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# AIRING OUT THE ISSUES



Filer dairyman Hank Hafliiger, left, talks with neighbor Earl Miracle during Tuesday night's community meeting at Filer High School. Miracle lives one-half mile from the Hafliiger Dairy and is upset about the dairy's odor.

## Filer dairyman meets his critics

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — The controversial dairyman listened quietly as one of his angry neighbors complained about his dairy's odor.

"I don't want to hate you," said Lori Morse, her husband, Duane, and son Brandon standing nearby. "I just want to be able to communicate with you that I'm having this problem."

Hank Hafliiger crossed his arms and nodded, assuring her he was working on his dairy's odor problem.

Morse — who lives about a mile

west of Hafliiger — joined several other of Hafliiger's critics Tuesday at his informational meeting about his dairy and what he's doing to control its odor problems.

Hafliiger's large dairy south of Filer has been at the center of a heated debate between neighbors who want the dairy shut down and dairymen who say Hafliiger is working to control the problem.

Sheriff's deputies stood by as the crowd browsed the informational booths set up by the various state agencies.

At times, groups of people gathered and discussed the dairy

issue, particularly the problems at Hafliiger's dairy.

The meeting remained civil, however.

The most emotional and perhaps trying moment for Hafliiger during Tuesday's meeting was when Merle Stoddard, an elderly woman who has been vocal about the proliferation of large local dairies, complained to Hafliiger about his dairy's negative effects on her health.

Hafliiger, taking it in stride, offered his sympathies.

"I'm sorry you feel that way," he told her.

Later, Hafliiger reflected on the

meeting and Stoddard's comments.

"People have been sincere in their comments," he said, smiling. "But I'm glad we did it."

Some of Hafliiger's supporters commended him for putting on the meeting.

"I think Hank deserves a lot of credit for exposing himself to insult by coming here tonight," said Harry DeHaan, a local dairyman and attorney.

But several of Hafliiger's neighbors questioned the timing and motives of Hafliiger's meeting —

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## Shootout sparks tort claim

### Slain man's family alleges mistakes by Jerome sheriff

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** — The attorney representing the family of an Eden man killed in a Jan. 3 shootout with Jerome County sheriff's deputies at his home has filed a \$10 million tort claim against the Jerome County Sheriff's Department and Jerome County, on behalf of the dead man's family.

Patrick D. Brown, attorney for the family of George Timothy Williams, said the claim was filed with Jerome County Clerk Cheryl Watts on Monday.

A copy of the claim was sent to Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver's office Tuesday, according to Weaver spokeswoman Nancy Strickland.

Weaver is named in the claim. Strickland said Weaver was out of the office on vacation until Thursday and could not be reached for comment on Tuesday.

The Times-News obtained a copy of the three-page claim Tuesday.

The claim also lists the names of Undersheriff Jocelyn Roberts and Sheriff's Deputies James Moulson, Phillip Anderson, Gerald Brant and Jim Dunsberg — all of whom were at the scene of the Jan. 3 shooting.

Moulson, 30, and Anderson, 25, were killed in the shootout with Williams at his home at 2555 Atherton in Eden while seeking a search warrant for illegal drugs.

In their statements to Idaho State Police investigators following the shooting, Weaver and Roberts said they were looking up both Moulson and Anderson when the two deputies entered Williams' home.

Weaver, in a press conference eight days after the shooting and

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## States seek to boost economies

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Over the past decade or so, the cost of federal resource-management policies has landed disproportionately on the shoulders of the resource-dependent Northwest, the Idaho Rural Partnership's Dick Gardner told a Magic Valley audience Tuesday.

A business that pollutes must clean up the mess.

Just so, a government whose decisions create "socio-economic pollution" has the same responsibility, Gardner argues, citing a long list of past federal actions on species preservation, forest management, livestock grazing, road construction and the like.

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## Western states press feds on power crisis

The Associated Press

**BOISE** — High electricity prices pose a "looming disaster" for many states in the West, a federal regulator warned Tuesday, as pressure grew on the government to consider temporary price controls on wholesale power.

Idaho officials told regulators they opposed the idea.

Officials from 11 Western states, including energy-ravaged California, engaged in sometimes passionate exchanges with three members of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission over how to contain soaring power prices that are expected to go only higher this summer.

"Something has to be done to tame this market," Geoffrey Brown, a member of the California Public Utilities Commission, told the three FERC commissioners. California anticipates paying \$65 billion for electricity this year, almost 10 times its power bill in 1999.

Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne told regulators he opposes price caps. "While they may appear to be appealing, price caps do not provide incentives for conservation, and they dis-



Idaho Public Utilities Commissioner Marsha Smith speaks at the Western Energy Issues Conference Tuesday in Boise.

courage investments in new generation by degrading the ability of investors to recover

capital costs," Kempthorne said.

Officials from California, Oregon and Washington said temporary price caps are essential to correct an electricity market out of control, while Idaho and seven other states fear such controls would hamper power production.

"It's an easy policy decision to make and hard to undo," Idaho's Republican Sen. Larry Craig told the group.

Kempthorne said the solution to the energy crisis is reducing demand and increasing the power supply by "improving efficiency, building new generation facilities, upgrading infrastructure and promoting conservation."

After the daylong session, the FERC seemed to be not much closer to imposing price caps than before, although one commissioner, Linda Beathard, said she now wants to look the issue more carefully and might be swayed.

FERC Chairman Curtis Hebert, a strong free-market advocate, reiterated his fear that price regulation would drive off investors for new power generation. Under FERC rules, it would be Hebert's discretion when or if to propose a price cap for deliberation.

## Judge frees once-condemned man based on court ruling of unfair trial

The Associated Press

**COEUR D'ALENE** — A man who spent 14 years on death row walked out of an Idaho courtroom Tuesday, a free man for the first time in 21 years.

Donald Manuel Paradis, a 52-year-old former member of a motorcycle gang, stood to pet a friendly dog as he left the court. He expressed little bitterness about his time "in prison," during which he was scheduled for execution on three occasions.

"This is the first dog I've petted in 21 years," Paradis said. "I'm

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going to go take a bath and wash 21 years of prison off me."

Judge Gary Haman, who sentenced Paradis to death 20 years ago, came out of retirement to accept his plea to a reduced charge of being an accessory to murder. Paradis was then sentenced to five years in prison, but given credit for time served.

Paradis became the first condemned murderer in Idaho history to be released from prison.

Paradis was given the death penalty for the murder of 19-year-old Kimberly Anne Palmer of Spokane, Wash.



Donald M. Paradis, center, talks with reporters Tuesday in Coeur d'Alene with his attorneys Bill Meak, left, and Edwin S. Matthews Jr., right, after being set free.

# FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

### IDAHO

**Idaho Extremes Yesterday:**  
 High 52°  
 Cadwell 46°  
 Low 11°  
 Spencer 80°

**Record High:** 80° in 1999  
**Record Low:** 20° in 1999

**Precipitation:** 0.00"  
**24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday:** 0.33"  
**Normal month to date:** 0.31"  
**Year to date:** 0.32"  
**Normal year to date:** 0.35"

**Humidity:** 51%  
**Barometric Pressure:** 29.77 in.

**Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls:**  
 Grass Absent Weeds Absent  
 Trees Moderate Mold Moderate  
 Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

### ALMANAC

**Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday:**  
 High 50°  
 Normal High/Low 57/31°  
 High/Low yesterday 49/25°  
 Record High 80° in 1999  
 Record Low 20° in 1999

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### FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy with some rain	Rain and snow showers	Shower possible	Clouds returning, showers late	Clouds and some snow, shower	Partly sunny and milder
▲ 46° ▼ 30°	▼ 30°	▲ 46° ▼ 28°	▲ 50° ▼ 30°	▲ 52° ▼ 34°	▲ 60° ▼ 36°

### REGIONAL WEATHER

**Southern Idaho:** Chilly today with plenty of clouds and some rain and snow; snow levels will be as low as 2,500 feet in the west, while snow levels are near 4,000 feet in the east. Rain and snow at times tonight.

**Boise:** Overcast and chilly today with periods of rain; wet snow may be mixed in at times, especially this morning. Mostly cloudy tonight with a few rain showers, perhaps snow.

**Northern Nevada:** Clouds and occasional sunshine today along with a chilly wind and a few rain and snow showers. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight; a few rain and snow showers remaining, especially in the east.

**Northern Utah:** Clouds and some sunshine this morning; then some rain and mountain snow will spread in this afternoon. Plenty of clouds tonight with snow in the mountains; rain and snow in the valleys.

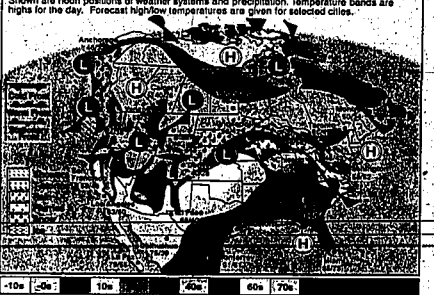
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### NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday (for the 48 contiguous states)  
 High 95° in Cotulla, TX Low 5° in Lodgepole, CA

### NATIONAL WEATHER

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

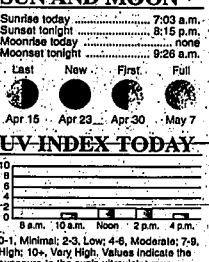


### SUN-AND-MOON

**Sunrise today:** 7:03 a.m.  
**Sunset tonight:** 8:15 p.m.  
**Moonrise today:** none  
**Moonset tonight:** 9:28 a.m.

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### UV INDEX TODAY



### CANADIAN CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	W	Th
Calgary	40	28	40	28	bc	bc
Edmonton	40	28	40	28	bc	bc
Winnipeg	45	29	45	29	bc	bc
Saskatoon	39	22	39	22	bc	bc
Vancouver	55	37	55	37	bc	bc
Victoria	52	35	52	35	bc	bc
Whisper	48	33	48	33	bc	bc

### WORLD CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	W	Th
Acapulco	86	62	86	62	bc	bc
Albany	61	50	61	50	bc	bc
Amsterdam	69	60	69	60	bc	bc
Bangkok	89	79	89	79	bc	bc
Berlin	54	36	54	36	bc	bc
Buenos Aires	69	54	69	54	bc	bc
Calcutta	80	54	80	54	bc	bc
Hong Kong	70	59	70	59	bc	bc
London	58	40	58	40	bc	bc
Los Angeles	68	48	68	48	bc	bc
Moscow	58	40	58	40	bc	bc
Paris	48	38	48	38	bc	bc
Rio de Janeiro	79	64	79	64	bc	bc
Sao Paulo	68	48	68	48	bc	bc
Seoul	71	63	71	63	bc	bc
Tokyo	54	42	54	42	bc	bc
Zurich	48	41	48	41	bc	bc



### REGIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	W	Th
Boise	44	30	44	30	bc	bc
Bonanza Ferry	47	30	47	30	bc	bc
Burley	46	32	46	32	bc	bc
Coeur d'Alene	47	32	47	32	bc	bc
Elba	51	41	51	41	bc	bc
Eugene, OR	50	34	50	34	bc	bc
Hailey	47	34	47	34	bc	bc
Idaho Falls	47	33	47	33	bc	bc
Kalispell, MT	44	30	44	30	bc	bc
Lewiston	52	38	52	38	bc	bc
Malden	45	35	45	35	bc	bc
Malia	48	29	48	29	bc	bc

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### Dairy

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 Which was attended by the leaders of various state agencies — saying it was more a dog and pony show and would prove fruitless.  
 Haffiger disagreed, saying while he would have liked to have had a meeting six months ago, there wouldn't have been any results to present.  
 "I didn't have anything to offer," he said. "But now I have something to offer and we're coming forward."  
 Haffiger is working on an odor management plan for his dairy with help from the state Department of Agriculture and the husband and wife team of Howard and Marsha Neibling. The Neiblings have been work-

### Poll: Tax plan worries some

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush has not yet persuaded a majority of Americans to support his tax cut plan after months of campaigning, says an Associated Press poll taken in the days leading up to this year's tax deadline.  
 Most people are sure of one thing — their own taxes are too high. But they don't agree on what to do about it.  
 They are evenly split on whether tax cuts should be across the board, as the president would prefer, or directed toward those in the lower- to middle-income ranges, according to the poll conducted for the AP by ICR of Media, Pa.  
 Just under half, 48 percent, said they support Bush's plan, while 32 percent oppose it.  
 Almost one in five said they don't yet know what they think about it — and both sides in the tax debate will be working hard to win them over in the coming weeks.

### Jerome

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 in his statements to police, said Williams fired upon his deputies as they entered the inside of his home.  
 Weaver said he did not fire any shots; Roberts said she fired three. It's unclear who fired the first shot in the incident.  
 The claim also names the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP), Jerome County's insurance agent and ICRMP's attorneys, Moore, Baskin and Parker of Boise.  
 Moore, Baskin and Parker are representing Jerome County for ICRMP. Calls to attorney Paige Parker were not returned Tuesday.  
 Under Idaho law, a person or persons has 180 days to file a tort claim after an incident — in this case, the shooting.  
 The ball is now in Jerome County's court, Brown said.  
 "Under the tort claim procedure we have to wait until the county either denies the claim or allows more than 90 days to pass

### Williams' friends and family

blame not only sheriff's deputies' bad tactics as a reason for Williams' death, but also bad information from Taylor.  
 Taylor has a history of working as a confidential informant for police. She worked for the now-defunct Magic Valley Drug Task Force as an informant.  
 Brown has argued that the sheriff's deputies' actions that night may have been illegal.  
 He contends that by entering Williams' garage unannounced, the officers violated the law. They were already in his home and should have announced themselves outside, he said.  
 In his statements to police, Weaver said the informant opened the front of Williams' home for police. That door leads into Williams' two-car garage. A door on the inside of the garage then leads into the downstairs portion of Williams' home where Williams was living at the time of his death.  
 Williams was renovating the upstairs portion of his home.  
 Deputies, after entering Williams' garage, announced themselves at the inside door by yelling, "Sheriff's department, search warrant" according to Weaver and Roberts.  
 When Williams did not answer, Moulson kicked open the inside door to Williams' home. That's when the shootout occurred, Weaver and Roberts said in their statements.  
 Taylor's statements, and information from various sources suggest that Williams may have mistaken police for Doug Norgard — Taylor's ex-boyfriend with whom Williams was having trouble with before his death.

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### LOTTERY UPDATE

**Saturday, April 7, numbers**  
**POWERBALL**  
 18 20 31 37 41  
**POWERBALL NUMBER 1**

**Tuesday, April 10, numbers**  
**Rollodown**  
 27 28 34 39 43

**Saturday, April 7, numbers**  
**WILD CARD**  
 5 13 19 22 24  
**WILD CARD: Ace of Spades**

**Tuesday, April 10, numbers**  
**PICK 3 Idaho**  
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# The politics of apology

## Polls show

Americans are split on the issue of U.S. response to China

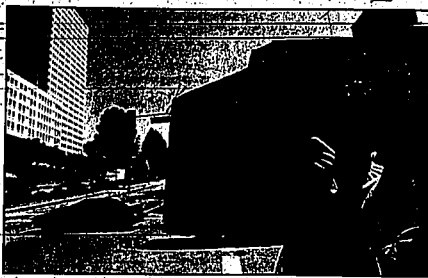
WASHINGTON (AP) — To the mother of one Navy specialist held in China, a U.S. apology — even an insincere one — is worth making. If it gets the 24 Americans home, to the father of another, nothing that happened merits an apology.

The Chinese are demanding the apology, but so far there is no apparent inclination in Washington to avoid the blame for the midair collision that killed a Chinese pilot and destroyed his plane.

Just over half of respondents in a poll on Tuesday, 54 percent, said Washington should not apologize. Four in 10 said an apology would be appropriate, according to the CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll taken Friday through Sunday.

In a possible hint of the U.S. crew's thinking, detained crewman David Cecka of Cle Elum, Wash., wrote in a cheerful e-mail that "the crew intends to return with our country's honor intact," his father said Tuesday.

Edward Brier, an analyst with the Military Research and Study Group, said that President Bush "is already beginning to look a little weak, a little ragged. An apology would be unseemly and embarrassing for the nation."



An unidentified demonstrator stands across the street from the Chinese consulate in San Francisco Monday protesting the Chinese government's detention of 24 American soldiers and a U.S. spy plane.

For Amanda De Jesus of Long Beach, Calif., it's just a matter of words that would bring her son Josef Edmunds home.

"We didn't do anything wrong from what I've heard," she said. "I think I would just say what they want us to say." Edmunds is a Navy decoding specialist from Davis, Calif.

Mike Cecka, pronounced SEK-ah, said his son spoke of his country's honor, and confirmed the crew is not being mistreated, in an e-mail he saw Monday night.

"I personally don't feel we have anything to apologize about," the father said. David Cecka is an aviation electronics technician.

There is a precedent for a phony apology, although in different circumstances.

When North Koreans held, humiliated and beat 82 crewmen of the U.S. spy ship Pueblo for 11 months in 1968, the men were freed when the chief U.S. negotiator issued a formal apology he said later he did not mean.

The odd solution allowed for face-saving on both sides — North Koreans had an admission of U.S. guilt for their purposes and Americans disavowed what they had said for their own domestic consumption.

In this case, the detained Americans from the Navy surveillance plane are being treated well, U.S. officials say. Tensions

## Bush: China talks go slow

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush described the spy plane standoff with China as a "stalemate" Tuesday that's taking longer to resolve than he had hoped.

"Diplomacy sometimes takes a little longer than people would like," the president said during an Oval Office session with reporters. "I urge the Chinese to bring resolution to this issue. It's time for our people to come home."

"This administration is doing everything we can to end the stalemate in an efficient way. We're making the right decisions to bring the (situation) to an end," said Bush, who has refrained from characterizing the standoff.

It was the second straight day he had prepared Americans for the possibility that the standoff could drag on. The remarks came as the president faced increased pressure from both ends of the political spectrum to bring the 24-member crew home without major capitulation to China.

between China and the United States are not comparable to the U.S.-North Korean hostility of the earlier time.

## Jesse Jackson offers to go to China

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson said Tuesday he hopes to go to China in a bid to secure the release of 24 American servicemen and women.

Jackson said in an interview that he wants to lead an ecumenical delegation to China to work toward the freedom of the crew of a U.S. Navy EP-3 reconnaissance plane. The plane has been held on Hainan island since making an emergency landing there following an April 1 collision with a Chinese fighter plane above the

South China Sea.

Jackson said he discussed his offer with Secretary of State Colin Powell and was working with Chinese embassy officials on gaining entry to the country. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Jackson's offer was turned down and U.S. officials would continue trying to resolve the impasse through diplomatic means.

Jackson said he would go if China allows his delegation entry. "And if we are allowed to get in, we stand a chance of being

successful," he said.

"We are doing nothing that's offensive to our own government nor disrespectful toward our government," Jackson said. "There may be a step our government cannot take or is not willing to take."

That step is an apology demanded by China for the death of the Chinese pilot, Jackson said. The United States has expressed regrets but has not offered a formal apology, which Jackson said plays to large cultural differences that threaten to create "a real U.S.-Asian tension."

## Northern Plains may see more floods

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Crews scrambled to shore up earthen dikes Tuesday as forecasters warned that rain would push the flooding Red River and its tributaries higher than predicted.

As flooding problems stretched from North Dakota to the Minnesota capital, the National Weather Service said the Red could crest at least a foot higher than expected in Fargo and Grand Forks next week.

The cities, hard hit by record flooding in 1997, so far have been spared widespread damage. Grand Forks engineer Al Grasser said it could take at least five days to raise the dikes.

"With all the warm weather and rain, the frost has gone out of the dikes, and they will be tough to raise," he said.

The river rose Tuesday to 31.5 feet in Fargo, or 13 feet above flood stage; it could reach 37 feet next Monday. It was 43 feet Tuesday in Grand Forks, 15 feet above flood stage; it could reach 48 feet in a week.

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Information from the nasal sinus specialist.

John A. Robinson, MD

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## UPS begins service to China

WASHINGTON (AP) — United Parcel Service landed its first cargo planes in China last week, the culmination of a 19-month, multimillion dollar lobbying campaign.

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## Idaho Community Potential Matrix

The **Idaho Community Potential Matrix** was developed by the Idaho Department of Economic Development and is designed to help investors and other interested parties identify areas with the most economic potential. The matrix is based on a variety of factors, including population, education, infrastructure, and economic diversity. It is divided into four quadrants based on population and economic diversity. The matrix is a useful tool for identifying areas with the most economic potential.

**High population, high economic diversity:** This quadrant includes areas like Boise and Idaho Falls, which have a large population and a diverse economy. These areas are the most attractive to investors.

**High population, low economic diversity:** This quadrant includes areas like Pocatello and Arco, which have a large population but a less diverse economy. These areas still have a lot of potential.

**Low population, high economic diversity:** This quadrant includes areas like Shoshone and Blaine, which have a smaller population but a diverse economy. These areas are also attractive to investors.

**Low population, low economic diversity:** This quadrant includes areas like Teton and Jerome, which have a small population and a less diverse economy. These areas have the least potential.

## Rural

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Specifically, he and other supporters of the four-state Inland Northwest Economic Adjustment Strategy are building a case for a federal economic-adjustment initiative. In plain language, that's a bunch of money for a systematic, collective approach to revitalizing rural economies in the Upper Columbia River Basin - Idaho, eastern Oregon, eastern Washington and western Montana.

The four-state partnership a year ago completed a socio-economic assessment of distress the region is feeling.

For instance, Gardner said, 31 mills closed in Idaho between 1989 and 2000, eliminating 1,731 mill jobs - not including closures announced for the coming months. And while farm commodity prices languish, energy costs and in-stream water uses are

putting huge pressure on irrigated agriculture.

In the Magic Valley, the partnership - concluded - Cassia, Blaine, Gooding, Elmore and Owyhee counties are suffering most.

Now the partnership is building grassroots support (thus the visit to Twin Falls). It's constructing a road map to economic vitality based on locally defined priorities. Seeking congressional support for a pot of federal money. And working toward a request for fiscal 2002 appropriations.

A couple of the partnership's consultants pumped the Tuesday audience - largely local city and county officials gathered for training by the Association of

Idaho Cities - for Magic Valley's top-priority economic needs - in short, they asked how valley leaders would spend federal money if they got it.

"We really need it to help build the case," Boise consultant James Birdsall said.

Sewer upgrades, said representatives from Heyburn, Jerome and Shoshone, a community center and water meters, a Bellevue leader said. High-grade telecommunications infrastructure, an industrial park and a pressurized

irrigation system, a Twin Falls councilman said.

Buhl needs an industrial park and the accompanying infrastructure to bring new jobs, Mayor Barbara Glezen said.

"We've had to pass up some opportunities because we don't have a place to put them," she said.

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## Paradis

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win Paradis' freedom.

Paradis has maintained for two decades that he was not involved in the 1980 slaying but only helped his co-defendant move the 19-year-old woman's body to a ravine.

The deal for his release comes a month after the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling that the Paradis was denied a fair trial because prosecutors withheld notes that could have allowed the defense to discredit a key witness.

Kootenai County Prosecutor Bill Douglas cited that ruling in saying there was "no realistic chance of success" for further appeals of a new trial.

Paradis, whose death sentence was commuted by former Gov. Phil Barr in 1996, and co-defendant Thomas Henry Gibson, 49, have contended that Palmer was not killed in Idaho and that they could not be convicted in the state.

Douglas agreed that there was a reasonable doubt that the crime occurred in Idaho. He said prosecutors in Spokane County, Wash., where Paradis and Gibson were living at the time, had agreed not to pursue charges against Paradis.

Along with fellow killer Charles Amacher, Paradis and Gibson had earlier been acquitted in Washington state of murdering Palmer's boyfriend, whose body was found 60 feet from Palmer's. Amacher has since died and has repeatedly been cited as the killer of both victims.

Gibson's conviction and death sentence were overturned on the grounds that his attorney failed to adequately question prosecution claims that the death occurred in Idaho. He agreed to plead guilty to second-degree murder in return for his release in 2003.

Paradis acknowledged outside the courtroom that he helped conceal Palmer's body. But he denied that he was a murderer. He also urged Palmer's family to seek closure.

"I'm sorry for them because they were lied to," Paradis said.

"I was a victim of a prosecutor who tried to make a name for himself and used me as a stepping stone."

Paradis said his immediate plans are to travel to Boise to live with his wife and two sons. He was unclear about his future plans.

Asked if he planned to sue the state of Idaho, he said, "I'll have to think about that."

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### Researchers crack genetic code for strep throat bacteria

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Scientists have cracked the genetic code for the bacteria that cause strep throat, rheumatic fever and a flesh-eating disease, raising hopes of better treatments for such illnesses. "We've got the complete dictionary on this bug," University of Oklahoma microbiologist Joseph Ferretti said. "That's really exciting. Now that we know some of

its secrets, we can find a way to combat it." Ferretti said penicillin is a strong treatment for illnesses caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes*, but he hopes researchers can develop new antibiotics and vaccinations now that the germ's complete DNA sequence has been determined. There are no proven vaccines to prevent *Streptococcus* infections, Ferretti said.

### Mental patient kills nurse, injures two hospital patients

PORT-ST. LUCIE, Fla. (AP) — A man being checked into a psychiatric hospital beat a nurse to death and injured two patients early Tuesday, authorities said. Alberto Serrano, 33, was arrested on murder charges in the death of Alda Ellington, 47, a nurse at privately run Savannahs Hospital. Serrano also was charged with attempted murder in the beat-

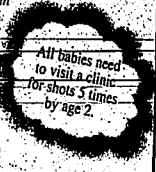
ings of two female patients. One, 75, was admitted to a medical hospital for treatment; the other, 64, was treated and released back to the mental hospital. Serrano was alone with Ellington while being processed when he attacked her about 2 a.m., sheriff's spokesman Mark Weinberg said. Serrano then attacked the patients, whose rooms were nearby, he said.

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## EDITORIAL

### Take the show on the road during Capitol renovation

It's been a long time coming, but Idaho's premier public building - the state Capitol - is on its way to restoration. Two years from now, at the conclusion of the 2003 Legislature, the building will be emptied and work crews will start banging away.

The job won't be finished when the 2004 Legislature convenes, so an alternate location must be found. Our suggestion? Take the show on the road.

Seriously, Boise has been the seat of state government since 1865, and it's high time Boise gave Idaho's other cities a taste of this prized piece of pork.

There's precedent here, because the Idaho Supreme Court, which is based in Boise, routinely hears cases in other Idaho cities. If the judicial branch can do it, why not the legislative branch?

Wherever Idaho's 105 lawmakers and their support staff wind up, it would be an instant economic windfall. Hotels, restaurants and other businesses would be hopping. (There could also be potential for significant decreases in winter heating bills because the Legislature is Idaho's largest producer of heat.)

Taking the 2001 legislative session on the road would be expensive, but it

would be a unique opportunity to re-establish the Legislature's contact with the rest of Idaho. Lawmakers could meet for a couple of weeks in Idaho Falls, then move on to Pocatello, Twin Falls, Lewiston and finish up playing golf in Coeur d'Alene.

Individual committees could fan out to the smaller communities. The education committees could find inspiration by meeting in the condemned portion of Wendell Middle School. The tax committees could wallow in the opulence of Sun Valley, and the transportation committees could meet in Dietrich - if their vehicles survive the potholes en route.

Though we're kidding about some of the fine print, we're serious about the big picture. The 2004 Legislature should go on tour, a sort of "Anti-Road Show" for political junkies.

Sure, it would be inconvenient for state lawmakers, support staff and the lobbyists who feed on the Legislature. But it would be inspirational for the rest of us. School classes could see democracy in action, and war veterans could behold what they fought to uphold.

Everyone would be richer for the experience. Even the legislators.

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## LETTERS

### Take your trash home with you

I'm so tired of seeing more and more litter from people along side of roads and in the road; it makes me sick. You drive around, you see empty pop bottles, beer and just about anything.

You people should be ashamed of yourselves. Take it home and then throw it in the garbage. You know who you are! Clean up your act! Otherwise, it's going to look like a landfill.

Why should other people have to clean up after you?

MARLA CRANER  
Murtaugh

### Practice what you preach

I would like to address the comments made in a recent letter from Joseph Eyre of Jerome.

Mr. Eyre, why do you feel the need to insult this gentleman and former pastor who has devoted his whole life to serving God and who daily gives God the glory not only for his saving grace but for the strength he gives to him and whose character and principles all those who know and love him would gladly defend?

It is because you are so morally superior or yourself that you no longer have need of the saving grace of Jesus Christ, or do you see yourself as having become a god yourself?

In the future, your time would be better spent practicing what you preach, that is, to reach for the higher standard for yourself than you have set for others and leave the judging to God.

KRISTEN KECK  
Wendell

## U.S. arrogantly antagonizes Russia, turns blind eye to China

In 1861, with Union spirits low after Bull Run, Charles Wilkes, captain of the U.S. warship San Jacinto, intercepted the British steamer Trent, removed Confederate agents Mason and Sidel, who were sailing to Europe, and brought his prisoners to Fort Warren in Boston Harbor.

Uninstructed Wilkes: But Victoria was not amused. The queen regarding Wilkes' coup us piracy and kidnapping on a vessel flying the British flag. With all of England howling for war with the detested Yankees, the Royal Navy cleared the decks and 8,000 troops sailed for Canada. A stunned Abraham Lincoln bent-a-hasty retreat, let Mason and Sidel go, and told his secretary of state, "One war at a time."

Sound advice. As President Bush decides whether to arm Taiwan with advanced U.S. warships, and Beijing's beligerent mounts, why are we antagonizing Russia? Recently, U.S. officials met an envoy of Chechen rebels who had just murdered 21 Russians and wounded 130

### PATRICK BUCHANAN

in car bomb attacks. A week earlier, we expelled 50 Russian "spies." The White House has said Bush has no desire to meet President Putin any time soon.

Again, why are we driving Russia into the arms of China?

A decade ago, Moscow marched the Red Army out of Eastern Europe, allowed the captive nations to dump over their Communist regimes, and let the Soviet Union dissolve into 15 nations: Rottund Rengan, who had declared the "evil empire," was being cheered in Red Square.

Yet since Russia called off the Cold War, we have broken our word and moved NATO to its borders, smashed its old Serb ally and now collude with Azerbaijan and Georgia to cut Russia out of the Caspian oil trade. Bustraldes talk of

bringing Baltic states into NATO and forging new military bonds with ex-Soviet republics.

How would we react if a Russia, victorious in the Cold War, invited Cuba into the Warsaw Pact, handed a war guarantee to Panama and cut us out of the oil trade with Mexico?

But U.S. arrogance is matched by Muscovite folly. If Tony Blair is complaining of spies, Putin is overloading the circuit. Russia is also selling weapons to Iran and providing Beijing with destroyers, anti-air missiles, submarines and fighter-bombers to contest the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Putin must know that America, its superpower hubris aside, does not threaten Russia. But the Islamist regime in Iran is a threat in the Caucasus, and after Hong Kong and Taiwan have been digested, China will look to recover its lost lands in Russia.

In the treaties of Aikun and Peking in 1858 and 1860, China was swindled by

agents of Alexander II out of 350,000 square miles along the Amur and Ussuri. On that territory today sits the trans-Siberian railroad and port of Vladivostok. In 1969 Soviet and Chinese troops clashed on both rivers. Chinese settlers are slowly moving in, just as Americans once moved south into the Mexican province of Texas.

Russia is a dying nation. Its population is down to 145 million, and Putin has said it may fall to 123 million by 2015 - a 15-year loss as huge as all the dead in the Great Patriotic War. By 2025, Iran will have as many people. Russians are today outnumbered by China 9 to 1. East of the Great Sea, the ratio is closer to 50 to 1. In the 1990s the quarrels that exploded into wars within and between nations were ideological, territorial, religious and tribal. With Bolshevism dead, no such quarrel exists between America and Russia.

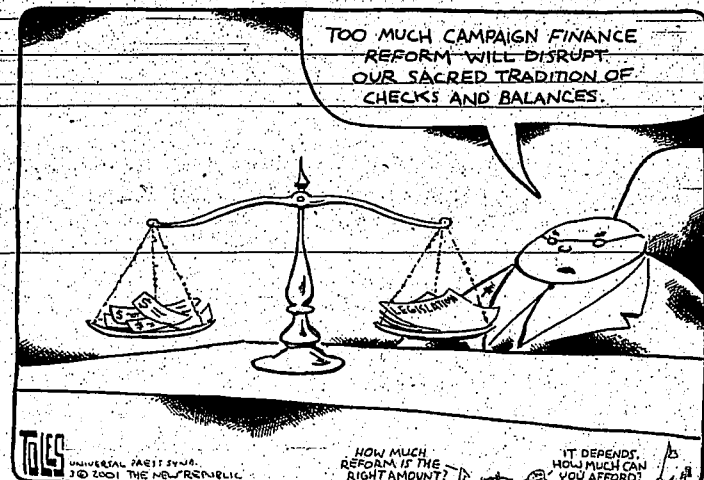
Bolshevik Russia was an enemy, but Orthodox Russia is part of the West; a potential ally. Why, then, treat it as a potential enemy? Would we really prefer the

Chinese across the Bering Strait? Moscow has behaved boorishly, but Beijing drowned in blood the Tiananmen Square heroes, has persecuted Christians, and the Falun Gong shipped nuclear technology to Pakistan and missiles to Iran, fired rockets over Taiwan, threatened us with war if we dare to intervene, upgraded Saddam's air defense against U.S. pilots - and been rewarded with annual favored-nation trading status and \$400 billion in trade surpluses with the United States in a single decade.

That was Clinton's legacy. Is it the Bush policy as well?

With Europe steaming, Moscow embittered, Arabs enraged, Iran and Iraq tied, North Korea threatening and China forcing down U.S. planes, perhaps we should recall Mr. Lincoln's counsel to Mr. Seward, "One war at a time."

Patrick Buchanan was the Reform Party candidate for president in 2000. He wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.



## Energy crisis shakes up politics

SALEM, Ore. - The lights are turned out in the governor's office here. Across the country, a free-market Republican senator from Oregon switches sides and endorses temporary price caps on electricity. In neighboring California, the biggest utility files for bankruptcy and the headlines proclaim, "State's Crisis Plan" - "Collapse."

The energy problems that surfaced in the West last year continue to grow, threatening the economy of the nation and roiling political waters for incumbents of both parties, including President Bush.

California is the heart of the problem, because of its size. The news last Friday that Pacific Gas & Electric, with a staggering \$9 billion in debt, asked for federal bankruptcy protection reversed a brief rally on Wall Street. The disruption of the California economy - the rolling blackouts, the billions of dollars spent on inflated energy prices - substantially increases the risk that the national slowdown that began last year may turn into a serious recession.

But in some ways, you can see the threat more clearly in much smaller settings like Oregon, where I spent a few days last week. It hits you in the face when you walk from the large, sun-filled reception room of the governor's suite on the second floor of the state capitol, down a corridor as dark as a coal mine into the office of Gov. John Kitzhaber, who sits shrouded in shadows with only a small desk lamp turned on. "We are in bad shape," Kitzhaber says, referring to both the energy crisis and a severe drought that has cut the snow pack in the Cascades to half its normal size and caused the second-worst water shortage in the Columbia River basin since records were started in 1923.

Last week, the Bonneville Power Administration, the public agency that



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manages the Columbia River dams, declared an emergency and said it would stop spilling water over its dams to help salmon on their annual spring and summer journey to the sea. The emergency declaration gave BPA the right to ignore the provisions of the Endangered Species Act designed to protect salmon runs. A spokesman for the agency told the Oregonian newspaper, "We're trying to avoid the death spiral where the electricity supply starts to shrink and prices start to skyrocket."

Even so, Kitzhaber says, "BPA is predicting 3,000 megawatt shortage by fall." And the normal pattern of regional cooperation, whereby California ships power north in the winter months and Oregon ships extra power south during the summer months of peak demand in California, clearly has been disrupted.

The Democratic governor is seeking authority from the Republican Legislature to order energy curbs, and complains that "the cost of power in the wholesale market is going to kill us." If BPA cannot generate enough at its dams to supply the state's needs, the slowdown in Oregon's high-tech-dominated economy already has forced Kitzhaber to trim \$100 million from his original budget, and a May 15 revenue estimate is expected to force further reductions.

The energy crisis and the economic downturn "are going to come back to bite the Bush administration," Kitzhaber says, because of its adamant opposition to temporary limits on energy prices. No

one is more aware of that danger than Oregon's Republican Sen. Gordon Smith, who faces re-election next year. A businessman who has earned a highly favorable reputation in the Senate in his first term, Smith opposed Democratic proposals to put a temporary price cap on the utilities' charges last winter, because, spokesman Chris Matthews says, he thought that would discourage energy conservation and investment in new power plants.

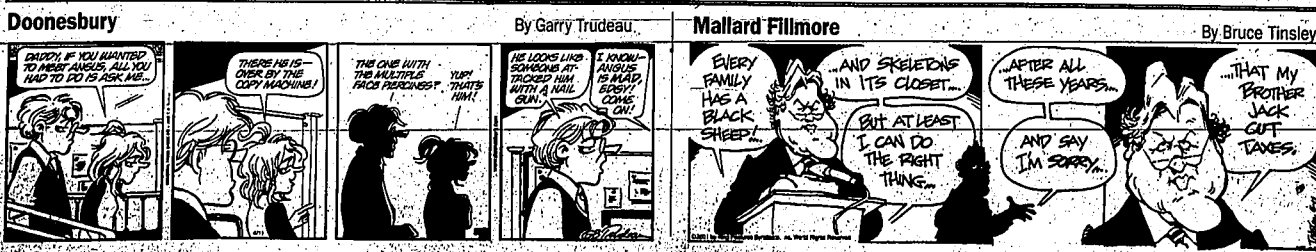
Now he is joining California Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein in sponsoring a modified version of the same legislation "because the situation is so dire," Matthews says. Meantime, he is lobbying the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission - to ignore the Bush administration's opposition and order temporary price controls itself.

Asked about Kitzhaber's comment on the political risks to Republicans, Matthews says "if the entire administration, including FERC, continues to oppose relief, of course it will cause a political problem."

And here is where Kitzhaber's and Smith's futures may be linked. The governor enjoys high popularity but is term-limited into retirement next year. A small-town physician and outdoorsman, he regularly avoids the meetings that draw other governors to the nation's capital and prefers to raise his young son in Oregon. But he will go there next month to talk with Senate Democratic leaders who are urging him to challenge Smith.

Could the administration's slow response to the energy problems give Smith the opponent he least wants to face and further jeopardize Republican chances of holding the Senate? That's only one of the issues raised by this growing crisis.

David S. Broder is a national political correspondent for The Washington Post.



Doonesbury

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# Precedents cast doubt on McCain-Feingold

**N**ow that the McCain-Feingold campaign finance bill has passed the Senate, it is likely that some version of the bill will pass the House and be signed into law by the president. This has focused renewed attention on the constitutionality of the bill.

Even supporters of McCain-Feingold have grave doubts about its constitutionality — so much so that they described as a "poison pill" a proposed amendment that would have repealed the entire act should any part be found unconstitutional.

That amendment was defeated, but in the end it may not matter — every major provision of the McCain-Feingold bill is, under well-established precedent, of dubious constitutionality.

The most suspect provision is one that bans advertisements by citizens' groups, trade associations, unions or corporations within 60 days of an election or 30 days of a primary if they merely mention a candidate's name.

This would make it a federal crime for groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union, the Sierra Club, the National Rifle Association or the NAACP to run ads critical of a senator's voting record, or urging a senator to vote a particular way on pending legislation, for three months of each election year.

Similar provisions have been held unconstitutional by the U.S.

**BRADLEY A. SMITH**

Supreme Court in *Buckley v. Valeo*, FEC v. Massachusetts Citizens for Life, and First National Bank of Boston v. Bellotti.

Also suspect is the bill's ban on soft-money contributions to political parties. In several decisions, most recently Colorado Federal Republican Campaign Committee v. FEC, the Supreme Court has held that political parties have the same rights of speech and association as other groups.

The court has also held, in *Citizens Against Rent Control v. City of Berkeley*, that citizens' groups can raise unlimited contributions to discuss political issues.

If the NRA and NAACP have a right to speak on political issues without restraint, so must political parties. A group of citizens hardly poses a greater threat of corruption when they call themselves the Democratic Party than when they call themselves People for the American Way. It would be odd to find that political parties have fewer political rights than other groups of citizens.

The bill originally contained a strict ban on "corporate" expenditures. For example, if a group met with a senator in the

spring of 2001 to discuss how to help defeat — or pass — President Bush's tax reduction plan, the group would be unable to run ads praising the senator's record in the fall of 2004. The prohibition would apply even if it never again spoke to the senator or his campaign.

This would make it almost impossible for citizens to work with a senator on legislation and later be involved in praising the senator's work.

The final bill deleted this provision, but ordered the Federal Election Commission to draft a rule that would not require "collaboration" in order to find that a campaign and a group were "coordinating" their actions. Such a ridiculously broad standard has been held unconstitutional by a U.S. District Court in FEC v. Christian Coalition.

Finally, the bill contains an "anti-millionaire" provision. Under *Buckley v. Valeo*, a rich individual such as Ross Perot can spend as much of his own money as he chooses to promote his candidacy — after all, he can't corrupt himself.

McCain-Feingold triples the usual \$2,000 contribution limit for candidates facing a millionaire who spends his own money. Because this punishes the candidate for exercising his right to spend his own money on his campaign, the Supreme Court may find it unconstitutional.

More importantly, the provision undercuts the rationale for

the \$2,000 contribution limit — if a candidate is not corrupted by a \$5,000 contribution when facing a millionaire opponent, it's hard to see how he is corrupted by a \$6,000 contribution when facing an average citizen.

Unfortunately, some congressmen and senators leave these constitutional issues to the courts. That is wrong. Each takes an oath to preserve and defend the Constitution. The House and Senate are not subservient to the Supreme Court, but are equal branches of government with an equal obligation to consider the constitutionality of their actions.

Further, the Supreme Court cannot always be counted on to interpret the Constitution correctly — consider, for example, that for six decades the Supreme Court held that "separate but equal" public schools were constitutional.

Even more unfortunately, some citizens' eyes glaze over whenever constitutional issues are discussed. But we, too, have an obligation to hold our elected representatives to the Constitution, and to penalize at the ballot box those who ignore it.

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## LETTER

### Consider others' feelings

I am very appalled by people who have no morals. What I am speaking of will break every mother's heart as it has mine.

My mother was working at the customer service desk at a local store and, as she was bagging, her gold mother's ring fell into one of the bags. My brother and I had given the ring on Mother's Day a few years back. The person, whoever they might be, has yet to return it. Is it not our responsibility to return items that do not belong to us? Well, obviously, people now do not believe this. Most of us think "losters weepers; finders keepers."

I have tried to instill in my children that if you find something that does not belong to you, you either take it back to where you found it or take it to the police station and do not, no matter what the item may be — even if it is a million dollars in a briefcase, keep it. It is not yours and it may hold a personal value to the person that it belongs to.

I am so sickened by people's lack of responsibility toward other human beings. How would you feel if you were bagging items and something that held a high senti-

mental value to you fell into somebody's bag and that person did not return it. Pretty scary, huh?

So I beg of everyone out there if you find something that does not belong to you, then return it to where it came from or turn it in to the police station so that it can be returned to its rightful owner. Thank you.

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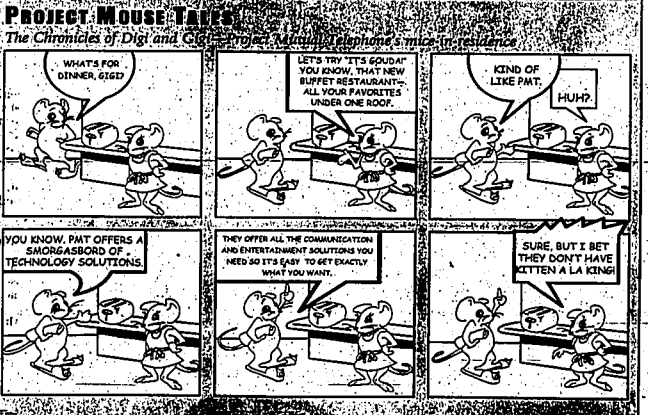
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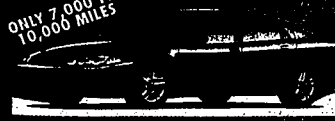
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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Candidacy filings for school boards due

**TWIN FALLS** - More than one-third of the 108 school board members who make policy in Magic and Valley school districts are up for re-election this year. Incumbents and their challengers have until 5 p.m. Friday to file for candidacy for the May 15 elections. A judge ruled in August that Idaho's 1994 voter-approved term limits initiative does not apply for city and county officials and school board members. That means school board incumbents who already have served for six years can run again while the term-limits case is wrapped up in appeals.

Call your local school district office for more information about running for office.

### Wendell to consider state help with construction

**WENDELL** - The School Board today will consider a proposal to change a May bond issue election for a new \$6.1 million middle school into a plant facilities levy election to take advantage of new state aid. The Legislature recently passed House Bill 315 that provides additional some help in fixing building health and safety issues. The district is seeking voter approval for a new middle school to replace the building that was condemned last year and has been boarded up ever since. Wendell's election has been set for May 8.

The board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Wendell High School library.

### Expert gives presentation on how to stop violence

**TWIN FALLS** - National school and workplace safety expert Dan Healy will give a workshop for Twin Falls High School sophomores and juniors today on ways to stop violence in schools, the Twin Falls School District announced.

Healy's presentation has listed the sites of the past 29 school and workplace violence incidents in the United States, including Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., and Santana High School in San Jose, Calif. His program, "Violence and You: A Message for Young People," is designed to provide students with the tools needed to make the right choices in life, give them options other than violence, and encourage them to avoid substance abuse. The workshop also will provide strategies for avoiding trouble and recognizing potentially violent situations.

A special presentation for district employees entitled, "Violence in Schools: Intervention and Prevention," will follow. It will focus on strategies for recognizing potentially violent individuals, recognizing and defusing potentially violent situations, intervention techniques, and preparing an emergency management plan. Employees from other Magic Valley school districts are invited to attend the 3:30 p.m. presentation in Roper Auditorium at Twin Falls High School, 1615 Filer Ave. E. The presentation is sponsored by Twin Falls High School's chapter of Family Career and Community Leaders of America.

### New Lincoln County magistrate takes oath

**SHOSHONE** - Lincoln County's new magistrate judge will take the oath of office Friday. Mark A. Ingram will be sworn in at 3 p.m. at the SHOSHONE County Courthouse, 111 W. B. in Shoshone. Ingram was among 16 candidates who applied to replace Judge John Melanson. The \$85,192-a-year Lincoln County magistrate job became vacant when Melanson stepped up to a district judge job in Rupert in January. Ingram has previously worked as a lawyer in private practice in Burley.

### SIRCOMM invites public to open house Thursday

**JEROME** - The Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center has invited the public to an open house Thursday as part of the center's observation of national telecommunications week. The open house will be from 6 to 8 p.m. at the SIRCOMM dispatch center, 911 East Ave. H. in Jerome. A tour of the center will be offered, along with refreshments and an educational activity booklet for children. National telecommunications week, April 8-14, honors emergency dispatchers across the United States.

Compiled from staff reports

# Wait until December

## Governor to sign CSI tax bill

By Michael Journee  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Property owners expecting an immediate break on taxes they pay to the College of Southern Idaho will have to wait until December to see a drop in their rates. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne will be in town today to sign the Community college appropriation, which provides \$3.2 million specifically for CSI and its sister school, North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene, to cut back their reliance on property taxes. However, the final property tax installment for 2001, due in June, just misses the July 1

enactment date of the bill. Twin Falls and Jerome county taxpayers will have to wait for the 37 percent reduction in their tax rate until they pay 2002's first installment in December.

"They'll see it on their tax form in December," said Mike Mason, financial manager for CSI. The reduction will take the form of a flat, across the board cut of 37 percent.

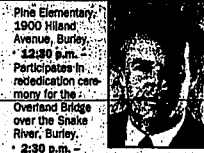
Of the \$3.2 million appropriated for tax relief, half goes to CSI with Twin Falls County getting \$1,229,379 and Jerome County \$370,621, Mason said. The portions were determined by proposals submitted by the counties.

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## Kempthorne's Itinerary

**G**ov. Dirk Kempthorne will be in the Magic Valley today to sign a number of bills approved by the Idaho Legislature this winter and for a few other appearances. Here's a rundown of his agenda:

- 8:30 a.m. - Delivers welcoming address at a conference called, "After the Bust: Responding to Meth Lab Victims" at the Sun Valley Inn.
- 10:15 a.m. - Signs Senate Bills 2040 and 1067 (dairy farm nutrient management and water supply) and House Bill 312 (long-term care insurance tax deduction) at the Blaine County Courthouse, Halley.
- 11:45 a.m. - Signs Senate Bills, 1116 (reading goals) and 1114 (teacher salary increase) at White Pine Elementary, 1900 Hilland Avenue, Burley.
- 12:30 p.m. - Participates in a rededication ceremony for the Overland Bridge over the Snake River, Burley.
- 2:30 p.m. - Gov. Kempthorne signs Senate Bill 1196 (community college appropriation) and other bills at the Evergreen Building, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls.
- 3:30 p.m. - Gov. Kempthorne signs House Bills 213 and 212 (CAFO siting and odor management), at St. Elien Daily, 529 S 800 E, Jerome.



Gov. Dirk Kempthorne

# BRIDGING THE GAP



Rick Townes, an employee of the Idaho Construction Co., puts some finishing touches on the curb of the newly finished Overland Bridge that spans the Snake River in Burley. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne will be in Burley today to rededicate the bridge.

## Kempthorne plans to dedicate bridge, sign bills

By Aaron Brock  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - Two and one-half years of work behind it, the Overland Bridge officially opens today with a rededication ceremony in which Gov. Dirk Kempthorne will participate. While all four lanes of the bridge will be opened for the first time since late 1998, there is still a little bit of work that remains to be done, said Bobby Dickerson, owner of Kimberly-based Idaho Construction Co., the general contractor for the project. "There is still some cleaning and

painting work that has not been completed, and there is equipment that must be hauled away, Dickerson said. Otherwise, the work is done.

No major problems were encountered during the work, Dickerson said. "It's been good," he said. "Everything went just about to schedule."

Besides attending the bridge dedication, Kempthorne will be busy elsewhere in the Magic Valley. He is signing dairy farm and water supply bills in Halley and will follow that with the 11:45

a.m. signing of two education bills at White Pine Elementary in Burley.

One of the education bills will set standards for reading proficiency in grade schools, while the other will set a minimum teacher salary of \$25,000 per year in the state.

There is a base salary of \$22,000 in Minidoka County, according to Jo Allen, personnel director with the Minidoka County School District. Across the river in Cassia County, the minimum salary base is \$22,750 annually, according to Cassia School District Superintendent Jerry Doggett.

Getting out into communities to sign bills in the presence of the people is something that Kempthorne is striving to do, said H.D. Palmer, Kempthorne's communications director.

"He thinks it's extremely important that people get a sense of what their legislators and government are doing," Palmer said. "He doesn't want to sit in Boise. He wants to get out throughout the state."

Times-News writer Aaron Brock can be reached at the Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042. Ext. 110 or by e-mail at abrock@magicvalley.com.

## Blaine officials look to restrict traffic

By Karen Boeslck  
Times-News correspondent

**HAILEY** - Blaine County commissioners gave their blessing, with a few reservations - to a proposal by Ketchum's city leaders to curtail traffic in their town.

Commission Chairman Mary Ann Mix cautioned that she didn't want to see Ketchum merchants adversely affected by such a plan. And she questioned how the resolution would impact the million-plus visitors who visit the Sawtooth National Recreation Area each year.

"I do have my concerns it's with the numbers you choose to use," she said, referring to the number of vehicles Ketchum proposes to

use as its marker. "I am also concerned how we're going to fund it if the legislature doesn't give enabling legislation for a county-wide local option tax."

The Ketchum City Council recently passed a resolution seeking to restrict the number of cars coming into the city from the south each day so that it's no higher 20 years from now than it is today. Galena Engineers counted cars day during the last week of March and on April 5 - spring break in the Wood River Valley. Numbers are still being tallied.

The resolution is primarily directed at commuters from Halley and other points south, who make up 87 percent of Ketchum's work force. The idea is

to get them to carpool or use mass transit, which currently doesn't exist.

But city leaders also hope they can convince tourists and residents to take advantage of an improved shuttle service around the city.

The resolution is not an ordinance fixed in stone, Ketchum City Administrator Jim Jaquet told the commissioners. Instead, it is a guide to help city fathers know how well they're meeting the goal of limiting vehicular traffic. They can hike parking fees and provide more public transportation to discourage single-occupancy vehicle driving if need be.

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## Some Mini-Cassia utilities remain wary of BPA chief's cutback proposal

By Ruth Streater  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - Whether a 5 to 10 percent decrease in energy consumption is realistic for Mini-Cassia's residents, businesses and irrigators remains to be seen.

The Northwest drought is so dire that the region's utilities should cut back their purchases of electricity from the Bonneville Power Administration by 5 percent to 10 percent, the federal energy wholesaler's acting director said on Monday.

Steve Wright said the second-worst Northwest drought in 72 years means the region faces a

## Students' numbers hit bottom

### Enrollment drop means staff reductions

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Fewer students in Twin Falls schools this year means fewer teaching positions next year.

The School Board reviewed preliminary budget projections Tuesday for the 2001-2002 school year. The district is bracing for about a 2.5 percent drop in fall enrollment, according to statistical projections combined with principals' estimates. It represents a projected drop of about 180 students from fall 2000. As of March, enrollment already had dropped by 139 students since the first week of school when it had begun at 6,860.

"It's not happy news," Chairman Vera Redman said. The district employed 391 teachers this year, but in the fall it will see 35 fewer teaching positions unless enrollment jumps in the fall. The district will lose one administrative position and some classified positions.

"Almost all of our money comes as a result of the number of kids that we have," Superintendent Terrell

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## Elementary principal to retire

The Times-News

**Bickel Elementary School** Principal Gordon Armstrong will retire this year after more than 32 years with the Twin Falls School District.

"I truly feel honored to have had the trust placed in me to serve the children in my charge in the Twin Falls School District for the last 32 and one-half years," Armstrong said in his retirement letter. "And, to have been able to serve shoulder to shoulder with the caliber of teachers and administrators employed in this district has truly been an uplifting experience. Yet, there comes a time in life for an individual to move aside and allow for a new level of energy and creativity."

Armstrong has seen numerous changes in education. He started teaching sixth grade in Twin Falls in 1968 with a beginning teacher's salary of \$5,300. In his 32 years, technology competency meant the ability to operate the mimeograph machine.

Armstrong assumed the Bickel principalship in 1985 while working as the O'Leary Junior High School's vice principal for nine years. His most recent career achievements include an improved school climate and increased safety at Bickel, improved student achievement, and serving on the State Department of Education's Elementary Accreditation Committee, the district said. He is well-known as a kindhearted and empathetic administrator. He is looking forward to spending more time with his family, especially his wife, Carol.

## Some Mini-Cassia utilities remain wary of BPA chief's cutback proposal

trippling to a quadrupling of wholesale electricity prices beginning Oct. 1 unless radical cuts in power consumption are made.

"An increase of this magnitude would have significant economic consequences," Wright told the Associated Press. "With such an increase, we'd surely see more business closures and more job losses."

Dale Monson, the superintendent of Burley's electric department, said he doesn't think the recommended cutback is realistic for Burley.

About half of Burley's electricity is purchased by business.

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MAGIC VALLEY

SERVICES

Cathy Lundin of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Reformed Church; burial will follow services at the Twin Falls Cemetery, Twin Falls.

Funeral Chapel in Buhl with interment in West End Cemetery; viewing from 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Methodist Church, Cathedral of the Rockies, 11th and Hayes St., Boise (Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel).

Lincoln County Commissioners want local weed-control program

By Lorraine Cavener Times-News correspondent SHOSHONE - Lincoln County Commissioners Monday opted for local control of the state noxious weed-free forage and straw program.

AWAY with the state program entirely or to put it back in local control. "It's not making a dent in the problem," Commissioner Rusty Parker. "It's just a bureaucracy."

sending out certified letters to seven property owners with delinquent tax bills has not been paid this year she said. One bill particularly concerned her she said. She had tried to contact a particular property owner several times about a \$4 late payment. If the bill was not paid soon, additional fees of \$125 could be added to the bill.

DEATH NOTICES

Viola Rawson - RUPERT - Viola Rawson of Rupert died Tuesday, April 10, 2001, at her home.

Wendell Cranney - GOODING - Wendell Cranney, 85, formerly of Gooding and Oakley died Sunday, April 8, 2001, in Michigan.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Some names are omitted at the patient's request.

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Admitted Ethel Thurber of Rupert Dismissed Brandi Molina of Rupert

County seeks drought disaster declaration

By Lorraine Cavener Times-News correspondent SHOSHONE - Lincoln County Commissioners decided Monday to apply for a drought disaster declaration by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

Managing drought Some tips from University of Idaho Cooperative Extension Service for small cereal grain crop management during a short water season.

of things to conserve water, Thiemert said. "Slow down pivots and get deep water into the ground," he said. "Don't over-fertilize. Plant according to a dry land year. Manna weeds by having a crop in the ground."

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TWIN FALLS Edward William Albrecht Sr. Edward William Albrecht Sr. ("Dude") passed away Saturday, April 7, 2001, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

rippe was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple on April 29, 1972. Veri worked in a bean warehouse, as a cook at the Sun Valley, and as a school custodian.

Helen Dee of Grand View, four children and their spouses, Dorothy and Keith, Beardsley of Washington, Richard and Chris of Nevada, Donald and Lynn of Hansen, Idaho and Patricia Caballero of Lovato, Colo., 12 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and sister Elizabeth Ann and Harold Siles of Cayuga, Wis. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Bob, Floyd and Tom; and one grandson, Kirk Wiseman.

RUPERT Veri Dean Clark - Veri Dean Clark, 58-year-old Rupert resident died Monday, April 9, 2001, in Rupert.

GRAND VIEW Walter Swift Shouse - Walter Swift Shouse, 84, of Grand View, died Friday, April 6, 2001, in a Boise hospital.

BURLEY Bruce A. Eilenberger - Bruce A. Eilenberger, a 70-year-old Burley resident died Monday, April 9, 2001, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

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# Census: Wealth lures Indians to reservations

**KYLE, S.D. (AP)** — The yearning to be on family land was so strong for Leatrice Wilson that she left thriving metropolitan Denver to live in the nation's poorest county on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Wilson, a 41-year-old Ogala Sioux, trained as a medical assistant in a job last year helping people with funeral expenses, heating bills and medical costs. She's happy — and proud — to be back.

"There's a whole new generation of people who are on the reservation that have lived out there and have an education, and they're determined to be a part of what's going on to help the tribe," she said.

According to 2000 census figures, American Indian reservations across the country are burgeoning even as vast stretches of the rural West — home to dozens of reservations — are losing people.

Experts and tribal officials say many areas are getting a boost from Indians returning to jobs and wealth provided by ubiquitous tribal casinos, and others seeking to rekindle their heritage. Still others return to family and familiar surroundings after struggling financially and culturally off the reservation.

Overall, the number of people who identified themselves solely as Indian and Alaska Native grew by 26 percent during the 1990s to about 2.5 million last year. Add multiracial categories and the number of people claiming some Indian ancestry is even larger.

The population surge was seen from coast to coast:

In Arizona, the Indian population jumped 25.7 percent during the last decade. At the Fort McDowell and Tohono O'odham reservations, officials say, casino-related tribal members and helped pay for improvements in such areas as child care, health clinics and education. The Navajo, the largest tribe in the United States, saw the number of

## Many American Indians called to a cultural home

Drawn by their heritage or the support system they are missing elsewhere, many American Indians have returned to reservations, experts and tribal officials say. Data from the 2000 census shows that reservations — the majority of which are located west of the Mississippi River — are growing, boosted in part by money and jobs generated by casinos.



SOURCES: U.S. Census Bureau, ESRI

Indians on its sprawling reservation reach 173,651 last year — a 21 percent jump.

California passed Oklahoma to become home to more Indian and Alaska Natives than any other state — more than 332,000, up from 242,000 in 1990, according to a

Tulsa World analysis. Some 300,000 additional Californians included Indian or Alaska Native in a multiracial response.

In Connecticut, a 50 percent increase in the Indian population during the 1990s has been linked to tribal casinos, which distributed

wealth to members and give hiring preferences to Indians.

In Idaho, the Coeur d'Alene tribe has added a new tribal school and hundreds of homes to communities on its reservation. In Kansas, several reservations have housing shortages.

# Tribe conducts poll in anticipation of initiative

**WORLEY (AP)** — The Coeur d'Alene tribe has commissioned a public opinion poll to gauge voter support of a possible ballot initiative to clearly legalize electronic gambling machines now being used in reservation casinos.

The poll, which Tribal Gaming Chief Executive David Matheson said will be reviewed in two weeks, followed rejection by the state Senate last month of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's revised gambling compact with the three northern Idaho tribes. The agreements legalized the machines but limited future growth to 15 percent over 10 years in return for the state getting 5 percent of the casino profits.

The deals, more than a year in the making, collapsed because of intense antagonized sentiment, problems with covering expenses Idaho's Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and some political maneuvering.

The legislative rejection leaves the fate of about 3,000 machines in reservation casinos up to the federal courts — a process Kempthorne predicted would take years during which machines could be added without limit.

The legalizing initiative, if undertaken, would be the first serious attempt to gain ballot status for a proposition under the stricter signature gathering requirements imposed by lawmakers in 1997. If qualified, the proposition would appear on the November 2002 ballot.

Republican Sen. Clyde Bontright of Rathfron supported the revised gambling compact but warned tribal leaders that they may not like the results of a voter referendum.

"It will not come out in the Indians' favor," Bontright predicted. "If it will contain the gambling, I don't think the initiative would allow the Indians to expand... The

folks will say enough is enough."

That view contradicts the former Republican Gov. Phil Batt reached shortly after leaving office in 1999. Batt had initially fought the machines and pushed for subjecting them to federal court evaluation. But after seeing the boost the casinos have given to the despaired reservation economies, Batt endorsed the status quo and predicted voters would do the same if given that chance.

Batt endorsed the Kempthorne proposal as did former Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus, who had also objected to the machines and at one point urged the U.S. Attorney to confiscate them.

State critics have contended that the electronic machines are slot machines banned by the state Constitution. But the tribes argue that the machines are only electronic versions of the state Lottery and therefore permitted under the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act that authorizes tribes to engage in gambling activities in the state allows others to engage in any form.

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# Slain girl struggled with life

**SPOKANE-Wash. (AP)** — Life was often a struggle for Kimberly Anne Palmer.

She almost drowned at the age of 3 and again at 9. She had juvenile diabetes and other health problems. She ran with a limp and wore glasses from the age of 2.

She was strangled in 1980 at the age of 19. One of the men convicted in the crime, Donald Paradis, was freed Tuesday in Idaho after a federal appeals court ruled last month that he was denied a fair trial.

"Life was hard on Kim, but she did the best she could," her mother, Sherry Britz of Spokane, remembered Monday.

Palmer's 90-pound body was found face down in a ravine near Post Falls. She was lying near the body of her boyfriend, 26-year-old Scott Currier of Huntington Beach, Calif.

Currier had been slashed with razor blades, kicked and hit with baseball bats. His killers hogtied him and threw lawn darts into his back.

Britz and her oldest daughter, Pandora Thorsell, have for two decades attended court hearings in the gruesome case.

Britz, who retired five years ago as an office manager for the U.S. Marshal's Service, said she no longer is angry at her daughter's killers.

"I pray that (Paradis) does some good now that he's given the opportunity," she said Monday. "I don't care what happens to him. Whatever happens is between him and God."

Britz also said she is tired of all the attention paid to the killers, and wants people to remember her daughter.

Palmer, who would be 40 now, was a kind and trusting person, Thorsell said.

She would have been a wife and mother now, family members believe.

Palmer, who was quiet and skinny with long brown hair, held down three jobs, at a restaurant, clothing store and florist.

Her mother keeps mementos of her in a wooden box, including white baby shoes, a piece of pink ribbon and copy of the book "The Little Prince."

"She's been with me in my heart," Britz said. "She's like a guardian angel over my left shoulder."

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Cheney urges patience for Bush's environmental views

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) - Vice President Dick Cheney on Tuesday urged fellow westerners to give the Bush Administration more time before judging its record on energy and the environment.

Cheney, speaking by telephone from the White House, said the administration is barely under way, but over time it will become clear that President Bush has a balanced and smart view on the environment and will help the nation weather the shock-term energy crunch.

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conviction, and more serious offenders to register every three months until they are no longer a threat to the community.

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West in brief
The Alliance for the Wild Rockies, the Center for Biological Diversity and the Ecology Center jointly submitted comments to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service calling for the decommissioning of Libby Dam, claiming efforts to protect the endangered white sturgeon in the river have failed.

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# The Bush budget: Winners & losers

## The winners...

### The Washington Post

**Health and Human Services**  
The National Institutes of Health emerged as expected, the biggest winner within HHS. As the budget proposed a \$2.75 billion — or 13.5 percent — increase that would bring its total to \$21.5 billion. The increase will allow NIH to support 24,000 research grants, including more than 9,000 new and competing grants. Some new wealth will go to vastly increase funding for the Office of Research on Women's Health, by \$28 million to about 10 million more funding at the new \$50 million Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to \$158 million from \$112 million and 20 percent increase in overall spending on AIDS research by 11.5 percent to \$2.5 billion to be distributed through various institutes. And NIH will spend \$42 million to develop small and medium vaccines as part of a Clinton anti-bioterrorism initiative administered jointly with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Popular with President Bush are community health centers, which are facilities that treat largely uninsured patients in urban and rural communities. They would get \$124 million next year, bringing their total federal subsidies to \$1.3 billion. The administration says the increase could pay for 100 new centers and expansion of 100 existing ones.

**Justice**  
The Immigration and Naturalization Service would receive a \$230 million rise in funding to decrease the backlog of immigration applications and border enforcement. Much of that would be paid for by a \$1 per

ticket increase paid by airline travelers and a new \$3 fee paid by vacationers on cruise ships. Programs to fight gun, violence and increase the use of safety locks would receive \$154 million in new funding. Officials said efforts to combat violence against women would get \$100 million in new money.

**IRS**  
The Internal Revenue Service would get a 6.6 percent increase, to \$34.22 billion. The budget includes \$400 million to continue modernization of IRS outdated computer systems.

**Commerce**  
The Bureau of Economic Analysis, which measures the nation's economy, would get an 18 percent increase to \$175,000,000. The new budget would also increase spending for research on cleaner combustion of coal, designed to keep coal-fired power plants available to meet electric power shortages. The budget adds \$150 million in the program, whose costs are shared by industry.

**Agriculture**  
USDA's Animal Plant Health and Inspection Service would benefit from the surge over the spread of "mad cow" and foot-and-mouth disease, with an extra \$32.1 million to hire about 350 more inspection personnel at U.S. airports and docks to detect infected livestock.

Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said she was "making sure we've got the resources available... to ensure we don't get this devastating disease in this country."

## President Bush's budget: Who gains, who doesn't

President Bush has unveiled his first detailed budget, proposing a \$2 trillion spending plan for fiscal 2002. No matter how large a president's budget is, there are always losers as well as winners. Following is a selection of federal programs that would grow under Bush's budget and those that would be disappointed by their first showing.

**Defense and Veterans**  
The budget would increase by \$120 million, to \$273 million, a 79 percent increase. The budget would also increase spending for research on cleaner combustion of coal, designed to keep coal-fired power plants available to meet electric power shortages. The budget adds \$150 million in the program, whose costs are shared by industry.

**Transportation**  
This department's major programs — aviation, highways, mass transit and the Coast Guard — were winners in this year's proposal. The administration requested the full authorized funding for highways and aviation.

**Defense**  
Closest winners are military personnel, beneficiaries of Bush's promise to improve their pay and quality of life. The budget includes an additional \$385 million to provide full funding of a 4.6 percent across the board military pay raise and an extra \$1 billion for pay incentives.

repairs but also \$309 million to help rid public housing projects of drug dealers and to help tenants get treatment for drug problems. HUD officials say the program has "limited impact" and eviction is a better tool.

The cities that use HUD community development block grants for economic development and housing projects also lost. The administration cut \$411 million worth of special projects for part of the block grant fund.

There is another \$400 million to improve military housing and \$3.9 billion for enhanced health-care benefits for veterans and their families. That was mandated by Congress.

There's also a \$2.6 billion boost in research and development funding, including an unspecified amount for the national missile defense system that Bush has promised to deploy.

**Veterans**  
The bulk of a \$1 billion increase in discretionary spending will go into the veterans' health care system.

**EPA**  
The budget includes \$25 million in new grants to the states to improve enforcement efforts and \$23 million more to improve states' environmental assessment and information systems.

**Economic**  
The department would receive \$44.5 billion in discretionary funds under the Bush plan, which the administration called an 11.5 percent increase. Democrats said it was closer to 6 percent. Bush requested \$3 billion, an increase of \$45 million for the Title I program, which sends money to low-income school districts. He would also triple spending on reading programs to \$300 million, part of his plan to make sure every child can read by

third grade. Another \$320 million would help states pay for proposed reading and math assessments for children in grades 3 to 8.

**State**  
The budget proposed more than doubling aid to Columbia's Andean neighbors to prevent that country's drug war from spilling over their borders. The Andean Counterdrug Initiative would build on Plan Colombia, a military and police offensive against drug crops protected by guerrillas in southern Colombia, providing a further \$71 million for fighting the cocaine and heroin trade in South America.

**Labor**  
The budget of the office of Disability Employment Policy, formed last year to help bring more people with disabilities into the work force, would double to \$40.6 million.

The office is part of Bush's New Freedom Initiative. The Small Business Administration budget, for example, included \$5 million to help small businesses comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

**NASA**  
Space launch research is a winner, with a \$200 million increase for development of a cheaper, safer way to carry people and cargo into space. There is \$4.5 billion for launch technology research over the next five years.

For Mars missions, the budget also includes an increase in future years, estimated this year at a few hundred million dollars. Exact amounts are unclear.

**National Science Foundation**  
Bush's new Math and Science Partnership Initiative, part of the "No Child Left Behind" plan to improve education from K-12 through college, would include \$100 million in new funds and \$110 million redirected from existing NSF education activities.

**Housing and Urban Development**  
In keeping with the administration's emphasis on increasing home ownership and fulfilling a Bush campaign pledge, \$200 million would give down-payment assistance to 130,000 low-income families.

An additional 34,000 vouchers to help low-income families find affordable apartments would be funded, for \$197 million. Housing vouchers were that 79,000 new vouchers were funded this year.

**Interior**  
The budget boosts funding for replacing aging infrastructure in national parks. It also includes about \$38 million to expand "energy resource" activities on federal lands — including planting funds for potential oil leases at the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

## The losers...

### Health and Human Services

The budget would curtail the Community Access Program, created under President Clinton to coordinate care among public hospitals, clinics and other providers of care for people without health insurance. Training grants for health professionals would be slashed to \$140.2 million, a 25 percent reduction of \$213 million. Administration officials consider the program a relic of a time four decades ago when there were "short supply" separate subsidies to provide young doctors with advanced training. In children's hospitals would be trimmed from \$225 million to \$200 million.

**Army Corps of Engineers**  
Last year's Corps leaders devised a "Program Growth Initiative" to boost their budget by 50 percent, to a total of \$6.2 billion. In fiscal 2001, the Bush administration wants to which the Corps budget by 14 percent, to \$5.4 billion from \$4.5 billion, retiring in new studies and new projects, including a controversial dredging initiative on the White River in Arkansas.

**Energy**  
The department's nuclear nonproliferation spending was cut \$100 million, more than half from programs to design Russian reactors and nuclear stores from leaving that country and to provide better security for Moscow's stored nuclear weapons.

The office of counterintelligence, which was created in the wake of allegations of spying at the national weapons labs, would be cut \$3 million, although the head of the new National Nuclear Security Agency, who oversees DOE's weapons complex, gets a \$5 million increase for his office. Overall, department security, including investigations and protection against cyber attacks, would be cut \$10 million.

On the energy side, sharp spending shifts within the agency reflect major changes in energy policy priorities. Research programs in a range of renewable energy sources, including solar and wind power, face steep cuts totaling \$190 million, or 50 percent, to \$189 million from \$379 million. The budget then adds \$21 million for long-term research on the use of hydrogen gas as an energy source and in advancing power transmission technology.

A last-minute decision could knock as much as \$32 million out of a high-visibility research partnership with Detroit. Three automakers and truck manufacturers seeking breakthroughs in producing cleaner, more efficient cars and trucks. Funding drops by 28 percent. Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham said the department followed manufacturers' wishes for more "flexibility" in how research dollars are spent.

**Justice**  
A Clinton initiative to fund the hiring of new local police officers would be phased out, although Bush officials say there's already money in the pipeline to achieve the goal of 100,000 new officers. A \$300 million program to help states offset the cost of incarcerating illegal immigrants would be ended.

**Export-Import Bank**  
The Ex-Im bank, an independent agency that the White House has targeted as an

example of "corporate welfare," would under a 24.5 percent cut in budget authority, to \$687 million from \$910 million. That would substantially reduce Ex-Im's ability to provide loans, guarantees and credit insurance for U.S. exporters, which totaled \$12.6 billion in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30.

**Commerce**  
Funding would be suspended for new grants under the Advanced Technology Program, which has provided about \$200 million annually in recent years to help launch risky ventures in high-tech sectors. Commerce will "reauthorize" the program, to see how the program's research and development grants to commercial businesses are warranted, given the current opportunities for high-tech firms.

A major casualty was the popular Wetlands Reserve Program, under which farmers receive a payment in return for preserving marshy habitat on their property. Just under 1 million acres have been protected by the 3-year program. The Bush budget would eliminate all \$162 million provided this year.

**Defense**  
The budget largely holds the line in funding for procurement, operations and maintenance. But there's more to be worried about than in any other agency, the Defense budget remains in flux as it awaits the outcome of the "six-year review" of U.S. forces and formations that Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld is conducting.

**Veterans**  
Processing disability claims for veterans is a chronically slow process that will only worsen in the short run. According to the budget, new legislation and regulatory changes resulted in a sharp increase in the Department of Veterans Affairs' workload. The administration estimated that it will take 273 days to process a claim in fiscal 2002, compared with 173 days in 2000.

**Interior**  
President Bush is requesting \$10 billion for the Interior Department, down 3 percent from last year, although up 16 percent from the year before.

**EPA**  
Overall spending for the Environmental Protection Agency would be cut by \$500 million from \$7.8 billion this year to \$7.3 billion in 2002 — and anti-pollution enforcement activities would begin to be shifted from federal authorities to state officials.

**International Space Station**  
While its budget may be the same, something over \$2 billion a year, NASA has had to curtail space station activities and facilities to accommodate a cost overrun projected at up to \$4 billion. Besides a 60 percent reduction in previously planned U.S. research facilities, NASA may have to shelve crew size and eliminate a crew rescue vehicle.

**Housing and Urban Development**  
Public housing authorities will lose not only \$700 million in capital funds to make

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Section C

## Determined gardeners find space

**Q: What are your tips for container gardening?**

**A:** Not every gardener is lucky enough to have a large plot of land. Some of the clever have no land at all and instead create sprawling, flowering and fruiting gardens in unorthodox places - on rooftops, along walkways on tiny balconies and on the most unyielding concrete staircases.

### The location

Ignore those tempting but legally off-limit spots such as fire escapes and window boxes above the second floor. Plants are forbidden in such areas for obvious safety reasons. Take advantage of a balcony if you have one. If not, the rooftop. (In this case, you might first consult a certified engineer.) In a house, dress up areas that often go unadorned, such as the back steps, the edges of the driveway, the poolside or a spot in the shade of a large tree.

### The containers

The containers and the planting medium must be appropriate for the plants you will grow, but also must not exceed any weight limitations that the site presents. Look for pots made of polyethylene, resin or fiberglass - these often mimic the charming appearance of traditional stone or clay pots but weigh considerably less. Galvanized sheet-metal is ideal, since it is much lighter than other container materials and extremely durable. Using containers such as these is wise even if your plants will be at ground level, since they will be much easier to move if you do decide to use classic terra cotta, treat it first so it is less vulnerable to the elements. Apply a double-coating of a water-sealant product, such as Thompson's Water Seal, both inside and outside the pot, and allow to dry thoroughly before planting.

You might also want to incorporate hanging planters into your container garden. Look for vintage wire baskets in different shapes and sizes at antique stores and flea markets, and use them to hold plants in their pots. You can also line the baskets with sheet moss (available at garden centers) to create enclosed containers.

### The potting mixture

Buy a professional, ready-made, soil-less mixture at your local nursery or garden center, and then work in a time-release fertilizer and some water-absorbing, polymer-gel crystals. Follow the package instructions for the crystals; they will need to be soaked first so they become completely hydrated. Combine them with the potting mixture in the bottom half of the planter before adding plants and filling with additional potting medium. The crystals release water slowly, keeping the roots moist so you will need to water the plants less frequently. Applying a liquid fertilizer to your container plants, about every other week or so, will help them to thrive.

### The plants

You are not limited to the varieties that are suited to your property, as you can easily adjust the pH level of the soil, increase the drainage, move your container to a more or less sunny spot and so on to keep nearly any plant happy and healthy.

Use annuals and tender perennials, mixing plants that grow in a cascading fashion, such as ivy, verbena and petunia, with those that grow upright, and add filler plants for color and body. Coleus, pelargoniums, impatiens and salvias are all good choices.

In larger containers, you have a much wider range of choices: Look for shrubs, small trees, flowering bulbs, perennials and ornamental grasses. Hardier plants, depending on your climate, might last outdoors year-round; more delicate varieties can winter inside, then move out to their spot in the fresh air when spring arrives.

Check with your local garden center for recommendations, then take the plants home and arrange them in a way that makes you happy.

## Extension educators' role grows with times

County offices link up; Jerome County plans a community garden

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

The job of a county extension educator is not what it used to be.

Gone are the days when a county extension homemaker was isolated and had to be a know-all, fix-all person. Now, these people are called extension educators, and they specialize.

The various county offices around the valley are interconnected via computer, too. If an educator in one county can't answer a question, one in another county probably can. And the answer is often available so quickly that the person who originally asked the question might not even realize that it was an agent in another county who gave the answer.

**To learn more**

Extension family consumer educators:  
Twin Falls County - Rheta Lanning, 734-6850  
Jerome County - Marsha Hawkins, 324-7878  
Gooding County - Diana Christiansen, 934-4418  
Cassia County - Joan Parr, 878-7302  
Minidoka County - Donna Gillespie, 436-7184  
Blaine and Lincoln counties - See Gooding or Jerome counties

News flash in the world of extension offices: Jerome County is planting a community garden this summer. With the help of a materials grant from the National Gardening Association through 4-H, Family Consumer Educator Marsha Hawkins will create a community garden at the county fairgrounds. She is calling the community garden project "From Seeds to Salsa." Master gardeners will teach youth from 4-H clubs, life science



University of Idaho's extension educator in Jerome, Marsha Hawkins, stands at the site of the Jerome community youth gardening project.

students from the high school and young people from the juvenile detention center how to garden. Interested community members who would like to participate should call Hawkins at 324-7878.

The various extension offices cooperate to offer classes to Magic Valley residents. Several classes are currently being offered.

Dining with Diabetes: A series of classes throughout the valley offers information on diabetes, cooking demonstrations and recipes, with informational booklets. The classes are in three sessions - Desserts, Main Dishes, Side Dishes. In Cassia County, classes are set for noon to 2:30 p.m. today and April 18 and 25. Please see EXTENSION, Page C2

## Easter ideas

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### Creative cook reworks usual holiday meal

Taste of Home

"My top priority is food for the spirit," said minister's wife Ellen Benninger, "but I believe there is a blessing in sharing a delicious home-cooked food."

That's why Benninger, a country cook from Stoneboro, Pa., shared her hearty Ham Balls recipe in Taste of Home magazine. She often serves this main dish on Sundays after church.

- HAM BALLS**
- 1 pound ground pork
  - 1 pound ground, fully cooked ham
  - 2 eggs
  - 3/4 cup milk
  - 2 1/2 cup crushed Shredded Wheat cereal
  - Sauce:
    - 1 1/2 cups packed brown sugar
    - 2/3 cup water
    - 1/5 cup vinegar
    - 3/4 teaspoon ground mustard
- In a bowl, combine the pork, ham, eggs, milk and cereal. Mix well. Shape into 1 1/2- to 2-inch balls. Place in a greased 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking dish in a saucepan, combine sauce ingredients. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered, for 4 minutes. Pour over ham balls. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 60 to 70 minutes or until browned. Makes 8 servings.

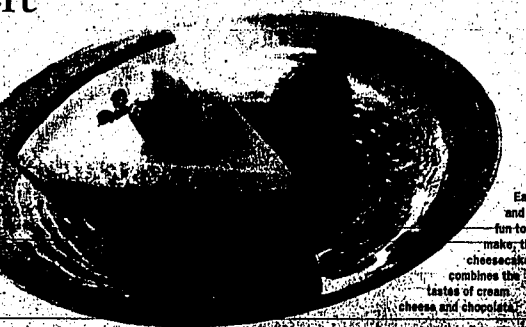


These delectable Ham Balls are a great way to use leftover ham.

### Quick dessert saves time on Easter

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- PHILLY 3-STEP DOUBLE CHOCOLATE LAYER CHEESECAKE**
- 2 packages (8 ounces each) Philadelphia brand cream cheese or Neufchatel cheese, softened
  - 1/2 cup sugar
  - 2 eggs
  - 3 squares Baker's semi-sweet chocolate, melted, slightly cooled
  - 1 ready-to-use chocolate flavor crumb crust (6-ounce or 9-inch)
- Mix cream cheese, sugar and vanilla well blended. Add eggs. Mix until blended. Stir melted chocolate into 1 cup of the batter. Pour chocolate batter into crust. Top



with remaining plain batter. Bake at 350 F for 40 minutes or until center is almost set. Cool. Refrigerate 3 hours or overnight.

**CHEESECAKE BARS:** Omit crust. Line a 9-inch square baking pan with foil. Mix 1 1/2 cups cream cheese, 1/4 cup brown sugar, 1/4 cup butter, melted, and 1 egg into bottom of pan. Prepare cheesecake batter and layer in pan as directed. Bake and cool. Cut into bars. Makes 16.

## Collectors, cooks love old stoves

By Sylvia Rector  
The Detroit Free Press

When Margit Ervin's gas range was built at the Detroit Jewel stove works in the early 1930s, Herbert Hoover was president, milk was delivered to homes in glass bottles and no one had dreamed of TV - much less TV dinners.

The world has changed, but not that stove.

Ervin cooks on it every day, baking cookies, making soups and even roasting 22-pound Thanksgiving turkeys with ease.

"I raised my kids with the stove," says Ervin, 62, who lives in Detroit.

The stove has a refined, elegant look. It stands on slender legs and has a sleek backsplash that ingeniously folds forward to cover the burners when they aren't in use. Its porcelain finish is the color of creamy mushroom soup, with a feathery pattern decorating its control panel, oven door and drawer fronts. The dials look like old ivory but are Bakelite, an early form of plastic.

Thousands of people own, use, restore and generally adore old stoves. Enthusiasts belong to old stove clubs, subscribe to old stove newsletters and attend old stove conventions. Top-of-the-line pieces sell for thousands of dollars.

Restorer Edward Semmelroth's Web site - www.antiquestoves.com - has appraisal forms that can be printed and mailed in with the required \$25 fee. Other help/networking is available through the Antique Stove Association, on the Web at www.antiquestoveassoc.org. It's for restorers, dealers and owners; membership fees are \$25 per year.

- Here's one of Ervin's recipes.
- MOM'S GRATATO SOUP**
- 3 to 4 large potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
  - 1 teaspoon marjoram or oregano
  - 2 green onion, washed, ends removed, sliced
  - 1 tablespoon liquid Maggi seasoning (optional, see note)
  - 2 chicken or beef bouillon cubes
  - 4 to 5 cups water
  - 4 slices bacon, cut into 1-inch pieces
  - 1 large onion, peeled, diced
  - 2 cloves garlic, peeled, minced
  - 1/2 pound cooked fresh or smoked Polish sausage, sliced or diced
- Place the cubed potatoes in a large soup pot over low heat. Sprinkle with the salt, black pepper and marjoram or oregano. Add the sliced green onion, Maggi seasoning and bouillon cubes; stir to combine. Add enough water to cover the potatoes by about 1 inch. Meanwhile, place the bacon pieces in a medium skillet and fry until just about done. Add the diced onion and garlic to the skillet with the bacon. Cook until the onions are soft and just begin to brown. Using a slotted spoon, remove the bacon and onion mixture and stir into the soup pot. Simmer the soup slowly about 15 to 20 minutes. When the potatoes are almost done, add the Polish sausage to the soup. Cook for 5 minutes. Sprinkle with oregano or, if the potatoes are very tender, makes about 10 cups.
- NOTE:** Look for Maggi seasoning in the spice aisle of grocery stores.

Easy and fun to make, this cheesecake combines the tastes of cream cheese and chocolate.

FOOD & HOME

# Pick a suitable spot for a tree Extension

Arbor Day is April 27. What will you do to celebrate? Will you plant a tree in your yard? Will you help your kid's class plant one on the school grounds, or maybe in the park?

Before you drag the shovel out of the shed, decide which tree is best for your situation.

On a city lot that often has power and telephone wires strung overhead, a small tree is just the thing. You don't want to plant the same tree as everyone else on the block because you're unique. 2. You don't want to create a monoculture.

Monoculture is a 50-cent word that means all the same kind. That isn't healthy. When we plant a lot of the same kind of plant, that plant's enemies get wind of it and move in. Then the whole urban forest is a goner. Better to plant a lot of different varieties. That way a lot of different birds and insects are attracted and it all balances out.

So how about a flowering crabapple? They come with a red, pink or white flower, grow to maybe 20 feet high and wide and smell good. Look for varieties Prairie fire, Robinson, Indian Summer, Spring Snow



GREEN THUMBPRINTS  
**Cathy Walworth**

shade trees. They are slow growing, but have an elegant, stately form when mature. English walnuts will grow to about 50 feet. Try the Carpatian variety - it is more cold-hardy than others.

A different medium-sized tree is the Kentucky coffee tree. Early settlers used the seeds within the pods as a coffee substitute. Coffeetrees are heat- and drought-tolerant after they're established and tolerate heavy, alkaline soils. They can grow to 75-feet-high-by-50-feet-across. The Espresso variety is mostly seedless and more vase-shaped than the original species tree.

**TIP OF THE WEEK:** Have you seen the National Gardening Web site? Go to [www.nationalgardening.com](http://www.nationalgardening.com) and click on the Inland Northwest section on the map. There, you'll see my spring lists and tips for gardening in our region. Or click on any of the other regions to see what's going on in regions across the country. Have fun with it. Best, Cathy.

What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at: [cwtwo@pmt.org](mailto:cwtwo@pmt.org)

and Red Jewel. They all do well in our area.

Staghorn sumacs grow to a nice size, and wear a pretty red, velvety cone at the tips of several branches in winter. The leaves turn electric red in fall, which is a rarity here. Sumacs only get to about 20 feet tall and 12 feet wide. It's nice that they are drought-tolerant once they're established, too.

Medium-sized trees are those that will grow to 40-foot high and more with half that much spread. If you live where there are power lines, be sure to look up. Make sure you don't put such a tall tree under the lines.

European beeches grow to 60 feet tall with a 40-foot spread and turn golden yellow in fall. They make a dense, cooling shade in summer and their bark is a pretty, smooth gray. English walnuts make great

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25 at the extension office in the courthouse. In Cading County, classes are set for 6 to 8:30 p.m. June 7, 14 and 21 in the extension office. In Jerome, classes are set for 6 to 8:30 p.m. July 5, 12 and 19 at the extension office.

The diabetic series just finished up in Twin Falls County but will soon be rescheduled. The six-month anniversary of the first Dining With Diabetes class in Twin Falls County will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the extension office at 246 Third Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Participants will share the changes they have made in their lifestyles.

**Married and Loving It:** This is a class designed for couples at various levels of marriage, from just thinking about getting married to having been married "forever." The class focuses on the give and take of married life and is scheduled for 7:30 to 9 p.m. May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 at the Gooding County extension office and at the same time on May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 at the Minidoka County extension office.

**4-H training** will be held all day starting at 9:30 a.m. April 28 at the College of Southern Idaho. The class is open to leaders, parents, prospective leaders and

other interested adults from all Magic Valley counties. Classes will be taught on everything from livestock to sewing to judging to theater arts and computers.

**Food-preservation classes:** These are set to run for three weeks on July 9, 16, 23 and 30 in Minidoka County. The classes cover food safety in canning, freezing and drying. Pre-registration is required for

all classes. However, if one class fills, another is scheduled. Ideas or requests for specific classes should be directed to the county's consumer home educator.

A sign-of-the-times-in-the-extension offices: Crop specialists aren't always met anymore. In Jerome County, Christa Folan is the agriculture extension educator. She is currently doing a research project on potatoes.

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# Children will enjoy this birdhouse project

By Kathy Antonelli  
Akron Beacon-Journal

We are going to see lots of brand new baby birds now that spring is here, and all those hatchlings will need a place to call home. You can offer them a safe haven by providing a milk or juice carton birdhouse for their nests.

Smaller birds will move right in because they need to protect their eggs from bad weather and larger animals who may steal the eggs before they hatch. Remember, the size of the hole in your birdhouse is important because it must not be so large that it allows hungry predators to get inside.

The idea for this project was provided by Tracia Ledford Williams-to-Hands-On-Crafts-for-

Kids on the Web. I've modified the directions so younger children will be able to participate in making this project. This decorative birdhouse is so fancy, even a very picky bird will want to call it home.

Supplies you will need:

- A half-gallon milk or juice carton.
- Acrylic paint in blue, green, brown, yellow, white, black and red.
- Water-based exterior varnish.
- Flat paint brush.
- Small stencil brush.
- Toothbrush.
- 1-inch small wooden heart.
- 3-inch wood peg.
- Glue.
- Spring-type clothespin.
- Floral moss.
- Scissors.
- String.

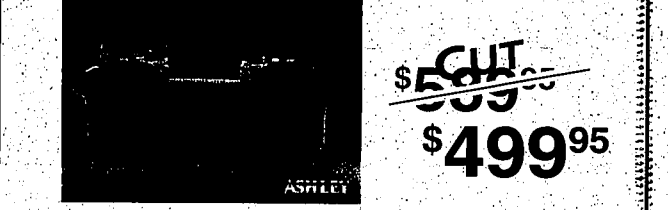
Rinse out a used milk or juice carton and allow it to dry. If the carton has a spout, glue closed and hold together with a clothespin until dry. Draw a hole in the front of the milk carton and mark a spot for a perch about an inch up and to the left. Cut an entry hole no larger than 2 inches in diameter (ask an adult for assistance, if necessary) and punch in the perch hole. Push the wood peg into the front hole and secure with glue. Paint the carton blue and the roof black. Add as many coats as necessary, allowing each to dry before the next one is applied. When dry, dip the toothbrush bristles in white paint and drag your fingers across it, leaving paint speckles on the house. Use brown paint to draw a tree trunk and the stencil brush to make leaves, dabbing

the paint in batches over the branches. Add a few yellow leaves over the green. Paint a wood heart shape red and glue near the roof. Varnish the entire house and let dry. Glue a small bit of moss to the roof and a bird on top for decoration. Make a small hole in the peak of the roof for a string and ask an adult to help you hang it outside. Once the birds move in, enjoy watching them from a distance.



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# Solar can be simple

**DEAR JIM:** With energy shortages, global warming and rolling blackouts, I need to do my part and save a few bucks too. I want to make a simple low-cost solar water heater. What is the simplest design to build?

—PAUL T.

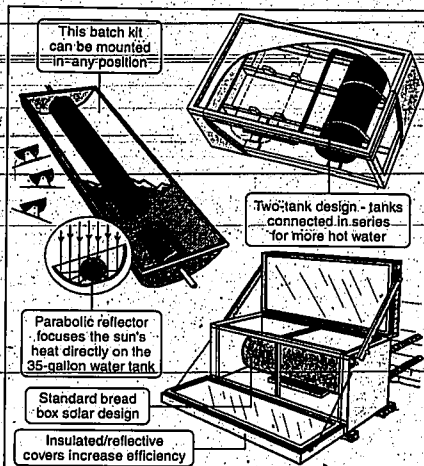
**DEAR PAUL:** Heating water with the sun is an efficient and effective use of solar energy for all climates. Unlike solar space heating that is used only in the winter, solar water heating is utilized and saves money year-round.

Water heating typically accounts for about 20 percent of a family's annual utility bills, and a simple solar water heater can contribute up to half of your hot water needs. In addition to saving money and protecting the environment, building a solar water heater sets an excellent example for your children.

There are several designs of effective solar water heaters that an average do-it-yourselfer can easily build using many scrap materials. Among these designs, a batch-type design is the simplest. All the materials required to build one should be less than \$100 to yield a payback within a year or so.

If you are a do-it-yourself-challenged person, don't give up. Ready-to-build solar batch kits, with two 30-gallon tanks, double-wall glazing, foam-insulation, etc., and with an instruction booklet are available. You can also buy completely assembled batch units that are easy to hook up yourself.

A solar batch water heater is used as a preheater for your existing water heater and is usually mounted on the ground on the southern side of your house. There are no ugly rooftop collec-



A solar water preheater is an effective way to save on energy costs.

tors and very little maintenance. The plumbing is very simple. The cold water pipe leading to your water heater is connected to the solar batch unit inlet. Its outlet is connected back to your water heater. Install two low-cost valves at the cold water inlet to your water heater so you can bypass the solar heater anytime you wish. One or two water tanks in the batch heater are exposed to the sun. This preheats the incoming water. On a sunny day, the outlet water will be warm enough that your existing water heater will not have to come on at all.

A simple bread box design is basically a black water tank, typically 30 to 40 gallons, in a plywood box with a clear top. A discarded water heater tank, stripped down and painted black, works great. An old storm window/door or clear acrylic plastic is effective for the clear top cover.

Insulating the sides and back of the box is important to minimize the loss of solar heat. If you are handy with tools, build a hinged insulated cover with reflective foil to direct more of the sun's rays on the tank. Close the insulated covers at night, or just throw an old quilt over the clear top.

Write for Update Bulletin No. 832—do-it-yourself-instructions, diagrams, materials list, plumbing-schematic-for-several-designs of batch solar-water-heaters and a list of ready-to-use batch solar

kits. Please include \$3 and a business-size SASE. Write to James Dullea, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244.

# Funny Cake lingers in memory, on Net

By Linda Clemen  
The Miami Herald

**QUESTION:** My husband talks about growing up on a farm in Bucks County, Pa. He always raves about eating Funny Cake. Can you find a simple recipe? —JACKIE WOGOTZ, EASTON, PA.

**ANSWER:** As soon as you mentioned Bucks County, I knew to look in my battered but treasured "Pennsylvania—Dutch Cookbook" by Ruth Hutchison. You can also find dozens of Funny Cake variations on the Internet (at www.google.com, for example).

**MRS. REINERT'S FUNNY CAKE**  
1 unbleached 9-inch deep-dish pie crust  
Bottom layer:  
1/2 cup cocoa  
1 cup sugar  
1/2 cup boiling water  
Upper layer:

2 cups sugar  
1/2 cup butter or shortening, softened  
1 egg  
1 cup milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
Line pie dish with pastry and chill. For lower layer, mix cocoa and sugar. Pour boiling water on top and mix well. Set aside to cool, slightly while you prepare

the upper layer. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream sugar and butter until fluffy. Beat in the egg, then milk and vanilla. Stir together flour, baking powder and salt. Stir into liquid mixture until just combined. Four chocolate layer into pie shell. Gently spoon cake batter on top. Bake 35 to 40 minutes. As unlit cake layer springs back when pressed lightly. Serve warm with ice cream or whipped cream or at room temperature.

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HOLIDAY PRIMER

# Easter expertise eases preparations

By Jane Snow  
Alton Beacon-Journal

Do you know your ham, ma'am? How about your lamb, scalloped potatoes and hard-boiled eggs? Today we present a primer on everything Easter.

Treats: Let's get the bad news out of the way. Calorie counts for a few Easter goodies - Cadbury's Creme Egg, 180; Chocolate bunny (7 ounces), 660; Jelly Beans (Brach's, 1 ounce), 100; Marshmallow Peep, 32; Reese's Peanut Butter Egg, 180.

**Hard-cooked eggs:** Notice we didn't write "hard-boiled." Boiling produces that greenish ring around the yolk and makes the egg rubbery. The best method for hard-cooking eggs is to place clean, uncracked eggs in a pan of cold water. Bring to a boil, cover and remove from the heat. Let stand for 15 minutes. Your eggs will be firm but not bouncy, with an almost creamy (but fully cooked) yolk.

Doesn't it drive you crazy when the hard-cooked egg white sticks to the shell? The solution is to buy your eggs several days - preferably a week - in advance. The shells of older eggs slip right off, while the shells of very fresh eggs stick like glue. Don't allow hard-cooked eggs to remain at room temperature for longer than two hours. Refrigerate the eggs to be safe. Hard-cooked eggs will keep in the refrigerator for about a week.

To help the egg dye cling to the shells, use hot water and add a splash of vinegar.

The ham: Bone-in hams are thought to have more flavor than boneless hams. Some people don't like bone-in hams because they seem hard to carve. They aren't, actually. Just slice the ham down the length of the meat - horizontally, as it were - instead of per-

pendicular to the cutting board.

In order of preference, based on how much water has been added, here are the four categories of ham.

- Ham. Nothing is added, and the ham goes through a long, slow cure. This is the dry-cured ham known as country ham. It's seldom found in stores.
- Ham with natural juices. No water is added, but the curing is quicker.
- Ham - water added. Some water is injected into the ham.
- Ham and water product. Lots of water has been injected into the meat. You're paying for water at ham prices.

The label will tell you which kind of ham you're buying. If the ham has water added, make sure that is reflected in the price. Also, look for "naturally smoked" on the label. This means it was smoked over a smoldering fire, rather than injected with smoke flavoring. Most hams are fully cooked, but heating brings out the flavor. A modern cured ham (not a country ham) should be baked uncovered at 325 degrees for 2 1/2 minutes per pound.

For a Honey-Mustard Ham Glaze, combine 1 cup packed brown sugar, 1/2 cup honey and 2 tablespoons prepared mustard. Thirty minutes before ham is done, remove from oven and spoon on glaze. Continue baking for 30 minutes, basting occasionally with glaze.

The lamb: You walk to a different drummer. Maybe you're of Greek heritage, or you just like the taste of juicy, rosy-red spring lamb rubbed with rosemary. The best cut to cook for a crowd is rack of lamb or its cousin, crown roast (two racks tied in a circle). But you have to be Daddy Warbucks to afford one of those. Easier on the wallet and just as delicious is roast leg of lamb. A 5- to 6-pound leg is cooked, uncovered, in a 350-degree oven for

about 1 1/2 hours, until the internal temperature is 130 degrees.

This produces medium-rare meat. Allow the lamb to stand for 10 to 15 minutes before carving. Remove most of the fat from the meat before roasting. Also, remove the fall - the papery skin covering the meat. If desired, cut 4 or 5 cloves of garlic into slivers. Here and there, cut the meat to a depth of about 1 inch with the tip of a thin knife and push the garlic slivers into the slits. Then rub the meat over with olive oil and about 1 tablespoon rosemary.

Easter go-withs:  
**FRENCH SCALLOPED POTATOES**  
(Gratin Dauphinois)

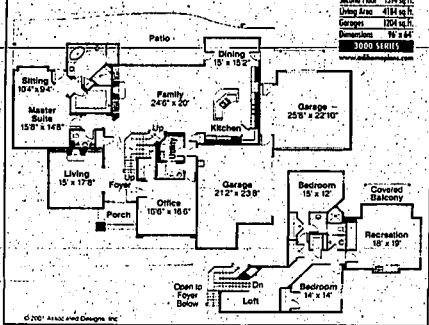
9 large potatoes (about 3 pounds)  
2 cups milk  
Salt  
White pepper  
Freshly grated nutmeg  
1 egg, beaten  
1 clove garlic, cut in half  
1 1/2 cups shredded Gruyere cheese (Swiss cheese)  
3 tablespoons butter  
Fry potatoes and cut into thin slices. Do not rinse. Dry with paper towels. Bring milk to a boil in a large saucepan. Add salt, pepper, a dash of nutmeg and potatoes. Cook for 10 minutes, lifting potatoes gently now and then to keep them from sticking to pan. Be careful not to break potato slices. Rapidly whisk a small amount of the hot milk into the beaten egg. Stir into the potato-milk mixture.

Rut the inside of an ovenproof casserole with the cut sides of the garlic, then with a little of the butter. Spread half of the potato-milk mixture in the dish. Sprinkle with half of the cheese. Add remaining potatoes and remaining cheese. Dot with the butter. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour. The potatoes should be crisp on top and creamy inside. Makes 8 servings.  
-From "Cuisine of the Rose" by Mireille Johnston

**STICKY ORANGE MUFFINS**

2 oranges  
1/4 cup honey  
2 cups flour  
1/2 cup uncooked oatmeal (not instant)  
1 tablespoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 eggs, slightly beaten  
2/3 cup milk  
5 1/2 tablespoons butter, melted  
Grease a 12-cup muffin tin. Grate the rind from the oranges (orange part only). Set aside. With a small sharp knife, remove all remaining peel and, if necessary, trim the oranges all around so that the slices will fit into the bottom of your muffin tin cups. Cut into slices about 1/4-inch thick. Pick out all seeds. Place about 1 teaspoon honey in bottom of each muffin cup. Top each with an orange slice. In a large mixer bowl, combine flour, oatmeal, baking powder, salt and sugar. Stir with a fork to mix. Add grated orange rind, eggs, milk and melted butter. Stir just until mixed. Spoon batter over orange slices, filling each cup about two-thirds full. Bake at 400 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes, until a toothpick inserted in center of a muffin comes out clean. Serve warm.

-From "The Fanny Farmer Baking Book" by Marion Cunningham



The Bethany plan presents a multi-faceted facade.

## Bethany exudes a lofty elegance

It's difficult for a standard illustration to do justice to the Bethany's unique front facade. A 3-D picture would better show how it recedes in five steps, right to left, from the workbench area of the front garage to the sleeping area of the master suite.

Stone-veneered, gently-arched pediments and two sets of transom windows add to the visual appeal of this large home. And it has two two-car garages.

Entering, you step into a wide, naturally bright foyer with a 14-foot ceiling. Double doors on the right open into a spacious home office that could be built with an exterior door to the porch, if desired.

To the left, the foyer opens into a large, high-ceilinged living room, richly windowed on two sides. Built-in cabinets and a clean-burning gas fireplace fill the entire back wall.

The family room is huge. Tall rectangular windows capped by transom windows fill most of the rear wall, while another gas fireplace anchors the side of the room farthest from the kitchen. Cabinetry on one side of the

fireplace houses a big screen TV; the other side holds the rest of your home entertainment components.

Kitchen, family room and dining area are totally open. Sparkling ceramic tile covers the walls and rims the top of a large work island with built-in cooktop and conversation bar.

Luxurious features in the Bethany's master suite include: a sunny sitting area; double-size walk-in closet; and a spacious bathroom, outfitted with a soaking tub and an oversized shower.

Two more bedrooms are upstairs, along with a loft, and a recreation room with a covered balcony.

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## Natural dyes add fun to Easter decorating

By Lori Seleno  
Detroit Free Press

If you'll be coloring eggs this Easter, why not take your cue from nature? By using ingredients you may already have in your kitchen, you can color eggs in beautiful, natural shades of orange, yellow, green, blue, sienna, violet, pink and carmine.

**General dye instructions:** Use two tablespoons of white vinegar per quart of cold tap water. Place eggs in a single layer in a large pot. Cover with 1 1/2 inches of vinegar water. Add natural dye ingredients (outlined below), partially cover the pot with lid and bring mixture to a boil, then reduce heat and let eggs simmer for 15-20 minutes. Remove pot from heat. Allow to cool slightly. Remove eggs from pot, place in a deep bowl and refrigerate. For deeper colors, strain the vegetables and other substances used to color the eggs, then pour the colored water over the eggs. Let them soak

overnight in the refrigerator.

**Natural dyes:**  
Yellow - 2-3 tablespoons turmeric  
Orange - 3-4 cups yellow onion skins  
Green - 1 pound spinach leaves  
Blue - 1 head chopped red cabbage  
Sienna - 4 cups red onion skins  
Red - 1 pound beets, or cranberries

**Brown** - 1/2 cup coffee grounds  
A word of caution: Because an egg's shell has thousands of pores over its surface, it may absorb some of the flavor and/or odor of these natural dyes.  
**Natural stenciling:** Marcia Meredith offers a natural way to stencil your naturally colored eggs: Take any herb branch or leaf whose shape you like and lay it flat against an egg. Wrap the egg tightly in cheesecloth, then dye as instructed above. Remove pot from heat, eggs from the pot and cheesecloth from eggs. A beautiful imprint of the herb or leaf will be left on each egg.

## Try deep-frying some of those leftover eggs

By Elaine Masgee  
Knight Ridder News Service

**QUESTION:** I had this marvelous, so-called Scotch Eggs at a buffet once and ever since have been trying to find a recipe for it. It is wrapped in sausage, then breaded and deep-fried, so I imagine they are quite high in calories. Can you find a recipe and perform a remake on it?

**ANSWER:** I've been saving this letter for when we all find ourselves up to our eyeballs in hard-boiled eggs - and have had one too many egg salad sandwiches. I found a recipe for Scotch eggs over the Internet that has all the same ingredients the reader mentioned. What a great new way to use those hard-boiled eggs. I have never had anything like these before and I have to say, I loved them. I wrapped the leftovers up and kept them in the fridge for a quick, high-protein snack the next day.

**SCOTCH EGGS**  
Serves 4  
6 ounces Jimmy Dean Light sausage  
4 hard-boiled large eggs  
1 teaspoon crumbled dried sage  
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme, crumbled  
25 teaspoon cayenne (optional)

1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup egg substitute  
1 cup sourdough or French bread crumbs  
Canola cooking spray  
Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Divide the sausage into 4 equal portions. Place each portion on a 6-inch piece of wax paper or plastic wrap and press into a very thin party of sausage. Wrap each party around each hard-boiled egg, pressing the sausage so it wraps all around the egg. Combine the sage, thyme and

cayenne (if desired) in a small shallow bowl. Sprinkle evenly over each of the sausage-coated eggs. Add the flour to a shallow bowl, the egg substitute to another shallow bowl, and the bread crumbs to another. Dredge the sausage-coated eggs first in the flour, shaking off the excess, then dip them in the egg substitute, and finally in the bread crumbs, coating them well. Coat the entire outside of each egg with canola cooking spray. Place them on a foil-lined 9-inch cake pan or baking dish and bake them until the breading is nicely browned and somewhat crisp, about 15 minutes. Let cool slightly before serving.

Per serving: 319 calories, 21 g protein, 31.5 g carbohydrate, 11.4 g fat, 3.4 g saturated fat, 24.8 mg cholesterol, 1.5 g fiber, 589 mg sodium. Calories from fat: 33 percent.

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FOOD & HOME

# This year, go into Easter egg hunt armed with new recipes

Easter is a wonderful time of year. Not only do the boys and girls have cute little outfits, they look even cuter against the background of spring. They run around on freshly awakened grass, searching for all the pretty eggs they colored the day before.

Then reality sets in. All those dozens of eggs have to be used. You might have hard-boiled fewer eggs this year and, instead, filled those handy plastic eggs with candies and pennies—but the kids just have to color some "real" eggs.

Have you ever put off using these hard-boiled eggs, leaving them in the refrigerator in hopes that someone would just eat them? Then the refrigerator gets that funky smell every time you open the door. You know what I'm talking about.

There are only so many deviled eggs a person can take. After that, you tend to just throw a couple dozen lively looking eggs into the trash. But throwing away perfectly good food should make any reasonable person feel guilty.

I've searched around to find solutions to this vexing dilemma. Of course, I turned to the internet and typed "hard boiled egg recipes" into my favorite search engine. Voila! I had a great list to choose from.

These are a few of the ones I thought would taste good. Some of them had reader feedback, and I made sure they were in the "I would try this recipe again" category.

Now you can guiltlessly enjoy a traditional Easter egg hunt.

French cooking isn't as difficult as it sounds. Just look how simple these first two recipes are! They're from frenchculture.about.com/library/cookbook/

**EGG-CHEESE CASSEROLE**

- 6 hard-boiled eggs, sliced
- 2 cups soft bread crumbs
- 1 cup shredded cheese
- 1/2 cup cream
- 2 tablespoons butter

## Sandwich satisfies onion craving

The Seattle Times

The following is a quick recipe:

**BARBECUE CHICKEN SANDWICH WITH SWEET ONIONS.**

- (6 servings)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cups thinly sliced sweet onions

- 11 tablespoons brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1/2 cup barbecue sauce
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 packages (6 ounces each) grilled or roasted chicken breast strips, coarsely diced or 3 cups



**VALLEY COOKING**  
Rebecca Tateoka

- 1 pinch of nutmeg
- Salt and pepper
- In a casserole dish, make alternating layers of eggs, bread crumbs, and cheese. Salt and pepper to taste. Heat, without boiling, the cream, butter and nutmeg. Pour over bread and eggs. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes at 350 F. Serve hot.

**EGGS SOUBISE IN WHITE SAUCE**

- 6 hard-boiled eggs, sliced or quartered
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 onions, thinly sliced
- Salt and pepper
- Make a white sauce with the 2 tablespoons butter, flour and milk. Salt and pepper to taste. Fry onions in the 1 tablespoon butter until tender. Add onions and egg to white sauce. For a meatless main dish, serve these eggs in hot pastry shells.

These next two are from food.epicurious.com/recipes/

**HERBED EGG SALAD SANDWICHES**

Can be prepared in 45 minutes or less.

- 4 hard-boiled large eggs, peeled and chopped
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons sour cream
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh herbs, such as parsley, chives and/or tarragon
- 1 scallion, minced
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice, or to taste
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- Pinch freshly grated lemon zest

8 slices whole-grain bread  
In a bowl, stir together all ingredients except bread with salt and pepper to taste until combined well. Make four sandwiches, pressing bread slices together gently.

**SMOKED SALMON, CREAM CHEESE AND DILL STUFFED EGGS**

- 6 hard-cooked large eggs
- 3 ounces thinly sliced smoked salmon
- 2 ounces (about 3 tablespoons) cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons sour cream
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh dill
- Garnish: dill sprigs

Cut a paper-thin slice off both ends of eggs and halve eggs crosswise. In a small food processor blend yolks, salmon, cream cheese, sour cream, lemon juice, and salt and pepper to taste until smooth. Add minced dill and process until mixture is just combined. Transfer filling to a pastry bag fitted with a large leaf or other decorative tip. Just before serving, pipe filling into whites, mounding it; garnish eggs.

Rebecca Tateoka welcomes comments on recipes. You may e-mail her at [tateoka@gn.net](mailto:tateoka@gn.net)

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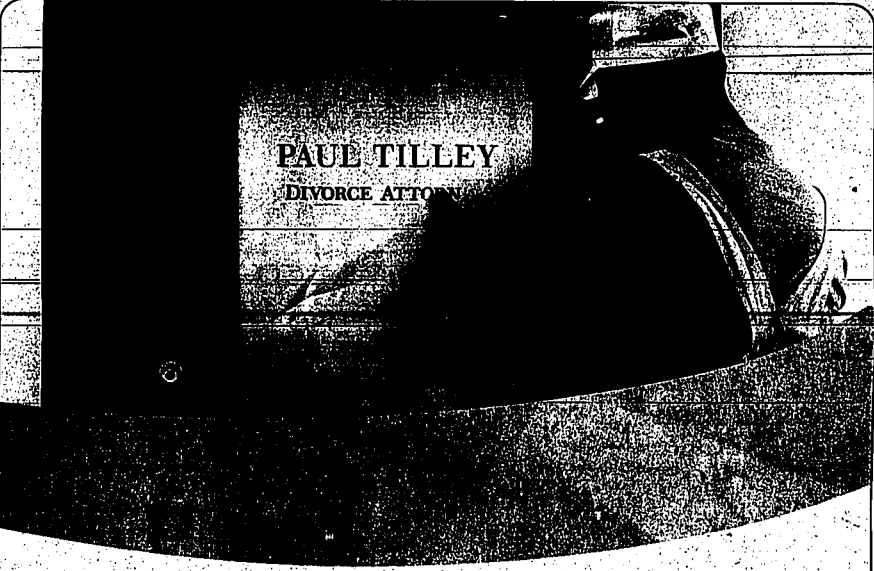
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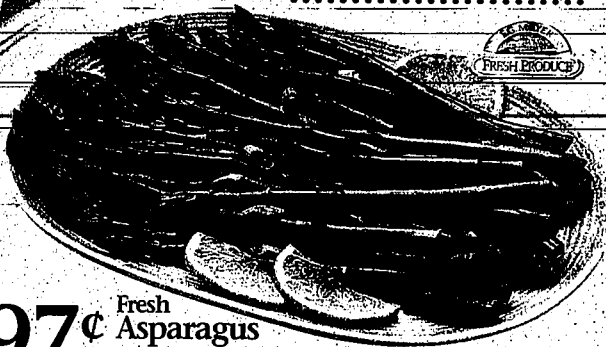
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**FOOD & HOME**

**Fudgy squares are a perfect Easter treat**

**Taste of Home**

These tempting treats bring back childhood memories for Pam Pesh—a country cook from Lexington, N.C. As a girl, she lived with her missionary parents in Thailand, and her mother often made this recipe to remind her family of candy bars back home.

**FUDGY COCONUT SQUARES**

- 1 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup baking cocoa
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 1/2 cup margarine
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1/4 cup baking cocoa
- 5 tablespoons evaporated milk
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add eggs and vanilla. Combine flour, cocoa and walnuts. Add to the creamed mixture. Spread into a greased 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking pan. Bake at 350 F. for 30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out



Chocolate lovers can't get enough of these delicious layered bars.

clean. Combine condensed milk and coconut. Carefully spread over the hot chocolate layer. Bake at

350 F. for 20 minutes or until coconut is lightly browned. Combine icing ingredients until

smooth. Spread over warm bars. Refrigerate at least 1 hour before cutting. Makes about 4 dozen.

**Breakfast jumpstarts your family's day**

By Carol J.G. Ward

**Knight Ridder News Service**

In the frenzy of getting out the door in the morning, breakfast can seem like an unnecessary bother. Unfortunately, those who skip breakfast might not be performing at their peak. The cliché is true: Breakfast is the most important meal of the day.

Studies show that breakfast provides significant nutrients for children and adults. Children and adults who eat breakfast score higher on tests, have longer attention spans and better concentration and exhibit better muscle coordination than those who skip breakfast, according to the American Institute for Cancer Research. And eating a morning meal also decreases impulsive snacking and overeating at other meals.

If you like to bake, you might keep a supply of muffins in the freezer, ready to warm-in-the-microwave. French toast and pancakes are quick and easy breakfast options. Cook ahead and freeze between pieces of wax paper. Or make your own nutritious breakfast bars.

- OATMEAL RAISIN BARS**  
32 bars
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
  - 1/2 cup sugar
  - 4 tablespoons margarine, softened
  - 3/4 cup apple butter or applesauce
  - 2 egg whites
  - 2 tablespoons skim milk
  - 2 teaspoons vanilla
  - 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
  - 1 teaspoon baking soda
  - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
  - 1/4 teaspoon salt, optional
  - 3 cups rolled oats, quick or old-fashioned, uncooked

- 1 cup raisins
- Heat oven to 350 degrees. Beat together sugars and margarine until blended. Add apple butter, egg whites, milk and vanilla; beat well. Combine flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Add to apple butter mixture and mix well. Stir in oats and raisins and mix well. Spread dough in a greased 13-by-9-inch baking pan. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until light brown. Cool before cutting into bars.

Variations: Add chopped nuts if desired. Replace raisins with fresh or frozen blueberries.

**CHEDDAR-APPLE GRANOLA BARS**

- 24 bars
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup applesauce
- 1/2 cup egg substitute
- 1/4 cup apple juice concentrate, thawed
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 2 1/2 cups low-fat granola, divided
- 2 cups shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese, divided

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix flour, baking powder and salt; set aside. Combine applesauce, eggs, apple juice concentrate and oil. Blend with a whisk. Stir in flour mixture, 2 cups granola and 1 1/2 cups cheese. Spread mixture into a lightly greased 13-by-9-inch baking pan, top with remaining cheese and 1/2 cup granola. Bake 20-24 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Let stand at least 10 minutes; cut into bars. Serve warm or at room temperature.

—Adapted from American Dairy Association

**'Dining contract' encourages family meals**

**Knight Ridder News Service**

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# Hit a home run with Easter dinner ideas.

## The Philadelphia Inquirer

Here are some recipes for Easter dinner.

### BAKED HAM WITH HONEY-APRICOT GLAZE

Makes 2 to 3 servings per pound.  
 1 (10- to 14-pound) spiral-sliced, fully cooked smoked ham  
 1 cup honey  
 1 (5-ounce) can orange juice concentrate, thawed  
 1/3 cup soy sauce  
 1/2 cup apricot jam  
 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

Heat oven to 325 degrees. Place the ham on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Combine the remaining ingredients in a medium bowl; set aside. Bake the ham for 30 minutes. Pour the honey-apricot mixture over the top and continue to bake until the ham is heated through, about 30 minutes to 1 hour longer, depending on weight. (Internal temperature should register 140 degrees.)

### HAM SPREAD

Makes 3 cups  
 1 pound smoked ham  
 2 hard-cooked eggs  
 1/2 cup sweet gherkin pickles, with juice  
 1 tablespoon prepared mustard  
 1/3 cup pitted black olives  
 3/4 cup sandwich spread (such as Miracle Whip or Nasoya)

Process the ham in a food processor just until ground, 5 to 10 seconds. Add the remaining ingredients and blend until combined. Use as a sandwich filling or serve with crackers.

From "The Reading Terminal Market Cookbook" by Ann Hazan and Irena Smith

### MUSTARD-DILL VINAIGRETTE FOR GREEN BEANS OR POTATOES

Makes 4 to 6 servings  
 For the dressing:  
 1 teaspoon imported mustard, such as Dijon or Dusseldorf  
 1 tablespoon finely chopped shallot  
 1/2 teaspoon finely minced garlic

1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh dill (see note)

1 tablespoon red wine vinegar  
 1/4 cup peanut or olive oil  
 Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

3/4 pound string beans or haricots verts, or 6 small new potatoes (peeled or unpeeled)

Make the dressing: Place the mustard, shallots, garlic, dill and vinegar in a mixing bowl. Gradually whisk in the oil, then the salt and pepper, stirring until well-blended. (Dressing can be made several hours ahead and refrigerated. Bring to room temperature before using.)

If using beans: Cut off and discard the string bean ends (leave the ends on if using haricots verts). Drop the beans into 2 cups boiling water and cook until crisp-tender, about 4 minutes for very slender beans or 7- or 8 minutes for thick green beans. Test by tasting; cooked beans should still be a little firm. Drain beans, then rinse briefly under cold running water to hold their bright color. Drain again, pat dry with paper towels, and place in a serving bowl. Toss with dressing.

If using potatoes: Boil or steam them until tender, about 20 minutes. Cut into quarters and toss with dressing while still hot.

NOTE: Two tablespoons minced fresh parsley may be substituted for the dill.  
 -From "The 60-Minute Gourmet" by Pierre Franey

### MARCUS RIEKER'S PINEAPPLE SOUFFLE

Makes 8 slices  
 For the vanilla sugar:  
 1 cup granulated sugar  
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
 For the souffle:  
 4 eggs  
 1 tablespoon sugar  
 1 teaspoon vanilla sugar (see note)  
 2 tablespoons butter, at room temperature  
 Nonstick cooking spray or butter

2 cups soft white sandwich bread (crusts removed), cubed (about 5 slices)  
 1 (8-ounce) can crushed pineapple, drained

Prepare the vanilla sugar: Combine the sugar and vanilla extract in a mixing bowl. Stir and

mash with a fork to incorporate the vanilla completely, then spread the sugar in a baking pan lined with waxed paper. Let stand at room temperature for 5 hours. (Mixture will dry and harden slightly.) Sift through a strainer to remove any lumps. Set aside 1 teaspoon of vanilla sugar for the souffle. Store the rest in an airtight container. Use in baking in place of granulated sugar to add a slight vanilla flavor.

Make the souffle: Beat the eggs lightly in a mixing bowl. Using a whisk, beat in the sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla sugar and the butter. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Spray a 9-by-5-by-3-inch loaf pan with nonstick cooking spray, or lightly butter a nonstick pan. Cover bottom of pan with half of the bread cubes, then half of the pineapple, then half of the egg mixture. Repeat with a second layer of the remaining bread cubes, pineapple and egg mixture. Bake until the loaf is lightly browned on top, about 35 to 40 minutes. Remove from the oven, and let rest at least 30 minutes before slicing. Serve as a side dish with ham.

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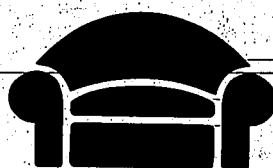
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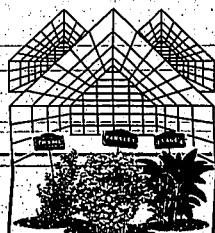
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**SPORTS QUOTE**

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—Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura

**TRIVIA**

**QUESTION:**

Who holds the NBA record for field goal percentage in a season?

...answer below

**TODAY'S SCHEDULE**

**High school softball**  
Jerome at Buhl, 4:30 p.m.  
**High school tennis**  
Minico at Gooding, 3:30 p.m.

**IN BRIEF**

**Buhl baseball hosts camp today for boys and girls**

BUHL — The Buhl High School baseball team is holding a baseball camp for all boys and girls in grades K-8 on Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. at Clint Faux Field. Registration is \$30, and begins at 3:15 p.m. at the ballpark.

The fundamentals of baseball will be taught during the camp by team coaches and players. Campers must bring their own baseball gloves and bats. Cleats are optional.

**King Hill golfer aces**

NO. 5 at Gooding course  
GOODING — Dennis Cockerham made his first hole in one Monday aching the 155-yard No. 5 at Gooding Country Club. He used a Simon on the shot, which was witnessed by Mickey Cockerham.

**Gooding Country Club hosts golf tournaments**

GOODING — Gooding Country Club is having a two-man scramble Saturday and two-man best ball Sunday. Entries for men's teams are being accepted with the deadline of Thursday at 5 p.m. For more information, call 934-9577.

**Steelheads open playoffs with Anchorage**

BOISE — Northern Division champion Idaho opens the 2001 West Coast Hockey League playoffs Wednesday at home vs. the Anchorage Aces. Game times for all Steelheads (47-21-4) home games is 7 p.m. Tickets for home games are available at all Select A Seat outlets or online at [www.idahohockey.com](http://www.idahohockey.com) and by telephone at 331-TIDS.

**Jerome Ladies Association meet today at Jerome CC**

JEROME — The Jerome Ladies Association opens its regular season today at 9 a.m. at Jerome Country Club.

The association opened its season April 4 with a brunch and five-team scramble. Winners with a score of 89 or better, included Ann-Thomason, Nelda-Hurd, Lois Hansen, Naomi Stansell and Vi Croshaw. Other placers were Justine May, Barbara Campbell, Carol Town, Charlotte Fitzpatrick, Lynn-Tidwell and Lynn-Morgan.

**Correction**

GLENN'S PERRY — Zach Simons, a sophomore on the Glenns Ferry baseball team, is the cousin of senior teammate Ryan Simons. The Times-News regrets the error.

Compiled from staff reports

**TRIVIA ANSWER:**

Wilt Chamberlain, 72.7 percent in 1972-73.

## Jordan downplays rumors

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Once again, Michael Jordan downplayed the notion that he's planning a comeback. Once again, he left the door open that it just might happen. Responding to comments made by fellow Washington Wizards owner Abe Pollin, the most authoritative source to date to give credence to the Jordan comeback rumors, the five-time NBA MVP told The Washington Post that his return is still very unlikely. "I haven't wavered one bit from what I've been saying," Jordan said in Wednesday's edition of the paper. "If I had to answer today, I'm 99.9 percent sure I won't play again. I'm not going to come back as a showpiece. I wouldn't even think about it unless I thought I could maintain the level of play I had when I left. I'd only come

back doing everything I always did. And I'm nowhere near that, nowhere close to that. I haven't played in three years."

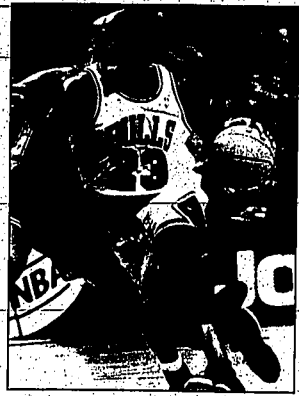
Jordan has already denied the comeback rumors several times over the past two months, but his latest statement will do little to stop the speculation. Even some of his friends, such as golfing buddy and Pittsburgh Penguins star Mario Lemieux, have not believed him. Lemieux, speaking Tuesday after a Penguins practice, said he had talked to Jordan in the last 10 days and made it sound like his Airness was all but ready to don the uniform. "He's going to give it a shot and he's working very hard," Lemieux said.

Jordan's denials have not been universally accepted in part because of the rather secretive manner he chooses to issue them, using one-on-one interviews rather than a public forum.

But a denial to a larger audience would close the door entirely, and perhaps that's something Jordan doesn't want to do. His former Bulls coach Phil Jackson, said recently he thinks Jordan is contemplating a comeback but hasn't made up his mind.

Jordan was the talk of the nation's capital on Tuesday, the day after Pollin went on television to reveal his "gut feeling" that "the odds are that he's going to come back" and play for Washington next season.

"I didn't think he'd come back when I first heard the talk," Pollin said. "But when Mario Lemieux came back to the Penguins, it stirred something in Michael."



Michael Jordan drives past Indiana's Reggie Miller during a 1995 Conference Finals game. Speculation over another comeback by Michael Jordan heats up again as Washington owner Abe Pollin says "the odds are" that his Airness will return with the Wizards next season.

## Bruins slip past Spartans

**Mueller hits game-winner on birthday**

By John Derr  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Ben Mueller got the birthday present he wanted — he made sure of it. Tied at 7-7 against conference rival Minico, the senior blasted the game-winning hit as Twin Falls stayed perfect in Region III with the 8-7 victory over the Spartans at Bruin Field Tuesday.

Mueller also picked up the pitching victory. The Spartans (2-1 Region III, 10-4 overall) gave Twin Falls (3-0, 9-3) every chance, committing seven errors and combining for six free passes on walks and hit batters.

The Bruins took advantage of the gifts. "We are excited we won, but we know we're not going to get that many chances the next time," Bruin coach Matt Rasmussen said. "We made things happen by putting the ball in play. Ben did a great job. He pitched two great innings and got us out of a big jam." Tied 6-6 after five innings, Minico's Nate Tracy led off the



Minico's Ty Dietz applies a diving tag to Bruin Carl Blackwood at second base during Tuesday's game in Twin Falls.

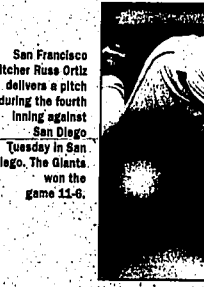
sixth by reaching on an error. Ty Dietz slapped a single to left to put runners on first and second. Andy Coats, who finished the day 4-for-4, collected his fourth RBI with a double to the gap as the Spartans regained

the lead 7-6. Josh Bartome, who earlier connected on a two-run homer in the third, was hit by a pitch to load the bases with no outs. Mueller, the starting shortstop, took the mound for reliever Eric

Rambo, and quickly recorded two strikeouts. "I just wanted to throw it hard and use my splitter to throw them up," said Mueller, who allowed just one hit in the final two innings.

A ground-out to short ended the Minico threat. The Bruins came back with a run in their half of the sixth. Derrick Tenney reached on the four hits. Please see BRUINS, Page D2

## Nomo, Boston beat O's 10-1



Randy Johnson (left) and Hideo Nomo (right) celebrate after the game.

The Associated Press  
BOSTON — In his first game since the second no-hitter of his career, Hideo Nomo allowed four hits in six innings on Tuesday night and got another two homers from Brian Daubach as the Boston Red Sox beat the Baltimore Orioles 10-1. Nomo (2-0) received a consolation cheer from the crowd when he allowed Baltimore's first hit, a bunt single to Melvin Mora with two outs in the second. Daubach, who homered twice last Wednesday when both stole the spotlight in his Red Sox

The Associated Press  
The Philadelphia Flyers and the Buffalo Sabres face the same dilemma — how to beat a Czech goalie. Dominik Hasek and Roman Cechmanek will be in the opposing nets as the Sabres and Flyers begin the NHL playoffs tonight, headlining three first-round series openers. The Eastern Conference rivals will meet in the postseason for the fifth time in seven years. Philadelphia won three of those series, including a five-game, first-round triumph last year, and swept all four regular-season games this year.

## Familiar foes face off in NHL playoffs

Still, "Nobody is taking them lightly," said Flyers forward John LeClair, who was limited to 16 games this season because of back trouble. "Our record against them this season, each game was close. That's not a factor." The other opener tonight are in the Western Conference. The second-seeded Detroit Red Wings, winners of the Central Division, welcome the No. 7 seeded Los Angeles Kings. The Edmonton Oilers, the sixth seed, travel to Dallas to play the Pacific Division champion Stars, last year's Stanley Cup runners-up.

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## Murphy declares for NBA draft

The Associated Press  
All-American Troy Murphy is leaving Notre Dame for the NBA — maybe. Jason Richardson is gone from Michigan State — for sure. "This is something that I've thought a great deal about since the season ended. I feel that I owe it to myself to pursue this option," Murphy said in a statement issued Tuesday. "I've discussed my future with some agents, and although I haven't signed with one, I feel that it is best to take advantage of this opportunity." Murphy, who averaged 21.8 points and 9.2 rebounds per game, has until June 20 to change his mind and withdraw his name from the draft. If he does not sign with an agent, he could

return to Notre Dame for his senior season. Richardson, the leading scorer on Michigan State's Final Four team, knows he's not coming back, and by today he may be joined by teammate Zach Randolph. Richardson, who led the Spartans in scoring with a 14.7 average, made his decision after consulting with coach Tom Izzo on his draft prospects. Randolph averaged 10.8 points and 6.7 rebounds in less than 20

minutes per game as a Michigan State freshman. Michigan State lost in the NCAA tournament semifinals to Arizona, which learned earlier this week that Richard Jefferson and Michael Wright would both leave school for the NBA draft. Yet to be heard from is sophomore guard Gilbert Arenas, who also is strongly considering leaving for the NBA. "If Arenas goes, that would leave only sophomore point guard Jason Gardner remaining from the starting lineup of the team that lost to Duke in the national championship game. Wright averaged 15.6 points, and 7.8 rebounds last season. Jefferson averaged 11.3 points, 5.4 rebounds and 2.7 assists.

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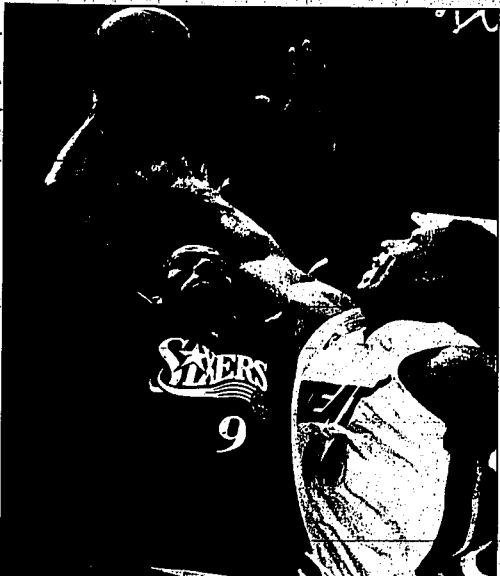
The Kings endured quite a challenge just to secure a spot in the playoffs. Los Angeles rallied from a deficit behind the surprisingly strong goaltending of Felix Potvin to claim one of the last spots in the season's final days. The Red Wings, who with 111 Please see STANLEY, Page D2





SPORTS

Heat burn Sixers 83-81



MIAMI (AP) - Tim Hardaway sank a 22-footer with 5.6 seconds left, and the Miami Heat beat the Philadelphia 76ers 83-81 Tuesday night despite Allen Iverson's 43 points.

Atlanta's Mackie was short on a 25-foot attempt for Philadelphia as time ran out. Miami's Alonzo Mourning had 20 points and 16 rebounds, both season-highs, in just 26 minutes. The Heat won their fourth game in a row and improved to 5-3 since Mourning returned after missing the first 69 games because of a kidney ailment.

Cavaliers 101, Magic 78 CLEVELAND - Andre Miller's 10 points and eight assists in the first quarter set the tone as the Cavaliers had a rare easy night and snapped a seven-game losing streak.

For one of the few times this season, almost everything went right for the Cavs. They shot well, made free throws (37%), opened a 35-point lead in the second quarter and scored a season-high 69 points in the first half. The loss dropped the Magic into seventh place in the

NBA Eastern Conference, a half game behind Charlotte.

Bucks 105, Bulls 84 MILWAUKEE - Scott Williams scored a career-high 24 points, helping the suddenly short-handed Bucks to their first season sweep of Chicago.

By game's end, however, the Bucks were without leading scorer Glenn Robinson (eye abrasion) and top reserve Tim Thomas (dislocated shoulder).

The Bucks need one more victory or a loss by Toronto to clinch their first Central Division title since 1985-86.

Elton Brand had 16 points for Chicago, which lost its 26th consecutive road game.

Robinson came off his only absence of the season to score a season-high 34 points as the Spurs clinched the Midwest Division title.

Robinson, who sat out Sunday's win over Golden State with a loose back, scored six straight points late in the third quarter to put the Spurs up by 16.

Robinson, who had his first 30-point game of the season, also had six blocks and 11 rebounds. Tim Duncan scored 25 points as the Spurs won their fifth straight game and improved their NBA-leading record (56-22).

Nuggets 100, Rockets 99 HOUSTON - Voshon Lenard hit a 10-foot jump shot from the baseline with two seconds left to eliminate the Rockets from playoff contention.

Robert Pack led Denver with 20 points, followed by Lenard with 18. Kevin Willis with 17, James Posey with 15, George McCloidy with 12 and Raef LaFayette with 10.

Cuttino Mobley led Houston with 27 points, while Mookie Norris had 25, Steve Francis 14 and Dan Langhi 13.

SCORES AND STATS

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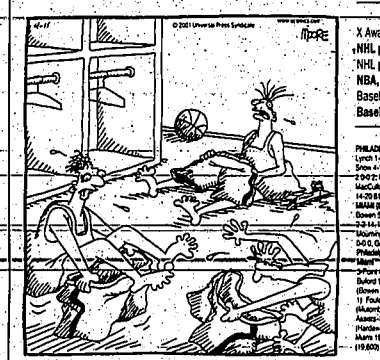


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# COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



For Better or For Worse

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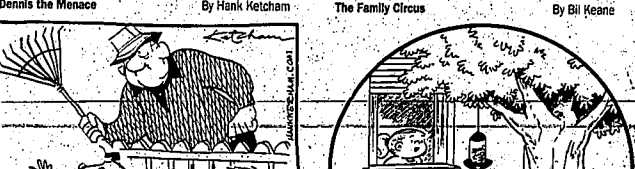


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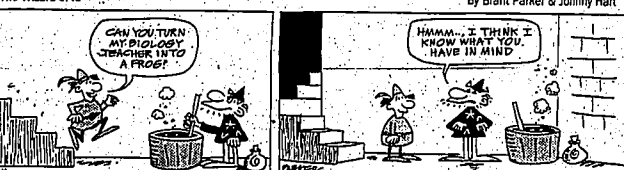
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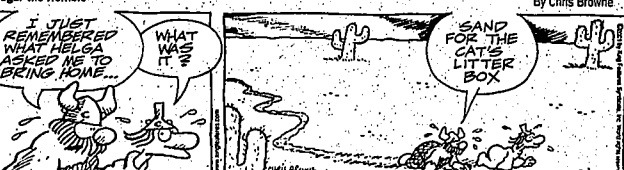
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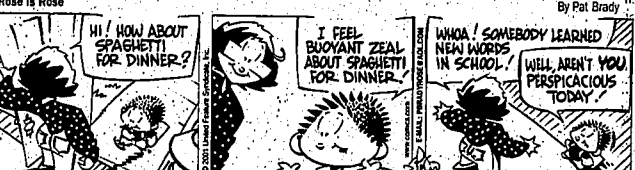
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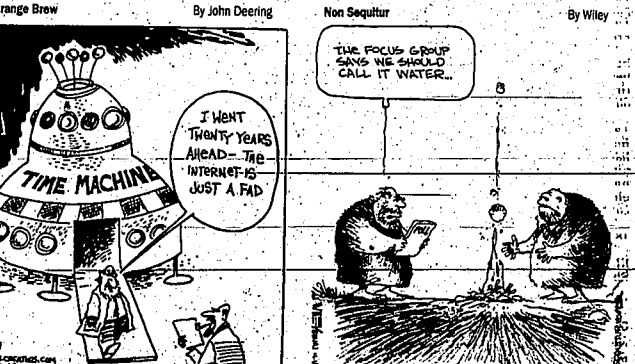


Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Wiley



MORNING RIDE



Jockeys and their horses are silhouetted by the track lighting at the start of their morning workouts in the fog, early April 4 at Lone Star Park in preparation for opening day.

TUESDAY PUZZLE @ AOL.COM. A crossword puzzle grid with clues for across and down words.

Wednesday's Puzzle Solutions. A grid with the solutions to the Tuesday puzzle, including words like 'People', 'Baking', 'chamber', etc.

Castro joins Costner at screening of new movie

HAVANA (AP) - President Fidel Castro sat next to actor-producer Kevin Costner as Cuban officials joined Hollywood heavyweights at a private screening of "Thirteen Days," Costner's movie about the Cuban Missile Crisis.

"The president was quite animated throughout," Costner press agent Stephen Rivers said Tuesday of the screening the night before. "He kept identifying scenes and people, especially the American officials, during the entire film."

The movie is told solely from the vantage point of President Kennedy and his staff, and focuses on the decision-making process that led to the removal of the Soviet missiles from Cuban soil in October 1962. Castro, who was in power at the time of the crisis, and other Cuban officials were not portrayed in the film.

Costner and Castro were joined in the screening at the Palace of the Revolution, where Castro kept his offices, by Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque, Vice President Carlos Lage and members of Castro's personal staff. They later held a dinner that went into the wee hours of Tuesday, said Rivers.

Costner arrived here Monday afternoon, accompanied by fellow producers Aryan Bernstein, Beacon Pictures chairman, and Peter Brown with several others. Also in the group were Costner's companion, Christine Baumgartner, and Chris Lawford, a member of the Kennedy family who also appeared in the film.

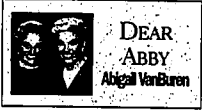
On Tuesday morning, the group was screening the film to Cuban audiences and the New Latin Cinema Film Institute. Group members were hopeful that Castro would show up again at a Tuesday afternoon screening at the Palace of Conventions.

"Castro" was quite engaged and seemed interested in continuing the conversation" as a subsequent screening, Rivers said.

Proper manners at funerals show respect for grieving family

DEAR ABBY: I recently attended a funeral where I was shocked at some of the clothes worn and the lack of respect shown. (In 1993, my brother died, and one of my cousins wore a dress in such a bright color it hurt my eyes to look at it. She also wore a ring on every finger.) My curiosity was aroused concerning appropriate funeral attire, so I went to the public library and read everything they had on funerals, as well as Miss Manners and Emily Post. Here is what I found:

- 1. Don't be late.
2. Wear dark clothes.
3. Don't wear more black than the widow.
4. Wear minimal jewelry (wedding band, tasteful earrings, watch, tie tack).
5. Humor is acceptable as long as it's tasteful and low-keyed.
6. If it's acceptable to the family, eyes may attend or serve as pallbearers.
7. Family members only are allowed to sit in the family section. (No exes.)
8. The time for hugs and acknowledgments is when the family is receiving guests at the funeral home or at the cemetery - NOT as people pass by the coffin to pay their last respects to the deceased.
9. Don't bring babies or unruly toddlers.
10. Don't get up and leave during the service.



irreversible, and for days his life hung by a thread. Then the inevitable happened and he was gone.

The day before the funeral, I spoke to his girlfriend and asked if she would like to ride to the service with me. When she arrived at my home, she was wearing a bright orange mini-dress. Of course, when we arrived at the chapel for the service, every head turned in her direction, and there were more than a few raised eyebrows. She saw the stares and turned to me with tears in her eyes. "I know they're looking at me because of what I'm wearing," she whispered. "I'm wearing this dress because Doug always loved to see me in it." It was his favorite!

After that, I stopped forming judgments about what people wore to funerals - and paid more attention to what was in their hearts.

DEAR ABBY: I am being married in September and am faced with a problem. My aunt has asked me if a picture of my grandfather, who recently passed away, may be placed on the altar. The question shocked me. I didn't know how to respond. Is this display appropriate? I don't want to make a joyful wedding depressing by invoking past grief.

BRIDE-TO-BE, NORFOLK, VA. It doesn't have to be depressing. Placing a small photograph of your grandfather on the altar would be a sensitive and loving gesture. A short reading could be dedicated to your departed grandfather who is with you in spirit - a sentimental warm-up for the main event.

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Aries: Pack your bags

IF APRIL 11TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, you are intuitive, fascinated by the "mystic arts" that include astrology. You are destined to attract wealth. Often, however, you prefer romance. Gaspiron, Cancer persons play major roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names: B, K, T. Travel, flirtation and creative endeavors during May. August your most dynamic profile month of the another.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Within 24 hours you receive news concerning travel, perhaps overseas. Look beyond the immediate resolve to "take charge" of your own fate.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Focus on direction, meditation and decision relating to partnership, marriage. Keep resolutions concerning diet, nutrition. Cancer native in picture.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Highlight versatility, be selective. Accept invitation to prestigious social affair. Signify the another Gemini play major roles. Lucky number 3!

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Rewrite and rebuild. Deal gingerly with Scorpio. This is your "makeover day." People comment, "You look different, wonderful!" Taurus plays role.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Within 24 hours creative juices will be activated. Current restriction removed; you will read and write, learn and teach. Flirtation more serious than expected.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Attention on obvious and domestic adjustment that could

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include change of residence, marital status. You find comfortable living quarters. Libra involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Define terms; see people, relationships in realistic light. Element of deception involved, deliberate or otherwise. Pisces figures prominently.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your kind of day! People are drawn to you; sex appeal featured. Don't break too many hearts! Judgment, intuition on target. Cancer native involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Within 24 hours circumstances turn in your favor. Let go of burden not your own. Steer clear of those who take you for granted. Aries plays major role.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): What came true could turn out to be more than you can handle. Know when to say "Enough!" Make fresh start, deal with creative, temperamental Leo.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Focus on where you live and with whom. Refuse second best; stress structure, plumbing facilities. If married, spark of excitement returns. Capricorn featured.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Diversity, accent human. People want to be with you - some want to wine and dine you. Be gracious, not obnoxious. Sagittarian will play dramatic role.

Eminem gets two years probation

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. (AP) - Rap star Eminem, vilified for his violent lyrics about gays and women, was sentenced to two years' probation Tuesday for carrying a concealed weapon.

"The judge treated me fair, like any other human being," Eminem said afterward. "I just want to get it behind me and get back to spending time with my little girl and making music."

The Grammy-winning star was charged after a June 4 confrontation with a Warren nightclub. Police said Eminem pistol-whipped a man he says he was kissing his estranged wife, Kim.

In February, the rapper, whose real name is Marshall Bruce Mathers III, pleaded guilty in a deal with prosecutors, who dropped a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

The charge carried a maximum of five years in prison. Macomb County Prosecutor Carl Marlinga said earlier that he would seek no more than six months because "he has no record and there was no serious injury."

Circuit Judge Antonio Viviano also fined Eminem \$2,500 and ordered him to undergo counseling and submit to drug testing. The rapper must ask the court for permission to travel overseas.

James Taylor, wife have twins through surrogate mother

BOSTON (AP) - It's sweet baby boys for singer James Taylor and wife Caroline "Kim" Smedvig-Taylor.

"The two became parents of twins when an unnamed surrogate mother gave birth last week."

"The boys, who are the couple's biological children, are being called Taylor Twin No. 1 and Taylor Twin No. 2, until their parents decide on names," said Taylor's spokesman Paul Freundlich.

"The babies were born healthy and everybody is healthy and happy," he said. The first twin weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces; the second, 6 pounds.

Taylor, 53, and Smedvig-Taylor, 46, a publicist for the Boston Symphony Orchestra, have homes in Boston, Mass., and Martha's Vineyard, but haven't brought the twins to either place because of privacy concerns, Freundlich said.

The couple was married Feb. 16 after six years of dating.

Taylor has two children from his marriage to singer Carly Simon: Sally, 27, and Ben, 24.

American Pie' actress tests for less glamorous past NEW YORK (AP) - Before she played Nadia, the sexy foreign exchange student in 1999's 'American Pie,' Shannon

People In the news

Elizabeth was a model. But some of her jobs weren't terribly glamorous.

Elizabeth said she appeared on the back cover of a Midol booklet that ran inside magazines for teenage girls. She was dressed in gym clothes, looking off into the distance.

"I looked kind of miserable. I did it because I was just happy to get a job," she told Gear magazine for its May issue. "It was like, 'Look, I'm in 'Teen.' I have cramps!'"

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## Notes on the economy

**Magic Valley report**

**P**assenger boardings for SkyWest Airlines, a Delta Connection carrier, at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport.

March 2001: 3,358  
 That's a small but welcome 2 percent increase from the 3,394 SkyWest boardings in March 2000, when the total was up 2 percent from March 1999's.

Year-to-date 2001: 10,351  
 That's a 5 percent decrease from the 10,937 boardings in the first three months of 2000.

Those totals don't include charter flights.

Source: Darlene Johnson, airport executive assistant.

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Lou Dobbs to return to CNN's 'Moneyline'

**NEW YORK** - Business news anchor Lou Dobbs, who grew up in Minidoka County, has agreed to return to CNN's "Moneyline" in a move the network hopes will boost the once-unsuccessful show, started 20 years ago, the network announced Tuesday.

Dobbs quit in 1999 after feuding with Rick Kaplan, CNN USA president. Before his departure, Dobbs was considered the leading financial news anchor, and "Moneyline" was CNN's most profitable program.

After Dobbs' resignation, the show sank in ratings behind CNBC's "Business Center." Anchor Stuart Varney, who was host of "Moneyline" with Willow Bay, resigned in March.

CNN executives said they hoped Dobbs' return to "Moneyline" and the network back on top after increased competition from the Fox News Channel, MSNBC and CNBC.

Dobbs was named managing editor of "Moneyline" and he will contribute to the development of CNN's business network, CNN Money.

"Lou Dobbs is, without question, the best business news journalist and anchor in television," said Tom Johnson, chairman of CNN News Group. "His return to our organization and to the unit that he played such an important role in building underscores CNN's commitment to pre-eminent national and international news coverage."

Terms of the deal weren't disclosed.

Dobbs, contractually prohibited from working for a television news network other than CNN until next year, had entered into a joint venture with CNBC's parent company, NBC, to write a financial newsletter and produce business radio reports.

He once said his Rupert roots helped him reach the spot of CNN's business anchor.

### Independent testing to begin on Qwest systems

**DENVER** - Qwest Communications International Inc., which provides local telephone service in much of the Magic Valley, announced Tuesday it has begun testing some support systems as part of its effort to re-enter the long-distance market in Idaho and the other 13 states it serves.

The tests on operational support systems, which involve installation, repair and billing, will be conducted by an independent company in all the states but Arizona, where state regulators are doing their own testing, Qwest said.

The independent testing company will evaluate the systems on criteria agreed to by competitors, regulators and consumer advocates, Qwest said. Testing should finish by July.

Qwest is seeking regulatory approval to again offer long-distance service in U.S. West's old territory.

Qwest was required to sell its long-distance business in the 14-state region last year when it bought U.S. West for \$4.4 billion. Federal Communications Commission guidelines prohibit a Baby Bell from offering long-distance in its region if state regulators determine that customer service has not improved or competitors have not been provided economically viable access to Qwest's local service network.

The company also said it has completed three-quarters of the state working sessions that evaluate Qwest's compliance with rules to re-enter the long-distance business.

### Applebee's offers comfort to eaters, investors

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** - Last week the share price of Applebee's International Inc., whose chain includes a Twin Falls restaurant - increased almost 8 percent, and at Thursday's close the stock hit a 52-week high.

Some are calling it a flight to comfort food as the wobbly stock market sends investors scrambling for a haven. Historically, strong companies in the casual-dining segment have done well in economic downturns.

In 1990, the last time the U.S. economy went through a sustained slowdown, spending in the casual-dining sector increased 5 percent. Meanwhile, spending in segments such as home furnishings, consumer electronics and large appliances fell 5 percent.

U.S. Bancorp Piper Jaffray analyst Allan Hickey said this downturn is no different. As people cut back on buying items such as cars and couches, they indulge in

## Fabric chain may cut TF swatch

**By Virginia S. Hutchins**  
*Times-News Writer*

**TWIN FALLS** - A Mississippi-based fabric merchant might reilluminate the store windows of a north Twin Falls building that went dark when a struggling home-furnishings retailer left town.

Hancock Fabrics Inc. in late March received a building permit for a \$150,000 interior remodeling project at 1763 Fillmore St., the former home of a Hellig-Meyers Co. furniture store, building department records show.

Phil Munie, Hancock Fabrics' operations manager, on Tuesday confirmed the company's intention to open a Twin Falls fabric-and-accessories store but said he

didn't know a timeline, the store's projected employment or other details.

"We're just in the very beginning, planning stages of this thing," Munie said, adding there are many factors with the potential to derail an intended store opening.

Hancock already has Idaho stores in Boise and Idaho Falls, "so I think maybe a lot of people in southern Idaho are familiar with us," he said.

The chain's retail operations cater to the home sewer, offering a selection of quilting fabrics and complete lines of decorating and fashion fabrics, Munie said.

It hasn't been long since the most recent - but smaller - addition to Twin Falls' retail fabric

**About Hancock Fabrics Inc.**

- Based in Tupelo, Miss., and founded in 1957.
- Is a retail and wholesale merchant of fabric and related home-sewing and decorating accessories.
- Operates 443 retail stores in 42 states.
- Supplies more than 100 independent wholesale customers.
- Operates three internet stores under domain names www.hancockfabrics.com and www.homedecoratingaccents.com.

- In 2000, saw net earnings increase 59 percent to \$10.9 million, or 65 cents per diluted share, from \$6.8 million, or 38 cents per diluted share, a year earlier. Sales in 2000 rose 4 percent to \$385.2 million from \$381.6 million in 1999.
- Announced a strategy for 2001 that includes more active new-store growth - organically and in multiple-store acquisitions that are becoming available from the shakeout in U.S. retailing.
- Trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the stock symbol HNF.

Meyers in August said it had filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy.

On the north end of town, Richmond, Va.-based Hellig-

## Economy

### takes a breather

But local farmers continue to hold their breath

**By Julie Pence**  
*Times-News correspondent*

**TWIN FALLS** - Impending recession is fiction, not fact, says a KeyBank economist.

The usual signs that would indicate the United States is about to slide into 12 months of negative growth are missing, said Richard J. Nash, chief market strategist for Key Asset Management, talking to a Twin Falls audience Tuesday.

Instead, Nash prefers to call the current slowdown "the pause that refreshes."

"The economy isn't as strong as it was a year ago," he said, but "today's market is healthier than it was 12 months ago."

Nash said it was no secret that dot-com companies were vastly overvalued and eventually the bottom would fall out. Then, too, Y2K had immense effects on the tech sector.

"Technology is just a commodity," he said, adding that inventories must be depleted before technology stocks will begin recovery. In addition, used computer equipment is hitting the market because of those dot-coms that in the end had nothing but their equipment.

Y2K postponed a slowdown, Nash said. Last-minute equipment upgrades for the "biggest nonevent on record" and company expansions from that extra capital - along with increased consumer spending in reaction to Y2K - kept the cash flowing.

But in reality for the past two years or so, the average stocks have been in a bear market, he said. And that's why some companies started tumbling did the media build up hype about a slowing economy.

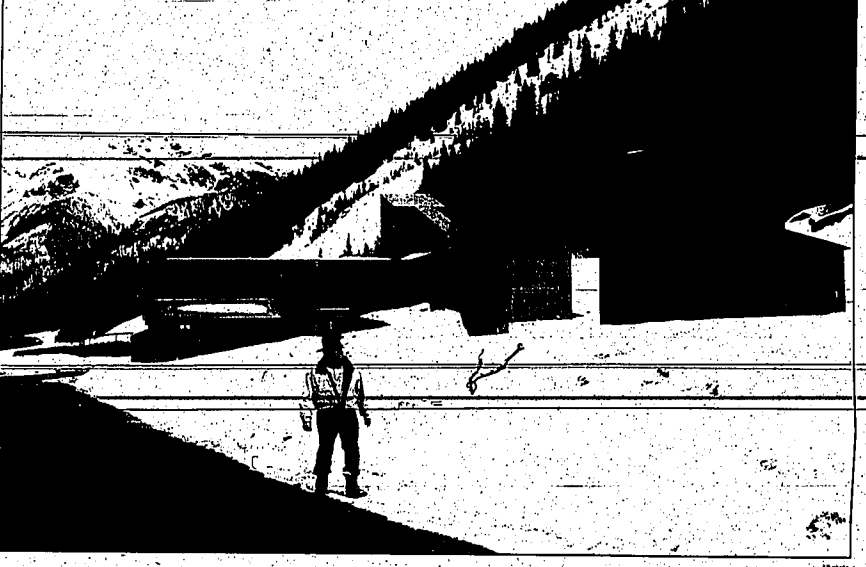
Traditionally, a recession would be preceded by high inflation, Nash said. The recession of 1990-91 was preceded by a 6 percent inflation rate, and the blowout of 1979-82 by 13 percent inflation. Today's inflation rate remains stable at 2 percent.

In addition, housing and auto sales remain strong, and those sales always hit the skids right before a recession.

Other indicators that the economy is not having severe problems? Interest and mortgage rates are declining, which triggers refinancing and puts more cash into the overall economy. Also, construction is robust, and the cuts are imminent. Of particular note, Nash said, is that huge amounts of money are accumulating in money markets, almost all of which will go back into the stock market when the economy begins recovery.

Large layoffs keep hitting the news and alarming the public. But, Nash said, they are directly related to inventory surpluses such as DRAM memory chips, agricultural commodities and lumber. Prices for those invento-

## A modern blessing



Steve Fearn walks beside the Pride of the West Mill near Silverton, Colo., on March 22. The gears of the dormant ore mill are about to turn again, pulverizing basketball-sized boulders into metal-laden dust, and possibly refining the high-altitude hamlet's economy.

## Gears of old mill will start turning again soon

**The Associated Press**

**SILVERTON, Colo.** - The gears of a dormant ore mill near Silverton are about to turn again, pulverizing basketball-sized boulders into metal-laden dust, and possibly refining the high-altitude hamlet's economy.

Under a plan by Silverton resident Steve Fearn, the Howardsville Mill a few miles north of Silverton - renamed Pride of the West Mill - will employ nine people by year's end and 50 within five years.

"What we are trying to do is to re-establish a viable, small, metal-mining industry in the San

Juans," said Fearn, who bought the mill for \$1 million in February.

Fearn, who owns the Silverwing Mine north of Howardsville, and other miners can dig fresh ore for processing at the facility. The initial material to be refined will come from hundreds of unwanted waste heaps sitting outside abandoned mines, which often leach metals and acid into the upper Animas River.

The Animas River Stakeholders Group, a coalition of private, state and federal interests trying to clean up mine waste, has agreed to pay Fearn for the processing costs.

When the crushers begin to roll this summer, about 300 tons of ore - roughly the weight of 300 Mazda Minis - will be processed every 24 hours. Rocks about 18 inches in diameter will be smashed into the consistency of talcum powder.

Then the lead, zinc and copper ore will be separated and sold to smelters. Any profit from the ore sales will be returned to the stakeholders for additional cleanups.

The San Jun 2000 Economic Development District is donating administrative support, and the Region 9 Economic Development District has offered a \$75,000 loan

to help environmental studies.

Ed Morian, Region 9's executive director, said \$25,000 has been released to Fearn and \$50,000 hinges on a pending environmental assessment required under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Economic groups had the effort as a way to diversify an economy that has traditionally been at the whims of the boom-and-bust mining industry or at the mercy of tourists. The town's major employer, the Sunnyside Gold Mine, closed in 1991 and Silverton has been struggling since.

## U of I schedules dairy options training program for producers

**The Times-News**

**TWIN FALLS** - The University of Idaho College of Agriculture, USDA Risk Management Agency and Idaho Dairymen's Association will offer dairy risk-management training this spring in Idaho counties eligible for Round III of the USDA's Dairy Options Pilot Program.

DOFP, an innovative cost-share program that helps dairy farmers put a floor under their milk prices through use of futures and options markets, will be open this year to producers in Gooding, Twin Falls, Jerome, Canyon, Franklin and Bingham counties, the university said.

Regardless of where they live, Idaho dairy producers may attend any of the risk-management trainings, but only producers in the six eligible counties may sign up for the DOFP pro-

gram.

To provide a foundation in risk-management education for producers considering DOFP participation, UI extension faculty have scheduled workshops for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday at the university's Twin Falls County Extension Office, 246 Third Ave. E. in Twin Falls, and Tuesday at the Gooding County Extension Office, 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding.

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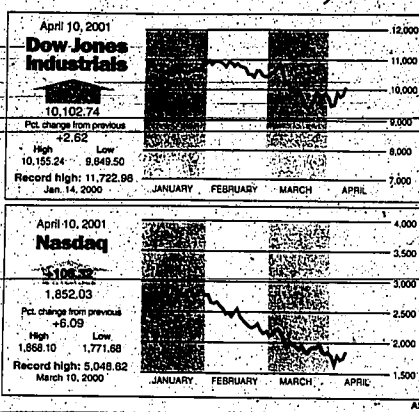
**To find out more**

For more information on pre-DOFP or DOFP training, producers may visit webpages <http://www.uogooding.edu/extension/edu/dairy/mo/> or <http://www.uia.edu.gov/training/> or contact the UI Cooperative Extension System offices in their counties.

MONEY

Dow closes above 10,000

NEW YORK (AP) - A rebound in technology stocks set off another big rally on Wall Street Tuesday, lifting the Dow Jones industrials more than 250 points to their first close above 10,000 in nearly a month.



The Nasdaq composite index also had a big day, rising 106.72, or 6.1 percent, to 1,852.03. And the market's broadest measure, the Standard & Poor's 500, gained 30.79, or 2.7 percent, to 1,168.38.

Enthusiasm for technology stocks led the rally. Microsoft rose \$2.53 to \$53 while Intel, which was downgraded by two investment firms Monday, jumped \$1.57 to \$24.77, more than recovering from the previous session's 43-cent loss.

Fabric

Continued from E1 protection and planned to close stores in Twin Falls, Boise, Pocatello and Idaho Falls. The Twin Falls closure put 14 full-time employees out of work.

three years since Heilig-Meyers celebrated its grand opening at 1763 Fillmore, a former Self Service Furniture. Heilig-Meyers had acquired the Self Service Furniture chain and had stores in Washington, Montana, Oregon, California and Idaho and added new merchandise categories such as appliances, televisions, stereos, jewelry and seasonal goods.

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about 17 months," he said the current line started around August, which was the extent of about half through. He compared U.S. economy to a large cruise ship that takes time and effort to change direction.

American General opens negotiations with AIG

NEW YORK - American General Corp. - which has an American General Finance office in Twin Falls - began negotiations with American International Group on Monday night that could lead to the Texas insurer accepting a \$2.5 billion takeover offer from the world's largest insurer.

Money in brief

The U.K. insurer's share price dropped amid negative investor reaction to the terms of the offer. Prudential said Tuesday it has filed suit against American International Group Inc. for interference with its agreed merger with American General.

Albertson's takes meal planning to the Internet

TWIN FALLS - Albertson's introduced a higher-cost meal planning tool in time for Easter and Passover. The company, which has several Magic Valley grocery stores, will provide more than 10,000 recipes in the Recipe Center on the Albertson's.com corporate website.

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Table of closing futures for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

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Selling personal-computer arm is unfortunate, analysts say

BOISE (AP) - Micron Electronics Inc. has picked a difficult time to try and unload its personal computer division as the industry is changing daily. Analysts agree, however, that the company's decision to sell the division is unfortunate.

It is not surprising that Micron is exiting from the business right now, said Mike Kitagawa, an industry analyst with Gartner. The company is a major player in the personal computer market.

That's weird, Kay said of the deal. The company announced in March a technology equity investment deal with Intel, which included a letter of intent to purchase the arm.

Speakers will address the risks of including price, transition and labor - that dry producers encounter and will present information on tools for reducing risk exposure. Participants will identify types of risk they face and develop plans to offset them.

The official DOPP training sessions are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will follow on April 30 at the Gobling County Extension Office and May 4 at the Twin Falls County Extension Office.

Authorized by the 1996 FAIR Act, DOPP now is extended to 275 counties in 39 states. Producers in Idaho's six eligible counties will have four weeks from the date of their training to participate in the DOPP program.

Required for DOPP participation, the official DOPP sessions will provide an overview of the program's rules, explain how to use the program, and discuss options work and suggestions for using them in dairy operations.

Producers will also learn about tax implications, get tips on selecting brokers and negotiating commissions, and look for the opportunity to play option simulation games. Brokers may also attend the DOPP sessions to meet their training requirements.

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# THE ACES ON BRIDGE

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"In the long run, men hit only what they aim at."

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Today's South scored a bull's-eye when he aimed at picking up the trump queen. Unfortunately, he had his sights on the wrong target. In exchange for picking up the trump queen, he lost two spade tricks, and his game suffered a one-trick set.

Note North's bidding: After South's minimum response to North's takeout double, North's voluntary raise to three hearts promised a fine hand. Forced to bid something, South might have held little more than a four-card heart suit. Counting on North to have solid values (17-19 HCP), and since South had considerably more than he had promised, South had an easy boost to game.

Concentrating only on the trump suit, South won his spade ace and led a trump toward dummy, intending to finesse. However, West hopped up quickly and led another high spade. This subjected dummy's king to East's ruff, and South could no longer avoid a one-trick set. He lost two spades, a trump and the diamond ace.

It was folly to assign top priority to the trump finesse. Since West wins in spades virtually guaranteed a six-card spade suit, it was imperative that South protect dummy's spade king against attack.

South succeeds if he wins dummy's spade king at trick one to lead a diamond to his queen. If West wins and leads a spade for East to ruff, it does no harm. East's spade ace remains intact, and South still has time to deal with the matter of picking up West's trump queen.

<b>NORTH</b>		<b>EAST</b>	
♠ K 7 3	♠ 2	♠ 10 9 7 5 4	♠ 9 5 3
♥ K 10 8 8	♥ 4 2	♥ 10 9 7 5 4	♥ 9 5 3
♦ K J 8 5	♦ 10 9 7 5 4	♦ 10 9 7 5 4	♦ 9 5 3
♣ A K	♣ 10 9 7 5 4	♣ 10 9 7 5 4	♣ 9 5 3

Vulnerable: North-South  
Dealer: West

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♠	3♥	Pass	2♥
2♠	3♥	Pass	4♥
All pass			

Opening lead: Spade queen

## BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:

♠ A 8 4
♥ J 7 6 5 3
♦ Q
♣ 8 7 4 2

<b>North</b>	<b>South</b>
1♠	1♥
2♠	3♥

ANSWER: Two clubs. Take a preference to partner's first bid suit. If his distribution is 4-3-3-3, he will correct to two hearts.

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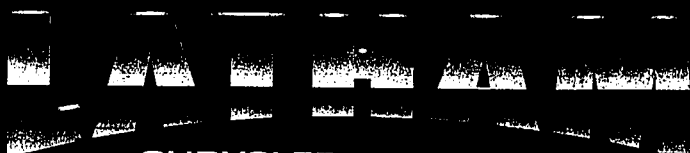
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