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GOOD MORNING

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Block wins nod for state seat

District panel's recommendation heads to governor

By Michael Jumea
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Local GOP faithful Tuesday night shunned experienced lawmakers to give a longtime Republican Party worker the top spot at a seat in the Idaho House.

Sharon Block, president of the Twin Falls County Republican Women, was selected by 15 mem-

bers of legislative District 23's central committee as the local party's first choice to replace the late George Swan in the Legislature.

Block's name, along with Kimberly rancher and pig farmer Dave Roper and former Twin Falls Mayor Gale Kleinkopf, will be presented to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne as a nominee for the position. The trio was selected out of a group of five

candidates.

Block's position at the top of the prioritized slate all but ensures her appointment. Kempthorne seldom, if ever, chooses someone other than the local committee's top choice for an appointment.

Roper was named as the committee's second choice, while Kleinkopf was the third selection.

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Sharon Block, Dave Roper, Gale Kleinkopf

SCHOOL GROWTH



Gooding fifth-grade teacher Christine Celsay discusses a story she is reading to her class. The Gooding district has more fifth-graders than any other grade.

Most occurs in just a few counties

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

GOODING - Gooding's population grew by about 20 percent during the 1990s, and the same picture holds true for its school system.

It's one of the few Magic Valley communities that has seen its schools so far hold on to enrollment.

From the past decade, but this year Gooding too, like many school districts in the region, experienced a drop in enrollment.

"Our highest watermark in our new school was about three years ago," said Richard Thompson, principal of Gooding Middle School.

The school sees another enrollment bubble headed its way, as particularly large fourth- and fifth-grade classes move toward the sixth- through eighth-grade middle school. Fluctuating enrollment has been the pattern over

District	1990-2000		10-year growth	
	1990	change	Fall 1990	change
Blaine City	2,012	-5%	2,350	22.2%
Bilax	169	-2.3%	188	-10.1%
Buhl	4,419	4.3%	1,697	-9.9%
Camas City	190	-0.3%	182	-1.6%
Cassia City	5,190	5.1%	5,265	1.4%
Castleford	373	-6.1%	320	-10.8%
Clatsop	198	-3.6%	171	-11.7%
Clatsop	1,863	-3.4%	1,146	-14.9%
Clevers Ferry	626	-0.2%	667	6.5%
Gooding	1,341	-2.1%	1,072	-22.5%
Hagerman	399	-1.9%	340	-15.3%
Hansen	417	0.7%	384	-8.8%
Jerome	3,061	0.7%	2,781	-10.8%
Kimberly	1,200	3.1%	1,087	-13.8%
Minidoka City	4,733	-5.4%	5,257	-14.9%
Mirabeau	277	-2.7%	313	-12.1%
Ritchfield	190	5.3%	191	0.7%
Shoshone	483	8.0%	401	-18.7%
Twin Falls	7,048	8.3%	6,791	-7%
Valley	581	1.8%	517	-12.2%
Wandell	1,076	-0.5%	937	-7.8%
Valley total	33,383	-1.6%	32,087	-2.3%
Idaho total	245,137	0%	220,840	11%

Source: Data is from the Idaho Department of Education.

Note: Data reflects enrollments from the beginning of November. The Times-News published school district's self-reported enrollments in November. The information now is available from the state, along with statewide numbers.

the past 10 years in Gooding as it has been in other-area school districts.

Recently released U.S. Census population data don't shed new light on the enrollment picture for schools, said Linda Baird, school and community relations coordinator for the Twin Falls School District. Census data yet to be released could help pinpoint the number of children being taught at home, she said.

Data still to come from the Census Bureau include the number of children per household, which would allow the district to compare that number with public and private school enrollments.

Like Gooding, Twin Falls School District has seen student numbers ebb and flow during the decade. But recently Twin Falls has been caught in a downward enrollment cycle despite the city's overall population growth of nearly 25 percent during the 1990s. Twin Falls enrollment has dropped by about 200 students each year for the past two years, and it looks like the pattern

Dairies face big July date

State can pull permits if farmers don't have management plans.

By Carol Ryan Dumas
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Idaho - and particularly the Magic Valley, which produces about 67 percent of the state's milk - might be headed for a rude awakening if dairymen fail to meet a July 1 regulatory deadline.

That's the date nutrient-management plans are due at the Idaho Department of Agriculture. It's also the day the Ag Department is ordered by the state Legislature to start pulling milk permits on dairies that have not complied.

The requirements to Idaho's economy are huge, especially considering that only 221 of Idaho's 937 dairies have filed so far.

Revolving milk permits and prohibiting sales would have substantial effects in the ag community and beyond, according to Wilson Gray, an agricultural economist with the University of Idaho Extension System in Twin Falls. The state's milk - which adds more than \$2 billion to the state's economy, he said.

Nonetheless, said Mary Patten, the Ag Department's Dairy Bureau chief, the law is clear: No plan, no milk permit.

Losses would undoubtedly affect producers, but losses would also reverberate through the ag community - with dairy suppliers caught in that first wave - and then out into the broader community.

On-farm cash receipts for milk were \$834.8 million in Idaho in 1999, including about \$550 million in Magic Valley alone, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. Using the 2.1 multiplier factor applied by the Idaho Dairymen's Association, those sales represent almost \$1.75 billion to Idaho's economy and \$1.1 billion in the Magic Valley.

Of course that represents all

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Bush to Chinese: Send plane, crew members home

WASHINGTON - President Bush warned China Tuesday that it risks damaging relations with the United States unless it quickly releases the American crew of a damaged Navy spy plane.

"It is time for our servicemen and women to return home," Bush said at the White House. "It is time for the Chinese government to return our plane."

Bush said he wanted to give China time to respond to the weekend episode to prevent the stalemate from escalating into a full-fledged crisis. But, the president said, a grace period was quickly running out.



The damaged EP-3E U.S. spy plane sits on the tarmac at Linghai air base on China's Hainan Island in this image released by China. A damaged prop can be seen on the far right. The plane's radar nose is dismantled.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, using harsher language than the White House, said the 24 crew members were in Chinese "detention."

In China, meanwhile, authorities allowed American diplomats to meet the crew Tuesday for the first time, but there was no sign when they would be allowed to return home.

China's government-run

Xinhua news agency released pictures of the damaged Navy EP-3E at an air base on the southern island of Hainan. The pictures showed the plane's left-most propeller broken and tears on the underside of its left wing.

"The entire crew is in good health," said Army-Brig. Gen. Neal Sealock, the U.S. Embassy defense attache, one of two diplomats who visited the crew members. "They are being well taken care of." He added, "Our goal is to get them home as soon as possible."

As a result of the talks, the Bush administration believes the crew managed to destroy some of the intelligence information on the plane, an official said.

Time begins to limit options for U.S., China

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - As the Bush administration scrambles to prevent its first foreign-policy emergency from escalating into a crisis, its biggest adversary may be the clock.

With each passing hour, the ability of Washington and Beijing to end the standoff over the downed American surveillance plane and its 24-member crew without rupturing U.S.-China relations becomes more difficult, foreign policy analysts and former U.S. officials said Tuesday.

"None of this gets better or easier with time," said Kenneth Lieberthal, who oversaw Asia policy for the National Security

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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IDAHO

Idaho Extremes
Yesterday:
High 51°
Low 11°
Stanley

ALMANAC

Twin Falls through 8 p.m. yesterday
Temperature
High/Low 42°/22°
Normal High/Low 48°/30°
High/Low for year 58°/30°
Record high 78° in 1990
Record low 20° in 1967
Precipitation
24 hours ending 8 p.m. year 0.00"
Month to date 0.09"
Normal month to date 0.09"
Year to date 0.14"
Normal year to date 0.17"
Humidity
Wednesday at 8 p.m. 54%
Barometric Pressure
Yesterday at 8 p.m. 60.95 in
Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls
Grass Absent, Weeds Absent
Trees Moderate, Mold Moderate
Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Clouds and light rain tonight. High 48°	Partly cloudy and cold. High 26°	Partly sunny and milder. High 54°	Partly sunny, showers possible late. High 56°	Windy with occasional showers. High 46°	Clouds and some sun tonight. High 46°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Chiller than normal again today with times of sunshine and clouds; a few spots will have a shower during the midday or afternoon. Partly cloudy and cold tonight. Clearing and sunshine tomorrow.

Central: Chilly again today with a mixture of clouds and sunshine; a shower cannot be ruled out during the midday or afternoon. Partly cloudy and cold tonight. Partly sunny and turning milder tomorrow.

Northern Nevada: Cloudy to partly sunny, brisk and chilly today with a couple of rain and snow showers around, especially during the afternoon. Partly cloudy tonight; a rain or snow shower in spots early.

Northern Utah: Clouds and occasional sunshine today; a few showers in the valleys, while snow showers fall across the mountains. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight; a few rain and snow showers, especially early.

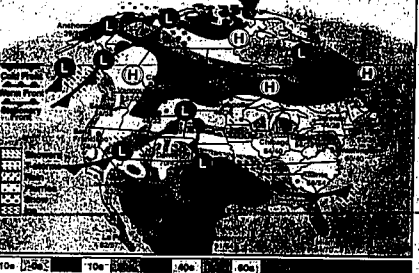
Northern Idaho: Clouds and no more than occasional sunshine today with a chilly wind; there will be a few sprinkles or flurries in the valleys and snow showers in the mountains. Partial clearing tonight.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 91° in Harlingen, TX Low -1° in Stanley, ID

NATIONAL WEATHER

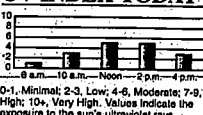
Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.



SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:15 a.m.
Sunset tonight 6:07 p.m.
Moonrise today 4:11 p.m.
Moonset tonight 5:42 a.m.
Full Moon April 15
New Moon April 23
First Quarter April 30

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NATIONAL CITIES

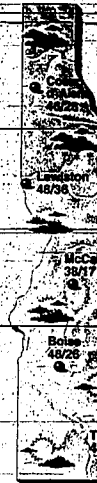
City	Hi	Lo	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
Atlanta	68	52	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Chicago	64	40	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Denver	70	42	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Houston	88	60	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Los Angeles	63	50	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
New York	52	38	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
San Francisco	56	44	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Seattle	54	38	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Washington, DC	60	40	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc

CANADIAN CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
Calgary	34	18	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Edmonton	42	22	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Kelowna	54	32	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Regina	48	28	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Saskatoon	54	32	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Victoria	55	37	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Winnipeg	54	32	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc

WORLD CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
Acapulco	89	70	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Athens	57	48	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Auckland	63	51	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Bangkok	98	79	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Beijing	78	58	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Berlin	61	43	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Buenos Aires	68	61	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Calcutta	77	49	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Hong Kong	78	70	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Jerusalem	60	43	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
London	58	46	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Los Angeles	63	50	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Madrid	68	50	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Moscow	52	38	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Paris	50	38	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Rio de Janeiro	81	69	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Rome	65	47	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Seoul	66	45	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Sydney	72	60	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Tokyo	64	48	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Warsaw	57	46	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Zurich	53	41	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
Boise	48	26	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Borers	49	28	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Coeur d'Alene	46	24	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Elko	48	27	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Eugene, OR	54	32	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Hagerman	48	28	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Idaho Falls	50	28	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Kaisapool, MT	40	28	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Lowland	48	28	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Miler	48	28	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc
Malta	39	31	pc	pc	pc	pc	pc

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Recounts would have helped Bush mostly

MIAMI (AP) — A newspaper review of Florida's "undervote" ballots concludes that President Bush would almost certainly still have won the state had the U.S. Supreme Court allowed a hand recount to be completed.

The Miami Herald said USA Today reported in Wednesday's editions that Bush would have expanded his 537-vote victory to a 1,665 margin if the recount ordered by the Florida Supreme Court had gone ahead under the most inclusive standards, where even partial punches and dimples are counted as votes.

When the process was stopped, recounts using a variety of standards had already been completed in seven counties — Palm Beach, Volusia, Broward, Hamilton, Maricopa, Escambia and Madison — and in 139 Miami-Dade County precincts.

Bush's 1,665 margin was based on the assumption that those numbers would stand, but that in all the rest of the state the most generous standards would be applied.

But the Herald reported that the balance would have tipped to Al Gore if a recount of the under-

BPA chooses power over fish

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Bonneville Power Administration chose power-generation over helping juvenile salmon on Tuesday, saying it will save water for a two-week period rather than spilling it over Columbia River dams.

"This was a very painful difficult decision, but the drought has so depleted water supplies that the reliability of the region's electricity system is in peril," said Steve Wright, acting Bonneville administrator.

The system of Columbia River dams will be operated without spilling extra water for salmon for at least two weeks under emergency provisions of regulations to guide salmon conservation efforts.

The Lapwai, Idaho-based Nez Perce Tribe bemoaned the decision, saying it threatened progress made in recent years toward restoration of salmon runs. Tribal leaders said their treaty fishing rights in the Columbia Basin have been victimized by energy development and poor long-term planning.

Seat

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Surprisingly, the committee declined to include the only two candidates with long legislative experience on the list that will be given to Kempthorne.

Ron Black, a five-term member of the House in the late 1980s and 1990s, and Randy Hansen, who gave up his seat in the House last year to concentrate on personal business interests and church responsibilities, were passed up by the committee.

"There was a lot of experience on both the winning side and the losing side," said the District 21's Republican Chairman Grant Loeb.

Loeb, state Republican Vice President Mark Stubbs, and Twin Falls County GOP Chairman Mike Mathews characterized the decision as a show of thanks for Black's years of service to the party and confidence in her abilities.

Stubbs, while pleased with the outcome, said he was surprised at Black and Hansen's absence from the final list.

Black, 59, has served the GOP as head of its local women's organization for the past four years and, along with Hansen, filled in for Swan in the House when his term-liver officer forced him to step away from his duties late in this year's session.

Schools

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could be repeated in the fall.

"We have continued to see a decrease in the enrollment throughout the year," Baird said.

From the first week of school to the beginning of March, the districts' enrollment count dropped by 133 students from 6,860 to 6,727 or by about 2 percent.

Analysts project 1 percent enrollment growth this decade, and most of it is expected to be accounted for by the bulk of the district's enrollment drop in the fall of 1999 occurred at the elementary grades, indicating that younger families were first to feel an economic pinch around this year. Declines around Idaho were offset once again by growth in Kootenai, Canyon and Ada counties, although Boise School District saw a drop of about 300 students that amounted to a 1.1 percent decrease. These three counties accounted for most of Idaho's robust population growth during the 1990s.

Data from the 2000 U.S. Census shows that the growing population for the reapportionment of state legislative and congressional districts and new school district trustee zones in Idaho. The Census voting age data show that Idaho's 18-and-older population grew faster than its 17-and-younger population during the 1990s. Census data will continue to be released throughout the year and eventually will provide more information about age extremes.

Alan Porter, information services manager for the Idaho Department of Commerce, said Idaho's population remains relatively youthful but that aging baby boomers account for a higher percentage of growth in the older population.

"Idaho's population under 18 is growing faster than the national average, but it's not going to compete with the baby boomers," he said.

Areas where the economy remains chiefly reliant on agriculture saw more of a gap between growth in the older and younger populations, Porter said.

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Growing-or-shrinking

The following figures show the change in population for two age groups from 1990-2000.

County	17 years and older	18 years and older
Blaine	-1.0%	4.5%
Carnas	13.4%	4.9%
Cassia	2.4%	13.6%
Elmore	21.8%	44.5%
Gooding	19.1%	22.8%
Jerome	16.9%	22.2%
Lincoln	18.2%	24.1%
Mindokla	-5.0%	9.7%
Twin Falls	11.7%	23.5%

Idaho's fastest growing counties:
Ada 40.9% 48.3%
Canyon 45.5% 46.8%
Kootenai 55.7% 55.7%
Stella 16.7% 32.4%
Source: U.S. Census

Postal Service ponders ending Saturday mail

WASHINGTON (AP) — Through snow, rain and gloom of night — but maybe not on the weekend — Battered by slowing business and huge projected losses, the Postal Service announced Tuesday that it will study cutting back to a five-day schedule that would eliminate mail delivery on Saturdays.

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Correction

Tuesday's Stark Report contained an error: Mike Hughes, son of Emelia C. and George Hughes of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, March 21, 2001. The Times-News regrets the error.

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Europe pushes U.S. on global warming issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — Frustrated European officials expressed skepticism Tuesday that the Bush administration would propose anything new on global warming but said other industrial countries planned to pursue a treaty on climate change.

"We are very much prepared to go on ... without the United States. We cannot allow one country to kill this," said Kjell Larsson, Sweden's environment minister.

Larsson and Margot Wallström, the EU's environment commissioner, had come to Washington with high expectations for their meetings Tuesday with President Bush's administration officials and several Democratic senators.



The European Union's Environment Commissioner Margot Wallström talks to reporters outside the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington Tuesday, after a meeting with EPA Administrator Christie Whitman.

Instead, Environment Protection Agency Administrator Christie Whitman told the Europeans that a treaty negoti-

ated in Kyoto, Japan, in 1997 is unfair to the United States. She pledged U.S. cooperation in seeking technologies and incentives to address climate change.

"We were hoping to be able to persuade the United States to come back into the Kyoto protocol," Wallström said. "There is a lot of frustration ... Without going to threats, I would say this would affect international cooperation."

Whitman said the Bush Cabinet is reviewing U.S. policies to determine how to approach concentrations of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

"I emphasized to members of the European community that I continue to be as optimistic as the president that, working constructively with our friends and

allies through international processes, we can develop technologies, market-based incentives and other innovative approaches to global climate change," Whitman said.

Asked whether the EU is open to Bush taking a new tack on the issue of global warming, Larsson said that, after a decade of work on the problem, "I don't think there will be a fresh approach" from the United States.

Bush last month sparked an international outcry by reversing a campaign promise to treat carbon dioxide from power plants as a pollutant and source of global warming. He said the Kyoto accord's mandatory cuts on carbon dioxide emissions and short timetables are no longer acceptable to the United States.

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President focuses on his education initiative

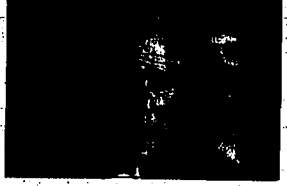
WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — Hopping a helicopter out of Washington, President Bush was able to focus briefly on his noncontroversial education proposals Tuesday rather than headaches over China and tax cuts.

Democrats in the Senate, which votes this week on a budget, were working to alter Bush's \$1.6 trillion tax-cut plan while he highlighted after-school tutoring and mentoring programs here with talk of human kindness.

At several turns, he refused to comment on the Navy spy plane and its 24 U.S. crew members being held by the Chinese. But, after returning to the White House and seeing no progress toward the crew's release, he took to the Rose Garden to warn the Chinese against further delay.

His talk was sunnier at the H. Fletcher Brown Boys and Girls Club in North Wilmington, a predominantly black neighborhood.

"While those of us in government are trying to do the best we can with budgets and taxes, what we can't do is make people love one



President Bush listens to a speaker during a leadership forum at the H. Fletcher Brown Boys and Girls Club Tuesday in Wilmington, Del., as part of an effort to tout his education initiatives.

another, but what we can do is encourage loving people to help," Bush told educators and community volunteers.

He alluded indirectly to the uncertainty of

the verdict that the Senate is poised to render on his economic agenda.

With a nod to the state's two Democratic senators, Joe Biden and Tom Carper, who accompanied the president Tuesday, Bush said: "These are smart, capable people. I just hope they do it the way I think they ought to be doing it."

It did not appear that the VIP trip over either senator. Asked if Bush was swaying any budget votes, Biden grinned, "Not mine." And Carper spokesman Brian Selander said his boss was "not likely to support the tax package."

The president's only other mention of his tax cuts, which are paired with spending restraints on domestic programs, came when he jokingly recalled a young woman's plea in Spanish for more funds for after-school programs.

"She said, of course, 'Support the president's tax cut,'" Bush chuckled.

He proposes to spend an additional \$400 million next year on after-school programs, opening up those and other government grant programs to religious groups "so they can help change hearts," he said.

Bush faces criticism on conservative moves

WASHINGTON — President Bush is facing mounting criticism over the steady stream of conservative, pro-business decisions his administration has taken since ascending to power in January, especially moves to scrap new environmental regulations instituted by his predecessor — or in one case promised by Bush himself.

The president's moves have predictably drawn intense fire from congressional Democrats and liberal advocacy groups, who view the move as a political ploy for his actions even though his current approval ratings remain strong.

Republicans are also uneasy, especially over the environmental decisions, which appear to put Bush at odds with a strong current of public sentiment in favor of tough new regulations in this area.

Last week the administration stirred this pot again by walking away from the 1997 Kyoto treaty that sought to limit emissions of greenhouse gases believed to cause global warming. The move angered not only environmentalists but U.S. allies overseas, many of whom have signed the accord and support action to implement it.

In the weeks preceding this move, Bush rolled environmentalists by backtracking on a campaign pledge to regulate carbon dioxide emissions as a greenhouse gas, scrapping new restrictions on arsenic levels in drinking water promulgated late in the Clinton administration, and suspending another Clinton directive that

would have banned new roads and logging in western wilderness areas.

The green community isn't alone in its discontent. Unions are angry over Bush's support for legislation voiding new regulations on repetitive stress injuries in the work place, his move to block airline mechanics from striking, and his suspension on Friday of new rules that would have allowed the government to deny contracts to companies that have violated federal laws.

Abortion rights supporters are fuming over Bush's executive order cutting off federal funds to family planning groups that promote abortion overseas. Arms control advocates are distressed over Bush's rejection of the previous administration's efforts to entice North Korea into renouncing its nuclear ambitions. And the legal establishment is upset over his decision to terminate the American Bar Association's long-standing role of pre-screening judicial nominees.

Finally, administration critics are uneasy over many of Bush's appointees, ranging from high-profile ones such as archconservative John Ashcroft as attorney general

to more obscure ones like veteran Cold Warrior Otto Reich as assistant secretary of state for Latin America and longtime Christian anti-abortion activist Kay Cole James to head the Office of Personnel Management.

None of these moves by themselves are shocking given Bush's general "political orientation." But taken as a whole, they add up to a strongly conservative thrust that many observers find striking, considering Bush's efforts during the campaign to position himself as a "compassionate conservative" and "different kind of Republican" and the minuscule margin of his eventual victory.

"George Bush is a different kind of president," the veteran conservative activist Paul Weyrich wrote recently in an approving commentary on the new dispensation in Washington. "He is a very different sort of conservative than we have ever had before. He is more genuinely religious than we have had in a president in a long, long time. His conservatism is not libertarianism. It is more of a cultural conservatism."

Bush aides say anyone surprised by his moves must not have been paying attention during last year's

campaign. They note that Bush's major proposals since taking office — across-the-board tax relief, federal funding of religious groups that tackle social problems, greater school accountability — track almost perfectly with what candidate Bush said on the campaign trail.

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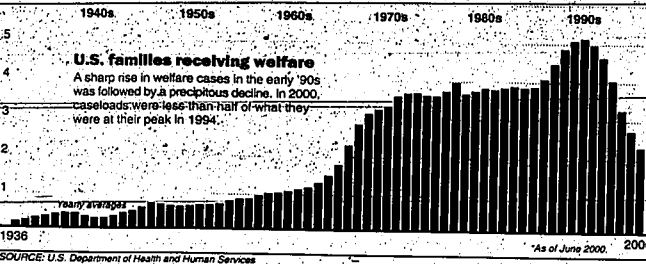
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NATION

Welfare cases begin rising in some states

Has the slide in welfare cases bottomed out?

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cent decline in the preceding three months and a 3-percent decline during the same months in 1999. Since September, the economy has showed signs of weakness, and state officials fear that a shortage of jobs could drive more people to government aid.

The evidence of slowdown is even clearer when examined by state. Between June and September of 2000, 11 states saw their welfare rolls increase by more than 3 percent, while 10 saw drops of more than 3 percent.

By contrast, during the preceding three months, from March to

June, only five states saw their caseloads increase by 3 percent, while 29 saw drops that large. Similarly, in 1999, just four states saw their caseloads rise by 3 percent between June and September, while 34 saw them drop by that much.

Some states continue to see their caseloads drop, including New York and California, where one in three of the nation's recipients live. As long as caseloads in big states fall, the national number is likely to continue dropping.

Welfare experts have known that the numbers would eventually

have to level off. "These caseloads can't keep dropping forever," said Wendell Primus, a welfare expert at the left-leaning Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, who examined food stamp caseloads and found a similar trend.

During the last six months of 2000, 13 states showed food-stamp cases increase by more than 3 percent, versus just four states in the last six months of 1999, Primus said. And nationally, food-stamp caseloads increased slightly between June and December after considerable drops.

Brown students cancel speech for fear of violence

The Providence Journal

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — A conservative student group at Brown University canceled a scheduled appearance Tuesday night by conservative David Horowitz because it said several students expressed concern that his visit might spark violent protests.

Todd Auwarter, a spokesman for the Brown College Republicans, said his group had invited Horowitz to debate Clifford Montiero, president of the Providence chapter of the NAACP.

The two speakers were supposed to discuss Horowitz's contention that slavery reparations are misguided and unnecessary. A paid ad detailing Horowitz's inflammatory argument was printed by the Brown Daily Herald last month, touching off more than a week of emotional protests that began with the theft of 4,000 copies of the student newspaper, and climaxed with the college's decision to ban the press from a forum on free speech.

Horowitz's visit was scheduled in response to the protests. Auwarter said campus Republicans had invited Horowitz to speak because "we believed that by getting these arguments out in the open, the Brown community would come to a deeper understanding of these issues."

Horowitz had accepted the invitation and the Republicans were formalizing their plans when Josh Segall, former president of the College Democrats, asked to meet with the student Republicans.

Segall invited two other students, one from the Student Labor Alliance and a former editor of the Brown Daily Herald, to meet with Auwarter.

"They told me that Horowitz's presence would result in violent protests," Auwarter said Monday. "They were concerned that the emotional state of the campus was so fragile that having a debate at this time would result in unpleasant things happening."

The Republicans' executive board discussed at length whether it should go ahead with the Horowitz appearance. In the end, the group decided it wasn't worth it.

Seattle schools remove Web pages, 'banner ads'

SEATTLE — A citizens' movement to remove advertising from public schools here has gained momentum with the removal of some advertising from students' computer screens as they browse the Internet.

NH2, a Seattle company that "filters" inappropriate content, has removed the controversial banner ads that had appeared on every Web page viewed by the city's 47,000 students.

NH2 removed the advertising last month at the request of the district. Judy Margrath-Huge, the district's chief information officer, told a School Board committee Monday.

School administrators had been criticized by opponents of commercialism in the schools for allowing the advertising in exchange for free use of NH2's Best filtering service.

'Air rage' trial ends with acquittal; agent recovering
NEWARK, N.J. — A man accused of breaking a ticket agent's neck in a bout of air rage was acquitted of assault Tuesday in a case that focused attention on rising tempers among the nation's airline passengers.

John C. Davis, 31, claimed he acted in self-defense and only after the agent shoved his wife as she tried to retrieve their 18-month-old daughter, who had wandered up a passageway leading to a plane. He faced up to 10 years in prison.

"I'm just glad it's over," Davis said. The Continental Airlines agent, Angelo Sottile, was in a coma for five days and has lost 80 percent of his neck mobility.

Personal computers connect to flight cancer
SANTA CLARA, Calif. — The

Nation in brief

fight against cancer gained a powerful ally Tuesday: The promise of up to 6 million personal computers working in concert to uncover new treatments for leukemia.

The project aims to enlist people willing to let their home and office PCs analyze data when the machines are otherwise not being used.

Each computer will download a piece of computational challenge — in this case, the analysis of the cancer-fighting properties of 250 million molecules. When each computer finishes its piece of work, it will ship the data back to researchers, who will further study the most promising results.

It's not the first time distributed computing has been used in the name of science. Since 1999, nearly 3 million Internet users have taken part in an effort to analyze radio signals for signs of intelligent life beyond Earth.

Jury finds two guilty of attacking women in melee

NEW YORK — Two Bronx men have been convicted of assault and riot in connection with wilding attacks on women following last year's National Puerto Rican Day Parade.

A third man, Juan Miranda, 23, of Paterson, N.J., who was charged with a single count of sexual abuse, has been acquitted.

The month-long trial was the only one stemming from the Central Park melee after the June 11 parade in which more than 50 women were doused with water, groped and stripped by roving bands.

— compiled from wire reports

Babies are prone to food allergies

CHICAGO (AP) — Women who breast-feed after eating peanuts can cause peanut allergies in their children, researchers suggest. A study published in today's Journal of the American Medical Association demonstrated that peanut protein is present in breast milk.

Babies are more prone to

developing food allergies than older children because of their immature immune systems. It is generally thought that avoiding particularly potent foods such as peanuts until at least age 3 will help prevent susceptible children from ever developing an allergy, or at least will make the allergic reaction more mild.

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WORLD

Milosevic could face death-penalty charges

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Slobodan Milosevic may face charges at home that carry the death penalty, Yugoslav authorities said Tuesday, and the country's president ruled out extraditing his predecessor to the UN war crimes tribunal anytime.



Slobodan Milosevic

Milosevic has been jailed at the Central Prison in Belgrade. He and his wife try to build a case Milosevic for corruption and abuse of power against the 57-year-old deposed leader. But on Tuesday, Serbian Interior Minister Dusan Mihajlovic said the investigation pointed to more serious offenses allegedly committed during Milosevic's 13-year rule. "There are indications that Slobodan Milosevic was involved in severe criminal acts for which the death

arrival of a nuclear-powered sub in a Japanese port. It came at a time that many Japanese are angry over what they perceive as the arrogance of their U.S. military allies — particularly after the accidental sinking of a Japanese fishing boat by a Navy sub off Hawaii in February.

Report: Americans arrested for promoting Christianity

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Three Americans were arrested for distributing compact discs and videotapes promoting Christianity, the Al-Khaleej newspaper reported Tuesday. The three Americans were arrested March 12, the newspaper said. It did not identify their church. It convicted of promoting a religion other than Islam or seeking converts. The Americans could face jail sentences of between five and 10 years. It is illegal to promote religions other than Islam in the Emirates, home to many Christian churches, Hindu temples and other non-

Muslim worship places. Non-Muslims can practice their religions, but cannot proselytize.

Israeli helicopters attack Palestinian targets

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli helicopters fired rockets at Palestinian Authority buildings in the Gaza Strip on Tuesday after a mortar attack from Palestinian areas critically injured a 10-month-old Jewish baby and wounded his mother. At least 22 Palestinians, including at least two Palestinian policemen, were wounded in the half-hour assault, doctors said. It was Israel's third air attack on Palestinian targets in a week. — compiled from wire reports

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Clinton arrives in India to help quake victims

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Former President Clinton came to India on Tuesday for a week-long visit to raise aid for victims of a devastating earthquake. Clinton arrived in New Delhi late Tuesday on a commercial flight, a change from the pomp that surrounded him during his former last year, the first to India by a U.S. president in 22 years. On Jan. 26, the western Indian state of Gujarat was rocked by a 7.7 magnitude earthquake that killed more than 20,000 people.

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Council during the Clinton administration. "With each day, the risk grows that one side will escalate the rhetoric and the other will respond, or that public sentiment will be whipped up to a point that takes it far more difficult to resolve," Lieberthal said in a phone interview from China. "These have already become real dangers." If no progress is made within the next two days, U.S. officials will probably begin choosing from a range of possible punitive actions, analysts and former officials said. Among the options: • The United States could recall its ambassador, a symbolic step that could prove counterproductive to future diplomacy. • It could take economic measures, such as refusing to renew

China's normal trading status, restricting Chinese access to U.S. technology, or shutting down other channels of trade. • It could agree to sell Taiwan the advanced military equipment that Taipei wants and Beijing opposes. A decision is due this month, but many U.S. analysts expect President Bush to defer consideration of the more contentious elements of Taiwan's request. In the meantime, foreign policy experts offered two key recommendations for negotiating with Beijing: Keep it simple, and make it quick. Some analysts said Washington should deal separately with three major elements of the standoff: release of the 24-member American crew returned of the downed plane, and agreement on what really happened in the skies above the Chinese coast.

"The most important thing is to separate out the question of who is responsible from the safe return of the personnel and the plane," said James Steinberg, his deputy national security adviser to former President Clinton. "As long as they are linked, it will be hard to find a resolution." Trying to negotiate all three issues at once could drag out the ordeal, increase the drama and introduce new complications, according to Steinberg and others. Washington must do all that it can to prevent the Chinese government from wrangling concessions on unrelated issues in exchange for release of the surveillance plane and its crew, they say. To heighten pressure on Beijing, the administration may need to enlist the aid of other nations.

Dairies

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sales by all dairies, and a fourth of dairies already filed nutrient-management plans. But three months isn't much time to push through upwards of 700 plans, Futen said. However the dust settles July 1, the dairy industry's overall effect in Idaho is much larger than mere organic milk sales, according to Orin Taylor, assistant professor of economics at UI in Moscow. "It's not just looking at the dairy ripple effect, just milkers, feeders, veterinarians; it's going to cause a commensurate decrease in the processing industry," he said. "You're potentially losing a vast amount of money from processors. That's where a lot of the impact is." Jon Davis, general manager of the Cheese, agreed. "If the state pulls milk permits there's liable to be a huge problem," he said. "There's a problem if the respect that the valley's going to have a lot of people out of work. We buy milk from 75 dairies, and we employ 200 people. That all comes to a quick stop

"If we don't have milk, we wouldn't be able to run milk or make cheese. A lot of people will be out of work." And the effect wouldn't stop there. "It ripples through the economy, not just people who work in the processing plant, either," Taylor said, adding that lost milk sales could initiate "a total chain of events in the local economy." "It could have a huge impact," he said. According to the Idaho Dairymen's Association, estimated sales from manufacturing and distribution plants were \$2 billion in 1999. To understand the full potential impact at the processing level, one must understand the export factor, Taylor said. Exports — especially value-added exports — create new money in the state. "The reason milk has such a big impact in the community is because it's processed here (then exported) unlike, say, wheat that is a raw product being exported," he said. "What happens with this is it's not the loss to dairies, it's the

new dollars that are created in exports. It's one thing if you're just doing each other's laundry, but we're talking about the processors creating the wealth by exporting. It's new dollars, new money, not just changing money from one pocket to the other." The \$1.75 billion value to Idaho's economy based on milk receipts represents in-state money changing from one pocket to another, Taylor said. The bigger effect is from the new-money exports. Virtually all of Idaho's \$2 billion in processed dairy products is exported. With a 2.32 multiplier factor at the processing level that represents \$4.64 billion. The \$1.75 billion in-state money is part of that figure, but \$2.89 billion in new dollars to the Idaho economy. Gray agreed with Taylor's analysis. "As far as the regional economy, that would be where the bigger effect would be, if you're talking about processors being short that much supply," he said. "If it's a day or two that's one issue, if it's long term, that would be another."

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EDITORIAL

CSI is a great first step on the path to wisdom

There are many ways to invest money, but the highest dividends generally come from investing in a quality education. The cost of obtaining a college education is going up all the time, but the value of one is rising even faster.

The American workplace is becoming more sophisticated, and more competitive, all the time. Workers who have skills that are in demand will always command a good wage, while their less-skilled brethren will forever cling to the lower rungs of the socio-economic ladder.

That's why even a net tuition and fee hike at the College of Southern Idaho is a good deal. The 5 percent increase, scheduled to take effect next fall, will boost tuition and fees to \$705 per semester, up \$40 from the current amount.

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The idea of going into debt to earn a college degree is daunting to many young people. What should be even more daunting is the prospect of going through life without the additional earning capacity that education after high school affords.

Consider this often-quoted statistic: Over the course of a working career, people with four-year college degrees enjoy lifetime earnings that are \$1,000 a month greater than people without a college degree. Over the course of a career, that can add up to more than \$500,000. For a married couple, it can be more than \$1 million in additional income.

Viewed from this perspective, spending \$15,000 or \$20,000 for a college education is one of the best investments a person can make. It makes the most sense for students fresh out of high school, but it also holds true for older students hoping to learn new skills.

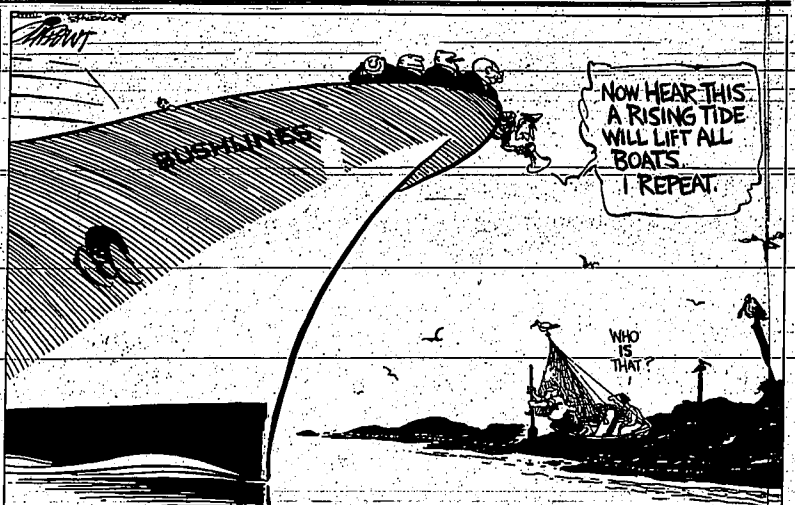
Of course, going to college is more than simply a matter of dollars and cents. For motivated students, college is a true portal beyond which lies a rich world of opportunity. It's a place where minds are opened and curiosity is rewarded. For those who emerge, the future is bright.

CSI is a great first step on the path to lifelong learning. Sure, some students must slog through remedial math and writing classes, but effort is the coin of the realm in higher education.

Several of our recent editorials have focused on CSI's long-term future, but it's worth noting that the school is doing just fine today. It is good and getting better all the time. If you know people who could benefit from more education, do them a favor and steer them to CSI.

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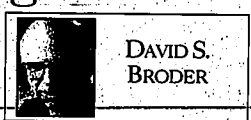
What's wrong with one-time rebate?

The question to be asked about the politicians in Washington is a simple one: Can these people take yes for an answer? If they can, this country can reap the benefits of an immediate tax cut that will cushion the effects of the sudden slowdown in the economy and help prevent a slide into recession. If they can't, then ideology and dogmatism will have prevailed and the risks to everyone will have been magnified unnecessarily.

Here are the facts: The buoyant economy of the 1990s wiped out the annual budget deficits and produced real surpluses in the Treasury. Some of that surplus can be returned to people right now, without jeopardizing any important federal programs. Rebating part of the surplus to taxpayers would enable some of them to reduce their credit-card debt, others to supplement their unemployment benefits while they look for new jobs and still others to snap up bargains they see in a falling stock market. However it is used, it would provide a stimulus the economy needs — without jeopardizing the long-term fiscal health of the country.

It's not a complicated idea; yet, it has only recently come into the policy discussion in a serious way. In early February, when this column gave the first national publicity to a memo being circulated by two former Republican congressional staffers, advocating a rebate to all taxpayers from the current surplus, it was a novel idea.

But good ideas spread fast, and in the last few weeks, this one has acquired multiple sponsorship. Everyone from Rep. Bernie Sanders, the Vermont socialist, to Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici of New



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Mexico, a cautious conservative, has said: Do it. Moderate Democrats like Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut and establishment Republicans like Warren Rudman, the former senator from New Hampshire and co-chairman of the deficit-abhorring Concord Coalition, say it makes sense.

There's even general agreement on the size of the rebate — about \$60 billion — and on the principle that it ought to be apportioned fairly evenly among taxpayers and households, so that even those with modest incomes would get a significant check for several hundred dollars in the mail.

What then is the hang-up? Some people, notably President Bush, say they will support the rebate only if it is accompanied by a permanent reduction in marginal tax rates. In a major economic policy speech last week, Bush said:

That is good Republican doctrine, but it's not demonstrable truth. President Reagan pushed through a major tax cut in 1981 and followed with a tax increase in 1982, and the economy responded in healthy fashion. President Clinton raised top-bracket rates in 1993, lowered bottom rates, and saw the economy take off — in large part because the prospect of lower deficits allowed Alan Greenspan to lower interest rates, as he is doing right now.

The reality is that taxes go up and down, as the makeup of Congress changes and its members recalculate the demands of their constituents for more government benefits and lower tax rates. However much he might wish it, Bush cannot make a tax-cut permanent, any more than his father could carry out his promise of "no new taxes."

Whatever the merits of this debate about the relationship between tax rates and the economy, it is a debate that is not likely to be resolved quickly in a 50-50 Senate, where even the Republican chairman of the Finance Committee, Charles Grassley of Iowa, concedes he does not have the votes to do what Bush wants.

So why not do what can be done — and do it quickly? Get the money out of the Treasury and into the hands of the families who could use a break right now. That you can do. And you can also build in an incentive for further spending discipline by adding a proviso that a similar percentage of next year's surplus, if there is one — would also be rebated to the people.

Save the country that politicians can take yes for an answer.

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LETTERS

Support campaign finance reform

Last week, PBS aired a Bill Moyers story detailing an ongoing 50-year-long conspiracy by the chemical industry called "Trade Secrets" (see www.pbs.org).

According to chemical company documents presented on the program and available for public viewing on the Internet, the leadership of not one but many (if not all) chemical companies conspired to hide the fact that a chemical used in the manufacture of plastic caused their employees' lungs to dissolve. The documents show, without a doubt, that management of these corporations conspired to harm their own employees. Last I heard, conspiring to kill someone was a crime.

My question is why has our attorney general not immediately arrested the management of these corporations when the evidence of the crime is so overwhelming? The reason, perhaps, is the other documented objective of the conspiracy — buy off elections. Seems they've been successful: \$60 million was spent in congressional investigations over Clinton's sex life, and a proven 50-year-old continuing conspiracy that directly threatens the lives and freedoms of Americans is overlooked by our "representatives" and "legal system."

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companies are sitting fat and the American people are paying the price. Every day, I hand out a prescription to someone and explain that the cost is more than \$100 per month. The price could be lower, but we have no generic version available to help lower the cost.

There was a time when I viewed drug companies as leaders and innovators — fighting to make Americans healthier than ever, but now I view them as the money-hungry corporate scums that they are! Recently, a brand name medication called Buspar was about to come off patent so that a generic could be marketed at a lower cost to my customers. The drug company then presented the Food and Drug Administration with "new" evidence claiming that a metabolite of the original drug was "largely responsible for therapeutic relief."

Hence, no generic version and more money for the drug company.

Prilosec is another drug that was scheduled to be available generically but got a six-month extension from the FDA because it had a new "pediatric indication." Bottom line is six months equals \$2 billion in sales for the drug company.

Drug companies average 17 percent in net profit while retail pharmacy averages 2 percent. So now you know where the money goes! Just as a side note, they maintain that profit margin even though they gave both Bush and Gore many millions of dollars in campaign funds just to keep "all their bases covered."

If you own any drug company stock, you should sell it for the sake of what they are doing to America. It's just plain dirty money.

KENT JENSEN, R.P.H.
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Kent Jensen is the author of The Medicine Shoppe in Twin Falls.)

Mexico is a racist country

I must respond to Ann Suarez who is so concerned about racism in Idaho — just because Idaho has a few Asian Nations kooks who receive excessive press coverage does not make this state racist. If Suarez and her friends are committed to combating racism, embracing diversity and understanding other cultures, they need to move to Mexico and change that country's politics.

Mexico is the western hemisphere's poster child for being one of the most oppressive, intolerant and racist countries in the world. Suarez then, already knows the main problems.

Mexico does not allow anyone to become a citizen unless that individual can trace their bloodline directly to a Mexican mother.

Mexico does not welcome immigrants, has a closed immigration policy, and its border patrol has been known to shoot, kill and imprison immigrants from Central America. This has earned Mexico a place as one of the worst violators of human rights in the world, according to Amnesty International.

Foreigners who choose to reside in Mexico must go through rigorous qualifications — including being able to prove they have money in a Mexican bank.

Mexico is purely "Latino" and does not tolerate any deviation from its history and heritage.

Mexico has no programs for English-speaking persons.

Mexico is not committed to creating a better future for her own people, which is why they come here by the millions.

Proud Latino nationalists need to return to Mexico and actively agitate for that country to become as economically fair and vibrant as the United States. They need organized protests to human rights violations and demand that the Mexican Parliament open citizenship to anyone who wants it. They should work to have Mexico accept and embrace the hundreds of cultures outside its own world and provide new immigrants with free legal representation, justice, humane living conditions, food, medical care and education in the language of their choice.

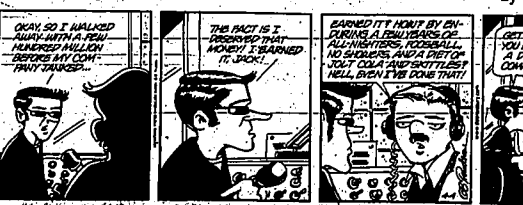
When Mexico has achieved all this, America and her citizens can be recruited and criticized by Latino activists coming up short — but not until then.

ANGELI PATTERSON
Twin Falls

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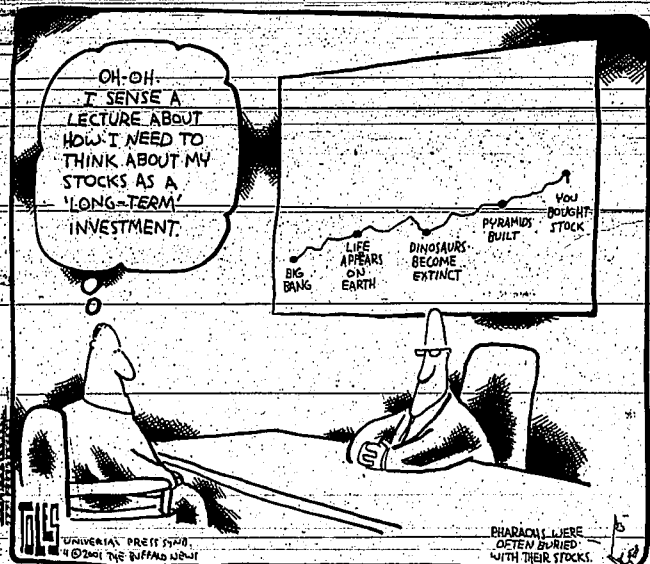


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By Bruce Tinsley

OPINION



Left opposes free-speech right for dissenters

David Horowitz — one of this country's staunchest defenders of free speech — has yet again become a victim of the Political-Correctness crowd.

In the past, Horowitz has been attacked for his well-reasoned conservative positions on race. This time — because of the recently renewed plea that some black Americans receive "reparations" for ante-bellum Negro slavery — Horowitz sought to publish a political statement titled "Ten Reasons Why Reparations for Slavery is a Bad Idea — and Racist Too."

Did any of Horowitz's 10 reasons even hint at racism? Did any of them conceivably constitute an attack on black Americans? Did any even imply that today's Afro-Americans are lazy, stupid, dishonest? Not by any stretch of the imagination! Indeed, Horowitz's 10 reasons — explained, defended and substantiated in two single-spaced pages — were the following:

- (1) There is no single group responsible for the crime of slavery.
- (2) There is no single group that benefited exclusively from slavery.
- (3) Only a minority of white Americans owned slaves, while others gave their lives to free them.
- (4) Most living Americans have no connection (direct or indirect) to slavery.
- (5) The historical precedents used to justify the reparations claim do not apply, and the claim itself is based on race not injury.
- (6) The reparations argument is based on the unsubstantiated claim that all African-Americans suffer from the economic consequences of slavery and discrimination.
- (7) The reparations claim is one more attempt to turn African-Americans into victims. It sends a damaging message to the African-American community and to others.
- (8) Reparations to African-Americans have already been paid.
- (9) What about the debt blacks owe to America?

HENRY MARK HOLZER

(10) The reparations claim is a separatist idea that sets African-Americans against the nation that gave them freedom.

These 10 reasons are not racist. They are — even were they racist — political speech protected by the First Amendment.

What was the reaction to Horowitz's non-racist, First Amendment-protected, political speech? Predictably, the PC crowd viciously attacked him, together with some of the newspapers that had the integrity to print his "Ten Reasons." Newsweek magazine in its April 2 issue reported that at the University of California at Berkeley, a bastion of free speech for the Left, "students stormed the offices of The Daily Californian to demand an apology after the newspaper ran the ad. They got one."

At Brown, student protesters threw away thousands of free copies of The Brown Daily Herald issue containing the ad. At a Brown faculty meeting ... (the) chair of the Afro-American Studies program suggested the seizure of The Daily Herald copies could be seen as valid civil disobedience against Horowitz's "hate speech."

With that speech-smashing epithet, "hate speech," here yet again was the Left — defenders of pornography, silencers of abortion protesters, foes of so-called "commercial speech" — trying to shut down rational free speech discourse on the subject of race.

This tactic is not new. Nearly 20 years ago, the "Hate Speech Movement" was born in the legal academy, and since then its partisans have tried in the name of some undefined and non-detainable "public interest" to silence so-called "words that wound" on subjects that embrace race, religion, gender, sexuality, ethnicity, multiculturalism and more.

Beyond the public service that Horowitz has performed by

advancing his "Ten Reasons," and his willingness to be a lightning rod for the ire of the speech-smashing Left by practicing the free political speech that they claim to revere, there is an even more important lesson to be learned from this episode.

It transcends the issue of reparations, even the subject of race in America. The lesson is that there remain in our country hypocritical

LETTER

It isn't just a buck

A short time ago, my wife and I were visiting with our family. I gave each of our grand children a dollar bill. As our visit continued, our 6-year-old granddaughter misplaced her greenback. In consequence, she fretted and worried as she searched for the money.

After eight or 10 minutes of this, her older brother, age 11, chastised her, "For cryin' out loud, qui stuewing. It's only a buck!"

His retort abruptly took me, a buck. Only a buck! When I was a teen-ager, that was my wage for a back-breaking day of labor on the farm. Now after 65 years of uninterrupted federal fiscal irresponsibility, our youth remark with honesty and with some disdain, "only a buck!"

Ironically, we have been repeatedly told over the last 10 years by our federal legislators (and by Alan Greenspan) that inflation is under control. This is evidenced by the fact that a make of automobile which I bought new for \$18,000 10 years ago is now selling for \$35,000.

In my opinion, it's shameful to us as a nation (including the electorate, the Congress and the president) that we muddle mer-

rily along in fiscal irresponsibility. Sadly, with President Bush and Congress deliberating over a tax reduction and many new proposals for increased spending at the same time that we are in a business recession, this fiscal irresponsibility will likely not only continue but will increase in magnitude.

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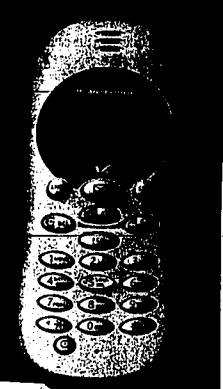
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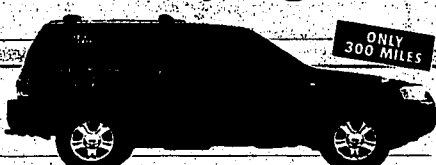
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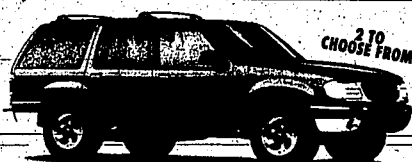


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AROUND THE VALLEY

Man gives up right in kidnapping case

GOODING — A Shoshone man who faces charges stemming from allegations that he abducted a Wendell girl waived his right to a preliminary court hearing Tuesday.

That means the next step will be for Ricardo Lara-Gonzales, 19, to make an initial appearance in the Gooding court on a first-degree kidnapping and an aggravated assault charge. That hearing hadn't been scheduled as of Tuesday afternoon, a Gooding County court clerk said. Lara-Gonzales was held Tuesday in the Gooding County Jail in lieu of \$200,000 bond.

The charges against Lara-Gonzales stem from allegations that he kidnapped Gloria Lemus, 17, at a knife point near Wendell last month and took her against her will to Utah, according to court records.

Police in Midvale, Utah, said they found Lemus and Lara-Gonzales there later the same day and arrested Lara-Gonzales.

Fairfield district lifts over-snow vehicle closure

FAIRFIELD — A closure for over-snow vehicles in the Big Smoky, Little Smoky and South Fork Boise River drainages of the Fairfield Ranger District is now lifted.

Joe Miczurski, recreation specialist for the district, said Idaho Department of Fish and Game finished its winter elk-feeding program in those areas, making it possible to lift the closures.

"We want to thank all the snow-mobilizers who cooperated by honoring the closure," he said. "The closure helps Fish and Game sustain a healthy, huntable population of elk on the Fairfield Ranger District."

The annual closure goes into effect Dec. 1. It is being lifted sooner than normal this year due to the earlier completion of elk feeding.

Although the closure to motorized vehicles has been lifted, visitors are reminded to watch for rocks and other debris on the roadways. County crews are currently clearing and grading the roads. All drivers need to be alert for unexpected hazards in the areas, the department said.

Idaho biologists will evaluate sturgeon status

TWIN FALLS — Idaho Department of Fish and Game and Idaho Power Co. biologists will be fishing for sturgeon in the Snake River from the Upper Salmon Dam to Shoshone Falls this spring.

The fishing expedition is part of an effort to determine the current status of the white sturgeon, native to those river reaches. The biologists also will evaluate the status and movements of hatchery sturgeon released in the river over the past 10 years.

The project will run through the middle of June. Fish and Game officials warn boaters to avoid buoys and markers, which could entangle onboard props.

For questions about sturgeon or this project, call Regional Fishery Manager Fred Partridge in Jerome at 324-4350.

Gooding meeting will address power crisis

GOODING — The Gooding Jaycees will host a town meeting about the current power crisis.

The meeting is set for 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the War Memorial Hall — at Third and Idaho streets — in Gooding.

Speakers will explore the causes of an expected power-rate increase, the effect on local communities, what individuals and businesses can do to conserve and additional resources available. The Jaycees are inviting anyone who feels an effect from power-rate increases to participate.

Speakers will include Michael Pohanka, delivery services representative for Idaho Power Co.; Dan Olmstead, community and public relations representative for Idaho Power; and Ken Bahrte, executive director of South Central Community Action Agency.

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Recall backers plan parade

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

JEROME — Supporters of an effort to recall Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver have scheduled a downtown march on Monday.

City Administrator Travis Rothweiler on Tuesday confirmed approval of the upcoming demonstration.

"The city of Jerome does not have a parade ordinance in effect. When they made their first contact with us a few months ago, they said they wanted to work with the city," Rothweiler said. "I told them we need one week's notice. They

afforded us that notice, so we could notify the school superintendent, the county offices and the police department."

Rothweiler said the demonstration will start at the intersection of Main and Lincoln streets, traveling north on Lincoln about four blocks, stopping at the county courthouse.

"The city of Jerome will be supplying officers on the scene to make sure the demonstration remains peaceful," Rothweiler said.

The parade will start at 9:45 a.m. A press conference is scheduled in front of the courthouse from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Lincoln Street will reopen at 11:15 a.m.,

Rothweiler said.

Jerome County residents who want to sign a recall petition can do so during the press conference, said Cindy Kopp, a recall petition and demonstration organizer.

"I'll have enough petitions for 2,500 signatures," Kopp said. "I'm getting them ready, right now. Getting them all stapled and everything."

Penny Ysursa of the Idaho secretary of state's office said in an earlier interview that an elected official must hold office for at least 90 days before a recall. Weaver was re-elected in November, but his new term didn't start until Jan. 8.

The 90 days is up April 8.

For Weaver to be ousted from office, at least 20 percent of Jerome County's registered voters as of the November election must sign petitions to force a recall election. That amounts to 2,022 signatures from the county's 10,107 registered voters.

Nancy Strickland, spokesman for Weaver and the sheriff's office, declined comment about the upcoming demonstration.

Times-News staff writer Mark Heinz contributed to this report. Times-News staff writer John T. Huddy can be reached in Twin Falls at 733-3259 or by e-mail at jhuddy@magicvalley.com

ART APPRECIATION



Ann Trotter and her son Bren check out the annual student art show at the Herrett Center for Arts & Science in Twin Falls. Trotter is an art student and several of her friends have pieces in the exhibit. The show will run through May 3 in the Jean B. King Art Gallery at the center.

Guitar innovator Ted McCarty dies in TF

Engineer-helped pioneer rock 'n' roll beginnings

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Somewhere this morning, an electric guitar gently weeps.

Theodore M. "Ted" McCarty, one of the key figures in the development of the electric guitar and the electronic rock 'n' roll it made possible, died in a Twin Falls retirement center on Sunday, his family announced Tuesday. He was 91.

McCarty was the president of the Gibson Guitar Co. for 18 years, transforming a sleepy Kalamazoo, Mich., maker of acoustic musical instruments into the purveyor of guitars to the stars. Nearly every virtuoso guitarist of the rock 'n' roll era —



Ted McCarty helped develop electric guitar from Jeff Beck to Joe Perry — at one time or another performed and recorded with a Gibson. McCarty's Les Paul series — named for the blues guitarist who endorsed it — is arguably the most famous guitar ever made. It

led to the Explorer series — widely used by both rock and country guitarists in the '60s, '70s and '80s — and the Flying V, a radical departure in guitar design that still adorns Planet Hollywood restaurants everywhere.

"He was tough, and he didn't love easy," said Paul Reed Smith, an acclaimed guitar designer who enlisted McCarty to help develop a brand of electric guitars bearing Smith's name. "But it was deep."

"It's fair to say that without him, our industry and the music would be different," Smith said in a telephone interview from his Maryland home on Tuesday. "I don't know how it would be different, but it would be."

McCarty, in failing health, moved to Twin Falls last summer to be near his daughter, Sue Davis, and her family. He didn't retire until age 89, when he sold his company that manufactured vibratos for guitars and custom flashlights.

"He was the right man in the right place at the right time," Smith said. "He was an engineer and an accountant and he turned Gibson around."

The solid-body electric guitar, long championed by Paul and others, was considered something of a gimmick when McCarty left the Wurlitzer Company to become president of Gibson in 1948. It didn't take long for him to recognize the possibilities, despite the fact that McCarty couldn't play the guitar himself and wasn't musically talented.

"I just went to work and I made a better guitar," he said in an interview with The Times-News last month. "I'm an engineer, after all."

The Les Paul, introduced in 1951, incorporated a design that gave the instrument a distinctive sound, and McCarty's critical innovations with guitar bridges

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Big Sky Farms' state permit application expires

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Partners in a failed hog-farm proposal must now repeat the state permitting process if they choose to appeal a recent local-permit denial by Cassia County's planning and zoning commission.

The state Department of Environmental Quality announced Tuesday the Big Sky Farming Group LLC failed to meet last week's DEQ deadline for providing required financial information.

As a result, the DEQ has stopped processing Big Sky's application to build a 595,000-animal hog farm in Raft River. The department's decision

affects Big Sky only if the corporation appeals the Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission's March 1 permit denial. Big Sky has not submitted an appeal and has until April 12 to do so.

Under state rules regulating swine and poultry facilities, new swine facilities are required to provide financial assurance for the operation, closure and remediation of facilities before a final permit can be issued, a department news release said.

Big Sky partners Clair Bosen and Dave Robison both said Tuesday they have been out of town and didn't know about the expiration.

"They said they didn't know why the financial information

hadn't been provided to the DEQ and weren't sure whether Big Sky would appeal the planning commission's decision to the Cassia County commissioner."

The DEQ issued a draft permit to Big Sky Dec. 29. A final permit was contingent upon county approval, financial assurances, receipt of a DEQ air permit and the successful transfer of a water right with the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

Big Sky had 60 days to obtain a final permit, but the DEQ extended that deadline another 30 days because the county's planning commissioners hadn't finished deliberating, said DEQ regional administrator Doug

Howard.

The latest deadline expired last week, Howard said.

The application expiration does not affect the county appeal process, said county administrator Tim Hurst. In the event a county permit is granted upon appeal, the county would require a DEQ permit before facility construction, Hurst said.

Big Sky may reapply for a permit at any time, the release said. If a new permit is requested, a new permitting process would be initiated.

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Joining dispute Groups intervene in Jarbidge road settlement

The Times-News and The Associated Press

JARBIDGE, Nev. — The public desires to review a settlement agreement before the federal government turns over the right of way for the much disputed South Canyon Road near here, say two environmental groups.

The Wilderness Society and the Great Old Broads for Wilderness have filed a motion with the U.S. District Court in Reno, Nev., to intervene in a settlement agreement between the federal government and Elko County.

The two sides in the dispute Monday announced they had agreed to the terms of the settlement — the result of a year of court-ordered mediation. Officials expect to sign the agreement next week.

But the environmental groups say the Forest Service is relinquishing control of public property and the public deserves to review the agreement before the court accepts it.

"The proposed settlement would permanently give away public lands to Elko County, and it came out of closed talks," said Robert Wiygul, lawyer for the two groups. "The public deserves to have the chance to review this agreement and hear why control over their public lands is being given away for good."

Under the agreement, the federal government will not contest Elko County's claim to a right of way under an 1866 mining law commonly known as RS 2477. But the federal government needs authorization from the Forest Service and any necessary permits before attempting to rebuild the road.

The 1 1/2-mile road to a wilderness area in the area was washed out in 1995. Efforts to rebuild the road spawned the long-running dispute between the county and the federal government, seeking to protect resident threatened bull trout in the Jarbidge River.

The environmental groups also question the validity of the county's RS 2477 right-of-way claim. The county has shown no evidence that the South Canyon Road meets the requirements of such a claim, Wiygul said.

The road may go only to a wilderness trailhead and an out-house, but it also may be necessary to campsites along the way and recreation access that is important to the economy of the town of Jarbidge, said Kristin McQuay, deputy district attorney for Elko County.

The road also would give firefighters a jump start on fighting forest fires that might threaten the town, she said.

She urged the petitioners to read the settlement agreement and review Nevada statutes regarding responsibility for maintaining public roads.

But the county's RS 2477 claim is not about the need for a road, Wiygul said. Like many similar claims around the West, it is about preserving a way to fight federal government control, as well as wilderness and other designations on public lands, he said.

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IP-TV to air show on early labor struggles

Western mines, including Idaho's, airs at 3 p.m. today on Idaho Public Television.

"Fire in the Hole: Mine Wars" is a KUED production from Salt Lake City. The film looks at the turn-of-the-20th-century labor struggle when the West was poised on the brink of an industrial showdown, IdahoTV said.

The documentary examines the conflict that raged from the Canadian to the Mexican borders, destroyed thousands of lives and challenged the nation's core values of justice and hard work, it said.

The film looks at the labor conflicts in social and historical context — a time when industrialists surged forward to form an unchecked elite, it said.

FFA comes to Twin Falls for leadership conference

TWIN FALLS — FFA students will swarm around the College of Southern Idaho campus Thursday through Saturday in their trademark blue corduroy jackets for the annual Idaho-FFA State Leadership Conference.

The keynote speaker is Dan Heidt, a professional bodyguard for more than 30 years, who speaks about school and workplace safety. His Thursday speech is titled, "Lose Your Cool and End up a Fool."

FFA members representing 80 FFA chapters across the state will gather for the three-day conference to conduct annual business, compete in skills contests and honor fellow members for outstanding achievement. The conference begins at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Fine Arts Center.

City of Heyburn to review fund transfer tonight

HEYBURN — The transferring of money from one city budget to another will get a closer look at a special Heyburn City Council meeting tonight.

A motion to transfer the money was approved at the last meeting, but the council would like to revisit the issue to decide whether it is really necessary, said City Clerk Ruth Davis.

The meeting is at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 941 18th St., and the public is welcome. It will be followed by a closed-door executive session to discuss ongoing litigation between the city and J.R. Simplot Co.

Conservation districts conduct annual tree sale

BURLEY — Trees for windbreaks, shelter belts, habitat projects and landscape plantings are now on sale.

The East Cassia, West Cassia and Minidoka soil and water conservation districts are taking final orders for their annual tree sales. The seedling trees come in bundles of 10 at \$15 per bundle. Payment in full is required with each order. Trees are scheduled to arrive from mid-to-late April.

Available trees in Cassia County include hybrid polar, red maple, river birch, Austrian pine, Colorado blue spruce, Western white-pine, Siberian-peashrub and purple lilac.

Minidoka County is offering quaking aspen, Lombardy poplar, hybrid poplar, blue spruce, Austrian pine, Fraser fir, Oregon holly grape, Manchurian lilac and Burdell's spiraea.

To place an order, visit the Burley Natural Resources Conservation Service office at 1361 E. 16th St., or call the Burley office at 678-1225, Ext. 377, or the Rupert office at 436-4777, Ext. 34.

Sheriff, coroner investigate apparent suicide near Rupert

RUPERT — The Minidoka County Sheriff's Department and coroner Tuesday were investigating an apparent suicide near Rupert.

At 2:17 p.m. Monday, sheriff's deputies and Rupert police officers found the body of Michael William Royce of Rupert in a vehicle inside a shed one mile west of Rupert on Idaho Highway 25, a sheriff's department press release said.

Officials believe Royce, 27, died from a self-inflicted gun wound, the release said. Police received information from a family member that Royce had been missing from his home since early Monday and that he had been depressed the days before his death, it said.

— compiled from staff reports

Crime drops in Rupert

Police chief says officers do good job

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Fewer crimes were reported, and a greater number of crimes were solved in Rupert during 2000 than in any of the previous five years, Police Chief Ken Fedders told the Rupert City Council Tuesday.

Last year, 405 crimes were reported in Rupert and 217 were solved, a 54 percent success rate by law-enforcement officials, Fedders said.

"For the six years (of statistics), 405 (offenses) is a considerable reduction," Fedders said. "The officers have done a fine job, and this reflects to their credit."

Since 1995, at least 453 crimes were reported each year with the exception of 1997, when 658 offenses were reported, Fedders said. From 1995 to 1999, the highest rate of crimes solved was 36 percent in 1999. Improved police work significantly raised that percentage last year, he said.

According to statistics furnished by Fedders, the number of drug and narcotic offenses in Rupert has risen each year from seven in 1995 to 32 in 1999. The number dropped back down to 26 in 2000, but there is still a significant drug problem, Fedders said.

He said plans for a new drug task force are moving ahead and organizers are waiting for the results of a grant application.

In other City Council news:

- The Pancake House, located on Scott Avenue, was purchased by Dick Yan for \$19,201. He plans to start a Chinese restaurant.
- Interim financing for two local improvement districts in downtown Rupert will be done through the D.L. Evans Bank, the council decided.
- While there are two separate projects under way, funding for both can be done with the same contract, said city attorney Rick Bollar.
- "For our purpose, one process for receiving the money is as good as two," he said.
- Three months worth of funding, totaling \$222,834, will be borrowed from D.L. Evans. The council will pursue a long-term loan this summer.

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Search continues for missing fishing vessel

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — As the search for the crew of a missing fishing vessel continued for a second day, the Coast Guard began preliminary work to determine why the Arctic Rose sank so suddenly, without even enough time for the crew to radio help.

Fifteen crew members were aboard the 92-foot vessel when it went down in the Bering Sea, about 775 miles southwest of Anchorage. It was one of the worst commercial fishing disasters in Alaska in the past two decades.

The first and only sign of trouble came when the vessel's automatic emergency locator beacon at 3:30 a.m. Monday.

Seven hours later the Coast Guard spotted two bodies, an empty life raft, six survival suits and an oily sheen floating on the water. The crew of the Arctic Rose's sister ship, the Alaskan Rose, was able to retrieve only one of the bodies.

Not known why the vessel went down, but the abruptness of its disappearance suggests a sudden loss of stability in the hold, said Coast Guard Cmdr. John Bingham of the agency's Marine Safety Division.

"The higher the weight gets on the vessel, the more difficult it can be to maintain the vessel's stability. If there's shifting within the tanks down low, if the tanks are not filled with a liquid, it can slosh around and reduce the vessel's stability," Bingham said.

Winds in the area were reported to be 25 knot with six- to eight-foot seas at the time, conditions typical for the Bering Sea. It is not uncommon for catcher-processor boats like the Arctic Rose to work in much rougher seas, said Coast Guard spokesman Keith Albin.

Ice sometimes builds up on boats operating in the Bering Sea, making them top heavy, but Bingham said there are no indications that icing was a problem at the time.

The Arctic Rose is a catcher-processor, a vessel that catches fish in trawl nets and has equipment on board to remove the fish heads, gut the fish and freeze them. The vessel is owned by Arctic Sole Seafoods of Seattle. Company officials said the vessel was fishing for sole. Coast Guard officials said they did not know how much fish was on board at the time the vessel went down.

The vessel holds about 100 tons of frozen fish full capacity, said John Gault, director of the Groundfish Forum, a Seattle-based industry group whose members include Arctic Sole Seafoods.

Bingham said the Coast Guard was beginning to assemble a list of those who know the vessel and might be able to offer some clues as to why it sank.

"Indications are that we'll probably convene a formal marine board-of-investigation," Bingham said. The panel would try to determine a probable cause of the accident.

MYSTERIOUS APPEARANCE



Ramon Montes, a student at Minico High School, on Tuesday surveys a pile of old appliances that mysteriously appeared in front of the school overnight. Montes said the junk likely appeared as part of a prank but said he wasn't involved.

Burley council appoints former councilman to fill vacant seat

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The City Council appointed a former councilman Tuesday to fill a vacant seat until January.

Former councilman Brent Kerbs was one of five applicants to throw his hat into the ring for a position made open by the March death of Councilman Al Thaxton.

Kerbs, a Burley business owner, served two four-year terms on the council and didn't seek re-election in November 1999.

In November, residents will elect someone to serve out the remaining two years of Thaxton's term.

Kerbs was not at Tuesday's council meeting and couldn't be reached for comment.

Council members and the mayor said Tuesday the pool of applicants made the decision difficult. Kerbs' appointment was based largely on the reasoning that several important issues in the next several months make someone with council experience a better choice.

"That experience is pretty valuable to this body this year," said Councilman Jon Anderson.

The city has a new sewage plant on the horizon, rising electricity rates and economic development issues to confront before the year is over, said Mayor Doug Manning.

Other applicants included Merlin Hill, who was a write-in candidate in the November 1999



Burley Mayor Doug Manning, left, and Councilman Gordon Hansen talk at Tuesday's City Council meeting about former councilman Al Thaxton, who died two weeks ago from congestive heart failure. The council approved Manning's recommendation to appoint former councilman Brent Kerbs to fill Thaxton's position until January, when a newly elected council member will take over.

election, Eric Fonesbeck; Jerry Konrad, Pete Snow and Janet Tilley.

Thaxton passed away March 22 at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center at the age of 79. The council will pay tribute to Thaxton at its April 17 meeting when it will present his family with a plaque of appreciation for Thaxton's service.

On Tuesday, Manning and council members spoke fondly of Thaxton.

"He was a mentor to me when I first came on the council," said Councilman Gordon Hansen.

Manning called Thaxton "one of the finest people I've known," and spoke of his role as a father figure and city leader.

"I always appreciated his opinion and outlook toward the city," Manning said.

In other council business, Manning said the Overland Bridge dedication has been postponed until 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 11.

Investigation continues in 1999 slaying of Caldwell man

CALDWELL (AP) — An investigation continues into the 1999 murder of a Caldwell man in northern California, even though the prime suspect was shot and killed by Arizona police last month.

Investigators say they believe Steve Victor of the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation in Arizona murdered Richard Eugene Blood, 64, of Caldwell. Blood died of multiple stab wounds in the Shasta County fairgrounds parking lot in Anderson, Calif., on Oct. 29, 1999.

Victor, 27, was killed by a member of the San Carlos Police Department on March 6 when he attacked the officer with a knife. Officers had responded to a report that Victor was stabbing himself at a wake for a recently deceased uncle, and then he allegedly turned on police.

Anderson Police Department

Detective Sgt. Glenn Tuschen said Victor was a leading suspect in Blood's murder almost from the beginning.

"The only suspect is Victor, and this is based on physical evidence, and the numerous interviews conducted," Tuschen said.

"We have not ruled out the possibility of others being involved. However, we have not developed any leads to this regard. The leads have always pointed at Victor as responsible."

Blood, an employee of the Caldwell Transportation Co., was in the small town just south of Redding as part of a job transporting firefighters from camp.

Officers learned Victor was caught consuming alcohol and was suspended at first by the crew boss the night before Blood's slaying. Tuschen said Victor faced a two-year loss of his firefighting privileges.

Elko

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Because granting the right of way would be permanent, public review and a full airing of the issues in this settlement are necessary, Wiygul said.

"This agreement protects the interests of the United States and avoids the uncertainty and delays of continued litigation," said Kathryn E. Landreth, U.S. attorney for Nevada. "The American public can take comfort that Elko County and the Forest Service will work together to make decisions about the future of the South Canyon Road, in accordance with applicable law."

Meanwhile, separate negotiations involving the Shovel Brigade citizens group fell apart, to the dismay of a federal judge, because of comments made by the head of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

U.S. Magistrate Robert A. McQuaid said the federal government's case against the Shovel Brigade will proceed to trial. The government sued the group after it led an effort last summer to reopen the road without obtaining required permits.

"I really don't care," McQuaid said after Demar Dahle, Shovel Brigade president, and Elko attorney Grant Gerber voiced concerns about remarks made by Bob Williams. "I don't think somebody like Mr. Williams will have any final say in what's going to happen."

Williams recently told The Associated Press he thinks it's unlikely that South Canyon Road can be rebuilt in its former location along the Jarbidge River without violating federal law protecting the threatened bull trout.

Dahle said Williams' comments showed he was biased and illustrated a "lack of good faith" on the part of federal agencies in negotiations. Terms of that deal hashed out over the past several months, already were approved tentatively by the Justice Department and the agencies it represents.

"We have run the proposal up through the chain and have approval of terms," Assistant U.S. Attorney Blaine Welsh told the court, adding that Williams' supervisors have signed the agreement with Elko County.

Dahle and Gerber wanted language inserted to assure the road would remain open; but McQuaid said the case would go forward.

Randi Thompson, Fish and Wildlife spokeswoman in Reno, said Williams' comments should not have been a surprise.

"We are bound by law to protect the bull trout and will work with Elko County on any road proposal," she said.

Times-News environmental reporter N.S. Nokkent contributed to this report.

Guitar

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and pickups eliminated some of the trouble-prone characteristics of first-generation plunk guitars.

"I learned about Ted McCarty when I started researching patents," Smith said. "Just about everyone I came across had either his name or Leo Fender's on it."

Fender, who died in 1991, was McCarty's greatest rival. Before McCarty left Gibson

in 1956, the two engaged in spirited competition to see which could bring a better and more popular guitar to market, and for the brand loyalty to big-name musicians.

"Can I pick out a Gibson in a piece of music that I hear?" he said last month. "I sure can. Can I pick out a Fender? Yes I can."

"They used cheaper materials, you know."

Kentucky-born and Cincinnati-bred, McCarty graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1933 with a degree in commercial engineering. He married Elinor Bauer in 1935, the year before he went to work for Wurlitzer. McCarty was an engineering designer for the military during World War II.

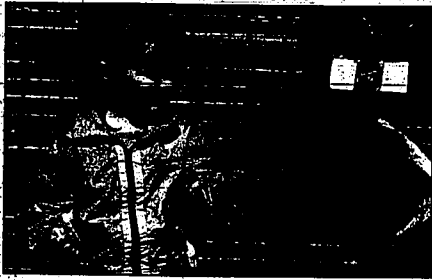
He is survived by Davis and her husband, Elbert; and by son, Theodore F. "Ted"

McCarty and his wife, Cynthia, of Harbor Springs, Mich.; four grandchildren, two of whom are in the music business; and two great-grandchildren. Also surviving is his companion/caregiver, Mable Ann Sherrill.

McCarty was preceded in death by Elinor and one brother.

Private funeral services are planned in Hawaii, where McCarty lived part-time for 25 years.

KID-TO-KID



Zee VanSickle, 4, of Pocatello, rubs the chin of a piggy goat while grooming it at the petting zoo area of the Pocatello Zoo, which opened on Sunday.

Panel urges abandoning use of 'squaw'

POCATELLO (AP) - James Yizar says he does not need to know the derivation of the word "squaw" to understand it is offensive.

"For me, all I needed was for a Native American to tell me it was offensive, and it did not reflect who they were," said the Idaho State University assistant dean of student affairs.

Yizar was part of a Monday panel discussion for the school's Native American Awareness Week. Panel members

discussed use of the word "squaw" and using Indians as sports mascots. Idaho's tribes call it a vulgar racial and sexual slur.

The word, they said, has offended people for generations, but Indians have remained quiet rather than speak out because they felt they had no voice.

The Idaho House State Affairs Committee recently rejected elimination of the derogatory term from all Idaho place names.

"Most minorities feel they don't

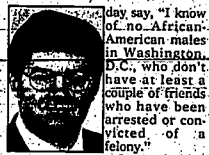
GOP chairman apologizes to NAACP

POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho Republican Party Chairman Trent Clark has apologized to the local NAACP branch for any hurt caused by comments he made in February about blacks.

"I want to convey my deepest apology for any hurt that was felt, justifiably, upon seeing a destructive lie attributed to me," he said at a Monday night meeting. Clark said again the statement attributed to him in The Idaho Spokesman-Review was inaccurate and misleading.

Clark was quoted as saying, "You probably cannot find an African-American male on the street in Washington, D.C., that hasn't been arrested or convicted of a crime."

But the state GOP chairman acknowledged a day later that he



Idaho Republican Party Chairman Trent Clark

day say, "I know of no African-American males in Washington, D.C., who don't have at least a couple of friends who have been arrested or convicted of a felony."

Several days after the incident, he met privately with Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who has spent over two years fighting the perception that Idaho is a heaven-for-bigots.

Clark earlier said his comments were aimed at equating Nonini's experience to what he saw while living as a young-congressional staffer in a predominantly black section of Washington, D.C., where his neighbors were singled out by law enforcement. He was invited to the meeting by the Pocatello chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He also decried profiling of Hispanics in Idaho.

Because Republicans are perceived to have a strong stand on crime, he said, they would be able to push the cause further than the Democrats have.

BSU administrator receives regulatory panel appointment

BOISE - Paul Kjellander, a former Republican state representative and Boise State University administrator, is the new president of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

Kjellander, of Boise, succeeds Commissioner Dennis Hansen, who was president for the previous four years. Hansen, who remains on the three-member panel, nominated Kjellander for the position. Kjellander was appointed to the commission by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne in 1999 to replace retiring Ralph Nelson.

West in brief

only noise springing from Springfield's newly allowed Sunday beer sales is the ringing of the cash registers.

City officials have received little comment from residents.

"I don't think it's that big a deal," City Council member Craig Conover said. "I would guess it's more about morality issues than civic ones."

Conover said he's received just two phone calls since the ordinance passed last month, making Springfield the only community in Utah County allowing the Sunday beer sales.

Snowpack leaves water managers planning for worst

SALT LAKE CITY - After consecutive years of below-average snowpack, The Wasatch Front is likely headed for a dry summer and accompanying water conservation measures.

Water officials and hydrologists will meet next week to compare spring runoff predictions and aquifer assessments, and begin planning for the worst.

"It's very clear we've got a limited water supply for this year," said David Ovard, general manager of the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District, which serves about half a million residents in southwestern and western Salt Lake County.

— compiled from wire reports

Prosecutors: Man unlikely to be charged in fatal crash

RIGBY - A Rigby teen-ager was hurt so badly in the accident that killed his wife that Jefferson County prosecutors say they probably will not file criminal charges against him.

Jose L. Espinoza's driver's license was suspended because of a prior conviction for drunken driving when the car he was driving slid under a flatbed truck on U.S. Highway 20, Idaho State Police reported.

Investigators recommended charging him with vehicular manslaughter, but Prosecutor Stephen Clark said the 17-year-old may never be able to stand trial because of the head injuries he suffered in the accident.

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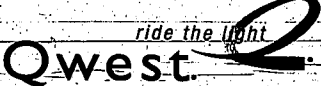
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Judge refuses to dismiss bison lawsuit

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) - A judge has refused to dismiss a lawsuit by an animal rights group trying to block a bison hunt on federal land, an attorney for the group says. The Fund for Animals used the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service over the hunt planned on the National Elk Refuge as a way to control the bison population. The group argued that feeding

programs keep bison numbers artificially high and the animals should be allowed to die naturally. The group and the agency reached a settlement under which the Fish and Wildlife Service agreed to study the feeding programs as part of the overall management of about 18,000 elk and 600 bison. But U.S. District Judge Ricardo

Urbina rejected a request last month to dismiss the settled lawsuit. Instead, Urbina ordered the Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service to submit a plan in six months detailing how the agencies intend to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act. Fund attorney Jonathan Lovorn said.

Drop in elk calves may not be due to wolves

CODY, Wyo. (AP) - A two-year drop in the elk calf population in western Wyoming's Clarks Fork coincides with the emergence of wolf packs, but the two may not be linked, wildlife managers say. Last month, an aerial survey of 1,800 elk resulted in a count of 26 calves per 100 cow elk, said John Emmerich, wildlife management coordinator for the Wyoming

Game and Fish Department. That is slightly above a survey last year, but below the eight-year average of 31 calves per 100 elk. "Some of that may be due to predators," Emmerich said. Low ratios could reduce the number of cow permits to be issued to hunters, he said. Wolves were first noticed in

the Clarks Fork area three years ago when Wolf No. 9, the first reintroduced wolf to give birth in the Yellowstone region, established territory there, said Ed Bangs, head of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wolf recovery effort. Three wolf packs consisting of at least 16 wolves and pups have established territory in the area.

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Section C

Set your fish up in style

Q: What are some ideas for fish-bowls to aquarists?
A: The practice of keeping fish in tanks was developed in the 1830s, primarily as a means of studying aquatic life at close range. As the idea caught on, Victorians began creating decorative fish-bowls.

Today, fishbowls and tanks from the 19th and early 20th centuries can be found in antique stores; flea markets and salvage yards. Tanks are often made of solid metal and lead glass - once necessary for sustaining the weight of hundreds of gallons of water - and some are supported on cast-iron bases. Fishbowls are made of either blown or pressed glass and are sometimes tinted yellow, amber or green. While you might still find a pressed-glass bowl for a steal at a flea market, you could pay several thousand dollars for an antique tank, depending on design, age and condition.

Keep in mind that while a perfect, blown-glass fishbowl makes a charming collectible, it is not a practical container for fish, since most species require filtered water and oxygen than can be provided in such a vessel. Consider using it instead as a planter, a display for a collection of shells or a lidded terrarium. To keep fish for the long term, set up a modern aquarium:

- AQUARIUM ESSENTIALS**
- START** with a lower-maintenance, freshwater aquarium. A good pet store should be able to educate you about the equipment:
 - Tank:** Allow 1 gallon for every "fish inch" (the lengths of all your fish) to get the most out of 15 gallons is a good starting estimate.
 - Undergravel filter:** This keeps the tank clean and provides aeration-pumping oxygen into the water. Beneficial oxygen-loving bacteria cleanse the water and neutralize harmful ammonia. Connect the filter to an air pump placed outside the tank.
 - Gravel:** Choose gravel with a 1/8- to 1/4-inch diameter, and spread it on top of the filter plate. The gravel layer should slope from 1/2 inch in front to 1 inch in back. Rinse gravel before use, even if labeled "prewashed."
 - Ornaments:** Driftwood, plants and rocks are sold in pet stores for decoration.
 - Water:** Fill with clean, cold tap water. After filling, add a few tablespoons of a water conditioner to remove chlorine.
 - Temperature:** Since freshwater fish require a warm climate, you will need an aquarium heater, anchored with suction cups inside the tank. Set the heater's thermostat to a constant 78 to 80 degrees F.
 - Lighting:** Keep the tank out of direct sunlight. Create a day-night cycle for your fish with artificial tank lighting. Use fluorescent, full-spectrum lights set on an automatic timer. Do not use colored incandescent lights or ultraviolet "black" light.

BRINGING FISH HOME

Buy fish that are active, have clear eyes and smooth fins. Tetras are easy to care for and ideal for aquariums because of their communal nature. For the most peaceful behavior and best color, keep them in schools of three, five or seven.

Add the fish gradually: Allow the bag they are sold in to float for about 10 minutes in the water to let the temperature equalize, then transfer fish with a net (don't dump in the water from the bag).

Avoid putting too many fish in a tank at a time - start with no more than five. Their waste products will form just enough ammonia to attract beneficial bacteria. This process takes about three weeks and will make the tank water hazy. After the cloudiness clears, take a water sample to the pet store for ammonia testing. If it is free of ammonia, you can add more fish.

Feed your fish regularly, but don't overfeed. Check with your pet store for guidelines. Keep the aquarium clean by changing a fifth of the water each month.

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Borislav Bozic grills a sausage sandwich at the Balkan Cafe in Twin Falls. Bozic has more than 40 years' experience as a chef. His wife, Maja, and son, Igor, are also in the food industry.

Immigrant family brings homeland flavors to valley

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Jadranko Predojevic and his wife, Anita Bozic, came to the United States from Bosnia with their son, Arjan, six years ago. They brought the food of their homeland with them.

Balkan cuisine is a mixture of European and Middle Eastern influences. Eggplant, tomatoes, red peppers, walnuts, honey, olives, plums, apricots, grapes, cheese, rice, mushrooms, figs and sour cream combine in mouthwatering dishes with seafood, veal, lamb, beef and pork.

Bosnia lies in the southeastern area of Europe, known as the Balkans. The Balkans are Mediterranean and include several countries - European Turkey, Greece, Albania, Romania, Macedonia, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Montenegro, Bulgaria and Bosnia.

Predojevic said that Christmas

Balkan delights

is celebrated in the Balkans, but New Year's is a bigger holiday, when fireworks fill the sky.

Women's Day, on March 8, is much like our Mother's Day, except it is for all women - sisters, daughters, mothers, girlfriends. May Day celebrates the worker, much like Labor Day in the United States.

Lamb is the favorite meat at holiday celebrations and is cooked on a spit over a fire. There is feasting, singing and dancing. Parties are often held in parks and open spaces so that everyone can attend.

Bozic's nephew, Igor Bozic, immigrated to the United States about three years ago. The three loved Balkan food so much they decided to share it. They hired Anita's father, Borislav Bozic, and mother, Maja Bozic, to help with the cooking and opened the Balkan Cafe at 600 Main Ave. N. in February.

Jadranko and Anita plan to become United States citizens in May.

Predojevic said the food in local grocery stores isn't always the same as in the Balkans. He buys a lot of his foodstuffs at the Euro Food Store on Second Street East, he said, adding that Balkan Cappuccino is much stronger than the American version. The coffee is almost twice as strong, and whipped cream and chocolate traditionally go on top.

Ooh, aah

Do your guests Ooh and Aah in your kitchen? Do your grown children ask for your special dishes? We'd like to hear from you. We're looking for area cooks to feature in our cook's profile segment of Wednesday's Times-News. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to be interviewed and photographed and would be willing share some recipes, please let us know.

Write to Denise Turner, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83303-0548. Or call 733-0931, Ext. 243. Or e-mail to denise@magjournal.com.

Tell us a little about yourself, and include your name and phone number.

He offers a few Balkan recipes.

GREEK VILLAGE SALAD
(Serves 6 to 8)

- 1 red onion, cut into slices
- 6 tomatoes, cut into wedges
- 2 medium cucumbers, sliced
- 1 cup black olives
- 6 ounces Feta cheese, broken into pieces
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- Dried oregano for garnish

Combine the tomato, onion, cucumbers and olives in a bowl. Season to taste. Sprinkle crumbled Feta cheese over the top. Top with olive oil and oregano.

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Learn what goes into a blue ribbon

County fair workshop removes the mystery

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Do you want to win a blue ribbon at the fair - or would you rather hand out the ribbons?

Either way, everything you've wanted to know about judging county fair flowers and produce (but were afraid to ask) is the subject of next week's workshop being taught by Cathy Walworth, a master gardener and consulting rosarian, and Jo Ann Robbins, Blaine County Extension educator.

The workshop is designed to take the fear out of entering competitions at county fairs, and to serve as an opportunity to recruit new county fair judges.

Both Walworth and Robbins have been judging flowers and produce at county fairs in the Magic Valley for years. But the fairs are all scheduled at the same time of year, and Walworth and Robbins can't be everywhere at once.

"We need more judges," Walworth said.

The workshop is actually designed for folks who want to maximize their chances of winning a ribbon, with step-by-step teaching about what judges look for: how to select the right fruit, vegetable or flower; and how to present plants or produce to the best advantage.

"We use a hands-on approach," Robbins said. "We will set up examples for the group to judge, walk the group through the judging process and then let the participants try judging themselves."

The workshop also help to identify those who might make good judges of produce or flowers. Walworth said there will be a sign-up sheet for people interested in becoming judges at fairs. Then, Walworth and Robbins will interview the prospective judges at a later date.

Food and punch will be served at the workshop. Seed packets and handouts will be given to participants. Participants should bring pencil and paper.

Registrations will be accepted at the door, but participants are encouraged to pre-register so the presenters can make sure there are enough seed packets to go around.

To attend

A workshop designed to take the fear out of county fair competitions will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. April 11 in the community room at KMWV, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Cost is \$2. To pre-register, call Jo Ann Robbins at 718-5585 or mail a check to her at 117 N. River St., Halley, Idaho 83333.

Lutherans serve up noodles

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

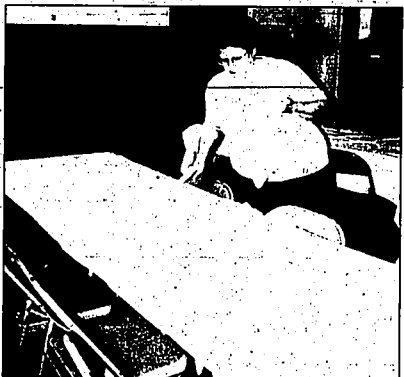
RUPERT - Some of the women making noodles for Trinity Lutheran's Spring Salad Luncheon have been noodle-makers for much longer than the 25 years they have been serving up the specialty at church.

Olea Jarolimek learned to make noodles from her mother when she was a girl.

"We did it with a butcher knife," she said. "We didn't have machines."

She remembers helping her mother make and serve not only handmade noodles for soup, but entire meals for eight to 12 men for four to five days.

"We used to make them when we'd thrash," she said of the noodles. "We had to cook for the men."



Dorcas Wilcox lays out dough to dry while making noodles to sell at the Deetzes Society's Spring Salad Luncheon at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert.

When the members of the Priscilla Circle makes noodles for their annual Spring Salad Luncheon, the group uses Jarolimek's recipe, which she knew by heart long before it started appearing with most standard noodle-making machines.

"Four yolks and one whole egg, two tablespoons oil, and two tablespoons water, she fretted. The amount of flour depends on how the dough feels. Knead until stiff.

"Making noodles is more of an art than making most recipes because so much is done by hand. Once the dough is laid out, the strips have to dry to a certain stage before they are cut into noodles," explained Deloris Thaeate, another long-time noodle-maker.

"They can't be too dry," she said. "They would kind of feel like a damp feather."

She tests them by running one through the machine.

"If it sticks, it's too wet," Thaeate said.

Before machines were available, noodles had to be cut by hand to a precise narrow width that isn't easy to achieve without a lot of experience. Luckily, the church women have plenty.

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Table's set for Taste of Home Cooking School

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Next week, area residents will have the opportunity to attend the nationally recognized Taste of Home Cooking School.

This two-hour, on-stage demonstration will feature 10 new recipes - and everyone who attends will receive a gift bag with a recipe collection, coupons, samples and brochures.

Sunnie Renshaw, one of 11 home economists who bring the cooking schools to communities across the country, will prepare the dishes. Times-News Food Editor Denise Turner will be giving away lots of door prizes.

Associated with Reiman Publications in Greendale, Wis. (Taste of Home and Quick Cooking magazines are two of its publications), the event is sponsored by Homemakers Schools. Each year, more than 250 of the schools are sponsored at various locations.

"Nowadays, every show draws capacity crowds," Renshaw said.

"Those who are on hand are going to greatly enjoy this show," added Janet Goffin of The Times-News.



Mouth-watering springtime treats include Chocolate Almond Coffeecake, Chocolate Cheesecake Cupcakes and Chocolate Walnut Jam Bars.

To attend

The Trinity Lutheran Dorcas Society's annual Spring Salad Luncheon, along with a craft and bake sale, will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Trinity Lutheran Church parish hall, 909 Eighth St. in Rupert. Eight-ounce bags of homemade Priscilla Circle noodles will sell for \$1.75. The Dorcas Society's cookbook, "Goodly Share," will sell for \$5. A free-will donation will be received for lunch.

Tickets

The Taste of Home Cooking School is set for 6:30 p.m. Monday in the John Roper Auditorium at Twin Falls High School. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets, priced at \$2.50, are available at The Times-News, 132 Third St. W. in Twin Falls, or at The Times-News Mini-Cassia Bureau, 325 1/2 E. Fifth N. in Burley. For mail orders, call 735-2301. No tickets are sold at the door.

- margarine, softened
 - 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
 - 1/4 cup honey
 - 1 teaspoon almond extract
 - 3 large eggs
 - 1/2 cup milk
 - 2 cups (12-ounce package) Nestle Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels, divided
- Please see TASTE, Page C5

FOOD & HOME

Forsythia finds a place in modern landscapes

By George Bria
The Associated Press

Some gardeners snub forsythia as too common, but its golden effulgence in early spring trumps them. The profusion of yellow blossoms cheers hearts, heralding the arrival of a new season in the sun.

Living in the country, I'm particularly fond of the tall, graceful varieties that burst into bloom when trees are still bare and snow may be lingering. Even before that, I cut branches of forsythia in late winter and bring them indoors for forcing. In a week-or-so, they flower and brighten any room.

Outdoors, the blooming season lasts two or three weeks. After the flowers die, the thickly branched bushes play useful roles as screens and windbreaks. But they need careful pruning, which should be done just after the flowers fade. Once a year, the oldest stems should be cut about four inches from the ground. Smaller varieties, some no taller than a foot, grace gardens everywhere to provide colorful accents or serve as hedges.

A native of China and eastern Europe, forsythia gets its British-sounding name from William Forsyth, an 18th-century Scottish horticulturist who gained eminence in London's gardening world. His name was bestowed on the plant as an honorific by a Danish botanist, Martin Vahl.

Forsythia may be started from cuttings or layering or bought from nurseries as young shrubs. They make fast growth, as much as two feet a year, depending on the variety. Some reach 10 feet in height.

To start from cuttings, you take clips from new growth, root them in a planting medium and then transplant them. The other method, layering, is done by bending a living branch of the bush to the ground, making a slanting cut in it and burying it slightly, pinning it in place with a hairpin. A few months later, you sever the new plant from the parent. But it's best to wait a year before transplanting it to a permanent site.

Gardeners without parent plants or wanting to skip these steps will find wide-ranging selections of forsythia, also known as golden bells, offered by nur-

series. They sell at Wayside Gardens of Hodges, S.C. — Tel. 800-845-1124; www.waysidegardens.com — for \$19.95 apiece or \$209 for a dozen.

A variety called Meadowlark is described as a boon to Northern gardeners to combat hard winters that sometimes reduce flowering. Developed in the Dakotas, this variety has proven bud-hardy in temperatures as low as 35 degrees below zero F. The shrubs eventually reach a height of 6 feet to 9 feet.

Another variety, Spring Glory, grows about 6 feet tall and is hailed as unsurpassed for its profusion of blooms, as many as twice those of other varieties. It also is recommended for winter-time forcing indoors. On the compact end is Gold Tide, a European dwarf of Spring Glory. It grows only 20 inches tall, but with a spread 4 feet and a mass of flowers.

Close planting blocks weeds, shades soil

These spring snowstorms are just a little joke. Mother Nature knows she will eventually let us enjoy spring. And when she's through kidding around, we're going to dive into the dirt and plant something. Here are some tips for that sunny day.

Sink a shovel in and turn the soil. Sift out the little sprigs of weeds and crabgrass that thought they wanted to live there. Throw them aside so their roots will dry out in the sun. Work in a little compost, if you've got it. Otherwise, don't spend your time worrying about soil amendments. The rule is: If it will grow weeds, it will grow flowers.

Soak each tiny plant while it's still in the tray pack. Plants that are soaked before we take them out of their nursery pots have a five-times greater chance of survival than those that are only watered after they are planted.

Squeeze the individual tray pack from the bottom. When the root ball is wet, and you squeeze the sides in, the root ball com-



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

presses. That helps the little flower fall out into your palm. Never grab the plant by the neck and try to pull it out.

Once the plant is out of the pot, cut or gently pull the roots apart. If the roots are left in the shape of the pot they came out of, they will continue to grow in that shape. They will never reach out and enjoy their surroundings.

When the roots are cut — in at least two places — they branch out. The whole plant will grow bigger and healthier.

Read the little plastic tag that comes with each potted plant. It will tell you whether those flowers will be happy in sun or shade. It will also tell you how far apart

to space the flowers from each other. Plant them about half as far as the tag recommends.

Our short growing season will never allow annual flowers to grow up and together into that lush cottage-garden look we see in magazine photos if we space our flowers as recommended. Nor will our flowers grow thickly enough to shade the soil.

That means that if we plant our flowers too far apart, our gardens have a much better chance of harboring weeds. And, the soil will dry out too soon. Better to help the flowers grow together and shade the soil. We will save water and weeding time.

Remember to water the bed after you've got everything in the ground. Put down a fine mulch between the tiny flowers to keep the moisture and temperatures level. Until you get to know your soil, poke your finger down into it every day or so to see if the gar-

den needs water.

Use a good, water soluble fertilizer. I use Peter's 20-20-20 on my flowers, and they all seem to like it.

DEAR CATHY: You recently wrote about bur buttercup and how to prevent it. Could you tell me again?

—SINCERELY,
SPRING GREEN

DEAR SPRING: It's too late to prevent bur buttercup. It's up and some of it is flowering in my yard already. All we can do at this point is wait for the temperatures to get back up over 55 degrees and use a 2,4-d product or Round-Up on it. A hoe works well at this stage, too. Thanks for writing.

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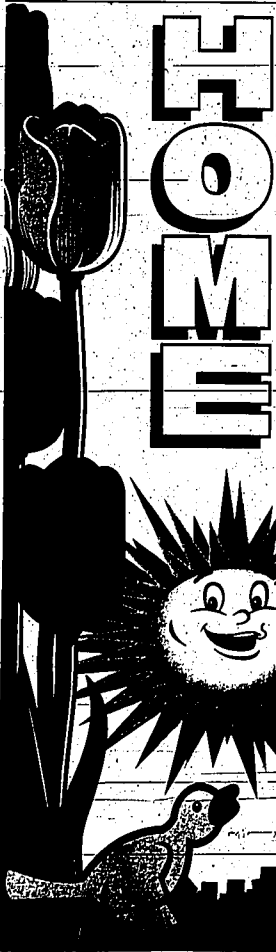
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Q: How do I know if my garden soil is good?

A: You can test your soil with an inexpensive testing kit available at garden centers. Most plants prefer soil that has a slightly acidic to neutral pH. You can adjust your soil by adding nutrients such as lime or sulphur. Soil can also be built up and enriched by the addition of materials such as peat moss, humus and compost.

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Old mixes with new in Richland

A wide covered porch wraps around the front of the Richland, conjuring up images of porch swings and rocking chairs. Gables, shuttered windows and wood siding add to the nostalgic image.

Inside, the floorplan is completely "contemporary" — low on formality, high on livability. A long bench in the vaulted entry hall is handy for removing muddy foot gear. Boots and shoes are stored underneath. The front room could be a dining room, parlor or even a home office.

The vaulted great room is bright and spacious. It has a built-in entertainment center and a corner fireplace. The nook also has a vaulted ceiling. Studded with skylights and windows on three sides, this area is exceptionally bright.

Sliding glass doors access a dining deck.

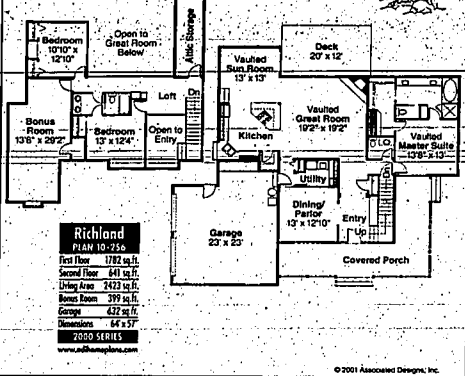
Standing at the kitchen range, you can gaze across the angled eating bar into the nook and great room, or out the windows to the deck and rear yard. A garden window illuminates the corner sink. The walk-in pantry

adds storage space, and utilities are only a few steps away.

A small powder room and a large master suite fill out the remainder of the lower level. Master suite luxuries include a walk-in closet, and a skylit bathroom with twin lavs, spa or soaking tub, shower and private toilet.

On the upper level, a loft overlooks the entry and great room. The upper bedrooms have window seats and share a dual-compartment bathroom. A long bonus room nestles under the gable that caps the garage, and there's also a long-attic storage closet at the top of the stairs.

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Build efficiency into bathroom remodeling

DEAR JIM: We are planning a full remodeling job of our master bathroom. We want it to be comfortable and contemporary, but also energy and water efficient. What products and design concepts should we consider?

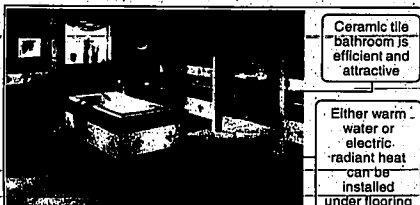
—ANN M.

DEAR ANN: Bathroom remodeling is one of the most common major home improvement projects. In addition to creating a relaxing, enjoyable room, it can substantially increase the future resale value of your home. Your budget is limited, so just make gradual improvements over several years.

Other than kitchens, your bathrooms, especially master baths, are the greatest energy and water consumer in the typical home. In general, the most efficient new products and improvements also provide the best comfort.

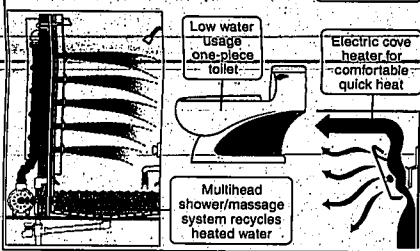
The first item to consider is how to heat your bathroom. A gentle, quiet, yet rapid heating method is best. A combination of various types of radiant heat is the most efficient and comfortable option. These include wall and ceiling heating panels, cover and an electric warm floor heating unit.

A radiant panel provides heat quickly without chilly breezes. It heats like walking into the sunshine. This allows you to keep the bathroom cooler when it is not being used for a large energy savings. It would be difficult to accomplish the same rapid quiet



Ceramic tile bathroom is efficient and attractive

Either warm water or electric radiant heat can be installed under flooring



Various methods can be used to remodel bathrooms with conservation in mind.

heating with forced-air heating units.

Electric warm floor heating provides the ultimate comfort when you step out of a shower. It is ideal under decorative ceramic tile that will hold the heat. Since this does not provide instant heat, consider putting it on a timer. Turn it on only during high usage times in the morning and evening.

If you have ever used a towel warmer after bathing in a hotel, you know how great it feels. There are attractive brass, real oak wood and chrome plug-in,

home-size models that mount on a wall or on door hinges to save space. Using one lets you set the

bathroom air temperature lower to save overall.

Most people add a whirlpool or hydro-massaging, multihead shower when remodeling. Some five-head showers have a small pump that recirculates the warm water to reduce usage. A low-flow standard shower head is a must. Most new filtering heads remove chlorine with a KDF element and save water, too.

Select one of the new super-quiet automatic combination vent fans/lights. These have motion and humidity sensors to make sure that they do not run too long or too little. If you get up often at night, consider a model that also has a built-in night light. Many new models are decorative and ornate.

Install a low-water-usage toilet. One-piece models are most attractive. Pressure-assist designs provide a positive, quick flush, but are slightly noisier.

Write for (instantly download - www.dulley.com) Update Bulletin No. 910 - buyer's guide of 14 manufacturers of efficient/comfort bathroom products: radiant heating, towel warmers, unique showers, whirlpools, toilets, quiet vent fans and ceramic tile. Please include \$3 and a business-size SASE. Write to James Dulley, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244.

Martha's secret of success: Organize!

By Jane Konradi
The Washington Post

In the foreword of her latest book, Martha Stewart shares with the rest of us the essential secret of her phenomenal success: The woman is organized.

The book "Good Things for Organizing" by Martha Stewart Living (Clarkson Potter, \$22), is eye candy for those of us with crammed drawers and sagging shelves. In Stewart's world, twine dispensers fashioned from kitchen funnels hang tidily on the wall, mouthwash sparkles in an antique glass flask, book trays by the door catch drips from galoshes. Sigh.

"Perhaps the question I'm most asked is 'How do you do it all?'" writes Stewart in the introduction. Some of her tricks for juggling her multiple homes, jobs and offices are highlighted in this well-photographed paperback.

Stewart admits that her six residences from Maine to East Hampton, N.Y., are in a constant state of reorganization as she seeks ways to stash the stuff of life, from pet toys to mops. It's a nice idea to keep laundry detergent in a clear canister with a scoop, ribbons neatly coiled in tasteful baskets and matching storage boxes neatly labeled with their contents. We salute you, Martha.

Like Stewart's books on entertaining and cooking, this one may just be a delicious bonbon you take to bed with a mug of chamomile tea, never intending (or believing you could) actually incorporate any of its ideas into your frenzied life. How many of us would really spend a Saturday afternoon tackling the chore of

sewing our own cotton-twill dispenser for plastic grocery bags?

You might not have a staff of personal assistants, as she has, folding your towels into perfect fluffy stacks in the linen closet, but by using a few of her tricks, you might be able to find your birth certificate (or a length of twine) when next you need it.



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FOOD & HOME

Sticky buns are gooey, great-tasting treat

Taste of Home

These sweet rolls are the creation of Bobbie Talbot of Veneta, Ore. She says they are terrific with coffee tea and for dessert, and they're perfect for holiday brunch.

- HONEY NUT STICKY BUNS**
 2 packages (1/4 ounce each) active dry yeast
 1/2 cup warm water (110 to 115 degrees)
 2 eggs
 1/4 cup sugar
 3 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 3 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
Topping:
 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
 1/4 cup butter or margarine
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup chopped pecans
Filling:
 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
 1/2 cup chopped pecans



The enticing aroma of these Honey Nut Sticky Buns is an appetizing invitation to good eating.

1/4 cup packed brown sugar
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 In a mixing bowl, dissolve yeast in water. Add eggs, sugar, butter, salt and vanilla. Mix well. Add 2 cups of flour. Beat until smooth.

Sprinkle with pecans. Set aside. Punch dough down. Turn onto a lightly floured surface. Roll into a 24-by-8-inch rectangle. Brush with butter to within 1 inch of edges. Combine the pecans, brown sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle over butter. Roll up from long side; seal seam. Cut into 1-inch slices. Place cut side down in pan. Cover and let rise until doubled, about 30 minutes. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 28 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 1 minute. Invert onto a serving platter. Makes 2 dozen.

Taste

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Streusel (recipe follows)
Chocolate Glaze (recipe follows)
 Preheat oven to 350. Grease and flour two 9-inch round cake pans. Combine flour, baking soda and salt in small bowl. Beat butter, sugar, honey and almond extract in large mixer bowl until creamy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Gradually beat in flour mixture alternately with milk. Stir in 1 cup morsels. Divide batter into prepared cake pans. Sprinkle with Streusel. Bake for 20-30 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pans for 15 minutes. Drizzle with Chocolate Glaze.

For Streusel: Combine 1/2 cup packed brown sugar and 1/2 cup all-purpose flour in medium bowl. Cut in 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine with pastry blender or 2 knives until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in 3/4 cup sliced almonds and 1/2 cup morsels.

For Chocolate Glaze: Melt remaining 1/2 cup morsels, 1 tablespoon butter or margarine and 1/4 teaspoon milk in small, heavy-duty saucepan over low heat, stirring until smooth. Yield: two 9-inch coffeecakes

CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE CUPCAKES

Cupcakes:
 2 cups (12-ounce package) Nestle Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels, divided
 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup granulated sugar
 1/3 cup vegetable oil
 1 large egg
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1 cup water
Filling:
 2 packages (3 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
 1/4 cup granulated sugar
 1 large egg
 1/8 teaspoon salt
 Preheat oven to 350. Grease or paper-line 16 muffin cups.

For Cupcakes: Microwave 1/2 cup morsels in small microwaveable bowl on high (100 percent power) for 45 seconds; stir. Microwave at additional 10-20 intervals, stirring until smooth; cool to room temperature. Combine flour, baking soda and salt in small bowl. Beat sugar, oil, egg and vanilla extract in large

mixer bowl until blended. Beat in melted chocolate; gradually beat in dry ingredients alternately with water (batter will be thin).
For Filling: Beat cream cheese, sugar, egg and salt in small mixer bowl until creamy. Stir in 1 cup morsels.
To Assemble: Spoon batter into prepared muffin cups, filling 1/2 full. Spoon filling by rounded tablespoon over batter. Spoon remaining batter over filling. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. While still hot, sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup morsels. Let stand for 5 minutes or until morsels are shiny; spread to frost. Remove from pans; cool on wire racks.

Yield: 16 cupcakes
CHOCOLATE WALNUT JAM BARS
Crust:
 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
Filling:
 3/4 cup seedless raspberry jam or apricot preserves
 2 cups finely chopped walnuts
 1/4 cup granulated sugar
 3 large eggs
 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 2 cups (12-ounce package) Nestle Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels, divided
 Preheat oven to 375. Grease a 13-by-9-inch baking pan.
For Crust: Beat butter and

brown sugar in small mixer bowl; beat in flour. Press onto bottom of prepared baking pan. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool completely in pan on wire rack.
For Filling: Spread jam over crust. Combine walnuts and sugar in small bowl; set aside 2 tablespoons for topping. Beat eggs until light in large mixer bowl; beat in remaining walnut mixture, flour and vanilla extract. Stir in 1 cup morsels. Pour over crust. Bake 25 to 28 minutes or until "top" is set. Immediately sprinkle remaining morsels over top. Let stand for 5 minutes until morsels are shiny; spread. Cool, refrigerate for 10 minutes to set chocolate.
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FOOD & HOME

Guests might snap up unusual crab lasagna

By Ellen Hawks
The Balmirors Sun

Tammy Merritt of Columbia, Md., wrote, "I am hoping to find a recipe for Crab Lasagna which my mother would love to me and unfortunately my dog ate it." Her response came from Cecilia Samm of Timonium, Md.

CRAB LASAGNA
1/2 pound uncooked lasagna noodles
2 (10 1/2-ounce) cans cream of shrimp soup
2 cups crab meat, picked carefully for shells, or 3 (6-ounce) cans
2 cups ricotta or small-curd cottage cheese
3 ounces cream cheese
1 egg
1 medium onion, chopped
1 to 2 teaspoons basil, to taste
Sprinkle of oregano or dill

Recipe finder
Salt and pepper, to taste
2 tomatoes, thinly sliced
1/2 pound (2 cups) grated Cheddar cheese
Cook the noodles in boiling salted water and drain. Combine the soup and drained crab meat in a saucepan and heat on low. Blend the ricotta, cream cheese, egg, onion and seasonings in a medium bowl. In a greased or sprayed 8-by-13-inch pan, layer half the noodles, then half the cheese mixture, all of the soup mixture, then another layer each of noodles and cheese. Top with a layer of sliced tomatoes. Cover with foil and bake for 30 minutes in a preheated 350-degree oven. Remove foil, top with Cheddar cheese and continue baking 15 minutes more. Serves 8 to 10

Noodles

Continued from C1
While the group kneads dough, cuts it into strips and lays it out to dry, Betty Marín talks about how the luncheon is being given.
"The annual salad luncheon is not just a Lutheran event, she said, adding, "If we didn't have the community support, we couldn't do it."
"Many people from the community donate crafts, baked goods and salads for the luncheon. Money from the event is used for mission projects, including the Women's Mission League, Vacation Bible School and the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council. The salad luncheon feeds between 125 and 175 each year and brings in around \$800.
"The church event has grown, mostly just women," Martin said, "but more men are coming now. I guess they are finding out how good it is."
The noodles have always been a big hit at the luncheon, Jarolimiek said. She doesn't know exactly how many they sell each year, but she does know they used 45 dozen eggs last year. And they've sold out every year, she said.
"What happens to all the extra egg whites that are not used in the noodle dough? The women take them home and bake angel food cakes sold at the bake sale during the luncheon."
Here are some favorites from "Goodly Share," that could turn up at the Spring Salad Luncheon.

BROCCOLI AND BACON SALAD
(Cora Bethke)
5 cups broccoli flowerets
1 cup sunflower seeds (salted or raw)
1 cup raisins
10 strips bacon
1/4 cup chopped red onion
Dressing:
1/2 cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons sugar
3 tablespoons vinegar
Separate the broccoli flowerets to desired size and place in large bowl. Cook bacon until crisp, and crumble when cool. Add with sunflower seeds, raisins, onion and dressing. Mix well and let sit overnight.

LIME JELL-O SALAD
(Betty Martin, in memory of Rachel Martin)



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Balkans

Continued from C1
This dish originated in the Ottoman Empire (Turkey). It is considered the national dessert of Bosnia.

TIFAHJA
(Serves 6)
6 yellow delicious apples
4 ounces shelled walnuts
2 ounces blanched almonds
3 cups superfine sugar
2 cups water
Rind from 1/2 lemon, grated fine
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
6 cherries (from a can)
2 cups whipped cream
To make the filling, put the walnuts and almonds in a food processor and pulse until finely ground. Transfer to a bowl and stir in the lemon rind, vanilla and 1/2 cup of whipped cream. Peel the apples and remove the cores. Put the sugar and water in a saucepan and stir to dissolve. Bring to a boil. Put the apples in and cook for 15 to 20 minutes, till the apples soften. Remove the apples from the saucepan and

cool for 30 minutes. When both the apples and the syrup are cool, fill the apples with the nut filling. Place each apple in a small bowl and pour syrup over the top. Garnish with whipped cream and a cherry.

This is a delicious Mediterranean seafood meal.
FRIED SQUID (CALAMARI)
(Serves 4)
1 pound (about 18) small squid (calamari)
1/3 cup flour
Butter flavored oil
1/2 lemon, cut into wedges
2 eggs (may need more)
To clean the squid, gently pull the tentacles away from the hood. The entrails should come away with them. Remove the entrails from the tentacles by cutting under the eyes and remove the beak if it remains in the center of the tentacles. Pull away the soft hood under running water and the skin should come away easily.

Wash the hoods and tentacles and drain well. Place in a bowl and season well with salt. Cover and refrigerate for about 30 minutes.

Combine the flour and a pinch each of salt and cracked pepper in a shallow dish. Beat the eggs in a separate dish. Fill a deep, heavy-based saucepan one-third full of oil; heat. Coat the squid hoods and tentacles in flour and eggs. Deep fry them until lightly browned and tender. Drain on paper towel, then transfer to a serving platter, and serve with lemon wedges.

SIDE DISH
1/2 pound potatoes
2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh parsley
Olive oil
Boil peeled and diced potatoes till tender. Heat a small amount of olive oil in a saucepan, add parsley and pour over the potato.

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1 cup small marshmallows
Mix Jell-O and hot water until dissolved. Add cream cheese and mix well. Beat whipping cream until stiff. Combine Jell-O mixture and whipped cream. Mix well. Add nuts, pineapple and marshmallows. Chill until firm.

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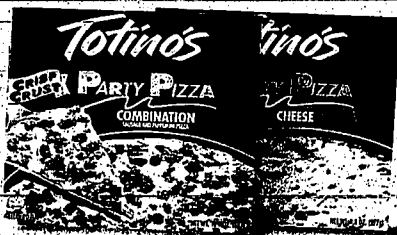
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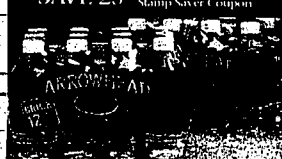
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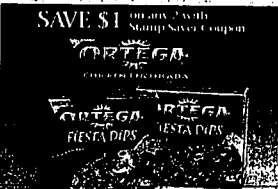
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MAKE-AHEAD POTATOES

10 large potatoes, peeled and quartered
 1 cup (8 ounces) sour cream
 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
 6 tablespoons butter or margarine, divided
 2 tablespoons dried minced onion

1/2 to 1 teaspoon salt

Paprika

Place potatoes in a Dutch oven or large kettle. Cover with water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat. Cover and cook for 20 to 25 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Drain and place in a bowl. Mash. Add sour cream, cream cheese, 4 tablespoons butter, onion and salt. Stir until smooth and the cream cheese and butter are melted. Spread in a greased 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking dish. Melt remaining butter. Drizzle over potatoes. Sprinkle with paprika. Refrigerate or bake immediately, covered, at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Uncover and bake 20 minutes longer. If potatoes are made ahead and refrigerated, let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes before baking. Makes 12 servings.

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4 boneless Salmon Creek Farms Pork Medallions (1/2 lb. thick)
 Salt & pepper to taste
 1 tablespoon olive or vegetable oil
 4 medium red potatoes, cut up
 1 medium onion, sliced
 1 teaspoon dried oregano
 1 cup Swanson chicken broth
 1/2 cup roasted red peppers

Sprinkle pork chops with salt and pepper. In a hot nonstick skillet over medium-high heat, cook chops in oil for 10 min-

utes or until well browned. Remove chops; set aside. Add potatoes, onion and oregano to skillet. Cook 5 minutes or until browned, stirring occasionally. Add chops, broth and red peppers. Bring to a boil. Cover and cook over low heat for 5 minutes or until meat juice runs clear.

Preparation Tip
 You can prepare roasted peppers at home. Begin by cutting peppers in halves or quarters & removing the seeds & stems. Place peppers in a shallow baking dish. Add 1/2 cup water or 1/4 cup olive oil to the dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until the skins are bubbly & wrinkled. Then place the roasted peppers in a bowl, cover with foil & let stand 30 minutes. Remove the skins by pulling it off gently with a paring knife.

Bon Appetit!

MORNING LINE

SPORTS QUOTE:

“It's obvious that somebody put something in your iced tea today.”

— Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski addressing a crowd of about 4,000 students at Cameron Indoor Stadium on Tuesday.

TRIVIA QUESTION:

Who holds the course record in the Masters tournament?

— answer below

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IN BRIEF:

Minico Legion meets Thursday

RUPERT — The Minico American Legion baseball program will meet in Room 11 at Minico High School Thursday at 8 p.m. Business will include planning for the state tournament and other team affairs. For more information, call Russ Wright at 438-5875.

Register for softball tournament Sunday

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course is holding the annual Cove-Peppi Softball tournament Sunday and Monday. Entry fee is \$120 per team. For more information, call the pro shop at 733-3326.

Wendell Rec registers for ball leagues

WENDELL — Registration for all boys and girls interested in playing baseball or softball will be held Friday from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Wendell High gym. Cost for players aged 5-10 is \$15 and \$20 for ages 11-15. For more information, call 536-6409.

MV Boys and Girls Club hosts tournament

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Boys and Girls Club is sponsoring a basketball tournament Friday and Saturday for all boys and girls in grades 5-12. Cost is \$125 per team. Pick up registration forms or pay fees at the Boys and Girls Club at 999 Frontier Road. For more information, call Raymond Stanley at 733-9554, Ext. 2221, or 326-4109. T-shirts and glayons will go to the winners.

Buhl youth baseball, softball holds signups

BUHL — Buhl Youth Baseball will register boys and girls aged 6-15 for the upcoming baseball and softball seasons April 10, 12 and 14 at Buhl Elementary. Times are from 6-8 p.m. during the weekdays and 8:30-10 a.m. on Saturdays. For more information, call Vince Hamilton at 543-6201. For girls' information, call Leanne Montgomery at 543-8619.

Jerome men's group hosts twilight golf

JEROME — The Jerome Men's Golf Association holds its first night of twilight golf Thursday at 6 p.m. with a scramble format and shotgun start.

— Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Nick Price and Greg Norman, both with 63s in 1986 and 1996, respectively. Note: neither won.

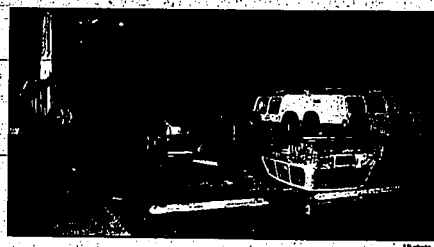
Cleanup and questions follow Arizona riot

The Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — With the burned-out vehicles cleared away and smashed windows boarded up Tuesday, police tried to sort out the riot involving University of Arizona basketball fans. Police also were examining their own response to Monday's melee in a commercial and residential district near the university. The riot began after Arizona's loss to Duke in the NCAA championship in Minneapolis 51-2. Fans overturned vehicles and set them on fire in a scene reminiscent of disturbances that followed the Wildcats' victory in the

1997 title game. Police eventually resorted to firing rubber bullets, stun grenades and tear gas to disperse the crowds. Seventeen people were arrested, at least seven of them students. Police had deployed about 500 officers in riot gear Monday night in the Fourth Avenue area, anticipating a rerun of problems seen in 1997. Police Chief Richard Miranda said he was pleased with his officers' performance in responding to the violence. "I think we did a better job," he said. "This situation was isolated to a two- to three-block area. The damage, to me, wasn't that extensive," he said.

Officers did not move in and begin enforcing their order to disperse until after revelers had tipped over several vehicles and set at least two cars and a motor home on fire. The rioters, mostly young men, also overturned planters, trash bins, smashed some decorative street lights and tore down street signs at the peak of the disturbance. Alexis Hernandez, associate dean of students at the university, said seven of those arrested were students. "It's unfortunate that anyone who is enrolled in the university might have taken part in that, and it's embarrassing," he said.



Fire-damaged vehicles lie in ruin early Tuesday in Tucson, Ariz., hours after Duke defeated Arizona for the NCAA basketball title.

RESTLESS IN TEXAS



Rangers' Alex Rodriguez steals third base during the third inning against the Anaheim Angels in Arlington, Texas, Tuesday.

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Alex Rodriguez has nothing to prove to the Texas Rangers, even after striking out three times in his first home game. The Rangers beat Anaheim in their home opener before 49,512, a regular-season record at The Ballpark in Arlington. Kenny Rogers won the

A-Rod goes 1-for-4 in home debut

Rangers' home opener for the second straight season, and Tim Lincecum got out of a bases-loaded jam with no outs in the ninth to convert his first save opportunity for Texas. "Let's not get overanalytical or critiquing four or five at-bats," Texas manager Johnny Oates said after the Rangers beat Anaheim 3-2 in their home

opener Tuesday. "He's not a guy that is accustomed, probably, to striking out three times in a ballgame. But I'm sure he wants to do well. There's so much attention focused on him." Playing his first game in Texas since signing his \$252 million, 10-year contract, the richest in sports history, Rodriguez

struck out swinging in the first and eighth innings, took a called third strike in the sixth and singled in the third. Rodriguez — who struck out 121 times in 148 games last year — increased this year's strikeout total to four in eight at-bats. But he also has three hits, all groundball singles through the left side of the infield. Please see MLB, Page D3

Wyatt Invitational pairs up state rivals

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — One of the largest and more unique track meets comes off today with the 13th Annual Angie Wyatt Invitational at Bruin Stadium in Twin Falls. Hosted by Filer High School, 15 teams from Class A-2, A-3 and A-4 will attend the meet, which has become one of the few marquee track events of the spring season.

Formerly the Filer Invitational, the meet was renamed in 1988 after Filer High athletic standout Wyatt, who died in an auto accident in 1987. Filer track coach LaRell Patterson said the meet is one of the few chances the Magic Valley's smaller schools have to size up the district competition. "It's just an opportunity for a lot of the schools to get together," Patterson said. "A lot of times, we don't get to run against each other."

The meet presents some intriguing matchups this year with defending boys' and girls' A-4 state champions Raft River facing Class A-5 state girls' champions and boys' runners-up Declo. The Hornets, who swept last year's Wyatt Invitational, remain a force after moving up to the A-2 ranks this season, Patterson said. Raft River boys' coach Jeremy Qualls said though the Trojans are down after losing several top performers to graduation, he expects a good showing from all the teams involved.

Running with the best

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"It's definitely the first chance we have to gauge ourselves in our competition," Qualls said. "But it's exciting and the kids are into it."

Throw in A-4 powers Oakley and Hagerman, whose boys teams finished second and third at state, respectively, to the Trojans last May, along with the A-2 South Central Idaho Conference teams, and Patterson said it should be a dandy of a meet.

Provided the weather cooperates. "There are so many tremendous athletes that a lot of the times the points get so spread out," Patterson said. "But it seems like every year the wind is really howling. So we haven't been blessed with the best weather in the world. But we're really excited. It's a great track meet." Field events begin the 18-event meet at 1 p.m. and admission is free to the public. Teams who will compete include: Buhl, Butte County, Declo, Filer, Glens Ferry, Gooding, Hepsen, Hagerman, Kimberly, Malad, Murtaugh, Oakley, Raft River, Valley, Wendell.

Marching towards history

A bevy of golfers stand in Tiger's way at the Masters

The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Maybe it will be Vijay Singh, the last golfer other than Tiger Woods to win a major championship. Or perhaps this will be the year Phil Mickelson finally breaks through in the big four. After all, he's already snapped two of Woods' most treasured streaks. "I would be very honored to stop another streak," Mickelson said Tuesday, trying hard to maintain a straight face.

Don't forget David Duval, the last player to hold the world's No. 1 ranking other than you know who. Keep an eye on Ernie Els, runner-up in three majors a year ago. Don't overlook Davis Love III, who has five top-10 finishes at Augusta.

If it's Woods against the rest of the world, these are the top contenders. All can make a case that they'll be trying on the green jacket Sunday, thereby halting his seemingly unstoppable march toward history. "I have not felt as though everybody is trying to get together to beat one guy," Mickelson said. "That's certainly not the case." Maybe it should be. Woods has won the last three majors — and four of the last five — a streak interrupted by Singh's victory at last year's Masters. "It is going to be very difficult



Defending Masters champion Vijay Singh, from Fiji, talks to reporters outside the clubhouse at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., Tuesday. Singh is concerned about his own bit of history. Only two players — Jack Nicklaus (1965-66) and Nick Faldo (1989-90) — have won the Masters two years in a row; the defending champion wants desperately to become the third. "I've looked forward to this week for a long time," he said, smiling. "I know the history behind it. Winning once is great. Doing it twice would be unbelievable." The oddsmakers have made Woods an overwhelming 8-5 pick to win a fourth major trophy. After that, Mickelson is listed at 12-1, Love and Singh 14-1, Els 16-1 and Duval 22-1. Mickelson, who has won 18 tournaments in his career but never a major, is clearly ticked by that glaring omission from his record. "It's disappointing," he said. "My expectation was that by age 30-1 would have not just one major, but more." Without a major victory or two, he'll never be mentioned in the same breath as Palmer, Player, Nicklaus and, well, Woods. "For the next 10 years, what I do, how I play and the things I accomplish will ultimately decide how I'm looked at as a player, generations from now," Mickelson said. "These next 10 years are very important to me, because I want to be looked at in a certain light."

Kempel shines at ski series

By Karen Bosick Times-News correspondent

GALENA LODGE — Nina Kempel could have walked across the finish line Tuesday. In fact, she would have if she hadn't had skis on her feet.

Given a 40-second lead in part one of a two-part race on Monday, Kempel had all the time in the world to scout her skis around . . . five kilometers of track near Galena Lodge and . . . win a third race in the live-stage I d a h o

International Spring Series 2001. "Today was as easy as it gets. A 40-second lead — a beautiful day, a perfect kick wax," said Kempel a few seconds after crossing the finish line. Not so easily decided was the men's senior 10K race, which was delayed for an hour while groomers tried to start the Pisten Bully track groomer after a morning low of 2 degrees. When the mist was all over and done, it was the same story—it has been all along. "Well, almost. Czech Republic skiers Martin Koukal and Lukas Bauer continue to be looked at in a certain light."

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SPORTS

Lady Bulldogs chew up Filer

The Times-News

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly High softball team bowled over Filer Tuesday, downing the Wildcats 16-6 and 14-8. Sophomore Stephanie Powers finished 4-for-8 with four RBIs with a game-ending triple to lead Bulldogs. Filer senior Crystal Koch hit an in-the-park home run and a double.

"We started out kind of slow in the first game," said Kimberly coach Rich Bishop. "In the second game we came out and hit the ball the way we were starting to at the end of the first game."

The Bulldogs gathered 27 hits on the day. Senior Zan Mickelson went 3-for-4 with three singles in Game 2. Kimberly's 5-1 overall and 2-0 in conference, travels to Wendell on Friday.

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Local sports

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GLENN'S FERRY - The Lady Pilots took two against conference rival Wendell Tuesday, 3-2 in eight innings and 9-1 in the second game.

"The girls proved to themselves that they could play with Glenns Ferry today," said Wendell assistant coach Wendy Schwendman. Wendell (16 overall, 0-2 conference) hosts Kimberly Friday.

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WENDELL - Glenns Ferry swept Wendell for two victories in a conference matchup, winning 8-4 and 17-4.

"We played wonderful the first six innings," said Wendell coach Gordon Gunter. "Pitchers started to struggle a little in the fifth and we made some errors. We just couldn't finish it."

In game two, Glenns Ferry scored ten runs in the first inning against freshman pitching. The Pilots went on to rack up 17 runs on 16 hits.

Wendell (1-5) will host Kimberly Friday.

Jerome 5, Burley 1
JEROME - The Jerome Tigers scored five runs in the fourth inning to take a 5-1 conference win over Burley.

"We played errorless ball," said Jerome coach Jay Oster. "It was a great pitching performance by J.D. Lott with the two hitler."

Jerome (4-5 overall, 1-4 conference) hosts Twin Falls Thursday. Burley (4-6 overall, 4-2 conference) travels to Pocatello Friday to take on Highland.

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KIMBERLY - Kimberly took one out of two against Filer

Tuesday afternoon, winning the first 4-3 but suffering the loss in the second game 6-4.

Bullfrogs pitcher Matt Smith ended up with eight strikeouts and no walks.

"We improved, we kept getting better," said Kimberly coach Terry Bohan. Kimberly (3-7 overall, 1-1 district) travels to Wendell Friday.

Twin Falls came out on fire, taking all-but-one match-in-the-boys singles: Brian Scott and Troy Barnum each scored a win in boys' singles play while Ashley Dille, Jessica Koutnik and Jesse May each took wins in girls' singles. In both boys' and girls' doubles the Bruins won each match in straight sets and lost only one game in mixed doubles to finish off the team win.

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MIAMI - Paul Pierce had 33 points and nine rebounds as Boston beat Miami 82-77 Tuesday night, handing the Heat their third loss in four games since Alonzo Mourning's return.

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NEW YORK - Marcus Camby had 23 points and 20 rebounds as

New York won for the ninth time in 10 home games.

The Knicks capitalized on the absence of Orlando's Tracy McGrady, who left the game with a strained muscle with 5:35 left in the first half.

McGrady left with four points in 15 minutes for Orlando.

Hornets 103, Nets 88
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Jamal Mashburn scored 31 points and P.J. Brown added 19 points and 12 rebounds as Charlotte beat New Jersey for the third time this season and for the 14th time in 17 games.

Baron Davis added 17 points for the Hornets.

Pistons 110, Bulls 83
CHICAGO - Jerry Stackhouse scored an NBA season-high 57 points as Detroit won its third straight.

Stackhouse was 21-for-36 from the field and 11-for-13 from the line in breaking Kelly Tripucka's team record of 56 points set in 1984.

Philadelphia's Allen Iverson scored his team-record 59th goal and Len Barrie added the game-winning midway through the third period as Florida beat Philadelphia.

Florida, who got 39 saves from Trevor Kidd, is unbeaten in five road games (3-0-2). It was Kidd's first start in seven games.

Jackets 2, Red Wings 1
COLUMBUS, Ohio - Ron Tugnutt tied the record for wins by an expansion goalie, and Mike Maneluk scored the go-ahead goal

wend 54 earlier this season.

Pacers 85, Suns 81
INDIANAPOLIS - Jalen Rose and Travis Best each scored 18 points as Indiana snapped the Phoenix Suns' seven-game winning streak.

The Pacers remained tied with Boston, an 82-77 winner over Miami, for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Raptors 100, 76ers 85
TORONTO - Vince Carter scored 26 points as Toronto won for the fifth time in six games and beat Philadelphia for the third time in four games this season.

Alvin Williams added 14 points and 13 assists for the Raptors, who led by as many as 35 points.

Mavs 109, Rockets 97
HOUSTON - Michael Finley scored 27 points and Dallas wrapped up its first playoff spot in 11 years.

Juwan Howard added 23 for Dallas, which secured the playoff berth with the victory and Seattle's loss at San Antonio.

Spurs 107, SuperSonics 89
SAN ANTONIO - Tim Duncan had 30 points and 14 rebounds as San Antonio ended Seattle's four-game winning streak.

The victory, combined with Philadelphia's loss at Toronto, gave the Spurs the NBA's best record at 52-22.

Derek Anderson added 16 points and eight assists and Antonio Daniels scored 11 for the Spurs.

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Consistency keys to Century win

Bobcats, Jerome struggle at the Burley Regional

By Jeff Behlman Times-News writer

BURLEY - There were no holes in the lineup of the Century golf team Tuesday morning.

The Diamondbacks boys' team finished first and the girls took second at the Burley Regional tournament at Burley Municipal Golf Course.

Blackfoot's Dallas Day shot a 3-under-par 69 for the day's low score and finished six strokes ahead of runner-up Sreed Nelson of Century. "Sreed," said the Diamondbacks best golfer, shot a 75. Burley-freshman Troy Merritt shot a 76 for third place.

Jerome senior Nicolo Paulos finished with an 83 to lead the girls division.

Century's boys' team finished with three players below 80, while their fifth shot an 83 to hold off Blackfoot by nine strokes.

The Bobcat boys finished the day with a team score of 326, placing the Burley in a third place tie with Jerome. The Burley girls' team had three players shoot above the 150 mark and finished fourth overall with a team score of 526. Jerome took third with a 471.

Team Results
Boys 1 Century 315 2 Blackfoot 313 3 Burley 320 2 4 Blackfoot 321
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"It's so awesome to race with sisters like Nina who are so much better than we are," said Merritt, a junior skier whose mother, Alison was a Nordic Olympic racer. "You see her drive, her motivation. At the same time, you learn not to take things too seriously."

Once the Salt Lake City Olympics are over, Kempell figures it's time to pass the ski poles to younger talent like Kiesel.

"You know you've been out this long time and you've trained under two of the three coaches at Kapala, she was waited for the starting gun to sound Tuesday. When she finally does finish her career, Kempell hopes to earn a master's degree in business administration. The introduction to other cultures that she's had through skiing has enticed her to take up a career in international business.

Galena

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ued their one-two domination of the series. Only this time they flipped places, with Bauer taking first despite starting sixth tenths of a second behind Koukal. Skiers started, according to the amount of time they came in behind Koukal on the first day of competition.

USA favorite Justin Wadsworth, who started fourth of a second behind Bauer, caught Bauer on the first hill about 300 yards into the race and took a two-point turn with time for a few more hundred yards before fading slightly during the second lap. Wadsworth just beat out teammate Kris Freeman by stretching his long lanky body across the finish line.

"I was saving it. I wasn't going to let you get by me," Wadsworth teased Freeman, the two went over to catch their breath.

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Strapped to her first set of skis by the age of two, she learned early to enjoy working out, taking two-hour runs with her family. By the time she was 14, she was pushing her 5-foot-10, 135-pound body to its limits, training as many as 500 hours a year to achieve her goal of reaching the Olympics.

"She has that intangible spirit that motivates her to do what it takes to excel," said Sun Valley's head Nordic coach Rick Kapala, who coached Kempell when she was a freshman in high school.

"I remember she got up every morning and ran before school. As far as she was concerned, she couldn't do enough."

All the hard work has payed off. Kempell went to the Olympics in Albertville, France in a wide-eyed 21-year-old. She basked in the attention paid to cross-country skiing in Norway's Olympics two years later in Lillehammer. And she tipped her way around the unusual foods and customs she was confronted with while taking part in the Nagano Olympics in Japan.

"Now she's close to realizing her dream of competing in an Olympics in her own country. She also loves skiing Soldier Hollow, the wide open rolling Nordic course that was built for

the Olympics in a farmer's field in Utah.

"It was getting to the point where they were trying to make each Nordic course more and more difficult until the one in Nagano was straight up, straight down," she said. "It was too tough."

She'll have plenty of fans rooting for her. Among them, Sun Valley's Kaelin Kiesel.

"It's so awesome to race with sisters like Nina who are so much better than we are," said Merritt, a junior skier whose mother, Alison was a Nordic Olympic racer. "You see her drive, her motivation. At the same time, you learn not to take things too seriously."

Once the Salt Lake City Olympics are over, Kempell figures it's time to pass the ski poles to younger talent like Kiesel.

"You know you've been out this long time and you've trained under two of the three coaches at Kapala, she was waited for the starting gun to sound Tuesday. When she finally does finish her career, Kempell hopes to earn a master's degree in business administration. The introduction to other cultures that she's had through skiing has enticed her to take up a career in international business.

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Twins 3, Tigers 2

DETROIT — Even Detroit's first opening-day complete game in 12 years wasn't enough for the Tigers to overcome Brad Radke in Comerica Park's first-season opener.

Radke limited Detroit to one run in eight innings and David Ortiz homered to lead the Minnesota Twins to a 3-2 win Tuesday.

Before a capacity crowd of 40,104, Jeff Weaver pitched a six-hitter and struck out four for his third complete game in 60 career starts.

Radke, starting a \$36 million, four-year contract, allowed his only run on Bobby Higginson's RBI double in the fourth.

Devil Rays 8, Blue Jays 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Albie Lopez scattered seven hits over eight innings, and Ben Grievie hit a two-run triple in his Tampa Bay debut in the Devil Rays' season-opening victory over Toronto.

Lopez, who began last season in the bullpen, walked three and struck out six to move past Rolando Arzojo for the most victories in Devil Rays history (22).

Shannon Stewart's second homer of the season, a solo shot in the third, accounted for the Blue Jays' only run.

Steve Parisi, obtained by Toronto from Cincinnati in an off-

season trade, allowed four runs on nine hits in four innings in his AL debut.

National League

Mets 6, Braves 4

ATLANTA — Robin Ventura hit a pair of two-run homers, including one off Kerry Ligtenberg in the 10th inning, to lead the defending NL champion New York Mets to a 6-4 victory over Atlanta in the Braves' home opener.

Tsuyoshi Shinjo, the second Japanese position player to sign a major league contract, singled with one out in the 10th off Ligtenberg. One out later, Ventura hit Ligtenberg's first pitch into the right-field seats in the Mets' season opener.

Dennis Cook, who pitched a scoreless ninth, got the win, and Armando Benitez got the save with a scoreless 10th.

Astros 11, Brewers 3

HOUSTON — Daryle Ward, substituting for injured Moises Alou, hit his first career grand slam and drove in a career-high six runs in Houston's season-opening victory over Milwaukee.

Ward's homer, which keyed a seven-run third inning, was the only second opening-day grand slam in Astros history. The second opening day at Enron Field drew 36,526, short of the ballpark's capacity of

49,350.

Craig Biggio, returning off off-season knee surgery, went 5-for-5 to tie an Astros record.

Reds 3, Pirates 2

CINCINNATI — Barry Larkin doubled home a pair of runs and Alex Ochoa had an RBI triple as Cincinnati got their first victory under manager Bobby Boone.

Ken Griffey Jr. was out of the Reds' lineup for the second day with a strained left hamstring.

Pirates' manager, Lloyd McClendon, a former outfielder, made his big league managing debut in the same stadium where he made his major league playing debut with the Reds in 1987.

Phillies 4, Marlins 3

MIAMI (AP) — Brian Hunter scored the go-ahead run from second base on a sacrifice fly in the seventh inning, and Philadelphia notched their second consecutive one-run victory.

Hunter led off the seventh with a single off reliever Braden Loper. (0-1) and stole second. Doug Glavinn hit a drive over the head of center fielder Preston Wilson, who made the catch springing toward the wall. Hunter tagged up at second, never hesitated rounding third and narrowly beat the throw home.

Chris Brack (1-0) earned the win with 1-3 scoreless innings for the Phillies, who had a solo homer from Mike Lieberthal.

More trouble for Strawberry

Former slugger tells probation officer he was doing cocaine

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Darryl Strawberry told his probation officer he spent the four days he was missing doing cocaine with a female friend and armed men who took his jewelry and abandoned him in a motel room.

In a report to the judge who will decide if the former baseball star will go to prison, Florida probation officials said Tuesday that Strawberry tested positive for cocaine use and violated the terms of his house arrest in his Thursday absence from a drug rehab center.

The report came as Strawberry remained in a psychiatric ward at St. Joseph's Hospital while doctors evaluate him.

Under arrest for violating his probation, he will be sent to the Hillsborough County Jail and held without bail once doctors declare him mentally stable.

The probation report is the first official accounting of Strawberry's Thursday night disappearance from the drug treatment center where he was serving two years' house arrest.



Darryl Strawberry

Under arrest for violating probation

Strawberry told his probation officer that he was picked up at the center by a woman from an Alcoholics Anonymous program named Beverly, who was supposed to take him to the meeting.

"Instead she began smoking crack cocaine and he couldn't resist the temptation," probation officer Shelley Tomlinson wrote in her report. "He said she took him to a nearby motel where there were a total of five men who had guns and took his

Jewelry."

"Strawberry said they continued to use cocaine until Friday, when the men—who are not identified—decided it was time to leave. They rode around town, bought more drugs and drove to a motel in Orlando, the report said.

Joe Ficarotta, Strawberry's attorney, was not immediately available for comment on the probation report. Earlier in the day, Ficarotta said he was relieved that Strawberry was located.

Neither the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office nor Strawberry's attorney know how long Strawberry will be at St. Joseph's.

"Meanwhile, Strawberry's friends rallied around the former slugger."

In addition to his legal troubles, Strawberry also is undergoing an aggressive, experimental treatment for colon cancer.

"He wants to get himself clean, he wants to go on and live a normal life like everyone else," said Mark Kennedy, who once shared an apartment with Strawberry at the Tampa drug treatment center. "If he's told me once, he's told me 50 times. I wish I wasn't who I am. I say he wishes he was a regular guy."

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

Tuesday's AL Boxes

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WEDNESDAY'S ANGELS 2

Table showing scores for Wednesday's Angels games: Anaheim vs Los Angeles, Anaheim vs Los Angeles, Anaheim vs Los Angeles.

DEVIL RAYS 8, BLUE JAYS 1

Table showing scores for Devil Rays vs Blue Jays games: Tampa Bay vs Toronto, Tampa Bay vs Toronto, Tampa Bay vs Toronto.

ASTROS 11, BREWERS 3

Table showing scores for Astros vs Brewers games: Houston vs Milwaukee, Houston vs Milwaukee, Houston vs Milwaukee.

AL standings

Table showing American League standings: Minnesota, Tampa Bay, Boston, Cleveland, Kansas City, Seattle, Anaheim, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Philadelphia.

NL standings

Table showing National League standings: Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Cleveland, Kansas City, Seattle, Anaheim, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Philadelphia.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

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WESTERN LEAGUE

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COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz

Foi Better or Foi Worse

By Lynn Johnston



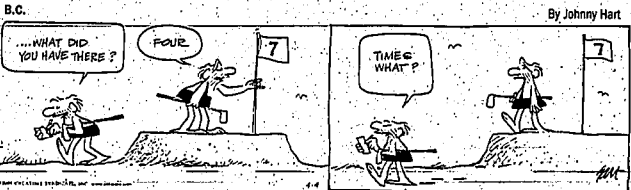
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By Scott Adams



Blonde

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



By Johnny Hart



Pickles

By Brian Crane



By Jim Davis



Donna the Menace

By Hank Ketcham

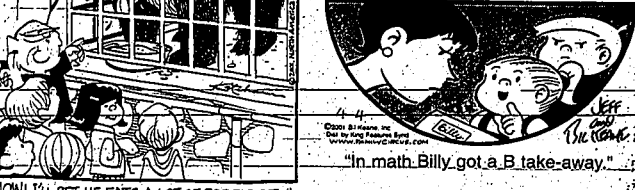
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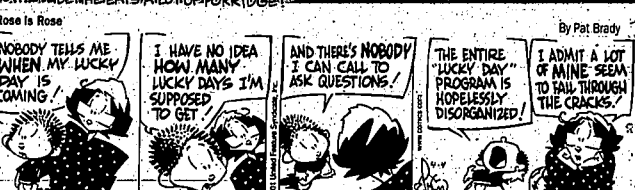
Hi and Lois

By Chance Brown



The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



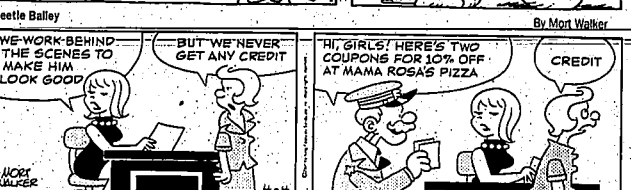
Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Zits

By Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Liann

By Greg Evans



Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Wiley



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip

MORNING BREAK

ACROSS, DOWN crossword puzzle grid with clues and a 'Tuesday's Puzzle Solvent' section.

N.D. county is least diverse in nation

Two of the three minority residents are a mystery

AMIDON, N.D. (AP) — Until the census told him so, Jamie Barnes never considered himself all that rare.

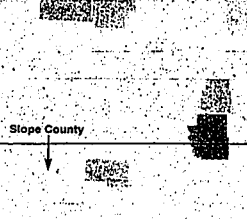
But the high school sophomore stands out in Slope County, where cattle outnumber people, and neighbors live miles apart.

Of the top 10 least diverse counties, five were in neighboring South Dakota. The most diverse is Hawaii County.

Census 2000

North Dakota population change

Percent change in population by county, 1990 to 2000. Counties with the greatest percent increase or decrease have been noted.



Percent change: -20 or less, -20 to -10, -10 to -1, -1 to 1, 1 to 10, 10 or more

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

by historical and economic trends, they say and are willing to move here would be welcome.

Diversity "is not something you have a lot of control over these days," Sheriff Pat Borge, whose grandfather was county sheriff for more than 25 years.

"You've got to have jobs for people to live here," he said. "To be a farmer or rancher now, you have to have grown-up boys."

The land — with its rolling hills, spring ridges and vast, fields — fueled prosperity and growth for decades. In its 1920s heyday, the county boasted nearly 5,000 people, a taxi service, 62 schools, and dude ranches for visitors scoring a taste of the cowboy life.

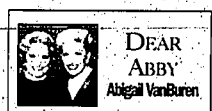
In those days, rancher John Tyler was one of the "great and colorful personalities," according to the "Slope Saga," a county history. Tyler, a former chicken-wagon cook for Theodore Roosevelt, was black.

Residents held the first county fair in 1920 and haven't missed a year since White Butte, North Dakota's highest point at 3,500 feet above sea level, is a few miles south of Amidon, which has held the distinction of being the nation's smallest county seat.

The demographics of the county and its two towns were shaped by historical and economic trends, they say and are willing to move here would be welcome.

Widow's anniversary party upsets family

DEAR ABBY: My father passed away five years ago in May, my parents would have been married for 50 years.



DEAR ABBY: I am a 42-year-old man with three wonderful children. They are all grown and in the city.

My problem is that my mother wants to have a 50th wedding anniversary party in a hall and intends to invite 200 people to the event.

My mother is a 42-year-old man with three wonderful children. They are all grown and in the city.

I absolutely refuse to participate in any of the party with my brothers and sisters.

My problem is I have been having empty nest syndrome, and now my wife is working every weekend.

DEAR CONFUSED: What a sad situation. Take one last stab at trying to convince your mother that a small family gathering would be more appropriate than a large celebration.

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Birthday today? You became independent early

IF APRIL 4th IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, you are on your own emotionally and mentally at a relatively early age.

right side of law. Scorpio, another sign you're prone to compromise.

Rose Parade organizers pick Regis as grand marshal

Los Angeles Times

The Tournament of Roses has given its final answer: Regis Philbin will be the next grand marshal of the Rose Parade.

of the 113th running of the Rose Parade, "Good Times."

"He represents it by giving good times to people for so many years in the various shows of Old Time in the Park."

"If you asked me how I would like to spend New Year's Day, my final answer would be riding down Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena's Tournament of Roses Parade as grand marshal," Philbin said in a statement.

The announcement of grand marshal came early this year — the last grand marshal, Tom Brokaw, was announced in November — to attract more publicity for the national championship game.

'Cops' TV producer faces DUI charge

ATLANTA (AP) — The producer of "Cops" was arrested on drunk driving charges while in Atlanta to meet with police and set up filming of an episode of the reality series.

alphabet, could not hold his leg up for more than a second and did not follow directions when officers asked him to walk heel-toe.

Police spokesman John Quigley said Jordan was in Atlanta to meet with police about filming an episode.

An officer stopped Murray Jordan, 64, for making an illegal left turn in Atlanta's Buckhead section Monday night, police said.

His blood-alcohol level was measured at .136 percent. The legal limit in Georgia is .08.

Jordan was freed on \$1,000 bail Tuesday. A call to Langley Productions was not immediately returned.

Play ball? Unmelted snow wreaks havoc with schools

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Deep snow piled up by a series of March storms is playing havoc with school athletics in northern New England.

normal 60 inches, the National Weather Service said.

Governor kills killers' art exhibits

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Gov. George Pataki on Tuesday ordered that violent criminals be banned from showing and selling their art at an annual exhibition by inmates which this year included a serial killer's portrait of Princess Diana.

Spring track and tennis seasons were supposed to have started this week, but most meets have had to be postponed.

But unofficial measurements elsewhere are much higher, with more than 200 inches — or nearly 17 feet — reported at Stewartstown, just south of the Canadian border.

Pataki asked prison officials to review the show's rules and "to dissuade participation by notorious violent criminals," said James Plateau, a spokesman for the state Corrections Commissioner Glenn Good.

"There's absolutely zero hope of that happening," said Timothy Forestall, Berlin's athletic director. "We have four feet of snow on the ground."

Committees of the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association plan to meet Friday to consider changing season starting dates, season lengths or postseason playoff qualification standards.

Plateau said no decision had been made yet on whether any of the art work in this year's show would be removed.

Elements of deception present. Be realistic concerning people, relationships.

efforts, partnership, marital status. Keep resolutions concerning exercise, diet and nutrition. Cancer native involved.

The portrait of Britain's late Princess Diana was among 10 paintings and sketches by convicted killer Arthur Shawcross for sale at the 35th Annual Corrections on Canvas show.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be analytical, accept challenge of added responsibility. Relationship gets too hot not to cool down. Organize priorities, then full steam ahead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Diversity, shake free from those who take you for granted. Popularity on the rise. Important request will be granted. Gemini figures prominently.

Relatives of Shawcross' victims say they are outraged at his art: "It is totally wrong. I get so mad when I hear this stuff," Liz Vigneri, whose daughter was murdered by Shawcross, told New York's Daily News on Tuesday. "They do all this for him and they forget the victims."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look beyond the immediate, take charge of your own future. Stop carrying burden that does not belong to you. Aries, another Libra play major roles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Rewriting necessary, now had been rejected — can now be accepted. This is your "make-or-buy" decision. Comment: "You look different, better!" Scorpio featured.

LAMPHOUSE THEATRE - ENDS TOMORROW - GILLIAN ANDERSON in THE HOUSE OF MIRTH - TONITE 7:00 9:30pm

Advertisement for Twin 12 - Twin Falls, Jerome 4 Cinema - Jerome, and Odyssey 6 - Twin Falls, listing showtimes and prices.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Committee meets to capitalize on Olympics

SUN VALLEY - The 14-member Idaho 2002 Olympic Committee met at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Colubine Room of the Sun Valley Inn. The committee was appointed by the governor to lead Idaho's effort to benefit from the proximity of the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

Topics of discussion will include an update on efforts to attract Olympic athletes and teams to the various training facilities available in Idaho.

A spokesman for the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe, Mike Price Cosgrove, will report on the tribe's role as host nation for all Native Americans attending the games.

The Sho-Ban Host Committee is organizing a week-long "Reunion of Nations" celebration at Fort Hall Indian Reservation in late June. Also, a "Circle of Nations" celebration during the Winter Games in Salt Lake City could potentially feature hundreds of tribes from across the United States showcasing their widely varied cultures to the world, the Idaho Department of Commerce said.

Representatives from Boise, Twin Falls, Pocatello and Idaho Falls will report on celebrations planned for each of those communities when the Olympic torch relay passes through Idaho Jan. 25-26.

An Olympic class women's hockey game between the United States and China at Boise's Bank of America Center is scheduled to coincide with the torch relay.

Plans for an Idaho Visitor's Center in Salt Lake City during the games also will be reviewed.

Burger King says it backs humane animal treatment

MIAMI - Burger King said it will make its suppliers follow guidelines for humane animal treatment.

The fast-food chain insisted it was not prompted by a boycott launched three months ago by an animal rights group.

Officials for the Miami-based company said Monday it will abide by the American Meat Institute's Good Management Practices for Animal Handling and Slaughter, as well as standards set by broiler chicken and egg producer groups.

The measures are aimed at such goals as making suppliers stun animals before slaughtering them.

"We've always believed in humane treatment of animals," said Burger King spokesman Rob Doughty. "This just makes very clear what we expect our suppliers to do."

Company officials said the announcement was based on the recommendations from an expert panel assembled before the boycott launched by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. Two years ago, McDonald's adopted animal treatment standards after the group launched a similar campaign against it.

PETA campaign coordinator Bruce Friedrich said the group "doesn't go far enough, saying Burger King's promises still allow abuse like animal dehydration and starvation. But Temple Grandin, a Colorado State University animal science professor who is a Burger King's advisory group, called it "a good first step."

U.S. auto sales fall less than expected in March

DETROIT, April 3 (BridgeNews) - U.S. auto sales declined in March but all three major car makers sold more vehicles than expected as low interest rates and big rebates made purchases more affordable.

While some experts had expected overall sales to drop as much as 11% during the month, the industry managed to limit the decline to around 5%.

Ford sold 386,089 vehicles in March, down 13% from a year earlier, while sales at General Motors were 442,573, down 4.6%. Experts expected a 19% decline in sales at Ford and a 6% fall at General Motors.

The Chrysler Group's sales fell 10% to 234,405, surprising analysts who expected a 14% decline. Economists estimate domestic vehicle sales were running at an annual rate of 14.1 to 14.3 million in March, but low February's 14.5 million-unit rate, but in line with the consensus forecast for a 14.2 million sales pace.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

BID approves collections

By Julia Pence
Times-News correspondent

Board votes to go after overdue debts

TWIN FALLS - If it's the squeaky wheel that gets the oil, downtown leaders are about to make a lot of noise.

The wheel that needs lubrication, business improvement district board members say, is one that has run dry to the tune of about \$30,000 in delinquent assessments.

Historic Old Towne Twin Falls leaders voted Tuesday to proceed with a collection action that includes a three-step procedure

over three months that could eventually land debtors in small claims court.

Chairman Ron Thompson said, though, he is willing to do anything to get BID members in arrears caught up.

"I have absolutely zero problem with helping people catch up on their assessments," he said.

Thompson offered to work out contractual arrangements with those who are behind. And as long as they honor their agree-

ments and keep up on current assessments, he said, the board would not push the issue further.

But Vice Chairman Richard Crowley questioned why so much money was owed.

Recent accounting shows the amount in past-due assessments to be about twice what board members had heard was owed in early March.

Thompson said no one had made an effort to collect past-due assessments in almost two

years, which accounted for part of the problem.

"We're at the bottom of everybody's bill-paying list," he said.

He also suggested that some BID members don't think they get anything for their money.

"But it's the law," Thompson said, and added the problem goes back in time beyond the current board.

Crowley said he is frustrated and disappointed.

"We've been trying so hard, going in the right direction, doing a lot of work," he said.

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Stocks turn down again

Earnings, China tensions rattle Dow; Nasdaq loses more than one hundred

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Wall Street fell back into a deep slump Tuesday as a relentless stream of earnings warnings sent the Dow Jones industrial tumbler as much as 350 points and the Nasdaq composite index down more than 100.

The escalating dispute between the United States and China over a grounded U.S. spy plane added to the market's nervousness.

The Dow recovered from its lows of the day, but still closed down 92.22, or 3.0 percent, at 9,485.71, compounding a 100-point loss Monday.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index slid 39.41, or 3.4 percent, to 1,106.46. The Nasdaq was off 109.37, or 6.2 percent, at 1,673.00, putting it at its lowest point since October 1999.

Tuesday's decline showed that Wall Street is still mired in the pessimism over earnings and the economy that dominated the month of March, pummeling stock prices and sending the Dow briefly into bear market territory. The edginess also reflected nerves about China's demand Tuesday that the United States stop surveillance flights after a collision between the U.S. spy plane and a Chinese fighter jet.

"I can't pin this on any one specific event," said Charles C. Crane, strategist for Spears, Benzak, Salomon & Farrell, a division of Key Asset Management. "Certainly, there's concern about what's going on in China. But this mostly is the ongoing reports and worries about what the first quarter is going to look like and how it will set the tone for the rest of the year."

Investors Tuesday appeared to brace themselves for this month's first-quarter reports, their anxiety intensified by the latest round of earnings warnings. The markets fell at the beginning of the session and selling accelerated as the day wore on.

Arriba slipped \$2.00 to \$4.44, a 31 percent decline, in a loss that began late Monday after the business transaction software company reduced its quarterly outlook and said it will cut 700 jobs because of a dropoff in sales. BroadVision, another provider of e-commerce to business, fell \$1.53, or 34 percent, to \$2.97 after lowering its quarterly expectations, citing sluggish demand.

These companies joined a variety of other businesses, including high-tech concerns and blue chip stalwarts such as American Express and Procter & Gamble, that have warned of disappointing earnings this year.

McDonald's plans to simplify its restaurants

Knight Ridder News Service

CHICAGO - Think there are too many sandwiches and sizes to choose from on McDonald's menu? Too many promotions? Too much clutter in its restaurants?

If you do, you're not alone. So, apparently, does McDonald's Corp.

Acknowledging that its business is too complex, a high-level task force at the Oak Brook, Ill.-based fast-food giant is urging drastic changes in the way McDonald's operates as part of a plan to double its U.S. business during the next five years.

The chain includes franchised locations in the Magic Valley.

Detailed in an internal five-year plan, the task force recommends changing everything from how many sizes of drinks customers can order to reducing promotional material and signs in the restaurants.

The goal, according to more than one McDonald's source, is an aggressive move to sharply

increase the average store's sales by focusing customer attention more on core products.

It is believed to be the company's first detailed five-year plan. Sources say McDonald's typically wouldn't plan beyond two years.

McDonald's didn't respond when asked to comment on the report, which was first unveiled to staff in January.

The overarching goal, according to the plan, is to simplify the operation at all levels so that consumers are less likely to be confused or bombarded with promotions when they walk into a McDonald's. The chain also wants customers to spend more.

Although McDonald's just expanded its menu with a "New Tastes" system of rotating options, one of the report's recommendations is testing a "con-

solidated core menu." It suggests eliminating some menu items, like apple bran muffins and strawberry sundaes, and reducing the number of sizes offered for fries and drinks.

The proposal also suggests a test to replace its cookies with fresh-baked ones.

The company also plans to reduce the number of game promotions and premium giveaways as part of its "food as co-star transition." The company may also introduce a frequent buyers program, called "McRewards."

The report says that the number of messages its customers are hit with in the stores is "getting worse." It found the number of messages presented to consumers soared 112 percent from 1997 to 1999, but a test in a store with far fewer messages resulted in higher sales and average

checks.

Also top of mind in the report is how to slash high turnover costs. Sources estimate some restaurants experience 100 percent turnover in six months.

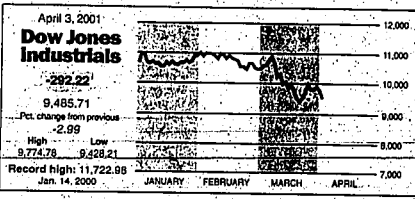
Among the proposals to retain staff, the report urges substantially improved pay for managers and upgraded benefits for crew members, including free meals rather than half-priced ones. The switch to free meals is estimated to cost each store roughly \$2,400 a year.

But McDonald's estimates, turnover costs are \$400 for a part-time crew member and \$8,000 for a management trainee. The company estimates a 10 percentage point drop in turnover is worth \$1,500 to \$2,500 per restaurant, depending on its crew size.

Perhaps the costliest proposal calls for implementing a new, enhanced computer system in its restaurants. It would cost an estimated \$36 million to \$145 million to change by 2005, depending on the system.



Trader Joseph Acquafredda has a reaction as he watches the numbers as he works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday. A seemingly relentless stream of earnings warnings triggered another sell-off on Wall Street Tuesday. The dispute between the United States and China over a grounded U.S. spy plane added to the market's uneasy mood.



BlueLight Specials return to Kmart

Knight Ridder News Service

TROY, Mich. - The blue light is flashing at a Kmart store, a play on nostalgia meant to drive sales and profits.

Kmart Corp. of Troy, Mich., reinstated the classic "BlueLight Special" over the weekend to Zellerbach's soda for 39 cents and fold-up strollers for \$6. On Monday, mascara and microwaves were marked down more than 50 percent in stores nationwide.

The chain includes stores in Twin Falls and Burley.

Manuel Garcia and Perry Hoffman, a couple shopping at a Denver Kmart, steered their cart toward the blue light when the store manager announced the famous words, "Attention Kmart shoppers..." They paid about \$33 for a \$79 microwave.

"We'll shop here more because now there are more specials," Garcia said.

And, that's just what Kmart officials like to hear.

If the BlueLight Special perades customers to make more additional trips to Kmart stores, it would add \$2.8 billion to annual sales, the company said.

The new blue light is actually white. The light hangs from the ceiling under a round, blue canopy. The canopy is illuminated when the light goes on and rock music is played.

The BlueLight Specials run for 20 minutes starting at the top of each hour until the featured products sell out.

The return of the promotion falls in line with chief executive Chuck Conaway's initiative to improve customer service. He took over the company in 1999.

Kmart faced increased competition from No. 1 rival Wal-Mart and No. 3 rival Target Corp.

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Bank critic becomes a shareholder

Knight Ridder News Service

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - To get bank executives fuming in the nation's second-largest banking capital, you need only utter two words: "Tom Brown."

Brown, a former stock analyst and now founder of a New York hedge fund, is best known in Charlotte for the blistering attacks he's aimed at Bank of America and its leader, Hugh McColl Jr., and First Union and its former head, Ed Crutchfield.

After all, he's the author of "Bank of America: The Reign of Terror Continues" and similar postings on his website, bankstocks.com.

But if Brown keeps blasting the banks, he'll do so from closer range: He acknowledged last week he has become a first-time Bank of America shareholder.

He won't say how much he's bought, but says the bank is among the 10 largest holdings of his \$300 million hedge fund, Second Curve Capital.

Brown said he was lured to the BoFA stock by the prospect of short-term gains.

"Last year, Bank of America stock got hammered when they disclosed their credit quality problems," Brown said. "My feeling is, while there will be more problem loans, it's not going to be nearly as bad as what people were figuring into their stock prices."

Brown wants to see BoFA sell off non-core assets, such as indirect auto lending, scaling back to what he considers a more manageable size. He suspects the bank might do just that after McColl steps this month.

Crutchfield would not comment on Brown's new status. Being a member of the BoFA family likely won't curb Brown's criticism or make him any better liked by the bank.

"I think it may be a bigger thorn in their side," he said.

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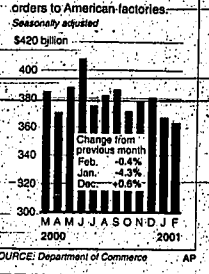
U.S. factory orders sink

WASHINGTON (AP) - Slacking demand for industrial equipment, including computers and machinery, helped to drive down orders to U.S. factories in February to their lowest point in 16 months.

The Commerce Department's report Tuesday provides further evidence that the manufacturing sector continued to struggle in February, with the slowdown that has gripped the overall economy, economists said.

Factory orders fell by a bigger-than-expected 0.4 percent in February to a seasonally adjusted \$363 billion; the lowest level since October 1999. Many analysts were expecting a 0.2 percent decline.

Factory orders



Chemical company files for Chapter 11, cites burgeoning asbestos lawsuits

BALTIMORE (AP) - Chemical maker W.R. Grace on Monday filed for protection under Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection under a crush of asbestos lawsuits, including a number from Libby, Mont.

Count in Wilmington, Del., will allow Grace to continue to operate normally, Grace said. The company's foreign subsidiaries were not included in the filing.

Paying taxes by credit card has downside

By Seth Selt The Associated Press I heard I can pay my taxes with a credit card. This is a good idea.

snctioned by the IRS, is generally not a good idea. It's an easy enough return, but that doesn't get you out of having to pay your taxes by April 15.

Michelle Lamishaw, a spokeswoman for the IRS, says setting up an installment plan with Form 9465 will cost a one-time fee of \$43, plus interest, which is currently running at 8 percent.

thing we were specifically recommending," Lamishaw said. "It's up to the taxpayer to decide what they want to do, she said. "What taxpayers need to be aware of is that these companies charge fees that don't go to the IRS."

Specials

Continued from E1 Since then he has focused on improving distribution, marketing and customer service, said spokeswoman Julie Fracker. "Everything that we do relates to those three strategic imperatives," she said.

expects the blue light will make shoppers feel good about the store. Kmart will get the word out through a \$30 million advertising campaign designed by WVA/Chiat/Day of New York.

New York Stock Exchange

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, Cys, and various stock symbols like AIG, AXP, BAC, etc.

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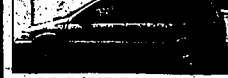
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