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WEATHER

Today: Chance of flurries early today then some clearing, high 28. Clear and cold tonight, low 8.

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Moo: A Senate committee will look at bills aiming to hold dairy owners more responsible for water and waste.

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Powder power: WestFarm Foods said its Caldwell plant will boost its capacity to turn Magic Valley milk into dry powder.

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Cooking artichokes: This Twin Falls cook enjoys preparing dishes from scratch.

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Forcing the issue: The Declo High girls' basketball team lived to fight another day in the A-2, District IV hoop tourney.

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Panel presents new tax plan

Key change offers more permanent tax relief; area lawmakers support the changes

The Times-News and the Associated Press

BOISE - Local members of the House's Revenue and Taxation Committee are supporting a new and larger package of state tax cuts introduced in the committee Tuesday.

Now the local lawmakers, who took the lead in reworking Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's proposal over the last two weeks, are confident their colleagues will sign on.

The proposal calls for a total of \$147.1 million in income tax relief during the state budget year that begins July 1 - \$91 million one-time and \$56.1 million permanent - then an additional \$65 million in permanent relief the following year.

"My objective was to get between \$100 million and \$120 million (in reductions that the bill the Nampa relief) that was ongoing," said Rep. Leon



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Smith, R-Twin Falls. Committee Chairman Dolores Crow introduced the compromise package of individual and business income tax cuts, which she said was "J at getting the debate back on track.

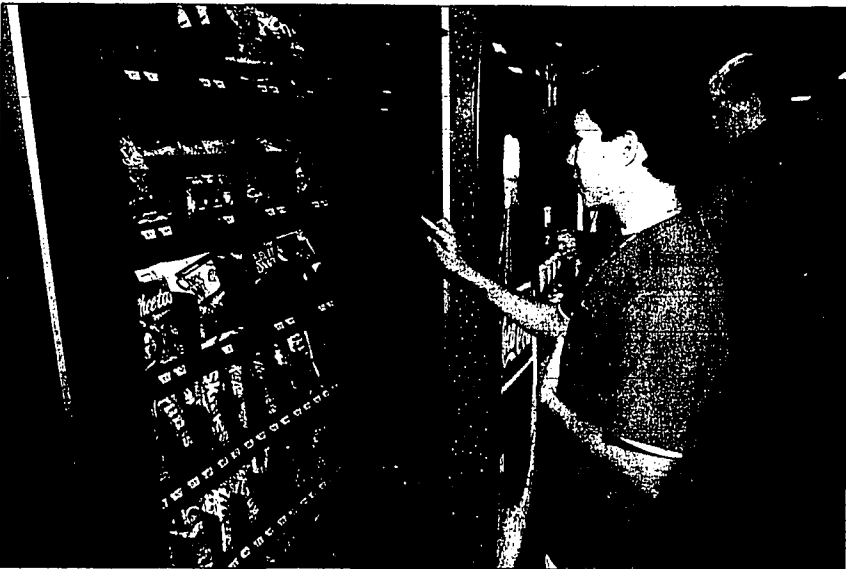
The plan includes millions of dollars more in permanent tax reductions than the bill the Nampa Republican carried for Gov. Dirk

Kempthorne earlier in the session, and a provision to double the grocery tax credit for everyone - not just the elderly as Kempthorne had proposed.

Other new elements include eliminating the capital gains tax on certain tangible assets and making deeper rate reductions after the first year on both corporate and personal income taxes.

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SOON TO BE GONE?



Bernardo Garvaza and Cody Brixy, ninth-graders at Buhl High School get snacks at the vending machines in the school's lobby after school Tuesday. A recent government report is targeting the sales of snacks and sweets at school vending machines - which can be a revenue source for some schools.

Feds want to kick junk food out of school

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS - The idea is to trim down students' waist lines.

But for at least one Magic Valley school, it might also mean a little budget belt-tightening. To cut down on the soda, snacks and sweets children eat, and to promote healthy eating

habits, the government wants to require that all food sold in schools meets nutrition standards.

That could mean an end to soda machines in the hallways, and school-day candy and cookie sales to buy band uniforms.

The junk food that children consume at school is contributing to health problems and obesity that has more than doubled in

youth over the past 30 years, the Agriculture Department said in a report requested by Congress.

The department sets nutrition standards for school lunches and breakfasts, but it would take an act of Congress for it to begin regulating what is served outside the cafeterias.

Kimberly High School seniors Zan Mickelson, Karissa Maier and Robert Soran, who stopped

by the Magic Valley Mall after school Tuesday, said they wouldn't mind much if candy machines weren't available at school - anymore. In fact, Mickelson would rather have healthy snack options.

"I wish they would offer apples or something like that," she said. The students say judging by

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Neo-Nazi leader finds going rough in N. Idaho

The Associated Press

COEUR D'ALENE - Like his hero Adolf Hitler, Richard Butler finds himself besieged on all sides.

The founder of the neo-Nazi group Aryan Nations is losing his home and some of his followers after being bankrupted by a civil rights lawsuit. No lawyer will represent him. Someone threw a rock through the stained-glass

No one will be his lawyer and he can't rent a motel room

swastikas of his abandoned chapel. Butler couldn't even rent a motel room to hold services of his white supremacist religion.

The evangelist of hate now finds himself in the position of complaining about discrimina-

tion. "If Muslims or Black Panthers or a Jew rabbi rented the room, they would have allowed accommodations," he said on his Web site after being denied space at the Silver Lake Motel.

Supporters of Aryan Nations once regarded northern Idaho as a minority-free homeland supposedly filled with kindred spirits. Now they dismiss the state as "Idawhore," its residents as "cracker spuds," and its human rights activists as "hue man rights task forces."

But instead of moving away, as many Idaho civic leaders had

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Israel turns to the right: Sharon trounces incumbent

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM - Ariel Sharon, the tough-talking former general dubbed "The Bulldozer," lived up to his nickname Tuesday with a landslide victory over Ehud Barak, the prime minister whose peace hopes were dashed by some of the worst Israeli-Palestinian bloodletting incidents.

"The state of Israel has embarked a new path, a path of security and true peace," the portly, white-haired Sharon told cheering, chanting supporters at his campaign headquarters. "I call upon our Palestinian neighbors to cast off the path of vio-

lence and to return to the path of dialogue and solving the conflicts between us by peaceful means," he said. "I know peace requires difficult compromises - from both sides."

Sharon said President Bush had called to congratulate him and to urge close cooperation, and also urged Barak to join forces with him in a broad-based national government.

An emotion-choked Barak conceded defeat soon after TV exit polls predicted Sharon had rolled over him. "The road we chose is the one and only true path," Barak said as backers, some teary-eyed, slowly waved blue-and-white Israeli flags. "The true path requires courage ... and it is possible that the public is not fully ready for the painful truth ... The truth will prevail."

Barak, who said he would step down as Labor Party leader and give up his seat in parliament, did not rule out an alliance with

Sharon, but made no promises either.

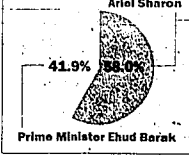
It could take weeks or months for Labor to choose a new leader, depriving Sharon of a negotiating partner in the rival political camp. Because no lawmakers' seats were at stake, Sharon inherits the same sharply divided Knesset, that Barak faced.

Officially, Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority says it will work with any Israeli prime minister.

But some of his top associates expressed deep misgivings, and Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat warned Sharon's hard-line program for peace talks was a "recipe for war."

Israel's election results

This election determines only the prime minister's post. Results with about 12.4 percent of the vote counted



Prime Minister Ehud Barak

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY



IDAHO

Idaho Extremes
 Yesterday:
 High 38°
 Low -2°
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Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday
 Temperature
 High/Low 29/25°
 Normal High/Low 39/22°
 High/Low last year 49/29°
 Record High 56° in 1989
 Record Low -11° in 1989

Precipitation
 24 hours ending 6 p.m., year: trace
 Month to date: 0.21"
 Normal month to date: 0.02"
 Year to date: 0.21"
 Normal year to date: 1.30"

Humidity
 Yesterday at noon: 100%

Barometric Pressure
 Yesterday at 6 a.m.: 29.67 in.

Pollen
 Yesterday in Twin Falls
 Grass Absent
 Weeds Absent
 Mold Absent

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Morning flurries, then clouds and sun.	Mainly clear and cold.	Sunny to partly cloudy.	Mostly cloudy with snow possible.	Cloudy to partly sunny; snow showers.	Mostly cloudy; chance of some snow.
▲ 28°	▼ 8°	▲ 32° ▼ 10°	▲ 34° ▼ 25°	▲ 32° ▼ 25°	▲ 32° ▼ 25°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Show showers will start today, then some sunshine will break through for the afternoon. Mainly clear tonight and cold. Tomorrow will turn out sunny to partly cloudy.

Boise: There will be some snow showers this morning, then mixed clouds and sunshine this afternoon. Cold tonight under mainly clear skies. Sunshine early tomorrow, then partly cloudy tonight.

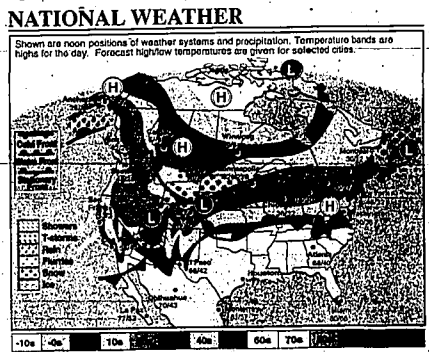
Northern Nevada: Some snow will taper to snow showers this afternoon, under variably cloudy skies. There could be some snow showers around tonight.

Northern Utah: Windy and chilly today with occasional snow and snow showers; there will be a small accumulation. There still could be some snow showers tonight.

Northern Idaho: High pressure will make for a mostly sunny sky today, but there will be a chilly wind. Mainly clear and cold tonight, then sunshine tomorrow will mix with clouds.

NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are given for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.



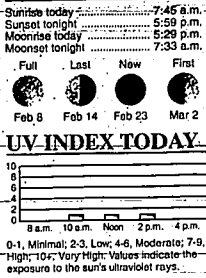
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SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 7:45 a.m.
 Sunset tonight: 5:59 p.m.
 Moonrise today: 5:29 p.m.
 Moonset tonight: 7:33 a.m.

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 Feb 8 Feb 14 Feb 23 Mar 2

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CANADIAN CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Thu	W
Calgary	8	9	pc	14	10
Edmonton	5	9	pc	9	14
Winnipeg	28	2	pc	24	23
Halifax	10	14	pc	21	12
Rogina	7	15	c	2	18
St. John's	6	10	c	15	14
Toronto	30	27	pc	38	37
Vancouver	42	28	pc	40	33
Victoria	41	28	pc	42	35
Winnipeg	9	8	pc	7	19

WORLD CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Thu	W
Auckland	61	52	c	60	73
London	63	50	c	67	51
Osaka	68	58	pc	68	55
Seoul	37	28	c	37	53
Singapore	97	78	pc	97	75
Tokyo	69	58	pc	68	54
Hong Kong	73	61	pc	84	56
Manila	86	72	pc	86	68
San Francisco	65	48	pc	65	44
Los Angeles	73	61	pc	73	60
San Diego	73	61	pc	73	60
Phoenix	84	68	pc	84	68
Las Vegas	84	68	pc	84	68
Denver	75	64	pc	75	64
Chicago	45	34	pc	45	34
New York	45	34	pc	45	34
Washington	51	43	pc	51	43

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Thu	W
Boise	29	10	pc	30	22
Bonnerville	24	11	pc	31	22
Burley	24	11	pc	24	19
Coeur d'Alene	28	10	pc	26	18
Elko	26	2	pc	30	11
Eggenville	24	19	pc	24	19
Heppner	28	11	pc	23	13
Idaho Falls	16	-1	pc	22	-1
Kalispell, MT	23	8	pc	24	14
Lowland	28	11	pc	31	22
Madras	22	6	pc	27	6
Maria	9	-5	c	19	-4

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Shuttle carries key station part today

The Orlando Sentinel
 CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Some of the most precious cargo ever hauled to orbit is set to blast off from Kennedy Space Center Wednesday night.
 The U.S. Destiny laboratory module — linchpin of the \$95 billion international space station — is nucked inside shuttle Atlantis' cargo bay. Atlantis and its crew of five are scheduled to depart the cape at 4:11 p.m. MST. Forecasters predict a 90 percent chance of acceptable weather.
 The goal of the mission is to mate Destiny to the station, connect electrical and fluid cables, then power up the laboratory.

Butler

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 hoped, the 82-year-old Butler is digging in.
 He has announced an unprecedented series of public events this year, including marches in Coeur d'Alene, Sandpoint, and Reardan. He's annual Aryan World Congress, which used to draw more than 100 skinheads and the like to Butler's compound, will be held instead at a park nearby.
 "Pastor Butler has been here for 30 years," said Shaun Winkler, staff director for Butler. "The Aryan Nations is not going to leave now."
 The prospect of blue-shirted neo-Nazis marching through the streets of these tourist-dependent towns is not what human rights groups expected after Butler was banned last year.
 "They aren't getting it," said Gretchen Albrecht-Heller, a leader of the Bonner County Human Rights Task Force in Sandpoint.
 "The most punishing blow for Butler is scheduled for Tuesday in Coeur d'Alene, when his 20-acre compound will be auctioned off to satisfy a \$6.3 million verdict against him and his organization in connection with an assault on a woman and her son by three Aryan Nations security guards.

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Wage

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 hour wage.
 It was drafted in the fall of 2000 by a study committee made up of lawmakers, ag industry representatives and farm labor advocates.
 By putting federal regulations in state law, bill supporters say, state regulators will be able to police the system much more effectively than federal regulators have been able or willing to do.
 "The advantage is to make this a state program," Jones said. "Right now enforcement is next to zero."
 The problem, say detractors, is federal law excludes about 40 percent of the state's farm labor because they don't work for larger operations that log 500 man-days per quarter. Many laborers work on smaller farms and are not protected by the law.
 The bill was also attacked from the other side, with conservatives calling it another unnecessary level of bureaucracy.
 "I cannot support legislation that will create more state workers who will be out there in the hair of the little guy," said Rep. Tom Loerscher, R-Iona.

Food

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 what they see at school, soft drinks are by far the biggest selling item from vending machines. Soran said he definitely would miss Coca-Cola.
 Eliminating soft drinks could have implications for some schools that earn money from the sales. About 200 of the nation's 12,000 school districts have contracts that give soft drink companies exclusive rights to sell their products in schools, according to the National Soft Drink Association.
 Situations vary.
 Leon Madsen, Filer High School principal, said the school vending machines sell Pepsi products. The school's share of revenues goes toward the student council and is used for student activities. The school's Pepsi contract also has provided a wrestling mat, a school marquee and this year, \$3,000 in scholarships.
 At the Carey School, candy isn't sold during the school day. Principal Jon Cordell said. Vending machines sell soda, pop and juice, most of which is sold during ball games.
 Mary Breckenridge, supervisor of child nutrition programs for the Idaho Department of Education, said federal law already prohibits schools from selling foods of minimal nutritional value, such as carbonated beverages, in food service areas during meal times. The law

Taxes

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 Crow joined House Speaker Bruce Newcomb and Senate President Pro Tem Robert Geddes in resuming negotiations with the governor immediately after the new bill was introduced.
 Kempthorne Budget-Director Brian Whitlock said the bill focuses on how much continuing, permanent tax relief the plan should include.
 The governor also said he was concerned that the new plan left out his proposed investment tax credit expansions for stimulating economic development and job creation in struggling rural communities.
 Smith said some of the work he's done on an alternate tax cut bill was incorporated into Crow's new bill.
 "It's probably as close as we're going to get with an omnibus bill in the House," he said.
 Yet even proponents of Crow's plan acknowledge the Senate likely would scale income tax reductions back by tens of millions of dollars as budget writers craft alternatives to Kempthorne's \$2.1 billion spending blueprint.
 "You never know what the Senate will do with something like this," said Rep. Celia Gould, R-Butte, who helped draft the new legislation.
 In addition to a reducing individual income tax rates by one-tenth and corporate rates by two-tenths of a percentage point this year, as Kempthorne's proposal anticipated, the new plan would permanently cut both by a full half-point below current rates next year.
 The state income tax liability for a family of four that made Idaho's average annual income of \$29,007 in 2000 now is \$136. Under the new plan that liability would be reduced to \$54. But rather than the rate reduction, the biggest savings would be realized through doubling the grocery tax credit from \$15 to \$30 per person, and from \$30 to \$60 for tax-

LOTTERY UPDATE

Saturday, February 3, numbers
POWERBALL
 21 27 29 41 44
 POWERBALL NUMBER 0
 Tuesday, February 6, numbers

Saturday, February 3, numbers
WILD CARD
 1 2 4 13 17
 WILD CARD: King of Hearts
 Tuesday, February 6, numbers
PICK 3
 Idaho
 1 11 31 40 55
 8 9 0

Today's Powerball Jackpot \$53 Million!
Wild Card Jackpot is \$460,000!

WILD CARD: KING OF HEARTS
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U.S. plans massive anti-AIDS initiative

CHICAGO (AP) — A government campaign intended to "break the back" of the AIDS epidemic will try to cut the number of new infections in half by 2005, largely by identifying persons who carry HIV but do not know it.

The effort, announced Tuesday by the Centers for Disease and Prevention, is based on the idea that most AIDS infections are spread by outwardly healthy people who do not realize they have HIV.

"The agency believes that if

these people knew they were infected, they would be more careful to protect others, and they would also take AIDS drugs that would probably make them less likely to transmit the virus.

The CDC already spends about \$600 million a year on AIDS prevention, mostly to try to keep uninfected people from catching the virus.

"We have been dealing with half of the equation," said the CDC's Dr. Robert Janssen. "Now it's time to look at all of it."

Officials said the campaign

would cost an additional \$300 million annually. The CDC already has \$100 million of this, and hopes to get funding for the rest.

The CDC estimates that 800,000 to 900,000 Americans are now infected with HIV, and 40,000 more catch the virus each year, a figure that has been stable since the early 1990s. The CDC's goal is to cut the number of new infections to 20,000 annually.

To do this, the CDC will try to identify many more of the

200,000 to 275,000 people who are infected and do not know it. Currently, about 75,000 new HIV infections are diagnosed annually. The CDC hopes to increase that by 30,000 for the next two or three years. By 2005, it hopes that 95 percent of infected Americans will know their status.

"People who are infected and don't know it need to get tested, need to be treated and need to be safe," Janssen said. "It is critical that people learn they are infected."

Pentagon moves ahead on missile defense plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — While President Bush's national security team ponders missile defense options, the Pentagon office in charge of the project may have a first test of a critical new component as early as next month, officials said Tuesday.

The Pentagon's Ballistic-Missile Defense Organization also is planning another attempt to shoot down a mock nuclear missile in space, probably in May or June, using the same technologies that produced a spectacular failure last July, the officials said. Two of the last three attempted missile intercepts failed.

reminders Tuesday that whatever the design of a U.S. national missile defense, it will be controversial.

In Beijing, Foreign Ministry spokesman Sun Yut warned that America's missile defense "will have a far-reaching and extensive negative impact on the global and regional strategic balance and stability."

In Moscow, Defense Minister Igor Sergeev asserted that a U.S. missile defense could easily be defeated by technologies the former Soviet Union developed in the 1980s in response to President Reagan's Star Wars plan that was a more ambitious attempt to defend against all-out missile attacks.

"We had three mighty programs to asymmetrically counteract U.S. national missile defenses during Reagan's 'Star Wars,'" Sergeev was quoted as saying by the Interfax news agency. He gave no details. Although the programs were halted, "We still have them and can take them up again," he said.

Tax reduction could help avert recession

WASHINGTON (AP) — With layoff notices mounting and consumer confidence plunging, the promise of President Bush's tax cut may be coming in the nick of time to avert a full-blown recession, economists said Tuesday.

"Analysts said the activity surrounding Bush's rollout of his \$1.6 trillion plan and the favorable tax relief is generating in Congress should give an immediate, badly needed boost to sagging consumer confidence even before any votes.

"We have gone from fighting about who will be president, which played a role in deflating consumer confidence, to talking about how large the tax cuts will be and when they will come," said Mark Zandi, head of Economy.com, a Pennsylvania forecasting firm. "That is a refreshing change that should help boost confidence."

Will you be better off?

How the tax cuts President Bush proposed during the campaign could affect various taxpayers in the 2001 tax year, if implemented.

Situation	Earnings	Taxes due	
		Current law	Bush plan
Single, no children	\$25,000	\$2,638	\$2,638
	\$50,000	\$4,368	\$4,368
	\$100,000	\$23,208	\$23,208
	\$150,000	\$38,748	\$38,748
Married, one spouse working, two children	\$25,000	\$1,500	\$1,500
	\$50,000	\$2,500	\$2,500
	\$100,000	\$13,208	\$13,208
	\$150,000	\$21,368	\$21,368
Married, both spouses working, two children	\$50,000	\$3,620	\$3,620
	\$100,000	\$15,748	\$15,748
	\$150,000	\$28,208	\$28,208
	\$200,000	\$41,748	\$41,748

NOTE: Assumes tax proposals and current laws fully phased in; uses adjusted gross incomes; assumes taxpayers claimed standard deduction; spouses had equal earnings; children were young enough to qualify for child credit; no child care expenses.

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Since a recession is usually defined as two consecutive negative quarters for the gross domestic product, analysts said the talk about impending tax cuts could be enough to lift consumers' moods before a weak winter is turned into a negative spring.

"Right now, things are not too close for comfort. When you get down to these low levels of growth, it doesn't take much to turn economic weakness into an actual recession," said David Wynn, chief economist at Standard & Poor's Corp. in New York.

Wynn said if Bush succeeds in getting his program through Congress by July, it could help boost second quarter growth to around 3 percent, double what he expects for the first half of the year.

Bush, who pitched his tax plan as good for small businesses at a Virginia shopping mall on Tuesday, has said he will seek acceleration of the effective date to the first of this year to deal with the current slowdown.

Bush told the shop owners that his tax plan would mean "there's more of your own money in your pocket to be able to make sure that your small business flourishes."

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There is no doubt that the once high-flying economy is in need of a boost. The government reported last week that the overall economy had skidded to a barely discernible 1.4 percent growth rate in the fourth quarter last

year. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan has warned that growth in the current quarter could be "very close to zero."

"Consumer confidence has fallen for four straight months, the unemployment rate in January crept up to a 16-month high and some of America's biggest compa-

nies are announcing even more layoffs.

For January, the number of layoff notices shot up to 142,208, the highest total in the past eight years, Challenger, Gray & Christmas, a private Chicago placement firm that tracks layoff notices, said Tuesday.

Indiana senator takes reins of Democratic council

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Evan Bayh of Indiana is taking the reins of the Democratic Leadership Council, a post that will boost his profile inside and outside the party as it struggles over its direction.

The party is engaged in an internal debate over whether it should target its appeal to its traditional base of women, minorities and labor or focus more on

suburbanites and independents.

"You have to both energize the base and reach out to independent and undecided voters," said Bayh, the first-term senator who was mentioned last summer as a possible running mate for Democratic presidential nominee Al Gore.

He was taking the position Tuesday from Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, who

was Gore's running mate and has led the centrist group for the past six years. Past chairmen have included former President Clinton, House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri and former Georgia Sen. Sam Nunn.

"Bayh is a prototypical new Democrat," said DLC President Al From. "He represents the coming generation of leaders for our party."

The 45-year-old Bayh says he wants to offer alternatives to President Bush's proposals, with a positive focus.

"I don't think criticizing him personally and fighting him is the way to go," Bayh told The Associated Press. He acknowledged the post has led to comment about his political future. "I'm focusing my attention on being the best senator I can be."

Former president's office says no one knew of investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Clinton's office says he was unaware of a criminal investigation of a wealthy businessman pardoned on Clinton's last day in office.

Federal prosecutors are investigating herbal remedy marketer Almon Glenn Braswell for possible tax evasion and money laundering, a federal law enforcement source in Los Angeles said Tuesday. Braswell, 57, was among 140 people Clinton pardoned on Inauguration Day. The pardon, which covered Braswell's 1983 conviction for fraud and other crimes, restored his civil rights.

"No one knew of any ongoing criminal investigation" at the time of the pardon, Clinton's office said in a statement.

The former president's office also said, "No one at the White House who reviewed this matter had any intention of the pardon

covering anything other than the infraction from 1983."

U.S. News & World Report first reported on the pending criminal investigation during the weekend.

After the pardon was announced, some federal officials worried that Clinton might have pardoned Braswell for any criminal charges that could arise from the current investigation.

However, Clinton's one-page pardon states that Braswell is receiving an executive grant of clemency for "his convictions... on three indictments for which he was sentenced on Dec. 5, 1983."

Braswell's conviction stems from false claims about the effectiveness of a treatment for baldness. He was sentenced to three years in federal prison followed by five years' probation.

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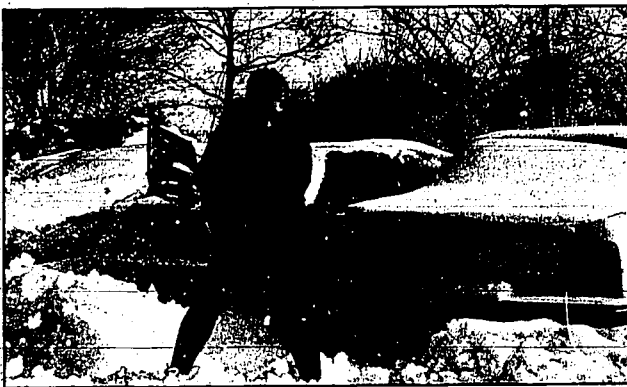
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'STORM OF THE CENTURY'



Judy Williams digs her car out Tuesday in Worcester, Mass., after a 'nor'easter' buried the New England coast late Monday. Proclaimed as the worst storm in years, the blizzard closed schools, businesses, highways and airports. In Springfield, Mass., Mayor Michael Albanese declared a state of emergency and asked businesses to remain closed until 4 p.m. so crews could remove 22 inches of snow from the streets.

Police seek to trace weapons used by felon in shooting

MELROSE PARK, Ill. (AP) - A day after a factory rampage left five people dead, police spent Tuesday trying to learn how the gunman, a convicted felon, was able to get the weapons he used. William D. Baker, 66, killed four people at the International Truck and Engine Corp. plant Monday before committing suicide. He had been scheduled to report to prison Tuesday for taking part in an engine-theft ring at the plant in 1993-94.

He used a .38-caliber pistol and an assault rifle in the attack, police Chief Vito Scavo said. Police said they don't know how or when he got the weapons, though a shotgun and hunting rifle he also carried were bought legally in 1993. Special Agent Thomas Ahern of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms said Baker's guns were being traced. Kirsten Curley, spokeswoman for the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence, said the killings exposed the many loopholes in state and federal gun laws.

"The law that we have, there's so many ways to get around it, it's Swiss cheese," Curley said.

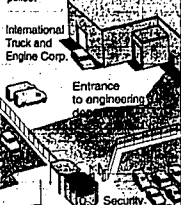
Convicted felons are not allowed to own firearms, but there is no mechanism for making sure they surrender their guns. State police usually send a letter telling felons with gun licenses to surrender the licenses, but that didn't happen in Baker's case, state police Capt. Dave Sanders said.

Baker was fired in 1995. He pleaded guilty to a federal theft conspiracy charge last June, admitting he helped steal diesel engines and components worth \$195,400 from the plant. Employees of the plant, which makes medium-duty engines for parent company Navistar, were allowed to stay home Tuesday if they wished. The attack also wounded four employees, one of them critically.

Among those who returned to the plant Tuesday was John Harris, a 45-year-old employee who knew Baker and each of the victims. He came to the plant to see a grief counselor, then planned to go home.

Plant entered at gunpoint

A former employee entered a suburban Chicago plant on Monday and opened fire, killing five people including himself, according to police.



At about 10 a.m. Gunman William D. Baker shows up at the plant carrying a golf bag filled with an assault rifle, a hunting rifle, a revolver and a shotgun. Baker asks to enter the plant. Security impedes him. Pointing a revolver at the side of the guard, he forces his way in. Inside the plant, he shoots eight people and kills himself.

Source: Police reports

Report: 300 workers found starving and beaten

NEW YORK - Factory workers in American Samoa who made clothes for J.C. Penney Co. and other retailers were beaten, poorly fed, underpaid and spied on while they shivered. The New York Times reported Tuesday. The newspaper, citing a Labor Department report dated Dec. 14, said the 300 workers at the plant were fed meager rations of rice, chicken broth and cabbage and resembled "wasting skeletons." The plant closed in January. The Times said it obtained the report from an anti-swathshop activist working to expose poor conditions at overseas factories.

J.C. Penney stopped selling the factory's clothes when it learned of the problems in December. It also canceled contracts with a supplier who sourced goods there, a company spokesman told the newspaper.

Patients' rights advocates stand poised to try yet again

WASHINGTON - President Bush said Tuesday he hopes to have a patients' bill of rights on his desk soon, even as his staff worked to peel away Republican support for bipartisan legislation.

Soon after lawmakers presented the latest bill to overhaul managed care, Bush said he was concerned the proposal did not tightly cap damage awards that patients might win if they sue health insurers. "We can't have a patients' bill of rights that encourages and invites all kind of lawsuits. The ultimate effect would be to run up the cost of business," Bush said.

The legislation introduced Tuesday has supporters from both parties, including Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. But Rep. Charlie Norwood, R-Ga., withdrew after meeting with top White House aides on Monday as the White House sought the upper hand in the debate.

Health care industry revenues top \$1 trillion

WASHINGTON - Treating the sick and needy, the health care and social assistance industries

Nation in brief

totalled more than \$1 trillion in revenues in 1999, the Census Bureau said.

Industry revenues hit \$1.01 trillion in 1999, up 4.3 percent from the previous year, according to a Census Bureau report being released Wednesday. They were the latest numbers available.

Revenues for hospitals were up 3.9 percent to \$413 billion in 1999. Private insurance payments to hospitals, up 6 percent to \$143 billion, comprised about one-third of that total, while Medicare reimbursements to hospitals totaled \$134 billion.

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Ex-Army Ranger gets death in shotgun slayings

SHALIMAR, Fla. - An Army veteran convicted of killing three children with a shotgun was sentenced to death Tuesday by a judge who rejected defense claims the man was mentally ill and suffered from Gulf War syndrome.

Jeffrey Hutchinson, 38, also received a life sentence for murdering the children's mother, with whom he lived. Hutchinson, 38, showed no emotion as Circuit Judge G. Robert Barron pronounced sentence, but made a brief statement. "I did not kill Renee and the kids, and I believe I was framed," he said.

Hutchinson also was diagnosed with Gulf War syndrome two years before the killings, by Dr. William Baumzweiger, who said Hutchinson had neurological damage and "did not knowingly commit the killings."

Several symptoms have been grouped together under the label of Gulf War syndrome, including memory loss, anxiety and chronic pain. The Pentagon and the Department of Veterans Affairs have acknowledged a health problem exists but insist no single illness is behind the syndrome.

Postal Service considers another rate boost

WASHINGTON - Just a month after higher stamp prices took effect the U.S. Postal Service, facing massive losses, is considering another rate, boost that could result in higher prices early next year.

The post office is reportedly facing losses of up to \$2 billion this year despite the price increase that took effect Jan. 7, which included raising a first-class stamp a penny to 34 cents.

While approving that increase, the independent Postal Rate Commission rejected or scaled

back several other requested price hikes, cutting expected income by some \$1 billion.

Three frat members get 30 days in drinking death

CHICO, Calif. - Three members of a fraternity at California State University, Chico, were sentenced to 30 days in jail in connection with the drinking death of an 18-year-old.

Pi Kappa Phi president Brandon Betti and members Richard DeLuana and Sam Dolbryn, all 21, pleaded no contest Monday to a misdemeanor charge of furnishing alcohol to a minor causing death.

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WORLD

Libyans rally against Lockerbie trial verdict outside British Embassy

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Police used tear gas and nightsticks to clear away protesters Tuesday as thousands of Libyans rallied outside the U.N. building and the British Embassy demanding freedom for the man convicted in the Lockerbie trial.

A crowd of protesters outside the U.N. building — scene of demonstrations ever since the Jan. 31 verdict — carried a coffin emblazoned with "American civilization means killing children" symbolizing the victims of a 1986 U.S. raid on Libya. Some fought security guards in an attempt to get into the U.N. building. At least seven people who managed to jump over the fence were arrested.



Libyan riot police struggle with demonstrators trying to break into the British Embassy Tuesday in Tripoli. The protesters were demanding freedom for the Libyan convicted of the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 in which 270 people died.

A squad of 120 police reinforcements tried to disperse the crowd with tear gas. The protesters hurled stones at the police, who used nightsticks to clear the street in front of the building.

Thousands of other protesters also converged on the British Embassy, which was reopened after Libya surrendered the Lockerbie suspect. Police formed a ring around the building to keep protesters away. In both demonstrations, protesters burned American flags and chanted slogans such as "To hell again with America and Britain!" and "We will not forget our martyrs!"

Libyan intelligence agent Abdel

Basset Ali al-Megrahi was convicted by a Scottish court and sentenced him to life in prison for planting the bomb that destroyed Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988.

His co-defendant, Lameen Khalifa Fhimah, was acquitted last week in the bombing that killed 270 people. Libyan officials have accused the West of disregarding

the 37 people killed in U.S. airstrikes on Libya in 1986, including the adopted daughter of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi.

The United States and Britain pressed for the Libyans' trial, and the United Nations played a central role in the negotiations that led to the suspects' handover in 1999. They were tried by a special Scottish court on Dutch soil.

East Timor sees first rape indictments

DILI, East Timor (AP) — In a legal first for East Timor, U.N. prosecutors on Tuesday filed multiple rape charges against an Indonesian army officer and two anti-independence militia leaders.

The men allegedly committed the attacks during a wave of violence before and after a 1999 referendum in which the vast majority of East Timorese voted to break away from Indonesian rule.

"This is the first time we have filed indictments for sexual crimes," U.N. chief prosecutor Mohamed Othman said.

Indictments against Indonesian Army 2nd Lt. Bambang Indira and militia fighters Jose Cardoso Ferreira and Francisco Noronha were filed at Dili District Court.

The three allegedly raped and repeatedly detained three women between May and July 1999 in the town of Lolotoi, 60 miles southwest of Dili.

The three men as well as two other militia members, Jhoni France and Sabino Leite, were also charged with other crimes against humanity including murder, torture and kidnapping.

The five are accused of beating and killing pro-independence supporters between May and September 1999. In one case, the suspects cut off the ear of a victim and forced him to eat it, the prosecutors allege.

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Families of trapped miners lay siege to India coal mine

PATNA, India (AP) — Anxious relatives of 32 miners trapped in a coal mine for five days in eastern India surrounded the entrance to the mine Tuesday as hopes receded of finding the miners alive.

Fearing that officials would call off rescue efforts, families of the miners gathered just outside the mine entrance, hampering rescue efforts, a mine official said.

Fifty-one miners were in the state-owned Bagdigi coal mines in eastern India's Jharkhand state when water burst through a wall from an adjoining mine Friday. Nineteen miners escaped.

The breach was not linked to a massive earthquake that shook India's western Gujarat state, about 1,200 miles from the mining area.

A fight broke out on Monday night between relatives of the

trapped miners and police after one miner's body was fished out of the water that filled part of the mine.

The body of Pritan Singh was pulled out by Indian navy divers.

Two teams of navy divers made a second attempt Tuesday to search for the miners, the United News of India news agency said.

Their first mission on Sunday, when they entered the mine from an adjoining mine shaft, failed.

Water in the mine was being pumped out by nine pumps, and a tenth pump was installed Tuesday.

Officials of state-owned Coal India Ltd. announced Tuesday that a family member of each miner would be given a job with the company and that the immediate family would receive cash compensation of \$13,830.

Woman falls ill after trip to Congo, hemorrhagic virus suspected

HAMILTON, Ontario (AP) — A woman who arrived from Congo and fell ill in Canada is being tested for hemorrhagic viruses, including Ebola, doctors said Tuesday.

The identity of the woman has not been released. She was admitted to a Hamilton hospital on Sunday and has been described as drifting in and out of consciousness. The viral hemorrhagic fevers suspected are a group of contagious tropical infections that are life-threatening. Doctors say the

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EDITORIAL

New street names could make sense

For many people, the central area of Twin Falls is a tangle of similarly named streets and avenues. Second Avenue West abruptly turns into - no, not Second Avenue East, but Second Avenue South. Third Street West becomes - no, not Third Street East, but Third Street North.

The intersection of Second and Second, you say? Which one? It's confusing, even for long-time residents. The upshot is that many people navigate central Twin Falls by landmarks - not street names.

"You say you're on Second Street East? Which one is that?" "It's the one between the library and City Park."

"OK, I know where you are now." How many conversations like that have taken place over the years?

To lessen the confusion, a consultant is suggesting the city rename streets and avenues in the downtown area. Economic development specialist Tom Hudson, from Moscow, says it's a sensible step toward making Twin Falls easier to navigate.

It's an idea with merit, and city leaders should consider it carefully. If they press ahead, they could tie the name changes to the city's upcoming centennial celebration. (Official motto: "After 100 years, you finally know where you are.")

Of course, the City Council would have to choose inspiring new names that would stand the test of time. Steele Street, Allen Avenue and Talkington Terrace are some names the council members might find appealing. From there, the city could branch out to honor other luminaries in the community. Just imagine - Crump Cul-de-sac, Walworth Way and Hartgen Highway.

OK, OK, we're only kidding. Seriously, the streets and avenues of the central Twin Falls are literally at the heart of the city. If the council chooses to rename them, it should appoint an advisory committee, seek suggestions from the public, and choose names that will endure. They should be names the community will still be

proud of when the city's bicentennial rolls around.

Diagonal parking in a parallel universe

Another suggestion from Hudson is changing both (OK, all four) Second Avenues from three lanes to two lanes - and using the reclaimed space for diagonal, rather than parallel, parking. This is an idea with real merit.

Each of the Second Avenues could afford to lose a lane without significantly slowing the flow of traffic. What downtown Twin Falls needs is more parking, not a couple of three-lane, one-way streets.

Round and round the roundabout

Yet another suggestion from Hudson is to do away with the traffic signals at the North Five Points intersection - where Blue Lakes Boulevard, Addison Avenue and Shoshone Street all converge to form a genuine malfunction Junction. Hudson's idea is to replace the lights with a European-style roundabout.

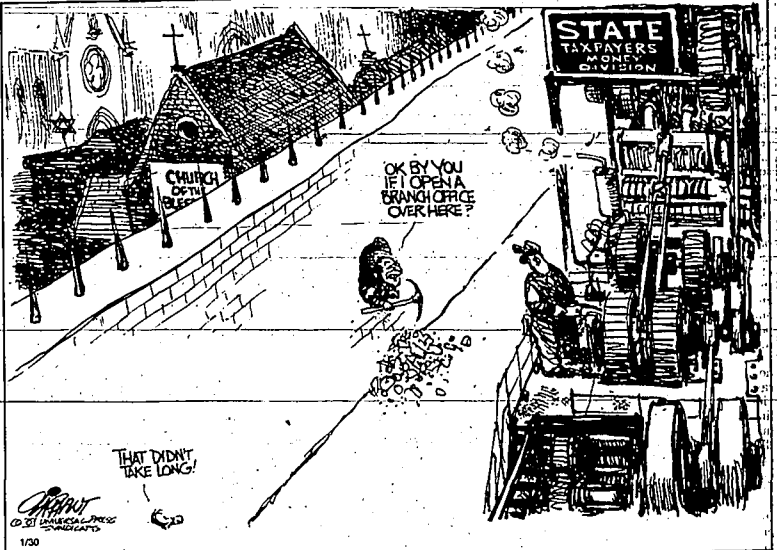
You've probably seen roundabouts in old Peter Sellers movies. In the right place, they make a lot of sense.

Instead of halting traffic with lights, a roundabout allows moving vehicles to ease into a large circle in which traffic travels counter-clockwise. Drivers peel off at their desired exits.

Hudson's idea has a lot of charm: A roundabout would create an appealing, and distinctive entrance to downtown Twin Falls. Theoretically, it could help traffic flow.

But there are potential problems. One is that the intersection may be too small to handle all the traffic on Addison and Blue Lakes. Would the city need to buy private property to make room? Moreover, a roundabout would require a level of attentiveness to lane changes not previously seen in many southern Idaho drivers.

Despite those potential drawbacks, the idea deserves consideration.

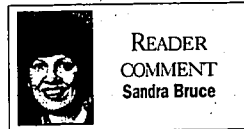


St. Al's is good medicine for Twin Falls

In the world of health care, there are few absolutes. One maxim, however, does exist - health care is given to one person at a time. Regardless of technological advancements, administrative changes and geographical location, this remains constant. For Saint Alphonsus, it is more than a saying. It is a belief that guides us as we make quality health services available throughout our region - one patient at a time.

In the Twin Falls area, Saint Alphonsus has been delivering locally based health services for many years. You might even say we've been part of the neighborhood, working cooperatively with several local health-care organizations. At Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, we operate one of our two full-time LifeFlight stations, continuing a relationship with Twin Falls that began 15 years ago with the inception of our nationally recognized air ambulance service. In nearby Jerome, Saint Alphonsus has been the manager for operations of St. Benedict's Family Medical Center for nearly 15 years. Last year, we assumed sponsorship of this fine community hospital and have worked hard to enhance its programs and services.

Our mobile health services are regular visitors to the Twin Falls area. We lead the region in providing online technology to outlying hospitals; connecting them to highly specialized diagnostic services available in Boise and greatly decreasing the need for patient travel. There is the Saint Alphonsus Nephrology Center in Twin Falls as well as the Saint-Alphonsus-affiliated Twin Falls Physician Center



READER COMMENT
Sandra Bruce

primary care. Twin Falls residents also use services we provide throughout the region and state. Many call our Ask-A-Nurse telephone service for medical questions that come up when your own physician's office is closed.

You will find us bringing health care to the poor and providing primary care to those who could otherwise not afford it. Our Mobile Health Screening Unit provides free mammograms to women unable to pay for this life-saving exam.

Saint Alphonsus is cognizant of the changing health-care marketplace. Health-care reform, the growth of managed care and cuts to Medicare reimbursements are very real issues that challenge every community. A realistic solution for health-care organizations is to form partnerships that allow for a systematic integration of services. In this way, medical care is greatly enhanced where the consumer most wants it - in the local hospital.

We are interested in discussing growth, patient care issues and medical technology with neighboring hospitals because we believe that a collaborative approach to health care ensures choices for patients. In recent years, Saint Al's has earned national stature. We're a "Top 100"

hospital for orthopaedics in 1999 and 2000 and for cardiovascular services in 2000. In addition, we were recognized last year as one of the nation's "100 Most Wired" hospitals for online delivery of medical services. We are the region's only Level II trauma center, and we have a fast-growing telemedicine system that makes "filmless" radiology a reality.

These achievements demonstrate that our mission to improve the region's health care is more than words. It is action. It is with this demonstrated commitment that we are entering into a partnership with Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital. This facility, named a "Top 100" hospital in the nation in the 1990s, has a mission which mirrors Saint Alphonsus'. For the past 50 years, Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital has been adamant in its efforts to bring this community the most advanced medical care in a cost-effective, and holistic manner which embraces mind, spirit and body throughout the healing process.

Saint Alphonsus and Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital want to enhance the medical services this community deserves. It is critical that clinical decisions continue to be made locally and a potential partnership with Saint Alphonsus would enable this facility to further its responsiveness to local needs. This is an opportunity to work together to enrich health care for a community which has been viewed by Saint Alphonsus as one of our finest neighbors for many years.

Sandra Bruce is the president and chief executive officer at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

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LETTERS

Questions need answered

My family and I would like to offer our deepest sympathy to all the families of those who lost their lives.

In response to Mr. Schmoie in Kimberly, you ask a very good question.

Why would someone who quite possibly only had an insignificant amount of drugs and also had the lady that he was falling in love with in his home arm himself so heavily and be waiting with his guns loaded for the sheriff's department to show up? Another question is, when the sheriff's department identified themselves, if he had nothing to hide and nothing to fear, why didn't he open the door and accept the warrant?

There has been a lot of talk of the ex-boyfriend; well, maybe the answer is simply that Mr. Williams was so frightened over the situation with his girlfriend's ex that on that night he just totally froze

with fear to the point that he couldn't even think straight. Also, I would like to know whether or not, in all the times that Mr. Williams phoned the sheriff's office and SIRCOMM, did he ever file an official report of harassment or try to seek a restraining order against the ex-boyfriend of Ms. Taylor?

This whole event is so tragic and sad, and yet we cannot believe that the sheriff's department just went out that night just to kill someone. We believe that there is still a lot of information that has not been released to the public and hope that it will be soon so as to put closure to this tragic night. We would also like to add that unless you are in that exact set of circumstances, none of us knows what judgment calls or reactions we might have. The individuals who choose to be law enforcement officers have a lot of courage to choose an occupation where no matter what they do in

any situation, they are never going to be perceived as doing the right thing; it is totally an awesome responsibility, one that I would not be willing to accept.

ALBERTA AND ALAN O'TOOLE
Jerome

Minidoka monument is just

You chide Clinton for missing the mark in making part of the Minidoka Internment Camp site a national monument, but the fact is that substantial public and congressional input was sought and weighed. Sen. Craig S. Crapo, and Congressman Simpson all have gone on record to support it with necessary supporting it being accomplished by Clinton. A presidential assistant came to Twin Falls prior to the designation, toured the camp site, the Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum where camp memorabilia and exhibits have been saved,

and met with members of the Jerome County Historical Society; representatives of the Japanese American Citizens League; representatives of our Idaho congressmen; the superintendent of the Hagerman Fossil Beds; staff of the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation and IFARM; and interested Idaho educators.

These individuals came from Boise, Pocatello, Blackfoot, Idaho Falls, the JACL National office, and throughout the Magic Valley. To call that considerable and varied public input.

It is precisely because some of today's citizens feel it is only revisionist historians who acknowledge that Japanese-American and Japanese internment occurred during World War II that such sites need to be memorialized. Only when seen in its barren, stark, actual circumstances or heard firsthand from an internee

- does the full impact and the enormity of the deed become truth for some. For that reason, and for many others, making the Hunt camp a national monument is necessary and overdue.

Indeed, for your newspaper to editorialize that it "wasn't unreasonable" for the United States government to take away the freedom, property, and civil rights of its citizens and residents, is itself reason to preserve the truth.

MICKI KAWAKAMI
Pocatello

Look honestly at injustices

The Moscow-Pullman Daily News has reprinted an editorial from The Times-News regarding the "relocation camp" in southern Idaho where Japanese-Americans were imprisoned during World War II. That writer makes the dangerous assertion that locking up American citizens because of their

Japanese ancestry was not racist but a "reasonable and prudent" matter of "national security."

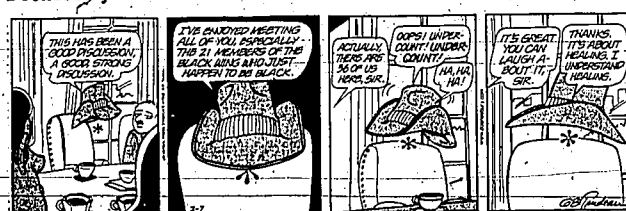
The United States was also at war against Germany and Italy at that time, but the government didn't round up our countrymen of German and Italian descent. If hindsight, it should be clear that the reason for this different treatment was simply racism.

While we honor the heroic deeds of the World War II generation, it is important to look honestly at injustices that were committed in the name of "national security." By pondering how fear and prejudice could lead good people to do bad things, we might gain some insight into unintended consequences of our own actions in our own time.

Let us hope the Minidoka Camp National Monument will contribute to a better understanding of these uncomfortable truths.

JACK PORTER
Moscow

Doonesbury



Mallard Fillmore



OPINION

LETTERS

Residents will not pay more

Your editorial of Jan. 26 discussed issues relating to an agreement reached between the city of Jerome and the Jerome Water and Sewer District. It has taken more than six years to reach this final agreement, largely because of economic conditions and the fundamental concerns that city tax revenues and established rates for city services not be used to support economic development outside the corporate boundaries of the city of Jerome.

I agree with your editorial board that economic development will begin along the route of the sewer collection line from the district, Crossroads Ranch, an area parallel to Interstate 84 and, most importantly, from my perspective, within the city limits of Jerome.

The quote, "City residents will not be asked to spend one penny in rate increases or in taxes to provide services outside the city limits," is much more than a quote. It is a promise. I believe that as we attract growth, spread our tax base and make sound businesslike decisions, we will be able to reduce property taxes and rates. We have positioned the city of Jerome to welcome growth of existing businesses and welcome new businesses.

We created an Urban Renewal District that allows the use of specific taxes from new growth within a given area to fund improvements needed to support that new growth. Those new improvements can include but are not limited to wastewater treatment capacity, sewer collection lines, streets and other public facilities. Growth without asking current city residents to fund it.

New connection fees accurately reflect the value of capacity in the wastewater treatment plant and the potable water system and the value of being a stockholder in the city's utilities. Connection fees that can be set aside to fund additional expansion if and when it becomes necessary.

DENNIS MOORE
Jerome
(Editor's note: Dennis Moore is the mayor of Jerome.)

We must protect our water

I do not want this letter to have an edge of sarcasm, so I will be short and to the point. Farming is not brain surgery, building dairies in areas of cheap feed and plentiful water is inevitable if the people allow it, and a half a million pigs is a lot of pigs.

I love farming and realized its potential when I was a young man. I now realize nothing lasts forever. There is one thing in Idaho we must try to protect with every breath we take and that would be our water. Whether that water be used for power, irrigation, livestock or salmon swimming to spawn, protecting its very existence is imperative to Idaho growth and potential.

Idaho, as a united state, will need to make wise and calculated decisions in the best use of our existing water because if we don't, someone else will. We as farmers are suffering some challenging times, but our water quality and quantity will eventually be our biggest challenge. These are not earth-shaking statements to farmers and ranchers because we know agriculture is infinitely more important than brain surgery, the internet, and every skyscraper in existence. Food and water is the lifeblood of this and every country in existence. Most of us just haven't been hungry for so long we think it will last forever; that would be a mistake.

Please don't sit on your hands any longer. If you want our water managed with foresight and vision, then say so. What that dairy did to Hollister is criminal and maybe we should start there.

MARK FELDHUSEN
Kimberly

Seniors are foundation

How sad to think that one man doesn't want his tax dollars benefiting the very people who have helped to make the College of Southern Idaho the exceptional center of learning and culture that it is today.

Jerry Holman said it very well, "Seniors are the foundation of the community." These are the people who have given their tax dollars and support to the college for nearly one-third of a century. We are the ones who have enjoyed the benefits. Extending the opportunity for lifelong learning to our seniors is a wonderful way to say thank you.

DELSA MONCUR
Twin Falls

Kudos on Eden coverage

I want to applaud your coverage on the Eden tragedy. I think your coverage forces people to think and to question what happened.

If everything was on the up-and-up, questions would be answered. When questions are not answered and information is not released, one can safely assume that something is being covered up.

Something stinks in Jerome, and it is not the dairy air.
GAIL MANN
Hagerman

Putting a price on salmon

Let me see if I understand Thursday's editorial correctly ("It's time to evaluate the cost of

salmon recovery," Feb. 1)

The Times-News correctly states that Northwest ratepayers have squandered \$3.5 billion on salmon recovery since 1980 with little to show for it. This money has been spent on such things as barging and trucking salmon around the dams, cutting harvest, building hatcheries, eliminating predators and fixing degraded spawning streams.

Now that dam breaching has been tabled for at least another three years, The Times-News urges salmon advocates to focus on these very same measures that have proven insufficient in the past. Coincidentally, this is also the government's brilliant new plan. But alas, this dam-saving is projected to cost ratepayers an additional \$100 million to \$200 million per year to implement. The Times-News complains about the exorbitant price tag.

Unfortunately, The Times-News and Idaho's political establishment left the lowest-lying fruit hanging when they refused to support dam breaching last year. Now that the bill has come due, you would rather let the salmon disappear than pay.
SCOTT BOSSE
Boise

(Editor's note: Scott Bosse is a conservation scientist for Idaho Rivers United.)

Shame on Senator Craig

I take great exception to Sen. Larry Craig's comment as published in The Times-News on Feb. 2 that opposition to the nomination of John Ashcroft as attorney general was based on religious bigotry.

CSPAN provided extensive coverage of the Senate hearings, many hours of which I watched. Not once did I hear the slightest criticism leveled at Mr. Ashcroft concerning his religion. Not one Democrat, not even his harshest detractor, voiced anything but praise for him as a person and a senator with strong religious convictions.

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Their concern stemmed from his affiliation with a racist magazine whose mission he praised, his association with a racist institution, Bob Jones University, that he refused to distance himself from, his opposition to school desegregation, his lawsuit against nurses in rural Missouri who distributed birth control information and supplies, his distortion of the record of Judge Ronnie White, and his previous vows to fight to overturn Roe vs. Wade at all costs.






I, too, believe John Ashcroft is a good man, but how can a person who says Jesus is the king of America effectively and fairly be the top law enforcement official in a country consisting not only of Christians but millions of Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Taoists, Hindus and agnostics? Sen. Craig should be ashamed of himself for trivializing the opponents to Mr. Ashcroft's nomination as anti-religion crybabies instead of the concerned elected officials I believe them to be.
WAYNE AIR
Bellevue

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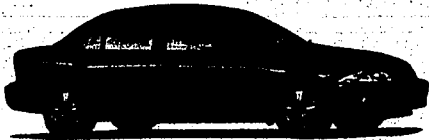
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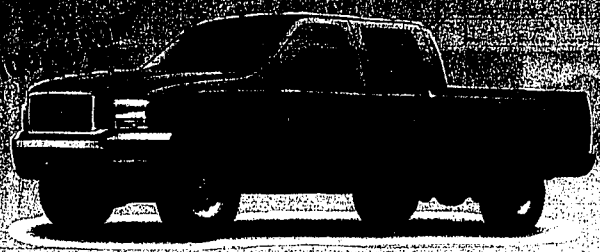
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TWIN FALLS

Harley F. Hann
Harley F. Hann died Feb. 4, 2001, after a long illness. He was born Jan. 5, 1930 in Buhl, Idaho, to J. Walter Hann and Julia Shriver Hann. He married Gloria Vaughn on Jan. 2, 1949, in Elko, Nev. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. Survived by his wife of Twin Falls and his daughter, Debbie and her husband, Mitchell Montzert, of Salt Lake City, Utah. Preceded in death by his parents. At Harley's request, there will be no services. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in his memory to Magic Valley Symphony League, PO 1805, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1805.

Virginia Beach, Va., and Hilda (Harold) Thomas of Magna, Utah, 26 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, two sisters, three brothers, and two granddaughters. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, 2001, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, by Bishop Dean Condie, officiating. Interment will follow at the Oakley Cemetery. Friends may call at Rasmussen Funeral Home on Friday, from 6-8 p.m., and on Saturday from 10-10:45 a.m.

Fox College, graduating with a bachelor's degree in social-science. A. George Fox was business manager of the student newspaper, student body treasurer, and treasurer of the Student Union. Glen attended Western Business University in Portland, Ore., for a short while. He went to work for bookkeeping and accounting services in Portland, Ore., in 1968. He worked bookkeeping and accounting jobs in Idaho for approximately 30 years, including: Hoff Batter Living Center in Caldwell, Rudy Patrick Seed/alter Allied Seed for 10 years. For a short while he worked in Twin Falls, where he met his future wife, Sandra Putzier. He worked for 15 years for Producer's Supply Co-op in Nampa, where he was responsible for all phases of accounting including general ledger and payroll. He was responsible for converting a manual general ledger system to a computerized general ledger in the 1980s. He worked two years for Zero Defects in Boise, and two years for A/C Electric in Middleton, and most recently Broadway Market in Boise. Glen worked himself up the ladder in the Nampa Jaycees organization and was elected president in 1975 and was Idaho State Diplomat Jaycee #9. He was also on the Greenleaf Friends Academy, board of directors and was secretary for a short while. He was treasurer of Nampa Friends Church and later Financial Secretary for the Zion Lutheran Church. He was secretary/treasurer of Lutheran Layman's League, Western Zone, for a number of years. He was secretary-treasurer of Westwood Manor Subdivision irrigation. He was a confirmed baptist member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Nampa. Prior to his cancer, he enjoyed walking, reading and fishing.

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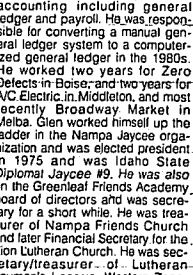
Leon Wilbur Loucks
Leon Wilbur Loucks, 65, of Gooding, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2001 at his home. He was born Feb. 12, 1935, in Twin Falls, the son of Wilbur and Hazel Loucks. He attended schools in Kimberly and Gooding, graduating from Gooding High School in 1953. He then enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served during the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. His military career spanned 23 years and he was honorably discharged on June 30, 1976. He returned to Gooding where he lived and farmed northwest of town. Leon also worked for the Gooding School District in the maintenance department for 23 years, retiring on June 30, 1999. In addition of his wife, Lois, of Gooding he is survived by six children, Steven Loucks of Gooding, Diane Loucks of Plorzhelm, Germany, Colleen Loucks of Nampa, Idaho, Gerald (Kelly) Loucks of Stallford, Va., Krista (Perry) Munyon of Pyawlake, South Korea, and Rich (Richard) Johnson of Killen, Texas. He is also survived by his father, Wilbur C. Loucks, of Twin Falls, Idaho; three sisters, Goodwyn (Betty) McCray, of Orofino, Idaho; Carolyn (Warron) Robison, of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Marilyn Loucks, of Twin Falls, Idaho, and numerous grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Hazel L. Loucks. Funeral services will be held Friday, Feb. 9, 2001 at 2 p.m. at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Viewing will be Thursday, Feb. 8, 2001 from 3-5 p.m. at the chapel.

NAMPA



Glen Stansell
Glen Stansell, 56, of Nampa, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2001, at his home of natural causes. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, at the Zion Lutheran Church, Nampa. Interment will be at the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Glen was born Sept. 27, 1944, at Caldwell, and was raised on a farm near Homedale. He attended Homedale grade school and eight years of Christian education, four years at Greenleaf Friends Academy where he graduated salutatorian, four years at George

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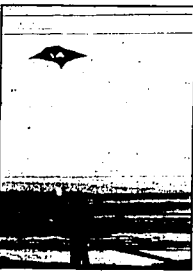


Thomas Tom Martin Huber
Thomas Tom Martin Huber of Jerome, Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

SEATTLE, WASH.



Trace Lynn Johnson
Trace Lynn Johnson passed away at his home in Seattle, Washington, on January 25, 2001. He was born September 5, 1954 in Twin Falls, Idaho. The son of Ted and Betty Johnson graduated from Fier High School in 1972 and then attended the College of Southern Idaho, Boise State University and the University of Washington where he obtained a master degree in business administration and information system management. He was a certified computing professional. Trace worked for the telephone company for 24 years. He loved to travel, read, mentor young people, teaching many lives and was passionate about working with several charities. He will be greatly missed and is survived by his father Ted Johnson; mother and step-father Betty and Richard Bubak; sisters Linda (John) Barbour, Lauri (Phillip) Waring; nieces Ashley, Jacqueline, Laura, Sophia, nephew Joshua, 0 and grandmother, Essie Green. Family services were held in Seattle, January 31. Arrangements were handled by Wiggins and Wiggins Mortuary.



"Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth and danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings; Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth of sun-split clouds-and done a hundred things You have not dreamed of wheeled and soared and swung high in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there, I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung my eager craft through footless halls of air. Up, up the long delicious burning blue, I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace Where never tarry or even eagle fled. And while with silent lifting mind I've trod The high untrespassed sanctity of space, I've put my hand and touched the face of God." High Flight by Pilot Officer Gillespie Magee Junior

RUPERT

Yvonne Hale Buckley
Yvonne Hale Buckley, 80-year-old Rupert resident, formerly of Oakley, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2001. Yvonne was born on May 6, 1920, in Oakley, Idaho, the daughter of Wallace and Permel Dayley Hale. She grew up in Oakley and graduated from the Oakley Academy. She went to Weiser to attend school and later moved to Murtaugh, where she met and married Renaldo Egbert. They later moved to Vallejo, Calif. Yvonne worked at the Shady Oaks Mushroom Plant for nearly 20 years while Renaldo was in the service. They divorced in 1955. Yvonne married Harry Reed in 1958. In 1960, they moved to Oakley. They were divorced in 1968. She met Robert Buckley in Oakley and they were married in 1968. They divorced in 1973. While in Oakley, Yvonne went to work for Ore-Ida Foods. She worked there for nearly 25 years prior to her retirement. Yvonne became a Snow Bird and went to Lost Lake, Calif., every winter she could. She made new friends from all across the United States. Her hobbies included quilting, camping, playing shuffleboard, traveling and enjoying her grandchildren. She is survived by her children, Karen Marie (Dale) Baresford of Rimrock, Ariz.; Lynn Jay (Mary) Egbert of Heyburn, Idaho; Caroli noe (Dorothy) Vogler of Blackfoot; Caroli noe (Raymond) Eugene (Dorothy) Egbert of Star, Idaho; James David Egbert of Brooksville, Fla.; John R. (Marena) Reed of Rupert, Idaho, and Robert B. Reed of Tucson, Ariz.; two brothers, Whiney Hale of Murray, Utah; Fielding (Norma) Hale of Oakley, Idaho; three sisters, Anna Lou (Eldred) Barr of Heyburn, Idaho; Claire (Bill) Spence of

Gooding council hears request for measuring device

By Almee Metcalf Times-Herald's correspondent
GOODING - Resident John Koyle told the City Council Monday that he'd like to see a water measuring device installed by the old sewer plant on the Little Wood River to get a more accurate measurement of water use in the area. Mayor George Dains advised

Koyle to contact Northside Canal Company about putting in the device. Also Monday, Gooding City Superintendent Todd Bunn said the city's 1956 road chipper is being retired. The City Council approved the city to pay \$5,000 toward a \$35,000 1984 chipper. The Gooding County and Fairfield highway districts will cover the rest of the cost. Other City Council business:

Greg Wokersien resigned from the city Planning and Zoning Commission. He nominated Tim Pierson, Bill Korse and Nan Reddy for future planning commission positions. A meeting will be held at 5 p.m. Feb. 26 at the city offices to discuss a five-year plan to upgrade the Gooding Municipal Airport.

Barbara Joyce Thompson Tubbs of Idaho Falls and formerly of the Jerome area, memorial service at 2 p.m. today in the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel at Jerome; interment of the ashes will follow at the Jerome Cemetery; no viewing is planned.

Celeste Marie Toolson of Rupert, Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. today at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Baylee Ashton Wayment of Richfield, service at 1 p.m. today at the Richfield Assembly of God Church; burial to follow in the Richfield Cemetery.

Betty Stewart Southwick formerly of King Hill, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding; family and friends may call from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Thomas Tom Martin Huber of Jerome, Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Blaine F. Hall of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. today at the Hazelton Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the church; interment to follow at the Hazelton Cemetery (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Jeannette Shaw Carlton of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. Thursday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel; interment will be in the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding; family and friends may call from 1-7 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Arnold Austin Matheny of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Thursday at First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls; military rites will be performed at the church by the Eden American Legion (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

DEATH NOTICES

Jane M. Hashman
WENDELL - Jane M. Hashman, 90, of Wendell died Monday, Feb. 5, 2001, at Magic Valley Manor Assisted Living Center in Wendell. The service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, 2001, at the Wendell LDS Church. Viewing will held from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, 2001 at Demaray's Wendell Chapel and from 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Gordon Edward Carson
BURLEY - Gordon Edward Carson, 83, of Burley died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2001, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements are pending at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley.

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

Gooding commissioners deny permit for proposed subdivision

By Almee Metcalf Times-News correspondent
GOODING - County commissioners Monday upheld a planning and zoning decision to deny a permit to Calvin Kuntz for his proposed subdivision at 1797-E-1800 S.

of the South Central Health District spoke to commissioners about the history of the district and the services it provides. The South Central Health District, one of seven health district offices in the state, was started in 1928 and formally established in 1970, Juntunen said.

Also Monday, commissioners heard that the Middle Snake Regional Water Resource Commission has appointed Lew Pence of Gooding as chairman and Bob Muffley of Wendell as acting executive director.

Times-News correspondent Almee Metcalf can be reached in Gooding at 934-5972.

Senate Education Committee introduces first school facilities bills

BOISE (AP) - Less than 24 hours after a judge ruled that the state is not living up to its constitutional mandate to provide safe schools, the Senate Education Committee on Tuesday introduced the first bills of the 2001 legislative session to address the problem.

lot of bills introduced," Schroeder said. "But I'd be surprised if anything were done. The Legislature is not going to do it. It will take the courts to get something done."

provide it in her ruling on Monday. Bail held that the existing system for financing school construction that relies almost exclusively in loans fails to meet the mandate that the state provide uniform and thorough system of public schools that assures each student a safe environment conducive to learning.

Idaho budget director urges caution

BOISE (AP) - Citing the recent reports of layoffs and corporate red ink in Idaho and around the country, the administration's budget director on Tuesday said Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is closely monitoring economic activity for any signs of a serious slowdown.

expensive than Kempthorne's original \$140 million proposal during the coming budget year but adds another \$65 million in permanent reductions the year after.

members are significantly more concerned about the impact of an economic slowdown on key state program like aid to public schools. But the new tax plan does offer budget writers the prospect of limiting their reductions to Kempthorne's aggressive \$2 billion spending blueprint to no more than \$40 million.

LEGISLATIVE LOG

- The Associated Press
Sent to Governor
HB100 (Appropriations) - Makes an emergency \$14,000 appropriation to the Department for the current year.
HB101 (Appropriations) - Makes an emergency \$4 million appropriation to the Lands Department for the current year.
HB102 (Idaho) - Includes money work as a credit fund.
HB103 (Appropriations) - Makes an emergency \$172,500 appropriation to the Transportation Department for the current budget year.
HB104 (Appropriations) - Makes an emergency \$12,000 appropriation to the Department of Self-Governing Agencies for the current budget year.
HB105 (Appropriations) - Makes an emergency \$162,500 appropriation to the Institute of Forestry for the current budget year.
HB106 (Appropriations) - Makes an emergency \$47,500 appropriation to the Arts Commission for the current budget year.
HB107 (Newcomers) - Authorizes the Board of Correction to specify inmate requirements.
HB108 (Criminal Justice) - Provides for the use of money against juveniles in juvenile court.
HB109 (Criminal Justice) - Clarifies the statute of limitations for the Juvenile Corrections Victim Restitution Account.
Introduced in Senate
SB100 (Resources and Environment) - Opposes non-state status for the Orohwee Canalway.
SB101 (Local Government and Taxation) - Approves a Tax Commission rule and Taxation.
SB102 (Judiciary and Rules) - Adopts the Unified Judicial Branch.
SB103 (Legislative Affairs) - Creates a carbon savings trust fund.
SB104 (Legislative Affairs) - Requires listing names and information about those under court orders with child abduction removal status.
SB105 (Legislative Affairs) - Requires daily fatality reports to permit in-vehicle water.
SB106 (Legislative Affairs) - Requires new or existing drains to be properly deployed water outlets.
SB107 (State Affairs) - Brings deerskin wines under the County Option Kitchen and Table Wine Act.
SB108 (Local Government and Taxation) - Increases the responsibility of the Dept. of Law to include economic development.
Introduced in House
HB111 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) - Sets the contract price for printing House and Senate bills and reports, increases the number of bills and reports that can be printed, and sets the contract price for printing House and Senate legislative daily journals.
HB112 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) - Sets the contract price for printing the House and Senate legislative permanent journals.
HB113 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) - Sets the contract price for printing legislative session law and administrative journals.
HB114 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) - Specifies that the Idaho Public Records Act shall not be used to withhold information from the public or administrative proceedings.
HB115 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) - Clarifies the files of non-judicial attorneys from public records.
HB116 (Finance) - Removes the exception for water conditioning equipment from the definition of public records.
HB117 (Environment) - Requires manufacturer to have a program to remove or replace similar to if a building requires newly constructed non-hazardous homes to have garbage or water.
HB118 (Environment) - Revises the disclosure brochure for new homes to include information on agency response.
HB119 (Revenue and Taxation) - Authorizes wholesale producers to receive fees and commissions for certain commercial transactions.
HB120 (Revenue and Taxation) - Doubles the percentage of income tax.
HB121 (Revenue and Taxation) - Permanently reduces corporate and individual income tax rates, reduces the percent of 1997 income tax paid by individuals, permanently reduces the grocery credit and provides for a permanent grocery credit.
HB122 (Revenue and Taxation) - Repeals the grocery credit on income tax, extends from the end of the year to the end of the sales revenue distribution to counties.
HB123 (Revenue and Taxation) - Updates the Internal Revenue Code reference tables.

Baby abandonment bill passes Senate despite reservations

BOISE (AP) - Legislation to give overwhelmed young parents a way out of unwanted, often unplanned child-bearing won unanimous approval Tuesday from the state Senate despite some reservations. "The intent of this bill is very, very good," Senate Republican Caucus Chairman Judi Danielson said. But "there are some red flags. I hope we are very, very vigilant after we pass this."

The bill allows newborns can be left with healthcare professionals without consequence. The parent can volunteer information on name or infant's medical history - but the so-called safe haven is barred from soliciting any information. Advocates say anonymity is the key to convincing women to seek safe havens. Health and Welfare would be required to "place an abandoned child with a potential adoptive parent as soon as possible."

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Ketchum election comes under fire

By Karen Bossick Times-News correspondent
KETCHUM - City Council members came under fire Monday night for approving a new way of holding elections. The changes were approved without giving residents the usual three opportunities to comment on the proposal.

What's next?
The Ketchum City Council will revisit the issue of city elections at its Feb. 20 meeting. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

November 1999 advisory vote on the annual shootout at Ketchum's Wagon Days celebration. "It's kind of curious that we had a referendum as to whether we were going to have a shootout in this town, but we don't have public discussion on how to hold elections for city council members," he said.



The Weil Family will present an acoustic gospel concert combining bluegrass and western music at Victory Bible Church. The Weil Family has been featured in Bluegrass Unlimited magazine and in a PBS special about "grassroots" music.

Sunday, February 11, 6 p.m. VICTORY BIBLE CHURCH 288 Tyler St., Twin Falls Free will offering will be received.

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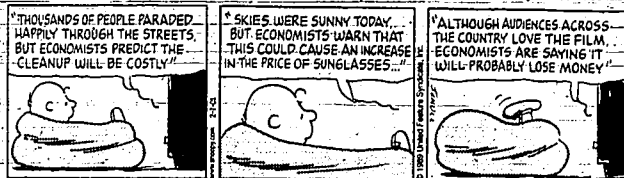
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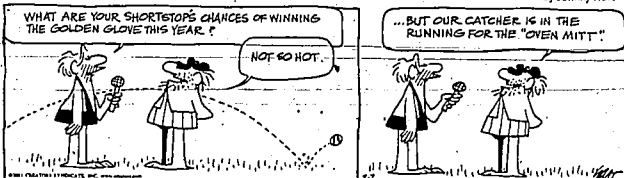
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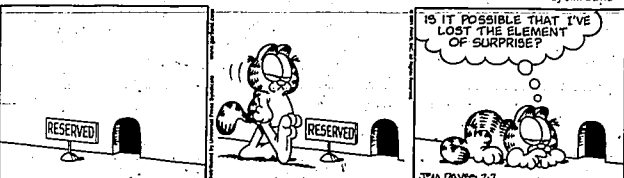
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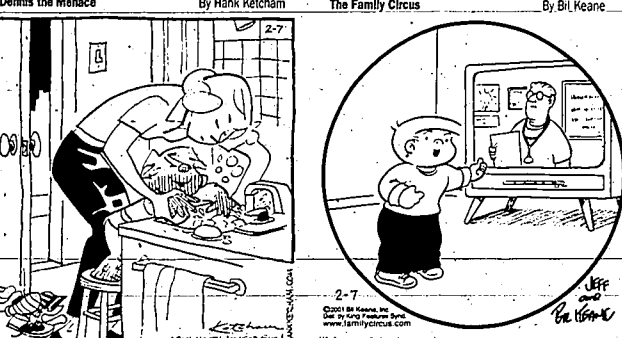


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Conservationists counter legal attacks to roadless initiative

BOISE (AP) - Conservation groups Tuesday intervened in a court battle over attempts to overturn the U.S. Forest Service's new rule protecting designated roadless areas.

The latest filing comes one day after the Bush administration's announcement it would delay the rule's implementation by 60 days to review it.

The groups filed to intervene in support of the Forest Service against two lawsuits initiated last month in U.S. District Court in

Boise.

"It's time to defend these wild forests and the public interest in permanent protection of our land," said John McCarthy, Idaho Conservation League conservation director.

The Boise Cascade Corp. wood-products company, Boise and Valley counties, an Emmett rancher, off-road vehicle groups and the Kootenai Tribe filed one suit. The second was submitted by the Idaho Land Board. Both seek to overturn the roadless

rule.

They were the second attempts by both groups to block the roadless initiative. U.S. District Court Judge Edward Lodge then ruled the Forest Service had not wound its way through the process of environmental studies to the point the plan was "ripe" and could be sued.

State Attorney General Al Lance said the Clinton administration's process ignored Idaho views and was designed for a predetermined conclusion. He added

the Land Board is a bipartisan panel including two Democrats who backed the suit.

McCarthy said the designated areas would not undergo any more road-building, but they are open for recreation, as well as being prime wildlife habitat.

"Leaving roadless areas undeveloped goes a long way toward protecting the blue-ribbon trout fisheries of many Idaho rivers, including Kelly Creek, the Middle Fork Payette, South Fork Salmon, Long Canyon Creek, Deadwood,

the St. Joe and others," said Sara Denniston of Idaho Rivers United.

The Forest Service plan protects 58 million acres of roadless areas nationwide from road construction and commercial logging. The conservation groups said the Clinton administration's program came after 600 public meetings with 60 in Idaho, as well as 1.6 million public comments in favor of the roadless initiative.

About 9.3 million acres of roadless forests in Idaho are included,

although the conservationist analysis shows more than 1 million acres have been developed since the last inventory a dozen years ago.

Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund and Natural Resources Defense Council went to court on behalf of the Idaho Conservation League, Idaho Rivers United, Sierra Club, The Wilderness Society, Oregon Natural Resources Council, Pacific Rivers Council and Defenders of Wildlife.

Rising energy costs leave elderly struggling

SUN CITY, Calif. (AP) - Sitting in a darkened living room, Dorothy Moore clutched a utility bill stamped "past due" in one hand and wiped tears away with another.

Moore has taken care of herself for most of her 89 years, pinching pennies to always pay her bills in full and on time. Now for the first time she can remember, she doesn't have the money to pay a bill - her natural gas bill.

"I sent them what I could last month. But then I got another bill and I couldn't pay that amount either. Now it's just piling up. ... It's \$106," she said. "I'm worried if I don't pay it all, they'll turn my heat off. But how do I pay it when I don't have the money?"



Dorothy Moore sits with her dog, Newman, Thursday in her Sun City, Calif., home while holding a natural gas bill stamped 'past due.' Newman's gas bill, which is subsidized because of her fixed income, has tripled to \$106 since November, she says.

As officials wrestle with the state's electricity shortage and the possibility of raising rates, many of the state's poor and elderly are already struggling to pay some of the highest prices in the nation for natural gas.

In California, spot gas prices temporarily reached \$70 million per million British thermal units this winter, or 10 times the price elsewhere in the nation. As a result, more than 9 million consumers have seen a 50 percent or higher hike in their gas bills.

The rise in its price - brought on by a cold winter and short supplies - is one of the reasons for the state's energy crisis. Rates charged by power wholesalers have soared and the state's two largest utilities have been prevented under deregulation from passing those costs along to consumers.

Utility companies say they

have no choice but to pass the high natural gas costs to consumers.

"A lot of people don't realize the bills haven't gone up since 1996," said Denise King, spokeswoman for Sempra Energy, which owns Southern California

Gas Co. and San Diego Gas and Electric. "If you look at it overall, it isn't any more exorbitant than what the rest of the country is facing."

While gas prices have leveled off, they are not expected to drop soon, King said.

To ease the burden for those on fixed incomes, the utility companies are promoting assistance programs that can cut bills by 15 percent. Nearly 2 million people, about 60 percent of those qualified, already receive some type of assistance to pay their utility bill, said Armando Rendon of the Public Utilities Commission. That number has increased a third since last year.

People already receiving aid were exempted earlier this year from a 9 percent hike in their residential electricity bills. Under a bill approved by the Legislature last week, customers who keep their electricity use within 30 percent of a "baseline" amount are exempt from increases.

But any utility increase for those already receiving aid is a financial burden, say watchdog groups.

A survey by the American Association of Retired People found a middle income family spends about 6 percent of its monthly income on utilities whereas fixed- and low-income families spend about 23 percent.

Thousands of telephone calls have poured into state and federal agencies and nonprofit organizations from people searching for help to pay their bills.

"People are seeing their bills and all of a sudden they're in a panic because they are used to paying a certain amount and ordinarily they can budget for it," said Gerald Brown of the Community of San Bernardino, which helps people apply for the federal Home Energy Assistance Program.

Judge: Keep power flowing to California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - A judge Tuesday evening ordered a major electricity supplier to keep selling to California despite the expiration of a Bush administration order requiring it to do so.

Just hours before the directive's midnight deadline, U.S. District Judge Frank Dammrell issued a temporary restraining order requiring Reliant Energy Services Inc. to continue selling power to the state. The order will remain in effect pending a hearing Wednesday afternoon.

The judge's action, issued to avoid "obvious, irreparable harm to the public," came after the keeper of the state's power grid sought restraining orders to force three major electricity suppliers to continue selling to California.

The other two, AES Pacific Inc. and Dynegy Power Corp., agreed to continue providing power at least until the Wednesday hearing and were not included in the court's order.

At issue was enough electricity for roughly 4 million homes.

"There are about 4,000 megawatts at stake here," said Stephanie McCorkle, spokeswoman for the Independent

System Operator. "We have not gotten confirmation of their intentions come midnight, when the order expires. The outcome of this is going to give us a good indication of the risk of rolling blackouts tomorrow."

The U.S. Department of Energy's orders requiring power generators and natural gas producers to sell surplus supplies to California were due to expire at 12 a.m. PST. The orders, first issued in mid-December by the Clinton administration and extended by new Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham, will not be renewed, the Bush administration said.

That left the managers of California's stressed grid - in the fourth straight week under a Stage 3 power alert - wondering whether enough electricity would be available to avoid rolling blackouts. The ISO ordered scattered outages twice last month.

Adding to the scramble, the ISO predicted that on Wednesday it would only get about half the 8,000 megawatts it typically draws from the Pacific Northwest during California's morning and evening peak periods.

Group predicts tight energy, water

SEATTLE (AP) - The Pacific Northwest may have enough electricity to meet demand through the end of March, but only if there is no prolonged cold snap or major generating outage, a utility group says.

California-style blackouts are unlikely because utilities still can

buy power from outside the region or send more water through hydroelectric generators, according to the Northwest Power Pool report. The second option is far less expensive but raises the prospect of battles over protection for depleted salmon and other fish runs.

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Section C

Simple ways to celebrate Valentine's

Celebrating Valentine's Day doesn't necessarily mean spending time with a sweetheart. Sharing it with friends and loved ones can be just as meaningful. To learn more, watch our "Getting Ready for Valentine's Day" episode of "Martha Stewart Living" television today. On that program and on others in the days that follow, I'll share romantic decorating, gift and recipe ideas.

Crayon hearts

With an iron, waxed paper and a set of children's crayons, you can make colorful, translucent hearts to hang in your windows. Begin with a 12-by-16-inch sheet of waxed paper. Fold paper in half along its length; unfold. Deposit wax-crayon shavings (made with a hand-held pencil sharpener) evenly, but not thickly, across one half of the paper. Fold the clean half of the paper over the shavings. Crimp the three open edges with a 1/2-inch fold, to hold in the shavings. Press your ironing surface with kraft paper. Place the waxed paper on the kraft paper, and cover it with another sheet of kraft paper. Iron lightly on medium heat, checking after every few passes. Stop when all the shavings have melted. Let cool. Then trace and cut out hearts of various sizes (using heart-shaped cookie-cutters as templates, if you like). Use a hole punch to make a hole at the top center of each heart. String them with silk thread and hang.



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Poetic wrapping

In your best script, copy a line of poetry (Byron, Keats, Shelley?) onto 14-inch-wide quilling paper (available at craft stores or www.quilling.com), and use it as ribbon-to-tie-up-a-gift-Or use double-faced satin ribbon and decorate it with a short, traditional phrase, such as "Be Mine"; a stamp with adjustable letters, available from most stationers, will make the message look like one on a tiny candy heart. If you have an old typewriter, try using it to give a present a romantic feeling: Transcribe a verse onto tinted vellum for wrapping. You can also tuck your messages into hidden places for your valentine to discover. If you're giving chocolates, for example, write sweet nothings on small paper disks, and place one beneath each candy inside its paper cup.

Rose napkins

Whether you're throwing a romantic dinner party for two or adding a festive touch to the family table, you can create practical valentine-flowers from napkins. Start by forming folds. Fold a square green napkin in half along the diagonal; then fold the resulting triangle in half again, along the long edge. Fold it in half once more, again along the long edge. Repeat with other green napkins, and set aside while forming flowers. For the flower, fold a red (or any color you like) square napkin in half along the diagonal. Place it on your work surface so the longest side of the resulting triangle is at the top. Then take the corner opposite the long side (at the bottom) and fold it up so that the point just extends over the top edge, and the top and bottom folded edges are parallel. Fold the bottom edge up so that it falls just short of the top edge. Then begin rolling the napkin from one side, guiding it as you roll so the shape of the resulting "bud" is even. Finally, slip the completed flower bud in between the folds of the triangle of "leaves" formed previously, so that the top of the flower peeks out. Then tuck the arrangement into a glass tumbler, allowing the leaves to drape over the sides of the glass.

Questions should be addressed to: Martha Stewart in care of The New York Times Syndication Sales Corp., 122 E. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10168. Or visit Martha Stewart at www.marthastewart.com (unpublished letters cannot be answered individually). "Martha Stewart Living" is on K&W-TV 9 a.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. Sunday.

Tantalizing tulips

Spring flowers brighten gray days.

Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center

Nothing brightens a gray winter day like a cheerful bunch of spring tulips. And they are at peak availability right now. There are many varieties of tulips, fragrant hyacinths and sunny daffodils. Select colors that will make you happy. Think about your home or office decor.

Cut tulip tips

For longest enjoyment, buy

cut tulips when the buds are still closed, but are beginning to show the flower color:

- Play with color. Create a wild riot of mixed colors or try more subtle combos of similar shades, such as purple with lavender or pale yellow with deeper yellow. Framed or multi-colored tulips look great mixed with solid color tulips in coordinated shades.
- Before arranging tulips, "prep" the stems by re-cutting the stem tips. Use a sharp clean knife, and cut on a slight angle.



Potted mini-daffodils are perfect indoors or out.



Pots of colorful tulips, hyacinths, muscar or other spring-blooming bulbs brighten any setting.

A fresh cut opens the stems' water uptake channels.

- Unlike most cut flowers, tulips keep growing in the vase. Plus, as they grow taller - often up to an inch, they tend to bend and move toward sources of light. The fact that tulips "dance in the vase" is part of their charm and a trait prized by floral designers.
- Still, some people like to "straighten them up" every now and then. To re-straighten stems, simply remove the flowers from the vase, re-trim the stem tips and roll the tulips in newspaper with the paper extending above the flower tops, but not covering the lower third of the stems. Place the wrapped bunch upright in a container holding cool water deep enough to submerge the exposed stems. Leave in a cool place for an hour or two to soak up the cool water in an upright position. Presto - the stems will be straight again.
- Don't bother with flower food for tulips. Because they're still growing, tulips drink a lot, and "just plain water" is what they want. Add fresh cool water to the vase every two days so they won't drain the vase dry.
- For longest flower life, place tulips in a cool spot. Keep



Colorful tulips signal an instant spring.

Potted bulbettes

Potted tulips, daffodils and hyacinths can be relied upon for a good show. But once it's over, it's over - and you can happily toss them out. (Some people want repeat performances and plant them outdoors to bloom - again - in future years, though this is an iffy proposition.) For longest enjoyment, get "bulbettes" - young pre-sprouted bulbs still short, green and immature - at garden centers, supermarkets, florist shops and home centers.

- Potted bulbettes can be kept in their plastic or terra cotta nursery pots, but also look especially attractive if repotted or double-potted.
- To repot, gently tap out the nursery pot contents (keeping bulbs and soil intact) to avoid root damage and repot in a favorite container. Be sure the pot has a drainage hole and a saucer to collect draining water.
- To double-pot, just lower the existing potted plant "as is" into a prettier container. You can use a nice container or cachepot with no drainage hole or a slightly larger pot with a drainage hole and saucer.
- Water regularly to keep soil moist but not soggy.

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TF woman takes the time to nurse meals along

Former cafe owner and chef still loves to cook from scratch

By Kristin Carrico
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - With traffic lanes packed and everyone scrounging to find more time, the dinner hour is not what it used to be. Even when families sit down together for dinner, the entree is likely to be a microwave meal or a meal in a box.

But there are some people who still find joy in cooking from scratch - and they save money doing this, too. Diane Snodgrass is one of those people.

A former nurse who worked at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, she moved to Twin Falls in 1979 from Santa Monica, Calif. She sometimes misses nursing, she said, but now she gets to do more reading, cross-stitching and, of course, cooking.

I do know several people who still cook (from scratch), but I do know several contemporary people who don't do any cooking, because the kids are out of the house," she said, adding that she also knows people who eat out four or five times a week.

Longtime Magic Valley residents will remember the Cookery, downtown next to Price Hardware in Twin Falls. Snodgrass was owner and chef of that cafe, which offered dishes made from scratch,



Diane Snodgrass enjoys cooking from scratch. Here, she cooks Swiss steak and mashed potatoes for friends. At the same time, she is stewing a pot of lentil beans for another day.

Snodgrass has also done quite a bit of catering and some cooking instruction. Today, she likes to entertain dinner guests she meets in different areas of her life and introduce them to each other. She entertains eight or nine guests at a time.

"I never have a dish already made when there is to be a dinner party," she said.

herb garden and grows her own spinach, tomatoes and carrots.

She comes from a long line of chefs and bakers. Her sister is an extraordinary baker, she said. Her mother worked out of the house, cooking; and her grandmother was a traditional Scandinavian cook.

A longtime member of Ascension Episcopal Church, Snodgrass does a lot of cooking there, too.

Here's a recipe that clocks in at only 200 calories a serving.

- ARTICHOKE STRATA**
- 1 1/2 cup scallions, chopped with 2-inch green stems.
 - 1 teaspoon margarine
 - 3 slices French bread
 - 3/4 cup cheddar cheese, grated and packed
 - 14 ounces artichoke hearts, drained and quartered
 - 4 ounces pimientos, sliced and drained
 - 2 large eggs, slightly beaten
 - 12 ounces evaporated milk
 - 1 teaspoon dry mustard
 - 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
 - Dash of salt
- Saute scallions in margarine. Remove from heat. Spray 9-inch baking dish, then arrange cubed bread in dish. Top with half of the cheese, artichokes, scallions, and pimientos. Repeat layers. Combine remaining ingredients in mixing bowl and blend well. Pour over strata and refrigerate until chilled (overnight is OK). Bake 45 minutes at 350 degrees F. or until set. Serve warm or cold. Makes six generous servings.

FOOD & HOME

Gardener thrives with succulents

By Robert Smaus
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — You can find tree-sized aloe and bizarrely bald cactuses in Don Newcomer's "garden." Plus a few hundred more types.

From his nursery, Don Newcomer sells succulents to the stars. He can tell you about the Hollywood ingenue who bought some unusual beavertail cactus — with wicked 6-inch-long thorns — and planted them on her hillside to deter the paparazzi.

Or about the wealthy producer who wanted a handsome and unusual agave that was growing in the middle of his rose garden. Newcomer didn't want to sell it, since digging up the agave would wreck the garden, so he quoted a really high price. But the producer said "no problem," and a few days later a crane hoisted the agave from the garden and loaded it onto a truck that took it away to some castle in the sky.

Newcomer also grows things to order for such big customers as the Disney Co. The huge Mickey Mouse head near the new Disney hotels in Anaheim is made of spreading "Aloe ciliaris," grown by Newcomer.

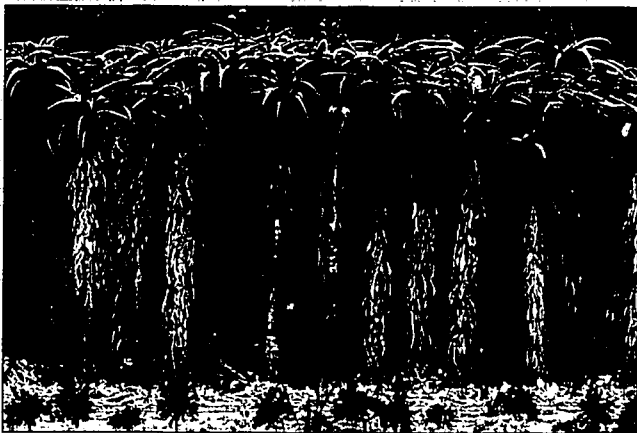
Newcomer's Serra Gardens is right in the heart of Malibu, the chic and high-priced beach community on the fringe of Los Angeles. He didn't get into having a nursery here when he sold his first few succulents from his parents' Malibu garden as a kid. But he fell in love with cactus and succulents.

"You know how it is," he said. "Some plant seems to jump right out and bite you and you suddenly can't grow enough. You want more and more, including all the unusual forms, and pretty soon it's so bad you need to join a support group."

Or start selling the extras, which is what he did by the time he turned 18. Now, at 46, he grows more than 500 types.

Newcomer and his wife, Beth, a graphic designer, live in another house on the property.

Newcomer's nursery was once wholesale only. Now he is getting back into retail by selling on the



Don Newcomer owner of Serra Gardens squeezes out of a stand of aloe trees called Aloe Thraskili.



Aloe Cryptopoda at Serra Gardens.



Philosocereus Palmerii

Web as cacti.com, but the nursery is still not open to the public.

Though the nursery is not too far from the beach, it can get surprisingly cold in the canyon, and light freezes are not uncommon, which suggests that

much of what Newcomer grows will do fine in moderate climates. Cactus and succulents can be used for a variety of purposes, from ground cover to focal points in the landscape.

In recent years, agaves and

aloes have been popular landscape subjects, but the hot items right now are anything orange, including the aloe with dramatic orange inflorescences or the little foot-tall, rust-colored "Sedum nussbaumerianum." (This unusually colored succulent is selling like hot cakes on the Web.)

And while he grows row after row of cactuses like the flowering echinopsis or the bizarre, bald, monstrous forms of "Lophocereus schottii," or succulents like the handsome echeverias, one of his favorite groups of plants is the challenging caudiciforms. Caudiciforms have fat, swollen bases that make them look like grizzled old bonasai.

"Most are really tricky to grow," said Newcomer, because they rot so easily. "But this one's a snap," he said, holding up a "Sedum oxypetalum" that looks more like a little tree than a succulent and is easy to grow in a pot.

Plants like the sedum sell for \$12; the big specimen plants for contractors and architects may cost between \$1,500 and \$10,000.

A flowering cactus makes an excellent houseplant

By Charles Fenyes
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — No plant is as superbly suited to the rigors of our indoor environment as the cactus.

A miracle of adaptation to the adversities of the arid desert, cactus also can survive the assaults of life in our homes: dry air and alternating hot blasts from heat vents and the chilly drafts from open doors and poorly insulated windows — conditions that test and kill other plants.

The ability of a cactus to subsist on only occasional drops of water is legendary, as is the porcupine-like defense system developed to keep off animals inclined to

devour a plant for the moisture it reserves for itself.

Afficionados include experts with collections of a hundred species and novices who have invested less than \$10 in a few small specimens on sale at a dime store.

But there is more to cactuses than spines. Cactus flowers are often brilliant and look as if they were carved out of precious stones.

If you happen to have one of the coryphantha, also known colloquially as pincushion or fishhook cactuses, and famous for its flowers of bright yellow, red or purple, now is just about the last minute for giving it a winter rest period of a month or two. Reduce

watering to a few drops every few days and put the plant in a spot where the temperature stays between 45 and 50 degrees. This species, with its long and often curling spines, needs this period of semi-dormancy to set flowers in the summer.

Another showy flowering cactus, as large as the plant itself, is tobiana, also known as hedgehog cactus. Each bloom — in vivid shades of red, yellow, orange and purple — lasts only a day or two, but they come often.

One of the most prolific bloomers is the reboutia, also called crown cactus. Its flowers encircle the base. This is another cactus that needs a cool and dry winter with temperatures

between 40 and 50 degrees. Otherwise, the flowers will be puny or absent in the summer.

The same is true for Echinopsis chamaecereus, the scarlet-flowered peanut cactus from Argentina, shaped like a finger. Without a winter rest period, its red buds will not emerge in the spring.

Another advantage of cactus is its extremely slow growth: There's no need to repot or fret about cutting back stems each year.

Unlike our pets, members of the plant kingdom do not benefit emotionally from human contact, and we should keep our restless fingers away, which is easy enough in the case of most cactus.

Tulips

Continued from C1

As with cut flowers, once the potted flowers reach full bloom, move them away from direct sunlight or sources of heat.

Replanting bulbs outdoors

If you forgot to plant bulbs last fall, try planting bulbettes outdoors. Top candidates include tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, little iris reticulata and crocuses. Pick up pots or bulbs in flats.

If weather is still dropping close to freezing, acclimate the potted plants to outdoor weather in a protected but unheated spot for several days before planting outdoors.

Once planted outdoors, the cold or even sudden snows shouldn't bother them. As with other spring-flowering bulbs (which are generally planted directly into the soil in the fall and overwinter there till the spring), once planted out, potted bulbs will just deal with the weather as it comes.

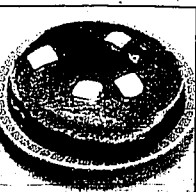
Tip—the original plastic-pot and gently remove the contents. Replant to achieve a bouquet effect within your own outdoor container. It's best to keep the contents of individual pots intact — don't try to separate individual bulb plants to rearrange them. Just slip the whole works out of the nursery pot and replant "as is." This way, you avoid damaging roots that may have grown intertwined within the pot.

Mix and match separate pots of flower bulbs within your own

containers to achieve the look you want.

- Plant as you would bedding plants, into rich, well-drained soil.

- Water well.
- Acclimated bulb plants will grow as normal, pacing themselves to the weather of the season.



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Sumac has a home in southern Idaho

One of the best winter silhouettes in my yard is of the staghorn sumac.

The cone-shaped seed pods accent the tree's bare branches in winter, adding shape and color to otherwise bare limbs. Sumacs can be grown in a shrub-like form or pruned up into a single-trunk tree. I watch mine and select the spreading suckers so that it fills its space sideways.

Staghorn sumacs (rhus typhina) are well suited to our area. They are small trees that usually grow somewhere between 15 and 25 feet tall with a spread of around 12 feet. These short trees should fit easily into most yards and not interfere with power lines.

Sumacs put up with our high desert conditions as though tailor-made for us. They don't mind the alkaline soils and prefer good drainage. After they're about 3 years old and established, sumacs are drought tolerant, too.

Classified a "fast-growing" tree, sumacs will generally grow at least two feet a year. That might be their only drawback: Fast-growing trees live shorter lives. This one will mature at only about 35 years.

On a cheerier note, sumacs don't have any problems with pests or disease. Sometimes they can get verticillium wilt, but that's about it. There aren't any particular insects out there hoping to pick on a sumac.

Plant a sumac this year. Come autumn you'll be rewarded with bright red leaf color, followed by those pretty seed pods in winter.

NOTE TO GREEN THUMB READERS: Arbor Day will be here before you know it. In Idaho, Arbor Day is celebrated the last Friday in April — April 27. What will you do?



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

Here's a thought to get you going: Do you work with a Scout troop or teach a class? Do you have a family you want to teach about the benefits of trees? The National Arbor Day Foundation has announced that its newly revised "Celebrate Arbor Day Guidebook!" is available now. The 24-page guide includes a history of Arbor Day, planning calendar, poems and quotes suitable for ceremonies, a sample proclamation, instructions on how to select and plant a tree correctly and more.

Single copies are available free from the Foundation. Write to P.O. Box 85784, Lincoln, NE 68501-5784. Or contact the Idaho Department of Lands Community Forestry Program.

In southwest Idaho, call Debbie Cook, 120 Eastway Drive, Boise, ID 83702; Phone: 208-385-7197. In Southeast Idaho, call Gerry Bates, 2445 John Adams, Idaho Falls, ID 83401; Phone: 208-522-5964. Either one will help you with your Arbor Day project.

Another good classroom idea, or one you can take home, is the Idaho Arbor Day Poster Contest. The deadline is Feb. 28, and you can call Milt Williams at (208) 334-0241 for more information. Milt is available online, as well; mwilliams@id.state.id.us.

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

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Presidential style

Bushes decorate with help from old friend

By Jura Noncius
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The Bushes are settling into the private quarters of the White House with the help of their old friend, Fort Worth, Texas, decorator and artist Ken Blasingame. The first lady's press office confirmed that Blasingame has been helping George and Laura Bush arrange their new residence with their own furniture and White House pieces from storage. Blasingame also has been working on the new Bush ranch house in Crawford, Tex.

Blasingame became friendly with Laura and George Bush in the 1980s and helped them decorate their Dallas home. When

George W. Bush was elected governor, Blasingame helped with the family residence on the second floor of the Greek Revival Governor's Mansion in Austin. A 1994 article in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram mentioned the Bushes' "traditional yet eclectic" style that included a large Mission cabinet, some American antiques, modern artworks and an oak English partners' desk that once belonged to Prescott S. Bush, George W. Bush's grandfather.

In the same article, Laura Bush said her husband just wanted the Governor's Mansion "to be comfortable. His main requirement is a good shower." No word yet on what might be happening style-wise upstairs at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Cheneys recruit designer to work on new D.C. digs

By Patricia Dane Rogers
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The Cheneys have enlisted Washington talent to help refurbish the Vice President's Residence on Observatory Hill.

Frank Babb Randolph, a Washington, D.C., designer for 30 years and a regular on House Beautiful's annual list of America's Top 100 Designers, will be working with the vice president and his wife to see what needs to be done, according to Lynne Cheney's press office.

"It's an old house," said Randolph, "and houses used actively take more work than you realize."

Randolph is known for a spare, classic style and a muted palette. His own Georgetown house has

off-white walls, pale pickled floors and white upholstery spiced with occasional splashes of color like granny smith green and cinnabar. The house was showcased on the cover of House Beautiful's November 1999 issue.

The designer is mum on details of his current high-profile project, except to say that the floors are being refinished and they won't be pickled. Randolph said that he met his clients "socially and once did a little work for them long ago."

Margaret Kennedy, editor in chief of Victoria magazine and former editor of EB, says the Cheneys made a good choice in Randolph. "How lucky can they get? His taste is sophisticated. It's pretty. He merges the present with the past in a way that is just comfortable."

Audit will help plug home's energy leaks

By Ken Sheinkopf
The Orlando Sentinel

QUESTION: I would like to do one of those home energy audits you have recommended. Can you highlight the key steps for determining the energy efficiency of a home?

ANSWER: Be glad to. I recommend that all homeowners audit their home every few years, to determine measures they might take to lower their utility bills and make their home more comfortable. The more thorough the job you do, the more you can uncover even small problem areas that can add up to big problems.

Every community has professional energy auditors who, for a reasonable fee, will conduct a detailed audit of your home and use specialized equipment (such as a blower door or an infrared camera) to find even the hard-to-detect problem areas. You ought to consider hiring a professional to do a thorough job for you.

The couple of hundred dollars you spend on this audit will be repaid quickly in energy savings.

If you want to do an audit yourself, though, there are several key areas to check. Look for air leaks in the home. There are probably fifty spots in your house that are obvious sources of air leaks, but there also may be problems that you don't know about.

Key areas to investigate are gaps along the baseboard or edge of the flooring, junctures of the walls and ceiling, window and door frames, attic access hatches, areas around pipes, cables and wires, electrical outlets and even mail slots. Feel around electrical outlets, fireplace dampers and other openings to see if air can

Home energy Q&A

flow in and out of the house.

Among the most obvious problem areas are windows and doors, which are opened and closed frequently. If they can rattle, they are probably leaking. If you can see daylight around their frames, they are probably leaking. Most homes have problems in these areas, and weatherstripping and caulk can usually fix them fairly easily.

The U.S. Department of Energy offers ideas for a basic building pressurization test that can help find leaks. Start by closing all exterior doors, windows and fireplace flues. Turn off all combustion appliances (water heaters, gas-burning furnaces, etc.). Then turn on all the exhaust fans in the home—primarily in the kitchen and bathrooms—to suck the air out of rooms. A large window fan can do this in other rooms. This ought to make leaks easier to find by increasing air flow through unwanted openings. You might light incense sticks in the rooms and see if the smoke wavers. If so, moving air is probably causing this. You also can put a damp hand over possible leaky areas and see if a draft cools your hand.

Walk around outside the home and look for holes and cracks. Also, check the attic for adequate insulation, inspect the performance of your air conditioner and heater, and consider replacing light bulbs with more efficient ones.

Ken Sheinkopf is associate director for the Florida Solar Energy Center.

Round design delivers efficiency

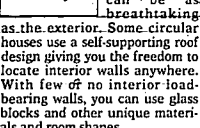
DEAR JIM: We are planning a new house and we want it to be an open spacious design that can utilize passive solar heating and cooling to hold our total monthly costs down. What do you think of round (not dome) houses?

-ED H.

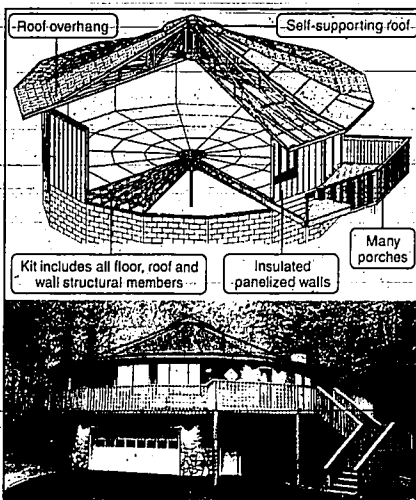
DEAR ED: Circular houses are an efficient design due to their geometry. They are also uniquely attractive and are often completely surrounded by large windows, multiple porches and decks for the openness you desire.

The interior room layouts can be as breathtaking as the exterior. Some circular houses use a self-supporting roof design giving you the freedom to locate interior walls anywhere. With few or no interior load-bearing walls, you can use glass blocks and other unique materials and room shapes.

When you think of nature, round is the preferred shape for shelters, i.e. bird and squirrel nests, beehives, etc. Animals are often smarter than people and would not waste materials on rectangular dwellings. A circular design is naturally stronger and resists damages from high winds better.



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Circular houses are attractive, roomy, and conserve energy.

Circular houses have about 28 percent less wall area than a rectangular one with the same living space. This means, not only less wall materials are needed, but lower utility bills too. The amount of heat that a house loses in the winter or gains in the summer is proportional to the amount of wall area.

Since you are on a budget, select one of the panelized "circular" house kits. Instead of being truly curved walls, which would be expensive to build, these houses are constructed of many flat wall panels. When up to 20 insulated wall panels are used, it has a nearly true circular appearance.

Lean cod deserves better than fish sticks

By Jimmy Schmidt
Detroit Free Press

Today's lesson: Cod has a rough reputation at the bottom of the fish flavor ladder, usually cast to the land of fried fish sticks. But you can unlock the sheer beauty of this truly delicate fish by roasting it.

Oven-roasting fish is similar to baking, but it's done at 400 to 450 degrees. For best execution, place the fish atop cooked sliced carrots, which insulate the fish from the direct heat of the pan within the oven and absorb any escaping juices during cooking.

Roasting fish preserves its light, delicate flavor while sealing in its natural moisture, delivering one of the most simple and wonderful dishes ever. Roasting also requires no fat because the carrots insulate against the heat of the pan. A simple dusting of aromatics, herbs, spices and maybe a splash of wine is all you will need for a full-flavored meal.

Cod is one of the lightest yet firm-textured fish to land on your fork. The fish is the one of the least fishy of its ocean-going relatives, especially when trimmed of any dark, fatty tissue. It flakes easily when cooked and absolutely melts in your mouth. It is also

one of the leanest fish, with about one-quarter of the natural fat level of swordfish or salmon.

Good cod will feel very firm, appear pearl white and smell sweet. Other fish that work well with roasting are primarily lean-fleshed fish such as halibut, large pickerel, striped bass and thick sole.

I like to add 2 or 3 drops of olive oil to the pan before the carrots and then a little sprinkling of sugar to help them brown during roasting. I also start the cooking process by placing the skillet on a hot burner, heating until the carrots start to brown for about 3 or 4 minutes, then place the pan in the oven. Since the pan is hot when it goes in the oven, it takes about 6 to 8 minutes to cook the fish depending, of course, on the thickness.

A squirt of fresh lemon or lime or a sprinkle of good vinegar will brighten the flavor of the fish. Light vinaigrette dressings with a good olive oil with herbs and brightly flavored garnishes will add color and spunk.

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A few drops of olive oil
4 tablespoons finely chopped shallots, divided
1 tablespoon sugar
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
4 filets of cod, trimmed of fatty tissue; about 6 ounces each
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
1/4 cup drained capers
1 tablespoon grainy mustard
2 tablespoons fresh dill leaf, picked from the stem and chopped
4 sprigs of fresh dill for garnish

Preheat the oven to at least 400 degrees. In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook the carrots until they are al dente, tender but firm to the bite. Drain them into a colander and allow them to cool to room temperature. Cut the carrots into 1/4-inch-thick slices on the bias. Transfer the carrots to a bowl, then toss them with a few drops of the olive oil, 2 tablespoons of the shallots, sugar, sea salt and pepper to coat them evenly.

In four separate 6- to 8-inch nonstick skillets or one large nonstick skillet that will accommodate all the ingredients, distribute the slices of carrots across the inner bottom of the pan, slightly overlapping each other. Lay the cod in the center of the carrots. Season the cod generously with sea salt and pepper. In a medium bowl, whisk together the lemon juice and the 1/4 cup of olive oil. Add the capers, mustard and chopped dill. Place the remaining 2 tablespoons of shallots in a linen towel, squeeze them and rinse the towel under running cold water to remove the strong shallot juices. Squeeze out the excess water and stir the shallots into the sauce. Season with salt and a generous dose of black pepper to your taste. Reserve at room temperature.

Place the skillets on the lower rack of the oven and roast until the cod is opaque, slightly firm and done, about 10 to 12 minutes depending on the thickness of the filets. Carefully remove the skillets from the oven, remembering that the handles are very hot. With one or two spatulas, remove the carrots with the fish atop them and transfer all to the center of a warm serving plate. Repeat with the remaining servings. Mix the vinaigrette again to combine and spoon it over the fish or serve in a sauce boat on the side. Garnish with a sprig of dill and serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

2001 could be the year of the veggie

Knight Ridder News Service

Health experts expect veggies to be trendy. The year 2001 will see an increasing interest in vegetables and fruits in the nation's homes, restaurants and food markets, say health specialists at the American Institute for Cancer Research. This reflects the new prominence these foods are enjoying in public health policy, they say. A free brochure from the American Institute for Cancer Research gives tips and recipes combining advice for disease prevention with advice for weight management. For a free copy of The New American Plate, call (800) 843-8114, Ext. 30, weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. You may send a self-

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A passage to India

"The Indian Grocery Store Demystified," (Renaissance Books, \$16.95) by Linda Bladhom, guides you through the maze of goods you likely will encounter in an Indian market. More than 200 illustrations help you separate your kokums from your fenugreeks; 20 recipes are provided.

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Tax preparer: Leave deductions with sitter

DEAR ABBY: I have been preparing tax returns for 15 years. In all this time, I have seen many people from all walks of life. My pet peeve is people who bring their children with them when they have us prepare their taxes. I have had children unplug my computer, spill drinks on my desk, run around as if my office is a play school - and their parents do nothing to discipline them. I find it impossible to concentrate when a child is screaming or crawling under my desk.

People have 3 to 12 months to get their taxes done. During that time, I know they could find a baby sitter for a few hours. It would make my job so much easier.

My job is stressful. I will do no less than 500 tax returns between now and April 15. Often people must wait for hours in our office just to be seen. In that environment, children become very restless. We are more likely to make a mistake if we have to babysit children while figuring taxes.

So, Abby, PLEASE inform your readers to leave their kids at home. If necessary, exchange baby-sitting services with a neighbor, relative or friend while you get your taxes done. It could result in a larger refund, less time spent, and everyone being a lot happier.



DEAR ABBY: I am 26-year-old woman and my best friend is 42. Her husband is insanely jealous when we do anything together. He's even jealous of me because I can make her laugh! He picks fights with her when we decide to do something - he throws things, squirts his urine in the driveway, calls us names (which we are not), anything to get attention.

I am always on my best behavior when I'm at their house so as not to cause any trouble. This situation is not only frustrating, but it's making it difficult to remain

accommodate young children, regardless of how well behaved they may be. Active children cannot be expected to sit silently for long periods of time as adults can. Not only is it unfair to the little ones, it can also be a nightmare for adults who are trying to work.

If parents heed your advice, everyone will benefit.

friends. This has gone on for four years, and I don't know how much more I can tolerate. Abby, could you please point me in the right direction?

P.S. I don't think he's going to get therapy for this anytime soon.

-AT MY WIFE'S END,
ALMA, MICH.

DEAR WIT'S END: Your friend's husband is counting on the idea that his outrageous behavior will drive you away. If you haven't already done so, talk with your friend about how childish and controlling his behavior is. His attempt to isolate her friends is a form of abuse. Since it has reached the point of exceeding your level of tolerance, schedule your visits away from her home.

P.S. I'm sad this man won't consider therapy. He needs it. Your friend could benefit from counseling, too, in order to understand why she tolerates his behavior.

-TAXED TAX PREPARER
DEAR TAXED: Your comments make a lot of sense, and I'm sure you're not the only tax preparer who faces this problem. Business offices are not set up to

DEAR WIT'S END: Your comments make a lot of sense, and I'm sure you're not the only tax preparer who faces this problem. Business offices are not set up to

Aries - call real-estate agent, check the plumbing

IF FEBRUARY 7TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are sensitive to being psychic. You will be greatly aided by meditation. To many, you are a "mystery figure." Pisces, Virgo individuals play major roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names: G, P, Y. Before February is finished, you embark on short trip to keep a relative company. Your most memorable month, romantically and financially, will be May.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Emphasis is on where to live and sale or purchase of property. Check details, including plumbing facilities. Rewrite, revise, Scorpions play role.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): You experience greater freedom of thought and action. Write your impressions and take note of dreams. Money comes from a sur-

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prise source. Gemini represented.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Emphasis on domesticity, home, family and marital status. Decorate, remodel and make home beautiful. Maintain creative control. Taurus is involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Cycle high despite an element of deception. Be wary about giving love. You are not being told the entire truth. Pisces, Virgo persons figure in scenario.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Focus on promotion, production and added responsibility. Relationship intense, could get too hot to cool down. The pressure's on. You'll be up to it.

PERSEUS (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Perceive potential and look beyond the immediate. Powers of persuasion are heightened. You gain more attention and win friends and influence people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Provide enlightenment for a friend whose mind is "clouded." A different kind of romance is on the horizon. Break free from preconceived notions. Leo featured.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Slow down and find where to live and with whom. If single, you could encounter your future mate. If married, an addition to the family is "not too far off."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Diversify, accent humor and check legal aspects of enterprise. Popularity increases, people want to wine and dine you. Gemini plays dramatic role.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan. 19):

Rewrite, rebuild and be up-to-date on fashion. People pay particular attention to your appearance. Wear hair differently, check wardrobe. Scorpio involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Delve deep into areas previously neglected. Partner or mate has more money than expected. Ride with the tide. Don't get in your own way. Sagittarius involved.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You could change residence and marital status. Find your rhythm and dance to your own tune. Surprise, of a pleasant variety, is due. Aries, Libra persons play roles.

T-rex's breath stinks too much for British

LONDON (AP) - A new model of Tyrannosaurus rex unveiled Tuesday is something to sniff at.

Not content with just showing another replica dinosaur that moves and roars, the Natural History Museum wanted to capture the authentic smell of the fearsome beast. It wanted the whiff of a killer drenched in the blood of its prey, reeking of rotten meat and scarred with infected wounds.

And then it chickened out.

"We investigated a number of smells at first, but the reality of the smell of dead, rotting flesh was so off-putting, we figured we should go with the smell of the T-rex's environment instead of its breath," said Audrey O'Connell, head of international business at the museum.

"The result, called Maastriochian Miasma, is a boggy, acrid, earthy scent."

"Dale Air Deodorising Ltd. of Lytham in northern England, which created the scent for the museum, specializes in aromas for museums, zoos and businesses."

Frank Knight, owner of the company, said he has created fragrances smelling of jocular urine, cesspits, boiler rooms, breweries, wild stages, machine oil, garbage, Thai curry, smoked fish and ozone.

"It took us about a month to do the dinosaur smell," Knight said Tuesday at the Natural History Museum's unveiling of the T-rex.

The scent will waft around the 23-foot-long, 13.5-foot-high model, made at a cost of \$530,000 by the Kokoro Co. of Japan.

So what will visitors miss by not getting a whiff of the dinosaur?

"The T-rex would have to be the most putrid, foulest thing that ever lived. A hyena times 10 would not even get you close," said Jack Horner, curator of paleontology at the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, Mont.

"The bigger you are, the stinkier you are, the nastier you are, the less other animals will mess with you."

"T-rex lived about 65 to 68 million years ago in what is now western North America, Horner said.

It could run up to 25 mph on its three-clawed feet, and tore into its prey with 50 serrated teeth, each 6 inches long. Dinner included duckbilled dinosaurs, triceratops and other plant-eating creatures, and T-rex's digestive system had no problem with chunks of bone and horn.

Paleontologists believe a T-rex was lik ly to have a few pus-filled wounds to add to its bouquet.

Group memorializes Diana

LONDON - Nearly four years after Princess Diana's death in a Paris car crash, a new committee has been set up to supervise the design and installation of a fountain commemorating her life, the government said Tuesday.

The memorial group is overseeing several projects to remember Diana, who died in August 1997, including a memorial walk and garden already opened near the princess's Kensington Palace home.

Director Spike Lee criticizes 'magical Negro' film image

PULLMAN, Wash. - Film director Spike Lee has ripped Hollywood's depiction of black characters in some recent popular movies.

The portrayal of blacks and other minorities is skewed on television and in film because the decision makers in media companies are all white, Lee told about 1,700 people during a speech at Washington State University.

Lee was particularly incensed by a recent trend toward charac-

People in the news

ters he called "the super-duper, magical Negro," as seen in films like "The Green Mile" and "The Legend of Bagger Vance."

Bagger Vance, for instance, is a character set in depression-era Georgia, where violence against blacks was common and accepted, Lee said.

"His No. 1 concern is to teach Matt Damon a golf swing?" he asked.

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Valentine's Day calls for some creativity

"I have no idea where my children got their creative insight from, especially since I rarely make up a recipe on my own. Granted, my children think our traditional Saturday morning pancakes are "Mom's Own Creation," but I have simply memorized the combined recipes from Betty Crocker's cookbook and the powdered buttermilk can. Since my children never see me using a recipe, they assume I'm making all this up as I go."



VALLEY COOKING
Rebecca Tateoka

milk and coloring, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Mix at low speed after each addition until blended. Combine soda and vinegar; stir until dissolved. Fold into batter. Pour into three greased and floured 8-inch round cake pans. Bake at 350 for 25 to 27 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pans on wire racks 10 minutes; remove from pans, and let cool completely on wire racks.

Gradually stir milk into 1/4 cup plus 1 1/2 teaspoons flour in a saucepan until smooth. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thickened and bubbly. Cool. Beat butter, 1/4 cup plus 1 1/2 teaspoons shortening, 1 1/4 cups sugar and 1/8 teaspoon salt until creamy; stir in vanilla. Add milk mixture to creamed mixture, stirring with a wire whisk until smooth. Stir in coconut. Spread frosting between layers and on top and sides of cake.

This is from last year's Taste of Home February issue. If you could only see how good it looks...

HEART'S DELIGHT ECLAIR
1 package (17 ounces) frozen puff pastry, thawed
3 cups cold milk
1 5.1-ounce package Instant vanilla pudding mix
2 cups whipping cream
1 teaspoon vanilla extract, divided

1 cup confectioners' sugar
1 tablespoon water
1/4 teaspoon almond extract
1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 teaspoon shortening
On a lightly floured surface, roll each puff pastry sheet into a 12-inch square. Using an 11-inch heart pattern, cut each pastry into a heart shape. Place on greased baking sheets. Bake at 400 for 12 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. Remove to wire racks to cool. Meanwhile, combine milk and pudding mix until thickened. In a mixing bowl, beat cream and 1/2 teaspoon of vanilla until stiff peaks form. Carefully fold into pudding. Split puff pastry hearts in half. Place one layer on a serving plate. Top with a third of the pudding mixture. Repeat twice. Top this with remaining pastry. In a bowl, combine confectioners' sugar, water, almond extract and the remaining vanilla until smooth. Spread over top. Melt chocolate chips and shortening; pipe in diagonal lines in one direction over frosting. Beginning one inch from side of heart, use a sharp knife to draw right angles across the piped lines. Refrigerate until set.

When expressing love, chocolate says it best.

PEANUT BUTTER TEMPTATIONS
1/2 cup butter, softened
1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup firmly packed brown

sugar
1 large egg, beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 1/4 cups flour
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
3/5 miniature peanut butter cups candies
Beat butter and peanut butter at medium speed on electric mixer until creamy; gradually add sugars, beating well. Add egg and vanilla; beat well. Combine

flour, soda, and salt; add to butter mixture, beating well. Shape cookie dough into 1-inch balls. Place in ungreased miniature muffin pans. Bake at 375 for 10 to 12 minutes. Working rapidly, place a peanut butter candy in each cookie. Cool completely in pans on a wire rack.

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

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I know my children have the brilliance of Albert Einstein and the creativity of Michelangelo. My eldest daughter created a marionette after looking through a puppeteer book and looking at a dog marionette. She found the right size box for the body, then used paper bowls for the face and the feet.

My second daughter created her own dessert and fed it to her two younger sisters. She put together flavors she thought would go well together, and then pronounced the dish a success because the little ones "really liked it! They want more!"

Here's the recipe my 7-year-old daughter wrote:

THE FRUIT SUFLAY
Oranges cut and bananas cut next. Get five round bubble gum and add one teaspoon of sugar and stir. Then add a sucker.

So far, this dessert — "suflay" — has been prepared by loving little hands three times. My child makes it when she especially wants to show love to her family (which reminds me, Valentine's Day is a mere week away).

Once a year, it might be nice to indulge your sweet tooth, making sweets for your sweetest. "The Fruit Suflay" might not fit the bill for your family, but I have some great ideas that might tickle your fancy.

This recipe floats around cooking newsletters this time of year. It's including one with a coconut frosting, but the traditional cream-cheese-frosting is delicious, as well.

RED VELVET CAKE
1/2 cup shortening
1 1/2 cup sugar
2 large eggs
2 cups flour
1 tablespoon cocoa
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup buttermilk
2 1-ounce bottles red liquid food coloring
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 tablespoon white vinegar
1 cup milk
1/4 cup plus 1 1/2 teaspoons flour
3/4 cup butter, softened
1/4 cup plus 1 1/2 teaspoons shortening
1 1/4 cups sugar
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
1/3 cup flaked coconut
Beat 1/2 cup shortening at medium speed with electric mixer until fluffy; gradually add 1-1/2 cups sugar, beating well. Add eggs, one at a time, beating until blended after each addition. Combine 2 cups flour, cocoa and 1/2 tsp. salt; add to shortening mixture alternately with butter-

Adjust rolled sugar cookie recipe

The amount of sugar was incorrect in the recipe for Rolled Sugar Cookies on the front of the Jan. 28 Food & Home section. Here's the corrected recipe.

ROLLED SUGAR COOKIES
LOIS STYLE
4 cubes butter
2 1/4 cups sugar
1 1/4 teaspoons vanilla
1 teaspoon almond extract
3 eggs
1/4 cup milk
6 cups flour
4 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
3/4 teaspoon salt
Cream the butter, sugar and extracts. Add eggs and beat till fluffy. Stir in the milk. Mix together the dry ingredients and blend into creamed mixture. Chill one hour and roll out onto a pastry cloth or floured surface. Cut out and bake at 375 for 6 to 8 minutes. Frost with your favorite buttercream frosting.

Food in brief

Top smile wins mustard trip
Whose kid can "mustard up" the cutest smile? French's honey mustard invites you to enter the "Honey of a Smile" contest. Send a photo of your smiling child along with a statement (50 words or less) on why the smile is "picture perfect," by Feb. 28, to Honey of a Smile, French's honey mustard, 411 Park St., Upper Montclair, N.J. 07043. E-mail to pr@bender-hammerling.com. (You can also log onto this site for a complete list of rules.) The winning grin could win you a trip for four to the Napa Valley Mustard Festival (March 9-11). Plus, 25 finalists will receive gift baskets — and all entries will be reviewed for consideration in future advertisements.

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Live it up with rich carrot cake

By Linda Clero
The Miami Herald

This cake comes from the Crocodile Cafe in Pasadena, Calif., and publication is variously attributed to The Los Angeles Times and The Fresno Bee. It is so rich it will easily provide twice as many servings as a typical 9-inch layer cake.

Cook's corner

CROCODILE KILLER CARROT CAKE

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 5 eggs
- 3 cups sugar
- 2 cups vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 6 cups peeled and finely shredded carrots
- 2 cups crushed pineapple, drained
- 3/2 to 4 1/2 cups chopped walnuts

FROSTING:

1/2 pound cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
4 to 5 cups confectioners' sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
Sift together flour, baking powder, soda, salt and cinnamon. In a separate bowl, beat eggs; then beat in sugar, oil and vanilla until fluffy. Stir in flour mixture, pineapple and 1 1/2 cups of nuts. Pour into 3 sprayed and floured 9-inch round cake pans lined with parchment circles. Bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes or until a wood pick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack.
To make frosting: Cream together cream cheese and butter in a

large bowl with electric mixer until light and fluffy, about 5 minutes. Add confectioners' sugar a little at a time and beat until well blended. Beat in vanilla. To frost, set 1 cake layer on a serving platter, top side up. Spread with frosting. Top with second layer, bottom side up. Spread with 1/2 to 3/4 cup frosting. Top with third layer, bottom side up. Frost sides and top of cake with remaining frosting. Sprinkle sides and top of the cake with the remaining nuts.

This recipe appeared in a Pittsburgh Steeler cookbook and was contributed by Hall of Famer Jack Lambert.

LAMBERT'S ITALIAN BREAD

- 1 loaf frozen bread dough, thawed and allowed to rise according to package directions
 - 1 pound Italian sausage
 - 1 large onion, diced
 - 2 cloves garlic, minced
 - 1/3 cup grated Parmesan or Romano cheese
 - 1 teaspoon dried basil
 - 1 teaspoon dried oregano
 - Fresh ground pepper to taste
 - 1 to 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 1 egg, well beaten
 - 1/2 cup grated Parmesan or Romano cheese
 - 1 pound sliced fresh mushrooms
 - 1/2 to 1 pound mozzarella cheese slices, to taste
 - 1 cup sliced pepperoni
- Remove sausage from casing. Sauté with onion and garlic until well done, about 12 minutes, crumbling meat as it cooks. Add Parmesan or Romano cheese, basil, oregano and pepper and simmer about 5 minutes longer. Drain mixture well and set aside. Punch dough down and pat into a 12-inch oval. Brush with olive oil, then egg.

Sprinkle the sausage mixture evenly over the dough. Layer the remaining Parmesan, mushrooms, mozzarella and pepperoni on top. Roll the dough in jelly-roll fashion into a loaf, sealing edges with beaten egg. Place seam side down on bread pan and let it rise about 30 minutes. Bake in preheated 350-degree oven about 35 minutes, or until golden brown.

For caramel lovers, the following recipe has been a hit since a reader shared it with us in 1994. This method keeps the caramel in a single layer, as in a candy bar.

CARAMEL NUT BROWNIES

- 1 bag caramels (about 14 ounces, or 50), unwrapped
 - 2/3 cup sweetened condensed milk
 - 1 box German chocolate cake mix
 - 3/4 cup melted butter or margarine
 - 1 cup chopped nuts
 - 1 cup chocolate chips
- Melt the caramels with 1/3 cup of the sweetened condensed milk over medium heat or in the microwave. Set aside. In a large bowl, combine the cake mix, butter, nuts and remaining sweetened condensed milk. Stir thoroughly until well combined and crumbly. Press half the dough evenly into a greased and floured 9-by-13-inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 6 minutes. Remove from oven and cool slightly. Sprinkle the chocolate chips on top of the baked layer, then the caramel mixture, working quickly with a broad spatula. Crumble the remaining half of the dough over the caramels and press lightly with a spoon. Return to oven and bake 14 to 18 minutes at 350 degrees, until top is set and mixture pulls away from side of pan. Cool 30 minutes, then refrigerate until firm. Cut into 48 squares.

'HEAVEN ON A SPOON'



Taste of Home

Heavenly Chocolate Mousse was contributed by Christy Freeman, a country cook in Central Point, Ore. Her husband, Allen, easily rates this dessert the best of all special treats. The rich, creamy taste has been described as "heaven on a spoon."

HEAVENLY CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

- 8 squares (1 ounce each) semisweet baking chocolate, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup water, divided
- 2 tablespoons butter (no substitute)
- 3 egg yolks
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 1/4 cups whipping cream, whipped

In a microwave or double boiler, heat chocolate, 1/4 cup water and butter until the chocolate and butter are melted. Cool for 10 minutes. In a small, heavy saucpan, whisk egg yolks, sugar and remaining water. Cook and stir over low heat until mixture reaches 160 degrees, about 1 to 2 minutes. Remove from heat. Whisk in chocolate mixture. Set saucpan in ice and stir until cooled, about 5 to 10 minutes. Fold in whipped cream. Spoon into dessert dishes. Refrigerate for 4 hours or overnight. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Chocolate-lovers can't get enough of this-to-die-for dessert.

Flavorful muffins will spice up your mornings

By Elaine Magee
Knight Ridder News Service

This is an oat-bran-and-carrot type of muffin. I added some fun flavors with ground cinnamon, a little bit of brown sugar, orange zest, orange juice, and vanilla extract. The orange juice helped compensate for the tiny amount of oil I added (1 tablespoon of canola).

These muffins are flavorful and moist, and if you decide to stir in some pecans, you won't regret it. You can enjoy two muffins in a sitting for only 200 calories—but 3 grams of mostly soluble fiber!

These freeze well, too, so don't hesitate to make a batch, enjoy a couple fresh out of the oven, then pop the rest in the freezer for another day.

You'll want two of these for a reasonably sized breakfast or snack—serving that will provide a tablespoon of flaxseed. These have a delightful orange flavor. The pecans are wonderful in these, but will increase the calories—about 36 calories and 3.6 grams of fat per muffin.

ORANGE-CARROT MUFFINS
(with flaxseed and oat bran)

- Makes 11 regular-sized muffins
- Canola cooking spray
- 3/4 cup unbleached flour
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons ground flaxseed
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons oat bran

- 1/2 cup dark brown sugar, packed
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 cup grated carrots, packed (about 1 1/2 whole carrots)
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans (optional)
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/3 cup fat free or light sour cream
- 1 large egg
- 2 large egg whites
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- Zest (finely grated peel) from 1 orange

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat 11 muffin cups with canola cooking spray; set pan aside. Put the flour, flaxseed, oat bran, brown sugar, baking soda, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, carrots and pecans, if desired, in a large mixing bowl and mix well. In another bowl, mix the orange juice, sour cream, egg and egg whites, vanilla extract, canola oil, and orange zest until well blended. Add egg mixture to dry ingredients and mix until just combined. Fill each muffin cup with 1/4 cup of batter. Bake until tester inserted in center comes out clean, about 15 minutes.

Per muffin: 127 calories, 4.3 g protein, 21 g carbohydrate, 3.7 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 19 mg cholesterol, 1.5 g fiber, 235 mg sodium. Calories from fat: 26 percent

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- Girls’ high school basketball** - SCIC Tournament, at Declo: Buhl vs. Declo, 7 p.m.
- Region III Tournament:** Pocatello at Minico, 7 p.m.
- A-4 District IV Tossup, at Shoshone**
- Boys’ high school basketball** - Twin Falls at Burley, 6 p.m.
- Century at Minico, 6:15 p.m.**
- Declo at Jerome, 6 p.m.**
- High school wrestling** - Valley/Filer at Wendell, 6 p.m.
- High school bowling** - Wendell at Hansen, 4 p.m.
- Gondoli at Buhl, 4 p.m.**

IN BRIEF

Competitions are set at Pomerelle Resort
ALBION - Pomerelle Mountain will host two competitive events soon.
The Third Annual Big Air competition will be held on Saturday and March 10 will be Pomerelle’s Competition X 2001.
The competitions are open to all ages. A \$5 entry fee and a Pomerelle release waiver signed by a parent is required for all competitors under 18. Trophies and medals will be given to the top three places in each division. Pepsi-Cola will be giving away a snowboard March 10.
Big Air is open to all boarders and skiers, and will begin at noon. Competition X is open to mountain bikers, skiers and boarders. The mountain bike competition will begin at 10 a.m., with the ski and snowboard competitions following at noon.
For more information call (208) 673-5599.

‘Leaf’s’ skt extravaganza planned for Feb. 17
KETCHUM - The “Leaf’s” Alpine & Nordic Combined and Telemark and Nordic Combined Championship will be held Saturday, Feb. 17 at Baldy Mountain and the Sun Valley Nordic Center.
A special giant slalom starts at 9 a.m. on Baldy. Competitors then switch to cross-country skis at 1 p.m. for a 10K or 5K Nordic race at the Nordic Center. Points given for standings in the GS race and the Nordic race to determine overall champions in various age categories. Awards will be given in age divisions for men, women and Ski Education Foundation Jr. Team members.
Registration will be taken Feb. 16 in the Warm Springs Lodge from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The entry fee is \$12 for juniors (18 and under) and \$18 for adults.
Participants may also sign up on race day from 8-9 a.m. at the lodge. The awards presentation is slated for 5 p.m. in the American Legion Hall.
Racers get a free lift ticket as long as their bib is showing. For more information, call the Sun Valley Ski Club, which is presenting the event, at (208) 622-3003, or send e-mail to

Recruiting reporting burgeons on the Net
The Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. - Chris Spencer is a wanted man.
The 305-pound 17-year-old supposedly was spotted in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Later, he was said to be headed to Baton Rouge, La., because he had family there. Both reports proved to be wrong.
For months, strangers phoned Spencer’s home seeking information about his next destination, as many as five calls a day. He suspects he is being watched and his phones have been tapped.
Spencer isn’t a fugitive. He is a senior at Madison Central High School in Mississippi and among the most coveted offensive linemen in the country.
Before Spencer announced that he would sign a letter of intent

Jerome meets Blackfoot for district crown
By Nathan Jerke
Times-News writer

JEROME - The top-seeded Jerome Tigers ousted Century 47-40 Tuesday night to collect a state tournament berth and advance to play Blackfoot for the

Instant replay

Declo forces second championship game

By Joe Sunnen
Times-News writer

DECLO - The Declo High School girls’ basketball team will play at least one more game this season. Hornet sophomore Whitney Anderson made sure of that.
Anderson scored 16 points,

including nine in the third quarter, to help the Hornets down Buhl 50-40 and force a second-and-deciding Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference championship game between the two schools today.
The win evened the season series at 2-2 with both teams splitting their regular-season meetings, and now, their playoff games.
“We have one more game tomorrow night,” Declo coach Kim Johnson said. “I think winning tonight really helped us out.

We had all the pressure on us coming in with a loss and I think we put all the pressure on them now.”
The Hornets are no stranger to the pressure of playing in a second championship game. Declo was in the same situation last season when the Hornets played at the A-3 level. The Hornets won the Canyon Conference regular-season title but missed a state berth when runner-up Valley beat them twice in the conference.
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Declo High’s Amy Zollinger, left, shoots over Buhl’s Araceli Aguilarr Tuesday.

PRIDE OF BELLEVUE

Idaho’s only National Finals Rodeo contestant enjoys life at the top of the money

By Terrell Williams
Times-News correspondent

BELLEVUE - Good horse draws, a good traveling companion and good health helped make Kelly Wardell of Bellevue make it to the National Finals Rodeo.
But the December 10-round showdown was rough for Idaho’s only NFR qualifier.
In the seventh round of the 10-round show, Wardell’s hand got stuck in the rawhide suitcase handle of his bareback rig.
“I got hung up and tore my bicep,” he said during a recent photo-signing event in Vicker’s Western Store in Twin Falls. “My hand wouldn’t come out. I wasn’t hung up for long. Just long enough to tear things apart.”
Still, Wardell came back the next three nights, placing

fourth and then second. On the final night, he was bucked off and limited to winning \$15,000 at the big money rodeo. Still, he was elated just to be there.
“That’s what we rodeo for, is to go to the NFR,” he said. “If you rodeo all year long and don’t get there, you go in the hole. That’s where we make all our profit.”
Luck always plays a part in who makes it into the NFR, said Wardell, who has competed in the PRC A for 16 years. The top 15 money winners in each event qualify, sometimes by only a fistful of dollars.
“There are some outstanding cowboys from Idaho,” Wardell said. “Rodeo is a game of luck as much as skill. (Nampa team roper) Doyle Gellerman just missed it.”
Wardell, who lives in Bellevue with his girlfriend, Barb Patterson, had pre-NFR earnings in 2000 of nearly \$65,000, which ranked him sixth in the nation out of a total of 480 bareback riders in the PRC A.
This season, he’s on place to eclipse that. He’s spent much of the early going atop the bareback money standings, slipping to second this week by a mere \$1,209.
Wardell knows that’s pocket change in the season’s scheme of things.
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Wyoming native Kelly Wardell, now of Bellevue, has led the nation most of the season in the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association’s bareback event. He sits in second place this week.

Eagles soar to fifth in NJCAA poll

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Knocking off No. 1 brought a return to the Top Five for the College of Southern Idaho men’s basketball team on Tuesday.
In a week of upsets across the country, the top 11 of last week’s Top 20 teams all changed positions in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association poll. In contrast, the top 16 teams in the women’s poll remained the same.
With its 89-76 victory over previous No. 1 Dixie State College on Friday, Southern Idaho (20-3) climbed six spots to No. 5. The Golden-Eagles, who extended their winning streak to seven games with a defeat of Snow College on Saturday, received 64 points from the national panel of regional directors in making the move from No. 11.
The jump marks the fourth-straight week Southern Idaho has risen in the rankings, and is the first time since being ranked No. 2 on Dec. 12 that CSI has enjoyed a ranking in the first five.
Southern Idaho was ranked 16th on Jan. 9.
Dixie State (22-1), which had held the top ranking for two weeks, dropped to second after CSI snapped its 21-game winning streak. The Rebels earned one first-place vote and 90 points.
The nation’s lone remaining unbeaten team, Wabash Valley College (20-0), out of Mt. Carmel, Ill., moved from third to first with 14 first-place votes and 150 points.
Tallahassee Community College (24-1), which saw its 24-game win streak end in a loss to No. 9 and previously top-ranked Okaloosa-Walton, fell to third with one first-place vote and 60 points. Maryland’s Allegany College (20-1) moved five spots, from ninth to fourth, with 71.
After CSI, Cochee College (20-2) rose from 10th to sixth, followed in the Top 10 by Vincennes University, San Jacinto, Okaloosa and Indian Hills. Seward County dropped five places and leads the second 10, followed by Southwest Missouri State, Garden City, Westark, Moherly, Shelton State, Southern Tennessee, Odessa, Seminole State and Mississippi Gulf Coast.
Five new teams entered the poll this week.
No. 12 Snow College (21-2), No. 15 Ricks College (19-2) and No. 25 Salt Lake remained in the NJCAA women’s poll. Seaside West Athletic Conference rivals Dixie State, Utah Valley College and North Idaho colleges, who received votes, joined them.

Latest polls - D3

Blue-chip coverage



Chris Spencer of Madison, Miss., is an offensive lineman for the Madison Central High School football team. Before Spencer announced he will sign a letter of intent with Mississippi, the highly touted offensive lineman found out just how pervasive recruiting coverage has become in recent years.

with Mississippi today, the first day of the national signing period, he found out just how pervasive recruiting coverage has become in recent years.
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Let us know
Are you a high school student-athlete planning to compete in college sports during the 2001-02 school year? Do you know someone who is? Tell us about it. The Times-News is preparing a feature on college-bound athletes in the Magic and Wood River valleys and wants to include as many people as possible. Leave a message at (208) 735-3229, or send an e-mail to jrf@magvalley.com.

Tigers claim state berth

District IV-VI tourney
District IV-VI girls’ high school basketball championship.
Jerome scored the first points and never trailed in the game started out as a battle between the height of Century and Jerome’s speed.
Brandi Escover got the Tigers going with a 3-pointer followed up by a Kendra West putback. West continued to be a presence in the paint as she grabbed a rebound and dishd it out to Dany Schvaneveldt for the open jumper

to put the Tigers up 14-10.
The second quarter started slow as Jerome put in its second string and the Century starters went down. Lindsay Lewis of Century recorded two blocks in the first half for the Diamondbacks. But the Tigers started back up as Schvaneveldt found a wide-open Escover for a jump shot, though Jerome up 20-15.
Century stayed in it, rebound with Jeralyn Bailey grabbing her own rebound and driving to the basket for two points. Bailey finished with 13 points and six rebounds for the Diamondbacks.

But another 3-pointer by Escover drove the lead to nine just before halftime. Jerome went to the locker room with a 27-20 lead due in part to 12 points from Escover. She led the Tigers with 13.
The Tigers didn’t slow much in the second half. But the home team could not pull away as Century’s Lewis scored four points in the second half.
Century soon made it a 33-31 game, but that was as close as the D’backs came. Jerome went on a 10-point run to finish the third quarter and took a 43-31 lead.
A late Century turnover marked

the end of any Diamondback comeback. Jerome needed only to make its final free throw to keep the lead.
Jerome’s Jennifer Pond finished with eight points and eight rebounds.
Jerome hosts Blackfoot Thursday for the conference championship

Compiled from staff and wire reports
TRIVIA ANSWER:
Exactly 108.

Jerome 47, Century 40

Century	10
Jerome	10
Blackfoot	10
Shelton	10
Westark	10
Seaside	10
Allegany	10
Okaloosa	10
Walton	10
San Jacinto	10
Indian Hills	10
Seward	10
Westark	10
Moherly	10
Shelton	10
Southern Tennessee	10
Odessa	10
Seminole State	10
Mississippi Gulf Coast	10
Five new teams	10

Pistons halt six-week skid Battle of the Blue II ends in draw

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) Jerry Stackhouse scored 24 points and Matesen Cleaves added 13 as the Detroit Pistons ended a six-week home losing streak with a 94-83 victory over the Denver Nuggets on Tuesday night.

Detroit sniped an eight-game home losing streak. The Pistons had not won at home since beating Boston 101-96 on Dec. 26. Joe Smith added 12 points for Detroit.

Suns 97, Bulls 80

PHOENIX - Jason Kidd and Cliff Robinson, benched for most of the first half, ignited a third-quarter outburst that carried the Suns over Chicago. It was the Bulls' 16th loss in a row.

Chicago was without coach Tim Floyd, suspended for the game and fined \$10,000 for intentionally making contact with referee Greg Willard in the Bulls' 102-82 loss to the Los Angeles Clippers Monday night.

Magic 109, Hornets 83

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Tracy McGrady scored 26 points as Orlando stretched its winning streak to a season-high five games.

Mike Miller finished with 17 points and Darrell Armstrong added 13 as the Magic shot 60-percent in the second half, including 6-of-9 from 3-point range.

Baron Davis led the Hornets with 18 points.

Nets 90, Hawks 84

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Keith Van Horn had 23 points and 12 rebounds as New Jersey held a late rally to end its second straight loss.

Stephen Marbury added 16 points and Johnny Newman finished with 11 for the Nets.



Detroit's Matesen Cleaves splitts the Denver defense in the fourth quarter to score Tuesday in Auburn Hills, Mich. Cleaves scored 13 points to help the Pistons break an eight-game home losing streak, beating the Nuggets 94-83.

Heat 102, Pacers 89

MIAMI - Anthony Mason scored a season-high 29 points as Miami dealt Indiana its sixth loss in seven games.

Al Harrington, making only his fifth start this season for Indiana, scored a career-high 20 points.

Bucks 112, Kings 109

MILWAUKEE - Sam Cassell scored 29 points and Ray Allen added 28 Milwaukee Bucks withstood a furious fourth-quarter rally by Sacramento to hold off the Kings 112-109 in a game between division leaders Tuesday night.

Chris Webber, who missed the shootaround with a stomach virus, had 39 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists for the Kings, whose loss put idle Portland atop the Pacific Division.

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - Scott Young scored his second goal of the game with 8.2 seconds left in regulation as the St. Louis Blues beat Columbus 2-2 on Tuesday night.

The Blue Jackets still extended their points streak to eight games (4-0-2-2), matching the second-longest ever for an expansion team. They can tie the mark of the 1993-94 Florida Panthers when they play at Nashville on Thursday night.

Red Wings 4, Senators 2

DETROIT - Sergei Fedorov scored his team-leading 24th goal and the Detroit Red Wings extended their home unbeaten streak to seven games.

Steve Yzerman scored 3:55 into the game and the Red Wings led the rest of the way. They are 6-0 in their current string at Joe Louis Arena.

Sabres 6, Rangers 3

NEW YORK - J.P. Dumont and defenseman Jay McKee scored for Buffalo in the first three minutes as the Sabres sent the New York Rangers to their fifth loss in six games.

The Sabres didn't wait long to break out of the offensive slump they carried into the All-Star break. Buffalo had won just once in six games - scoring a total of eight goals - following a 1-0 victory over Florida. The six goals were a season-high for Buffalo, which hadn't had as many as four since Jan. 12.

Bruno 4, Flyers 3

BOSTON - P.J. Axelsson scored the tie-breaking goal with 5:50 to play Tuesday night, lifting the Boston Bruins to a 4-3 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers.

Bill Guerin, the MVP of Sunday's All-Star game, had a goal and his 200th NHL assist to help Boston

win for the fifth time in six games. Byron Daulton had 24 saves.

Devils 4, Canadiens 0

MONTREAL - Alexander Mogilny scored twice to lead the New Jersey Devils get all the goals in the opening 12:05.

Marin Brodeur, a Montreal native, stopped 27 shots for his 47th career shutout and fifth of the season.

Petr Kokorin connected for the fourth straight game and extended his point-scoring streak to eight games.

Wild 4, Lightning 2

TAMPA, Fla. - Scott Perrin scored the go-ahead goal with 8:12 left in regulation as the Minnesota Wild won for the first time when trailing after two periods.

Minnesota rookie Marian Gaborik extended his point-streak to seven games (five goals, nine points) when he tied the game at 2-2 at 5:16 of the third. He has four goals in the last three games.

Tar Heels outlast Wake Forest

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) - Joseph Forte scored 24 points as North Carolina shot 54 percent in winning its 17th straight game Tuesday, beating No. 19 Wake Forest 80-74.

The victory extended North Carolina's NCAA record of consecutive 20-win seasons to 31.

Wake Forest (15-7, 4-6 Atlantic Coast Conference), which started the season 12-0, has dropped seven of 10.

Forte hit an off-balance jumper with the shot clock on 1 and the Tar Heels (20-2, 10-0) clinging to a 72-69 lead with 1:12 left, and made two free throws a half-minute later.

Craig Davison scored a career-high 29 points for Wake Forest, which had its 14-game home winning streak snapped.

College basketball

Illinois 77, Mich. St. 66

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. - Cory Bradford had six of Illinois' 10 3-pointers and scored 22 points to lead the seventh-ranked Illini to a 77-66 victory over No. 4 Michigan State on Tuesday night to take over first place in the Big Ten.

Michigan State was 3-for-18 from 3-point range, most of the misses coming during two lengthy runs by the Illini to end both halves.

Kentucky 71, Florida 70

LEXINGTON, Ky. - Tayshaun Prince hit a running hook shot in the lane with 3.3 seconds remaining and Kentucky hung on for its

fourth straight win.

The Wildcats (14-7, 7-2 Southeastern Conference) strengthened their hold in first place in the league's Eastern Division with a 71-66 victory over Florida.

Georgia Tech 72, Maryland 62

ATLANTA - Tony Atkins scored 28 points, including a critical 3-pointer with just over a minute remaining, and Georgia Tech beat a ranked opponent for the first time this season.

The Yellow Jackets (13-8, 5-5 Atlantic Coast Conference) equaled both their overall and league victories for all last season,

BASEBALL

Remaining Free Agents NEW YORK (AP) - The 28 remaining free agents... AMERICAN LEAGUE... NATIONAL LEAGUE...

CLIPPERS 102, Bulls 82

DETROIT (AP) - The Clippers beat the Bulls 102-82 in a game that was mostly a defensive struggle...

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SONICS VS ORIZOLES... ROCKETS VS SPURS...

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Table listing high school scores for various teams like East and West.

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Table listing various transactions, trades, and news items.

RODHO

Table listing Rodho members and other related information.

Keeping up with paperwork Nasdaq

The Baltimore Sun

Remember the prediction years ago that computers and electronic money would turn us into a paperless society? Well, it seems today we are deluged with more paper than ever.

Bill canceled checks, ATM and credit card receipts, bank and investment statements bulge from pockets and wallets and spill out of drawers and shoe boxes.

What must you keep? What can you throw out? And if you do purge paperwork, will you realize a profit or just a loss? Finding something that's long since been tossed?

Ron Oden, a retired electronic technician in Timonium, Md., knows a lot about paper.

He has canceled checks going back 10 years. He keeps all of his investment statements and retains copies of transactions for securities he hasn't owned for a dozen years. A safe holds his most important papers, but the overflow is stored in a set of drawers in his dining room.

"I haven't thrown anything out all," said Oden, 73.

Three years ago, Oden did discard tax returns more than 6 years old. "I had tax returns stacked up since I (delivered) newspapers as a boy from the early 1940s," he said.

Unfortunately, he discovered too late that he had pitched a document he wanted.

"Most people go to an extreme

or the other," said Tom Pudner, a Pudner & Co. consultant in Washington, D.C. "There are people who save more than they need to and there are some throwing away the wrong things. That can be worse because they need to track things down."

Now is a good time to cull records as taxpayers prepare to file returns, experts said, Pudner advises people to create three files: a permanent file and one each for taxes this year and next year.

The permanent file should contain documents you need to hold indefinitely or for decades, such as deeds, copies of tax returns and papers related to pensions or a home purchase, experts said.

Keep W-2 forms, which detail annual income and taxes withheld, in the permanent file until you begin collecting Social Security benefits, advised Connie Kurtz, an enrolled agent in Rockville, Md. These forms can clear up disputes with the Social Security Administration about your income or work history that can affect benefits.

The tax files should contain papers that back up numbers used on returns, such as donations, mortgage interest payments and dividends and interest earned on investments and other accounts.

Charitable donations you should save a canceled check or

receipt for anything given to charity. Pudner said if the donation is \$25 or more, you must have a receipt or letter from the charity acknowledging the gift if you want to deduct the contribution from your taxes.

Investments. Save statements related to the purchase of securities and reinvested dividends to establish a cost basis, which will help determine the capital gains and loss when you sell the investments.

You must keep these records for as long as you own the securities and for at least three years after you sell them, experts said.

Keep quarterly statements from mutual fund statements and dividend reinvestment plans, or DRIPs, during the year, Pudner said. At year's end, you can throw out the reports when you receive the fund or DRIP's annual summary statements.

Home improvements. Keep receipts from the cost of improvements that will add value to the house, such as erecting a deck or remodeling the kitchen, and potentially reduce taxes later.

When selling a home, singles can exclude up to \$250,000 in gains from income taxes, while married couples can exclude up to \$500,000. Because of the high limits, many people don't pay taxes on the sale of a house. But if your home appraises more, adding the cost of improvements to the original purchase price could reduce the size of

recognized gains.

If it someday you rent the house, the cost improvements can be added to the original price and help lower your taxes when you depreciate the asset over time, Pudner said.

Medical expenses. Taxpayers can deduct medical costs that exceed 7.5 percent of their adjusted gross income, but many people's medical bills don't come near that, Pudner said.

Ill people undergoing major medical procedures during the year and seniors in ill health should keep receipts in case they meet the threshold, he said.

So, how long do you save documents that don't make it into a permanent file? Generally, save them for at least three years, although some tax experts recommend seven years to be safe.

The IRS can audit a return up to three years after it's filed if its due date, whichever is later, so you must keep supporting tax documentation for that period, experts said. But if you have under-reported your income by more than 25 percent, the IRS' audit can reach back seven years.

And if you've lost the loss of an investment or bad loan, the IRS can go back seven years to review the loss.

The long arm of the IRS is not restrained by time limits if you fail to file a return when required or submit a fraudulent return.

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stocks and smaller companies - can't be compared with the NYSE. Instead, they point to their achievements - the way the Nasdaq has revolutionized investing and the industry.

"When you think of all those (companies) that changed our lives in the last 25 years, you will find most of those companies are on the Nasdaq," said Hardwick.

The Nasdaq has come a long way, Simmons said, since its Feb. 8, 1971, start as a "junk pile" for thinly traded, highly volatile stocks previously listed on the over-the-counter market.

Outside observers agree that since its founding as an electronic dealer-run market specializing in smaller, younger company stocks, Nasdaq has grown from a distant No. 2 to a worthy competitor to the NYSE.

Last year, its average daily trading volume of 1.7 billion shares exceeded the NYSE. It should be noted, however, that because of the Nasdaq's dealer structure, it counts trades twice - once when stocks are sold and again when they are purchased.

The number of companies traded on the Nasdaq - short for National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation System - has doubled since 1971 to about 5,000, higher than the 3,500 stocks traded on the NYSE.

The Nasdaq composite also has enjoyed huge growth as the world's dependence on computers, cell phones and the Internet increased. Considering that the composite started 30 years ago to track 200, last year's close of 2,470.52, although a big disappointment to some shabby, doesn't look all that shabby.

Industry experts credit the Nasdaq for creating a trading

place for never-less capitalized companies to grow when the NYSE rejected them for being too risky. It has also attracted including giants like Microsoft and Intel, have stayed with the Nasdaq although the NYSE would now welcome them.

"That puts the Nasdaq on more equal footing with the New York Stock Exchange," said Charles Jones, professor of finance at Columbia University's graduate school of business.

Still, those accomplishments haven't been enough to distract Nasdaq from its shortcomings, including a new 2000 Securities and Exchange Commission study that showed investors still pay more to trade on the Nasdaq than on the NYSE.

The finding came six years after the SEC and the Justice Department alleged some Nasdaq dealers had conspired to fix prices to increase their spreads, the prof.

It they make on the difference between the selling and buying prices on a stock, they created following a settlement of the charges, forced the Nasdaq to reduce spreads.

Simmons and Nasdaq Chairman Frank Zarb, who before Simmons had also been CEO since 1997, dismissed the latest SEC finding - which does not allege any wrongdoing - as flawed, saying it didn't account for type or age of the companies.

"We trade different stocks, different companies. Ours are much less mature. They are going to trade with more volatility generally," Simmons said. "Therefore, traders are going to have slightly wider spreads because they are taking larger risks."

Likewise, they said critics of their decentralization conversion, which is expected to meet the April 9 deadline set by the government, are unfairly comparing Nasdaq with the NYSE.

Idaho college hopes to teach Western business to Chinese

POST FALLS (AP) - North Idaho College's training programs could become a template for teaching Western business methods to Chinese workers.

A college delegation leaves Friday for a 10-day trip to China, where they will visit 15 Fortune 500 companies with operations there. IBM, Nike Shoes, Kimberly

Clark, Kraft Foods, Duracell and Phillips Petroleum are included on the list.

"This is not a goodwill expedition. The focus is to generate new revenue," said Ron Ketchum, executive director of the school's Workforce Training Center.

Last year, more than 9,700 adults in the northern Idaho

Spokane area received short-term vocational training there.

The center is looking for ways to expand its market beyond the immediate area. There are many reasons for targeting China.

Big companies locate there for cheap labor, said Vern Jenkins, the center's customized training director. But many workers were

trained under the communist system.

Ketchum and Jenkins envision the college offering onsite training for companies' Chinese operations, or developing bilingual training manuals. It also could work with companies such as J.R. Simplot and Telect, who are working to expand their sales in China.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE MARKET SUMMARY NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

NYSE	AMEX	NASDAQ
Most Active (by volume)	Most Active (by volume)	Most Active (by volume)
IBM	IBM	IBM
Microsoft	Microsoft	Microsoft
Apple	Apple	Apple
Amazon	Amazon	Amazon
Google	Google	Google
Oracle	Oracle	Oracle
SAP	SAP	SAP
IBM	IBM	IBM
Microsoft	Microsoft	Microsoft
Apple	Apple	Apple
Amazon	Amazon	Amazon
Google	Google	Google
Oracle	Oracle	Oracle
SAP	SAP	SAP

NYSE	AMEX	NASDAQ
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IBM	IBM	IBM
Microsoft	Microsoft	Microsoft
Apple	Apple	Apple
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Google	Google	Google
Oracle	Oracle	Oracle
SAP	SAP	SAP
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Amazon	Amazon	Amazon
Google	Google	Google
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IBM	IBM	IBM
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Google	Google	Google
Oracle	Oracle	Oracle
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Table with columns for contract type (e.g., Soybean, Corn), price, and change. Includes sub-sections for BEANS and GRAINS.

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Advertisement for 'Techs lead Nasdaq moderately higher' with a bar chart showing market performance from Nov to Feb.

Main article text discussing market trends, investor behavior, and the performance of various sectors like tech and energy.

Plant

Article titled 'Plant' detailing the construction of a new plant, likely related to the agricultural or food processing industry.

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Options to acquire land adjacent to Crossroads Ranch, Idaho - text about land acquisition.

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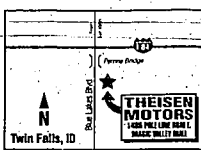
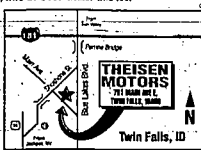
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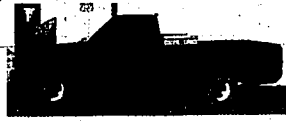
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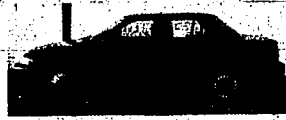
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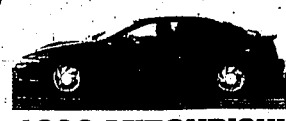
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