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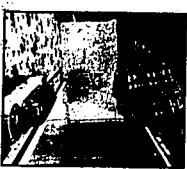
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Farm wage bill passes

Amended bill goes back to the House

By Michael Journee
Times-News writer

BOISE — A long-debated and controversial farmworker minimum wage bill, including breakthrough amendments reached last week that quelled much of its turbulent opposition, handily passed the Idaho Senate Tuesday.

Approved in a 23-7 vote, the amended House Bill 71 extends

minimum wage protection to most agricultural laborers in the state, with a few narrow exceptions. Currently a large portion of agricultural jobs are exempt from both federal and state minimum wage laws, to accommodate the industry's seasonal labor needs.

The bill will go back to the House, which must approve the amendments. That body

endorsed the unamended version of the bill by a 49-20 vote almost a month ago.

Until the Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee endorsed last week's amendment, farmworker advocates called House Bill 71 a cosmetic measure contemplated more for the benefit of the state's image than real reform.

Advocates organized rallies and protests and packed committee hearings. One protest, conducted by Boise State University students in Senate chambers Feb. 19, resulted in 16 arrests.

The amendment, introduced by Sen. Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls, strikes the minimum wage exemption for operations employing less than 500 man-days of labor in a calendar quarter — or the equivalent of seven full-time workers annually. Advocates said about 40 percent of farmworkers in Idaho work at such small operations. They said House Bill 71 would leave too many farmworkers without a guarantee of making the \$5.15 minimum wage.

Some Senate opponents said the bill guaranteed a minimum

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Senate backs registry

Unanimous vote supports tracking drug offenders

The Associated Press

BOISE — The Senate Tuesday unanimously approved creating a public registry for repeat drug dealers and manufacturers, to allow citizens to know whether such people have moved into their neighborhoods.

"These people are predators," said Sen. John Sandy, R-Hagerman, the bill's sponsor.

They're predators against individuals. They're predators against families. They're predators against communities. They're predators against society. And they're predators against the taxpayers, who ultimately pick up a large part of this cost.

The only question raised came

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Sen. John Sandy

AT THE END, A RAINBOW



Both Bowman and Buhl fishes at Dierkes Lake Tuesday afternoon. Earlier Bowman caught and released a four-pound rainbow trout. The weather is expected to be sunny and mild through Thursday with highs near 60 and lows in the 30s.

Detective: Jerome boy intended to kill

Jealousy might have played a role in school incident

By Mark Helz
Times-News writer

JEROME — Romantic jealousy was the apparent motivation in an incident at Jerome Middle School, in which two boys took weapons to the school.

And Jerome police detective Jim Baker said the primary suspect in the case, a 12-year-old seventh-grader, was serious about trying to kill a classmate on Feb. 28.

"The mother of the primary suspect thinks so as well," he said.

The two suspects were arrested last week on charges of conspiracy to commit murder. Police say they apparently planned to shoot

a fellow student at the school. Baker Tuesday would not identify either suspect, but said both were 12 and in the seventh grade. The incident was apparently prompted by romantic jealousy.

Both suspects were held Tuesday at the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center in Twin Falls, he said. The case had been handed over to the Jerome County Prosecutor's Office, which will probably keep it in closed juvenile court, Baker said.

Calls to the prosecutor's office Tuesday were not returned.

Investigators believe one boy involved in the incident told a second boy that he was plotting to kill the classmate, a day or so before taking weapons to the school Feb. 28, Baker said. The

first boy took a .380-caliber semi-automatic pistol and three knives to school, Baker said. The gun apparently was stolen from the boy's parents, but Baker said investigators weren't sure where the boy got the knives.

Other students in the boys' circle of peers told investigators that during the morning at school, the first boy had shown the gun off to them and worked the gun's action, moving a live round into the firing chamber, Baker said.

Sometime around noon, the first boy gave the weapons to the second boy and asked him to hold them for him, Baker said.

"The boy who was planning to do the murder had gotten tired of packing (the gun) around all day," Baker said. "He had it

stuck down his pants."

Other students told school officials they had seen the first boy flashing the gun, but the second boy had the gun and knives when police were called to the school to arrest the boys, Baker said.

When officers confiscated the pistol, it still had a live round in the firing chamber and the weapon's safety was off, Baker said.

Although none of the students involved has known hard-core gang connections, the incident had gang overtones, Baker said.

"They had a gang mentality, as far as the image and the culture," he said.

Jerome School District Superintendent Jim Cobble said no public announcement of the incident was made because it was being handled as a student discipline issue.

"We don't make public announcements on student

Injunction deals blow to Napster

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal judge Tuesday laid down the law to Napster, saying that once the recording industry comes up with a list of copyright songs it wants removed from the music-swapping service, Napster will have 72 hours to comply.

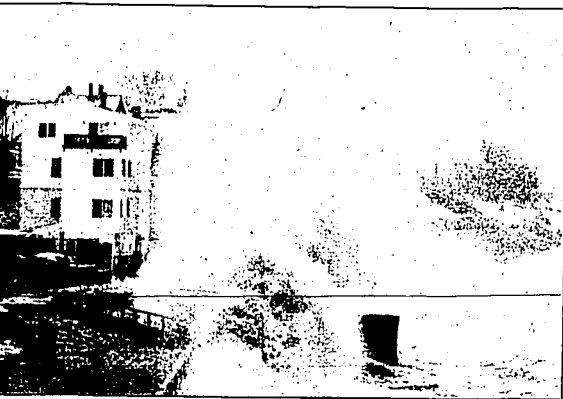
The order effectively gives the recording industry control over the immediate fate of the Internet music service that lets computer users download popular songs for free.

Meanwhile, Napster will hit another legal front Tuesday when the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences, the producers of the Grammy Awards, filed a copyright infringement suit.

Napster is fighting to stay online and retain its popularity while promising to shut over to a subscription-based service that charges listeners and pays royalties to artists. For that, it needs the cooperation of the music labels that sued Napster for copyright infringement.

The academy's suit mirrors the ones filed by the recording industry.

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A storm surge pushes Atlantic surf against a seawall Tuesday in Winthrop, Mass.

Winter storm hammers New England states

The Associated Press

RYE, N.H. — After failing to live up to its billing in the mid-Atlantic states, a nor'easter piled snow 2.5 feet deep in New England on Tuesday and hammered the coast with waves that threw rocks as big as bowling balls across shoreline roads.

Hundreds of flights were canceled and schools were closed across the Northeast for a second day, and workers in Rhode Island state lottery headquarters fled just before their roof collapsed under the weight of snow and ice.

Schools, banks, businesses and government offices were closed in New Hampshire and much of Maine, and the only vehicles on many highways were snowplows. "Wallburg is a ghost town," snowplow driver Gary George said as he cleared roads in

the small town in eastern New Hampshire.

Elsewhere, however, the storm that had threatened to be the worst in years delivered only a few inches of snow in New York City, and Philadelphia got only flurries, sleet and rain. Sections of New Jersey and Pennsylvania that expected more than a foot got only inches.

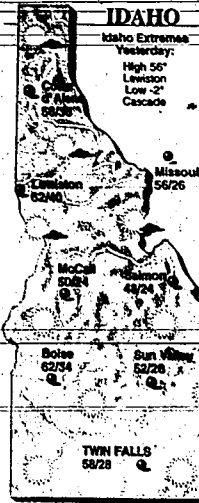
Meteorologists defended their frequently shifting forecasts.

"It's a very complex storm because what's happening is on the surface and in the upper layers of the atmosphere," said National Weather Service meteorologist George Klein in New York.

At least seven people had been killed in weather-related traffic accidents, four in New York state and one each in New Jersey, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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Twin Falls through 8 p.m. yesterday

High/Low	59/27
Normal high/low	47/26
High/Low record year	51/20
Record high	67 in 1958
Record low	10 in 1976

Precipitation: 24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday: 0.07"

Normal month to date: 0.18"

Year to date: 0.02"

Normal year to date: 2.16"

Humidity: Yesterday at noon: 72%

Barometric Pressure: Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 30.15 in.

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls: Grass: N.A., Weeds: N.A., Trees: N.A.

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Sunshine and a mild afternoon.	Mainly clear.	Sunny to partly cloudy.	Clouds and some sun; it might shower.	Mixed clouds and sun.	Partly to mostly sunny.
▲ 55° ▼ 28°	▼ 28°	▲ 55° ▼ 32°	▲ 52° ▼ 28°	▲ 52° ▼ 28°	▲ 52° ▼ 28°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Partly sunny fog early; otherwise, plenty of sunshine today with a mild afternoon. Mainly clear tonight. Partly sunny in the west tomorrow, while the east is mostly sunny.

Boise: Pleasant today with plenty of sunshine and a mild afternoon. Mainly clear tonight. Mixed clouds and sunshine tomorrow with another mild afternoon.

Northern Nevada: Sunshine most of today with a mild afternoon. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Clouds and limited sun in the west tomorrow with a shower possible; partly sunny in the east.

Northern Utah: Clouds and some sunshine across the south today, while the north is mostly sunny with a mild afternoon. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Sunshine and no more than a few clouds tomorrow.

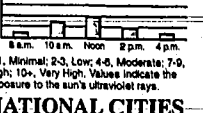
Northern Idaho: A few valley spots will start this morning with fog; otherwise, sunny to partly cloudy today with a mild afternoon. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Clouds and some sunshine tomorrow.

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 7:04 a.m.
 Sunset tonight: 6:55 p.m.
 Moonrise today: 4:17 a.m.
 Moonset tonight: 6:07 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Mar 6	Mar 16	Mar 24	Apr 1

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CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Thu
Calgary	18-24	18-19
Edmonton	18-24	18-19
Regina	22-28	22-28
Saskatoon	22-28	22-28
Toronto	31-24	37-19
Vancouver	53-40	50-38
Winnipeg	28-16	40-34

WORLD CITIES

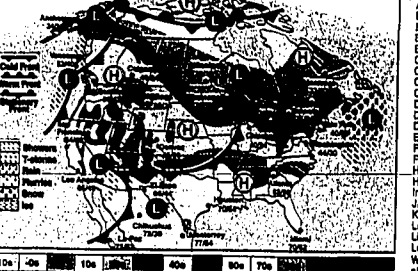
City	Today	Thu
Auckland	58-61	57-60
Bangkok	85-89	85-79
Berlin	58-61	57-60
Buenos Aires	79-88	82-72
Calcutta	81-87	73-61
Hong Kong	75-81	62-64
Jakarta	87-84	85-83
London	55-65	48-44
Los Angeles	73-80	76-80
Moscow	60-68	63-66
Paris	60-68	63-66
Rio de Janeiro	84-73	83-71
Sao Paulo	81-87	73-61
Seoul	36-14	32-18
Sydney	73-68	71-63
Tokyo	64-68	61-51
Warsaw	61-68	61-51
Zurich	54-47	60-47

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu
Boise	62-34	50-24
Bonners Ferry	52-35	49-33
Burley	56-29	53-32
Coeur d'Alene	56-36	52-34
Elko	55-29	51-33
Englewood	62-40	56-36
Hagerman	60-28	55-31
Idaho Falls	50-22	44-18
Kalispell, MT	51-24	50-31
Lewiston	62-40	56-36
Malad	50-23	49-28
Matta	43-21	47-24

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NATIONAL WEATHER



NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu
Atlanta	62-66	66-58
Baltimore	42-33	40-32
Birmingham	50-34	50-29
Boston	36-27	35-30
Charlotte, NC	61-33	65-44
Charleston, WV	41-29	47-27
Chicago	40-24	39-30
Cleveland	38-20	38-27
Denver	48-26	49-31
Des Moines	38-28	35-30
Detroit	38-28	38-27
El Paso	68-44	68-38
Fairfax	27-7	35-30
Fargo	50-16	47-24
Honolulu	80-69	81-70
Indianapolis	41-28	38-33
Jacksonville	61-39	65-41
Kansas City	58-24	44-20
Las Vegas	82-45	85-40
Little Rock	68-42	64-32
Los Angeles	65-49	65-49
Memphis	60-48	61-50
Miami	70-82	74-80
Minneapolis	42-33	40-32
Nashville	49-32	50-30
New Orleans	66-44	67-50
New York	60-44	61-51
Oklahoma City	68-41	62-33
Omaha	43-19	37-19
Philadelphia	40-32	46-34
Phoenix	67-50	68-52
Raleigh, NC	60-48	61-51
Rapid City	40-18	42-20
San Antonio	60-32	69-34
San Diego	64-49	63-55
San Francisco	54-48	59-46
Seattle	52-32	43-31
Tucson	63-43	69-44
Washington, DC	44-30	45-34

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Wage

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 wage to too many farmworkers.
 "Why would we support a bill that goes farther than the federal law?" asked Sen. Stan Hawkins, R-UConn.
 Only one Magic Valley lawmaker, Sen. Robbi King-Barrutia, R-Idaho, voted against the measure.
 Another, however, agonized over his decision to vote in favor of the legislation and only meekly proclaimed his "aye" during the roll call vote.
 "My vote was more about what I had to do than what I wanted to do," said Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert.
 Aside from his philosophical opposition to minimum wages in general, Cameron questioned

burdening a struggling agricultural economy.
 "We just keep adding one more burden to a community that's about dead," Cameron said.
 "But if we're going to have a minimum wage, it ought to be fair to everyone."
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Jerome

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 during the meeting, but Cobble did not know Tuesday if that would be their parents, an attorney or other appointed spokesperson.
 The Jerome district has a zero-tolerance policy regarding students taking weapons to school, Cobble said. But students are entitled to a hearing before the School Board, which has the final say over an expulsion.
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Senate votes to repeal ergonomics regulation

Washington - In a stunningly swift assault on a legacy of Bill Clinton's presidency, Senate Republicans Tuesday voted to repeal a federal regulation aimed at protecting millions of workers from repetitive motion injuries, but which would cost employers billions of dollars a year.
 The 56-44 vote largely along party lines vote revived age-old divisions between the two political parties and pitted big business against big labor in a classic power struggle over working conditions and workplace safety. It also interjected an atmosphere in Congress that has become increasingly partisan in recent weeks on high-profile subjects such as taxes and spending.
 Every one of the 50 Senate Republicans voted to repeal the regulation. Joining them were six Democrats - Sens. John Breaux and Mary Landrieu of Louisiana, Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas, Ernest Hollings of South Carolina, Zell Miller of Georgia and Max Baucus of Montana.
 The House of Representatives - CLARIFICATION - The legal status of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center may be unclear in a story Tuesday. The hospital is a public owned, nonprofit organization. A citizens committee recommended this week that Twin Falls County commissioners transform the hospital into a private nonprofit organization known as a 501(C)(3).
 At issue is a federal regulation published by the Clinton administration on Nov. 14 that requires employers to take steps to reduce the incidence of workplace-induced muscle and bone disorders, such as the keyboard-related carpal tunnel syndrome. The regulation would set new standards for ergonomics, the term used to describe engineering that makes work tools and workplaces more compatible with human beings. It would require employers to reimburse the medical cost of injured workers and to pay them a nearly full salary if they miss work.
 Republican senators complained that the regulation was an attempt by former President Clinton to place his labor supporters with a favorable reflection in the waning days of his presidency.
 "This is really not defensible," said Assistant Majority Leader Norm Nickles, R-Okla. "It is probably the most expensive, intrusive regulation ever promoted that is wide open. It could apply to almost any job in America and it could be enormously expensive in employment compensation claims."

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Saturday, March 3, numbers
POWERBALL
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 POWERNUMBER 15

Saturday, March 3, numbers
WILD CARD
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Tuesday, March 6, numbers
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Tuesday, March 6, numbers
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Cheney leaves hospital; fair chance he'll be back

WASHINGTON (AP) - Vice President Dick Cheney was released from the hospital Tuesday, a day after undergoing a surgical procedure to repair a damaged artery.

The vice president walked out of George Washington University Hospital, shook hands with his doctors and was driven away. "Good," he said in response to a reporter's shouted question about how he felt.

Cheney was up about 7 a.m. and was "entirely" to leave, said senior aide Mary Matalin. Tests of cardiac enzyme tests showed no damage to Cheney's heart muscle, and "multiple EKGs have been unchanged," she said.

Cheney should be able to continue in his job unimpeded by his latest heart problems, doctors said. Cheney's position that he should curtail travel or his intense workload.

But Cheney also was given some tough news after he had an angioplasty to unclog a coronary artery Monday.

Cheney's doctor said he is on a low-sodium and low-fat diet and rigorous workout regimen, there is a fair chance he will be back in the hospital fac-

ing the same trouble soon, his physicians said.

"Well, it's possible for the narrowing to come back, and I think I quoted around 40 percent," Dr. Jonathan Keiner, who performed the surgery at George Washington University, told a news conference. "There are studies that may show, you know, a little bit higher than that. If the narrowing is going to come back, usually it comes back within the first six months."

Speaking to reporters, President Bush said he last talked with the vice president Monday night, and Cheney told him he felt great. Asked if Cheney should cut back on his duties, the president said no, because "he is needed." This country needs his wisdom and judgment.

Bush said there is no question that Cheney is fit to continue serving as vice president. "Thanks for asking. I don't think that he needs to cut back on his work," Bush said in a brief question-and-answer session.

Cheney will rest at home and likely will return to work later this week, said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer.

U.S. won't alter census numbers

WASHINGTON (AP) - Calling it the "most accurate census in history," the Bush administration refused to adjust the 2000 head count, in a decision eagerly awaited by states for congressional redistricting.

Critics immediately assailed Tuesday's move as one that cause an millions of Americans, mostly minorities, to not be counted.

Commerce Secretary Don Evans said he was backing a Census Bureau conclusion that the initial, raw count, offered the most accurate snapshot of the population. Those numbers will begin to be sent to states this week for lawmakers to use in redrawing political boundary lines.

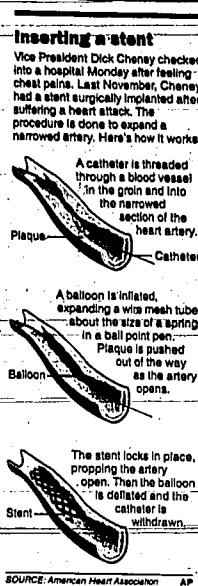
In making the decision, Evans turned aside pleas by Democrats and civil rights groups to use a second, statistically adjusted population tally that they said would make up for an estimated 3.3 million uncounted Americans.

"I weighed their recommendation, evaluated their report ... and I concluded that the recommendation of the Census Bureau professionals was correct and prudent," Evans, a longtime friend and supporter of President Bush, told a news conference. "We will send unadjusted data" for the purpose of redistricting.

The first numbers - for New Jersey and Virginia - will be sent Wednesday to the respective governors and state legislative leaders, bureau spokesman Laverne Collins said. But they will not be released to the public until the state officials acknowledge receiving them.

Data for nine other states were scheduled to be given to those states on Thursday or Friday, Collins said. They are Arkansas, Indiana, Louisiana, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Vermont and Wisconsin.

Evans' decision quieted, for now, a long political debate over whether, and how, to account for those missed in the actual national headcount.



SOURCE: American Heart Association AP

Democratic opposition to Bush tax cut solidifies

WASHINGTON - Democratic opposition to President Bush's \$1.6 trillion tax cut hardened Tuesday, as many lawmakers showed resentment at what they perceived as heavy-handed tactics by the administration and its Republican allies in Congress.

They argued that tax cuts should wait until passage of an overall budget that shows the disposition of all the money, not just that earmarked for tax cuts. "The strong-arm tactics being used by the administration are clearly backfiring," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

Several Democrats said Bush should curtail his campaign-style trips to promote his tax cuts in states represented by Democrats and sit down instead to work out compromises in the bipartisan fashion he promised a few weeks ago in numerous cordial face-to-face meetings.

Sen. Mary Landrieu of Louisiana, a Democrat up for re-election in 2002 from a state Bush is visiting, said she has "problems with the size and the substance" of the president's plan and worries that it might produce future budget deficits. "I support cutting taxes, but let's cut them right. People in Louisiana don't want to go back in the deficit ditch."

Undaunted, House Republicans pressed ahead with plans to pass the biggest piece of the Bush tax plan on Thursday, a 10-year, \$95 billion across-the-board income tax cut. It is expected to pass, and some GOP leaders said they expect Democrats to oppose any tax bill they are pushing.

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Judge voids adoption of twins in Internet case

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - An Arkansas judge Tuesday nullified the adoption of twin 8-month-old girls caught up in an international custody battle.

The girls were adopted in Arkansas on Dec. 22 by a British couple, setting off a dispute with an American couple who had also tried to adopt the children through the same Internet broker.

Fulaski County Probate Judge Mackie Pierce said Tuesday that neither the British couple nor the American birth mother, who put them up for adoption, met Arkansas' 30-day residency requirement. As a result, the Arkansas courts had no right to grant the adoption, Pierce said.

Pierce also recommended to British courts that the children be returned to the United States for further proceedings on who should get custody.

Richard and Vickie Allen of Highland, Calif., say they paid a \$6,000 fee to a San Diego-based Internet adoption broker. They say they had custody of the girls for nearly two months and were in the process of legally adopting them when the children were taken to Arkansas by Tranda Wecker, the twins' birth mother.

Alan and Judith Kilshaw of Wales say they paid \$12,000 for the same children and adopted them from Wecker in Little Rock.

Both the Allens and Kilshaws, as well as the girls' now-separated biological parents, Tranda and Aaron Wecker, are seeking custody of the girls. The twins are now in foster care in Britain.

Registry

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from the American Civil Liberties Union, which expressed concern that the registry assumes drug offenders cannot be rehabilitated and that being marked by the registry can only hinder rehabilitation.

The bill, which Sandy indicated would be the first of its kind in his nation, now goes to the House.

But lawmakers' support was reinforced by the success of a similar registry for sex offenders, which has been upheld by the state Supreme Court. The high court ruled that a registration requirement was only an indirect, non-punitive result of being guilty of a crime.

More than 2,200 offenders are already listed on that registry. More than 400 names were added

last year. And there were more than 14,000 separate requests for the list during 2000.

Sandy speculated that activity on the drug pusher registry would be somewhat slower once it would begin operating in January. Officials estimate about 100 repeat offenders registering during 2002 and maybe twice that many each year afterward. They could petition the court for removal from the list after 10 years.

"These people are in this for the money, and to make lots of money, they will destroy the lives of our people," said Senate Judiciary Chairman Denton Darrington, R-Declo. "They will destroy the lives of our children. They will destroy the lives of our teenagers. They will destroy the

lives of college students.

"The people have a right to know if a repeat drug pusher moves into their neighborhood," he said. "We need to go after them with everything we've got."

Some have worried that the state is on a path to creating registries for every type of criminal, and some lawmakers have suggested that is not a bad idea.

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NATION

Navy investigators examine control room of Greenville submarine

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — Three admirals toured the USS Greenville on Tuesday to try to understand the crowding in the control room of the nuclear submarine before it struck and sank a Japanese fishing boat.

The tour began the second day of a court of inquiry — the Navy's highest-level administrative investigation — into the Feb. 9 collision. The probe could lead to courts-martial of the Greenville's top three officers.

The Ehime Maru, a high school

Nation In brief
fisheries training vessel from Uwajima, sank minutes after the Greenville surfaced underneath it. Nine of 35 people on the ship, including four 17-year-old boys, were lost.

On Monday, Rear Adm. Charles Griffiths Jr., head of the Navy's preliminary investigation into the collision, described a series of missteps by the crew.

The mistakes ranged from the submarine rushing to get back on schedule to vital sonar data not getting to the skipper.

Group urges government to restrict junk food in schools

WASHINGTON — School nutrition directors urged the government Tuesday to restrict the sale of soft drinks and snacks in schools, saying kids are filling up on the junk food and skipping cafeteria meals.

"Every day in this country, schools offer a variety of foods for sale that compete directly with federal school meal programs," Marilyn Kura, president of the American School Food Service Association, told the Senate Agriculture Committee.

The group, said Congress should give the Agriculture Department authority to regulate what is sold outside cafeterias. USDA has been barred from doing that since a federal appeals court ruling in 1983.

Report says Internet voting from home is not the answer

WASHINGTON — Voters should not be allowed to cast ballots through the Internet from home or the workplace because significant questions about security, reliability and social effects remain, says a report commissioned by the National Science Foundation.

The report urged elections officials to resist pressures to embrace "remote Internet voting systems" as the technological

cure for the problems that afflicted the presidential election in November, such as faulty voting systems and inconsistent standards for ballot counting.

Internet voting at polling places, however, could offer such benefits as convenience and efficiency while elections officials would control security and technology, the report said. It recommended poll-site experiments to gain valuable experience prior to full-scale implementation.

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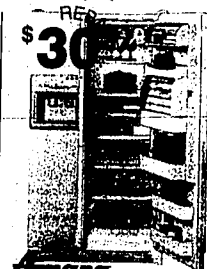
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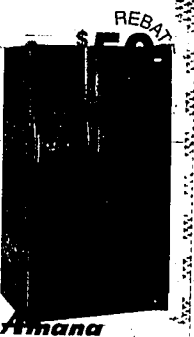
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Study: Web may promote weight loss

CHICAGO (AP) — Sitting at a computer can help you lose weight, research shows. Provided, of course, that you exercise and diet. In a study of 65 overweight adults, weight-loss information Web sites helped people shed pounds. And people who also received weekly e-mail advice from behavioral therapists had even better results. Dieters who got the Internet

counseling sessions lost three times as much weight in six months — 9 pounds versus 3 — as those who just had access to diet and exercise Web sites. The study, led by Brown University researcher Deborah F. Tate, appears in today's *Journal of the American Medical Association*. Participants, ages 18 to 60, were about 30 pounds overweight on average. All received a one-hour

group dieting lesson. They also were advised to monitor their progress and were directed to Web sites with tips on keeping track of daily food intake and exercise. About half also were encouraged to have weekly e-mail contact with a behavioral therapist, who counseled them on their food and exercise regimens. They could also contact other participants through an electronic bulletin board.


Teen allegedly feeds newborn to dog

NEW YORK — A Brooklyn baby died the kind of death that could make the toughest cop or firefighter cry. A teenager who hid her pregnancy from her ailing mother and younger sister delivered the infant herself several days ago, police said. Then 16-year-old Lisa Small

allegedly hurled her child into the small yard behind her tenement, where the family's snarling, hungry dog was waiting. Police learned her grisly secret Monday after a neighbor called 911 and reported a "newborn being eaten by a dog." Fire Lt. Dennis Murphy arrived at 590 Bainbridge Ave. and found, in the icy, muddy yard a pit bull/Rottweiler mix gnawing on a

corpse so mangled it was impossible to determine its sex. "At first, we thought it was a doll," Murphy said. "It was too terrible to think it was a baby." Murphy said rescuers used fire tools to subdue the dog while police sprayed it with Mace to loosen its jaws from the baby's body. "Unfortunately, the infant was dead already," said Police Capt. Patrick McAndrews.

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EDITORIAL

Hog farm developers are down, but not out

Will they take "no" for an answer? Developers intent on building a hog farm in eastern Cassia County got an official "no" from the county's Planning and Zoning Commission last week. By a unanimous vote, the commission denied a conditional use permit for a 595,000-hog operation.

Will the developers ignore that omen and appeal directly to the Cassia County Commission? Or will they fold their tent and go elsewhere, as one of them has suggested?

Public opinion is clearly running against the idea of a big hog farm in the Bear River area. Consequently, developers risk deepening the hole they're in if they push their luck. Another resounding "no" would be a tough blow indeed.

The developers, led by Kerchum resident Ron Achs, have a lesson to learn in the fine art of public relations. With his sometimes imperious manner, Achs has managed to alienate many of the key players in Cassia County. Next time around - if there is a next time - he would be wise to do more listening.

There's a deeper question here, one which transcends Ron Achs and Cassia County. That is: Is it possible to build and operate a hog farm of this magnitude anywhere in the intermountain West?

Given the environmental concerns, it would have to be located in an extremely rural area, far from any neighbors. But the farther a hog farm is from people, the farther it is from the necessary labor pool. Hog farm employees probably would drive seven miles, and they might drive 70 miles, but they probably wouldn't drive 70 miles to work.

least of which is the technology needed to dispose of sewage from hundreds of thousands of pigs. Some of that technology is still unproven. So hog farm developers can claim - but not guarantee - that their operations won't cause problems.

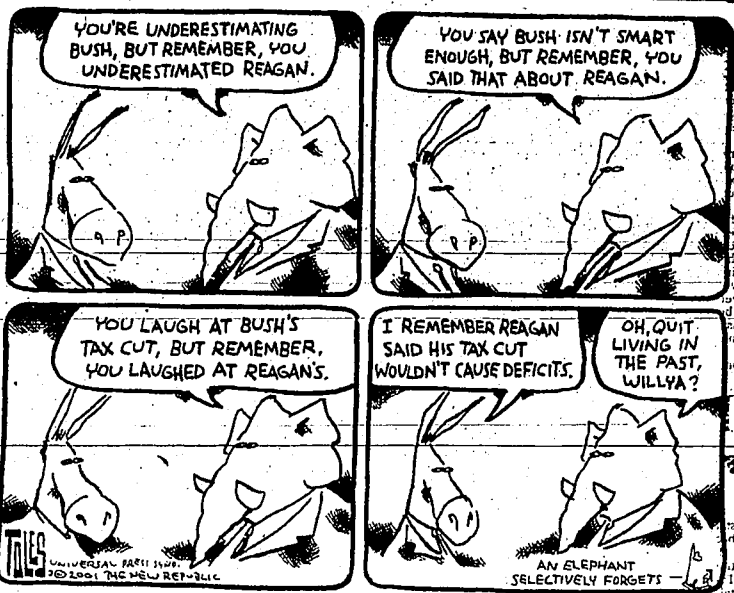
The sensible way to grant approval to large hog farm, if approval is warranted, is to grant it in phases. Each phase should win full approval before construction of a subsequent phase could begin. That way, developers wouldn't be able to finagle an after-the-fact approval by pointing to their irrevocable investment in a completed facility.

It's worth noting that big livestock operations do have a place in the Magic Valley economy. Dairies, notwithstanding the controversy they generate, are a bright spot in an otherwise bleak agricultural economy. Dairies do, and a hog farm could, employ a lot of people directly. There's a larger economic benefit, because dairies do, and a hog farm could, provide a living for farmers who grow feed crops and food processors who buy the end product - be it milk or meat.

No matter what the critics say, big isn't necessarily bad when determining the size of a livestock operation. Rather than discriminate on the basis of size, it makes more sense to regulate on the basis of measurable impacts, such as odor and groundwater pollution. If a confined animal feeding operation - regardless of size - is in violation of a standard, it should be cited until the problem is corrected.

That's the best way to regulate CAFOs.

Is it possible to build and operate an enormous hog farm anywhere in the intermountain West?



There's a downside to deregulation

The rippling social and economic effects of the energy crisis show up almost every day in this city, where troubles usually disappear as quickly as the sun burns away the early morning clouds. But San Diego felt the impact of energy deregulation last summer, earlier than any other California city, and what it is experiencing now may be a forerunner of more widespread problems, throughout the West and as far away as New York City.



DAVID S. BRODER

A member of the San Diego Housing Commission told me she has seen a sharp upturn in the number of renters seeking new places to live, because their landlords have upped the rents to compensate for the higher gas and electric bills. Father Joe Carroll, who runs the city's largest homeless shelter, has seen his energy costs increase a half-million dollars so far - a sizable hit in a budget of \$20 million. And, he says, toward the end of each month, the number of people lining up for a free midday meal gets notably larger, not because they are homeless but because their grocery money has gone to keep the heat and lights on.

the effect of postponing, but not ending, some of the run-up in consumer costs. Now, the spike in natural gas prices - a national phenomenon - has added to the woes. Deregulation, which was supposed to lure new power suppliers into the booming California market, instead has turned into a bonanza of excess profits for a handful of outside electricity generating companies, and a nightmare for three big California utilities caught between higher charges from their suppliers and the caps the politicians imposed on consumers' electric rates.

California Gov. Gray Davis and the Legislature are scrambling to keep the utilities from declaring bankruptcy, which would lead to a forced sale of their assets and, say many experts, even higher prices. Davis is negotiating for state purchase of the transmission facilities of the three power companies, which would give them enough cash to keep their creditors at bay for a while. And he is trying to negotiate long-term energy purchase contracts at lower rates than the current ruinous spot market prices, while speeding up the approval process for new power plants within the state.

It is not clear whether the rescue effort will work. Last week, the parent company of the state's largest utility, Pacific Gas and Electric, borrowed \$1 billion to refinance its own debts, and a Wall Street rating firm simultaneously warned that PG&E faces "the near-term possibility of bankruptcy." Meantime, more than

\$3 billion of the state's projected budget surplus (estimated last month at about \$8 billion) has been used on these temporary fixes.

The energy crisis - also marked by rolling blackouts - is producing a huge political backlash. Filner, a liberal Democrat, said, "For the first time, Duncan Hunter (a conservative Republican from a neighboring district) and I are on the same side: We both want a public utility district that can protect consumers from this price-gouging."

Last Saturday, the Union-Tribune, San Diego's staunchly Republican and pro-free enterprise newspaper, carried a full page of letters to the editor under the headline, "Energy barons hold state hostage." The lead editorial of this conservative newspaper began, "We've been robbed" and called on the Bush administration and Congress to force a retraction. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to require the power companies to rebate the \$555 million in windfall profits a state energy agency claims they overcharged in December and January alone.

The populist revolt is likely to take the form of a 2002 ballot initiative, aimed at both the power companies and the process of deregulation. Consumer advocate Michael Shames told me, "I'm not a fan of initiatives. They are blunt instruments for handling complex policy problems." But the utilities spent \$40 million in 1998 and defeated an initiative that would have blocked deregulation, with a promise that deregulation would mean lower prices and better service. You can't blame people for feeling they were lied to. And now they want to strike back.

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LETTERS

Editorial was right on track
The editorial on Page A-6, Feb. 28, "Drug treatment beats building new prisons," was right on track.

After reading this editorial, I had a vision of how this could snowball into something really beneficial, not only to addicts but to people of all ages. Addicts, as such, have diminished confidence in their abilities to be beneficial to others in any capacity. If given a chance to appear before young children in classrooms and testify of the terrible effects of drugs and alcohol on their lives, they could be instrumental in helping young people avoid the same results. Secondly, they could contribute of their spare time in helping needy, elderly people by fixing up their homes or doing yard work or just being a friend to talk to. This would build up their self-esteem and guide them toward useful lives as good citizens and taxpayers.

I truly believe that if the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee was able to direct the funds available for this program toward buying land and providing the material needed to build housing and meeting facilities, it would find many of these people ready and willing to pitch in and lend their hand toward a truly better, the buildings but their lives as well.

Turning drug addicts into useful, tax-paying citizens doubles the savings and saves lives. Prisons are only expensive houses where people waste their time

planning on how to get out and resume the same lives they were living before they were incarcerated. Let's concentrate on how to give them a reason for living. I'm sure there are other retirees out there that are willing to give of their time and abilities to help these people on their way to becoming useful, freedom-loving, helpful citizens.

Let's get behind this program and see it work!
JIM LYONS
Twin Falls

Church column was fabulous
I wish to congratulate Denise Turner for her ability to laugh at herself and her courage to document in print what must have been an embarrassing moment. In fact, I remember that her face was almost as red as the hymnal that fell from the balcony of First United Methodist Church on Bay Scout Sunday.

If any readers missed her column in The Times-News on Sunday, Feb. 25, it is worth digging it out of the bird cage and saving for posterity. Denise, it is one of the best you have written!

You have added significantly to the rich folklore of First Church. I doubt that I will ever sing "There's a Song in the Air" without thinking of you!
JIM FRISBIE
Twin Falls

Editor's note: Jim Frisbie is the pastor at the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls.

Animal policies need to be formed

This is in response to a recent article concerning lack of police response to a dog that fell through the ice on the Snake River and was trapped in the icy water near the Burley-Paul bridge.

I personally observed the situation as I drove over the Burley-Paul bridge. After reading the article, I have serious concerns about the situation.

I understand that the sheriff's department has a policy prohibiting officers from endangering themselves to rescue animals. However, it does not appear that there is a written policy concerning this situation, and it is clear that the policy was not communicated to those who called 911 and talked to the officers who arrived at the scene.

If the sheriff's department has a policy concerning this situation, persons calling dispatch should have been advised of the

policy so that the caller has appropriate expectations. In addition, those persons at the scene should be clearly advised of the policy so that those persons can then decide whether or not they want to immediately take action. The lack of communication by dispatch and officers arriving at the scene created unrealistic expectations of those involved.

If the department has a policy that it will not rescue animals, the department may want to revisit the policy. Obviously, if someone attempted to rescue a dog fell into the river, the department would then respond to rescue the person. If would seem to me that the department should revise the policy to take into account situations in which the safety of potential or actual rescuers is in jeopardy and then decide whether or not the department will participate in the rescue of the animal.

As the sheriff points out, the rescuers placed themselves in a bad position, and it could have "turned out really bad" if something had happened to one of the rescuers. Under appropriate circumstances, the assistance of those with training on how to handle these situations would be helpful and would minimize the risk to all involved.

Hopefully, the Cassia County sheriff's department and animal control officers will make a concerted effort to enact some responsible policies concerning our domestic animals in order not to appear to have an uncaring attitude toward citizens and their pets.

I would like to thank Kyle and Chris Hanks of Paul for their kindness and bravery in rescuing the drowning yellow lab - blue dog.
HELEN HANZEL
Burley

LETTER

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Hairstyles do a lot to affect first impressions

Despite the adage not to judge a book by its cover, it seems that's just what most of us do. We decide on certain products more by their packaging than the merits of the contents.

In the case of other people, the principal element triggering that judgment is not, as you might have expected, facial features or dress, but rather, hair-do.

Marianne LaFrance, a professor of psychology and of women's and gender studies at Yale University, recently studied how hairstyle affects the perspective viewer's first impression. She found that within three seconds of meeting, people form a first impression about the intelligence and self-assurance of the person they're meeting based on hairstyle.

LaFrance says it is the first time any serious study has investigated

BERNICE KANNER

how "the frame around the face quickly leads others to 'see' different kinds of people in us."

LaFrance found that any hairstyle increases a woman's perceived sexiness but decreases her perceived intelligence. But when it comes to short or long, short tresses suggest more successful women, especially if they are tousled as Meg Ryan and Charlize Theron's are. This marks a woman as confident and outgoing, says LaFrance. Yet women with long, straight, blond hairstyles, in the spirit of Gwyneth Paltrow and Christina Aguilera, are perceived as the sexiest and most affluent.

As for women with medium-length, casual-looking hairstyles, like Liv Ullmann or Sandra Bullock?

They're regarded as more intelligent and good-natured than their blond sisters.

The hair stigma appears to be gender neutral. Guys like Brad Pitt and Matthew LeBlanc with short, front-flip hairstyles are seen as more confident and sexy than are men with more traditional looks. But at the same time, they're perceived as the most self-centered.

Men with medium-length, side-parted hair are viewed as the most intelligent and affluent, but also narrow-minded. And long-haired Fabio types are regarded as all brain and no brains—less intelligent and careful than their brethren but perhaps the most good-natured. (The research was sponsored by Procter & Gamble's Physique line of hair care products.)

Other hair-raising facts: The average head holds a mere 110,000 strands. Blondes have 140,000 on average and redheads, 90,000.

Almost two of every three American women shampoo at least three times a week (explaining why the shampoo category is growing so much faster than the population). The younger you are, the chances are the more you wash your hair.

Women are the principal purchasers, but men, even though they are the statistical minority, go through more than half the shampoo sold. People who live on the West Coast shampoo slightly more than Easterners and Midwesterners, and people all over wash their hair more in the summer.

The normal head sheds 50 to 100 hairs a day. Those on balding domes don't grow back. Almost half of all men start balding by their 30s. By 80, most men are bald.

Two out of five men with high hair loss wear hats and caps, almost twice the 23 percent of those with low hair loss who do.

Thirty-six percent grow a beard or mustache to cover their follicular deficit, compared with 18 percent of men with little hair loss.

Bernice Kanner writes on advertising and marketing from her base in New York. She is the author of "The 100 Best TV Commercials...and Why They Work!"

Let's stop praying to false idols

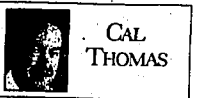
The "civilized world" is in an uproar over an order by Afghanistan's ruling Taliban to destroy pre-Islamic statues of Buddha dating as far back as the 7th century.

Leaders of the world's top industrialized countries, meeting in Trieste, Italy, for an environmental conference, professed shock at the ruling and issued a statement urging the Taliban not to go ahead with their "deeply tragic decision," wire services report.

Even China's state-run Buddhist Association has called for a stop to the destruction of two huge Buddhas, which have been featured in television stories. China, which cared nothing for the lives destroyed in Tiananmen Square a decade ago, conducts forced abortions and regularly jails or harasses anyone thought to be a threat to the Beijing regime, now wants to use its immoral authority to rescue them from the stone.

What happened to the world's too-brief outcry against what the Taliban are doing to women? Female doctors cannot practice medicine. Female educators cannot teach children. All women must don the Burqa, a horrid head-to-toe covering that allows them to barely see through a screen over their faces. If they go out in public, a male relative whose permission must first be sought for even the simplest journey, must accompany them. Why doesn't the world step up the pressure on the Taliban to loosen their grip on women? Instead, it pretends to be noble by attempting to save statues.

The destruction of idols is not new, either in Islam, Judaism or Christianity. Each religion offers chapter and verse to justify ridding a nation of objects of worship other than the God to whom they should be paying attention. The point is not to justify such destruction from a cultural standpoint. The point is that an increasingly secularized Western culture has little understanding of religious beliefs and practices. In America



CAL THOMAS

"Of what value is an idol, since a man has carved it? Or an image that teaches lies? For he who makes it trusts in his own creation; he makes idols that cannot speak."

—(Habakkuk 2:18)

and Europe, where the dollar, celebrity and material things are the focus of worship, any attempt to "purify" a people is regarded as retrograde and anti-culture.

We in the United States worship our own idols, which we refuse to destroy. We worship materialism. We worship self, comfort and convenience. We acquire and we abort and we day care and we divorce and a few of the disturbed shoot up their schools. Eminem, with his lyrics of hate, is the idol who evolved from our worship of these false gods. He screams his wrath at us because of the way he and his generation were treated. He is a rebuke to our false worship and our lifeless idols.

According to the United Nations Web page, there are currently 34 armed or simmering conflicts within or between nations. The government of Sudan, dominated by Arab Muslims, is engaged in a civil war against black Christians and Animist people living in the southern part of

the country. The international media has almost nothing to say about this persecution, which includes officially sanctioned murder and slavery.

According to the publication "Foreign Policy in Focus," 2 million Sudanese—nearly 8 percent of the population—have lost their lives to war or famine since 1983. Millions more have been displaced. The conflict there is Africa's longest-running civil war. But the West is upset only by the destruction of statues, not the destruction of people.

There is a problem here but it's not about objects made of stone. The problem is in our hearts— hearts that have turned to stone because we worship false gods of our own making.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

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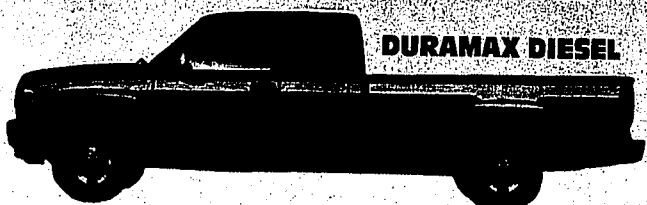


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Section B

AROUND THE VALLEY

Idaho Supreme Court gathers in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Supreme Court will be in session at the Theron Ward Justice Center in Twin Falls today through Friday.

The Supreme Court will meet at 8:50 a.m. today to hear an appeal of District Court Judge Daniel Meehl's decision regarding a dispute between Thomas and Marilyn Kalange and Craig Rencher over the purchase of stock in the Twin Falls Athletic Club. At 10 a.m. today, the Supreme Court will consider an appeal of District Court Judge Monte Carlson's dismissal of a petition filed on behalf of battery suspect Eric Thomas Ferrier.

At 8:50 a.m. Thursday, the Supreme Court will consider an appeal of District Court Judge Beverly Frazier's ruling regarding her former employer, the J.R. Simplot Co. plant in Heyburn. At 10 a.m., justices will hear an appeal on Carlson's decision regarding the John Evans and Jackson Allied dispute with the Cassia County Board of Commissioners over a special use permit. At 11:10 a.m., the Supreme Court will consider an appeal of District Court Judge Duff McKee's ruling regarding allegations of a breach of privacy by The Idaho Statesman newspaper against Fred Uranga.

Friday's session will begin at 8:50 a.m. when the Supreme Court will consider an appeal of District Court Judge James May's decision involving a dispute between Bill Rex Chandler and Susan C. Chandler over Chandler's Restaurant Inc. in Ketchum. At 10 a.m., justices will consider the Eastern Idaho Railroad's appeal of a ruling by Hart regarding an injury claim by Kyle Howell.

Panel to interview five judge candidates

SHOSHONE - The Fifth Judicial District Magistrate Commission on Tuesday will interview five finalists to replace Lincoln County Magistrate Judge John Melanson, who has been appointed as a district court judge.

The interviews will be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Shoshone and are open to the public. The commission will deliberate behind closed doors after completing the final interview.

Candidate Wayne G. Crookston Jr. will be interviewed first, starting at 10 a.m. Mark A. Ingram will be interviewed at 10:50 a.m.; Thomas D. Kershaw Jr. at 11:40 a.m.; Casey U. Robinson at 1 p.m.; and Stephen A. Thomsen at 1:50 p.m.

Ketchum nurse receives award for excellence

KETCHUM - Karen Kozlowski, a nurse at the new St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center, has been named a recipient of the Carl A. Gray Award.

The cash award, established in 1995 in memory of the former president of the Sun Valley Ski Club, celebrates excellence in nursing care.

Kozlowski was chosen from a field of nominees that included Mary Ann Crowdon, Joyce Fogg, Sandy Fogleman, Kelly Hackbarth, Laurie Mallean, Charlene Malone and Barb Sargent.

Compiled from staff reports

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Bill remains intact

House panel approves Agriculture Odor Management Act

By Michael Journe
Times-News writer

BOISE - After reviving a bill they had previously passed up, and wading through a series of contentious amendments, a House panel Tuesday endorsed setting up mechanisms for the state to regulate dairy odor problems.

The House Agricultural Affairs Committee decided to hold

House Bill 262 in committee almost two weeks ago in favor of refining a less stringent set of dairy regulations, pushed by the dairy industry and some lawmakers.

But amendments proposed by Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, chairman of the House Ag Committee and the author of House Bill 262, gave committee members some elbow room. In the end, members elected to hold the bill endorsed

by the dairy industry in favor of Jones' amended bill.

House Bill 262 is the backbone of a number of bills designed to rein in problems associated with the Magic Valley's growing concentration of dairies.

Known as the Agriculture Odor Management Act, it calls for the state Department of Agriculture to formulate detailed procedures for odor regulation, including strict fines for dairies found to be bla-

tantly out of compliance with its intent.

Despite the committee's endorsement, several members stood against the fundamental principle of any regulation at all, and tried to amend the bill. But with the exception of a few changes opponents convinced the committee to endorse, the teeth of the bill remained intact.

"I think we have a bill that's

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More at stake

Republican leadership considers Simpson for key committee slot

By Megan Scully
State News Service

WASHINGTON - Idaho's voice in budget debates might double in volume this year, if Rep. Mike Simpson is named to the House Appropriations Committee.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, already has a seat on the Senate Appropriations Committee, which, along with its House counterpart, makes key decisions on funding for local projects in Idaho and across the United States.

The House Republican leadership is considering Simpson, a sophomore congressman, for the last GOP slot on the committee, believed to be one of the most prestigious assignments in Congress.

"Mike would now be in a position to have more of a stake in what's impacting the state," said Simpson spokeswoman Luci Willis.

Willis added that the committee would be a "good fit" for Simpson, a fiscal conservative who served six years as speaker of the Idaho House of Representatives.

"He understands the budget process and the tough decisions you have to make in the budget process," Willis said.

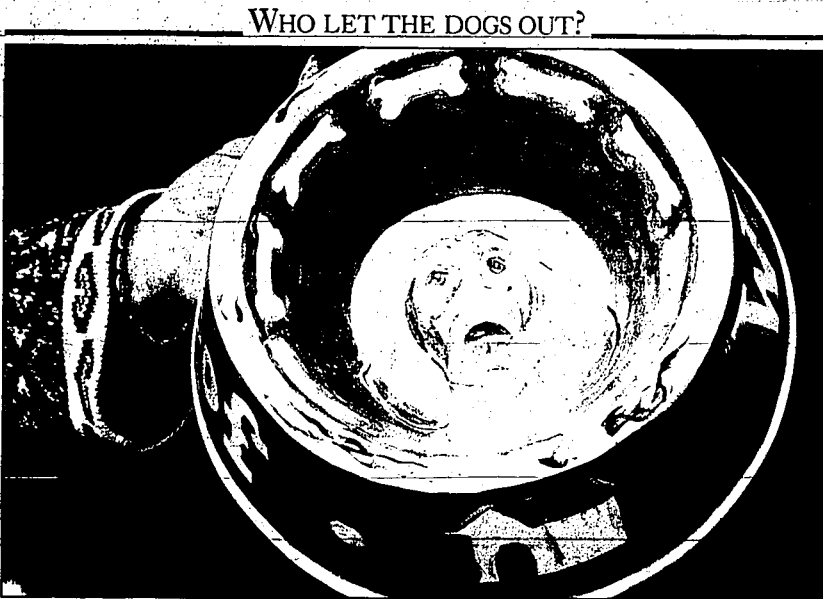
The Republican leadership has scheduled a meeting for today to discuss filling the appropriations slot, but John Scofield, a spokesman for the committee, said leadership is still uncertain when the assignment will be made.

"It is something that is out of our hands," Scofield said Tuesday. "The leadership has a meeting tomorrow morning, but we've heard that for some time now."

If Simpson gets the assignment, he would be only the second Republican from the Pacific Northwest with a seat on the committee. Rep. George Setherbert, R-Wash., sits on the committee.

Simpson sits on the Agriculture, Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure and Veterans Affairs committee.

Simpson recently expressed concern about President Bush's budget blueprint, which cut funds for the Department of Energy, could result in inadequate cleanup at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. As a committee member, Simpson would be able to help direct federal money to the INEEL and other projects affecting Idaho.



WHO LET THE DOGS OUT?

Sue Rother painted one of nearly 60 dog and cat bowls that will be auctioned off tonight to raise funds for the Wood River Valley Animal Shelter. The second annual Artists for Animals show and silent auction begins at 6 p.m. at BigWood Bakery on Northwood Way in Ketchum. Local artist Margoline Renfro painted a dog crossword puzzle on her bowl, actress Pamela Sue Martin created an 'angels among us' dog bowl and others paid homage to their favorite pets with such fun phrases as 'bone appetit'.

Cat napping or hitchhiking?

Heyburn man finds mountain lion on his pickup

The Times-News

HEYBURN - A Heyburn man awoke to barking dogs and discovered a mountain lion had wandered on his property and onto his pickup truck.

Dan Soto later trapped the lion in his shop until Idaho

Department of Fish and Game officials arrived to relocate the animal. Soto, who lives three miles west of Heyburn, said he went to see what his dogs were barking at around 6:10 a.m. Monday. He came within five yards of a full-grown mountain lion on the cab of his pickup truck, he said.

Soto thought he had seen the last of the lion when it took off toward the river, he said. But a few hours later, Soto's 14-year-old son heard more barking. His son went to check it out and

came within five feet of the cougar in his family's shop.

The cougar lunged a couple of inches and then backed off, Soto said. Soto's son ran inside the house.

Following advice from Fish and Game officials, Soto locked the lion in the shop until wildlife officials arrived, Soto said.

Fish and Game officials aren't sure where the lion came from or why it came onto Soto's property. Fish and Game's Dave Parrish said young male lions

sometimes come near homes during harsh winters looking for food. But this season has been mild, he said.

The lion was a 4-year-old adult male. Lions can live anywhere in the Magic Valley and can attack people without provocation, Parrish said. Parrish encourages people to notify Fish and Game if they come upon a mountain lion.

The mountain lion was tranquilized and released in the Sublett area, in eastern Cassia County, Soto said.

Educator calls for organized, standardized curriculum

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

BOISE - This spring Idaho will find out how its students in fourth, eighth and 12th grades measure up in an international study comparing math and science skills.

The Michigan State University professor who oversees the nation's involvement in the Third International Math and Science Study told about 200 Idaho educators and policy-makers in Boise Tuesday that poor national results in eighth-grade math, chemistry and physics are why he supports curriculum standards for what students should know at each grade level.

Parts of William Schmidt's presentation were met with gasps and groans as he showed how U.S. eighth-graders ranked below international averages in math and the differences between curriculum organization in U.S. schools and schools internationally. He asserts the country's traditional scattershot approach to curriculum organization is a key reason why U.S. performance suffers in international comparisons, U.S.

Mark your calendar
A south-central Idaho public hearing on student testing will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., March 14 at the Vern C. O'Leary Junior High School auditorium, 2350 Elizabeth Blvd. in Twin Falls.

students get years of arithmetic rather than advancing to algebra and geometry.

"Everything we look at points at one major direction: That the curriculum really matters. The differences among these countries in terms of what children know, reflects the differences in the mathematics and the science that those students are being taught," Schmidt said.

He said it points to the importance of grade level standards. "They are the most important discussion you can have in an educational system, because what you decide ... will have a major impact on what children will learn," he said.

The TIMSS was done in 1995 and again in 1999 with national Please see TESTING, Page B3

DO NOT ENTER?

Ketchum City Council considers traffic cap resolution

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - The Ketchum City Council put off a decision Monday on a resolution to limit the number of vehicles entering town each day, until it can firm up some numbers and get more public input.

The resolution is patterned after a policy set by Aspen, Colo., which mandates future traffic flows similar to 1994 levels.

City Administrator Jim Juquet said an average of about 17,600 vehicles enters Ketchum each day. Many drivers are commuters from Hailey, Bellevue and Twin Falls who make up the bulk of the Ketchum work force.

Commuters are backed up in the morning trying to get into town, and backed up in the evening trying to get out, he said.

If nothing is done and things continue the way they're going now, with most of the jobs continuing to be in Ketchum, that number could rise to 28,900 vehi-

Next meeting
The Ketchum City Council will revisit the issue of limiting vehicles coming into town during its next council meeting, scheduled for 6 p.m. March 19 at City Hall.

cles a day in 20 years, he said. Residents are uneasy about the traffic, he said, and the city can't expand existing streets because mountains have the city hemmed in. To do so would affect Ketchum's quality of life.

"It's remarkable to me the similarities between where Aspen was in 1994 and Ketchum is in 2001," he said.

Juquet said the city can take several steps to reduce or maintain the number of vehicles entering town:

- Providing incentives for carpooling, such as free parking.
- Supporting the conversion of two-lane segments of Highway 75 to lanes usable only by cars carrying passengers during peak commuting hours.

• Improved bus shuttle around Ketchum's downtown, so business people don't have to use personal vehicles to run errands.

• Bus transportation between Hailey, Bellevue and Ketchum. The city would lobby the Legislature to enable it to raise money for public transportation through increased taxes, similar to the local option sales tax imposed on Ketchum visitors and residents.

Councilman Randy Hall questioned some of the figures, noting that a transportation consultant hired by the city had quoted an average traffic count of 11,000 vehicles a day and a study by CH2M Hill had quoted 14,000 vehicles a day.

Ketchum resident Susan Scovell called the traffic cap a "really important resolution that's long overdue."

But Ketchum resident Jake Jacoby said it seemed incongruous that a city that encourages business and tourist growth should try to limit traffic into town.

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Gooding revamps trash schedule

By Almee Metcalf
Times-News correspondent
GOODING - The city's sanitation department will begin a new pickup schedule on April 2, City Superintendent Todd Burn said.

on other work during afternoons. Residents are urged to put their trash out the night before. In other City Council business:
• The council unanimously approved Armstrong Consultants' proposal for an assessment of improvements at the Gooding Municipal Airport.
• Acting Mayor Phil Becker signed a proclamation, as

required by a grant, to purchase trees for the course's year-end.
• The council approved a transfer of the beer and wine license for the Lincoln Inn from Bill Arkoosh to Leo Basterrecha.
• The council approved Fire Chief Pat-Bishop's request for \$2,600 to purchase 500 feet of five-inch diameter hose.

Commissioners discuss emergency services

By Almee Metcalf
Times-News correspondent
GOODING - The county is working to improve its emergency services. Gooding County Emergency Medical Services Director Krista Merrill spoke to county commissioners Monday about a recent assessment of the Gooding County EMS system conducted by the Idaho Emergency Medical Services Bureau Technical Assistance Team.
Gooding County Memorial Hospital is designated as a "critical access hospital" and benefits from programs to improve the rural health care network. Funded by the State Office of Rural Health, the EMS Bureau helps qualified rural EMS teams to assess and improve their services.

Some of the areas assessed are resource management, education and training, funding and policy, public information and education, medical direction and quality improvement.
The study recommended that Gooding County's rural EMS program work on more detailed plans for training, recruitment and retention, and to increase public awareness about hospital services.
Also Monday, county Planning and Zoning Administrator Judy Daubner spoke to commissioners about the problem of some older, grandfathered feedlots not having enough lagoons.
"As long as waste does not run off into the canal they should be okay," said Commissioner Tom Faulkner. "Existing ones proba-

bly need to have the necessary hearings but the site advisory team probably won't come out if they have under 1,000 cows."
Commissioner Carolyn Elxpuru will send a letter to the Planning and Zoning Commission about the installation of lagoons on existing confined animal feeding operations. The lagoons are not to be located within 1,100 feet of neighboring homes.
In other action Monday, Gooding County sheriff's deputy Jerry Pierce told commissioners the county's intoximeter is broken. Commissioners approved the fee to spend \$6,000 for a new intoximeter.
Times-News correspondent Almee Metcalf can be reached in Gooding at 934-5972.

DEATH NOTICES

Douglas Dare
GILBERT, Ariz. - Douglas Dare, 81, of Gilbert, Ariz., died Saturday, March 3, 2001, at his residence in Gilbert, Ariz.
A military graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 9, 2001, at the Valley View Cemetery in Malibu with Bishop Lance Udy officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary.

2001, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.
A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 10, 2001, at the Burley Stakes Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2420 Parke Ave. with Bishop Robert L. Ramsey officiating. Interment will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery.
Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.
A complete obituary will appear in Thursday's edition.

A funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 10, 2001, at White Mortuary Chapel, with interment to follow in Jerome Cemetery.
A complete obituary will appear in Thursday's edition.

Bessie 'Bess' M. Ferguson
BURLEY - Bessie "Bess" M. Ferguson, 91, of Burley died Monday, March 5, 2001, at the Aspen Grove Assisted Living in Burley.
The service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 9, 2001, at the Paul First Baptist Church, 25 N. 4th E. in Paul with Pastor John Ziulkowski officiating. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley and one hour before the service Friday at the church. The family suggest that donations be made to the Paul First Baptist Church.

Harley H. Stone
TWIN FALLS - Harley H. Stone, 87, of Twin Falls, died Monday, March 5, 2001, at Bridgeview Estates.

Janette L. Greison
EMMETT - Janette L. Greison, 80, of Emmett, Idaho, died Sunday, March 4, 2001, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center in Gooding.
The funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, March 9, 2001, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel with Pastor Randy Jones officiating. Burial will be in the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Family members and friends may call from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday at the chapel.

Ella Isabell Briggs of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. today at the Twin Falls LDS Church on Elizabeth Boulevard; friends may call from 9:45-10:45 a.m. today at the church (White Mortuary).

burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Irvin Richard Dick Kevan of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Margorie Katherine Held Lierman of Filer, service at 10 a.m. today at the Peace Lutheran Church in Filer; burial will be held following services at the Clover Cemetery in Filer (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Hyrum Linam
PEUBLO, Colo. - Hyrum Linam, 96, of Pueblo, Colo., and formerly of Jerome and Carey died Tuesday, March 6, 2001, at his son's home Pueblo, Colo.
Local arrangements are under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Maria Kobay of Eden, service at 11 a.m. today at Trinity Lutheran Church; interment will follow in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery (White Mortuary).

Earl Floyd 'Tex' Goodson of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Thursday at the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls; burial will be held following services at Sunset Memorial Park; military rites by the Magic Valley Veterans and Auxiliary; friends may call from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Thursday at the church (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls).

Ruth H. Hill
BURLEY - Ruth H. Hill, 84, of Burley died Tuesday, March 6,

William Bill Franklin Poole of Burley, service at 10 a.m. today at the Paul Congregational Church; viewing one hour before the service today at the church;

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Lorena Evelyn Warnke
Lorena Evelyn Warnke, 86-year-old Burley resident, died Saturday, March 3, 2001, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.
She was born June 25, 1914, in Burley, Idaho, the daughter of Bertou Franklin and Grace Isabelle Thrasher Rudolph. She received her education in Burley, graduating from Burley High School in 1931. She married Harry Emil Warnke on July 26, 1934, in American Falls, Idaho. Following their marriage, they resided in Burley. In 1952, they moved to Heyburn, where she has since resided. Lorena was the librarian at the Burley Public Library for 40 years. She enjoyed watching sports, reading, doing handwork and playing cards, especially Bridge. Lorena was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

He grew up and attended schools in Twin Falls, graduating from Twin Falls High School. He then attended Boise State University. On Aug. 18, 1933, he married Janice (Jan) Bartlett of Escodido, Calif. They later divorced in 1936. They had no children. Greg worked for the Marklein Beverage Co. in San Marcos, Calif., for many years. He had recently started a new business, Serpa Appliance Service in Tenebola, Calif. He enjoyed playing golf and spending time with his family and friends. Greg was a wonderful son and a good friend. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.
Greg is survived by his parents, Duane and Carol Serpa of Twin Falls, Idaho; brother, Richard L. (Michele) and nephew, Ryan Serpa, all of Gilbert, Ariz.
Graveside services will be held Saturday, March 10, 2001, at 11:45 a.m. at the Twin Falls Cemetery "Garden of Time" Columbarium under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls. Officiating will be Pastor Jim Fritsbe of the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls.
A reception will be held following the service at the Cavanaugh's Canyon Springs Inn at 1737 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Twin Falls, Idaho. Everyone is welcome to attend.
In lieu of flowers, the family wishes donations to go to the American Cancer Society, for Melanoma Research, 2676 S. Vista Ave., Boise, ID 83705.

graduating in 1940. Jack joined the Army in 1942, and served with the 31st Armored Division. Following his discharge in 1944, he married Grace Wood at Jerome on Sept. 2, 1944. During his life he owned a garage in the Valley stores and then managed Albertson's Meat Department in Twin for 12 years. Later he started Easterly's Custom Cutting, south of Jerome.
Following his retirement he and Grace traveled extensively throughout the United States, returning to his birthplace in Texas and to his parents' home in Tennessee. Jack made many friends during his life and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved to fish in the Cavanaugh's as much as possible.
Survivors include his wife Grace of Jerome; a son, Dan L. of Twin Falls; three brothers, Warren and William O. both of Seattle and George of Elko.
His parents and one brother, Dan preceded him in death.
Funeral services for Jack Easterly will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 8, 2001, at the Lighthouse Assembly of God Church, 255-100 S. Jerome, with the Rev. Craig Winnet officiating. Interment of the ashes will follow in the Jerome Cemetery with military rites.
The family suggests memorials to the Lighthouse Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include her husband, Harry E. Warnke of Heyburn, three sons, Ronald E. (Marjory) Warnke of Lewiston, Idaho, Arthur Warnke of Lewiston, Idaho, and Loren (Carolyn) Warnke of Las Vegas. Nine live grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister.
At Lorena's request, no formal funeral service will be held. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.
The family suggests that memorials be directed to the Burley Public Library or the Idaho Youth Ranch.



Jack H. Easterly
Jack H. Easterly, 78, long time Jerome resident, died Sunday, March 4, 2001, at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital.
He was born June 24, 1922, at Cooper, Texas, the son of Edwin Alvin and Margaret Virginia Webster Easterly. He came to Jerome with his family in 1927, and was reared and educated here.

Kimberly Ron James
Kimberly resident Ron James, 73, passed away at home Sunday, March 4, 2001, of a lingering illness.
He was the son of Hood Luther and Gertrude Campbell Jones, and the grandson of pioneer Kimberly residents, Alexander Ronald and Jessie Stanzel Campbell. He was raised in Twin Falls and attended Twin Falls schools. He served in the Marine Corp at age 17, during World War II, and was training in Hawaii for the invasion of Japan at the war's end. He worked many years at Twin Falls Florist and Greenhouse. He was employed in the construction department with U.S. West for 25 years, at which time he retired due to an on the job accident. During his retirement years he operated a family business selling horse trailers and equipment at the Hitchin Post in Kamsbutz. He served as mayor of Kimberly in the late 1980's. He gave to the community by being a Cub Scout Pack leader of pack 42 and playing Santa Claus for two generations of Kimberly children.
He married Margaret Dahlquist June 15, 1947, in Twin Falls. They had one son, David Ronald and three daughters, Frances (P. J.) Margaret, Jennifer Lynn and Alice (Tink) Marie Jones.
Ron is survived by his wife, a sister, Louise Flores; his four children, a special daughter-in-law, Alyse Lemke, one grandson, seven granddaughters, three great-grandsons and 12 great-granddaughters.
He was preceded in death by his parents and one great grandson.
Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 8 at 2 p.m. at White Mortuary. A viewing will be held 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at White Mortuary.
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the heart disease foundations or a children's hospital of the donor's choice.



Gregory R. Serpa
Gregory R. Serpa, 44, of Tenebola, Calif. and formerly of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away Monday, Feb. 26, 2001, at the Pirrom Medical Center Hospital in Escodido, California.
Greg was born on Sept. 8, 1956, in Spokane, Wash. In Duane and Carol Serpa and moved to Twin

LEGISLATIVE LOG

- The Associated Press
Signed by Governor
SB1025 (State Affairs) - Updates state procurement statutes to permit certain notices and solicitations to be posted electronically and bids to be submitted electronically.
SB1026 (State Affairs) - Encourages commercial production of industrial hemp.
SB1027 (Finance) - Allocates \$29.9 million for 2001-2002 operations of the Lands Department.
SB1028 (Finance) - Allocates \$4.7 million for 2001-2002 operations of the Soil Conservation Commission.
SB1029 (Finance) - Allocates \$19.8 million for 2001-2002 operations of the National Guard.
SB1030 (Judiciary and Rules) - Precludes use of restraints or sedation of mentally ill patients except to protect their safety.
SB1031 (State Affairs) - Ratifies new gambling contracts with the three northern Idaho tribes that legalize existing electronic machines and allows growth in return for the state receiving 5 percent of the profits.
SB1032 (Finance) - Allocates \$23.8 million for 2001-2002 operations of the Health and Welfare Department Division of Family and Community Services.
SB1033 (Finance) - Allocates \$36.3 million for 2001-2002 operations of the Health and Welfare Department Division of Indirect Support Services and independent commissions.
Introduced in House
HB350 (Education) - Makes forcible sexual penetration with a foreign object a felony when the victim is incapable of legal consent or prevented from resistance.
HB351 (State Affairs) - Clarifies that county housing authorities may continue owning and operating housing projects within a city after annexation of an unincorporated county area containing the project.
HB352 (State Affairs) - Allows counties and cities to appoint five or seven commissioners to a county or city housing authority.
Introduced in Senate
SB1203 (Finance) - Allocates \$7.7 million for 2001-2002 operations of the Self-Governing Agencies.
SB1204 (Finance) - Allocates \$10.5 million for 2001-2002 operations of the State Lottery.
SB1205 (Finance) - Allocates \$1.2 million for 2001-2002 operations of the State Appellate Public Defender's office.
SB1206 (Finance) - Allocates \$16.1 million for 2001-2002 operations of the

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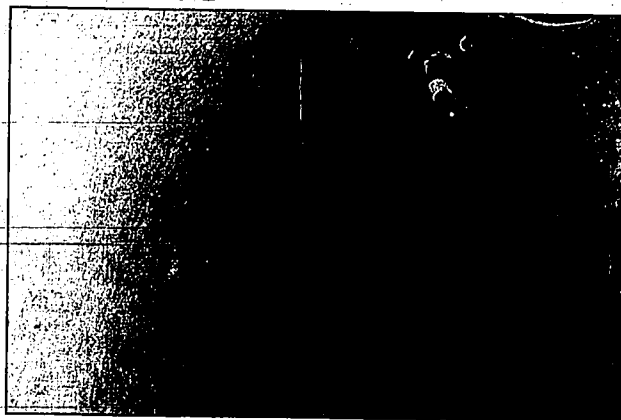
Feds: Drug smugglers infest tunnels

Agents say they can't patrol some parts of the system

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — U.S. Border Patrol agents ride their bicycles through Nogales, Ariz., watching storm drains for suspicious faces — because it's too dangerous to patrol below ground.

The extensive sewer system under their feet, which links the Arizona border town to Nogales, Mexico, is controlled by criminals who use it to move their illegal shipments of people and drugs, officials say.

"We couldn't just send one agent in," said Rene Noriega, a U.S. Border Patrol supervisor. "The whole tunnel area is controlled by smugglers, at least the whole southern end of it. They conduct countersurveillance on us. They employ scouts who come out and see where we are. Obviously, there are some safety issues."



This is part of a 25-foot dirt tunnel near Tucson, Ariz., drug smugglers used to move drugs from Mexico to the United States.

In the past six years, authorities in Nogales have discovered seven hand-dug tunnels leading to the sewer system. Within the past week, investigators discovered two more, one that ended in a home containing 840 pounds of cocaine.

In all, investigators have seized 2,526 pounds of cocaine and 3,391 pounds of marijuana and

arrested more than a dozen drug smuggler suspects in connection with the tunnels, according to the Nogales Task Force.

On both sides of the border, the lack of resources gives drug smugglers a marked advantage, law enforcement authorities say.

Eduardo Santos Acosta-Michel,

head of Mexico's anti-drug operations for the Sonoran border, acknowledged that the drainage system is a thoroughfare for undocumented immigrants and drug smugglers.

"I have men in there but not enough," Acosta-Michel said in his Nogales, Mexico, office. "The

reality is, the people move through there. I can't stop that without more resources."

The 26-year veteran said he has been waiting for more agents since President Vicente Fox took office in December. Fox has promised to wage a war on drugs and weed out corruption.

Life returns to normal — mostly, in Seattle area

SEATTLE (AP) — Nearly a week after Western Washington was hammered by a powerful earthquake, much of life has returned to normal, but with some notable exceptions.

While most Western Washington residents were back at work as usual Monday, the Legislature remained displaced in Olympia because of damage to the ornate Capitol building; the city of Seattle had limited or barred access to at least 181 buildings and a number of roads and bridges remained impassable because of cracks, landslides and other damage.

Jeans-clad legislators and staffers were back on the job in Olympia, but not in the domed Legislative building. The state Department of General Administration said the building

will be closed for at least another week after 10 of the 16 columns that support the massive Capitol dome shifted during the 6.8-magnitude quake.

Legislators and their staffs were busy moving into makeshift spaces on the Capitol campus after collecting important files and computers from the building the day before.

"The process works," said Rep. John Pennington, R-Carroll, "whether you meet in Olympia or in the McDonald's in Centralia."

Officials hoped to begin repairs Tuesday, and crews planned to shore up a key column on the Capitol dome with giant wooden beams. The extent of the damage to the Capitol could be reported to Legislators and Gov. Gary Locke by mid-week.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2001

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Sale Time: 1:00 PM Lunch by Kathy

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Sale Time: 10:30 AM Lunch by Kathy

TRACTORS

John Deere 4960 MFD 4 x 4 tractor, mechanical front axle with 1498 x 30 front rubber, 14.9 rear rubber, power shift transmission, 3 remotes, 1000 RPM P.T.O., Sound Guard cab with air and heater, category III 3 pt. hitch, with hydraulic pump, 3700 hours, 16 front weights • John Deere 4250 diesel tractor, Quad Range transmission, Sound Guard cab with air and heater, dual remotes, 540 and 1000 RPM P.T.O., wide front, 16.4 x 38 rubber, 8 front weights, category II 3 pt. hitch, 9767 hours • John Deere 4350 hydraulic assist 4 x 4 tractor, 4 wheel drive unit does not work • Quad Range transmission, Sound Guard cab, air heater, dual remotes, 540 and 1000 RPM P.T.O., wide front, 16.4 x 38 rubber, category II 3 pt. hitch, 8458 hours, tractor has been overhauled once • John Deere 2630 diesel tractor, 1114 transmission, wide front, 38" rubber, 3 pt. hitch • John Deere 4630 diesel tractor, Sound Guard cab, power shift, dual remotes, 540 and 1000 RPM P.T.O., wide front, 38" rubber, category II 3 pt. hitch, 4790 hours (contingued, if not sold by sale day) • David Brown 990 diesel tractor, 1114 transmission dual remotes, 34" rubber, wide front, 3 pt. hitch, 3400 hours, tractor has an Allied hydraulic step thru loader mounted, 5 hydraulic buckets, sells as unit • Pair of 149 x 46 direct axle duals, with John Deere hubs • 3 pair of 18 x 24 and 30 x 30 snap on duals • 2 Quick Tach heavy duty quick couplers • Pair of sparing spools for 4900.

TRUCKS

1975 Chevrolet C65 Tandem axle, V6, 5 speed, 900 • 20 rubber with a Tesco 18' metal bulk bed with electric belt unload • 1972 GMC 6000 2 ton truck, V8, 5 speed, 2 speed, 16" metal bed with double ram hoist, 20" rubber • 1969 Chevrolet C60 2 ton truck, V8, 5 speed, 8.25 x 20 rubber, has a John Deere choker drum • 1974 GMC 6000 2 ton truck, V8, 5 speed, 8.25 x 20 discharge, sells as unit • 1977 Chevrolet C60 2 ton truck, V8, 5 speed, 2 speed, 8.25 x 20 rubber with Seaflo 16' combination bed • 1974 HIC Loadstar 1600 dump truck with approximately 5 yard dump bed, scissor lift, 20" rubber, V8 engine, run, but does need transmission • 1995 Dodge 2 ton truck with Himmey V8 gas engine, 3 speed, 2 speed, 8.25 x 20 rubber, 16" bed • Metal 10' flat bed pickup

TRAILERS

1974 Fireball 24' travel trailer, tandem axle, 20" engine, refrigerator, heater, all self contained • 1986 Chamae 4 horse 18' x 6' tandem axle trailer with divider • 20' flat bed single axle trailer • Chevrolet pickup box rubber tired utility trailer • 20' flat bed single axle trailer.

COMBINES

John Deere 8820 self propelled combine, turbo diesel engine, 24' header, cab with air, pickup reel, hydraulic swing out auger, 919 bar cylinder, rice elevator, 1080 hours • John Deere 7220 self propelled combine, turbo diesel engine, 22' header, cab with air, pickup reel, hydraulic swing out auger, 720 bar cylinder, 2226 hours.

GROUND WORKING MACHINERY

1997 John Deere 640 22' tandem disc dual inside rubber, cone discs, hydraulic fold and lift • Kewanee 16' roller harrow, crow foot rollers, hydraulic lift, inside rubber • 1998 John Deere 915 7' shank V tillage, gauge wheels, 3 pt. hitch • John Deere 1955 S bottom swath plow with 3 pt. hitch • 6 row damper disk, gauge wheels, 3 pt. hitch • John Deere 8' terrace blade with 3 pt. hitch • Mitan 8' box scraper, hydraulic and 3 pt. hitch

POTATO EQUIPMENT

Better Built Mfg Co. potato sorter/dirt eliminator, excellent condition, 3 years old on rubber, star table, canopy, unloading hopper, all rubber belted, 232 self electric panel and control, nice unit, only 3 years old • Curt 6 row cup type potato planter, self mount, hydraulic crazy wheels, reconditioned by Idaho Mfg. Co. very good condition • 2 Thibault 2 row potato harvesters, star table, belted secondary and side elevator chain, electric and hydraulic controlled, P.T.O. driven • Logan 2 row potato windrower, hydraulic and P.T.O. operated • Spudnik 46' telescoping boom potato planter, unloading hopper, hydraulic and operated • Spudnik 30' planter with electric hydraulic controls • 7 and two 9' Spudnik stringers • Lockwood seed planter on rubber with electric motor • Lockwood 6' potato planter, self mount, pick type, crazy wheels • Millstone seed cutter on rubber • Electrically controlled • Lockwood 2 row pull type potato planter, pick type • Auveter potato chain, some new • Disc type vine cutter on tool bar with 3 pt. hitch

HAYING & FEEDING EQUIPMENT

Cas HCC 855S in line hay baler, hydraulic tension, P.T.O. driven • 2000 Boss 11 ton bale feeder processor, shreds and feeds, and carries one on the back on rubber, P.T.O. and hydraulic controls • Ilesion 30A loader, flotation tires, hydraulic and P.T.O. operated • 3000 stack mower with sickle feeder attachment, P.T.O. and hydraulic drive, flotation tires • Case chaffed sickle rake for parts • Water tank for backhoe • 1 ton bale fork for 148 loader • John Deere 330 round baler, string tie, P.T.O. drive, good clean unit and heavy duty round bale accumulator feeder, holds 5 bales, tandem axle, hydraulic and P.T.O. drive • Ley 80 hay blower, P.T.O. drive, 3 pt. hitch

GRAIN DRILL • OTHER MACHINERY

John Deere 9300 20' press wheel grain drill (2 10' drills) pulled by a quadrate hitch, double disc, seeder, hydraulic lift • John Deere 148 hydraulic loader, with 7 hydraulic bucket • John Deere 12' discer blade, with 9060 attachments, hydraulic angle and lift • Meyers square nose double wing ditcher, 3 pt. hitch • Land Pride 6' rotary mower, P.T.O. and 3 pt. hitch • 10' single axle pipe trailer • Hanser post hole digger, P.T.O. and 3 pt. hitch • 200 gallon fiberglass tank with 3 pt. hitch • Two 14' tool bars

LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT • LUMBER

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4 WHEELER • MISCELLANEOUS

1996 Yamaha 80 4 wheeler ATV, 2 wheel drive, electric start, sharp • Two lifters • 2 pair of hydraulic markers • 200 gallon divider pickup feed tank with 2 hand pumps • 200 gallon pickup feed tank • Strap iron • Auveter tires and wheels • Walking plow • 2000 goose neck hydraulic kick stop press • Large shop vise • Belt lacing machine • New hay rack tarp • 2 diesel and one propane portable blow heaters • 3 assorted 4 wheel ATV tires and one 4 wheel ATV, one runs, balance for salvage or parts

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Community, investigators seek clues to alleged gunman's motives

SANTEE, Calif. (AP) — Charles Andrew Williams was a new kid in a large school, a child from a broken home living with his father, a high school freshman who smoked marijuana and drank liquor at a skateboard park.

The 15-year-old boy known as "Andy" even talked about bringing a gun to school.



Charles Andrew Williams

through his friends passed it off as one of his frequent jokes.

Law enforcement authorities, neighbors and friends of Williams sifted through conflicting facts Tuesday for clues about what led the skinny freshman to allegedly open fire at his suburban high school a day earlier, indiscriminately killing two students and injuring 13 other people.

Williams, during interviews with San Diego County Sheriff's Department investigators, seemed angry but expressed no remorse for the shooting at Santana High School, Lt. Jerry Lewis said.

"We don't know if he was mad at the school, mad at students, mad at life, mad at home," Lewis said. "He was an angry young man."

Friends said the boy talked about his plans over the weekend, and they took him seriously enough to frisk him before school Monday. The father of one friend even called Williams at home

Violent deaths at U.S. schools

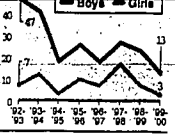
Highlights of a new survey on school-associated violent deaths that were reported by news media, 1992-2000.

284 total reported deaths

215 deaths from guns

Downward trend

Deaths by gender, school year

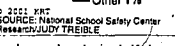


Top reasons for death

Interpersonal dispute 27%
Suicide 27%
Gang-related 12%

Type of school

Where deaths occurred:



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But no one seemed to believe the clean-cut kid, who was frequently teased, was about to perpetuate the nation's latest campus blood bath.

The disbeliever remained a day after the shooting.

One victim, Barry Gibson, 18, said he was more perplexed than angry.

"I have no hatred because I don't know him," said Gibson, who was shot in the back of his left thigh when he ran back to help a friend. "I don't know what was in his mind."

Williams is expected to be arraigned today as an adult on charges that include murder and assault with a deadly weapon. Dressed in a grey jail-issue jumpsuit that draped past his ankles, the teen stared at the ground as he was led into juvenile hall Monday by sheriff's deputies.

Bryan Zuckor, 14, and 17-year-old Randy Gordon were killed; 11 other students and two adults — a special education student teacher and a campus security worker — were wounded. Several had been released from area hospitals.

School officials said Santana High would reopen Wednesday for students to discuss Monday's shooting.

The boy allegedly shot two people in a restroom, then walked into a quad and fired randomly, Lewis said.

"The information we have from the evidence and the witnesses (is) the suspect was firing randomly at anybody who was going by," Lewis said. "Any student who was going by he was shooting at."

Kenyan prostitutes may hold key to vaccine against AIDS in Africa

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Pamela Mandela smiles shyly, then grimaces as a needle carrying the first AIDS vaccine specifically designed for Africa sinks into her left arm.

"I went into the medical profession to alleviate human suffering, but with AIDS, I have often found myself not able to help," says the 31-year-old doctor, who volunteered to test the vaccine. "I fear AIDS, but I also hate AIDS. With this step of being one of the first volunteers, I am fighting back."

Mandela is the first African to publicly acknowledge her participation in the trial of the vaccine, which was developed by Kenyan and British scientists based largely on research on a group of Kenyan prostitutes who are apparently immune to HIV.

The vaccine has been designed to combat the strain of the virus that is most common in eastern

Africa. Other vaccines have been developed, but those target strains prevalent in Europe and North America.

The first tests of the African vaccine on Kenyans were to begin in December, but wrangles over ownership of the patent caused delays. In the last two weeks, three other Kenyans have also received the vaccine — but away from the glare of publicity.

Mandela said she was confident about volunteering.

"My colleagues ... understand the frustration of looking at a patient suffer, deteriorate and eventually die (from AIDS), knowing there is very little you can do," she said. "I appeal to more Kenyans to come forward and volunteer so that we can fight back."

Scientists from Britain's Medical Research Council at the University of Nairobi have

been cooperating on the project for more than four years. Much of their research has been based on a group of prostitutes in a Nairobi slum who have not become infected with AIDS.

It seems the prostitutes have particularly strong immune systems that have been able to fend off HIV. The researchers have found the prostitutes have significantly high levels of cytotoxic T cells, which stimulate the immune system to kill a virus. They believe that may be the key to their immunity.

HIV is so destructive that by the time the normal immune system has kicked in, it is devastated by the virus and cannot fight back.

The vaccine is designed to boost the immune system by delivering a set of instructions that help the body recognize HIV more easily so it can attack it sooner.

China increases military spending

BEIJING — After announcing one of its largest hikes in military spending in 12 years, China sought Tuesday to deny weaponry to Taiwan, warning Washington that providing high-tech arms to the island would be dangerous and harm U.S.-China ties.

Taiwan's combative tone appeared aimed at disuading the Bush administration from stepping up support for Taiwan, an island democracy China views as part of its territory. Beijing has threatened to attack if Taiwan refuses indefinitely to unify peacefully with China.

School collapses in China, killing 41 children, teachers

BEIJING — An explosion wrecked four classrooms at an elementary school in southeastern China on Tuesday, killing 41 people and injuring 27 others. The dead included children and their teachers.

Rescuers spent hours digging through the rubble of the two-story school in the village of Fang Lin in Jiangxi province, about 480 miles southwest of Shanghai. By 6 p.m. — some seven hours after the

World in brief

blat — 29 bodies had been found, some of them teachers, the state-run Xinhua News Agency said. It said 27 injured people were being treated in hospital.

Amnesty: Torture of women is widespread

LONDON — The torture of women and girls is widespread, and many suffer at the hands of people they know, Amnesty International said in a report released Tuesday.

Women are beaten and raped by husbands and boyfriends in every country, and in poorer places, many suffer violence after being sold for their labor, traded into marriages or forced into human trafficking networks, said the report, titled "Broken Bodies, Shattered Minds."

Russia bans cell-phone use without handsfree equipment

MOSCOW — Russia has put the

brakes on drivers using mobile phones without handsfree equipment.

Under the government order, drivers may only use mobile phones with earpieces and microphones that leave hands free to hold the wheel.

Taliban suspend demolition of statues during festival

KABUL, Afghanistan — Taliban troops interrupted demolition of two giant stone Buddhas to celebrate the Muslim festival of Eid al-Adha, but will continue destroying the statues when the holiday ends, a Taliban official said Tuesday.

Parts of the massive statues — the larger of the two was believed to be the world's tallest standing Buddha — have been destroyed and demolition will continue when Eid ends Thursday, Abdul Salam Zaeef, the Taliban's spokesman to neighboring Pakistan, said in Islamabad.

"We don't know how long it will take to destroy them, but they will be eliminated," he said. — compiled from wire reports

Amnesty International report finds laws don't protect female inmates from rape

WASHINGTON (AP) — It took five years for the jail captain who allegedly raped Cassandra Collins to end up in jail himself. Even then, it wasn't for what he did to her, because government officials refused to take up her case.

Instead, the guard pleaded guilty to raping another woman, a corrections officer.

"What happened to me should never happen again," said Collins, who started an organization for incarcerated rape victims after she finished serving time for writing bad checks.

Collins recounted her ordeal Tuesday as Amnesty International released a report

that recommended tougher penalties on prison workers who engage in sexual misconduct with female inmates.

Women make up an increasing segment of the prison population, but many states fail to protect them from such abuse, the report said. Some have laws so weak that a prisoner could be held responsible for her attacker's behavior.

"What we've shown here is that it's a systemic problem," not just a "few bad apples" in the correctional system, said William Schulz, executive director of Amnesty International USA.

In its report, the group examined laws in each state and the

District of Columbia that deal with charges of sexual misconduct by guards and other workers. It found that some states consider only certain types of sexual assault as criminal, while other states apply their laws to the actions of correction officers and not other prison employees like kitchen staff or medical workers.

Other laws specifically apply to state facilities, and not lower-level county jails, from where most cases of abuse are reported. The report also found that only three states prohibit male guards from conducting "pat-down" searches of female inmates, a practice Amnesty International calls "inherently abusive."

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**What are
your tips for
growing tulips?**

in the kitchen WITH MARGIE

It may surprise you to know that most of our modern tulip varieties are descendants of those grown in Turkish gardens more than five centuries ago. Though we tend to credit the Dutch for the cultivation of these graceful flowers, they were first popularized and hybridized in Turkey.

Today, though species tulips (non-hybrid types) grow low to the ground and are best appreciated outdoors, hybrid varieties make outstanding, elegant cut flowers.

Here's an introduction to cultivating and caring for your own garden tulips.

PLANTING

Most tulip varieties are very versatile and remarkably easy to grow: They thrive in gardens from Zones 3 to 8 (from the Dakotas to the mid-South), and can even do well in the deep South and frost-free Southwest.

In such warm climates, the bulbs should be stored in the refrigerator for six to eight weeks, then planted around the first of the year. In other areas, planting of the bulbs is done in mid-fall or as soon as they arrive from the supplier (anytime before the ground freezes is fine).

Set the bulbs in fertile, well-drained soil, 3 inches deep and 3 inches apart, in groups of 15 or more. Watering upon planting is necessary only if the soil is very dry. You can combine the tulips in garden beds with biennials such as pansies, violas and forget-me-nots, or with minor bulbs such as grape hyacinths for contrast. Or plant them around perennials such as hostas that will cover fading tulip foliage later in the season.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Check the soil in the garden periodically throughout the season, and water whenever the top 1/2 inch of soil is dry. Feed tulips with an all-purpose bulb fertilizer when the shoots first emerge in early spring and again after the flowers fade. Deadhead spent flowers, and wait until leaves yellow before you remove them. This will allow the plant to store energy for the next year if you are hoping for a second season of bloom.

Hybrid tulips, though technically perennials, tend to bloom best the first season. Many gardeners choose to treat them as annuals, digging up the old bulbs and replacing them in the fall. You can leave your bulbs in the ground for a second season, but you should expect a less impressive display the second time around. Take pictures of your garden when the tulips are in full bloom. You can use the photos as a reference later to help you determine which areas need to be reinforced with new bulbs.

CUTTING

When harvesting tulips for arrangements, treat them gently. Cut them early in the morning while the flower is still in a fairly tight bud. Trim off the firm white base of the stem, cutting the stem at an angle so it can absorb as much water as possible.

Condition the freshly cut flowers by submerging them up to the base of the blooms in cool water for several hours or overnight. If you wrap a bundle of flowers in brown paper and secure them with twine before submerging them, they will stand up even taller once arranged.

Tulips continue to grow taller after they have been cut. This leads them to droop and sway, and gives an arrangement a different look from day to day. To keep the shape you like, and to help keep the blooms fresh, re-cut the base of the stems and change the water in the vase each day. Adding a few drops of cut-flower food also helps. Another trick for reviving drooping flowers is to stick a pin through the stem just beneath the flower head: This releases air and lets water flow more freely.

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 KSAW-TV at 9 a.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. Sunday.



Margie Dixon has spent four years remodeling an antique house in Twin Falls, including the kitchen. To accommodate modern appliances, such as a dishwasher, she had to replace all of the counters, but she did retain a 1950s-era stove.

Experience, experimenting lends hand in picture-perfect dishes

By Becca Tateoka
Times-News correspondent

How to know if you are ready for a kitchen fix-up

By Becca Tateoka
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — If Margie Dixon were to write a cookbook, she could title it "Boys in the Kitchen." She's had a lot of experience in that area.

"We used to bake when (five of the boys) were teenagers," said Dixon, a mother of eight mostly grown children, six of whom are boys. "We baked treats for a lunch wagon a friend of mine had."

The boys wanted extra money during the summer, so Dixon had them bake cookies, brownies and other treats they thought might sell on the lunch wagon. They wrapped the treats into individual portions, and the wagon took the treats to construction sites at lunch hour.

"We'd bake every night, about four to five batches of brownies, cakes, cookies, Dixon recalled. "The kids kept the profits. If they asked for money, I told them to make a batch of brownies and they could earn the money."

The time spent on the baking wasn't a "cake walk" for Dixon, since she ended up cleaning her kitchen after the kids went to bed. And she had to provide a

25-pound sack of flour every week and a 25-pound sack of sugar every other week. But the business venture taught valuable lessons to Dixon's sons. Besides earning money, they learned how to read a recipe, measure ingredients and cook from scratch.

Dixon, who has lived in Twin Falls with her dentist husband since the early 1970s, has a lively baking history, which probably

helped inspire her children as well. When she was just starting out cooking for her young family, she did much of it by experimenting.

"A lot of times ... I threw everything away, like the bread that didn't turn out just right," she said. "I didn't know about proofing yeast. I just learned through trial and error."

Experimenting in the kitchen led Dixon to try changing,

Ray Sabala of Frwin Realty in Twin Falls. "Don't remodel if you're planning on re-selling the home in the near future."

This means that the payback for a kitchen remodel usually comes in convenience and comfort, rather than in financial rewards. In fact, said Sabala, "The kitchen is such an important area for the family because that's where everyone spends most of their time."

The Dixons chose to replace the cabinets and counters in their kitchen, because the old counters were too narrow for a dishwasher. They have also done some remodeling around an authentic range from the 1950s.

In fact, the renovation job turned out to be so extensive that the Dixon kitchen was eventually stripped down to the walls and completely remodeled, with the Dixons themselves providing the

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her sleeves big time and renovating the kitchen in the antique house that the Dixons bought four years ago.

"After we bought it, we found there were some real problems" with the house, Dixon said. "It has become my baby. It's got a cute little kitchen. That's what I'm always looking at in pictures, is how the kitchen is in the background."

Dixon shared some great recipes that should make a pretty picture in your own kitchen.

CHICKEN SALAD

- 9 cooked chicken breasts, skin removed and cut up into bite-sized pieces
 - 1/2 cup diced celery
 - 1/4 to 1/2 cup diced green onion with some of the green (to taste)
 - 2 tablespoons minced basil (use fresh if available; dry OK)
 - 2 tablespoons minced parsley
 - Onion powder to taste
 - Salt and pepper to taste
 - Mix the above ingredients in a large bowl. Mix the following ingredients and pour over the chicken mixture:
 - 1/2 cup mayonnaise
 - 1/2 cup sour cream
 - 1/4 to 1/2 cup chicken broth
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Hop to it: Easter treats to decorate and eat

Family Favorites

Ah, Easter — and the world turns new again, with budding green twigs in the garden, soft bunnies and baby chicks. Celebrate the season of rebirth and renewal with sweet treats. Welcome spring and Easter by creating your own charming, edible treats that will delight children of all ages and give your home a festive air.

EASTER CHICK CUPCAKES

- Makes 24 cupcakes
- 36 Spring Oreo or Oreo Double Stuf Chocolate Sandwich Cookies
- 1 (18.25-ounce) package yellow cake mix, batter-prepared according to package directions
- 1 (16-ounce) can prepared vanilla frosting
- Decorator frosting or gel, assorted colors
- Split cookies, leaving filling on 1 side of each cookie. Coarsely chop plain split cookies; set aside. Cut 12 split cookies with filling into quarters. (You will have 24 split cookies and 48 quartered split cookie pieces, all with filling on one side.)



Easter Flowers make a whimsical centerpiece.

Fold chopped cookie pieces into prepared cake batter. Spoon batter into 24 paper-lined (2 1/2-inch) muffin-pan cups. Bake cupcakes according to package directions or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove from pans; cool completely on wire racks.

Frost cupcakes with prepared frosting, a few at a time. Place a whole split cookie,



filling side up, on each frosted cupcake. Attach 1 cookie quarter to front of whole cookie for head and another cookie quar-

Easter Chick Cupcakes. Crispy Marshmallow Eggs and Marshmallow Bunnies are treats kids can help prepare.

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FOOD & HOME

Plant this year's garden with water conservation in mind

Water is the word. There isn't enough of it this year. Shouldn't we? We live in a desert. But we don't want to do without fresh vegetables and bright, fragrant flowers. So we'll be careful with the little bit of water we use in the garden this year.



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Waiworth

Now, while you're planning what to plant and where, plan to put drought-tolerant plants together and those that need a little more water in another spot. Then figure out where you're going to put the soaker hose.

Soaker hoses will get the water exactly where we need it—to the plant's roots—without waste. Last year's sprinklers will leave the water all over plant leaves, inviting fungal diseases and offering gallons up to evaporation.

There are two kinds of soaker hoses. The kind made with old tires allows water to seep out all around, so there's no chance of it becoming clogged with minerals. I call them "leaky hoses" and use them every chance I get. They're perfect in the rose garden and wonderful in the vegetable garden. Try planting the veggies in wide rows or blocks, then wind the leaky hose through the area. You'll get better water distribution that way than you would planting in rows.

The one you remember from childhood. It is made of flat tubes and sends up a fine spray that gently covers a long, relatively narrow area. I like that one for around trees and shrubs.

We don't know exactly how far tree roots grow out from the trunk, but we do know that they go quite a ways. If you lay a flat soaker hose around the dripline, or a couple of feet out even, you're going to give the roots a good soaking without wasting water in places you don't need to.

If you'll be going on vacation, or simply cannot be home to water the garden when it needs it, put a timer on the soaker hoses. If it wasn't for weeds, you could have a completely self-sufficient garden this year.

DEAR CATHY: Last spring, I bought a couple of Earth Boxes. The directions said to make a mound of soil in the middle of the planter box, then add two cups of fertilizer right down the middle.

The plants in the Earth Box did better than the ones in the ground. My question is: Will that potting soil still be good this year? And will it need fertilizer again?

—NEED A REFILL

DEAR REFILL: When I ran a greenhouse many moons ago, we never used anything but sterile potting soil. If the stuff so much as fell on the floor of the potting shed, it was thrown out. So I've always replaced my potting soil in my containers. When the annuals have finished, I dump the old stuff out into the garden and mix it in. The addition of vermiculite and perlite to my sandy-silty soil is a great help.

On the other hand, I know of growers who routinely reuse potting soil. Either way, you're going to need more fertilizer. Unless you buy the new potting soil with the fertilizer already in the bag, most preparations are without nutrients. Studies have come back comparing the fortified soils against plain potting preparations by the way. And plants really do better in the already-mixed stuff.

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

Easter

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with frosting as needed. Repeat with remaining cupcakes and cookies. Decorate chicks with colored decorating frosting or gel as desired. Let dry.
NOTE: Green-tinted coconut can be sprinkled on frosted cupcakes for grass.

CRISPY MARSHMALLOW EGGS

Makes 1 1/2 dozen eggs
3 tablespoons margarine or butter
1 (10-ounce) package Jet-Puffed Marshmallows or 1 (10 1/2-ounce) package Jet-Puffed Miniature Marshmallows
Food coloring, optional
6 cups toasted rice cereal
Nontoxic cooking spray
Colored sprinkles, optional
Reynolds Color Plastic Wrap
Empty egg carton
Melt margarine or butter in large saucepan over low heat. Add marshmallows; stir until melted and mixture is smooth. Remove from heat. For colored eggs, add food coloring to desired shade. Immediately add cereal; mix lightly until well coated. Spray hands with nontoxic cooking spray. Working quickly, shape into 18 "eggs." Roll "eggs" in sprinkles if desired. Cool completely. Place each "egg" on a 12-inch sheet of plastic wrap. Gather plastic wrap at top, twist to seal and tie with ribbon. Decorate empty egg carton as desired and fill with wrapped "eggs."

Microwave: Heat margarine or butter in large microwavable bowl at HIGH for 45 seconds or until melted. Add marshmallows,

toss to coat. Microwave 1 1/2 minutes or until melted and mixture is smooth, stirring after 45 seconds. Continue as above.

MARSHMALLOW BUNNIES

Makes 2 bunnies
5 Jet-Puffed Marshmallows
2 tablespoons prepared white frosting or white chocolate chips, melted
2 (8-inch) pieces shoestring licorice, ribbon or string
10 Jet-Puffed Miniature Marshmallows
Assorted candies or sprinkles, for decorating
Stack 2 large marshmallows for each bunny; securing with some frosting or melted white chocolate. Tie licorice, ribbon or string around middle of each marshmallow stack to separate head and body sections of bunny. Cut remaining large marshmallow into quarters lengthwise; using some frosting or chocolate, attach each marshmallow to edges of cookie pop to form a flower, using chocolate to hold marshmallows in place. Repeat with remaining cookies and marshmallows. Refrigerate until set. Center each flower on a 12-inch sheet of plastic wrap. Gather plastic wrap at pop stick, twist to seal and tie with ribbon.

EASTER SNACK MIX

Makes 5 cups mix
1 (8-ounce) package Mini Oreo Chocolate Sandwich Cookies
2 cups honeycomb-shaped cereal
1 cup jelly beans
15 Reynolds Easter Baking Cups—Reynolds Color-Plastic Wrap

Mix cookies, cereal and jelly beans in large bowl. Place about 1/3 cup snack mix in each baking cup. Center each cup on a 12-inch sheet of plastic wrap. Gather plastic wrap at top, twist to seal and tie with ribbon.

EASTER FLOWERS

Makes 12 cookie flowers
6 Spring Oreo or Oreo Double Stuf Chocolate Sandwich Cookies
4 ounces white chocolate, melted
12 wooden pop sticks
1 1/2 to 2 cups Jet-Puffed Miniature Marshmallows
Reynolds Color Plastic Wrap
Split cookies, leaving filling on 1 side of each cookie. For each flower, spoon about 2 teaspoons melted white chocolate onto a wax-paper-lined cookie sheet. Center tip of 1 wooden pop stick in chocolate, turning stick to coat both sides. Place 1 cookie half on top of stick, pressing down slightly so chocolate flows around edges of cookie. Attach marshmallows to edges of cookie pop to form a flower, using chocolate to hold marshmallows in place. Repeat with remaining cookies and marshmallows. Refrigerate until set. Center each flower on a 12-inch sheet of plastic wrap. Gather plastic wrap at pop stick, twist to seal and tie with ribbon.

Flower placecards: Flowers can be used as placecards. Write names on with decorator or frosting. Refrigerate until set. Garden centerpiece: Stand several flowers, with and without names, in a large planter fitted with florist foam. Top foam with crumpled green plastic wrap to simulate grass.

Memories of cake bubble up

By Delirdie Burns
Newsday

When I was a little girl growing up in Detroit, my mother would make to set out three sticks of butter, six eggs and 7Up on the kitchen counter, and right away, I knew what that meant. It was time to bake a cake. Not just any cake either, her famous 7Up pound cake.

lined up to get a slice of after morning worship service every Sunday, as dessert to go along with the fried chicken and collard greens served after the sermon. Unlike regular-poundcake, the carbonation of the 7Up creates this smooth, moist fluffy cake that absolutely melts in your mouth.

VALELIA'S FAMOUS 7UP POUND CAKE

- 3 sticks butter
- 3 cups sugar
- 6 eggs
- 3 cups flour
- 3/4 cup 7UP

2 teaspoons lemon extract
Bring all ingredients to room temperature. Place butter and sugar in the bowl of an electric mixer. Whip at medium to high speed until fluffy. Lower the speed of the mixer, and add 2 eggs and 1 cup flour at a time so the batter remains somewhat fluffy. After all the eggs and flour have been incorporated, add the 7UP and lemon extract. Mix until thoroughly combined. Place the batter in a Bundt pan. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 40 to 45 minutes or until golden brown.

Renovate

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Looking at such remodels as investments in the comfort of the family may be the best way to approach them. Shane Black, an associate at Mayer Appraisal & Home Inspection in Twin Falls said homeowners must "consider how long they will live there" when facing a major renovation. "They might not get their money back, but in 10 years, they'll have had the benefit of the updated kitchen," he said, adding that the enjoyment the family has in the new kitchen is far the bigger payoff, as opposed to the resale value. From an appraisal standpoint,

a new kitchen is nice and is a factor in appraisal, but \$10,000 put into a new kitchen doesn't translate into \$10,000 more on the price of the home, explained Black.

"Remodels are just cosmetic," he said. "We look at the overall condition; if it has new countertops, cabinets and fixtures, we'll note that in the appraisal. It will increase the appraisal value some, but it really increases the marketability." Sabala said that cheaper fixes for kitchens might be a better option if you are planning to sell the house in the near future. "Painting the cabinets or just getting new fronts, adding knobs

... the inexpensive work" will help sell a house, he said.

Here are some questions to ask when remodeling:
• How long will you be living in the house? If the answer is about 10 years or more, consider making the changes or additions.
• Could you sell your home as is and move into a newer or more valuable home? The money on the remodel might be better spent on upgrading to a newer home.
• Can you survive with cosmetic changes? Changing kitchens and bathrooms is costly, and new paint on walls and cabinets, along with new knobs, might be all you need.

Margie

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1 teaspoon lemon juice
Fill approximately 12 croissant rolls. Add cashews and/or grapes if desired.

SOUR CREAM TWISTS

- 4 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup margarine
- 1 package dry yeast, 1/2 cup warm water
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- Sift flour and salt. Cut in margarine. Dissolve yeast in warm water and mix with egg, sour cream and vanilla. Combine liquids with flour mixture. Let dough rise in refrigerator for two hours. Dough will not rise very high. Mix sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle on bread board as you would use flour. Roll dough to about 16-by-20; sprinkle with more sugar and cinnamon, fold over and roll again. Cut into strips, about 1-by-3, twist, place on a cookie sheet and let rise one

hour. Bake at 400 for 10 to 15 minutes. Frost with butter vanilla frosting.

BUTTER VANILLA FROSTING

- 1/2 cup butter (no substitutes)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon creme, bouquet flavor (at Kitchen Magic in Lynwood)
- 2 to 4 cups powdered sugar
- Combine all ingredients. Add milk until frosting is of spreading consistency.

OATMEAL COOKIES

- 1 cup shortening
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup raisins or chocolate chips
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups oats
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- Cream the eggs, sugars, shortening and vanilla. Add the dry ingredients, including chips or raisins. Drop by teaspoon on a

greased baking sheet and bake at 350 for 8 to 10 minutes. Or you can use a small ice cream scoop to form the cookie and roll in white sugar before baking. These are good frosted with the butter vanilla frosting. Walnuts are also good in this cookie.

This is really a pound cake that is great served with fresh fruit, such as strawberries, blueberries and so on. If you want a lemon pound cake, add lemon yogurt and lemon zest instead of vanilla yogurt.

SAND TORTE

- 1 cup butter
- 3 cups sugar
- 3 eggs together, then beat in: 6 eggs
- Fold in: 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 5-ounce carton French vanilla yogurt
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 3 cups flour, sifted
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- Dash of salt
- Bake at 350 for 1 hour and 20 minutes in a tube pan.

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Options can keep you out of the dark

DEAR JIM: With three cars, whoever gets home last has to walk to the front and fiddle with keys in the dark. We try to keep the outdoor lights off to save electricity. Do keyless entry systems really work well?

—SALLY R.

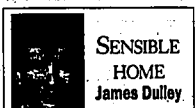
DEAR SALLY: Your concern about leaving outdoor lights on is reasonable. Not only is it costly on your monthly utility bills and the environment, but there is not enough electricity available for essential uses in the United States.

There are two good options for safety and convenience that are much more efficient than leaving outdoor lights on. The first, motion-sensing lights, come on only when they sense motion. Some have efficient low-intensity night lights that switch to full brightness when motion is detected.

The other option is a keyless entry system, with or without a remote-control lighting system. From a security standpoint, the longer you stand at the door fiddling with your keys, the more time a thief has to attack.

A combination-type keyless entry system is effective and easy to operate. Most electronic keyless entry designs are powered by four AA or a single lithium battery that lasts up to five years before replacement. All models come with keys to open the door if the electronics malfunction.

Many designs use a push-button combination which you pre-program with the numbers. The



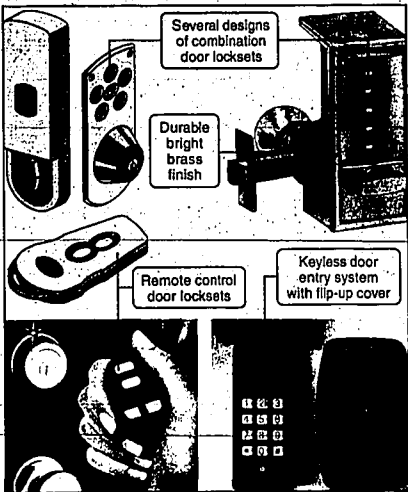
keypads usually light up when you input the combination, but you will quickly become familiar enough with its feel to do it blindfolded.

Other designs look like ordinary door knobs. An LED display is hidden in the top of the lockset. To input the combination, turn the knob until the correct number is displayed. Turn it the other way for the next number and so on. There are also reliable mechanical (no battery) models available.

Many electronic combination units have a security feature that sounds an alarm or flashes lights when the incorrect combination is input several times in a short time period. These can also be programmed with an extra temporary combination to allow access for cleaning people, service calls, etc.

Remote-control keyless entry systems are becoming more popular. Select one that has a random changing code so a would-be thief can't grab the access code with a special electronic device. If you live alone, a model that also allows you to turn on your indoor lights remotely is a comforting feature.

If you are replacing your entire front door, consider one with a



Here are a few keyless entry systems for non-electric security.

built-in keyless entry system, night lights and security motion-sensing lights. The efficient lights are hidden in the top of the door frame. It operates on a low-voltage (24-volt) doorbell-type transformer for safety and reliability. Write for (instantly download - www.dullea.com) Update Bulletin

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Midwesterner is down-home answer to Martha Stewart

By Mary Beth Breckenridge
Aron Beason Journal

Katie Brown's world is not a perfect one.

If the pie filling oozes out or the bows on the chair backs are a little lopsided, it's no big deal. Homemade things should look that way, she insists: "It makes it so much more human and so much more special."

Brown is a rising star in the growing galaxy of home-artists, gurus, but she didn't get there by presenting herself as a know-it-all. She brought a friendly, approachable style and a willingness to make mistakes to "Next Door With Katie Brown," her former show on the Lifetime television network, and she's now spreading her keep-it-real philosophy with the book "Katie Brown Entertains," while preparing to launch new programs on HGTV and the Food Network.

Brown is Martha Stewart without the pretensions, a hip homebody with tousled hair and a wide smile who seems like someone you'd like as your best girlfriend.

She revels in her Midwestern roots and credits her success partly to her imperfect image. Whereas the self-assured Stewart pronounces each of her homemaking triumphs "a good thing," Brown is fond of describing hers simply as "not wrong."

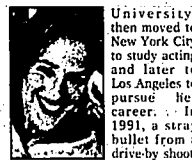
Brown honed her homemaking skills growing up in Petoskey, Mich., as part of a big clan that prized creativity and family ties. She remembers her mother setting up a craft table in the basement every year so the four kids could make homemade Christmas gifts.

It was the summers at her family's cottage on Marquette Island, near Michigan's Mackinac Island, that really shaped her style, though.

That 12-bedroom summer home, bought by her grandfather in 1940, was the frequent gathering spot for Brown's 32 cousins and 12 aunts and uncles. It was a center of informal fun and the arena in which the aunts sought to outdo one another with their cooking skills and entertaining prowess.

Brown later replicated those big get-togethers with weekly family-style suppers for 30 at Coat, the Los Angeles antique shop and cafe she once owned.

She also earned a degree in art history from Cornell



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She decided that her heart lay in cooking and decorating, so she opened Goat with a friend. Then three years later, some Mackinac acquaintances brought her to the attention of Lifetime.

Brown sees herself as filling a niche somewhere between the extremes of the flawless Martha Stewart and what she calls the "Popsicle-Back" crafters. She aims at the masses, using inexpensive materials and choosing decorating, cooking and gardening projects that can be done quickly, but without sacrificing style. Her audience is largely women in their 20s and 30s, some of whom may not have learned domestic skills from their working mothers.

The results are in for tuna in a can vs. in pouch comparison

By Cole Sullivan
The Seattle Times

It's the latest in packaging. StarKist pouch pick claims a fluffier textured tuna with less liquid to drain. We decided to put those claims to the test.

A 7.06-ounce pouch of StarKist Premium Chunk White Albacore Tuna in Water yielded 1 cup of tuna and only 1 tablespoon of liquid. The tuna remained firm and chunky when mixed for a sandwich, although it was a bit dryer and needed an extra tablespoon of mayonnaise. This style would be great for a salad or casserole. The pouch is \$2.99.

In comparison, a 6-ounce can of StarKist Solid White Albacore Tuna in Water, although less expensive at \$1.79, provided 3/4 cup of tuna, but 3 tablespoons of water. The tuna's texture was softer and the flavor much more bland, tasting and smelling less fish than the pouch variety.

There was a clear difference in the quality of the chunk light styles. A 7.06-ounce pouch of StarKist Premium Chunk Light Tuna in Water contained 1 cup of tuna and 1 teaspoon liquid, although it was very moist and mixed well for sandwiches. A 6-ounce can of StarKist Chunk Light Tuna in Water provided about 2/3 cup of tuna and 3 tablespoons of liquid. Its texture was mushy, the flavor nonexistent. Even though the pouch was \$1.99 and the can about \$1, the pouch was a better buy in terms of quality.

Bumble Bee is also set to introduce tuna in a vacuum-sealed pouch in 3-ounce and 7-ounce sizes.

- APPLE, CHEDDAR AND TUNA MELT Sandwiches
- 1 pouch (7.06 ounces) chunk light tuna
- 1/2 cup finely chopped celery
- 2 Granny Smith apples, peeled, diced and diced finely
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Optional: 2 small green onions,

finely chopped
3 sourdough sandwich rolls (each about 6 inches long) split lengthwise
1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese
Put the tuna into a bowl and break up with a fork. Add the mayonnaise, lemon juice, celery, apple, salt, pepper and green onions if using. Mix thoroughly. (The mixture can be refrigerated for about an hour.) Place the sandwich rolls, cut-side up, on a baking sheet. Brush lightly with olive oil and place on the top oven rack under a broiler. When the bread begins to color, remove from the oven. Spread the tuna mixture on the rolls and sprinkle each with about 2 tablespoons cheddar. Put under the broiler and cook until bubbly and hot. Serve immediately.

Adapted from "Tin Fish Gourmet Great Seafood from Cupboard to Table" by Barbara Jo McIntosh.

MOM'S TUNA NOODLE CASSEROLE

- 6 servings
- 1 package (12 ounces) egg noodles
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 cups chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 can (4 ounces) sliced mushrooms, drained
- 2 cans (10.5 ounces each) cream of mushroom soup
- 1 1/2 cups milk, divided
- 2 pouches (7.06 ounces each) water-packed chunk white or chunk light tuna, flaked
- 1 cup crushed potato chips
- Cook noodles according to package directions. Do not overcook. Drain. Heat oil in a large frying pan and saute onion and celery until tender. Add mushrooms, soup and 1 cup milk to sauteed vegetables; stirring well to combine. Layer ingredients in a greased 3-quart casserole as follows: 1/3 of the noodles, 1/3 of the vegetable-soup mixture and 1/3 of the tuna. Repeat layers two more times. Top with crushed potato chips. Add remaining milk as needed to moisten the noodles. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven 40 minutes.



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- ALL-AMERICAN GRILLED CHEESE*
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter, softened
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- 8 slices (1/4 pound) American cheese
- 16 slices crisp, cooked bacon

- 8 slices (1/4 pound) Colby cheese
- Spread butter evenly on one side of each piece of bread. Distribute American cheese slices and bacon equally over 4 slices of bread on the side without butter.
- Place Colby cheese slices over the bacon, and top with the remaining slices of bread, butter-side out. Preheat a large skillet or griddle over medium heat. Cook sandwiches in batches, if necessary, for two to three minutes per side, or until golden and the cheese are melted. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

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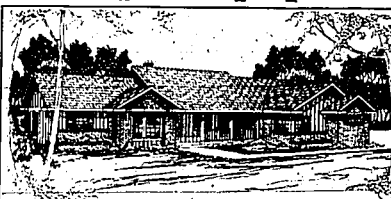
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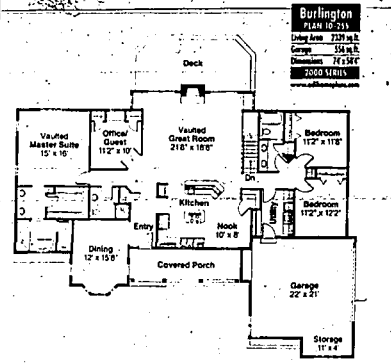
HOME

Spaciousness, brightness make Burlington floor plan popular

Brick detailing, board and batten siding and multiple rooflines add visual appeal to the Burlington, a contemporary, ranch-style home with a spacious great room, three bedrooms and three bathrooms, along with another room that could be an office, guest room or fourth bedroom. The side-entry garage can be revised to face front, if that's preferred.



The wide-open great room fills the center section of this plan, front to back. Families naturally gravitate to this bright, attractive space. At the rear, two sets of sliding glass doors flank the fireplace. The cozy seats nestled into windowed nooks on either side of the glass doors are great for reading or doing needlework. Another window seat is tucked between the two sets in the adjacent office.



The nearby dining room is brightened by a bay window. Utilities and basement stairs are but steps away, along with a two-section bathroom that also includes the secondary bedrooms. The Burlington's master bedroom has a large walk-in closet and a dual vanity in the dressing area. Tub, toilet and oversized shower are in a second compartment, separated by a pocket door.

Burlington offers spacious rooms for family living.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$25 to Associates Designs, 1100 Jacobs Drive, Department W, Eugene, Ore. 97402. Please specify the Burlington 10-255 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring more than 350 home plans is available for \$15. For more information call (800) 634-0123.

Spilling the beans: How to use them in a versatile way

By Joe Stumpe
The Wichita Eagle

If someone came up with a food that was high in protein and fiber, low in fat and sodium, inexpensive, all-natural and relatively easy to prepare, you'd eat lots of it, right? Well, eat your beans. Beans are all of the above, but there's an even better reason why they deserve a place on your plate: versatility.

Because they keep well in dried form, beans have been a staple since the dawn of agriculture. Most recipes call for soaking dried beans before cooking to rehydrate them. Actually, this step is optional — indeed cooking beans without soaking preserves more nutrients — but many experts feel the beans' texture and shape suffer if it is not followed. Lentils are not soaked.

The traditional soaking method is to place the beans in a large pot and add six cups of cold water for each pound of beans. Don't refrigerate unless you're planning to soak for longer than six to eight hours. Discard any beans that float. Drain and rinse the beans. There is a quicker soaking method that is also said to reduce the gas associated with beans. For each pound of beans, add 10 cups of hot water, heat to boil and cook for two minutes; then remove from heat, cover and set aside for at least one and up to four hours. Drain and rinse.

After either method, cover the beans in 2 inches of fresh water and bring to a boil, skimming off the foam. Reduce the heat and simmer, covered, for about two hours, or until tender. Seasonings such as garlic and herbs can be added during this stage if desired. But don't add salt or acidic substances such as lemon juice, vinegar, tomatoes or wine until near the end, or the beans will be tough.

If beans aren't soaked, allow at least an extra hour in a large pot. Beans are done when they can be easily mashed with a fork; it's better to overcook than under-

cook them. Beans can also be conveniently cooked in a crockery cooker or pressure cooker. Again, consult the chart for cooking times.

Since you're going to the trouble, cook a bigger batch of beans than you'll need immediately. Leftovers keep in the refrigerator for four or five days, while frozen beans can be stored up to six months. Most beans are interchangeable in recipes.

SENATE BEAN SOUP
1 1/2 pounds dried navy or pea beans, washed and sorted
4 quarts hot water
1 pound smoked ham hocks
2 cups coarsely chopped yellow onion (about 1 extra-large)
2 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon salt, or to taste
1/2 teaspoon black pepper, or to taste

Place beans in colander and let hot tap water run over them 1 minute. Dump beans into large heavy kettle, add hot water and ham hocks, and bring to boiling. Adjust heat so water barely bubbles, cover and simmer very slowly until beans are mushy and meat falls from bones 2 1/2 to 3 hours. Check and stir beans from time to time. Remove ham from bones and cut into bite-size pieces; discard bones. With potato masher, roughly mash beans in kettle (or use immersion blender — soup should be lumpy). Return ham to kettle. If soup seems thin, boil uncovered, stirring frequently, about 10 minutes to thicken slightly. Saute onion in large heavy skillet in butter until richly browned. Add browned onion to soup and cook, uncovered, stirring often, 10 to 15 minutes longer. Season to taste with salt and pepper and serve.

—"The American Century Cookbook"

LOW-FAT OLD-FASHIONED BAKED BEANS
1 pound dry great Northern or navy beans (about 2 1/2 cups)
1 1/2 teaspoon bacon or salt pork, cut up

per, or to taste
1 dozen corn tortillas
1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

COOK'S CORNER
until firm and delicately browned, about 20 minutes. Makes 8 servings.

I found this in a Hunt's Tomato Sauce recipe booklet.

CHIPOTLE CHICKEN
2 cups chopped cooked chicken
2 tablespoons slivered almonds
2 tablespoons raisers
2 tablespoons sliced black olives
1 1/2-ounce can tomato sauce
1 large clove garlic, minced
1 1/2 tablespoons brown sugar, packed
1/4 cup vinegar
1 teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon vegetable oil
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon liquid smoke
1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper

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1 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup molasses or maple syrup
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1/2 teaspoon pepper
Rinse beans in a large pot combine beans and 8 cups water. Bring to boil; reduce heat and simmer for 2 minutes. Remove from heat. Cover and let stand for 1 hour. (Or place beans in water in pot, cover and let soak overnight. Drain and rinse beans. Return beans to pot. Stir in 8 cups fresh water. Bring to boil; reduce heat. Cover and simmer for 1 to 1 1/2 hours or until tender, stirring occasionally. Drain beans, reserving liquid. In a 2 1/2-quart casserole, combine the beans, bacon or salt pork and onion. Stir in 1 cup of the reserved bean liquid, the molasses or maple syrup, brown sugar, dry mustard, salt and pepper. Bake, uncovered, in a 350-degree oven about 2 1/2 hours or to desired consistency, stirring occasionally. If necessary, add additional reserved bean liquid. Makes 10 to 12 side-dish servings.

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CONFETTI BEAN SALAD
1 can (15 ounces) Garbanzo beans, rinsed and drained
1 can (15 ounces) red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
1 can (15 ounces) pinto beans, rinsed and drained
1 can (14.5 ounces) diced tomatoes with roasted garlic, undrained
1 can (8.75 ounces) whole kernel corn, drained
1 jar (8 ounces) mushrooms and garlic, drained
1/2 cup fat-free Caesar Italian salad dressing
2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
1/4 teaspoon pepper
Mix all ingredients. Serve at room temperature; can be chilled or heated as desired. Makes 8 1-cup servings.

NOTE: Three cans of any bean variety can be used in this recipe. Or, use 1 1/2 cups each of three cooked, dry-packaged bean varieties.

Mellowscotch pie adds touch of nostalgia

By Linda Clecro
The Miami Herald

When it comes to scratch baking, I never always turn to Aunt Jenny, the folksy spokeswoman for Spicy Shortening in the '30s and '40s. Her Mellowscotch Pie is wonderful, and the difference between it and a butterscotch pie made with pudding mix is unbelievable. I found the recipe in an undated booklet titled "Aunt Jenny's Favorite Recipes."

MELLOWSCOTCH PIE
1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
1 1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons water
2 cups cold milk
4 tablespoons cornstarch
2 egg yolks, slightly beaten
1 tablespoon butter
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 baked pie shell
Brown Sugar Meringue:
2 egg whites
4 tablespoons brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Combine brown sugar, salt and water. Top of double boiler. Boil over direct moderate heat to a thick syrup (about 5 minutes). Mix 1/4 cup of the milk with the cornstarch to make a thin paste. Add the remaining 1 3/4 cups milk, then combine very gradually with the hot syrup. Place over hot water and cook until thick and smooth, stirring frequently. Once mixture is thick, cook, stirring constantly, for 15 more minutes. Stir a small amount of the hot mixture into the egg yolks, then stir this into the hot mixture. Set again over water and cook 3 minutes more, stirring. Remove from heat and whisk in butter and vanilla. Cool to room temperature before pouring into cold, baked pie shell. Top with meringue.

To make meringue: Beat egg whites until they hold a stiff peak. Add brown sugar 2 table-spoon at a time, beating constantly. Add vanilla. Pile lightly on filling. Bake in 325-degree oven



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Minestrone offers quick, tasty change

By Linda Gassenheimer
The Miami Herald

This minestrone is a refreshing blend of flavors from fresh vegetables, chicken and pistachio nuts combined with the perfume of tomatoes.

Using bought, cooked chicken breasts, this one-dish dinner can be made in 20 minutes. Use bagged hydrojet washed spinach to save time. The minestrone calls for acini paste, a very small soup pasta, but any type of leftover pasta can be used.

MUTTY CHICKEN MINESTRONE
2 teaspoons olive oil
1/2 medium carrot, sliced (1/4 cup)
1/4 pound red potatoes, thinly sliced
1/4 pound zucchini, sliced (1 cup)
1 medium tomato, diced (1 cup)
3 cups fat-free, low-salt chicken broth
1/2 pound cooked chicken breast, cut into strips
Salt and black pepper
1 cup packed fresh spinach
1/4 cup chopped fresh basil
1/2 cup acini paste
2 tablespoons freshly-grated Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons coarsely chopped pistachio nuts

Heat the oil in a large sauceron on medium-high heat. Add the carrot, onion, celery, potatoes and zucchini. Sauté for 5 minutes. Stir the vegetables gently, being careful not to break them up. Add the tomato and broth. The broth should cover the vegetables. Add more, if needed. Bring to a simmer and partially cover with a lid, leaving space for steam to escape. Simmer for 10 minutes. Add the chicken and simmer 5 more minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste. Remove from heat. Stir in the spinach and basil. Let stand 1 minute. While soup cooks, bring a large pot filled with 3 to 4 quarts water to a boil. Add the pasta and boil 8 minutes or until pasta is cooked al dente. Drain. Spoon pasta into bowls and ladle soup on top. Sprinkle each bowl with Parmesan cheese and pistachio nuts. Makes 2 servings.

Soul revival: Restaurants cater to home-style tastes

By Sylvia Rector
Detroit Free Press

DETROIT — At the Del Morocco Ribs and Jazz Supper Club, co-owner Lewis Colson cooks a little bit of everything. He cooks the food, greets and seats the customers, brings the entrees, schedules the nightly entertainment and sweeps the floor. His restaurant has no advertising money, can't find enough good help and stays nearly alone among vacant lots and abandoned buildings.

But Colson has delicious food, a growing clientele and a grand dream of what his 5-month-old business could become: a dinner stop for people on the way to MotorCity Casino, maybe, or even a spot that tourists might seek out. But he's also a veteran restaurateur — a realist.

"Soul-food restaurants have a difficult challenge surviving... Most don't last long," he admits.

Despite those odds, a small but growing number of them have opened in Detroit recently may actually be well. The hot buffet at Del Morocco has a dozen classic side dishes, from macaroni and cheese to black-eyed peas.

DEL MOROCCO'S FRIED FISH!
Vegetable or canola oil for deep frying
Breading:
2 cups flour
2 cups yellow cornmeal
2 tables ions seasoning salt, such as McCormick's
2 tablespoons white pepper
2 tablespoons Cajun seasoning
2 tablespoons garlic powder
1 tablespoon paprika
Egg wash:
2 eggs
2 tablespoons water
Fish:
2 pounds cod, whiting or cutfish fillets, rinsed and patted dry
Heat at least 3 inches of canola or vegetable oil to 350 degrees in large pot or deep fryer. In two large shallow dishes or pie plates combine all the breading ingredients in one and lightly beat together the eggs and water for the egg wash in the other. When the oil is ready, dip the fillets (if using catfish do not dip them in the egg wash, only the breading) in the egg wash, letting the excess drip off, then dredge in the breading. Pat the breading onto both sides of the fillets. Place in the hot oil and deep-fry until golden, about 5 minutes depending on the size of the fillets. Remove from oil and place on paper towels to drain. Makes 4 servings.

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FOOD & HOME

Make your own stationery with old cards

By Kathy Antonelli
Akron Beacon Journal

Don't throw away those old greeting cards! This project shows you how to use them, along with your favorite stickers and scrapbook supplies, to make your own personal, original stationery.

You can design notecards, greeting cards and, thank you notes, personalized for each friend. You can even make and decorate envelopes to match.

This project will require work and brainpower. You'll need to try hard to find pictures that look good together and can make new, attractive scenes, suitable for sending to good friends.

I found this project at <http://www.crafts4kids.com/> on the Web. It was supplied to the site by Bill and Julie Stephan.

- Supplies you will need:
- Brown paper grocery bags;
 - Suitable pictures;
 - Construction paper;
 - Old envelope;
 - Glue for fabric and paper;
 - Straight-edge or decorative-edge scissors;
 - Ruler.

Cut designs and patterns from old greeting cards, stickers, wall-paper, wrapping paper, fabric or scrapbook supplies. You can follow the lines exactly when you cut them out, or cut around the picture leaving a border. For fun, substitute decorative-edge scissors for straight-edge ones.

For notecards, trace around a used envelope and then draw another line one-eighth-inch inside the first line using a ruler to keep your edges straight. Cut out along the inside line. Fold the

brown paper in half. Place one long edge of the pattern along the fold of the paper. Trace and cut out.

For single-sheet notecards, don't fold the brown paper before you cut out your card. Cut another piece from light-colored construction paper and glue to the back to write on to make the card sturdier and easier to read.

To make the envelope, carefully open a used envelope along all

the glued edges. Trace around it onto brown paper and cut out. Fold your new envelope using the original one as a guide.

You can use this method to make lots of different things, such as ornaments or gift tags, by making a small hole with a paper punch and adding a cord. Make magnets by gluing a small magnet to the back. You can embellish your cards with small bows, tassels and charms, if you'd like.

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Try out these cheap decorating trick ideas

By Mary Beth Breckenridge
Akron Beacon Journal

This is a good time to pull out the cheap tricks: decorating ideas that require more imagination than money.

You can mimic the look of expensive trim with simple illusions. For example, you can add presence to skimpy crown molding by adding a narrow strip of molding to the wall several inches below it. Caulk any gaps between molding and wall, then paint the moldings and the wall between them the same color.

Or duplicate the appearance of a paneled wainscot by installing a chair rail about 30 to 36 inches from the floor and then creating rectangles on the lower part of the wall using narrow molding. Caulk and paint everything from the chair rail down a single color.

Or mimic the look of a paneled interior door by nailing or gluing molding in rectangles onto a plain door.

A cheap way to create a wall of photos or a unified tabletop display is to gather inexpensive frames from places such as thrift or discount stores, then spray-paint them all a single color or a couple of complementary hues.

(Metallics are great for this.) Framing good-quality photocopies of your pictures lets you enlarge or shrink the images to suit and preserves the originals. Mating the photos gives them more visual presence, and choosing a single color of mat ties the arrangement together. You can even buy ready-cut mats and adjust the photocopies to fit.

An alternative is to arrange the photocopies under a glass table top, perhaps in a collage with letters, ticket stubs or other mementos. That's also a great way to disguise a scarred table.

I'll never forget the fabric version of a ceiling medallion—a decorative ring around a light fixture—that Akron, Ohio, homeowner Linda Blatz Geib fashioned by blousing fabric between two different-size macrame hoops. She simply sewed wedges of fabric together to form a doughnut shape, used bias tape to make casings at the inside and outside edges of the doughnut, inserted the hoops into the casings and hung the hoops from the ceiling using clip-on picture hangers. Make the fabric wedges 4 to 12 inches longer than the distance between the two rings to allow the fabric to drape.

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Cookbook could have you eating like the stars

By Liz Atwood
The Baltimore Sun

You can eat like the stars with the help of the Canned Food Alliance's "Five Star Celebrity Cookbook." The book features 31 recipes, with 15 from celebrities including Rosie O'Donnell, Isaac Hayes and Pat LaBelle.

The book is available through March by making a donation of any amount to the Share Our Strength program, which fights hunger in America.

For more information, click on www.mealtime.org.

Food notes

Buy specialty mushrooms to add flavor to recipes

Specialty mushrooms seem to be sprouting all over. Some are displayed loose in supermarkets, while others are packaged. All should look fresh and free from major blemishes. The Mushroom Council says mushrooms should be kept in paper bags or covered with paper towels in the refrigerator. Most will last about a week.



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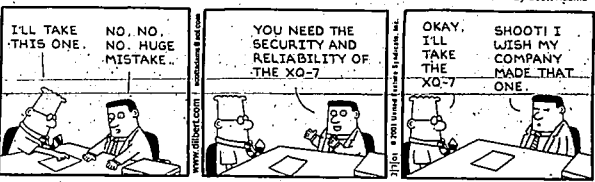
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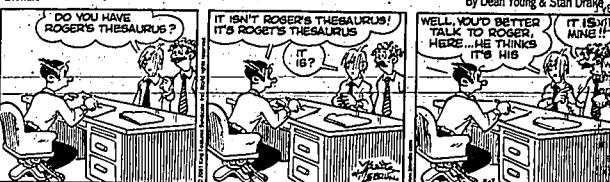
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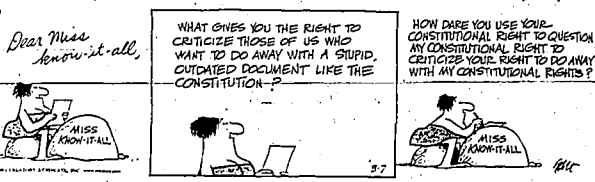
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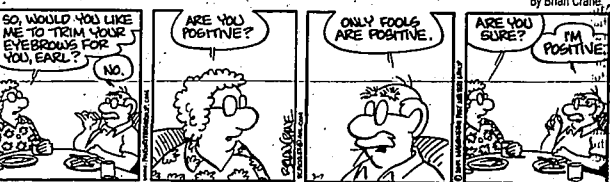
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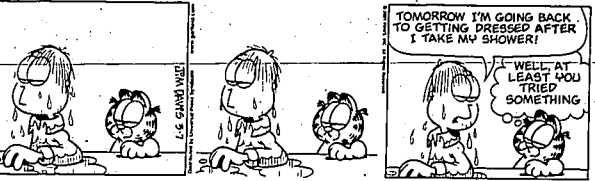
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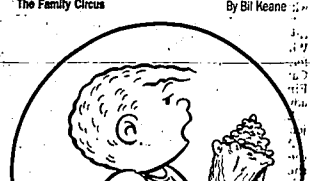
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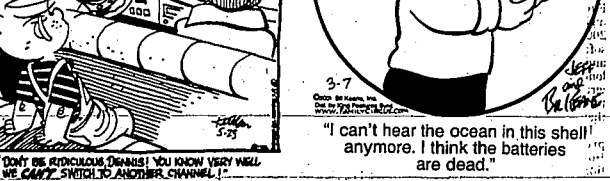
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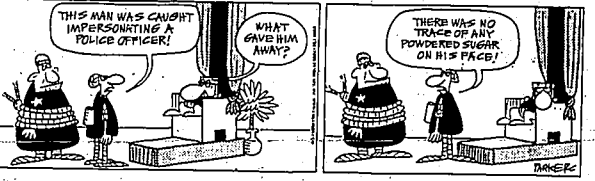
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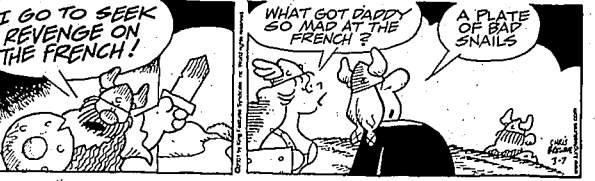
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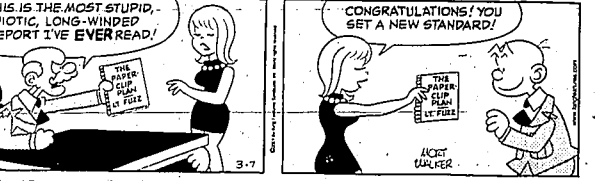
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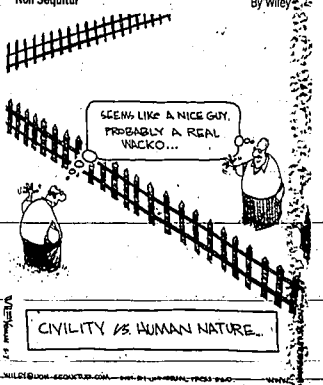
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Designing history

New presidential family begins making its mark on White House decor

By Linda Hale
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In his first week in office, President Bush found himself in the soft glare of publicity over his choice of rug for the Oval Office.

The peach-colored, Reagan-era relic had been culled from a pile of identically sized carpets stashed in a secure Maryland warehouse filled with presidential castoffs. Alas, its potential for symbolism, White House curator Betty Monkman hastened to suggest that it was more a quick fix for the transition than a clue to the Bush style. But any footprint left on the decorative arts at the White House is noticed.

George W. and Laura Bush soon will carve their legacy of style in publicly owned plaster, marble and mahogany. How they furnish the private quarters will make sense. Far more important, history will record how they perform as stewards of a museum, where two State Floors are filled with decorative arts treasures.

"I never found one that didn't fit the responsibility of the White House very seriously," says former National Gallery director J. Carter Brown, chairman of the Fine Arts Commission and an adviser to six presidents.

But they've all required "on-the-job" training. "A White House spokesman says the Bushes have yet to focus on their curatorial role. But they might find Monkman's book, "The White House: Its Historic Furnishings and First Families," highly educational. It documents a 200-year parade of presidential sofas, chairs, tables, chandeliers and curtains, many auctioned off long ago. But for the past 40 years, virtually nothing has been allowed to disappear legally — including that Reagan carpet.

In addition to serving as the presidential home, the White House welcomes more than a million visitors a year. It acquired accredited status from the American Association of Museums only in 1988. But the legal underpinnings that preserve its collection of antiques date from the Kennedy era.

Jacqueline Kennedy envisioned the State Floors not as mere arrangements of furniture but as a historical backdrop for presidential leadership. She assembled the best and brightest experts of her day. She asked the nation to scout for relevant antiques; furniture by such master cabinetmakers as Pierre-Andre Bellange, Duncan Phyfe and Charles-Honoré Lannuier turned up. She set up the White House Historical Association, which uses all profits to acquire furniture and art associated with past presidents. And she established the idea that White House furnishings would belong to the house, not the president.



Bill Clinton's deep-blue wool rug is history; President Bush chose a Reagan-era peach rug for his Oval Office. George W. and Laura Bush soon will carve their legacy of style in publicly owned plaster, marble and mahogany.

Today, the Committee for the Preservation of the White House advises presidents on refurbishment and acquisitions in the public rooms. By law, its members include some of Washington's cultural icons: the heads of the Fine Arts Commission, National Gallery, Smithsonian and National Park Service. The White House curator and usher are permanent fixtures. Other members are presidential appointees.

During the eight years leading up to the White House's 200th anniversary celebration last fall, all of the main State Floor except the Green Room was refurbished. The Clinton decor "has a garish look to it now to many people," says James Abbott, curator of decorative arts at the Baltimore Museum of Art. The author of "Designing Camelot," he considers the Kennedy redecoration "much more sophisticated, scholarly and with a sense of style."

The Clintons' electric-blue Room has been criticized as too intense. Tomato-red carpets in the entry hall, which television audiences see, have been criticized as too orange. Others suggest the bold colors play better on camera. The debate over redecorating the State Dining Room shows how difficult decisions can be. The design of the room, dating from 1903, was created for Theodore Roosevelt by the beaux arts firm McKim, Mead and White. The original room had baronial waxed-

oak walls, gray stone mantel work and andlers overhead. The committee was divided over the idea of restoring the paneling by removing layers of lead paint, and Mrs. Clinton mixed the return of hunting trophies. Eventually, members agreed on a light, bright Colonial Revival confection.

Decorations throughout the years

By Linda Hale
The Washington Post

For the first century and a half, occupants of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue were allowed to make their own mark, in good taste or bad. Gilded French imperial furniture enthralled Jefferson, Madison, Monroe and Jacqueline Kennedy. Theodore Roosevelt hung moose heads in the State Dining Room.

Harry Truman oversaw reconstruction of the interior as a 1950s imitation of the much-remodeled 18th-century house, and brought in department-store versions of Sheraton-style furniture.

Camelot remains memorable for the expertise Jacqueline Kennedy drew around her, such as founder Francis du Pont, founder of Winterthur and foremost collector of American decorative arts, and Stephane Boudin, leading decorator of the famed Jansen firm in Paris.

Lyndon Johnson is remembered for making the Committee for the Preservation of the White House permanent. Richard Nixon's curator, Clement Conger, built up the antiques collection with Edward Vason Jones. Gerald Ford provided full disclosure, which is how the public learned Conger had raised and spent \$3.3 million at the White House.

The Carters focused on acquiring art, including George Caleb Bingham's "Lighter-Relieving a Steamboat Aground," one of the collection's greatest treasures. The Reagans lavished \$822,641 in private money on the private quarters and for new china, but declined to appoint a committee.



The original State Dining Room design was created for Theodore Roosevelt. Eventually, the Committee for the Preservation of the White House agreed on a light, bright Colonial Revival confection, sans hunting trophies.

George and Barbara Bush reactivated the committee and presided over an innovative period that included a 1992 bicentennial of the laying of the White House cornerstone. The most lasting legacy will be the formation by Barbara Bush of a permanent endowment fund to pay for future decoration and restoration. More than \$30 million has been raised for permanent care of the State Rooms.

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Freeloading couple burdens mom's home

DEAR ABBY: Six months ago, my 31-year-old daughter and her 40-year-old boyfriend moved in with my husband and me. They have financial problems. We didn't ask them for money, but did expect them to help around the house.

I just had an argument with my daughter over the fact she works only 15 hours a week and does nothing to maintain the house. My husband and I are in our late 50s and both work full time.

We don't expect them to scrub floors every day, but it certainly wouldn't hurt them to vacuum, shovel snow and pick up after themselves. I know we should have set ground rules when they moved in, but we figured since they were adults they didn't need to be told what to do.

Abby, are we wrong expecting them to help around the house?

-GETTING MAD IN MICHIGAN
DEAR GETTING MAD: Not at all. Lay down the law NOW and tell your freeloading daughter and her boyfriend exactly what you expect from them.



DEAR ABBY: I am a 34-year-old single male, never married. I recently met a woman I want to marry, but here is my problem: She wants a big wedding, and it makes me uncomfortable.

I have no close male friends, so I would have a hard time finding a best man, much less groomsmen. Also, I don't have a good relationship with my family, so I don't think many guests on my side would attend. Because of this, I think a big wedding would be embarrassing. Her family would think I am a loser. Any suggestions?

-TIED UP IN KNOTS
DEAR TIED UP: One of the most important ingredients in a successful marriage is communication. Tell your fiancée how you feel. A wedding is for both the bride AND groom. It shouldn't be a fantasy created only by the bride. Therefore, she may have to

alter her dream wedding to conform with reality.

DEAR ABBY: Everyone has heard the saying, "Don't drink and drive." Well, here's a new one: "Don't drink and COOK!"

Late last night the fire alarm in our condo complex went off. The hallway was filled with smoke. The firemen arrived and traced the smoke to the unit next door to mine.

After banging on the door and getting no response, they broke down the door. Inside, they found two guys "asleep." They had been cooking something on the stove, got drunk and passed out.

So, if you cook, please don't drink - and if you drink, please don't cook!

-STEAMING IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR STEAMING: I'm sure you're still steaming, but you're lucky you were not burned up. Actually, I hope your neighbors learned from that expensive lesson. They could have died from smoke inhalation had the fire department not responded in time.

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ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Express yourself verbally and via written word. People comment on your "attractiveness." Short trip involves relative. Virgo will play major role.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Family secret will be out in open. Emphasis diplomacy, don't attempt to "place blame."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Reject half-baked scheme. See people, situations in realistic light.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You could be involved in "big money" transaction. Emphasis on pressure of added responsibility.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Cycle high, especially in connection with travel, participation in humanitarian project. Separation from loved one is temporary. Aries in picture.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Light thrown on areas previously dark. Make contact with individual temporarily confined to home hospital.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You win friends and influence people, focus on cooperative efforts, partnership, marriage. Keep resolutions concerning exercise, diet and health.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Display versatility, humor. You'll receive invitation to attend "exclusive get-together."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Moon position coincides with publishing, added recognition. Red tape threatens to get in way. Sign necessary papers, go no further. Scorpio involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Delve deep, you could discover that one close to you has been "holding out" where money is concerned.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Music involved, domestic adjustment could include change of residence, marital status. Key is to be diplomatic. You lose if you attempt to force issues.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Your "psychic" abilities surge forward. Trust intuitive intellect.

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SPORTSQUOTE

“They don't look good, but never let your eyes be your palate.”

Australian golf sensation Aaron Baddeley on the energy bars he eats, which are made of corolla, a type of alga

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
What is the NCAA Division I basketball record for points scored by a losing team?
.....answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school basketball
A-3 vs. A-4 All-Star Games, at Shoshone HS
A-3 vs. A-4 girls, 6 p.m.
A-3 vs. A-4 boys, 7:30 p.m.
College basketball
CSI at SWAC Regional Tournament, at St. George, Utah, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Donkey basketball games set for Thursday
Gooding - Gooding High School and Dollars for Scholars are sponsoring a donkey basketball game on Thursday at 7 p.m.
The games are a fund-raiser for student scholarships. Games pit freshman vs. sophomores and juniors vs. seniors, with winners playing each other. The winning class team will then play the teachers. Tickets are available at Seifert's Jewelers in downtown Gooding or at the school district office.
For more information, call 934-4214.

Pomerelle Mountain sets Competition X

ALBION Pomerelle's Competition X 2001 will be held March 10.
Competition X is open to mountain bikers, skiers and hikers of 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.
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.

Co-ed volleyball tournament at CSI.

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will be holding a co-ed volleyball tournament on March 17 to raise money for the school's seven-time national champion volleyball team.
The cost is \$75 per team with registration due the day before the tournament. Check in is at 8 a.m. the day of the tourney and pool play begins at 9 a.m. For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2486.

Correction

Richfield High School boys' basketball coach Garr Ward was selected as the A-4 Northside coach of the year. Lee Cook of Carey was a story in Tuesday's paper indicated. The Times-News regrets the error.
Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:
150, by U.S. International in losing to Loyola Marymount, 181, on Jan. 31, 1989.

EAGLES FACE TOUGH RICKS COLLEGE

By Kevin Hall
Times-News sports editor

TWIN FALLS - They stumbled when they should've waltzed, and now they face an early exit.
Seventh-seed College of Southern Idaho (7-11 league, 17-12 overall) opens the Region 18 Women's Tournament at 2 p.m. Thursday against a familiar foe: defending Region 18 champion and No. 2 seed Ricks College (16-2, 26-3).
Familiar in that first-year CSI coach Kendall Grant not only attended and later taught at the school, but was also assisted women's head coach Lori Woodland for three seasons.
Familiar in that the 15th-ranked Lady Vikings savaged the Golden



Belinda Stubbs Jina Gosschalk
Eagles' 87.55 just 12 days ago. Familiar in that Grant and Woodland are close friends who Woodland said speak "at least three or four times a week."
But friendship flies out the door come game time Thursday.
"Maybe providence brings us together and we get our shot,"

Women's Region 18 tournament
Where: Burns Arena, Dixie State College
When: No. 7 CSI plays at 2 p.m. Thursday
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Grant said. "I think we've got as good a shot as anybody in the league of beating Ricks."
But not if CSI performs the way it did last weekend. Needing at least a split at Utah Valley State College or Salt Lake City Community College to avoid the first-round encounter with the

Vikings, the Eagles instead got bushwacked by both Utah schools and now pay the price of a 7-11 regular season.
It's been that kind of a topsy-turvy season that sees the Eagles, who began the preseason 8-0, now limp into the postseason having lost eight of their last 11 games.
But Grant said it doesn't matter, because after all, it is a new season.
"I thought we played some great basketball in most of both games," he said. "There's nothing to lose at this point. We're going in as the seventh seed and you either play Utah Valley first and then Ricks or Ricks and then Utah Valley. So I guess the order doesn't really matter. We've just

Please see CSI, Page D2

A LOOK AT THE OTHER TEAMS

The Times-News

Eight teams with one mission in mind: Win three games for the right to play at the National Junior College Athletic Association Women's National Tournament in Salina, Kan. March 20-24.

Of the eight, top-seed and twice-beaten Snow College is the favorite to advance. Since losing last year's title match on their home court to No. 15 Ricks College, the 12th-ranked Lady Badgers have, unmercifully buzzed their way through the scenic West Athletic Conference.

Seemingly on their way to an unbeaten regular season, however, the Badgers were beaten badly by sixth-seed Utah Valley State College, 81-62, on their floor. They rebounded with convincing victories over Salt Lake Community College and Dixie State College to finish at 17-1.

The defending region champion and second-seeded Vikings also left a trail of victims in their wake, losing only twice to the Badgers in the regular season. With size, experience and athleticism, Ricks will be a force to contend with this week.

The win over Snow has seemingly reawakened No. 3 Utah Valley State. After starting the year as the second-ranked team in the nation, several up and down performances and nine losses throughout the year chilled what was supposed to be a run to the top.

Fourth seed Salt Lake could win the tournament as the Bruins are blessed with perhaps the best perimeter shooting game in the tournament. Led by one of the region's best players in 5-foot-11 sophomore forward Mata Tukua'u, SLCC must complement Tukua'u or the Bruins' hopes will fade.

The bottom four teams: host Dixie State, North Idaho College, College of Eastern Utah could all produce upsets as each possesses capable players and savvy coaches. Each will need a bit of lady luck and some stellar defense to advance.

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Canyon Conference announces All-Stars

The Times-News

SHOSHONE - The A-3 All-Canyon Conference boys' and girls' basketball teams were announced Tuesday and it's no surprise that Valley dominated the selections.

The starting five that drove the Vikings to the state title, seniors Rob Black, Derek Malone, Mikkel Griffiths, Roy Wood and junior Clark Wyatt were first team selections for the boys' team and senior Veljiko Bestik was selected as an honorable mention.

Three players from Glens Falls and Wendell were also selected to the All-Conference team. Pilot juniors Corey Hall, Mark Black, and Cole Darrington were honored as were Wendell seniors Brett Lancaster, Derrick Roseborough, and Dustin Sears.
Earning honorable mention along with Restik were junior Dustin Johnson of Glens Ferry, and senior Marty Solomon of Wendell. Valley coach Roger Carens was named coach of the year.

The girls' team also had a strong Viking base. Valley juniors Annie Shawver, Alex-Kelso and Katie Brock joined senior Brandi Callen as All-Conference selections and freshman Mindy Malone and junior Katie McCarroll earned honorable mention recognition.

Wendell also had four players selected to the Canyon Conference team, juniors Lauren Haycock and Kaitlea
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Tiger proves he is human

Woods' game has slipped from last year's amazing pace

By Doug Ferguson
The Associated Press

Mark Calcavecchia called him the chosen one.
Tom Watson didn't go that far, because he is older and wiser and owns four more claret jugs than Tiger Woods. He only referred to him as "something supernatural."
And then there was Rocco Mediate, who said Woods was some sort of tonic man.
"Cut him open and I'll tell you what you'll find," Mediate said last year during Woods' run into history: "A bunch of wires and levers, and a big heart."
Cut him open now and you'll find that Tiger Woods actually bleeds.

That Tiger Woods actually is human.
It only seemed otherwise last year when he played golf like he was from another solar system. No one shoots 12 under at a U.S. Open and wins by 15 shots. No one wins three straight majors with a combined score of 49-under par.

No one hits a wedge from 169 yards to 2 feet on the final hole in the dark. No one hits 6-iron from 218 yards out of a fairway bunker, over the water, right at the pin with the tournament on the line.

Every week, there was something new.
Just like now.

It seems like a phenomenon when Woods doesn't make a 15-foot eagle putt on the 72nd hole with a chance to tie for the lead, which is what happened at Torrey Pines.

It seems odd when Woods doesn't win after his first six tournaments of a new season, maybe because it has never happened. The longest he ever had to wait to win was his rookie year when he was a 20-year-old fresh off his third U.S. Amateur who said, "Hello, world," then won in his

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Tiger Woods shows his disappointment after missing a putt during the last day of the Dubai Desert Classic at the Emirates golf course in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Sunday. If it seems odd that Woods doesn't have a win after his first six tournaments of a new season, maybe it's because it has never happened. The longest he ever had to wait to win was during his rookie year, when he was a 20-year-old, fresh off his third U.S. Amateur tour.

Mazeroski, Smith elected to Hall of Fame

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. - Bill Mazeroski, who hit one of baseball's most famous home runs, was elected to the Hall of Fame on Tuesday by the Veterans Committee, along with former Negro leagues player Hilton Smith.

Dick Williams, Gil Hodges, Dick DiMaggio and Marvin Miller were bypassed by the panel, down to 14 members because of Ted Williams' recent open-heart surgery. It took 75 percent - 11 votes - for election.

"I'm pretty happy," said Mazeroski, who was at the site of the committee's meeting. "I don't really know what to say. I never, ever expected to be here. You dream of a lot of things. You want to be in the big leagues. You want to make the All-Star game. You want to be in a World Series."

"You want to do all those things, but you never dream of this. It's pretty exciting. I just hope I can live up to it."
Induction ceremonies will be held Aug. 5 at Cooperstown, N.Y.



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Kirby Puckett and Dave Winfield were elected in January by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.
The Vets were allowed to pick up to four new Hall of Famers, one from each of four categories: former major leaguers, Negro leaguers, 19th century players and personnel, plus a composite

of managers, umpires, executives and Negro leaguers.
Mazeroski's homer at Forbes Field won Game 7 of the 1960 World Series for the Pittsburgh Pirates against the New York Yankees.

"I don't really think of it unless somebody talks about it, and hardly a day goes by when somebody doesn't talk about it," Mazeroski said. "The New York people are still mad at me."

He came within one vote of election last year, when, for the first time since 1993, the Vets did not select a former major leaguer.

Mazeroski, 64, was a .260 career hitter. He was a seven-time All-Star and won eight Gold Gloves for the Pirates. He took part in a record 1,706 double plays at second base, and many consider him the finest fielder ever at the position.
Smith, a teammate of Saichel Paige on the Kansas City Monarchs, died in 1983. He was 72-32 in 146 games from 1937 to 1948. His best season was 1941, when he went 10-0.

SPORTS

Three Hornets make A-4 All-Conference

SHOSHONE - Nothing was predictable in the A-4 Magic Valley Conference this season, but there were few surprises when the All-Conference teams were announced Tuesday.

Magie Valley Conference teams
Hagerman boys' team senior Levi Lemmon and Mike Smith, were selected as All-Conference performers.

team, Jeremy Funk and Matt Stanger and both made the All-Senior selection.
Raft River also had two players named All-Conference, guard Bryce Greenwood and the Magic Valley's leading scorer Jacob Nelson.

(Hagerman), Elijah Twichell (Hagerman), Jarvis Fowers (Hansen), Kenny Rosenbaker (Murtaugh), Kevin Nebeker (Murtaugh), Sam Rodriguez (Oakley), and Tanner Hansen (Raft River).

Ohio State investigates Cooper's expenses

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - Ohio State University and the Franklin County prosecutor's office are investigating possible mispending on the travel expense reports of former Buckeyes football coach John Cooper.

small, we are required to bring it to the attention of the appropriate prosecutor," Tashjian said.
"at all fairness to coach Cooper, there might be an explanation for these irregularities. We certainly hope there are."

other reports, where we have irregularities," Tashjian said.
He said the irregularities are associated with "normal business travel and entertainment" not official NCAA business, such as recruiting.

starting lineup for missing the first bowl practice, and one offensive lineman sued another for \$50,000 in the wake of an on-field fight in the spring.
Cooper's firing included a \$1.9 million buyout of the last three years of his contract, which paid him more than \$1 million per season.

CSI

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got to go in and play intense and give it our best shot."
The Golden Eagles' best shot means getting solid minutes from posts Belinda Stubbs (3.0 ppg, 6.2 rpg) and Elisha Booth (13.4 ppg, 6.4 rpg) and guards Jina Goschalk (12.9 ppg, 5.0 rpg) and Nicolette Dreshback (8.0 ppg).

Region 18 Women's Basketball Tournament
Thursday Friday Saturday
7 Southern Idaho (17-12)
2 Ricks (26-3)
3 Utah Valley (21-9)
6 North Idaho (16-13)
1 Snow (28-2)
8 Eastern Utah (17-13)
4 Salt Lake (22-8)
5 Dore St. (19-11)

at Dixie State College
St. George, Utah
March 8-10
In the two wins against CSI, it's been Mandie Little (32 points, 18 rebounds), Sheila Hurchison (27 points), Lindsey Johnson (23 points), Lindsey and Sarah Fister (21 points) that have done the most damage.

But as Grant also pointed out, the Golden Eagles haven't helped themselves in either contest. In the 32-point debacle, CSI shot just 32 percent in the first half, committed 27 turnovers and was out-rebounded 50-21.
"After we got beat by 32 points, I didn't want to play them again," he said.

SWAC

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No. 1 Snow College Badgers
Coach: Jaime White, 4th season
Record: 17-1, 28-2
Key players: 5-7 soph. G. Casey Cooke (15.1 ppg), 5-7 soph. G. Anna Bate (10.6 ppg, 2.8 rpg), 5-9 fr. F. Kamie Jo Massey (12.5 ppg, 6.3 rpg)
Notes: Badgers received a forfeit victory over Los Angeles Trade Tech after losing to the team 61-57 Dec. 29. ... Loss to UVSC on Feb. 17 snapped a 21-game winning streak. ... Badgers give up the fewest points in the league (60.4). ... Still searching for first regional championship. ... Cooke badly sprained her ankle two weeks ago.

three consecutive years from 1993 to 1996. ... Vikings lead SWAC in scoring (84.5 ppg), scoring margin (+20.3 ppg), field goal pct. (.495), assists (21.0), offensive rebounds (15.2) and assist/turnover ratio (1.08).
No. 3 Utah Valley State College Wolverines
Coach: Cathy Nixon, 4th season
Record: 11-7, 21-9
Key players: 6-4 soph. C Chamberlain (12.0 ppg, 7.4 rpg), 5-9 soph. G. Bekka Carlson (12.0 ppg), 5-11 soph. F. Kristen Salby (8.9 ppg, 7.4 rpg)
Notes: Only team to defeat Snow during regular season. ... Region 18 champions in 1995-96 season. ... Top rebounding team at 42.6 per game, and can match up with any team in size and speed.

G Candace Dow (11.8 ppg).
Notes: Dow injured her knee recently and may miss the tournament. ... Bruins were league champions in 1996-97 season, but lost the region. ... Team averages fourth-best 73.4 points per game while giving up only 64.9. ... Bruins shoot second-best 47 percent from the two-spot, but at a league-high 36.7 percent from 3-point territory.
No. 5 Dixie State College Rebels
Coach: Dave LaVetter, 4th season
Record: 9-9, 19-11
Key players: 5-9 soph. Candace Baldwin (10.9 ppg, 5.5 rpg), 6-1 soph. Lindsey Lindsay Heiselbetz (9.9 ppg), 5-10 fr. F. Nicki Howard (9.6 ppg)
Notes: After 3-5 start to the season, Rebels caught fire down the stretch, winning six of last 10 including a five-game win streak. ... League champions in 1998-99 season. ... Rebels average 71.2 ppg while giving up only 61.0.

Lewis (15.2 ppg), 5-7 soph. F. Angie Lewis (13.1 ppg), 5-11 soph. F. Erin Torpey (9.2 ppg, 7.1 rpg)
Notes: Crimp is the longest-tenured coach in the league at 17 seasons.
Lewis sisters are identical twins. ... Cardinals are five-time regional champions. ... Average 66.4 points and give up 65.2. ... Lead the league in free throw shooting (.690) and 3-point field goals made (.59).
No. 8 College of Eastern Utah Golden Eagles
Coach: Dave Paur, 14th season
Record: 6-12, 17-13
Key players: 5-6 soph. G. Sara Marks (12.9 ppg, 3.4 rpg), 5-8 soph. Megan Oldham (12.2 ppg), 5-9 soph. Amber White (10.3 ppg)
Notes: Golden Eagles have lost 10 games. ... Average 76.2 points per game, third best in the region, but give up league-worst 73.7 points. ... Lead league in steals (15.3). ... Have never won regional tournament.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Bengals named to Big Sky All-Conference team
POCATELLO - Idaho State seniors Tim Erickson and Jordie McFarlane were named to the Big Sky men's All-Conference team on Tuesday. McFarlane was also named Big Sky's Top Newcomer after transferring from the University of Utah. McFarlane lead the Bengals in scoring with 18.1 points per game and led the team in assists.

Reds bring back Hal Morris for third time
CINCINNATI - First baseman Hal Morris is returning to the Cincinnati Reds for the third time.
Morris agreed Friday to a minor league contract and was invited to spring training.
Morris, 35, hit .311 with a home run and eight RBIs last year in 40 games with the Detroit Tigers, who bought his contract from the Reds on July 18. During 59 games with Cincinnati last year, Morris hit .222 with two homers and six RBIs.

Baddeley, Katayama receive Masters invitations
AUGUSTA, Ga. - Special invitations to play in the Masters were offered Tuesday to Aaron Baddeley, a two-time winner on the money list, and Japan's Shingo Katayama.
That brings the April 5 Masters field to 94 players. Brad Faxon, Steve Stricker, Joe Durant and Toshi Izawa qualified Monday because of their position in top 50 in the world ranking or top three on the PGA Tour money list.

WBA champ pleads no contest to battery charge
PENSACOLA, Fla. - WBA featherweight champion Derrick "Smoke" Gainer pleaded no contest to domestic battery Tuesday, five days after his estranged wife accused him of grabbing her throat and shaking her down.

Olympic champ Bob Hayes has prostate surgery
JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Bob Hayes was in fair condition Tuesday after his prostate was removed following six weeks of radiation treatments for cancer.
The 58-year-old former Olympic champion sprinter and Dallas Cowboys receiver was at Shands Jacksonville. The hospital would not elaborate on the condition.

Medich gets probation for painkiller possession
BEAVER, Pa. - Former major league pitcher George "Doc" Medich was sentenced to nine years probation for illegally possessing painkillers.
Medich, 53, pleaded guilty to 12 counts of possession of a controlled substance and was sentenced Monday by Beaver County Judge John McBride.
Medich wrote 12 false prescriptions in the names of patients so he could obtain painkillers for himself in 1999. His lawyer, Lawrence Zurawsky, called it a "cry for help" and said Medich has struggled with alcohol addiction for years.

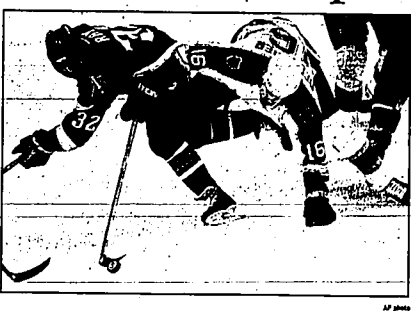
Tiger
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fifth start as a pro and has been having goodly ever since.
And no one ever had seen what took place Sunday in Dubai.
At least not from Tiger.
He was tied for the lead going to the final hole, a par 5, the kind that almost always gives Woods the advantage. Thomas Bjorn ripped his drive down the middle. Woods ripped his drive into the trees, punched out across the fairway, then hit into the water, taking double bogey.
It was the first time Woods had botched the 72nd hole to lose, although he's in good company. Sam Snead took triple bogey on the final hole to blow the 1939 U.S. Open. Arnold Palmer made double bogey on the final hole to lose the '61 Masters. Ben Hogan lost the '46 Masters with a three-putt bogey on the 18th. Jean Van Velde drew a league of his own.
"it doesn't make him anything else but the greatest player in the world. He's by far better than anybody else. Don't forget that. But he's going to lose tournament."

able mention. Valley coach Brian Hardy was selected as coach of the year.
Players from District IV A-3 and A-4 schools meet tonight at Shoshone High School for the annual A-3 vs. A-4 All-Star games. The girls play at 6 p.m. with the boys' game following.

All-Star
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Bransing and seniors Jenn Collins and Tiffany Davis. Three Glenns Ferry girls were chosen to the A-3 Canyon team. Junior Amy Walker and senior Candice Laib were selected as All-Conference players and Eva Farris was named as an honor-

Hasek, Sabres skate past Boston Newspaper feels wrath of fans over Earnhardt autopsy photos

BOSTON (AP) — Dominik Hasek stopped 20 shots as the well-rested Buffalo Sabres beat the weary Boston Bruins 3-1 Tuesday night.



scored two goals to lead Colorado over Atlanta. Colorado backup goalie David Brisson stopped 22 shots to...

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The Orlando Sentinel's request for the autopsy photos of Dale Earnhardt has brought a torrent of angry calls and e-mail from race fans...



there are big issues at stake here as far as NASCAR safety. There's also a big principle at stake...

Capitals 5, Islanders 1 UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Adam Oates had a goal and three assists as Washington extended its unbeaten streak over the New York Islanders to 19 games.

Bruins defenseman Ken Belanger keeps control of the puck as he collides with Buffalo's Rob Ray in Boston Tuesday.

Wild 3, Blues 3 ST. PAUL, Minn. — Cam Stewart scored with 2:01 left in regulation as Minnesota defeated the St. Louis Blues 3-2.

Maple Leafs 3, Flames 1 CALGARY, Alberta — Nik Antropov and Mats Sundin scored 79 seconds apart midway through the third period Tuesday night as the Toronto Maple Leafs rallied for a 3-1 victory over the Calgary Flames.

In the past two days, Sentinel Editor Tim Franklin has taken about 3,000 of the almost 7,000 e-mails and calls. 'Some of the e-mails have been quite ugly, but I understand it's an emotional issue,' Franklin said.

Bush and state lawmakers, asking them to intervene. Three Republican lawmakers are drafting legislation that would prohibit the release of any autopsy photographs. Such photos would be treated as private medical records.

of Kofag made 18 saves for Washington, 17-0-2 against the Islanders since Tommy Salmi shut out the Capitals on March 2, 1997.

Lightning 2, Sharks 1 TAMPA, Fla. — Brad Richards scored with 57.4 seconds left in overtime as Tampa Bay beat San Jose.

Coyotes 5, Predators 1 PHOENIX — Shane Doan scored his third two-goal game of the season as the Phoenix Coyotes ended a five-game winless streak with a 5-1 victory over the Nashville Predators.

Franklin has said repeatedly the newspaper has no intention of publishing the photos but wants to view them so that a head trauma expert can make an independent determination of the cause of death. The Sentinel ran a series last month of photos of three NASCAR drivers who died last year suffered fractures at the base of the skull.

Earnhardt was killed in a crash Feb. 18 at the Daytona 500. The race car driver's widow, Teresa, sued Volusia County four days later to stop release of the medical examiner's photos. The next day, an Orlando Sentinel reporter made a public records request for the photos.

Devils 3, Senators 2 OT EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Patrik Elias scored 28 seconds into overtime and New Jersey won its fifth straight game by rallying past Ottawa.

Tampa Bay goalie Kevin Weekes turned aside 17 shots as the Lightning won for the third time in 14 games.

Avananche 4, Thrashers 2 ATLANTA — Ville Nieminen

Doan found the net twice in a 4-32 game of the second period as he reached the 20-goal plateau for the second straight season.

He's the fourth driver in nine months to die, Franklin said. This isn't a fight that we seek or asked for, but we believe that

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SPORTS

More adjustments in Miami

Heat's leading scorer may be sidelined for several weeks

MIAMI (AP) — Long accustomed to playing short-handed, the Miami Heat are confident they can cope with the loss of guard Eddie Jones.

The Heat's leading scorer dislocated his left shoulder in Monday's victory over Detroit, and will likely be sidelined several weeks. Coach Pat Riley said he's optimistic Jones can return before the end of the regular season April 18.

"It's disappointing for us and for him," Riley said Tuesday. "But we will keep on."

Despite the season-long absence of All-Star center Alonzo Mourning with a kidney ailment, the Heat are 37-24 and just one game behind last year's pace, when they won their fourth consecutive Atlantic Division title. Jones came to Miami last August in a nine-player trade with Charlotte that had Heat fans speculating about a possible NBA title. Mourning's ailment was diagnosed two months later and, with Jones now joining him on the bench, the Heat may struggle to hang onto their third-place spot in the Eastern Conference.

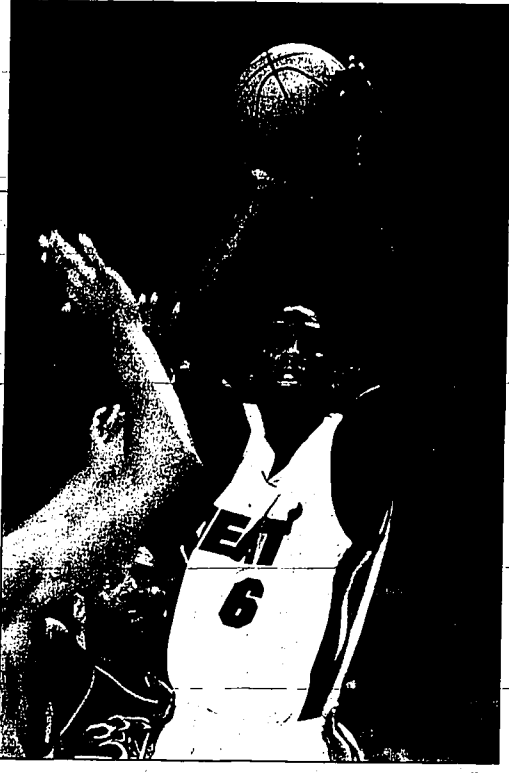
"It's the same situation as with Zo," swingman Bruce Bowen said. "I've cry about it, what good is that going to do?"

Jones hurt his shoulder when he tried to strip the ball from Corliss Williamson. He was taken off the court in a stretcher and spent the night in the hospital. The shoulder will be immobilized for 8-10 days, Riley said.

Jones suffered a similar injury as a rookie six years ago and missed 18 games. The Heat have 21 regular-season games remaining.

His 18.1 points per game may be impossible to replace. Riley said he'll likely go with a smaller lineup and rely more on forward center Brian Grant for offense. The extra playing time will be divided among Dan Majerle, Ricky Davis, Anthony Carter, Eddie House, Cedric Ceballos and perhaps Donyell Marshall.

Davis, acquired in the blockbuster trade with Charlotte, likely will make his Miami debut tonight against Dallas. Davis has been sidelined all season by a broken foot but returned to practice last month and could help pick up the scoring slack.



Miami's Eddie Jones attempts a 3-point shot in the first quarter of Monday's game against Detroit at the American Airlines Arena in Miami. Jones was injured late in the second quarter and will miss at least 6 weeks.

"I feel comfortable," he said. "Offense is not a real big problem for me."
Majerle, 35, has missed 28 games himself because of injuries. Now he may move into the starting lineup even though he's shooting just 31 percent.
"Dan is remarkable," Riley

said. "He is playing the game as well as anybody we have on the team. He might not be making shots, but he's playing the game the way I want it played. He helps our team so much."
Grant, playing out of position at center because of Mourning's absence, will again be required to

adjust his game and become more offensive-minded. He's third on the team with an average of 15.3 points per game.
"We've just got to go through it all over again," Grant said. "It's a team that has been through a lot this year. It has definitely been a character-building year."

Knicks overcome slow start to defeat Indiana

NEW YORK (AP) — After being booed off the court after the first quarter, the New York Knicks rediscovered the intensity that had been missing for a week and beat Indiana.

Kurt Thomas scored 19 points, Latrell Sprewell had 16 and Mark Jackson 15 for the Knicks, who had six double-figure scorers. Marcus Camby returned from a two-game absence and had 12 points.

NBA — Travis Best had 18, Jalen Rose added 16 and Reggie Miller 14 for the Pacers. Miller went 0-for-5 from the field in the fourth quarter and scored just three points over the final three quarters.

Suns 93, Nuggets 82 — DENVER — Shawn Marion, playing for the first time in 10 days, scored 22 points Tuesday night as the Phoenix Suns beat the depleted Denver Nuggets 93-82.

Tom Gugliotta added 25 points, and Jason Kidd had eight points, eight rebounds and 10 assists to help the Suns defeat Denver for the second time in four days. Phoenix has won seven straight over Denver and 16 of 17.

The Nuggets, who have lost four straight and 15 of 19, played without starting point guard Nick Van Exel (bruised knee) and All-Star forward Antonio McDyess (dislocated kneecap). Robert Pack, starting in place of Van Exel, led the Nuggets with 22 points.

Timberwolves 95, Hornets 89 — CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kevin Garnett had 22 points and 13 rebounds as the Minnesota Timberwolves snapped Charlotte's seven-game winning streak.

The Timberwolves, winners of four straight, beat the Hornets for the first time since 1997 and for the first time ever in Charlotte. They had lost four straight to Charlotte and were 0-13 in the Coliseum.

David Wesley led the Hornets with 21 points.



New York's Mark Jackson shoots over Indiana's Al Harrington in the first half Tuesday in New York. The Knicks won 97-83.

Bulls 87, Cavaliers 74 — CHICAGO — Reserve Marcus Fizer had 17 points and four other Bulls scored in double figures as Chicago won for the fifth time in 11 games since the All-Star break. The Bulls still have the league's worst record at 11-48.

Matt Harrington scored 16 for the Cavaliers, who have now lost 17 of their last 19 games.

Kings 98, Raptors 91 — SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Chris Webber, returning from a 10-game absence, scored 19 points and grabbed 13 rebounds in Sacramento victory over Toronto.

The Kings survived a first-half stretch that saw them miss 21 of 23 shots in running their home record to a league-best 24-5.

Vince Carter and Antonio Davis both scored 25 points for the Raptors, who had their season-high five-game winning streak snapped.

RAINES AND SON SQUARE OFF AT LEADOFF



Baltimore's Tim Raines Jr., right, and his father Jim Raines of the Expos meet with the media at the Orioles training camp in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Tuesday, prior to a spring training game.

Orioles start to give up hope on Belle

By The Associated Press

The Baltimore Orioles seem to be giving up hope that Albert Belle will ever recover from his hip injury.

"We're much further down that road than we were two days ago, much further," said Orioles manager Mike Harbaugh said Tuesday at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., after Belle missed a fifth straight exhibition game because of a degenerative right hip.

The injury has left the outfielder with a nasty limp and the feeling that his baseball playing days are done.

"We've had five games and he hasn't played in any of them. That speaks for itself," said Syd Thrift, the Orioles vice president of baseball operations.

In the Orioles' 7-6 win over Montreal, Tim Raines Jr. batted leadoff for Baltimore and Tim Raines hit first for Montreal. Raines, 41, out hit his 21-year-old son 2-1 but both got RBI singles in the Orioles' 7-6 victory.

"It's not every day that you get to play against your son," the elder Raines said. "This is something special. My wife is here, my father is here. It's a great moment for our family."

He made sure to get the Expos' lineup card, and instructed the

QB carousel kicks into high gear

Johnson, Grbac, Harbaugh agree to terms

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — For a team professing to be comfortable with its quarterback situation, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers sure have done a lot to suggest otherwise.

Last week, they claimed former San Diego Chargers bad boy Ryan Leaf off waivers. And Monday, free agent Brad Johnson agreed to a five-year, \$28 million deal that sacks Shaun King as the starter.

"Obviously, they feel they need to make a commitment at that position to make that position stronger. That is not saying that Shaun is completely out of the mix," receiver Keyshawn Johnson said. "Any time you get a player of Brad's caliber, you increase your chances of winning a championship."

The deal, first reported by CNN-SI on its Web site, includes a \$6.5 million signing bonus and a base salary of \$7,000,000 next season. Nearly half the contract, including a \$3.5 million salary and \$2 million roster bonus in 2002, would be paid in the first two years.

In the Bucs, Johnson joins a team that has had one of the NFL's top defenses the last five seasons. But offense has kept the team from achieving more under Dunty.

"Any time you sign a player of his caliber, you think you are getting better," linebacker Derrick Brooks said. "He is a good athlete, but most importantly he goes out to win and he has won a lot of games as a starter in this league."

Super Bowl champ Baltimore sign Grbac — BALTIMORE — Free-agent quarterback Elvis Grbac agreed to terms of a five-year, \$30 million contract with the Baltimore Ravens on Tuesday.

Grbac's agent, Jim Steiner, said the deal includes an \$11 million signing bonus.

The Ravens were the only team negotiating with the former Kansas

Washington quarterback Brad Johnson throws a pass in a game against Philadelphia Oct. 8, 2000.

Johnson agreed to terms of a five-year, \$28-million contract, Monday with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who outbid Super Bowl champion Baltimore for the most coveted quarterback in free agency.

City quarterback after Cincinnati dropped out of the bidding Monday.

Grbac, who threw for 28 touchdowns and 4,169 yards with the Chiefs last season, was one of two highly sought free-agent quarterbacks, along with Brad Johnson.

Grbac's signing means the Ravens will not keep Trent Dilfer, who won his final 11 starts with Baltimore, including a 34-7 Super Bowl victory over the New York Giants.

Flutie visits with Chargers — SAN DIEGO — Doug Flutie was upbeat following his meeting with the San Diego Chargers on Tuesday, his first stop since he was released by the Buffalo Bills last week.

Flutie said he would visit other teams, which he



Washington Redskins quarterback Brad Johnson in uniform.



Kansas City quarterback Elvis Grbac steps back to pass during a Dec. 21, 1997 game against the New Orleans Saints.

Grbac, who became a free agent Feb. 28, agreed to terms of a five-year, \$30 million contract with the Baltimore Ravens Tuesday.

brought Harbaugh, a 14-year-old from Michigan, to the Silverdome over the weekend, hoping he might be a good fit as a veteran backup who can mentor Batch.

Lions coach Marty Mornhinweg has said he plans to stick with Batch as the Lions' starter, but not unconditionally.

Harbaugh, 6-foot-3 and 215 pounds, led the Wolverines to the 1987 Rose Bowl with an 11-2 record. He was the Chicago Bears' first-round pick in 1987.

Dolphins debate whether to offer Flutie contract

DAVIE, Fla. — Gus Frotter wants to start, and now the Miami Dolphins must decide whether to give the free-agent quarterback a chance.

Frotter completed a two-day visit with the Dolphins and left town Tuesday without a contract offer. Coach Dave Wannstedt must decide whether he wants Frotter to compete with last year's starter, Jay Fiedler, for the No. 1 job.

Frotter was a backup in Denver last season and started seven games when Brian Griese was hurt.

"Maybe things will work out," Frotter said. "They've got to mull some things over. I want to play. I want to be the starter. I don't know if that opportunity is out there, but it might be, and we're looking around as many places as we can."

The Lions also considered acquiring Ty Detmer from the Cleveland Browns, but Detroit

Connecticut beats No. 1 Notre Dame, loses Ralph

STORRS, Conn. (AP) — This one wasn't for the Big East championship. This one was for Shea Ralph.

Ralph hit a fadeaway jumper that the buzzer to lift No. 2 Connecticut to an emotional 78-76 victory over No. 1 Notre Dame on Tuesday night and give the Huskies their 10th Big East tournament championship.

Bird raced down court with the rebound and with 5.1 seconds left after Ruth Riley made the second of her two no-look passes after missing the first. Bird drove down the left side of the lane and fired the winner.

The Huskies (28-2) were without Ralph, who likely tore a ligament in her left knee late in the first half.

Team doctors confirmed the ligament damage and will schedule an MRI.

"She's given so much to me, I wanted to give something back to her," said Bird as she struggled with her emotions.

Women's college basketball



Connecticut's Shea Ralph, surrounded by teammates and officials, lies on the floor injured just before the end of the first half of her team's Big East championship game against Notre Dame, in Storrs, Conn., Tuesday, Connecticut won 78-76.

Ralph, a senior guard, went down with 5:18 left while scrambling for her missed layup. She clutched her face, rolled on the court crying as her coaches and trainers rushed out.

"She knew right away as soon as we went over there. She knew what it was," said coach Geno Auriemma. "I knew what it was. She's not going to react like that unless it's what it was."

Ralph returned in the second half wearing an air splint and watched from outside as her teammates regrouped and played one of the closest games of the season.

"Our players worked so hard to win that game," Auriemma said. "We went with who we had out there and what we had available. Never underestimate the heart of a champion."

The game-winner was sweet redemption for Bird, who lost her dribble out of bounds with 38 sec-

onds and UConn up 76-75. The Irish worked the ball inside to the 5-foot-5 Riley, who was fouled by Kelly Schumacher.

It was the eighth straight tournament title for the Huskies (28-2), who avenged a Jan. 15 loss to the Irish (28-2). Notre Dame has been to the title game four times since joining the conference six years ago, and has lost each time to UConn.

No. 6 Louisiana Tech is headed to the Big Dance

MOBILE, Ala. — Ayana Walker had 17 points and 10 rebounds as Louisiana Tech claimed its sixth straight Sun Belt Conference Tournament title.

The Lady Techsters (25-4) won their 16th straight game and secured an automatic berth into

the NCAA Tournament.

Brooke Lassiter had 14 points and six assists for Louisiana Tech. Takeisha Lewis added 12 points and 12 rebounds as the Lady Techsters outrebounded Denver 44-35.

Nikki Weddle scored 21 points and shot 5-for-11 from 3-point range in a reserve role for Denver (24-6).

Baylor advances at Big 12 tourney

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Danielle Crockerom had 19 points and 11 rebounds as No. 24 Baylor beat Kansas State 60-44 Tuesday in the first round of the Big 12 tournament.

Sixth-seeded Baylor (21-7) advanced to the quarterfinals for

the first time since 1997. The Bears will play third-seeded Iowa State tonight.

Baylor scored the first 12 points of the second half. Kansas State (12-16) managed just one field goal in the first 12 minutes as the Bears went on a 14-0 run to take a 29-26 halftime lead.

Lambert finished with 17 points. Kristen Redman led the Wildcats with 12.

Oral Roberts earns tournament bid

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Christina Kelley scored 11 of her 13 points in the second half to lead Oral Roberts to a 61-46 victory over Oakland, Mich., in the Mid-Continent Conference tournament championship Tuesday night.

The second-seeded Golden Eagles (20-10) earned their second trip to the NCAA tournament with their third victory of the season over Oakland (20-10).

Oakland, the regular-season conference champions, made a run at Oral Roberts late in the game after trailing by as many as 16 points in the second half.

Dana Whitaker had 11 points and 11 rebounds and Shayne McKenzie added 10 points for Oral Roberts.

Zeeho had 17 points, Katie Wolfe 13 and Judd 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Oakland made 12-of-44 3-pointers in their first two games of the tournament, but made just 1 of 20 in the championship game.

Butler grabs NCAA berth by beating Detroit

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Led by his scrappy defense, Butler is back in the NCAA tournament for the fourth time in five years.

Butler scored 10 points and shut-down Rashad Phillips, the Midwestern Collegiate Conference's two-time player of the year, as Butler beat Detroit 53-38 Tuesday night for the conference title.

Men's college basketball

by hitting pull-up jumpers.

Ryan Hainje led Butler with 20 points. Phillips managed 11, three more than his season low, and no other Titan reached double figures.

Princeton downs Penn for Ivy League title

PRINCETON, N.J. — Ahmed El-Nokali scored 14 points and Kyle Wente added 12 as Princeton beat Penn 68-52 on Tuesday night to win the Ivy League title and secure the Tigers' first trip to the NCAA tournament since 1998.

The victory gave Princeton (16-10, 11-3) its 23rd Ivy title and first under coach John Thompson III, who took over Sept. 7 after Bill Carmody left for Northwestern.

Penn (12-17, 9-5) was seeking a share of its third straight Ivy crown and hoping to force a one-game playoff for an NCAA berth.

Dave Klatsky had 15 points for Penn and Ugonna Onyekwe had 14.

After Penn cut a five-point half-time deficit to 35-34, Princeton went on a 24-6 run to take over. Princeton shot 8-for-12 during the stretch with El-Nokali and Andre Logan each scoring seven points.

Logan converted two straight backdoor layups off passes from

Southern Utah gets first ever bid

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Fred House scored 24 points, including two free throws with 6.7 seconds left, to give Southern Utah a 62-59 victory over Valparaiso in the Mid-Continent Conference tournament championship — and its first NCAA tournament bid — Tuesday night.

The victory ended Valparaiso's six-year reign as the conference tournament champions. The Crusaders (24-8) had won 17 straight conference tournament games before Tuesday night.

Southern Utah (25-5) led most of the game, but had to stave off a furious second-half rally by Valparaiso.

University of Kansas to cut men's swimming

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Kansas will cut its men's tennis and swimming programs because of tight budgets, the first time the school has eliminated a sports team since 1980.

The school also said its Oct. 20 "Border War" football game with Missouri won't be played at Arrowhead Stadium, even though the Kansas athletic department could have used the money.

Athletic director Bob Frederick said moving the game to the larger stadium would have provided only a temporary financial boost.

Frederick said travel expenses for men's swimming and tennis have doubled since the Big 12 was formed in 1996. The school also cited increased scholarship costs, which have cost nearly \$1 million the last three years.

"This is easily the most difficult thing I've done in my 14 years here," Frederick said. "We've reached a point where our expenses exceeded our revenue. We have to deal with that."

The last time Kansas cut a sport was 1980, when gymnastics was discontinued.

Frederick said cutting

men's sports wasn't an option. He noted that Kansas added women's soccer and rowing just five years ago.

Schools are federally mandated to provide equal sports opportunities for men and women. Kansas will have 18 varsity sports — 11 for women, seven for men. But because of football, the school has more men on scholarship.

Frederick said Kansas will honor the scholarships of those athletes affected.

By cutting men's tennis and swimming, Frederick said Kansas could reduce its budget by about \$3.6 million over the next five years. The department's annual budget is about \$23 million.

"This hurts so bad," tennis coach Ross Nwachukwu said. "It's not a selfish hurt because it hurts each and every one of the young men."

The school's swim program is 76 years old. It won conference titles from 1968 to 1975 and in 1978 and 1979. It also has 35 All-Americans.

"They were destroyed, and they always have a million questions," swim coach Doug Dickinson said of his swimmers.

Oklahoma St. plane crash takes toll on NCAA selection committee

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Memories and emotions from the Oklahoma State plane crash will be with the NCAA selection committee this week.

Big 12 commissioner Kevin Weiberg, a first-year member of the panel, lost a nephew in the Jan. 27 tragedy that claimed 10 members of the Cowboys' basketball traveling party, including two players.

Bill Hancock, the NCAA tournament director, lost a son.

Everyone will be as considerate as they possibly can be to the feelings of the two men. But at some point in the room where the committee is cloistered, the Cowboys will be considered for one of 34 at-large bids to the NCAA tournament.

That's when things could get tricky, and sentiment — or trying to avoid sentimentality — could come up. There is no precedent for this situation in tournament history and the NCAA has always maintained that sentiment is never involved.

"We haven't talked about it,

and I don't know how to answer that," said committee chairman Mike Tranghese.

But Tranghese said the issue would be raised by the committee.

"I'm very, very sensitive personally to that kind of tragedy," he said. "I honestly don't know what the answer is."

With a 19-8 record going into the Big 12 tournament starting Thursday, the Cowboys are probably a bubble team — no cinch for a bid unless they win the Big 12's automatic entry.

"They're human beings," Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said of the selectors. "It can't help but be a factor. Those are husbands and fathers and human beings in that room, and I do think it will be a factor."

Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton, who has been praised for the courage he and his team have shown, says he would not want any unfair advantage.

"I don't think any of us would want the committee to do something they wouldn't do for

someone else," he said. "They always consider injuries, and certainly emotionally we've been injured. So from that standpoint I would hope they would look at it."

"But the one thing we've got going in our favor is we have won 10 conference games in a very strong league. That, more than anything, probably helps us."

Dave Bliss, Baylor's coach, said the heartbreak the Oklahoma State family has been through is much different than a broken bone or a torn-up knee.

"The committee has a very difficult time dealing with physical injuries," he said. "The situation concerning emotional injury is uncharted."

"What I think they ought to consider is that Eddie Sutton is one of the premiere coaches and always has a premiere program. And this year he has done as good a job of coaching as anybody given all that has occurred. I choose to think they have earned (a bid)."

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BRIEFLY
IN MONEY

Interest plans to sell
company to Praxair

TWIN FALLS — Salt Lake City's Interest Home Medical Inc., which has 27 Twin Falls branch offices, announced that it was taken over by an out-of-state company this week.

Praxair Inc., a Danbury, Conn.-based U.S. industrial-gas producer, said its distribution unit agreed to buy Interest Home Medical, a provider of respiratory and other medical equipment for the home, for about \$42 million plus debt.

The purchase will boost Praxair's home health-care business in the Rocky Mountain region. Praxair, which had 2000 sales of \$5 billion, said the health-care market accounts for about 8 percent of its sales.

Interest, which rents and sells health equipment for home use in Utah, Arizona, Idaho, Nevada, Colorado, Alaska and California and employs more than 400, reported revenue of \$43.3 million in fiscal 2000. It will be combined with Praxair's home-care unit.

Existing officers and managers of Interest Home Medical are expected to continue with Praxair.

The transaction, subject to approval of regulatory officials and the shareholders of Interest, is expected to close in the second quarter.

AT&T Broadband trades
Idaho assets to Cable ONE

TWIN FALLS — Cable ONE Inc., a subsidiary of The Washington Post Co., and AT&T Broadband said they have completed a previously announced trade of cable systems.

As a result of the trade, Cable ONE now owns the assets of cable systems serving about 149,000 subscribers in and around Twin Falls, Burley, Boise, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, Lewiston and Ontario Ore.

On the other side of the equation, AT&T got cable systems serving about 197,000 subscribers in Modesto and Santa Rosa, Calif., and an undisclosed amount of cash.

Magic Valley cable customers are now among Cable ONE's 754,000 subscribers in 19 mid-western, western and southern states.

Jerome leaders to reveal
new employer today

JEROME — City and Jerome Chamber of Commerce officials plan to announce the arrival of a new Jerome employer at 11 a.m. today in the City Council chambers, at the corner of South Lincoln Street and East Avenue A.

The public is invited. Economic-development leaders, who hope for a healthy turnout today, have declined to publicly release details about the employer until today.

Hecla records \$12 million
loss in fourth quarter

COEUR d'ALENE — Hecla Mining Co. on Tuesday said it recorded a fourth-quarter 2000 loss of \$12 million, or 18 cents a share, before noncash write-downs and environmental accruals, for the period that ended Dec. 31.

An asset write-down in the amount of \$31.2 million for the Lucky Friday mine and environmental accruals of \$15.2 million brought the loss applicable to common shareholders in the fourth quarter to \$55.3 million, or 87 cents a share.

For the full year 2000, the total loss applicable to common shareholders was \$92 million, or \$1.38 a share.

"Our mines are operating very well, producing nearly 8 million ounces of silver and about 145,000 ounces of gold," said Arthur Brown, Hecla's chairman and chief executive. "However, 2000 was a difficult year for Hecla, as we continued to feel the effects of an extended period of depressed metals prices and the pinch of environmental costs.

"We are working on a number of fronts to turn our situation around, including the sale of the industrial minerals subsidiaries, cutting costs at both corporate and operational levels and looking at the potential of a business combination with another company."

Target aims at 'soccer moms'

Retailer carves
out niche in
tough business

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Lynnette Dixon, 41, emerged from the Cupertino Target store last week to Girl Scouts hawking cookies and a nearly full parking lot. The San Jose mother went in with a list: paper towels, Comet cleanser, cat food, underwear. She left with those things, plus some shower gel and a compact stereo system that she noticed was on sale.

Dixon, who shops at Target at least four times a month, is the kind of shopper
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OfficeMax, Target results beat Wall Street's fourth-quarter forecasts

BridgeNews

NEW YORK — Despite the general slowdown in retail sales late last year, discount retailer Target Corp. and office-supply seller OfficeMax reported fourth-quarter results Tuesday better than analysts expected.

Target Corp., which has a Twin Falls store, said fiscal fourth-quarter earnings rose 11.7 percent, beating Wall Street estimates despite a weak holiday selling season. And OfficeMax Inc., the third-biggest office products company, which also has a Twin Falls retail location, lost 12 cents per share in the quarter, slightly

less than Wall Street expected. Target reported net income of \$552 million, or 61 cents a share, beating by 2 cents per share the average forecast of 22 analysts surveyed by First Call/Thomson Financial. Net income a year earlier was \$494 million, or 53 cents per share, including a \$28 million charge for debt repurchases.

Sales for the quarter ended Feb. 3 rose 13 percent to \$12.2 billion.

"We are satisfied with our fourth quarter and total year 2000 results in light of the current economic environment," Chief Executive Bob Ulrich said in a statement.

Mervyn's and other department stores, also said it will purchase the rights to 35 former Montgomery Ward & Co. stores and open 30 or more of the locations as new Target stores in 2002.

"The acquisition of these former Wards stores was an excellent opportunity for Target to purchase sites in a number of premier markets, including California, where prime real estate is particularly difficult to find," Ulrich said.

OfficeMax posted a fourth-quarter loss of \$13.2 million, or 12 cents per share. Wall Street analysts expected a loss of 13 cents per share after the company said in late January that

weaker consumer spending would push it into the red for the quarter.

When it issued the earnings warning, OfficeMax said it would shut 50 under-performing stores and cut 1,200 jobs.

Despite the belt-tightening efforts, OfficeMax expects its losses to grow in the current quarter, company officials told investors via a conference call. The retailer will be back in the black in the second half of the year, they said.

Shares in Minneapolis-based Target, which have risen 14 percent so far this year, closed up \$1.60, or 4.4 percent, at \$38. OfficeMax shares settled up 21 cents, or 7 percent, at \$3.21.

EXCHANGE OF IDEAS



President Bush talks with photographers while having lunch with Chicago Mayor Richard Daley at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Tuesday. The president renewed his warnings of signs of economic 'trouble,' and pledged in prepared remarks that his plan of cutting taxes and slowing government spending would spur growth. His plan would encourage savings and investment, dramatically cut the national debt and ease access to capital, Bush said at the exchange. The Chicago trip opens Bush's latest Middle American foray as he hunts for support for his economic plan from citizens and their lawmakers, particularly Democrats.

Burger King to refocus
ad efforts on Whopper

Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — In an effort to boost sagging sales and profits, Burger King is going back to its roots with a new advertising campaign focused on its signature Whopper sandwich.

Unlike past campaigns, which marketed such things as 99-cent promotions, french fries, chicken sandwiches and kid's toys, this set of ads seeks to develop the Whopper as a brand of its own, with an attitude and a point of view.

The idea behind the commercials is to create an emotional attachment between consumers and the Whopper — which is for sale at restaurants in Burley, Twin Falls and Jerome.

"The idea is that the Whopper is larger than life," said Eric Keshin, general manager of McCann-Erickson New York, Burger King's new ad agency. "It's the voice of the burger lover and their attitude toward life. This really leverages the leadership perception that people have of the Whopper."

The decision to focus the ad campaign on the Whopper came after research showed that many consumers consider the Whopper the best burger on the market. Burger King executives

said they realized they needed to do a better job of capitalizing on that advantage.

"We have really listened to consumers much more than ever before," said Stefan Bomhard, senior vice president of marketing for Burger King North America. "We're going after a more distinct group of customers: people who really love great burgers."

Burger King franchisees, who have been complaining in recent years about the chain's marketing efforts, are excited about the idea of a campaign that focuses on food, rather than promotions.

"I think it has great hope," said Steve Lewis, president of the National Franchise Association. "I like the idea of getting back to our roots."

The initial launch includes three commercials, focusing only on the Whopper. Future commercials will incorporate other products and promotions, while still keeping the Whopper theme.

Each commercial features vignettes of consumers eating Whoppers and a message called "The Whopper Says," where the burger comments on life, sort of a cross between Chinese philosopher Confucius and the animated TV character Homer Simpson

Domino's dumps
Bad Andy campaign

Knight Ridder News Service

DETROIT — Bad Andy, the fuzzy brown stuffed bear that's been hawking Domino's pizzas since September, has lived up to his name.

The privately held Ann Arbor, Mich.-based pizza chain — which includes restaurants in Hailey, Burley and Twin Falls — this week announced the "Bad Andy, Good Pizza" campaign has been replaced with "Get the Door. It's Domino's" TV campaign focused on home delivery.

"We needed a back-to-basics approach," said Patrick Doyle, acting Domino's executive vice president of brand marketing. "Bad Andy simply didn't get the job done for us."

Doyle said the new campaign which began airing Monday focuses on convenience, value and new products with the Domino's icon showing up in the doorbell. Deutsch Inc. of New York was responsible for creating Andy and its replacement campaign.

Michael Bernacchi, a marketing and advertising professor at the University of Detroit Mercy, said he never understood the Bad Andy ads, which featured a misbehaving stuffed bear in the stores.

"He spent too much time with this negative character," Bernacchi said. "This was a creature that didn't have any attachment to the audience, and what the hell did it

have to do with pizza?"

Domino's officials said company's sales at stores open at least one year slumped 2 percent during the last half of 2000. They blamed the decline on an ineffective Andy, an industry-wide slowdown and pricing pressures.

Domino's — the nation's No. 2 pizza seller behind Pizza Hut — finished the year with flat sales of \$1.17 billion.

On the other hand, the company posted a significant increase in net income in 2000. During the year ending Dec. 31, the company earned \$25.2 million vs. \$21.1 million in 1999. The 1999 figure was adversely affected by a costly restructuring plan that included job cuts and store closings, an expensive lawsuit settlement and costs to pay former owner and Domino's founder Tom Monaghan not to compete.

During the fourth quarter Domino's net income improved from a \$3.2 million loss on sales of \$367.9 million in 1999 to a \$10-million profit on sales of \$364.4 million.

The company opened 418 stores in 2000, bringing its total store count to 6,777 worldwide.

In other news, Domino's announced all stores will now accept credit cards for pizza. The "Pie Now, Pay Later" program involves customers authorizing their credit-card purchases over the phone and then signing receipts at the door after their cards are imprinted by hand-held machines.

Losses hit
home, RV
maker

Fleetwood will
close more outlets

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — Shares of Fleetwood Enterprises Inc. tumbled this month after the builder of homes and recreational vehicles unveiled a third-quarter net loss of \$205 million — equivalent to \$6.26 a share — and said it plans to close more than a third of its manufactured-home retail outlets.

It also predicted continued losses for its fourth quarter.

The Riverside-based company has home retailers in Twin Falls, Wendell, Filer and Fund Invests Heyburn — in Fleetwood States, Wendell — and Custom Homes, Discount Homes and New Beginnings Home Center, respectively — the company's website says.

Most of the quarterly loss came from a non-cash accounting charge of \$4.86 per share for goodwill impairment — essentially a write-off covering differences between the asset prices of previous acquisitions and the prices Fleetwood actually paid for them — an 21 cents per share for other non-recurring charges.

In a conference call with investment analysts, Fleetwood President and Chief Executive Officer Nelson W. Potter said the company's loss would have been about \$40 million without the one-time charges.

Sales fell about 40 percent for the quarter, to \$510.2 million from record results of \$852 million for the same quarter the year before.

"Conditions in the manufactured housing market have been in a state of decline for the past two years, but have deteriorated further in recent months," Potter said. Nevertheless, he said, "our housing manufacturing operations were profitable in the third quarter, despite very challenging market conditions."

"We were able to partially offset the effect of lower volume by slightly improving gross margins and by sharply reducing operating costs."

Fleetwood closed 40 of its manufactured housing retail lots during the quarter, leaving it with 224, company officials told analysts.

"In addition, we have closed 13 housing manufacturing operations over the past 18 months, three of which occurred during the third quarter," Potter said.

Manufactured housing sales — which slid 38 percent to \$252 million — included \$122 million in retail sales at its company-owned lots.

The company will close or sell 75 of its 224 manufactured-home retail outlets in an attempt to better match dwindling demand, officials said. The sale or closures will occur throughout its nationwide network, but will likely be concentrated in the South, where most manufactured housing sales occur.

The move comes about two years after Fleetwood began a drive to boost manufactured-

MONEY

Rally extends on positive signs

NEW YORK (AP) — Buyers were back on Wall Street for a second straight day Tuesday, bidding stocks higher as hopes the market has bottomed and the economy is turning around.

Investors' optimism allowed them to focus, most of their buying on riskier tech stocks and the more economically sensitive blue chips such as consumer cyclical.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 28.92 to close at 10,591.22.

Broader market indicators moved even higher. The Nasdaq composite index advanced 61.51 to 2,204.43, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index moved up 12.39 to 1,253.80.

Stocks continued to rise despite bleak earnings outlooks, which some analysts say is a sign the market is ready for a longer-term rally. More conservative analysts say the rally is temporary, a so-called bear market rally.

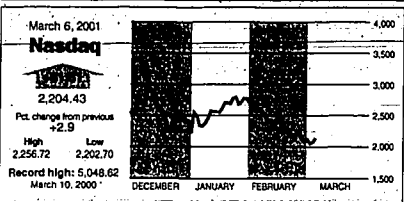
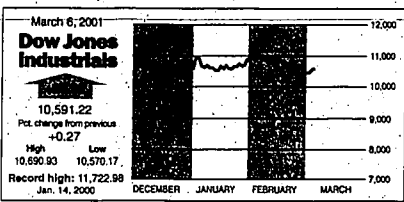
"I think that, at least for the Old Economy names, this rally could be for real. We're starting to get a lot of fundamental signs that maybe things are about to turn better," said Jim Meyer, director of research at Janney Montgomery Scott, pointing to recent findings in recent economic reports.

The government reported Tuesday that Americans' productivity in key measures of output standards, slowed to a 2.2 percent rate of growth in the fourth quarter as the economy weakened.

The figure was slightly ahead of the 2.0 percent analysts were expecting.

Reports last week said construction spending rose and Americans' income and spending also increased.

"Those are the things you look for. There is no magic to economics," Meyer said.



The economic data has helped boost retailing shares, including Wal-Mart, up 1.18 to \$43.25. Consumer cyclical stocks, called that because they rise or fall with the economy, also have benefited and included a climb by Ford, up 74 cents to \$29.04.

The riskier technology sector, where earnings have suffered the most as the economy slumped, rallied even harder Tuesday.

However, "the tech rally is a bit more suspicious," Meyer said, adding that it will take a while for computer and chip makers to work off excess inventories before their sales can pick up.

For now, Meyer said, techs like Intel are trading higher largely because stock prices seem cheap to investors. Dow component

Intel rose \$1.13 to \$31.50 even though the chip maker slashed prices on its processors by as much as 19 percent earlier this week. Intel cited an inventory pileup that came as demand slowed and the economy cooled.

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Small-cap mutual fund sinks Losses \$31 million into Fleetwood

Knight Ridder News Service

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — Prior to last week's nose dive, the Inland Empire's largest public company received an endorsement from a source that at first glance might seem ironic — a small-cap value fund.

But Fleetwood's market capitalization plummeted over the last three years from more than \$1 billion to \$430.5 million as of mid-February in a tandem jump with its stock price. On last week's earnings announcement, the company's market capitalization dropped again, to just below \$300 million.

The decline has taken the erstwhile blue-chip stock into small-cap range — and makes it a ripe target for speculation by mutual funds looking for a likely rebound.

The Berger Small Cap Value Fund, with a 4.5 percent Morningstar rating and blue-blood minimum investment of \$250,000, has plunked 1.2 per-

cent of its asset chips on Fleetwood's number, its managers disclosed in a Feb. 14 registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The registration statement covers 2.3 million shares of the Riverside-based company's common stock — a sum that gives it 7.01 percent of the shareholder

At the time of Berger's disclosure, its investment was worth \$31.6 million. But that sum added to \$20.6 million after the company's March 1 thrashing.

Most investors think of small-cap companies as eager start-ups, not industry bellwethers raking in more than \$3 billion a year in sales of recreational vehicles and manufactured homes.

But the Berger Small Cap Value Fund sometimes seeks companies that are undervalued, with competitive advantages and strong management, according to its literature.

home sales by spending millions to acquire or open its own string of retail centers, which numbered 245 at the peak, officials said.

Recreational vehicle sales dropped 42 percent to \$251 million during the record \$43 million decline, according to a earnings release.

"We believe the market slowdown is mainly attributable to declining consumer confidence, concerns about the slowing economy, higher interest rates and factors," Putter said.

The company hopes to boost sales during the summer with new products just hitting the market and additional variations set for release in the next few months, company officials said during the conference call.

In violation of parts of financial agreements with Prudential Insurance Co. of America over \$80 million in unsecured notes, the company said.

Although the company is currently on the notes, the defaults allow Prudential to seek early payment, the company said.

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Factory orders drop; inventories back up

WASHINGTON (AP) — A sharp drop in demand for airplanes, cars and other transportation products drove down orders to U.S. factories to their lowest point in 14 months, providing more evidence of an economic slowdown.

The Commerce Department, in its latest snapshot of manufacturing activity, reported Tuesday that all factory orders fell by 3.8 percent in January from \$15.6 percent rise the month before.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan has blamed much of the economy's weakness

on an effort by businesses to cut back quickly on production in the face of falling sales. While companies are working hard to bring their excess inventories of unsold goods in line, providing more evidence of an economic slowdown.

Tuesday's report is a "troubling indicator that manufacturing continues having difficulty working off inventories," said National Association of Manufacturers economist Gordon Richards.

January's decline left orders at a seasonally adjusted \$36.65 billion, the lowest level since November 1999.

Seeing to prevent the faltering economy from skidding into a recession, many investors call interest rates twice in January, totaling a full percentage point. The rate cuts lower borrowing costs, a move designed to spur business investment and consumer spending, which would rev up economic growth.

Many believe the Fed will cut rates for a third time at its next meeting March 20.

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Target

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managing director of Board-Trac, a Southern California research firm focused on youth interested in surfing, skateboarding or snowboarding.

Target, which has a north Twin Falls store, has carved a successful niche as an upscale discount store, mixing the products and display priorities of its high-end department-store lineage with the lower prices and self-service approach of the discount store. Better-off shoppers can buy potato chips and toothpaste, for example, with the same possible stigma of discount shopping.

Target does very well in areas where the demographics are a little higher income, a little bit better educated consumer, a little down-market population, said Jeff Stinson, senior research analyst at Midwest Research in Cleveland.

The chain continues to tweak its formula, intent on attracting a new generation of shoppers while keeping its core customers. It's adding stock versions of popular clothes for younger shoppers, offering trendy housewares for 20- and 30-somethings decorating their first homes and marketing it all in flashy TV and print ads.

A significant challenge for Target is persuading middle- and upper-middle-class Generation Y kids to shop Target. These are the brand-conscious junior-highers and high schoolers who've grown up with Target's traditional customer base, but not necessarily an automatic fit with Target's in-house branding strategy.

Target can make itself relevant to these youth by offering popular clothes with a well-regarded brand at the right price, it could make customers of them, said Marie Case, partner and managing director of Board-Trac, a Southern California research firm focused on youth interested in surfing, skateboarding or snowboarding.

Target's very much a stylish brand, said Eric Beder, equity analyst and senior vice president at Ladenburg Thalmann. That's part of Target's strategy - creating desirable in-house brands such as Mossimo, in-house brands like Mossimo, in-house brands like Mossimo, in-house brands like Mossimo.

Dixon buys her 14-year-old daughter's summer clothes at Target. Her daughter's best friend's mother to the next - socks, tennis shoes, T-shirts. Daughter Rachel Holden acknowledges that most of her classmates favor clothes from Tommy Hilfner or the Gap.

To get their attention, Target is sponsoring a contest for 16- to 21-year-olds for which the prize is a new Saturn. To catch the eye of the slightly older Generation X shoppers, with new apartments and homes to furnish, Target is offering, but not necessarily a keep-it-forever - housewares. There's a cheap line of Calphalon cookware that Target carries, plus the Michael Graves housewares line, from teakettles to clocks. And, for leisure time, the Eddie Bauer brand's outdoor equipment, including backpacks, sleeping bags and tents.

AOL Time Warner merges WB network

NEW YORK (AP) - AOL Time Warner announced Tuesday it is merging the WB broadcast network and the Turner cable network into one group led by the WB's chief executive, Jamie Kellner.

The move creates the nation's largest television group, with the WB, CBS, TNT, Turner Classic Movies, and CNN networks under Kellner's watch.

Kellner founded the WB in 1993 with Warner Bros. and said, "We clearly have very complementary assets here," he said.

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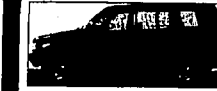












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