Joseph Udy Homestead on Connor near Elba, the eldest of seven children.

She graduated from Malta High School in 1938 and the Albion State School with a teacher's certificate. She taught school for three years before marrying Karl E. "Chic" Bedke Dec. 19, 1942, and spending the next 52 years on Goose Creek as a rancher's wife and mother of six children, Leta (Don) Bennett, Karl A. "Bud" (Pat) Bedke and Frank A. (Phyllis) Bedke.

She has 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Bedke has 25 great-grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Friends and relatives are invited and she requests no gifts. A note with a favorite memory would be appreciated.

Christian Women's Club of Magic Valley schedules brunch

TWIN FALLS - The Christian Women's Club of Magic Valley schedules brunch on Friday, May 5, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 123 S. Alder, 324-7000 or 324-4511.

The brunch will feature a variety of food items, including coffee, juice, and a variety of baked goods. Proceeds from the brunch will go to the Elks Lodge fund.

For more information, call 324-7000 or 324-4511.

Women's Club of Magic Valley will hold a brunch from 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Weston Plaza at 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

The brunch features a Mother's Day theme, including Helen Henderson, a former "Mother of the Year" honoree, who will give the invocation.

Susan Brown of Twin Falls will play "Songs at Mother's Knee" and Carol Reiter of Worden, Mont. will discuss "Mother's Words of Wisdom." Reiter is a mother of five, grandmother of six and a former chicken farmer who enjoys cooking and baking, organizers say.

Cost for the lunch is \$7.50 per person. Complimentary child care is available.

Participants are asked to make brunch reservations and to honor the reservation, give it a friend or cancel if they can not attend.

For more information or to make brunch reservations, call Judy Root at 732-0510.

Red Cross Bloodmobile plans stop in Gooding Friday

GOODING - The Red Cross Bloodmobile will make a stop on Friday, May 5, at 2 p.m. Friday at the War Memorial Hall in Gooding.

Persons donating blood must be at least 17-years-old, be in good general health and weigh at least 110 pounds.

Donors will also be asked to make an appointment, call 934-5409.

Our Savior Lutheran Church holds yard sale and bazaar

TWIN FALLS - Our Savior Lutheran Church in Twin Falls will have an indoor-outdoor yard sale and bazaar from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at its location at 1708 Highway E. in Twin Falls.

Items include washer and dryer, barbecue grill, couch, love seat, kitchen items, playpen, toys, clothing and books. Baked goods, handmade items, quilts and plants will also be for sale.

Proceeds benefit the church building fund.

For more information, call 733-8470, 734-5791 or the church office at 733-3774.

CLUB CALENDAR

Shooters welcome, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays
253 Fifth Ave. Smokehouse pistol and caliber and .22, 324-5960 or 733-4121.

Open chess - 9 a.m. 1 p.m. Saturdays
Talks a Break Club, 123 S. Alder, 324-7000, Lincoln St., Jerome, 324-8325. All levels welcome.

Weight loss
Weight Watchers - 6 p.m. Mondays at the Odd Fellows Hall, 13th and Oakley Ave., Burley; 654-2288.

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Burley Chapter 255 - 6 to 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Heyburn School lunch room.

Gooding Chapter 251 - 5 p.m. Thursdays at the Gooding Senior Citizens Center, 308 Senior Ave.; 934-4505 or 934-4777 or 934-4772.

Jerome Chapter 48 - 6 p.m. Wednesdays at the public library; 324-7425 or 324-6714.

Twin Falls Chapter 3 - 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Our Savior Lutheran Church; 330 E. 2nd St., 734-5094.

Twin Falls Chapter 309 - 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the recreation room at 475 Caswell Ave. W.; 734-5132 or 736-3259.

Support Groups
GriefShare - 3:45 p.m. Sundays, March 19-June 25, Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H.E. St., 436-3334.

12-Step LDS Support Group for compulsive behaviors - 6:30 p.m. Fridays at the Burley LDS State Center, 2400 Park Ave., Burley; 678-4747.

MONS Club for support and activities. Call Margi at 736-3355.

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 734-4772.

Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families - 5 p.m. Wednesdays at the Walker Center, 212 First St. N., Twin Falls; 734-4200.

Al-Anon for people concerned about someone's drinking. For information on meeting times and places, call 736-3555.

Alteken for young people living with alcoholics - 6 p.m. Thursdays at the Professional Center, Suite 211, 1201 Falls Ave. E. in Twin Falls; 734-0264.

Seeing Double for Blind and Visually Impaired people, noon at the Twin Falls Senior Center the last Wednesday of the month, meeting following lunch; call 733-5073.

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

Magic Valley Relief Support Group and Referral Service - For information, call Cassandra Barkley at 326-4081.

Moms in Touch - Meets at various times throughout the week to pray for the children, their schools and their teachers. For information, call 825-9604.

New Life Fellowship (12-step recovery group and bible study) - 7 to 8 p.m. Thursdays at the First Baptist Church of Twin Falls, corner of Ninth and Washington Sts.; 734-4200.

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

Parents of Special Children - Support Group - For information, call 733-8859, leave a message.

Peer Support Group - For information, call 733-5271.

Southern Idaho Twin Falls Singles - 8 p.m. 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th Saturdays, corner of 3rd and 5th p.m. Fridays, 1120 A. Monahan St.

Mini-Casals Singles - 7:30 p.m. Mondays at 1901 W. St. in Heyburn; 678-5328.

Substance Abuse Volunteer Efforts - For information, call 659-5925.

Substance Abuse Volunteers Efforts - 7:30 p.m. Saturdays at the Mountain View Community Center, 343 W. 27th St., Burley; 678-7447.

Mental Health Support Group - 7 p.m. First for information, call 678-1330. Sunday night meeting: 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 220 E. Ellis.

Twins Cancer Support Group - Call 654-2241.

Mothers of Young Children - 7 p.m. Second and fourth Wednesdays at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Dr. N.; 734-7375.

Ministers Group - 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Second Tuesday at Bridgeway Estates, 1828 Bridgeway Blvd., Twin Falls; 734-4777 or 734-5132.

Breast Easy Club and Magic Valley Breasters Club of Idaho. For more information, call 733-2155.

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

Twins Anonymous - For information, call 732-5171.

CoDe - Co-dependents Anonymous - 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the United Methodist Church, Lincoln Hall, 601 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls; 734-6694.

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

Twins Falls - 7 p.m. Mondays at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Dr. N.; 734-7375.

Women's Group - 8 p.m. Wednesdays at Twin Falls First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N., Burley; 678-2184 or 733-6610.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Twin Falls - For information, call 733-8300, 736-9446 or 733-7897.

Seri, call 732-4650.

Support Groups - Sundays alternate between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Edith's Cafe, Highway 81, E. across from the golf course, Burley; 678-0788 or 678-0293.

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

St. Ann's - 7 p.m. Sundays at the Snow Building, 1321 Oakley Ave. No. 9, Burley; 677-9040.

St. Ann's - 7:30 p.m. Mondays at the Snow Building, 1321 Oakley Ave. No. 9, 678-9414 or 678-9424.

St. Ann's - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Snow Building, 1321 Oakley Ave. No. 9; 677-9040 or 438-5448.

St. Ann's - 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Fridays at the Support Building, 548 E. St.; 436-5842, 436-9449 or 432-6710.

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

Rebecca Lodge - For more information, call 738-5250.

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Debtors Anonymous
Twin Falls - noon Thursdays at Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 210 Blue Lakes Blvd.; 734-4200.

Business owners - Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 210 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., call C.A.C. at 732-5276.

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

328-5257.

Shoshone - 8 p.m. Mondays, corner of 3rd and 5th p.m. Fridays, 1120 A. Monahan St.

Durbin - 7 p.m. Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. Saturdays, 571 E. 2nd St.

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

Burley Saturday Night's Alright Eastern Star - 8 p.m. Saturdays at Masonic Temple, 113 E. Ordway, Burley; 678-1330.

Monday meditation group, 8 p.m. Mondays, How and Why Book Study, 8 p.m. Tuesdays, 220 E. Ellis.

Emerson Group, 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 220 E. Ellis (non-smoking).

Thursday Rupert Group, 7 p.m. Thursdays, 220 E. Ellis.

Friday Night Back Test Book Study, 7 p.m. Friday, 220 E. Ellis.

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

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

Work, How and Why Book Study, 8 p.m. Tuesdays, 220 E. Ellis.

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Friday Night Back Test Book Study, 7 p.m. Friday, 220 E. Ellis.

Twin Falls 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 228 Shoop; 130 p.m. Wednesdays, 215 Shoshone St. S. (backdoor); 7 p.m. Fridays, 315 Falls Ave. Desert Building.

Shoshone 11:30 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.

Overcomers Fellowship - 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Twin Falls - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays or 10 a.m. Saturdays or 1 p.m. Mondays, all meetings at the First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St. (use side door on Wednesdays and Ninth Avenue entrance on Saturdays); 732-5676.

Burley - 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the Burley Public Library, 1200 Miller; 677-2134.

Gooding - 7 p.m. Mondays at the Walker Center, 1120 Monahan; 934-8932.

Other
Magic Valley Singles Thursdays at Jeff Floyd Photo, 123 E. Main St. in Burley; call 664-1153.

Job Daughters
Bethel 18 - 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 1519 Overland Ave. in Burley.

Bethel 14 - 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 225 First Ave. E. in Jerome.

Bethel 12 - 7 p.m. first and third Mondays at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Bethel 56 - 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

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

Idaho Rebekah Lodge 96 - First and third Mondays at 8 p.m. at 120 W. First Ave. in Filer.

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

Rebecca Lodge 107 - meets the second and fourth Thursday at the Burley Odd Fellows Lodge at West 13th Street and Oakley Avenue; 436-6815.

Marquette Rebekah Lodge 98 - 7 p.m. first and third Wednesdays at the IGW Hall at Third and Avenue and Idaho Street in Gooding.

Occident Lodge 58 - Second and fourth Thursdays at the Mountain Union Lodge 45 - First and third Thursdays at 2 p.m. in Filerman.

Syringa 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; 678-1341.

Masonic activities
Edaho chapter 77 Order of the Eastern Star - meets the second and fourth Monday, 113 E. Ordway in Paul; 436-4626.

Rebecca Lodge 96 - 8 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at the Masonic Temple, 620 E. St., 531-5197.

Twin Falls Chapter 29, Order of the Eastern Star - meets the second and fourth Monday, 113 E. Ordway in Paul; 436-4626.

Rebecca Lodge 96 - 8 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at the Masonic Temple, 620 E. St., 531-5197.

Rupert Lodge 65 - 8 p.m. first Wednesday at Rupert Masonic Temple, 620 E. St., 436-4037.

Burley-Rupert Shrine Club, 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays at Rupert Elks; 436-4037.

Royal Arch Masons - 8 p.m. second Wednesday at Rupert Masonic Temple; 436-4037.

Paul Lodge 77 - 8 p.m. first Thursday at the Elks Lodge across from Paul Post Office; 438-5150.

Veterans of Foreign Wars
Buhl - Post 3044, Thurston Pence Post, 8 p.m. second Tuesday of the month at Lincoln St. in Buhl.

Burley - Post 3043, Cassia County Post, 8 p.m. second Thursday of the month at the Elks Club, 1519 Overland Ave. in Buhl.

Deeds - Post 2072, N. Andrew Moller Post, 8 p.m. third Tuesday of the month at Deeds Elec. Bldg., 678-9310.

Glenns Ferry - Post 3646, Glenns Ferry Post, 7 p.m. third Thursday of the month at Veterans Memorial Hall, 366-2710.

Gooding - Post 3078, Topens Post, 8 p.m. third Thursday of the month at Gooding War Memorial Bldg., 934-5065.

Gooding - Post 4128, Big Wood River Post, Bellevue Post 409 Fourth St. 8 p.m. third Thursday of the month; 934-9002.

Jerome - Post 4068, Jerome Post, 8 p.m. fourth Thursday of the month at Jerome Legion Hall, 324-6909.

Kimberly - Post 10328, Kimberly Post, 7 p.m. first Wednesday of the month at senior citizens center, 423-4443.

Rupert - Post 3678, Harlow Fourth Post, 8 p.m. second Tuesday of the month at Rupert Child Development Center, 436-6964.

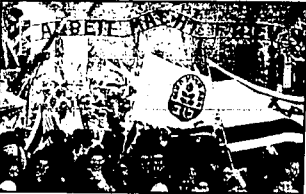
Shoshone - Post 9011, Little Wood River Post; 7 p.m. second Tuesday of the month at Shoshone members house, 886-2575.

Twin Falls - Post 2136, Henry Lyle Post, 8 p.m. second Tuesday at DAV Hall, 559 Shoop; 734-0877. Wendell - Post 2974, Thousand Springs Post, 8 p.m. first Thursday of the month at Wendell Senior Citizens Center Bldg., 536-2929.

This public service column is designed to provide Magic Valley clubs and organizations with a way to meet, listed, or to update your meeting information, send notice with name of the organization, day and month of the meeting with a telephone number and name of a contact person to Pat Marcantonio at The Times-Attention Club Calendar. The deadline is noon Tuesday.

WORLD

Jewish marchers pass through the Auschwitz Nazi concentration camp gate with the inscription 'Arbeit Macht Frei' Tuesday as they begin the ninth March of the Living in Oswiecim, Poland.



Young Jews, Poles commemorate victims

OSWIECIM, Poland (AP) - Warning against attempts to deny the horrors of the Holocaust, the presidents of Israel and Poland led about 6,000 people on a solemn march Tuesday, retracing the path prisoners once took to the Auschwitz gas chambers.

Holocaust survivors joined thousands of students from Israel, Poland and other countries for the annual March of the Living, intended to spread awareness of the World War II tragedy.

The procession followed the two-mile path from the Auschwitz camp to its gas chambers at Birkenau. Marchers placed wooden tablets inscribed with victims' names on the nearby railway tracks, on which steel wagons packed with doomed deportees once rolled in from all over Europe.

The Nazis killed more than 1 million Jews at Birkenau between 1940 and 1945 while occupying Poland.

In an emotional speech in Hebrew at the end of the march, Israeli President Ezer Weizman stressed the need to keep the victims in memory as a warning to future generations.

"The story of the torture and murder of the Jews of Europe will never let go of the conscience of civilized people around the world," despite the "tireless energy of the Holocaust deniers," said

Weizman, 76, standing near the ruins of the gas chambers.

A Polish professor lost his university job last month after publishing a book questioning the Holocaust. And in a high-profile case, British historian David Irving, who has written that the number of Jews killed by the Nazis was greatly exaggerated, lost a libel suit he brought against an American scholar who criticized his work.

The march started with a mournful tone from a shofar, the traditional Jewish horn. Weizman, Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski, his wives and several Israeli parliament members led the marchers through the main Auschwitz gate marked by the inscription "Arbeit macht frei," or "Work will set you free."

After a couple hundred yards, Kwasniewski and Weizman left the marchers to tour the Auschwitz museum, and rejoined them at the end for a solemn commemoration.

"I share your pain and reflection," Kwasniewski told the marchers. "We are here together to make sure that nobody, neither people nor nations, are ever again threatened with annihilation."

The Polish president also called on young Jews to put aside historical prejudice and "see Poles as friends."

North Koreans shed abrasive image

Compliments make the rounds as summit nears

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - In 1994, amid a nuclear crisis, a North Korean negotiator threatened to turn Seoul into a "sea of fire." In Beijing last year, the same envoy and his aides snubbed South Korean diplomats, refusing to shake their hands.

But these days, the North Koreans are full of smiles and compliments for their counterparts as the two Koreas prepare for a first-ever summit between their leaders on June 12-14.

It's a measure of how desperately the North Koreans want the summit to happen that they're shedding their old image as tardy, abrasive and even threatening in dealings with the outside world. The South Koreans believe their poor, communist neighbors were driven to the table less out of a yearning for reconciliation than the desire to extract economic aid from the wealthy South.

Whatever the motive, the tone of the talks is a welcome change for South Korea's top negotiator, Yang Young-ehik, who has sold an agreement is close on summit details such as security and communications. Negotiators were expected to debate the summit agenda at a third meeting Wednesday in the border village of Panmunjom.



Kim Young Sung, chief North Korean delegate, left, shakes hands with his South Korean counterpart Yang Young-ehik Thursday during the second round of talks to prepare for the first-ever summit in June by their leader at the border village of the Panmunjom, north of Seoul.

"You have a mild tone of voice," Yang last week told North Korean envoy Kim Ryong-Song, a suave veteran in his 50s who is adept at pre-meeting chuckles and small talk.

The remark was significant because many South Koreans view totalitarian North Korea as an austere land run by harsh officials. The Pyongyang government's rhetoric is often confrontational toward its traditional foes: Japan, South Korea and the United States.

North Korea's penchant for invective dates to armistice talks during the 1950-53 Korean War, when U.S. military negotiators sat through frequent communist diatribes in Panmunjom.

But Kim turned on the charm last week, telling South Korean negotiators that a morning drizzle had stopped when they crossed into the northern side of Panmunjom for talks. A good

omen, implied Kim, who helped draft a 1992 agreement with the South that called for peaceful reunification, but failed to stem tension for long.

Yang has had less amiable exchanges with North Korean officials in the past. In July, he was Seoul's lead envoy in failed talks in Beijing on arranging reunions of separated Korean families. A naval clash between the Koreans in the Yellow Sea in June soured those talks, and North Korean negotiator Pak Yong Su and his aides walked out of two sessions with Yang.

In 1994, Pak said in Panmunjom that the North would turn Seoul into a "sea of fire" in a defiant reaction to international pressure to allow inspections of North Korea's nuclear facilities. The South Korean capital is within range of North Korean artillery.

Pak is not involved in the summit negotiations.

In the summit talks at the border village, negotiators have focused on procedural matters. The next step is shaping an agenda for South Korean President Kim Dae-jung and North Korean leader Kim Jong Il at their Pyongyang meeting.

South Korean negotiators are considering a North Korean proposal that the agenda be based only on a mutual desire for reconciliation and reunification.

Rebel kidnappers threaten to behead two foreign hostages

TALIPAO, Philippines - Rebels holed up in the hills and surrounded by troops threatened Tuesday to behead two foreign hostages if the military does not back off, but a government spokesman said the encirclement of the area will continue.

The rebel threat came as new clashes between government forces and two Muslim rebel groups in the southern Philippines worsened prospects for the release of two groups of hostages totaling 48 people.

On Jolo island - where extremist Abu Sayyaf rebels are holding 21 hostages, including 10 foreign tourists, in a bamboo hut in the hills - about 100 rebels with long rifles attempted to escape through the military cordon Tuesday. Troops fired at the rebels, and at least one soldier was killed and six wounded in the ensuing clash, Col. Hilario Atendido said.

The fighting continued Tuesday evening, police said. There was no immediate word of casualties among the rebels.

The hostages on Jolo, who were kidnapped April 23 from a Malaysian diving resort, pleaded to the government to halt military operations in the area.

"We are in a very serious situation. I would like to make that clear," said German hostage Werner Wallert. "We are risking our lives here and if the Philippine government should try to march in and find a military solution, there will be bloodshed, nothing else."

Japan's leader's condition remains a mystery - still

TOKYO - When Japan's prime minister suddenly collapsed after a stroke last month, reporters and camera crews rushed to the downtown Tokyo hospital where he was taken, setting up camp and awaiting word on his condition.

Word never came.

Now, a month after Keizo Obuchi's stroke set off a political succession crisis, information about his condition remains scant. Doctors have yet to give a news conference. Politicians have offered details only grudgingly, and then often have conflicted with each other. And though Obuchi remains in his hospital room in a coma, virtually all the reporters are gone.

In Japan, such is often the case. Public disclosure is still a novel and frequently ignored concept here. Doctors regularly refuse to show patients their

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charts; juvenile court records are closed even to the victims.

Mexican border plant remains dumping ground

TIJUANA, Mexico - The once-busy factory is quiet now. Its roof agreement is close on summit details such as security and communications. Negotiators were expected to debate the summit agenda at a third meeting Wednesday in the border village of Panmunjom.

But one thing hasn't changed since 1994, when the Mexican government ordered the U.S.-based operators to shut down the lead recycling plant: An estimated 6,600 tons of ash-like residue containing lead and other hazardous compounds is still there, on the wind-swept mesa above a working-class Tijuana neighborhood.

Authorities say it is one of the worst known cases of dumping by a foreign company along Mexico's 1,200-mile northern border.

The plant, observers say, demonstrates care of policies implemented under the North American Free Trade Agreement to enforce environmental quality standards and punish violators.

Mozambican flood victims leave displacement camps

MAPUTO, Mozambique - With the rainy season over and river levels receding, hundreds of thousands of Mozambicans displaced by floods are leaving aid camps to return to demolished villages.

About 2 million of Mozambique's 19 million people lost their homes in the floods that began in February, and many of those pouring from the camps carried plastic sheeting and tents.

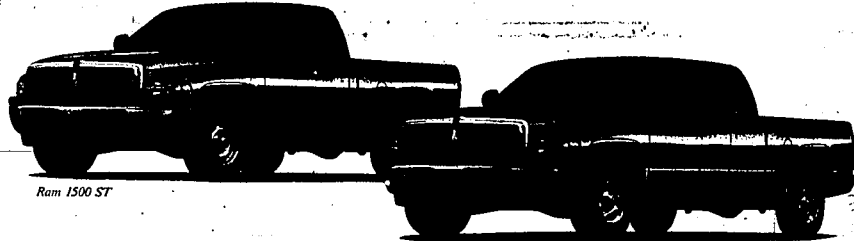
A mass exodus has nearly emptied the country's largest displacement camp, which once held 60,000 people. Only 2,500 remained Tuesday at Chaqualane, about 125 miles northeast of Maputo, the capital.

Flood victims have left other refugee camps in central and southern Mozambique, although many return periodically to get food.

Almost 600,000 people will need to be fed until the end of September, said Inyene Udoyen, a spokesman for the World Food Program.

- compiled from wire reports

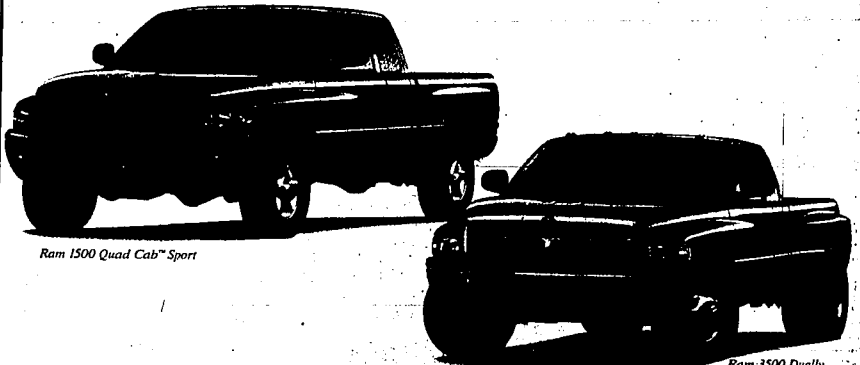
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

First Federal Savings Bank opens new branch next week

TWIN FALLS - First Federal Savings Bank will mark the grand opening of its newest office at 11 a.m. May 10.

At 148 Eastland Drive, in front of the Twin Cinema, the new bank branch brings First Federal's total of Twin Falls offices to five. First Federal also has branch offices in Buhl, Burley and Rupert.

The new office at the intersection of Eastland and Kimberly Road will feature two drive-through windows, 24-hour ATM, safe deposit boxes, night depository and other services, a bank spokesman said.

Cooking, punch and ice cream will be offered throughout the week, and patrons may enter a drawing for a Mitsubishi big-screen television, a Weber deluxe barbecue and a Yardman lawnmower.

Hecla Mining Co. reports first-quarter loss of \$7.3 M

COEUR D'ALENE - Hecla Mining Co., which maintains the now-closed Grouse Creek mine near Stanley, on Tuesday reported a net loss of \$7.3 million for first quarter 2000.

Including payment of the quarterly dividend of \$2 million to holders of its preferred stock, the loss applicable to common shareholders in the first quarter was \$9.3 million, or 14 cents per share, compared with a loss of \$3.5 million, or 6 cents per share, in first quarter 1999, Hecla said.

Although production of silver, gold and lead all increased during first quarter 2000 compared with the same period last year, the improvement was more than offset by lower gold ore grades and higher costs at the Rosebud mine, operating losses at the MWCA subsidiary, and declining silver and lead prices, Hecla said. In addition, first-quarter results included a loss on the sale of Mountain West Products and a writeoff related to the company's debt refinancing at the end of March.

Positively affecting first quarter 2000 were profit from the company's La Camorra gold mine in Nevada and an operating income improvement from the Lucky Friday silver mine, despite lower lead and silver prices.

The Rosebud gold mine in northern Nevada is drawing closer to the end of known reserves and expected costs per ounce are rising and production is decreasing. Rosebud, a \$0/50 joint venture with Newmont Mining, produced 6,414 ounces of gold for Hecla's account in the first quarter.

Dairy company wins award for environmental stewardship

PAUL - The Council on Economic Priorities said Horizon Organic Holding Corp. - the parent of Paul Dairy - will receive its Corporate Stewardship Award for Environmental Stewardship at a ceremony in New York City June 15.

Judges selected Horizon Organic and five other companies for their commitment to community relations, employee empowerment, environmental protection, diversity and global ethics.

The award is presented annually to companies that have demonstrated a commitment to sustainability, integration of environmental, health and safety principles into core business strategy, corporate environmental reporting, product stewardship, responsible resource use, and/or accountability for environmental performance, a press release said.

CEP said: "Horizon Organic Holding Corp. is not only the country's single national milk producer, but also, the unequivocal front-runner in environmental responsibility, dairy farming. Horizon goes to great measures to respect the environment. The company employs strict methods to protect the soil and local waterways from pesticides and manure run-off, which is commonly created by dairy industry practices."

CEP also cited Horizon Organic's treatment of its dairy cows, which are never given antibiotics or growth hormones to artificially stimulate milk production. The cows are given daily probiotics to reduce chance for hoof disease, are milked frequently to reduce milk build-up and are treated with natural and homeopathic remedies.

Compiled from staff reports

Tourism industry meets in Sun Valley

SUN VALLEY - Starting today, more than 300 people will discuss travel and recreation trends at the Governor's Conference on Recreation and Tourism, which runs through Friday in Sun Valley.

"This conference is the industry's way of reminding Idahoans that tourism and recreation have a positive impact on Idaho's economy," said Carl Wilgus, administrator of Idaho's Division of Tourism Development.

The state's \$1.7 billion travel

industry accounts for 6 percent of the \$30 billion Idaho economy and employs more than 24,000 residents, Wilgus said.

The governor's conference begins today following an Idaho Travel Council meeting at Sun Valley Lodge.

Keynote speakers include Robert Wendover of Leadership Resources and George Neary of the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Idaho Department of Commerce said.

This afternoon, Wendover will speak on the values and attitudes

of the two generations now employed in the labor force. Thursday morning, Neary will talk about how providing a unique cultural experience can help a travel destination define itself on its own terms.

Other workshop topics include tips on finding state and federal funds, special event management, Internet promotion and marketing and tapping into international markets. Conference participants will have an opportunity to tour central Idaho's hottest travel attractions, the Commerce

Department said.

The three-day event concludes with the Take Pride in Idaho Awards, presented by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, which recognize Idahoans' efforts to promote, preserve or restore the state's tourism and recreation resources.

Kempthorne is expected to announce two new projects he developed to stimulate community pride and encourage Idahoans to learn more about the state's history, culture, economy and geography, the Commerce Department said.

SkyWest considers Sun Valley

By Karen Bosack
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - Sun Valley can look forward to air service by large regional jets. And it could see a nonstop regional jet service to San Francisco a few years down the road. But those improvements won't come as fast as you think.

That's the news SkyWest Airlines, a Delta Connection carrier, gave Sun Valley Co. officials and others at a SkyWest marketing meeting in Sun Valley Tuesday.

Delta has committed to convert to an all-regional-jet fleet, probably in the next five years, said Steven Hart, vice president of market development for SkyWest. A regional jet holds 50 passengers, versus the 30-passenger turboprops that now fly in and out of Hailey. And the regional jets will accommodate those who prefer jets, even though the turboprops are every bit as safe, Hart said.

It was more positive news than Sun Valley Co. General Manager Huffy Huffman has heard in the past. But still, the humorous Huffman couldn't resist offering to get on his knees and beg for better air service.

Sun Valley loses customers all the time because of poor airline connections, said Jack Sibbach, director of marketing for the resort. This season, for instance, it could have gotten at least 100 more Texans through the Texas Ski Council had there been better air service. It also lost a group of Microsoft skiers when there was no plane big enough to carry 65 Microsoft employees - to the Friedman Memorial Airport in Hailey.

Hart said Hailey airport officials need to make sure their infrastructure is in place to accommodate the regional jets when they do replace some or all of the turboprops.

To that end, Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce Director Carol Waller tried to line up a commitment by SkyWest executives to return to Sun Valley in August and talk with Friedman airport officials about things they can do to make the airport more friendly for regional jets.

Hailey is one of the most difficult airports SkyWest flies into because of the box canyon it's situated in and the speed with which the weather changes, said Dan Dennis, flight manager for SkyWest. Airplanes can come in fully loaded but can't leave that way.

Delta's new regional jets, the runway needs to be lengthened and the instrument landing system upgraded, he added.

Airport manager Rick Baird said the master plan for regional jets between 1991 and 1994 was designed to pave the way for regional jet service, but officials can't be sure about the future of the regional jets coming online.

One big question mark that no one had answers for Tuesday was how Sun Valley representatives can make sure Delta's priorities now are on the East Coast in Atlanta, New York, Cincinnati - where Delta's strongest.

In other news, Hart said the on-time performance of Delta flights into Sun Valley, adjusted for uncontrollable factors such as weather, was better this year than last. SkyWest was on time 97.8 percent of the time.

Also, he said, peak summer bookings look strong. Already, there are 4,267 bookings in and out of Sun Valley for the first hundred more than last June.

SkyWest, the fourth-largest regional airline in the United States, operates two-thirds of the commercial flights into Sun Valley. It flies 10 daily round trips into Hailey in the summer, eight in winter, seven in fall and spring. Horizon Airlines has the rest of the market.

BUSY SIGNAL



Specialist Chris Smith, center, directs active trading in shares of AT&T on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday. AT&T fell after lowering its earnings forecasts for fiscal year 2000, saying the competitive long-distance market is cutting into consumer phone revenue.

AT&T drops on earnings news

Bridge News

NEW YORK - Shares of AT&T Corp. tumbled as the largest U.S. long-distance telephone company reported first-quarter earnings that matched Wall Street estimates but warned that its sales and profits will be below estimates for the rest of the year.

AT&T said profits, excluding charges, amounted to \$1.73 billion, or 53 cents per share, compared with \$1.72 billion, or 61 cents per share, a year earlier. Revenue rose by 5.8 percent to \$15.84 billion.

But the telecommunications giant warned that its operating

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Earnings for the full year will amount to only \$1.80 to \$1.85 per share for the full year, down from a previous estimate of \$1.89 to \$1.94 per share.

Revenue growth is also likely to slow to between 7 and 8 percent, down from a previous estimate of 8 to 9 percent.

The more pessimistic outlook stems essentially from the fact that revenue from AT&T's traditionally consumer long-distance business is eroding faster than company's newer businesses - broadband and wireless commu-

nications - are growing.

"Consumer long distance is a mature business characterized by severe price competition and the loss of customers moving to wireless and Internet technologies," said AT&T Chairman C. Michael Armstrong. "These forces have accelerated in recent months and will affect our full-year financial projections."

AT&T shares fell sharply on the news on the New York Stock Exchange.

In the first quarter, AT&T said that revenue from consumer services fell 5.6 percent to \$5.06 billion amid intense competition from long distance providers to offer lower-cost calling plans.

AT&T said it plans to cut 6,200 jobs by the end of the year, mostly in its consumer business, in an effort to reduce costs by \$2 billion. The company said it took an after-tax charge of \$447 million in the first quarter to pay for the jobs cuts.

Analysts said AT&T's inability to grow its newer business fast enough to offset the weakness in its traditional business is disturbing and caught some investors off guard.

"In all honesty, it was a very disappointing quarter," said Jim Linnehan at Thomas Weissel Partners LLC. "A lot of people are going to be working on their models tonight."

Wells Fargo unveils new multimedia ATMs

High-tech bank machines show movie previews

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO - Movie previews are coming to an automated teller machine near you.

Wells Fargo Bank is rolling out a new type of ATM that will be more than a cash dispenser. It will be a multimedia center, offering previews, advertisements and news headlines.

Some consumers worry the new bells and whistles will mean longer lines to get cash.

"I just want to get my money and get out of here," said Glenn Lie of San Francisco. "That's why I use (ATMs) instead of waiting in roller lines."

ATM card into the machine and enter a personal ID number.

The difference is that movie previews will play continuously until a customer steps up and begins a transaction. "Gladiators" is showing this week. As the customer starts banking, advertising will pop up



A Wells Fargo Bank executive demonstrates a transaction on an experimental ATM machine in San Francisco. Shown on the monitor is a movie clip from the Universal Pictures release of "Gladiators", during the "Welcome and Attract Sequence" while the ATM is idle. Wells Fargo Bank unveiled Tuesday its new breed of ATM. The new machines look and behave like a personal computer terminal connected to the Internet.

on the screen, and customers can choose whether they want more information about a product.

The latest news headlines and sports from MSNBC will scroll across the bottom of the screen at all times. MSNBC eventually

will provide stock market and weather reports, too.

"We are beginning to see a blurring of delivery channels," said Robert Chlebowski, a Wells executive vice president. "The online banking experience and

the ATM experience are starting to converge."

The typical ATM transaction averages 45 seconds. Wells officials said their research shows customers won't spend more time than that at the new machines. To move customers along, the ATMs will be staffed by people who are standing up and just want to get their cash."

Three ATMs in the San Francisco Bay area and one in Los Angeles went online Tuesday. Wells plans to convert 650 of its 2,856 ATMs in California and 170 ATMs in Arizona by the end of this year. Wells' remaining 5,500 ATMs in 21 states - including Idaho - will be upgraded over several years.

MONEY

Reports: Economy has strength to continue growing through year

NEW YORK (AP) - The U.S. economy is expected to keep growing well into the second half of the year, according to two reports issued Tuesday. The government also provided fresh evidence that rising interest rates have done little to discourage buyers of new homes.

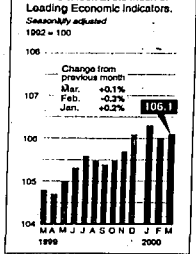
Analysts say the new reports support the belief that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates again this month to ward off inflation.

The Index of Leading Economic Indicators, which is designed to predict economic activity three to six months ahead, rose 0.1 percent in March. That indicates continued growth, but at a slower pace than in the past six months, according to the Conference Board, a business-financed group.

In a separate forecast Tuesday, the National Association of Purchasing Management said manufacturing will continue to prosper through the end of the year.

The survey of industry executives found companies are looking for a 5.9 percent increase in revenue over last year, but it also found worries about rising interest rates and a possible

Leading Indicators



Source: Conference Board AP

shortage of workers. The Commerce Department also reported that sales of new homes jumped 4.5 percent in March to their highest level in more than a year, despite a leap in mortgage rates. Analysts had expected a decline of 2 percent.

"It adds to the evidence of how strong economic growth is right

now, and how we're a long way away from seeing any sustainable slowdown in the economy," said Bryan Jones, economist at Banc One Investment Advisors in Columbus, Ohio. "I think this number is just more evidence that tells us that the (Federal Reserve) has more work to do to slow down the economy."

The Fed has raised interest rates one-quarter of a percentage point five times since June to try to slow the economy and head off inflation. Some analysts expect the Fed to raise rates by half a percentage point at its May 16 meeting.

In another report Tuesday, the Commerce Department predicted that 75 percent of manufacturing industries and all the major sectors of the service industry will get the year.

On Wall Street, stocks fell broadly after AT&T delivered a cautious profit outlook and investors took profits from a three-day rally in technology shares.

The Dow-Jones industrial average fell 80.66, or 0.75 percent, to 10731.12, while the Nasdaq composite fell 172.63, or 4.44 percent, to 3785.45.

StockJungle.com fund proves amateurs can play with the pros

NEW YORK (AP) - The average individual investor is frequently stereotyped as a raw speculator who chases whatever stock is hot on any given day.

StockJungle.com's Community Intelligence Fund, an innovative new mutual fund whose stock portfolio is based solely on the recommendations of amateur investors, is going a long way toward debunking that myth. The fund has outperformed all the major stock indexes so far in 2000, as well as many of the most popular U.S. funds.

Indeed, the benchmark Standard & Poor's 500 Index is just about breaking even, while both the Dow Jones industrial average and the Nasdaq composite index have lost ground since Jan. 1. And two of the largest actively managed funds, Fidelity's Magellan and Vanguard's Windsor II - aren't faring much better.

Magellan, the world's largest fund with \$109 billion in assets, was up just 0.33 percent as of April 30. And the \$23-billion Windsor II fund was up 0.72 percent, according to Lipper Inc., a New York firm that tracks fund performance.

The tiny \$3.6 million Community Intelligence fund, meanwhile, has risen 29 percent this year, and 47 percent since its inception in December.

Not bad for an idea many fund analysts wrote off as a gimmick. "I attribute it to the smart people in our community," said Community Intelligence's chief investment officer Michael Petrino.

Petrino was referring to the amateur stock pickers who sign on to StockJungle.com's Web site to offer their recommendations.



OF MULTIPLE INTEREST

Obviously, not every recommendation makes its way into Community Intelligence's portfolio. But every stock that is eventually selected for inclusion was originally recommended by an armchair analyst. Similar to a traditional mutual fund, all final investment decisions are made by a professional fund manager.

A number of newer funds have been pummeled in the past few weeks, victims of belated attempts to capture the triple-digit returns seen in recent years by funds that focus primarily on new Internet companies.

Although Community Intelligence caters to an online audience, the recommendations offered on StockJungle's Web site have leaned more toward computer hardware and semiconductor stocks, according to Petrino.

Eighty-two percent of the stocks held in the fund fall into the technology sector. But few could be considered pure Internet companies, which are generally defined as those that derive most of their revenues from their online operations.

Consequently, the Community

Intelligence fund was able to avoid the sharp downturn experienced by a number of other newer funds that had joined the game late and gambled on the ongoing success of the Internet sector.

Another of StockJungle.com's new funds - the Pure Play Internet fund - wasn't so lucky. That fund is down 25 percent this year.

But it's the Community Intelligence fund that has captured the attention of investors in general. Petrino said he and the fund's other professional advisers aimed through 2,000 recommendations a month ago, the last time several new stocks were added in a process known as rebalancing.

"The community has given us good recommendations to choose from," he said.

A close look at the fund's 50 holdings could help dispel the myth that amateur investors do little more than chase hot stocks with little thought toward the companies in which they invest.

Upstart Internet companies such as Amazon.com and eBay are nowhere to be found.

Instead, Community Intelligence's top five holdings - Oracle, Sun Microsystems, EMC, Applied Micro Circuits, and Motorola - are all profitable, well-established companies.

Petrino acknowledged that many of StockJungle.com's amateur recommendations likely based their recommendations on stock movements in the stock market, a strategy known as momentum investing and one criticized by many professional investors.

But Petrino said momentum investing is an unavoidable dynamic. "It's really no different than how Wall Street works," he said.

Microsoft to scrutinize breakup plan

SEATTLE (AP) - Microsoft Corp. will ask a federal judge for an injunction to block a Department of Justice document regarding the government's proposal to break up the software giant.

Microsoft spokesman Jim Cullinan said Tuesday that Microsoft plans on a long discovery process - where the company

will ask for the documents and possibly cross-examine government experts - to determine how the government came up with its proposal.

On Friday, the Justice Department and 17 states asked the federal judge to block Microsoft into two separate companies - one for its operating system

business and the other for its other software enterprises - and place temporary restraints on its business practices.

Microsoft is scheduled to file its response to the agency's proposed remedy in the antitrust case with U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson on May 10.

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Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include contract type, price, and change.

SOYBEANS

Table of soybean futures prices for different grades and contracts, including soybean meal and soybean oil.

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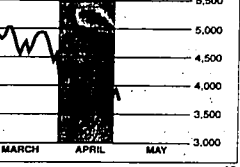
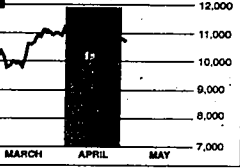
Table of corn futures prices for various contracts and grades.

WHEAT

Table of wheat futures prices for different types and contracts.

CRUDE OIL

Table of crude oil futures prices and related energy contracts.



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BEANS

Valley Beans Inc. grows, 100,000 bushels, U.S. No. 1 yellow beans in Idaho and storage capacity. Prices are changing weekly. Producers estimate...

GRAINS

Prices for wheat per bushel, mixed grain, corn and soybeans per bushel. Prices subject to change. Soybean meal prices are also listed.

BOYBANS

Boybeans prices for various grades and contracts. Includes information on soybean meal and oil.

LIVESTOCK

POCATELLO (AP) — Idaho Farm Bureau International Livestock Auction—Shoshone Livestock on Monday (AP) — Idaho Farm Bureau International Livestock Auction...

FOSSIL FUELS

New York (AP) — Crude oil prices on the New York Mercantile Exchange Tuesday. Heating oil prices are also listed.

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CHEESE

Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Includes prices for 100 lb and 40 lb blocks.

POTATOES

Idaho Falls (AP) — Tuesday's potato prices for various grades and contracts. Includes prices for 100 lb and 40 lb blocks.

METALS/CURRENCY

Selected world metal prices, Tuesday. Includes prices for gold, silver, and various base metals.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Summary of mutual fund performance and prices for various categories.

Large table listing mutual fund names, share classes, and prices. Columns include fund name, share price, and other details.

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KDKX 2004, 1984, new and used...
NINJA 700, 80 custom...
SUZUKI DR350, 1990...

ARGOSY, made by Alstare...
CHAMPION 1975, nice layout...
CRUISE AIR-CASE '78...

TERRY, 1968, 22 ft. Steeple...
WILDERNESS YACHT, '88...
MAZDA - PU, 1994, only...

1991 UTILITY TRAILERS...
FLYBENT Tandem axle trailer...
UTILITY TRAIL, 20' dual...

JEEP '98 Grand Cherokee...
JEEP Cherokee, limited...
JEEP '93 Grand Cherokee...

FORD 1993 Taurus, 99, 4 door...
FORD 1996 Contour, 54K...
FORD 1993 Explorer XLT...

FORD, Taurus, 1992, 4 door...
HONDA - 1982 ACCORD...
FORD MUSTANG '99...

NISSAN, Maxima, 1990...
OLDB. Delta 88, 1987...
PONTIAC Grand Prix '93...

YAMAHA - 1992, Secca II...
YAMAHA '91 XT 360...
YAMAHA '93 YZF 600...

JAMBOREE '87, 23 ft...
KINGS HIGHWAY '74...
CLEAN-Dodge, runs good...

ACURA INTEGRA '88...
PONTIAC 4000, 4 barrel...
ANTIQUE AUTO & ACCESSORIES...

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YAMAHA - 1993, WY250...
YAMAHA '92 XZ 1200...
YAMAHA '93 YZF 600...

RED DALE, 1978, 22 ft...
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BAYLINER CAPRI '20...

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