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Wendell voters approve levy

By Gina Mulder
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — It looks like Wendell is going to get that new middle school after all. Voters on Tuesday approved Wendell School District's 20-year, \$4.6 million plant facilities levy that will finance the construction of a new 56,000-square-foot middle school and separate 3,000-square-foot vocational-technical

Minidoka voters say yes
Wendell voters weren't the only people to cast ballots for a plant facilities levy Tuesday.

The Minidoka County School District's building. Approval of the levy also secured a \$1.5 million state Safe School plant facilities grant that will be used to pay the interest on the levy amount.

\$10.3 million plant facilities levy passed with 71.8 percent of the vote. Out of the 1,974 voters who cast ballots, 1,418 said yes to the levy and 555 said no. Read more about the results on page B-1 of today's Magic Valley section.

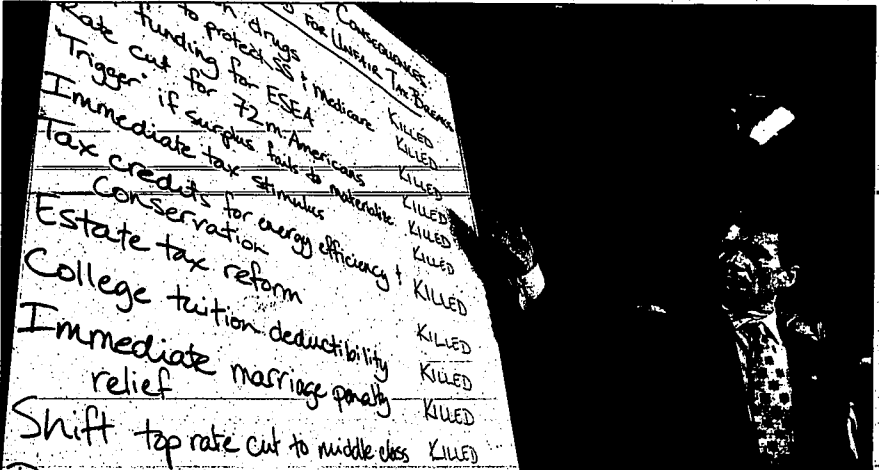
Out of 1,032 voters who cast ballots, 740 voted yes, 291 voted no and one vote was disqualified.

The levy ended up passing with 72 percent of the vote. It only required 67 percent — or a two-thirds majority — to pass. Bob Howell of Zion's National Bank in Salt Lake City said the \$4.6 million check would be wired to the district this morning. The \$1.5 from the state will be sent to the district at the first of the month. "I am so relieved," said Wendell Middle School Principal

Marcia Hallert, "I am so ecstatic! This is wonderful." Heather Filkinton, a mother of two children attending Wendell schools, was also excited. "I feel this shows that our community values the education of our children and that they really came through tonight," Filkinton said. District leaders said Wendell's

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TAX PLAN STALLS



Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., points out a list of Democrat-sponsored amendments to the tax bill that have been voted down by the Senate.

Senate Democrats slow debate on cuts

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The victory march of President Bush's tax plan ground to a halt in the Senate Tuesday after Democrats rebelled against GOP pressure for quick approval and forced roll-call votes on amendment after amendment into the evening.

The Democratic counteroffensive started late Monday night and continued through the day Tuesday, frustrating Republicans and administration officials who had been pressing for a final



agreement with the House on a tax-cut bill by Memorial Day.

Party switch?

A Vermont moderate Republican lawmaker could give Democrats control of the Senate today.

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Comparing GOP parliamentary maneuvers aimed at putting the tax bill on a fast track that allowed little debate. Frequent assertions by Republicans that this was the first of many tax bills — most recently Monday by Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill — also gnawed at Democrats. Then, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., kept pressing to

According to the claim, McAdams' injuries resulted in medical attention and mental and physical anguish.

McAdams, an electrician by trade, is seeking more than \$200,000 in damages.

Called to McAdams were not returned on Monday and Tuesday. His lawyer, Keith Hutchinson of Twin Falls said McAdams tried to settle with The Home Depot.

His requests during the past year were ignored, Hutchinson said.

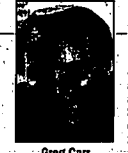
Aryan compound will become retreat center

The Associated Press

COEUR D'ALENE — The former headquarters of the neo-Nazi Aryan Nations will become a retreat center in the bucolic lake country of northern Idaho, the new owner has decided.

Internet millionaire Greg Carr decided over the weekend to destroy the buildings on the wooded, 20-acre site and build a facility where people will gather to discuss human rights.

A separate museum will be built in the Coeur d'Alene area, about 15 miles south, which the public will be urged to visit, said Tony Stewart, a human rights leader in Coeur d'Alene who is working with Carr on the project. "We are keeping this grounds for a summer camp," Stewart said of the



been removing items from the numerous building on the compound, Stewart said. Some of the collection of Nazi memorabilia will be stored, and some will be destroyed, Stewart said. "We would never sell anything that is Nazi material," Stewart said.

compound. "It will not be open to the general public." There were concerns about the costs of providing adequate security at the remote site, Stewart said. "It's exciting about having two places."

Workers for some time have been removing items from the numerous building on the compound, Stewart said. Some of the collection of Nazi memorabilia will be stored, and some will be destroyed, Stewart said. "We would never sell anything that is Nazi material," Stewart said.



Human rights activist Tony Stewart, at the former Aryan Nations headquarters Tuesday near Coeur d'Alene, said this tree will be cut down.

"We tried to get them to pay medical costs earlier on and they refused," Hutchinson said. "About a month before claim was filed, we sent a request to settle with The Home Depot. It was ignored."

Jerry Shields, a spokesman for The Home Depot in Atlanta, Ga., did not have any comment about the suit.

"We don't have the paperwork," he said.

A hearing date has not been set on McAdams' claim.

Hutchinson said he was not sure what The Home Depot's next step would be.

McAdams' wife, Angie, said her husband's injuries, which included a bruised kidney and back problems that later resulted in surgery — have hindered her husband's ability to work.

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As non-Muslims, these Sikh Afghans, outside their temple Tuesday in Kabul, Afghanistan, would have to wear special labels on their clothing.

Afghanistan orders identifying marks for non-Muslims, prompting rebuke

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghanistan's ruling Taliban said Tuesday they will require Hindus to wear identity labels on their clothing to distinguish them from Muslims, a proposal sharply denounced by India and the United States.

The Taliban said the measure — which would also require Hindu women to be veiled for the first time — was aimed at keeping non-Muslims from being harassed by religious police enforcing Islamic law.

Hindus in Afghanistan have

not been the target of persecution and have been allowed to practice their religion without interference, even using music, which is otherwise banned. However, over decades of war, the number of Hindus has dwindled from a high of about 50,000 during the 1970s to 500 in the capital and small pockets elsewhere.

The Taliban's restrictive supreme leader, Mullah Mohammed Omar, must still approve the law. The head of the religious police, Mohammed Wali, told The Associated Press it would be implemented soon.

The proposal — reminiscent of

Nazi policies forcing Jews in Europe to wear a yellow Star of David — brought quick condemnation from Washington. A U.S. State Department spokesman called the requirement "the latest in a long list of outrageous oppressions" by the Taliban.

In March, the Taliban destroyed ancient Buddha statues they said were forbidden by Islam. That also raised international condemnations — on top of longtime criticism of the Taliban for banning education for girls, beating men for trimming their beards and other rules in the name of Islam.

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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Idaho Extremes Yesterday: High 90° Low 25° Yellowpine

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Idaho Falls 84/43

Twin Falls 80/52

Regional Cities table with columns for Today and Thu.

Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday Temperature: High/Low 83/47 Normal High/Low 89/42

Shows today's weather. Tomorrow's temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Regional Cities table with columns for Today and Thu.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

Table with 5 columns: TODAY, TONIGHT, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

REGIONAL WEATHER Southern Idaho: Turning very warm today with plenty of sunshine.

Northern Nevada: Bright and sunny today with a cool start and a warm afternoon.

Northern Utah: Turning very warm today with sunshine for most of the time.

Northern Idaho: Sunshine and a few clouds today with unseasonable afternoon warmth.

NATIONAL EXTREMES High 111° in Thermal, CA. Low 25° in Yellowpine, ID

NATIONAL WEATHER



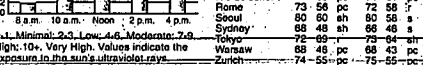
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SUN AND MOON

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Comparing tax plan highlights

Table comparing House and Senate tax plan highlights for Income tax, Child credit, Marriage penalty, Estate tax, and Other.

The House bill tracks more closely President Bush's 10-year tax plan.

Finance bill heads to House

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate on Tuesday sent campaign finance legislation it passed last month to the House.

Taxes

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Wendell

Continued from A1 problems with its middle school has garnered national attention. Some said they'd been "impressed" by reporters from The L.A. Times and Education Week.

Taxes

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Switch would give Dems control of Senate

Moderate GOP lawmaker, snubbed by White House, considers changing parties

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney worked urgently Tuesday to prevent veteran Sen. Jim Jeffords from leaving the Republican Party and delivering control of the Senate to the Democrats. "I'm considering a lot of things," said the Vermont lawmaker. "I will be making an announcement tomorrow in Washington," said the 67-year-old senator, and Republican sources said

he was weighing whether to become a Democrat or an independent. Either way, a switch would strip the GOP of Senate control and complicate Bush's efforts to pass his legislative agenda. Several Senate sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Democrats had indicated they would allow Jeffords to claim the chairmanship of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee for the remainder of his six-year term if he abandoned the GOP.

Jeffords is among a dwindling band of moderate Republicans in an increasingly conservative party. A committee chairman by virtue of his seniority, he has a moderate-to-liberal voting record and frequently



Sen. Jim Jeffords, R-Vermont, and his call for a \$1.6 trillion tax cut over 10 years.

crosses party lines on high-profile issues. He supports abortion rights, for example, and votes for environmental legislation his GOP colleagues generally oppose.

His relations with the White House have been "particularly strained in recent weeks, fallout from Jeffords' decision to oppose Bush's budget and his call for a \$1.6 trillion tax cut over 10 years.

Shortly after the vote, Jeffords was not invited to the White House for a National Teacher of the Year award ceremony honoring a Vermont high school educator. In addition, some GOP aides have whispered that the White House might retaliate by seeking changes in a dairy support system that benefits farmers in the Northeast.

A switch would immediately recast the Senate, currently divided 50-50 along party lines but under Republican control by virtue of Cheney's ability to break tie votes. Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., would become majority leader and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts would replace Jeffords as chairman of the Education Committee.

U.K., Russia submit plans to ease Iraq sanctions

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Russia and Britain delivered competing proposals on Iraq to the Security Council on Tuesday, dividing the major powers on whether to quickly overhaul sanctions against the oil-rich nation. The British proposal, backed by the United States, calls for lifting sanctions on all civilian goods entering Iraq while toughening enforcement of a decade-old arms embargo. It would prohibit Iraq from acquiring specific military items, step up border controls to curb smuggling of Iraqi oil, and prevent any new Iraqi weapons build-up.

The Russian proposal, one of Iraq's council allies, would delay council action on the British proposal for at least six months and extend the existing oil-for-food humanitarian program, which needs to be renewed by June 4. That program helps Iraq cope with the sanctions by allowing it to sell oil to buy food, humanitarian supplies, and spare parts for its oil industry.

The Russian resolution appeals to Iraq's other council supporters, China and France. Since Russia, China and France — which all have the same veto power on the Security Council as the United States and Britain — are opposed to quick movement on the British initiative.

"We want a serious, and I stress a serious and constructive discussion of the British draft, but we feel even at this stage that this will involve more time than is left before June 4," said Russian Ambassador Sergey Lavrov.

U.S. peace effort meets with cool reception

Israeli, Palestinian leaders stick to their positions

The Washington Post

JERUSALEM Barely 24 hours after it was unveiled, the cautious U.S. effort to contain Mideast violence ran into a stone wall of Israeli and Palestinian resistance Tuesday. Both sides stuck to fixed positions, blaming the other for the violence, and each insisted it would not budge without the other backing down first.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel repeated his call for an unconditional cease-fire in a nationally broadcast speech, and the Defense Ministry ordered Israeli soldiers to stop taking the initiative in attacking Palestinians. But a ferocious gun battle erupted in Jerusalem's southern fringe between Palestinian gunmen and Israeli troops. The boom and echo of tank rounds and heavy machine guns was audible in much of the city barely an hour after Sharon spoke.

Western diplomats in Jerusalem acknowledged there was no discernible impact so far from Secretary of State Colin Powell's plea Monday that both sides desist from the violence. Nevertheless, President Bush's spokesman, Ari Fleischer, said in Washington that Bush "welcomed" Sharon's reiteration of the cease-fire appeal and would welcome similar offers from Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat. The two adversaries nonetheless seemed to be digging in their



Israeli police officers grab a 'Peace Now' activist during a protest near the West Bank Jewish settlement of Yafit Tuesday. Israeli peace activists claim the addition of new trailer homes on the edge of the settlement is the beginning of a new settlement and a sign that despite the Israeli government's promises not to construct new settlements, Jewish settlements are given freedom to build in the Palestinian areas.

heels in response to Powell's endorsement of a report released Monday by an international commission led by former U.S. Senator George Mitchell, which called on both sides to back away from the intensifying conflict. Sharon repeated the long-standing Israeli insistence that a complete cease-fire must precede all talk of concessions. He also

told U.S. officials that he would demand a "cooling-off period" of two months after a cease-fire began before he would consent to such confidence-building gestures as halting settlement construction in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, as recommended by the Mitchell commission. Palestinians displayed similar inflexibility. Officials blamed

Israel for the violence and rejected the notion that they should abandon their armed revolt, lay down their weapons and arrest Islamic militants without some meaningful concession from Sharon — namely, a halt in settlement construction. Although a freeze was endorsed by the Mitchell commission, the idea was sidestepped

by Powell. Sharon and his right-wing coalition allies have rejected it. King Abdullah of Jordan and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, whose governments have sponsored a plan similar to the Mitchell commission's, received telephone calls from Bush Tuesday to discuss pushing the ideas forward, the White House announced.

So the impasse that has prevailed for nearly eight months remained impervious to international entreaties, with Israel refusing to reward violence by granting the Palestinians concessions and the Palestinians insisting on having something to show for the hundreds of dead and thousands of wounded they have suffered since last fall.

"The Palestinian people are not an army," Faisal Hussein, a minister in the Palestinian cabinet, told Israeli army radio. "We have to convince them ... and if I am to convince them, I must be able to say that Israel is really able to freeze (settlements)."

At a news conference Tuesday night, Sharon called on the Palestinians to "stop the violence, and you will discover in a serious and responsible manner for achieving peace." Later, Israeli Defense Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer directed the army to suspend "initiated operations," including assassinations of suspected Palestinian gunmen, except in life-threatening situations. According to the new orders, Israeli soldiers are to open fire only in response to Palestinian shooting. "It's a good test to see if they're really sincere" about wanting a halt in violence, said Raanan Gissin, an aide to Sharon.

Panel: Off-shore drilling Bill seeks to regulate cell phones in cars

WASHINGTON (AP) — A subcommittee of an Interior Department advisory panel is recommending the government consider resuming gas development in some coastal waters that have been off limits for more than a decade.

The decision on whether to forward the recommendation to Interior Secretary Gale Norton was to be made at a meeting Wednesday by the full advisory group on Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas development. If acted upon by Norton, it would be the first step to overturning a moratorium on oil and gas development over most of the country's coastal waters. The

moratorium was imposed by former President Bush in 1990 and extended by former President Clinton three years ago.

The recommendation by the natural gas subcommittee of the OCS panel urges the Interior Department to identify five sites, in waters now under the drilling moratorium, that could serve as a pilot project for gas development.

The report does not mention any specific sites. But Richard Charter, a marine conservation specialist at Environmental Defense, has speculated the sites likely to be considered include two off California and several off the Gulf coast of Florida.

WASHINGTON — Two weeks after a Pennsylvania mother recounted to Congress how her daughter was killed when a driver dialing a cell phone hit her car, two lawmakers introduced bills Tuesday to ban the use of hand-held cell phones in vehicles.

Although the head of the National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration urged Congress to be patient until definitive data on cell phones could be assessed, Rep. Gary Ackerman, D-N.Y., and Sen. Jon Corzine, D-N.J., said the evidence warranted action.

"Accidents and near collisions are occurring all over our nation because too many drivers hold the wheel with one hand and their cell phone in the other," Ackerman said. Their measures are the latest

in a wave of restrictions being sought on the use of vehicle cell phones, one of the fastest-selling consumer electronic devices in history, with more than 115 million subscribers in the United States.

Three states have already enacted minor restrictions on cell phone use. California, one of the three, requires rental cars to be equipped with instructions on safely using the devices.

Depot

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"We've been a year without wages," Angie McAdams said. Hutchinson said Douglas McAdams is currently working as an electrician. Shields did read the company's safety statement, however, which states that The Home Depot continually reviews its safety policies and implements new safety measures to insure a safe shopping environment.

McAdams' suit is the second local injury lawsuit against The Home Depot's Twin Falls store. On May 28, 2000, 3-year-old Janessa Horner suffered massive head injuries when a load of containers fell from a cart, hit the ground and broke into splinters at the Twin Falls store. A countertop hit Janessa and knocked her down. She then fell, hitting her head against the countertop floor.

Hours later, and only a few days before Janessa's fourth birthday, she was brain dead. She was pronounced dead on May 29. Julie Horner, Janessa's mother, has since settled with The Home Depot. The terms of the settlement are confidential. Horner said she was aware of McAdams' injuries, but did not

have any other information about it.

The Home Depot says it has upgraded its safety standards and created a national safety team, partly in response to the accident that killed Janessa Horner.

But Julie Horner has said she will continue crusading for safety legislation targeting "big box" warehouse stores. "I feel like God chose us to do this because everybody else just kind of takes the money and runs," Horner said in an earlier interview. "The money, which really isn't that much to begin with, isn't important. The money will help paying for flying to these hearings."

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Study: No guarantee of phone safety

WASHINGTON (AP) — Research to date cannot assure that the mobile phones used by more than 115 million Americans pose no health-risk, congressional investigators say, provoking fresh calls for efforts to better inform consumers.

A report by the General Accounting Office released Tuesday relied on the work of major health agencies and interviews with prominent scientists to

reach this consensus: Current research doesn't show that the radio waves emitted by cell phones have adverse health effects, but "there is not yet enough information to conclude that they pose no risk."

That's partly because most research on radio frequency energy has focused on short-term exposure of the entire body, the report said. Results from current long-term studies are years away.

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NATION

Vermont Republicans push for repeal of gay civil unions

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — The Republicans owe their solid majority in the Vermont House to a backlash against civil unions for gay couples, and this week they plan to fulfill a campaign promise by trying to repeal the law.

The GOP plans to offer an alternative called "reciprocal partnerships," but the bill has stirred fierce debate.

The bill's hidden purpose is to "diminish and degrade the value of gay and lesbian families and the loving relationships they represent," Democratic state Rep. Michael Vinton wrote in a newspaper opinion column.

Last year, Vermont established the closest thing in America to gay marriage: civil unions, under which gay couples can receive all the rights and privileges available to married couples under state law.

Both sides in the debate in the House say the vote to repeal civil unions is too close to call in that chamber. But the measure appears doomed in the Democratic-controlled Senate. And Democratic Gov. Howard Dean, who signed the civil unions



AP Photo
Dab Reed, left, and her partner, Carol Leach, testify before the House Judiciary Committee in Montpelier, Vt., recently. "I do not want our civil union weakened by reciprocal partnerships that would equate my relationship to my relationship with my mother, sister, great aunt," Reed told the Judiciary Committee earlier this month. "Those relationships are qualitatively different."

law, has said he would veto a repeal.

The bill is given a chance of passage in the House largely because the chamber, has a Republican

majority for the first time in 16 years, many of the legislators new GOP members swept into office last fall by a backlash against civil unions in rural parts of Vermont.

Woman dies in shooting outside day care

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A woman was shot to death Tuesday moments after dropping off her two daughters at a day care center: One of her ex-boyfriends was charged with murder, authorities said.

LaBertha Bethford, 19, had just left her daughters, ages 2 and 3, at the Cradle Nursery and was

going back to her car with her son when she was shot in the back several times, Detective Mike Reed said. The boy, 5, was shaken but unhurt.

Police charged Clifford Jackson, who investigators said was once romantically involved with Bethford, with first-degree murder.

Police said Jackson fled the

scene as pedestrians and those inside the day care center converged on Bethford. He was found two hours later in an apartment three blocks away from the day care center.

The day care center closed for the day and parents were called to pick up their children.

Reed said Bethford's children were released to relatives.

Study shows flaws in health information sites

CHICAGO (AP) — Consumer-oriented health information on the Internet is often difficult to access, hard to understand and incomplete, according to a doctors' analysis of 25 Web sites.

The RAND research institution analysis involved a panel of 34 physicians who evaluated English- and Spanish-language sites from July to December last year.

The panel looked at four common medical conditions — breast cancer, childhood asthma, depression and obesity — and how well the Web sites covered topics the doctors believed consumers should know.


For example, less than half of the Spanish-language materials explained that mastectomy and lumpectomy plus radiation are equivalent treatments for early breast cancer. Only a few of the sites in either language indicated that a patient with a persistent breast mass and negative mammogram usually needs further evaluation.

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Minnesota lawmakers head into overtime, angering Ventura

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Lawmakers are heading into overtime after adjourning their five-month session without a budget — the result of weeks of feuding between legislators and Gov. Jesse Ventura over the best way to use the state's \$2.4 billion surplus.

Only one of nine major spending bills — the smallest of the bunch — won approval by a Monday midnight adjournment deadline. It will take a special session, which Ventura had been reluctant to call, to finish work on a two-year, \$27 billion budget.

Hanging in the balance is funding for courts, schools, colleges, nursing homes, prisons, roads and other programs that need new money to operate after July 1.

Also unresolved is Ventura's tax proposal, in which the state would assume all basic school costs and reduce schools' dependence on the property tax. Additionally, he sought to extend the sales tax to services, an idea that went nowhere.

"We all need to take responsibility for the mess we're in right now," said House Majority Leader Tim Pawlenty, a Republican.

Nonetheless, the blame game is in full swing. Ventura accused lawmakers of wasting time on trivial matters and trying to cram big decisions into the final days. Lawmakers said Ventura dumped his low-growth budget and complicated tax plan in their laps and then disappeared.

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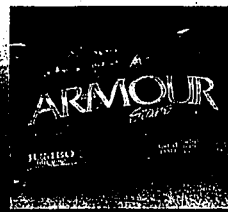


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EDITORIAL

Fires singe credibility of all dairy opponents

Whoever sets fires at five dairies in Jerome and Gooding counties burned up some hay, a dump truck and a lot of credibility. It's not yet certain the fires were deliberate acts of arson, but it strains credulity to suggest that fires at five different dairies in a single hour during the middle of the night were coincidental.

The May 12 fires won't generate any sympathy for the person, or persons, who set them. If they were meant to express to dissatisfaction with the dairy industry, they were a cowardly way to do it.

Acts of arson say far more about those who commit them than they do about those who are victimized by them.

Here in southern Idaho, where most problems are resolved through plain speaking and clear understanding, these arson attacks are a stain on the fabric of civil society.

No one can deny that the debate over dairies - and their aromas - is one of the Magic Valley's most divisive issues. Reasonable people can, and do, disagree over the need for additional regulation.

It's perfectly legitimate to be critical of the dairy industry. Now matter how strongly you feel, it is illegal to express your views with gasoline and a match.

Just as a handful of rogue dairy

operators can besmirch the entire industry, so can one or two fire-setting dairy haters scorch the credibility of all those who voice legitimate criticism.

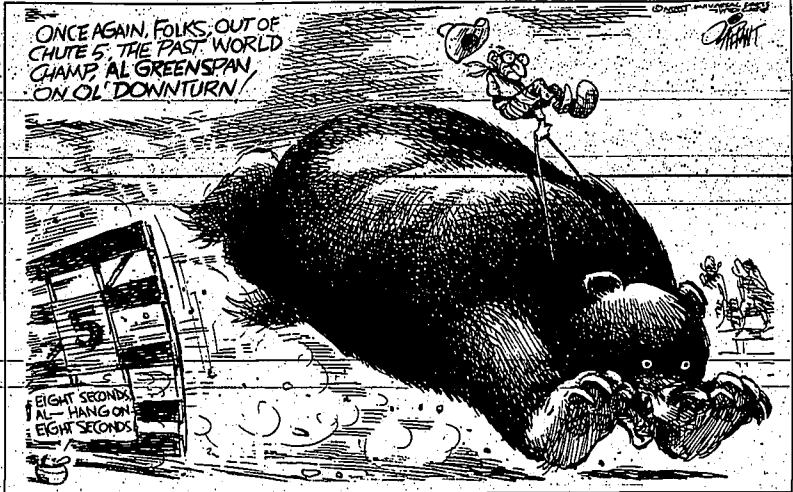
We don't know yet, of course, who set the fires - or why. But the clear implication is that whoever did feels he, she or they can't achieve meaningful change when playing by society's rules. Hence, the rules were broken.

But the rules for confined animal feeding operations are changing. Regulations are tightening at the county and state level - is continually refining its oversight of the industry.

That's what progress is all about, but apparently it's coming too slowly for some. They would rather throw bombs now and complain later, regardless of whether the regulatory landscape is changing.

Whoever set these fires was recklessly irresponsible, not only with dairy owners' property, but also with the credibility of innocent dairy critics. The firebombs caused tens of thousands of dollars worth of damage to a handful of dairies, but the fires also singed the reputation of all legitimate critics.

And a reputation, once damaged, is far harder to restore, than a few haystacks and a dump truck.



Democracy benefits when Hispanics vote

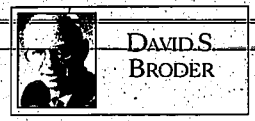
LOS ANGELES - They are janitors and dishwashers, chambermaids and bellhops, but in their other life, they are part of an army out to remake American politics. Last Saturday morning, more than 100 of them were gathered in a union headquarters not far from city hall, rhythmically clapping their hands and chanting ever faster the initials O-L-A-W.

Their leader, a fiery union president named Maria Elena Durazo, wound up the pep rally with a pair of rhetorical questions, first in Spanish, then in English: "Are you ready? Are you ready to walk?"

And off they went for another day of door-to-door canvassing in the barrio neighborhoods of Los Angeles, confronting their neighbors with a forceful warning that unless they vote, they can forget the dreams of a living wage, health insurance protection and better schools for their children.

The Organization of Los Angeles Workers has stayed largely below the radar since its birth seven years ago, one of the smallest Democratic operatives I know out here was surprised when I told him that the organization last year had received an anonymous \$1 million gift to support its work of registering and turning out the Latino working-poor immigrant families of Los Angeles.

But it is part of what may well be the biggest change in American politics in this new millennium - the political awakening of the fastest-growing minority in the country. That emergence could reach a landmark in Los Angeles on June 5, when Antonio Villaraigosa, a one-time high school dropout who went on to become speaker of the California Assembly, faces city attorney James Hahn, a member of a great local political dynasty, in the



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runoff for mayor. OLAW is nominally nonpartisan - a tax-exempt education and issue-advocacy group barred from endorsing or campaigning for candidates. But the leaders of the unions that are at the heart of the OLAW coalition are strongly pro-Villaraigosa.

The mayoral runoff is important in itself to Latino leaders, but is just one more step in the gradual and difficult process of using the power of the ballot box to gain services and benefits for people whose lack of connection to the political system has deep cultural roots.

In his just-published volume, "The New Americans," journalist-author Michael Barone argues that the current immigrants from Mexico, Central and South America, like the Italian immigrants 100 years ago, arrived with a well-merited distrust of politics, government and institutions of all kinds. At home, they had experienced rampant corruption, favoritism to the wealthy and well-connected, exploitation and abuse of the poor.

That experience, combined with a sense that their sojourn in the United States might be temporary, made them slow to join the electorate or compete for public office.

But that is changing - and rapidly, especially here in California. The labor movement, whose biggest and most politically active unions are led by Latinos such as Eliseo Medina and Durazo, has identified itself strongly with the issue of immigration reform,

which touches almost all the new arrivals. Last year, in coalition with community groups and the Catholic Church, OLAW packed 22,000 people into the Los Angeles Sports Arena for an immigration-reform rally.

Medina, the West Coast vice president of the Service Employees International Union won a notable victory last year - with the backing of both the Catholic cardinal and the Republican mayor - when a janitors' strike forced the owners of downtown office towers to raise the pay of their largely immigrant janitorial crews.

The anonymous donor gave \$1 million to help support the strike, and another \$1 million for the current effort to get more Latinos to the polls. With those funds, OLAW has hired 100 people, mainly from the SEIU and the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees union from which Durazo comes, and pays them the equivalent of their hourly wage to be on the streets full-time, contacting unregistered workers and those who vote only occasionally.

In the four days before the June 5 voting, the number of canvassers will swell to 600, walking targeted precincts and aiming to get signed cards from 80,000 people, pledging to see that everyone in the family eligible to vote actually gets to the polls. The effect of similar past efforts is measurable in the rising percentage of Latino voters and labor households in each California electorate since 1994. This mobilization of new Americans almost all of them working poor, was once the work of the political parties - especially the Democrats. It was abandoned in favor of fund raising to buy TV spots. Now, thank goodness, it is being revived by others, and democracy itself is growing.

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LETTERS

Don't steal memories
There are some things in our lives that can never be replaced. This letter is to the people or person who decided to take an old black chest containing our family albums, wedding and baby pictures, Fallon, Nev., and Wendell High School yearbooks, personal letters and other memorabilia from our property after we had a house fire in Filer.
Not only did you break the law but you took things that will not bring you money or joy but mean everything to my family. Those were my three child's first birthdays, holidays and the cute faces

they each had growing up, which I wanted to see and share with their own families when they grew up. Some of the letters were from my best friend, Angelo, who died when we were 15 years old. Tell me how I am supposed to replace these things.
We felt luck when we didn't lose everything with the fire, which would have been easier to understand than someone intentionally taking all these memories of ours. Keep anything of value, just please return the things we cannot replace. Any information, please contact Filer police.
KENNI LITTLEFAIR
Filer

People's Republic of China really needs to keep its promise to Tibet

More than 50 years ago, Tibet was occupied by China. More than 40 years ago, in 1959, thousands of Tibetans began their life in exile after suppression of a national uprising against the occupation. Three generations of Tibetans have lived through this darkest period of our history, undergoing tremendous hardship and suffering. Yet the Tibetan issue is still very much alive. Whether the Chinese government admits it or not, the world is well aware of the grave problems inside Tibet, not only in the Tibetan Autonomous Region but also in other Tibetan areas. Besides being a constant source of international embarrassment to China, the Tibetan problem is detrimental to the stability and unity of the People's Republic of China.
The Chinese government continues to whitewash the sad situation in Tibet through propaganda. If conditions inside Tibet are as the Chinese authorities portray them to be, why do they not have the courage to allow visitors into Tibet without

personal position or well-being but about the freedom, basic rights and cultural preservation of 5 million Tibetans, as well as the protection of the Tibetan environment. In 1992 I stated clearly that when we return to Tibet with a certain degree of freedom I will hold any position in the Tibetan government. I have always believed that Tibet should follow a secular and democratic system of government. But I do consider it my moral obligation to the 5 million Tibetans to continue taking up the Tibetan issue with the Chinese leadership and acting as the free spokesman of Tibet until a solution is reached. The trust placed in me by the Tibetan people increases my sense of responsibility.
Successive leaders of the People's Republic of China, from Mao Zedong and Zhou Enlai to Deng Xiaoping and Hu Yaobang, have repeatedly acknowledged the "special case" of Tibet's status. The 17-Point Agreement of 1951 between the Tibetans and the Chinese, embodying the original spirit and concept of "one country and two systems," is the best proof of this

recognition. No other province or part of the People's Republic of China has any such agreement with Beijing. The Chinese government promised to respect the "unique nature" of Tibet. Despite these assurances, for the most part Chinese policy in Tibet has been misguided by a deep sense of insecurity, distrust, suspicion and arrogance, and by a glaring lack of understanding, appreciation and respect for Tibet's distinct culture, history and identity. What is "unique" today about Tibet is that it is the poorest and most oppressed area, where policies implemented by ultra-leftist elements are still active, even though their influence has long been diminishing in China proper.
My position regarding the Tibetan freedom struggle has been to seek genuine autonomy for the Tibetan people. I believe a resolution of the Tibetan issue along the lines of my approach will bring satisfaction to the Tibetan people and greatly contribute to stability and unity in the People's Republic of China.
Last July, my elder brother, Gyalo Thondup, once more made a personal visit

to Beijing and brought back a message from the United Front Department reiterating the well-known position of the leadership in Beijing on relations with us. So far the Chinese government is refusing to accept my delegation in spite of the fact that between 1979 and 1985, the Chinese government had accepted six Tibetan delegations from exile. Yet now it is stalling on acceptance of a Tibetan delegation. This is a clear indication of a hardening attitude in Beijing and a lack of political will to resolve the Tibetan problem.
Patience, courage and determination are essential for us Tibetans in a situation of such challenge and of fundamental importance. I firmly believe there will be an opportunity in the future to seriously discuss the Tibetan issue and face the reality, because there is no other choice, either for China or for us.

The Dalai Lama is the exiled spiritual leader of Tibet. This commentary is from a statement he made this year marking the 42nd anniversary of the Tibetan uprising against Chinese occupation.

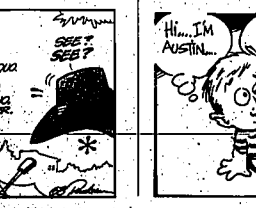
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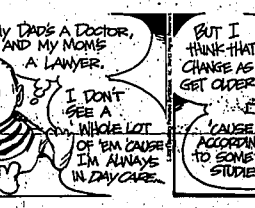
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Stupidity is the side effect of privilege.

NORAH VINCENT

Stupidity always has been the unfortunate side effect of too much privilege. Nowhere has this been truer than in the United States, where people routinely espouse untenable political positions that only a spoiled child would ever entertain. Sadly, that is, for the most part, what we Americans are. Spoiled. And utterly clueless.

"We don't live in the real world because we've never had to." Which is why, right in the middle of a dire energy crisis, you have environmentalists who habitually gorge themselves on electric conveniences bemoaning the construction of new power plants. It's also why you have gangs of coddled, hicktown teenage "anarchists" rioting over globalization and the evils of the World Trade Organization. And finally, it's why you have insular, partisan dudoes who've never been invaded by a foreign power, declaiming a missile defense shield as a dumb idea. It's all the result of living too well in our hermetic, green and pleasant little land.

America, idealism is never touched by the cold fingers of the big bad world. So you have the likes of Barbra Streisand - whose Malibu lifestyle alone could affect California's electricity shortage - castigating Washington for its failure to protect the environment. Yeah, right. When she's living, like the Unabomber, in a 5-by-10 shack in the deep woods, then maybe she can lecture us on fossil fuel.

The same goes for every other environmentalist who switches on a light, composes his whiny squibs on his personal computer, prints them on pulped paper, drives them to the post office in his Volvo, cooks his veggie burger in the microwave or otherwise partakes of pollutant-powdered-modern-life. When you've renounced all the conveniences whose ungodly prerequisites you so abhor, then you can bemoan the plague of greenhouse gases.

As for missile defense, it's a

little like jury selection. Everybody wants a fair trial, but it's mostly the unemployed and the artless who are willing to partake in the process that guarantees us all our civil rights. Likewise, we all want freedom. But when it comes to facing the unpleasant realities and costs of protecting freedom, it's no go. The liberal special-interest groups that squeal most loudly for their rights are the same ones that decry the military spending that guarantees those rights.

Of course it would be nice if we lived in a world where the price of technological progress didn't require some environmental sacrifice or a world in which free societies could coexist peacefully with repressive, expansionist ones. But we don't. So unless we're willing to live like the Amish, that is, minus all the apparatuses of capitalism, we'd better grow up, be thankful for what we have and resign ourselves to what we have to do to keep it.

Norah Vincent is a freelance journalist who lives in New York City. She wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

LETTERS

Dairies can't go back

To all you good folks that keep writing letters telling the dairies to go back to California where they came from, you are wasting your time. They can't go back.

When I left Idaho in 1940 and went to southern California, all the dairies were located about 20 miles east of Los Angeles around Bellflower, Garden Grove and Whittier. World War II ended and the population explosion started. Housing tracts were built containing thousands of homes in the same area as the dairies. The people that bought the houses protested the constant stink of cow poop, so the dairies moved farther east to Chino and surrounding areas. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, the same thing happened again and they had to move.

Fortunately, the price of land went up each time and they sold at a high price but still had to find a place for the cows.

Now can you imagine the pure joy of the dairymen when they discovered Idaho - cheap land, no zoning laws, right to work, right to farm, no minimum wage and no insurance requirements. They thought they were in heaven. It was legal to work people seven days a week and from daylight to dark. However, they forgot one thing. Cow poop stinks in Idaho just the same as it does in California.

As you can see, these dairies can't go back to California, and as long as our county and state politicians tap dance around the issue,

you are going to have the stink. **KENNETH P. GOLLER**
Twin Falls

Don't be quick to judge

Regarding the incident at Canyon View.

The individual who was shot at Canyon View posed a threat to many people at the facility.

When being charged by the individual who was shot, I'm sure the officer had little time to identify the type of knife he was being attacked with. People under the influence of meth are incredibly strong. Had the officer been overwhelmed and his pistol taken, there could very well have been a massacre at Canyon View.

If you weren't there at the time of the incident, don't be too quick to condemn the police! **TONY SALIERNO**
Twin Falls

shooting David A. Smith. No doubt about that. Was anybody's life in danger with a butter knife? The officer took David A. Smith to Canyon View (a safe place for someone with a mental illness), shot him and now has a warrant for his arrest. Why is there a warrant for David A. Smith? I wasn't there, so I can't pass judgment on either party, but I'd like to have more details of what actually went down.

Canyon View is a place to seek protection for oneself, but David A. Smith obviously did not get that, now did he? Hello - what's wrong with this picture? I'd hate to think what would happen to me if I was in David A. Smith's shoes? Would the police shoot me, too? **KEN STOKER**
Heyburn
(Editor's note: Ken Stoker is a mental health advocate.)

Canyon View is for protection

I am writing about the shooting at Canyon View Hospital on May 10.

David A. Smith was shot two times by Officer Tim Green. I have several questions about the incident.

Why would Officer Tim Green shoot a man inside a hospital setting? Wouldn't that have disturbed the other patients trying to get better? Who really belongs in Canyon View - David Smith or Tim Green?

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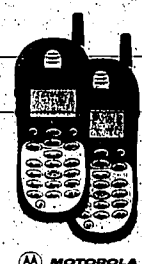
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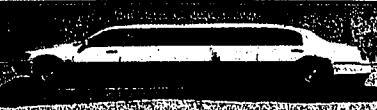
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- 2000 TOWN CAR Loaded, V-8, Signature Series, w/Leather, Stock #236B **SOLD**
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- 1999 88 LS V-6 Engine, Power Everything, Cassette, Stock #495A **\$13995**
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- 2001 GRAND AM Loaded, Low Miles, CD/Cassette, Stock #277A **\$14995**
- 2001 MONTANA Loaded, CD, 4 Door, Low Miles, Stock #1819 **\$18995**
- 2000 BONNEVILLE Loaded, CD Player, Stock #675A **SOLD**
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Republican women elect Hempleman

TWIN FALLS — Marilyn Hempleman was elected president of the Twin Falls County Republican Women Monday. Hempleman, a longtime GOP worker, will replace Idaho Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, in the position. Block was appointed to the Idaho House by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne last month in the wake of the death of Rep. George Swan this winter. Block resigned her seat as president of the group to concentrate on her legislative duties. Hempleman, who was elected by the group's membership, will finish the remaining year on Block's two-year term as president. She is currently a member of the group's board of directors and serves as secretary for the county's Republican Central Committee and legislative District 23's Executive Committee.

MVRMC breaks down satisfaction results

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Regional Medical Center recently announced high results on its patient satisfaction surveys. Patient satisfaction data is part of the hospital's ongoing Service Excellence Initiative aimed at providing the "best of the best" care and customer service for patients, a hospital news release said. Here is a breakdown of percentile scores from the Press Ganey Associates survey of various hospital services, as ranked against other hospitals across the nation. A ranking in the 100th percentile is the highest possible.

- Canyon View — 97 percent.
- Home Health & Hospice — 95 percent.
- Emergency Department — 87 percent.
- Inpatient services — 84 percent.
- Outpatient services — 43 percent.
- Same day surgery — 64 percent.

Rhonda Bright, Service Excellence Initiative coordinator, said that inpatient services will be a focus for improvement in coming months. An ad hoc Outpatient Improvement Team has been established to analyze problem areas and focus on key areas for improvement.

"It's important that we receive completed surveys from patients," she said. "Without input from those using these services, it's difficult to identify areas of concern and make improvements."

Health District holds budget hearing

TWIN FALLS — The South Central District Health Department today held a joint budget hearing with county commissioners from the health district's eight counties. The Health Department's proposed \$5.5 million 2001-2002 budget includes funding from county and state taxes and revenue from contracts and fees. The budget includes a requested 3 percent increase in county support, said Director Cheryl Juntunen. The proposal would bring the counties' combined share of the department's total budget to \$863,782, up from \$838,624 this year. In the department's regular meeting following the budget hearing, the board will be updated on changes to pool inspections. An attorney general's opinion defined public pools only as pools that charge a fee to swim; Juntunen said. That will change the number of pools inspected and licensed by the department from 87 to 15, she said. The budget hearing begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Health Department's Twin Falls office on the College of Southern Idaho campus. The board's regular meeting begins at 2 p.m. and is scheduled to adjourn at 4 p.m.

Dietch School Board holds special meeting

DIETRICH The Dietrich School Board will hold a special meeting immediately following 8th-grade graduation today at 7:45 p.m. On the agenda is a 2001-2002 budget workshop for the board, discussions about the annual school lunch program and a district housing request.

Compiled from staff reports

City leaders officially open Canyon Rim Trail

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — City leaders will celebrate the official opening of a new canyon rim east-side trail with a ribbon-cutting ceremony today. And as leaders recognize the development of Twin Falls' second rim trail — this one to the east of the Perrine Bridge stretching to a view above the Pillar Falls in the Snake River Canyon — they are already thinking about a third trail system. "I see eventually this canyon rim trail being a major transportation corridor, extending from at least Washington Street to Shoshone Falls, and we've got kind of a similar situation in Rock Creek Canyon with the trail system there," said Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Director Mark Orton. "When we get these trails done, there will be an increased desire by the public to be able to get to those trails without motor vehicles."

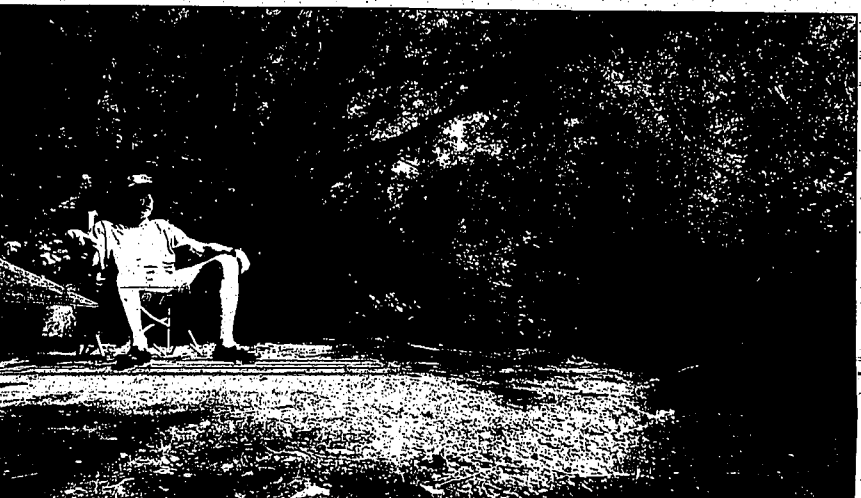
Stretching along the rim

City leaders scheduled a ribbon-cutting ceremony this evening to celebrate the opening of the east-side section of the Snake River Canyon Rim Trail. The trail, completed this month, stretches from the east-side of the Perrine Bridge to a view above the Pillar Falls. People have already started walking the quarter-mile trail. City leaders hope to one day extend the east-side trail to the Shoshone Falls overlook park. The east-side trail's ribbon-cutting ceremony is set for 6 p.m. at the visitor center near the Perrine Bridge, on the south side of the Snake River Canyon. Orton said he would like to see a trail system that would connect trails within the city to Rock Creek Canyon and the Snake River Canyon rim. That would include trails along major corridors, such as North College Road and Washington Street North.

City leaders already plan a trail from the south side of Pole Line Road at Harrison Street, stretching south to North College Road. The Idaho Transportation Department plans to widen Pole Line Road to six lanes from about Blue Lakes Boulevard to Grandview Drive. A tunnel will be built under Pole Line at Harrison Street as part of the road improvements so people can get across Pole Line, according to ITD engineering plans. Construction could begin in fall 2001 on the expanded Pole Line, seen as an alternative route around U.S. Highway 93. Orton said the city will pay for part of that trail's construction. It will cost the city about \$80,000 for its portion of the half-mile trail, he said. In the meantime, people can trek along the city's canyon rim trails. The east-side rim trail was completed in early May after more than six months' work. The Canyon Rim East Trail is 10 feet wide and includes a paved section. The city has spent more than \$100,000 on this

newest addition to its rim foothold. The city's existing section of trail stretched from Washington Street North to a spot slightly east of the waterfall, where Perrine Coulee plunges into the canyon. The new section starts at the Buzz Langdon Visitor Center parking lot, extending under the Perrine Bridge about a mile east to the canyon rim above Pillar Falls. Las Vegas developer Craig H. Neilsen, whose plans for a hotel overlooking the canyon have been put on the back burner while his canyon rim east-side retail plans progress, said he'll build another section of trail through his property west of the Perrine Bridge. That trail would hook up with the Canyon Rim East Trail. Neilsen representatives have said Neilsen's trail plan is still a go. A time frame has not been announced, however. Times-News staff writer John T. Huddy can be reached in Twin Falls at 735-3259 or by e-mail at jhuddy@magicvalley.com

Weekend warriors



Rick Hoskins of Burley lounges alongside Rock Creek Tuesday afternoon. Most of the area's campgrounds will be packed over the holiday weekend.

Sawtooth forest opens areas for holiday weekend

TWIN FALLS — Pack up that gear. Visitors to the Sawtooth National Forest will find many of the areas and campgrounds open for the Memorial Day weekend. "But conditions change rapidly this time of year. People planning on visiting the forest this

weekend are encouraged to contact their local Forest Service office for current, updated information, the forest's spokesman said Tuesday. Forest officials offer campers this advice: Bring your own drinking water; while many of the campgrounds are open, some water systems are not yet opera-

tional. Come prepared to take your trash back home; contracts for garbage hauling in several areas are not yet in effect. Expect to find some trails blocked by fallen trees from the past winter; trail crews are just beginning their annual maintenance. Permits for firewood cutting

go on sale beginning Friday at all Forest Service offices. At Idaho state parks, meanwhile, if you don't already have a reservation in a campground for Memorial Day weekend, you have one week to go. Here's the rundown around the Sawtooth National Forest: Please see CAMPGROUNDS, Page B3

Former teacher faces abuse charges

FILER — A Filer man who had worked as a substitute teacher for the Twin Falls School District is facing a charge of felony injury to a child, based on allegations that he struck a 15-month-old boy, court documents say. Christopher Frey, 29, admitted to his wife that he smacked the boy on May 14, when his wife was babysitting the child, according to an affidavit written by Filer Police Chief Clifford Johnson and filed with court documents.

The child had a bruise that covered most of the left side of his face, according to the affidavit. Frey and his wife have four young daughters, court documents say. Frey's wife told investigators that Frey had quit his substitute teaching job that day, the affidavit says. Frey faces a preliminary hearing Friday in Twin Falls.

Accident near Gooding leaves two injured

GOODING — A single-vehicle rollover near Gooding left two people injured in a fatal program, a woman — injured Tuesday, according to reports from the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center. The names of the victims were not available through SIRCOMM Tuesday. Gooding County sheriff's deputies who responded to the accident could not be reached for comment. The vehicle rolled on Interstate 84 near Exit 151 outside of Gooding at about 2:20 p.m., and one person was ejected, SIRCOMM reported. One of the victims was taken to Gooding Memorial Hospital and the other to a hospital in Boise. Please see BRIEFS, Page B3

Voters approve Minidoka levy

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

HEYBURN — Voters said yes Tuesday to the Minidoka County School District's \$10.3 million plant facilities levy. Taxpayers will shoulder about \$9 million of that amount. The levy passed with 71.8 percent of the vote. It only required 59 percent approval to pass. Out of the 1,971 voters who cast ballots, 1,416 said yes to the levy and 555 said no. "I predicted 70 percent," said Minidoka County School District Superintendent Nick Hallett. "I had a good feeling about it. Hallett said the reason he was so sure it would pass was because the levy amount was proposed by an advisory committee of 33 members which included conservative business owners and farmers.



Heyburn resident Tomas Valdez fills out some paperwork Tuesday before casting his ballot in Minidoka County's \$10.3 million plant facilities levy election Tuesday. The levy passed with 71.8 percent approval.

Residents won't see a tax increase because the district retired a 20-year bond issue in February, district officials say. The proposed levy will cost nearly the same as the bond issue, which cost taxpayers roughly 93 cents per \$1,000 of taxable property. Using Idaho's 50-50 home-

owners exemption, that means the owner of a \$70,000 home on a \$10,000 lot would continue to pay about \$41.85 annually. Times-News writer Ruth Streeter can be reached at the Mini-Cassidy Bureau at 677-4042, Ext. 109, or by e-mail at rstreeter@magicvalley.com

Kempton fears energy crunch will last two years

By Dan Fields
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Because of low water levels from an ongoing drought, a Northwest Power Planning Council member said Tuesday that residents in this section of the country can expect a power crunch for at least the next two years. "This year, as you're well aware, there just isn't enough water to go around," Jim Kempton told an audience of about 25 people at the Burley Rotary luncheon at the Burley Inn and Convention Center. Kempton, who is from Albion and a former state representative, was also frank in his assessment that the Northwest won't see power bills like they were a few years ago ever again. "You've got to remember what the power situation was two years ago," Kempton said. "There was a surplus of power." Power was being sold on the open market at that time for about \$25 a megawatt hour, Kempton said. Now, that same unit of electricity is being sold for \$250. And because of the constant demand for power, there really isn't any room for utility compa-

nies to barter. It has to be purchased. It has to be bought," Kempton said. When deregulation came around in the early 1990s, people began shopping around for power at lower prices, Kempton said. Although that might seem fine on the surface, people then didn't adhere as well to conservation practices, and electric companies were gun shy about building new transmission facilities. "The industry did not want to put in a capital investment that would be lost," Kempton said of customers no longer being tied to just one electricity provider. "Those industries no longer had that assurance." Kempton said some customers in the Raft River Electric Cooperative area have already caught on to one good way to save power. The have a device that shows how much electricity is used during peak hours versus off-peak hours. Peak electricity hours are from 7 to 9 a.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Those customers shell out 30.5 cents per kilowatt hour for electricity during peak hours, but pay a mere 2.5 cents when using in- Please see ENERGY, Page B3

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Kayla LeAnn Reamsnyder was born on May 23, 1980, in Burley, Idaho. She was the daughter of... She graduated from... She worked for... She is survived by...

For over 25 years of service... Survivors include his wife, his children... He was preceded in death by his parents...

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Marvel G. 'Sis' Benjamin... He was born on... He worked for... He is survived by...

Idaho Falls LDS Temple... Following their marriage, they lived in Manja and the Burley area where Winston worked as a farm hand and as a molyor repairman...

He was preceded in death by his parents... He is survived by his children... He is buried in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

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Buhl turns in good test scores

By Mary Lou Potts Times-News correspondent

BUHL—The school district is pleased with the results of the direct writing and math assessment scores... The school district is pleased with the results of the direct writing and math assessment scores...

The Buhl High School graduation will be held 7 p.m. Friday inside the Buhl Middle School gymnasium.

Buhl High School juniors scored the state average of 3.3 on the writing assessment... The principal of each school must keep a current list of active volunteers and send a copy to the superintendent's office.

In other action Monday, Buhl High School Principal Terry Adolphson reported that the district will again receive a \$50,000 grant from the state to continue the drug testing program next year.

Other School Board business... The board approved the final reading of the district policy dealing with foreign exchange students... The board also approved the final reading of the district policy dealing with foreign exchange students.

Hansen considers custom curricula

By Margaret Jones Times-News correspondent

HANSEN—A new computer program called "Curriculum Design" made by EdVision helps schools custom design their programs to their students' needs.

Language program... The board of trustees of the College of Southern Idaho that helps teachers' aides meet expected state requirements.

Other School Board business... Superintendent Dennis Coulter announced that Principal Rick Abel had been selected as the fourth district coach of the year and that the present staff would be returning next fall.

lighting and playground renovations and carpeting at the elementary school.

Upcoming events include a high school concert at 7 tonight, an awards assembly, talent show and swimming party Thursday and high school graduation at 8 p.m. Friday. Walt Freestone has organized a golf scramble to support Husky athletics June 5 at the Pleasant Valley Golf Course.

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DEATH NOTICES

Daisy Irene House... TWIN FALLS - Daisy Irene House, 84, of Twin Falls died Tuesday, May 22, 2001, at her home.

Ronald F. Willis... BURLEY - Ronald F. Willis, 59, of Burley died Tuesday, May 22, 2001, at Cassia Medical Center in Burley, Idaho.

Elmer C. J. Peterson of Tremonton, Utah, service at noon Thursday at the Tremonton LDS Stake Center, 660 N. 300 E. Tremonton, Utah; family and friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Rogers and Taylor Funeral Home, 111 N. 100 E. and 11-11:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

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SERVICES

Vickie S. Haken Umbaugh of Twin Falls, graveside funeral service 2 p.m. today at the Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; a potluck will follow services at 653 Jackson St., Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Eva Mae Thamerst of Jerome, service at 1 p.m. today at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1301 N. Davis, Jerome; viewing one hour before the service at St. Paul's interment to follow in the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls (Farnsworth Mortuary, Jerome).

Floyd Neil 'Whitey' Newman of Jerome, graveside services at 11 a.m. today in the Jerome Cemetery (Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel).

Howard L. Halford of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the View First and Second Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 554 S. 490 E., Burley; interment will follow at View Cemetery; friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

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Services

Elena M. Alldritt of Boise, service at 3 p.m. Thursday at Alden-Waggoner Funeral Home, Boise; interment at 2 p.m. Friday at Twin Falls Cemetery; viewing from 1-8 p.m. today at the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, Boise.

Bruce E. Lulloff of Kimberly, service at 2 p.m. Friday at

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IN FLIGHT



Shane Smidly ollies over a barricade at the new Roas Park Skate Park Monday in Pocatello. Although the park is not yet completed, skateboarders flock to it and skate on what has been completed.

City Council mulls huge increase, with Bonneville announcement ahead

IDAHO FALLS - City leaders are considering a 56 percent hike in electrical rates just to let customers know they are in the middle of a power crisis.

At a City Council work session Monday, Idaho Falls Power manager Mark Gendron recommended that increase, effective July 1.

"I think that's going to seriously get everyone's attention," council member Mike Lehto said of the increase, which would cause the average electric bill to go from \$52 to \$81.

Yet another rate hike might be in the offing when the city's new contract with Bonneville Power Administration goes into effect in October, because the federal power broker will not unveil its new rate structure until late June.

"At this point, since we don't know what Bonneville is going to do, it really comes down to our best guess," Gendron said.

The proposed increase is based on the belief that Bonneville will double its wholesale rates in the fall. But some believe that will come in at 50 percent, and others surmise it will be as high as 250 percent, Gendron said.

Woman gets community service in custody case

IDAHO FALLS - An woman must complete 200 hours community service and seven years on probation for leaving Idaho with her daughter while the child was a ward of the state.

Julie Butterfield, 33, can ask District Judge Richard T. St. Clair to purge the conviction from her record if she successfully completes the probation. If she does not, he could order her to serve up to 10 years in prison.

Butterfield, convicted by a Bonneville County jury of custodial interference in March, said she fled Idaho in April 1999 to protect her daughter, Katie Farnes.

The girl, now 6, had been the focus of a custody battle between Butterfield and Monte Farnes, the girl's father. Both sides alleged abuse but it was never proven, according to court records and attorneys.

Coalition seeks federal dollars for water system

LEWISTON - Municipal officials, government agencies and the Nez Perce Tribe have launched an ambitious campaign aimed at funneling \$15 million federal dollars into a proposed water system for the Orofino area.

"It's a long shot," Orofino City Administrator Rick Laam conceded Monday. "We know a system of this magnitude is very

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expensive."

So far, there are nine groups in the Clearwater Valley Regional Water System Partnership, Orofino, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Dworshak Dam, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Dworshak National Fish Hatchery, Nez Perce Tribe, Idaho Department of Fish and Game at the Clearwater Fish Hatchery, Ahsahka Water District, Orofino, Whiskey Creek Water and Sewer District, Koonkolville Water System and Lake View Water System.

Hearings set for two kidnap, murder suspects

BLACKFOOT - May 31 preliminary hearings are scheduled for two of the three people who investigators say kidnaped and murdered a 22-year-old Idaho Falls man on May 6.

Maria I. Arredondo, 28, of Blackfoot, listened quietly as Bingham County Magistrate Ryan Bover told her that she could be sentenced to death or life in prison if convicted of being a principal in the shooting of Rogelio A. Torre.

Sandpoint won't provide slip for famous boat

SANDPOINT (AP) - A famous sailboat the state is using to promote water safety is not getting a special mooring at the city marina on Lake Pend Oreille.

The Sea Dart will be on display June 9-10 to support the Sandpoint Sailing Association. But there is no marina slip to moor it at a boating education facility for the entire summer as state officials planned.

Built in 1960 and only 21 feet long, Sea Dart was the craft Tristan Jones piloted to the Caribbean from England and hauled to South America's

12,500-foot-high Lake Titicaca to sail the world's highest navigable water. Jones then trucked and dragged the boat over the Andes and sailed it to the ocean through jungles and pampas grasslands.

Jones chronicled his journey in his 1976 book, "The Incredible Voyage." The Sea Dart visited a dozen American cities via flatbed truck the last year as part of a promotional tour.

Rick Segal, who lives in Washington, bought the boat in 1996 and donated it to Idaho. The state plans to use the Sea Dart to promote safe boat handling, particularly for children.

But David Crettol, boating education coordinator for the Department of Parks and Recreation, said Sandpoint officials expressed little interest in having the boat moored at City Beach from mid-July through September. City Parks Director Maurice Dunn said there was already a waiting list of paying customers wanting slips.

"They could go on the waiting list, but chances are slim," Dunn said. "They'd be number 10 on the list for a 20-footer."

The boat is now stored in a trailer at Farragut State Park, and Crettol still holds out hope of finding a Panhandle lake for the Sea Dart.

"There aren't too many people who stop in the Bayview-Farragut area on their way north," he said. "Sandpoint is a wonderful destination point and the Sea Dart would be another attraction for people to visit while they're here."

The department is using the book "Sailing Among the Stars: The Story of Sea Dart," by Sandpoint writer Laurel Wagers, as a premium for people contributing to the boat's upkeep and travel expenses.

Conservation program doesn't mean fields are open to public

POCATELLO (AP) - Sportsmen are mistaken if they believe they can recreate without permission on farm land set aside under the federal Conservation Reserve Program, said Greg Nelson of the Idaho Farm Bureau.

Under the program, farmers are paid to allow their fields to remain fallow. It helps reduce erosion and benefits wildlife like pheasants which nest in the untilled vegetation.

A recent policy change to the federal program will affect outdoor enthusiasts this year. Conservation lands are now considered cultivated ground, meaning people must ask permission before entering, even if the land is not posted.

"Many people think since CRP property owners are taking public money and that somehow ends their ownership and it becomes public ground so people can access it without asking," Nelson said.

"We have always said that it is still owned by the landowner and people have to get permission.

Landowners are still responsible for their land and have to pay taxes on it. Just because they take a government payment, they still own the land."

"People running around on four-wheelers, hiking or motorcycling on CRP are being detrimental to (grouse) species."

- Bob Hess, Bannock County Farmers Service Agency director

ers are receiving," said Bob Hess, Bannock County Farmers Service Agency director.

"The government is renting the land from the farmer."

The government has chosen to have the land planted to grass to provide wildlife habitat and decrease erosion.

Eastern Idaho counties have received a special wildlife endorsement for the protection of the Columbian sharp-tailed grouse and sage grouse. This increased the number of acres

permitted into the program. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game attributes some success in keeping the Columbian from becoming an endangered species to the conservation program.

"We watch the ground really close during the primary nesting season for the sharp-tailed grouse," Hess said. "The producers are not allowed to burn, clip or spray to control noxious weeds on the CRP lands unless they follow the conservation plan set up by the Natural Resource Conservation Service."

"So people running around on four-wheelers, hiking or motorcycling on CRP are being detrimental to those species," he concluded.

Idaho has a total of 800,000 conservation reserve acres.

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Juan Conde, 19, of St. Anthony, is charged with being an accessory to first degree murder. He faces five years in prison if convicted and was being held in lieu of \$50,000 bond.

Two failed levies might mean school closures

WALLACE - The Wallace School District is preparing to ax sports and music programs, lay off 45 employees and close two schools in the wake of two failed levies.

Patrons last week rejected a \$1.25 million school district supplemental levy for the second time. The levy represents 20 percent of the funding for the district, which serves 642 students.

Deep cuts in staffing would affect class size, music programs, physical education and extracurricular sports. The district has proposed cutting 19 of its 51 teachers, one administrator, and 25 support staff, including cooks, janitors and bus drivers.

"This is the reality for us to balance our budget," Superintendent Reide Strube said.

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WORLD

China gives reporters glimpse of 'living hell' labor camp

MASANJIA RE-EDUCATION THROUGH-LABOR CAMP. China (AP) - China granted foreign reporters a controlled first glimpse Tuesday into its widely criticized "re-education-through-labor" system, derided by the Falun Gong for torture and abuse.

But, in closely monitored conversations, inmates said they were not tortured and knew of no abuse.

The Falun Gong spiritual movement maintains that the black metal gates and gray walls of the Masanjia labor camp hide unspeakable crimes. The sect has called the camp "a living hell," where guards shock female Falun Gong followers with electric batons and toss them naked into cells with male prisoners.

In an effort to dispute such claims, Chinese authorities took five foreign media organizations - including The Associated Press - on a three-hour tour Tuesday of parts of the camp, located amid rice paddies on the outskirts of Shenyang, in the northeastern province of Liaoning.

Reporters were shown a neatly kept exercise yard where inmates dressed in blue and white tracksuits played basketball, a clean dining hall and kitchen where cooks used shovels to stir giant woks of food and rice, a visitation room and an office building. Reporters also were shown sec-



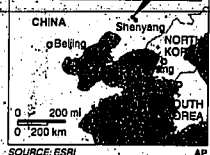
A cook shovels rice into a bowl, right, as another stirs food in a wok at the Masanjia Re-education-through-labor camp in northeast China's Liaoning Province Tuesday. The camp has been nominated as a model correctional facility because of its success in 'transforming' Falun Gong practitioners and breaking their allegiance to the spiritual movement that China banned in 1999. In a three-story detention center where Falun Gong practitioners sleep in dormitories with perfectly made bunk-beds and are forced to watch educational videos and attend classes aimed at breaking their allegiance to the group. "Transformed" followers said they now regard Falun Gong as a cult - which is how the government views the group it banned

Journalists tour labor camp

The Falun Gong spiritual movement, banned in China since June 1999, claimed that China detained thousands of members in labor camps. Inmates interviewed during a chaperoned visit said claims of abuse were false.

MONGOLIA

Masanjia re-education-through-labor camp



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in July 1999. But other practitioners in the camp said their faith in Falun Gong and Li Hongzhi, the movement's U.S.-based founder, was unshaken. "I still think it's good," said Luo Xijie, who said she has practiced Falun Gong for five years and was sent to the camp for protesting in Beijing. She said she intends to continue practicing when she is released. "I've benefitted from it," she

said. In one room, a police officer and a follower who said she had recanted pressed an elderly inmate to do the same. The elderly woman, Wang Jinlan, said she had been in the camp since October but still follows "Master Li." "She will come to a realization in the end," said Li Qi, the former follower. "There is hope for everyone."

Falun Gong attracted millions of followers in the 1990s with its slow-motion exercises and philosophies drawn from Buddhism, Taoism and Li's ideas. Followers say it promotes health, moral living and even supernatural powers.

The government banned the group as a threat to communist rule and public safety, and thousands have been detained in the crackdown. The government accuses Li of controlling followers for his own political and financial ends.

The section of the camp for female practitioners is one of nine in Masanjia, said its director, Zhang Chaoying. The facility, spread across 4,900 acres with fields and factories, was established 44 years ago and holds more than 5,000 inmates, he said. He said 483 female practitioners are in the camp, although reporters saw only about a third that number.

China warns of damage to U.S. ties

BEIJING (AP) - China warned Tuesday that the visit by Taiwan's president to New York will make already tense relations worse and urge Washington to patch up frayed ties.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhu Bangzao also voiced anger over President Bush's decision to meet with the Dalai Lama, the leader of the Tibetan government in exile.

The Dalai Lama's visit to the White House today, combined with the decision to allow President Bush to visit the island of Taiwan, reflected a toughening stance in Washington toward China, Zhu said.

He said it's up to the United States to decide whether to continue with this new tone, or put relations back on an even keel.

"The U.S. side has taken some hard-line attitudes... It has continued some actions... (regarding China's internal affairs) and damaging China's interests and further undermining China-U.S. relations," Zhu told reporters.

In Washington, State

Department spokesman Richard Boucher said China's reaction to the visits by Chen and the Dalai Lama came as no surprise. "I think Chinese views on both these issues are fairly well-known. They've expressed them to us. They've expressed them in public," he said. "But at the same time, I'd say our views are very well-known as well."

When a Taiwanese leader last visited the United States in 1995, China held missile tests and other military exercises near the island of Hainan, 100 miles off the mainland's coast.

Analysts said no one expects China to react with the same fury during Chen's stopover to New York, where he met Tuesday with New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

China is too dependent now on the global economy, and particularly on its \$120 billion per year trade with the United States, U.S. business firms have almost \$30 billion invested in China.

Still, relations between the United States and China have soured since the new U.S. administration took office.

Mexico's Indian rights plan may not bring peace in Chiapas

VENUSTIANO CARRANZA, Mexico (AP) - Zapatista rebels reject Mexico's new Indian rights bill as a move to co-opt them in Chiapas as afraid it is too strong. Few on either side believe it will bring peace to the troubled state.

And some fear the autonomy bill - even in the weakened version approved by Congress - could make matters worse, seven years after a 1994 Zapatista revolt in the name of Indian rights left Chiapas a legacy of rivalries that have repeatedly erupted into violence.

"This state is a powder keg," said Juan Gonzalez Espinda, a Chiapas official charged with reconciling Indian communities split between rebel sympathizers and supporters of the former ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, the PRI.

"It's like walking through a minefield: One false step and it could blow up," Espinda said. Congress was aware of the explosive tensions in Chiapas

when it watered down the rights bill, weakening chances for the kind of regional union of leftist Indian communities the rebels want.

But while the changes prompted the Zapatistas to sever contacts with the government and soured Chiapas peace efforts, they may not be enough to calm the fears of Protestants, small landowners and conservatives who make up the state's non-Zapatista factions.

Non-Zapatistas were the victims of the latest round of violence in Mexico's southernmost state: On April 19, masked gunmen killed eight PRI supporters - all Tzotzil Indians - as they returned from their fields in the hamlet of Venustiano Carranza.

A leftist group that is not linked to the Zapatistas but has a long-running rivalry with the PRI is thought to be responsible. The attack left associates of the victims clamoring for justice - or revenge.

'Rooftop Monkey-man' panic dies down in India's capital

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - The mass hysteria over reports of a "monkey man" that attacks the people sleeping on roofs in the sweltering heat has disappeared as mysteriously as it came.

Police blamed the panic for three deaths this month - one victim leaped screaming from a roof; the others were trampled in a stampede by terrified people fleeing their houses.

Last week, New Delhi police

received more than 100 reports nightly about a swiftly moving 4-foot hairy creature who could jump 20 feet. More than 125 people showed police scratch marks, blaming them on the monkey man.

By the weekend, the calls dropped sharply, and on Tuesday there was only one call.

At the fear's height, young men marched through their neighborhoods, beating up people suspected of being the elusive creature.

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Section C

NO pansies NEED APPLY

Idaho roses need to be tough guys

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

A rose expert told me you can't grow roses here. Too much wind, he said. He didn't know the half of it. There's also the thin, rocky, highly alkaline soils and winter temperatures that can't sit still for more than a minute.

In spite of all that, my roses grow just fine, thank you. The trick is to invite only the right roses to the Idaho backyard.

There, I've given you 90 percent of the secret to a successful Idaho rose garden. Recruit only brawny macho roses. No sissies allowed.

Not everybody's tough enough to make the team.

Joseph's Coat is a beautiful rose—in somebody else's garden. Maybe somebody in sunny California, but not here. My husband built a charming lamp pole for Joseph to climb, but Joseph never made it past the first couple of feet. Today, he rests peacefully in the county landfill.

We have no climbing roses in our yard. There are a couple of climbers I've seen do well nearby—America and Don Juan—but I haven't gotten around to planting them.

I should mention that my backyard is out a ways. If we lived in most of the state, it would be sloped by civilization. Not out here on this hill. We've heard the wind pound on the side of the house as though we lived inside a bass drum.

I don't routinely spray my roses. If a severe case of powdery mildew or grasshoppers threatens, I'll do something. In the meantime, I'd rather watch to see how the roses fare with minimal interference from me.

A learning curve

I was first seduced by roses when I lived in western Washington. There, it's always either raining or getting set to rain. The soil is acidic clay. In order to grow anything besides berry brambles, we added organic materials and lime to the soil every waking moment. The soil barely seemed to notice.

Here in Idaho, our soil alkalinity hovers right around the pH of baking soda—around 8 and above. Adding lime to this silty-sandy rocky stuff is the exact opposite of what it needs. I realized I had to do everything backward.

We brought in what the local nursery people call "soil aid." It is a finely cut bark material that breaks down quickly when blended with native soil. We added a little manure and mixed it all up together. We built a berm to slow the wind on the northwest side of the proposed rose garden. Then we planted the biggest upright junipers we could afford. It's been an effective windbreak ever since.

We bought some roses. Most of them were favorite varieties that grew in my Washington garden. Mistake. None of those original pioneers are still here.

I'm a sucker for an orange rose, and Fragrant Cloud was probably the first rose I planted out here. It was also the first to leave. I pruned it with a shovel after two seasons of powdery mildew.

Later I learned that roses with a yellow gene in their family trees are fungus magnets. They can't help it. Nowadays, I plant mostly reds and pinks. If I want yellow in the garden, I plant day lilies.

Mauve, sometimes called "blue" roses, don't live in my garden. I've found them timid at best.

Having learned the hard way about growing roses in Idaho, I'm here to tell you: Yes, you can grow roses here, if you pick the right varieties for the soil and climate. Roses grew on this planet for thousands of years without our help. Don't do without the joy of roses in your garden because you've heard they're too much trouble. What else will bloom and bloom all season long?

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Europeana blooms lavishly.

A few favorites

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

Ballerina doesn't like to be pruned. And she doesn't need the adorable trellis I made my husband build for her when it looked like she was really going to town. If I had done my homework, I'd have known that Ballerina was just a graceful hybrid musk. She's supposed to send out lovely arching canes that resemble a ballerina's skirt, hence her name. She never intended to climb. She is content to remain a dignified 3-foot shrub.

Bonica is the same, only on a grand scale. Bonica covers her rounded 6-foot frame with clusters of baby-pink flowers all season long. Pruning insults her. If she is pruned back, she will not for a whole season, refusing to put out anything more than a handful of blooms.

These two ask only that their winter-killed tips be pruned off. They like to be fed and watered regularly and be left alone.

Reba MacEntire came to live with us a few years ago because I couldn't resist her electric orange-red flowers. She is the only orange blend rose in my garden, because she is not just a pretty face. This grandiflora is so bright she seems to have her very own spotlight. Her dark green, shiny leaves can't be beat. Reba is a devil to prune, though—she has thorns that won't quit.

Carefree Delight is a delightful little pink shrub. Her single pink blooms offer up an open, honest face. She blooms almost constantly and never wants special attention.

Theresa Bugnet is a tough old gal. She's been moved twice and was thought to be dead the summer we forgot to water her. Nevertheless, she is the first to leaf out in spring and is energetically going about her business as you read this. She is a medium pink hybrid rugosa whose striped repeat blooms make me silly. Any rugosa rose will be as tough as Ms. Bugnet. I highly recommend her and her friends for Idaho gardens.

Precious Platinum and Olympiad are neck-and-neck for The Perfect Red Rose. Both large hybrid teas produce large velvety red roses on thick canes. Put a gold star beside both of those.

Europeana and Eye Paint are classified as floribundas, but behave like stocky little shrubs. They only grow to around 3 feet tall, and bloom lavishly.

Marjike Koopman is a newcomer to my garden. She's an old reliable hybrid tea that will grow to about 5 feet tall. Her classic fragrant dark pink roses are lovely right next to my bench. I'm sure we will be great friends.

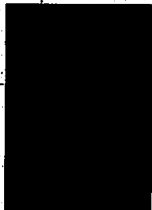
Before I buy any rose, I check it out in a little book put out by the American Rose Society. The "Handbook for Selecting Roses" lists all the roses on the market today. They are rated on a 1 to 10 scale, 10 being perfect, and there are no 10s.

I won't plant anything rated less than a 7.3. If they rate around 8.0 and above, I'm much happier to give them garden space.

Contact your local rose society for the handbook, which costs \$3, or e-mail the ARS headquarters: ars@ars-hq.org



Carefree Delight



Precious Platinum



Olympiad



Marjike Koopman



Bonica



Reba MacEntire



Europeana



Eye Paint



Fragrant Cloud

Here's how to grow your own brawny beauties

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

Because I'm a Consulting Rosarian, I grow roses without any special care. I figure that if they survive on my windy hillside without sprays or complicated soil amendments, I can recommend them to you with a clear conscience.

Several hybrid teas do reside in my garden, but they have to be tough to keep their seats. It's their graft that freezes, dies and leaves you with a wild rose grown up from the roots. I'd rather have roses that are grown on their own rootstocks rather than hybrids.

Species and Old Garden Roses have gained more spots each year in my garden because I've learned that they do well here, and they are beautiful. If you never thought you could have an old rose, check out Suzanne Verrier's book, "Rosa Rugosa." Before you put it down, you'll have a half dozen pages dog-eared.

Now to the care my roses do get.

I'm supposed to tell you to spray like it's your new religion, much like there's no tomorrow and prune twice a year. I don't.

There is a constant three inches of mulch in the garden. It keeps temperatures even, conserves water and keeps out weeds.

Except for the crabgrass—but with that much mulch, it's easy to pull out.

More often than not, I get busy around the holidays and don't get around to adding extra mulch to protect the crowns of my roses. Nor do I prune them back to knee-high. They do fine.

I don't spray unless I have to. Fungicidal sprays are necessary to prevent fungal diseases on some of the weaker and/or yellow roses. Roses that have a yellow gene some where on their family tree will be susceptible to fungus. I don't grow yellow roses. Love those orange ones, but don't grow them, either.

If there is a problem with fungus or insects, I will use the appropriate formulation.

Ortho Rose Pride is a systemic fertilizer and bug killer all in one. I recommend it to all beginning rose enthusiasts. It is applied in my garden the first of each month because that's an easy way for me to remember. It is scratched into the mulch and watered in. Any other bug problems usually succumb to Neem. Spend your first seasons with your roses enjoying them, not fussing with forty-eleven different ways to take care of them.

I don't recommend organic formulations because they are supposedly safer to use than chemical-based products. Both types of insecticides are deadly—or we wouldn't use them to kill bugs. The same care should be used when working with all garden chemicals, no matter what their origin.

The menu

Ortho's Rose and Flower Care will cover your rose needs. Even out here in the middle of farmer's fields, my roses have never suffered from an aphid attack.

If I get ambitious, a bag of alfalfa (the same stuff you feed rabbits) will get scratched into the mulch and watered in. Go to the feed store and buy the kind without molasses.

There are trace elements in alfalfa pellets that roses like. And when the pellets break down, they enrich the soil.

Epsom salts, sprinkled around the dripline once or twice a season is a good thing. Epsom salts is not salt; it is magnesium. It helps roses send up new growth, thickens the canes and greens up the leaves. Soak your feet in it at the end of the day. That's nice, too.

I do not use fish anything in the garden. If you have pets, listen up. Fertilizers derived from dead fish smell heavenly to Fido and Fluffy. They will dig it up and try to eat it. Along with a lot of other things they should not eat. If you use an insecticide in your soil, such as the Ortho formulation, Fido and Fluffy will eat that right along with the fish meal. A friend's dog did just that and died.

Soil

Roses will do fairly well for the first three years. After that, their leaves often turn mostly yellow.

That demon high pH must be brought down a notch before the roses can chemi-

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Firemen enjoy extraordinary dishes — until emergency call comes

By Deborah S. Hartz
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

Cooking lunch or dinner for the family can be tough, but count your blessings. Your problems are nothing compared to those of brothers John (Boo) and Tim Heiser. Being good cooks as well as firemen/paramedics at Fort Lauderdale Station No. 2, they prepare meals for their platoons when they are on duty.

Even while they are cooking, they are on call. Their meal preparation is regularly interrupted by a house fire, a call to deliver a baby, to cool a hostage incident or to check out a car accident, shooting or stabbing. Not to mention the medical emergencies, including heart attacks,

strokes and diabetic problems. Here are some of their recipes.

MOM'S SPECIAL SEVEN LAYER BARS:

- 5 tablespoons unsalted butter
 - 1 1/4 cups graham cracker crumbs
 - 1 cup shredded coconut
 - 1 (12-ounce) bag semisweet chocolate pieces
 - 1 (6-ounce) bag butterscotch pieces
 - 1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
 - 1 cup slivered almonds
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place butter in a 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking dish. Place in oven until butter melts. Swirl pan to coat bottom with butter. be careful not to burn yourself on the pan.

Sprinkle crumbs over butter and press down. Sprinkle on coconut, then chocolate chips, then butterscotch pieces. Pour milk over all. Sprinkle with nuts and press lightly. Bake 30 minutes. Let cool and cut into bars. Makes about 24 bars.

TIM'S FETTUCCINE WITH HOT SAUSAGE

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 pound Italian hot sausage, casing removed
- 1 medium onion, cut in half lengthwise and then sliced vertically into half moons
- 3 red bell peppers, seeded and julienned
- 3 cups sliced mushroom caps

- Water
- 1 pound dried fettuccine
- 2 cups heavy cream

1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
Fresh ground black pepper, to taste
In a skillet over medium-high heat heat oil. Add sausage and saute until browned. Add onions, bell peppers and mushrooms. Cook 5 minutes or until soft. Meanwhile, in a large pot of boiling water, cook fettuccine 8 minutes or until al dente. In separate saucepan, bring cream to boil over medium heat and cook until reduced to 1 1/2 cups. Drain pasta and return to pot. Add sausage mixture, cheese and black pepper. Stir in reduced cream and serve. Makes 8 to 10 hefty servings.

DAD'S CORNED BEEF WITH MUSTARD GLAZE

- 1 (2-pound) corned beef
 - Water
 - 1/2 cup prepared mustard
 - 3 tablespoons brown sugar
 - 1/2 cup ginger ale
- Place corned beef in a large pot with water just to cover. Bring to a boil, cover, reduce heat and simmer 1 1/2 hours. Remove beef from water and drain. Place fat side up on a rack in a roasting pan (or on rack of a broiler pan). Mix mustard and brown sugar. Spread on top and sides of meat. Pour ginger ale over it. Add about 2 cups water to pan; it should come close to, but not go over, the rack. Roast in a 350-degree oven 45 minutes or until glazed. Makes 6 servings.



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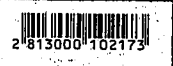
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FOOD & HOME

The Elliot suits a family

Intriguing window detailing beguiles viewers into taking a second look at the Elliot. Slender ribbons of glass appear to border all of the larger panes, creating a gently arched transom that crowns the largest in a cluster of three. Inside, the abundant use of glass throughout creates a generous collection of naturally illuminated living spaces.

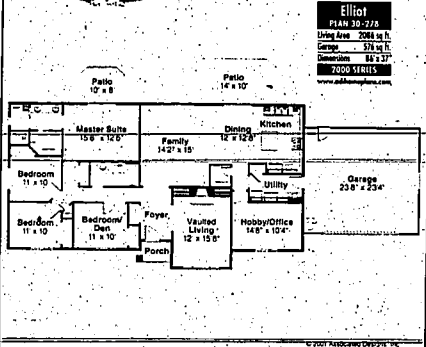
Even the foyer is brightened by a swath of light washing in through the multipaned sidelight. The opening on the left leads into a vaulted living room. Built-in storage cabinets and a gas fireplace fill the entire wall furthest from the windows.

The family room is doubly bright, with light spilling down through two skylights in addition to wide rear windows. This spacious room is all of a piece with the kitchen and dining area. Sliders open onto a patio, convenient for outdoor dining.

Kitchen counters and cabinets wrap around three walls, while a central work island adds even more work and storage space. Multiple cooks can combine culinary efforts here without getting in each other's way, and the roomy walk-in pantry provides ample storage for staples and supplies.

A pass-through utility room connects to the garage. It can double as a mud room, has space for a freezer, and comes outfitted with a utility-sink-and broom closet. The room next door could be a hobby room, home office, exercise room, guest room...you name it!

Bedrooms fill the left side of the Elliot. The master suite boasts a large walk-in closet, twin lavs, and separately enclosed toilet and shower. Any of the three additional bedrooms could be put to other uses.



Elliot's kitchen is large enough for multiple cooks to work together.

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Americans love their grills, but don't know what to do with fish

By Kathleen Purvis
The Charlotte Observer

Who's afraid of a little fish? We are. Just take a look at our grilling habits: We love grills — 89 percent of American households own at least one, according to Weber-Stephen Products Co. But year after year, surveys by both Weber and the Barbecue Industry Association show that the top items are steaks, chicken and hamburgers.

To get advice about fish, we called Stephen Raichlen, the author of "The Barbecue Bible" and the upcoming "America on Fire." He was on a ferry boat coming back from Martha's Vineyard, where he'd spent several days eating lobster, steamed, clam hash.

"One thing is, you need to start with a very hot grill grate, and it's got to be a very clean grill grate," he said. "So go over it with a steel brush," while the grate is hot. Then, oil the grate while it's hot by using a paper towel dipped in oil and held with tongs. Or buy a fish basket, one of those long-handled contraptions. Spray the inside of the basket with oil or you'll just have fish stuck to the basket instead.

Then, pick your fish: "Obviously, the easiest are your steak fish — your salmon, swordfish, tuna. The worst kind to grill are soft fish, like sole or snapper fillets." Shellfish are also fair game — lobsters and shrimp, of course, but also clams, mussels and oysters.

Then, build your fire. Raichlen generally opts for a hot fire. But it depends, not on the fish, but on the thickness. "The thinner the fish, the hotter the fire." Thicker cuts and whole fish need time to cook inside before the outside burns, so they need a medium fire, or a fire with coals banked on one side, so you can sear them, then move them to a cooler area to finish. Fillets, and tuna, which should be rare inside to keep it from being dry, need a hot fire. With shellfish, use the shell as protection from overcooking. If you shell shrimp first for eating, add some kind of fat — a marinade with oil, or wrap bacon around it.

Skin up or down first? Raichlen

likes skin down. The skin protects the fish from the fire and helps it hold together. "And fish skin is really yummy. When I have a side of salmon, I take the skin off and cook the fillets. And then I take the skin and brush it with sesame oil and sprinkle it with salt, pepper and cook it on the grill. It gets crispy. I call it a seafood potato chip."

When to take the fish off the fire? While the standard rule is to cook fish 10 minutes per inch of thickness, the grill takes a little tweaking. For many fish, it's better to cook it longer on one side, usually 5 to 7 minutes, then turn it using an oil-sprayed spatula and cook 3 to 4 minutes on the second side.

"I don't like fashionably underdone fish," says Raichlen, who presses it to see if it's firm and if the seasons are starting to flake around where he presses. Or he inserts a metal skewer in the side of the fish and leaves it in for 10 to 15 seconds. When it's pulled out, it should feel hot. You can also just cut into the fish next to the bone. "A fish fillet isn't like a balloon; it's not like a cut is going to drain out all the juices."

If you're using small shrimp, thread them on soaked bamboo skewers for ease of handling.

CAJUN-RUBBED GRILLED SHRIMP

Makes 4 servings.
2 pounds large shrimp
2 tablespoons good-quality olive oil
Cajun Rub:
2 tablespoons sweet paprika
1 tablespoon dried basil
1 tablespoon dried thyme
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon onion powder
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/4 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
Peel shrimp, leaving tails on, and slit up the back to remove the vein. In a large bowl, toss with the olive oil. Combine the spice rub ingredients. Add 3 tablespoons of the rub to the shrimp and toss to combine. (Store extra rub in airtight container and use for another dish.) Cook shrimp immediately, or cover and refrigerate up to 2 hours. Prepare grill for.

direct grilling over medium fire. Lightly brush grilled rack with a paper towel dipped-in oil. Place shrimp on grill, cover and cook about 2 minutes, just until shrimp are opaque around edges. Turn, cover and grill until completely opaque, 3 to 4 minutes for large or 5 to 7 minutes for jumbo. Serve immediately, with melted butter if desired.

Adapted from "Barbecue 101," by Rick Rodgers

SCALLOP KEBABS

Makes 4 servings.
Bamboo skewers
1 1/2 pounds bay or sea scallops
3 tablespoons good-quality olive oil
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
4 strips lemon zest (remove with a vegetable peeler)
Freshly ground black pepper
Fresh basil leaves
8 thin slices pancetta or regular bacon, in 1-inch pieces
Hot, buttered noodles
Cover skewers with water and let soak. Pull off and discard the small end edges. Cut scallops from sides of scallops (if it's there). Cut really large scallops in half if needed, so all the pieces are the same size. Rinse and blot dry. Combine oil, lemon juice, lemon zest and pepper and whisk. Add scallops and toss to coat. Cover and let stand 30 minutes. Prepare grill for direct grilling over a hot fire. Remove scallops from marinade. Thread scallops on skewers with a basil leaf and a piece of pancetta between each. Rub grill grate with a paper towel dipped in oil. Place kebabs on grill and cook until scallops are just firm and white; 1 to 2 minutes per side. Serve on buttered noodles.
From "The Barbecue Bible," by Steven Raichlen

Some still remember Spanish Bar Cake

By Linda Cierco
The Miami Herald

QUESTION: I've been trying to find a bar cake that we were able to get when we lived in Pittsburgh but can no longer find. It's approximately 4 inches by 8 inches, white icing top and middle and raisins. I recall it being labeled "Spanish Bar Cake." I remember getting it at Winn-Dixie.

ANSWER: I remember Spanish Bar Cake, which we always bought at the A&P by New Jersey hometown, and then occasionally found 15 years later in Florida. Readers came up with this recipe.

SPANISH BAR CAKE

- 4 cups water
- 2 cups raisins
- 1 cup vegetable shortening
- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs beaten
- 1 cup chopped nuts, optional
- Cream Cheese Frosting:
1 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
4 tablespoons butter, softened
2 teaspoons vanilla
2 1/4 cups confectioners' sugar
1/3 cup milk, about
1 teaspoon lemon juice
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease 8-by-3-inch cake pan. Place raisins and water in a saucepan, bring to a boil, then reduce heat to simmer and cook about 10 minutes, until raisins plump. Stir in the shortening. Remove from heat and let mixture cool. Whisk together flour, sugar, baking soda, cloves, nutmeg, cinnamon, allspice and salt. Add flour mixture to the cooled raisin mixture and blend well. Stir in the beaten eggs. Add the chopped nuts if desired. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake at 350 degrees for about 35 minutes, or until cake tests done.
To make into 2 cakes: Let cool, then slice into 4-by-9-by-1 1/4 inches. If desired, top with cream cheese frosting.
For the frosting: Cream together the cream cheese and butter. Beat in the vanilla, then the con-

Cook's corner

fectioners' sugar. Add milk slowly to reach desired consistency. Add lemon juice.

QUESTION: I would love to have a recipe for "real" Spanish rice and beans.

ANSWER: Actually, I don't think there is any such thing as "real" Spanish rice and beans. In Spain there is no equivalent to the beans and rice dishes of the Caribbean and Latin America. Here's a recipe for Nicaraguan red beans and rice, which Los Ranchos restaurants shared with us in 1990.

LOS RANCHOS GALLO PINTO

- 1 pound dried small red beans
- Pinch of salt
- 2 cloves garlic, mashed
- 1 pound long grain white rice
- 1 medium white onion, peeled

1/2 cup vegetable oil
Salt and pepper to taste

Start by cooking the beans in water to cover by 2 inches with the salt and garlic. About 20 minutes after the water has reached the boiling point, start cooking the rice according to package directions, adding 2 packages of the onion. Chop the rest of the onion very fine and set aside. When the rice and the beans are fully cooked, place the oil and onions in a large frying pan and begin frying. Drain the cooked beans. When the onions begin to turn a light golden color, remove the onions from the frying pan and pour in the beans. Fry the beans for about 5 minutes. Pour the cooked rice into the same frying pan, adding a little salt and pepper to taste. Mix the rice and beans together well; cover and cook at a low temperature for 5 minutes. Uncover and serve. Makes 12 servings.

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Using tools at hand can help reduce fat in favorite recipes

By Carol J.G. Ward
Knight Ridder News Service

Low-fat cooking simply requires putting the tools you have to better use — along with tweaking a few of your favorite recipes and making smarter choices at the grocery store. "You don't have to challenge every ingredient," said Colleen Wracker, dietitian at Palmetto

Richard Memorial's Heart Center. "Making even one change is progress." The key to low-fat cooking is to choose techniques that remove rather than adds fat to foods, said Jeannette Jordan, a spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association. "The first thing I tell people is to limit how much they (deep) fry." Instead, use methods such as broiling so the fat drips away from the food or steaming in which no added fat is needed — baking, roasting, broiling, grilling, steaming, microwaving, poaching, stir-frying, pan-frying or sauteing (easy on the oil).

Use nonstick skillets and pans and slotted spoons. And don't shop when you're hungry. Shop the perimeter of the store (produce, meats, bread and dairy). The center aisles contain high-fat temptations such as snacks, processed foods and candy.

To further lower the fat in this modified recipe, use skim milk and replace the butter and flour used to thicken the sauce with a mixture of skim milk and cornstarch, suggested Mike Keister, executive chef at Palmetto Richard Memorial Hospital.

Before: 859 calories, 62 grams of fat; After: 384 calories, 14 grams of fat.

BAKED MACARONI AND CHEESE

4 servings
1 1/2 cups elbow macaroni
2 tablespoons reduced fat butter

2 tablespoons flour
1 1/4 cups 2 percent milk
1/4 teaspoon paprika

1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 1/2 cups low-fat sharp cheese
3/4 cup egg substitute

Salt, to taste
Preheat oven to 350 degrees
Boil macaroni according to package directions; set aside. Melt

butter in pan; blend in flour, stirring constantly. Gradually add milk, stirring constantly until mixture boils and thickens (2-3 minutes). Remove from heat. Add paprika, pepper, 1 cup cheese and eggs. Stir until cheese is melted. Stir in macaroni and salt to taste. Place mixture into a 1-quart casserole dish coated with cooking spray, top with 1/2 cup cheese. Bake about 30 minutes or until desired doneness.

Before: 601 calories, 48 grams of fat; After: 274 calories, 18.8 grams of fat

SAUSAGE AND HASH BROWN CASSEROLE

6 servings
12 ounces bulk turkey sausage
1 red bell pepper, chopped
1 1/2 cups 1 percent milk
3 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch

1 pound frozen shredded potatoes or 2 cups shredded potatoes
1/2 cup chopped fresh chives
3/4 cup (3 ounces) reduced-fat shredded cheddar cheese

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Coat an 8-by-8 square baking dish with nonstick spray. Coat a large nonstick skillet with cooking spray and warm over medium-high heat. Add the sausage and cook, stirring to break it up, until crumbly and no longer pink. Stir in the pepper and cook for 2 minutes. Add all, but 2 tablespoons of the milk. In a cup, dissolve the cornstarch in the remaining 2 tablespoons milk. Add to the sausage mixture and cook, stirring, for 2 minutes, or until bubbly. Arrange the potatoes in a single layer in the prepared baking dish. Top with 1/4 cup of the chives and 1/2 cup cheese. Spread the sausage mixture over the potatoes and top with the remaining 1/4 cup cheese. Bake for 45 minutes, or until the potatoes are tender. Sprinkle with the remaining 1/4 cup chives and serve.

From "More Healthy Homestyle Cooking"

Before: 561 calories, 40 grams of fat; After: 337 calories, 14.5 grams of fat

LAYERED TACO SALAD WITH SOUR CREAM DRESSING

4 servings
4 corn tortillas (6 inches diam-

eter)
1/4 teaspoon salt
Dressing:
1/2 cup fat-free sour cream
1/4 cup lime juice

1/4 cup finely chopped fresh cilantro
4 teaspoons white vinegar
1 tablespoon finely chopped shallot

1 garlic clove, finely chopped
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon paprika

1 head iceberg lettuce, shredded
1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained
1 tomato, chopped
1 cup shredded reduced-fat pepper Jack cheese (4 ounces)

1/4 cup sliced pitted black olives
1/4 cup chopped fresh chives
1 avocado, chopped

To make the tortilla strips, preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Stack the tortillas and cut them in half. Then slice across that cut into 1/2-inch wide strips. Place the strips in a single layer on a large baking sheet. Lightly coat the strips with nonstick spray and sprinkle with salt. Bake for 10 minutes or until lightly golden. Remove from the oven and cool.

To make the dressing, in a glass measuring cup, whisk together the sour cream, lime juice, cilantro, vinegar, shallot, garlic, salt and paprika.

To make the salad, divide the lettuce, beans, tomato, cheese, olives and chives among four plates, layering the ingredients. Spoon the dressing evenly over each serving. Top with the tortilla strips and avocado.

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Baseball star brands ice cream

By Jane Snow
Akron Beacon Journal

Omar Vizquel brand ice cream is that a marriage of two of the most perfect things on Earth or what? The estrogen-heavy crowd that turned out in Rocky River, Ohio, for a recent promotion of the product evidently thought so. A couple hundred or so crammed the entrance to the product section for an autograph and a taste of Omar Vizquel Baseball Ice Cream, the latest product to carry the name of the Cleveland Indians' marketing-savvy shortstop.

Mitchell's Homemade Ice Cream in Westlake makes the product. Co-owners, Mike and Pete Mitchell, say Vizquel brought his wife and son to their shop last summer and liked the ice cream so much that he asked his marketing representative, Bob Barlow, to contact them about developing a brand to carry his name. After a flurry of sample shipments to Vizquel's home in Seattle during the off-season, he and the Mitchell brothers settled on four flavors: Triple Play Berry Sorbet, Omar's Awesome Vanilla Bean, Double Play Chocolate and Bases Loaded Mint Cookies & Cream.

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Cookies might be as good as woman recalls

By Ellen Hawks
The Baltimore Sun

Recipe finder

Myra Weir of Baltimore wants a recipe for Black-Walnut Cookies. She wrote: "I truly have no idea what is in them; I do remember the color was beige or light tan and how they spread out and — Oh! — that glorious smell!" Laura Haderman of Baltimore responded with her grandmother's recipe.

BLACK-WALNUT COOKIES

1/2 cup shortening
1/2 cup butter
2 1/2 cups brown sugar
2 eggs, beaten well
2 1/2 cups flour

1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup chopped black walnuts
Cream shortening, butter and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, and beat well. Sift dry ingredients and add to butter mixture, beating well. Stir in walnuts. Drop by teaspoon 2 inches apart on greased baking sheets. Bake in preheated 350-degree oven 8 to 10 minutes — the longer the crispier. Cool on wire racks and store in an airtight container. Makes 5 dozen cookies.

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Solar heat can extend pool season, save on energy costs

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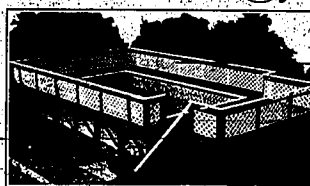
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DEAR RON: Solar heating is ideal for swimming pools. In fact, more solar kits are used to heat pool water than for any other purpose. In colder climates, you will get an extra month or two of pool use. If the water gets uncomfortably warm in mid-summer, run the solar unit at night to cool it.

The new solar pool heating kits are easy to install yourself. They can be laid on the house or garage roof, the ground, a support rack, etc. Since they are huck and lay flat, they are barely perceptible when installed. The filtering pumps into the current filter/pump system with just one valve.

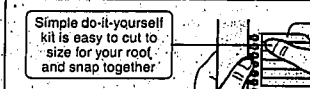
It is most convenient to install a kit with an automatic controller. You set the pool water temperature that you desire. The controller directs the water to the solar unit only when the pool water needs additional heat. The reason that do-it-yourself solar kits are so popular for pools and spas is their simplicity and low cost. It requires a much simpler collector design, efficient heat pump water to only 85 degrees than to the 130 degrees required for domestic hot water.

Many kits use flexible sheeting with water passages throughout and they are sold in rolls. You just roll them out and roll the incoming-and-return-pipes from

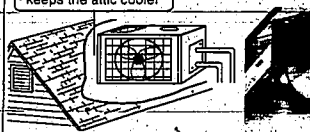


Complete pool kit which uses hollow decking as the solar collector

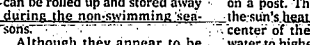
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Do-it-yourself kits use the sun's heat to add months of pool use.

the pool or spa. Some of the kits even have Velcro straps so they can be rolled up and stored away during the non-swimming seasons.

Although they appear to be just a black sheet of tubes, they are specially designed. For example, the web between the tubes on some have an engineered concave shape to redirect the sun's rays to improve efficiency. Others have dimples formed into the tubes to create turbulence for better heat transfer. There are several other unique designs of solar pool heating kits. One design mounts inside your attic and can help to cool your house and lower your air-conditioning bills. Using a small fan and a heat exchanger, it draws the heat out of the super-hot attic area to heat the pool water. Another kit, good for cold climates, uses a 4- or 8-foot parabolic reflector dish that is mounted on a post. The parabola focuses the sun's heat on the water in the center of the dish. It heats the water to improve temperatures. If you are planning to install an above-ground pool, consider a pool kit with hollow solar decking around it. It looks just like a typical deck, but the pool water flows through it and is heated by the sun. Another advantage is that the deck stays comfortably cool when sunbathing. Write for Update Bulletin No. 690 - buyer's guide of 11 solar pool heating kits listing models, design types, materials, installations, sizes, features and a solar kit-sizing worksheet for various climates. Please include \$3 and a business-size SASE. Write to James J. Dupeyron, 6265 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244.

Southerners expect cheese straws

By Kathleen Purvis - The Charlotte Observer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - So, how's this for a theory: If you don't have cheese straws at your wedding reception, you may not actually be married.

Can you picture it? The new couple is in the reception line when the preacher puts down his Bible, grabs a plate and checks the buffet. The punch-bowl, the little sandwiches with the crusty cut-off, the butter mints are all there. But there are no cheese straws. The preacher would have to march right back to the reception line and tear up the wedding license.

OK, it's only a theory. But in this part of the country, cheese straws are as much a part of wedding receptions as cheap champagne and dyed satin shoes.

Nathan Dupes, the author of numerous books on Southern cooking and entertaining, didn't have cheese straws at her wedding. Because she and her husband, writer and professor Jack Bass, met married on a beach in Jamaica. But as soon as they got back to the United States, they threw a party where cheese straws were definitely present.

Even if you're not planning a 172-seat wedding, you don't have to dangle yourself a cheese straw or two. A nice bowl of tomato soup with a handful of cheese straws? Now, that sounds like a match made in heaven.

The quantities may vary, but most cheese straws are based on this formula. They can be made using a pastry bag, but a cookie press with a large star tip is easier. Or you can roll them out thinly and cut into strips. Don't over-bake them - they shouldn't brown.

BASIC CHEESE STRAWS
 Makes 4 to 5 dozen
 8 ounces extra-sharp cheddar cheese, grated
 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper (or less to taste)
 Paprika and salt (optional)
 Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a food processor, combine cheese-and-butter-and-pulse

until combined. Add flour, salt and cayenne pepper. Process until a crumbly dough forms. You should be able to press a handful of dough and have it hold together. Fit a cookie press with a star tip. Fill barrel of press with dough. Pipe dough onto ungreased shiny (not dark) cookie sheet in long strips about 1 1/2 inches apart. Cut strips into 2- to 2 1/2-inch lengths and move apart slightly. Bake for 20 minutes. Remove from oven, sprinkle with salt and paprika while warm, if desired. Cool on pan. Use a spatula to remove. Store in airtight container up to a week. Baked cheese straws can be frozen. Thaw at room temperature before serving.

This recipe uses a little different method.

PARMESAN-CHEDDAR STRAWS
 Makes about 6 to 7 dozen straws.
 3 cups all-purpose flour (preferably a low-protein brand, like Martha White, Red Brand or White Lily)
 1 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, cut into small pieces
 1/2 pound freshly grated

Parmesan cheese
 1/2 pound grated sharp cheddar cheese.
 Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Into a large mixing bowl, sift together the flour, salt and cayenne; then add the butter. Work the mixture with your fingers until it is no longer crumbly. On a lightly floured work surface, roll out half the dough into a rectangle about 1/4-inch thick. Cut into strips about 3/4-inch wide and 4 to 5 inches long. (A pizza cutter is an easy way to cut these.) Place strips on an ungreased baking sheet and bake until just barely brown about 20 minutes. Let the straws cool, then use a spatula to remove them. Repeat with remaining dough. Store in an airtight container between layers of wax paper, up to 1 week. Baked straws can also be frozen in a freezer container between layers of wax paper.
 -From "My Mother's Southern Entertaining" by Martha Pearl and James Villas



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Tasty reading: Novel comes with own recipe

By Sylvia Carter Newsday

Novels that include recipes are not uncommon these days. In Diane Mott Davidson's "Tough Cookie" (Bantam Books), this one, rich with cheese and sour cream, is included.

SONORA CHICKEN
 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
 3 cups seeded and chopped tomatoes
 2 garlic cloves, pressed
 8 ounces (2 1/2 small cans) chopped green chiles
 1 1/2 cups chopped onions
 1/8 teaspoon cumin or to taste
 2 cups cooked, shredded chicken
 1 1/4 cups grated cheddar cheese
 1 cup sour cream
 1 teaspoon salt
 1/2 pound (1 stick) unsalted butter, melted

In a wide frying pan heat oil over medium-low heat until it shimmers. Reduce heat to low and add tomatoes, garlic, chiles, onions and cumin. Cook, uncovered, occasionally, until mixture is thick, about 30 minutes. Set aside to cool slightly. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Butter a 9-by-13-inch glass pan. In a large bowl, combine chicken, cheddar, sour cream and salt. Stir in tomato mixture. Pour this into the pan. Working quickly with the phyllo, lay 1 sheet at a time over the chicken-tomato mixture and brush thinly but thoroughly with melted butter. Continue until you are almost-out of butter, then lay on a last piece of phyllo and brush it with the last of the melted butter. With a sharp-knife-cut-down-through the layers of phyllo in 12 places to make 9 evenly sized rectangular servings. Bake 20 to 30 minutes, or until filling is hot and phyllo is puffed and golden brown. Serve immediately. Makes 9 large servings.

Salt crust keeps roast juicy

By Jane Snow Akron Beacon Journal

QUESTION: I haven't roasted a prime rib in years. Please tell us the latest how-to.
 J.C. MUNROE-FALLS, OHIO

ANSWER: After roasting prime rib in a salt crust for a story three years ago, I will never cook it any other way. The roast is tender, full-flavored and juicy - and the meat isn't salty, believe it or not. Simply combine a 3-pound box of Morton Coarse Kosher Salt with 1 1/4 cups of water to form a slurry. Pat some of the salt mixture in a foil-lined pan in a rectangle big enough to put the roast on. Place a 4- to 6-pound prime rib roast on the salt, and pat the remaining salt mixture on the ribs. Insert a meat thermometer. Bake at 425 degrees for about 2 hours - 140 degrees for rare, 160 for medium and 170 for well done. Remove the roast when the thermometer registers 5 degrees below desired doneness. Crack and remove the crust.

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Muffins are hot: Learn how to make them like a professional

By Jane Snow
Akron Beacon Journal

Although I've always thought of muffins as cupcakes without the icing, I now concede to the pro-muffin faction. Muffins are the snack-king. They're what croissants were to the 1980s and scones to the 1990s. They're everywhere. Muffins are less fattening than croissants, less sugary than cupcakes and perfectly portable. Also, they don't require nearly as much effort to make.

Just use the basic proportions in one of our recipes for the flour, sugar, eggs and leavening. Then vary the type of liquid and adding, for example, use orange juice instead of milk, and dried cranberries instead of nuts or raisins.

Here are some muffin-making tips:

- Careful, brief stirring will produce a muffin with a high, rounded crown. Overmixed batter will produce a flat-topped muffin.
- Use level measures. Scrape off excess flour, sugar, baking powder and baking soda with the flat blade of a knife. Bake muffins on the middle oven shelf to prevent the bottom or top from over-browning.
- Preheating the oven tin before ladling in the batter is said to produce higher muffins. For ease, grease tins with a vegetable oil spray or use paper liners. Low-fat muffins will stick to paper liners while warm, but will peel right off when the muffins cool. If you want to eat the muffins while warm, coat the liners with vegetable oil spray.
- Mix muffin batter by hand, not with an electric mixer. Adds such as nuts and fruit should be tossed with the dry ingredients before the wet ingredients are added. Coating the pieces with flour prevents them from sinking to the bottom of the muffins.
- To adapt a regular muffin recipe for mini-muffin tins, simply bake the mini muffins less. Mini muffins bake in 15 to 20 minutes, while regular muffins bake in 20 to 30 minutes. Muffins are done when the top springs back when gently touched with a finger.
- Muffins freeze beautifully. Thaw them at room temperature.

1/2 cup chopped peaches (fresh or canned)
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/8 teaspoon allspice
1 cup sour cream
1 egg
4 tablespoons melted butter
 Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Grease 12 regular-size muffin cups. In a large bowl, mix flour, brown sugar and baking powder. Add peaches, baking soda and allspice. Toss to coat peaches thoroughly. In another bowl, combine sour cream, egg and butter. Add to dry ingredients and stir until moist but lumpy. Spoon into greased muffin cups. Bake 25 minutes, or until the top springs back when gently touched. Makes 1 dozen.
 —From "The Muffin Baker's Guide," by Bruce Koffler

IRISH COFFEE MUFFINS
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup sugar
1 tablespoon instant coffee granules
2 tablespoons coffee liqueur
2 tablespoons Irish whiskey
Milk
1 egg
1/2 cup (8 tablespoons) melted butter or margarine
 Line 12 muffin-tin cups with paper liners. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a bowl, combine flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Stir well. In a 1-cup measure, dissolve coffee granules in coffee liqueur and whiskey. Add enough milk to measure 1 cup. Whisk egg in a bowl with coffee-milk mixture. Whisk in melted butter. Gently stir liquid into dry ingredients just until moistened. Spoon into muffin tin. Bake 25 minutes, or until the top springs back when gently touched. Makes 1 dozen.
 —From "Muffin Magic," by Kathleen Mayes

CHOCOLATE-CHOCOLATE CHIP MUFFINS
1 1/2 cups flour
1/2 cup sugar

1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup apple juice
1/4 cup water
1/4 cup (4 tablespoons) melted butter or margarine
1 tablespoon white vinegar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips
 Spray a 12-cup muffin tin with vegetable oil spray. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Stir flour, sugar, cocoa, baking soda and salt in a large bowl. Mix well. In a small bowl, whisk together apple juice, water, butter, vinegar and vanilla. Pour into flour mixture and stir just until flour is moistened. Stir in chocolate chips. Spoon into muffin cups. Bake 20 to 25 minutes, or until the top springs back when gently touched. Cool. Makes 1 dozen.
 —From "Muffin Magic," by Kathleen Mayes

RASPBERRY-YOGURT MUFFINS
2 cups flour
1/3 cup sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup orange juice
2 tablespoons oil
1/2 teaspoon almond extract
1 8-ounce container nonfat vanilla yogurt
1 egg or 1/4 cup egg substitute
1 cup fresh or frozen raspberries
 Line a 12-cup muffin tin with paper liners. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a large bowl combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Mix well. In another bowl, whisk together orange juice, oil, almond extract, yogurt and egg. Add to dry ingredients and stir just until moistened. Fold in berries. Spoon into muffin cups. Bake 20 minutes, or until golden. Makes 1 dozen.
 —From "The Joslin Diabetes Healthy Carbohydrate Cookbook," by Bonnie Sanders Polin and Frances Towner Giedt



This lovely springtime salad gets a fancy twinkle with a simple marinade and sesame seeds.

Photo courtesy of Taste of Home

Try asparagus salad this spring

Taste of Home
 Scrumptious salads are a delightful change of pace from hot vegetable side dishes, and this recipe fills the bill. Linda Hutton, of Hayden, Idaho, told Taste of Home magazine, "Once you try it, you'll serve it again and again."

ORIENTAL ASPARAGUS SALAD
1 pound asparagus, cut into 2-inch pieces
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 tablespoon vinegar
1 1/2 teaspoons sugar
1 teaspoon sesame seeds, toasted
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/4 teaspoon ground cumin

In a saucepan, cook the asparagus in a small amount of water until crisp-tender, about 3-4 minutes. Drain well and place in a large bowl. Combine the soy sauce, oil, vinegar, sugar, sesame seeds, ginger and cumin. Pour over asparagus and toss to coat. Cover and chill 1 hour. Drain before serving. Makes 4 servings.

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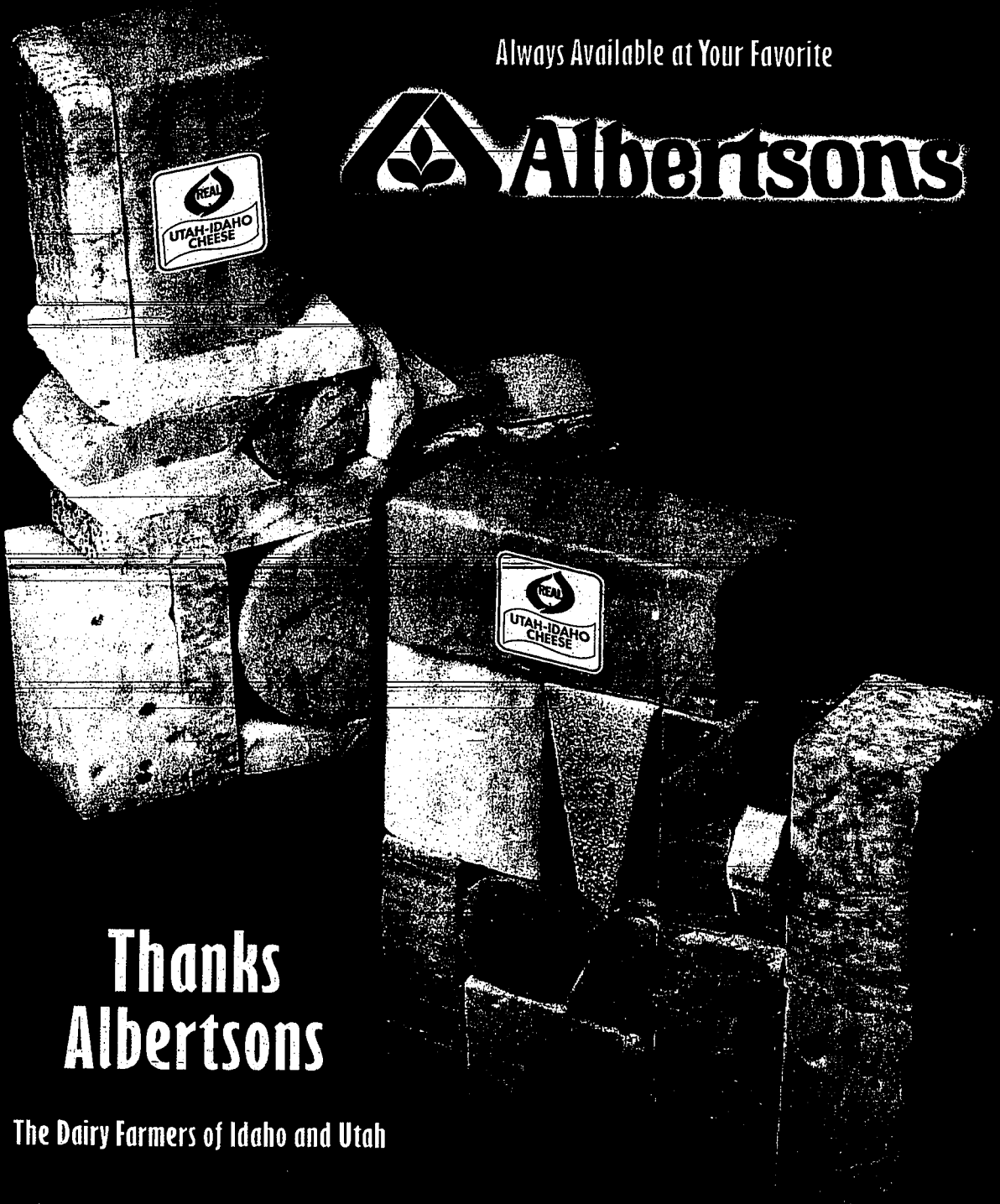
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SPORTS QUOTE

The AFC West is a division where the team was born in bruises. It's what made them so tough, even though they've had some ups and downs. But what it really comes down to is, the AFC is boring.

TRIVIA QUESTION: Who is the last player to have won the U.S. Open in successive years? ...answer below

IN BRIEF

Muni pro, partner win in Idaho Falls

IDAHO FALLS - Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course professional Mike Hamblin and playing partner Jim Empey, of Boise, made their four-stroke lead stand as the pair won the 2001 Kushnetz Pro Tro Shootout at Increst Golf Course in Idaho Falls on Tuesday.

Female golfer scores ace at Canyon Springs

TWIN FALLS - Karen Wasserstan made a hole in one with a 5-iron on No. 11 May 17 at Canyon Springs. The shot was witnessed by Sherry Marona.

Clear Lake CC Ladies announce latest winners

BUHL The Clear Lake County Ladies Association played net golf on May 17. Kathy Orchard took first place shooting 65. Madeline Finney finished second with a 67 and Phyllis Taylor was third with a 68.

Wakeboarders hold demonstration June 2

BURLEY - Professional wakeboarder Ricky Gonzales will hold a clinic and demonstration at the Burley Marina on June 2. Those interested will be able to try out the latest gear, wakeboards, water skis and knee boards free of charge. The clinic costs \$20 per person and is open to the public.

TRIVIA ANSWER: Curtis Strange, in 1988 and 1989.

NFL approves realignment for 2002

Seattle will move from AFC to NFC

ROSEMONT, Ill. - The NFL realigned itself quickly and amicably Tuesday, skipping the squabbling of the past and leaving even the uprooted teams saying they were satisfied. Five of the new divisions will have basically the same makeup, and the most drastic step is moving Seattle from the AFC West to the NFC West.

What was best for the league, as it turned out, was a relatively painless shift to eight four-team divisions for 2002, when Houston will rejoin the league as an expansion franchise - in the same division as Tennessee, which left Houston after the 1996 season. The Seahawks made a token argument against the shift but said afterward they were delighted. They must have been - the

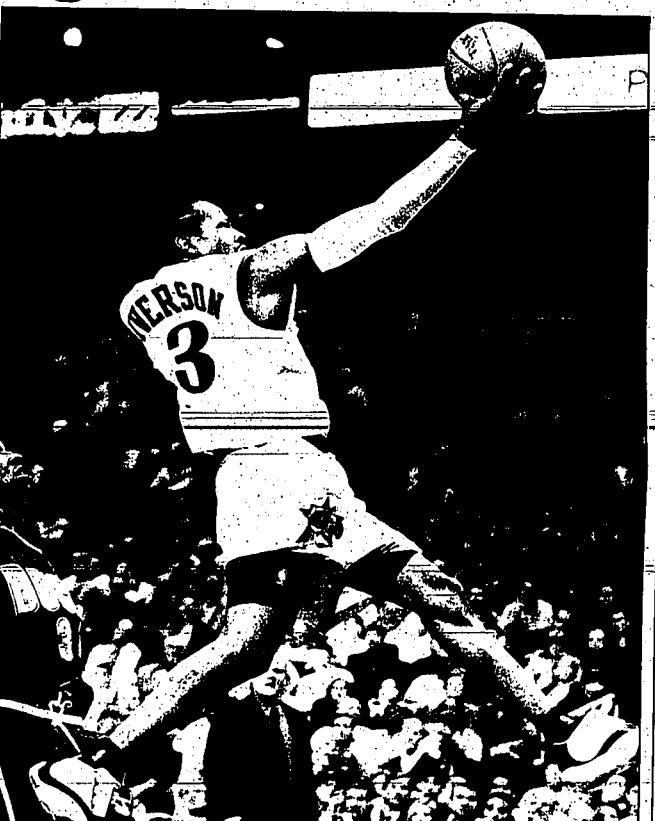
voice was unanimous. "I think it's really good for the league," Seattle president Bob Whitsett said. "It's also good for the Seahawks." The new format is the one that was considered the most likely when the NFL announced almost two years ago that it would realign into eight divisions from the current six. Five of the new divisions will have all four teams from the old alignment and another will have three - the new NFC South, which contains three teams from the old NFC West. Each conference will have a North, South, East and West division, and most

of the divisions are relatively compact geographically, unlike the old lineup, which had Arizona in the East and Atlanta and Carolina in the West. In addition to Seattle, the team most affected may be the Cardinals, who move out of the same division with Dallas; the only team to draw capacity crowds in the desert. Arizona owner Bill Bidwill fought hard to stay in the same division with the Cowboys but said he was happy after the league agreed to a new scheduling format for exhibition games that will retain old rivalries.

The new lineup: AFC East - Buffalo, Miami, New England, New York Jets, AFC North - Baltimore, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, AFC South - Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Tennessee, AFC West - Denver, Kansas City, Oakland, San Diego, New York Giants, Philadelphia, Washington, NFC North - Chicago, Detroit, Green Bay, Minnesota, NFC South - Atlanta, Carolina, New Orleans, Tampa Bay, NFC West - Arizona, St. Louis, San Francisco, Seattle.

Sixers' Big Three beats Bucks

PHILADELPHIA - Allen Iverson scored at the 3-point line, looked Ray Allen squarely in the eye and proceeded to bury the Bucks. Iverson's 3-pointer with 1:10 left hit nothing but net and the Philadelphia 76ers led 76-73, 34 points from Iverson, held off Milwaukee 93-83 Tuesday night in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals.



Philadelphia's Allen Iverson goes up for two after diving past Milwaukee's Ray Allen during the second half of Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals Tuesday in Philadelphia. Iverson scored 34 points in the Sixers' 93-85 win.

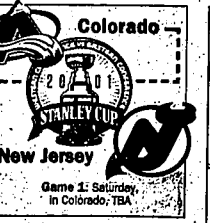
On the hardwood Conference Finals East Philadelphia vs. Milwaukee Game 1: 76ers 93, Bucks 85 (76 leads 1-0) Game 2: Thursday, 6:30 p.m. (TNT) West Los Angeles Lakers vs. San Antonio Spurs Game 1: Lakers 104, Spurs 90 Game 2: Lakers 88, Spurs 81. (L.A. leads 2-0) Game 3: Friday, 7 p.m. (TNT)

The score was 87-83 when Iverson made the biggest shot of the game as he stood 15 feet to the right side of the floor. The dead-on 3-pointer gave the Sixers a seven-point lead after they had let a 16-point advantage divide to two. Iverson scored 16 points in the second quarter and finished 13-for-35 from the field despite a bruised hip and buttocks that slowed him early and contributed to him missing his first nine shots. Aaron McKie added 23 points and Dikembe Mutombo had 15 points, 18 rebounds and four blocks, giving the Sixers a "Big Three" of their own that could more than stand up to Milwaukee's Allen, Glenn Robinson and Sam Cassell. Allen finished with 31 points for the Bucks and Cassell had 20, but Robinson struggled through a

New Jersey ices Penguins, awaits Avs

Colorado vs. New Jersey

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - After a rocky journey through Hurricanes, Maple Leafs and superstar Penguins, the defending champion New Jersey Devils are right where they expected to be in the Stanley Cup finals. Jason Arnott scored twice and the Devils earned the right to compete for their third title since 1995 by defeating Mario Lemieux and his Pittsburgh Penguins 4-2 Tuesday night to win the best-of-seven Eastern Conference final in five games.



Penguins storybook season in which Lemieux returned after a 3.5-year retirement. However, Super Mario and NHL-leading scorer Jaromir Jagr had very little to show in this series, starting with no goals. Jagr, who thinks he will be traded in the offseason because of his \$10 million salary, was held scoreless. Lemieux has three assists, but showed his frustration in the final minute by taking a foolstir penalty. "It was a great ride, especially after coming back after 3.5 years," Lemieux said. "Obviously, we wanted to get to the finals. We got



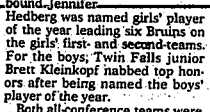
their second goal of the series in Game 5. The talented Penguins had just seven goals in the series against Martin Brodeur and not many more scoring chances against the Devils' tenacious neutral zone trap. Pittsburgh actually played one of its better periods in the second period but still fell behind 3-2 as Arnott broke a 1-1 tie on a power play and Holik added another on an odd-man rush. Holik stretched the lead to two goals a little less than five minutes later, making a drop pass from Jay Pandolfo and ripping a shot past Hedberg. At that point it looked like the Penguins were done. They weren't. After Holik took a hooking penalty, Hedberg stopped Madden on a breakaway and Straka scored on a counterattack, putting his own rebound past Brodeur. Madden ended their chances at 3:32 of the third period, breaking in alone on the left wing and scoring one-on-one with Hedberg, who was outstanding in making 19 saves.

New Jersey's Jay Pandolfo and goaltender Martin Brodeur celebrate the Devils' 4-2 win over the Pittsburgh Penguins in East Rutherford, N.J. Tuesday. beat by a great team." Pittsburgh's Aleksey Morozov and Martin Straka each scored

Champion TF golfers head picks

Bruins Hedberg, Kleinkopf named players of the year

The two-time defending girls' state golf champions Twin Falls dominated the list of the All-Region III girls' golf team, announced on Tuesday. Twin Falls' boys' team, which finished fourth at state, also did well, placing five on the first and second teams. Boise State University's Jennifer Hedberg



Hedberg was named girls' player of the year leading six Bruins on the girls' first and second teams. For the boys, Twin Falls junior Brett Kleinkopf nabbed top honors after being named the boys' player of the year. Both all-conference teams were determined by players' best five over-par averages. Hedberg totaled a 64.4 average to lead teammates and first-team selection Jenni Robinson (74) by two strokes. Robinson is the reigning individual state champion. Highland's Heidi Harding was second with a 9.8 average. Bruin junior and first-team pick Monica

Please see GOLF, Page D2

Gooding hosts Fifth District rodeo

GOODING - Lasso up the young 'uns and head to Gooding for the Fifth District high school rodeo finals starting Thursday. Held at the Gooding County Fairgrounds, high school cowboys and cowgirls from Glenns Ferry to Carey will try their hands at a variety of rough stock and timed events including barrel racing, steer wrestling, pole bending and team roping.

Throughout the eight-event regular season, contestants earn points toward qualifying for the Idaho State Finals in Pocatello on June 18-23. Only the top six will advance to state, where they'll have the opportunity to qualify for the National High School Rodeo Finals in Springfield, Ill. in July. Fifth District qualifying event races are tight, with the exception of bareback riding, which Dustin Wells of Gooding leads with 90 points and zero challengers. In bull riding, Carl Haney of Gooding leads with 43.5 points. Teammate Ryan Childs is second with 41 points. Another close race is goat tying, where Glenns Ferry's Amy Walker, with 22 points, holds a slim one-point lead over Jenni Garcin of Gooding. Whitney Wines, of Gooding, is in third place with 66 points. Please see RODEO, Page D2

SPORTS



Kansas City's Jermaine Dye slides past Oakland second baseman Frank Monechino Tuesday in Kansas City, Mo. The A's won the game 4-1.

Twins outslug Mariners 12-11

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Doug Mientkiewicz won a series with four RBIs as the Minnesota Twins outslugged the Seattle Mariners 12-11 Tuesday night in a meeting of the teams with the best records in baseball.

American League

Indians' offense that leads the AL in batting runs and RBIs. The right-hander struck out a season-high 10. He allowed six hits and walked three.

Rangers 5, Devil-Rays 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Gabe Kapler hit a solo homer, and Kenny Rogers (3-3) pitched six shutout innings as Texas beat Tampa Bay to win consecutive games for the first time in more than a month.

Athletics 4, Royals 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jason Giambi hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning to lead Oakland to its seventh straight win.

Tigers 3, Indians 0

CLEVELAND — Jeff Weaver pitched 7 2/3 shutout innings and Dean Palmer and Robert Dick homered for Detroit.

Golf

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Vann was third with a 10.0 average. Minico players Samantha Stanger (11.6) and Kirby Gillette (12.0) rounded out the top five.

Bruin golf coach Paul Stover said the scores spoke for themselves.

Very deserving, (Hedberg and Kleinkopf) were the outstanding players for our teams," Stover said.



Jenni Robinson

NBA

Continued from D1

1-for-10 first half and finished with 10 points.

The Bucks had to have an inkling that it wasn't going to be their night when the first quarter ended in a 19-18 tie.

NFL

Continued from D1

The Houston-Tennessee matchup wasn't a surprise, particularly since Baltimore, which left Cleveland in 1995, has been in the same division as the expansion Browns and will continue to be paired with them.

Raiders, whom they've met in the regular season so often.

"I think it was decided two years ago when we came into the league," Texans general manager Charley Casserly said.

Marlins pitcher outduels Smoltz, stifles Braves 3-2

MIAMI (AP) — Chuck Smith gave Florida another solid outing, and Derrek Lee drove in two runs as the Marlins beat the Atlanta Braves 3-2 on Tuesday night.

National League

struck out seven in 7 2/3 innings to win his fourth straight decision. Jay Witasick pitched 1 2/3 perfect relief innings for his first major league save.

Brewers 5, Cardinals 0

MILWAUKEE — Jimmy Haynes allowed six hits in 7 2/3 scoreless innings, and Raul Casanova and Jose Hernandez drove in two runs apiece as Milwaukee beat St. Louis.

Expos 3, Mets 0

MONTREAL — Tony Armas Jr. pitched three shutout innings, and Vladimir Guerrero hit a home run as Montreal beat New York before the smallest crowd at Olympic Stadium in 11 years.

Cubs 5, Reds 3

CHICAGO — Miguel Cairo led off the first inning with a homer, and James Brewer barked in the go-ahead run as Chicago beat Cincinnati in a rain-delayed game.

Padres 6, Astros 2

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Golfer makes hole-in-one at Burley

BURLEY — Danny Asson hit a hole in one on the 186-yard No. 5 hole at Burley Municipal Golf Course May 11. Asson used a 5-wood for the shot, which was witnessed by Bob Halousta and Jesse Esquivel.

Mini-Cassia holds youth track meet June 2

RUPERT — All Mini-Cassia area youth ages 9-14 are invited to participate in a free track meet at Minico High School on June 2, at 10 a.m.

Rupert Ladies play 'Tic-Tac-Toe'

RUPERT — The Rupert Ladies' Golf Association met for a "Tic-Tac-Toe" tournament at Rupert Country Club on May 15. Winners were: Wilma Shockey, Johnnie deBlaquiere, Judy Cutler, Sergene Jensen, and Marilyn Hess.

CSI offers summer baseball camps

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho baseball coaching staff will be conducting two, four-session summer baseball clinics from June 4-14. There will be four hitting sessions and two pitching and defense sessions. Hitting sessions are \$50 each and pitching and defense are \$40 each.

Sign up for annual Western Days tourney

TWIN FALLS — Time to get that three- or four-person basketball team together for the annual Western Days' 3-on-3 basketball tournament June 2-3 around City Park.

Colts owner buys manuscript at record price

NEW YORK — A 120-foot scroll of paper on which Jack Kerouac wrote "On the Road" was auctioned Tuesday for a record \$2.43 million to Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay.

Source: Brown wins NBA Coach of the Year

PHILADELPHIA — Larry Brown has won the NBA's Coach of the Year Award after leading the Philadelphia 76ers to their best record in 16 years, a team source told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Cone to face former Yankee mates tonight

NEW YORK — David Cone swears he is all Red Sox now, his career path squarely turned toward bringing an elusive World Series title to a Boston franchise bereft of glory since 1918.

Rodeo

Continued from D1 Italy Jo Eames, of Gooding, currently leads the girls' All-Around title with 280 points.

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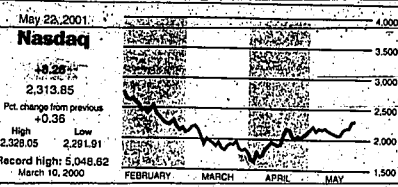
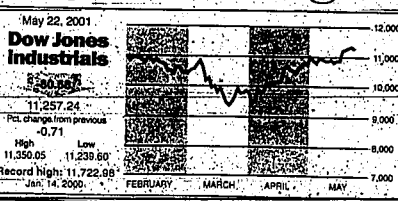
NEW-YORK (AP)—Investors gravitated toward technology stocks again Tuesday, sending the Nasdaq composite index higher — albeit modestly — for a winning streak since February 2000.

Blue chips faltered; however, on a mix of company-specific news, profit-taking and an expected pullback from the big advance that sent the Dow Jones industrial average up 464.95, or 4.3 percent, over the previous four sessions.

"I think the investment public is really falling back in love with technology and telecom and it's been a long, long time since that's been the case," said Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co. "It's not surprising though, if this economy is going to turn around — and it's showing signs that it is — the companies that are going to do the best, the fastest are going to be in the technology sector. It's a market leader."

The Nasdaq closed up 8.26 at 2,313.85 — nearly 0.4 percent gain, for a total advance of 231.93, or 11.1 percent since last Tuesday. The index's last six-day advance ended Feb. 8, 2000.

The Dow fell 80.68 or 0.7 per-



cent to 11,237.24, giving back the gains Monday that sent it to its highest close since Jan. 20, 2000, when it reached 11,351.30. Technology stocks struggled, although they generally advanced.

Down town

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requesting cleanup. Board member Dave Woodhead said it was unclear whether it is reasonable to expect all members to keep their areas weed-free.

"What if out of a dozen businesses, nine keep their places weeded and picked up, but three don't?" he said. "The seeds from the three who don't do their part spread to everyone else."

Woodhead suggested the BID rely on

assessments to hire out weeding to the chore would be done in a "unified, planned manner."

And Steele agreed, but she also said the BID should consider asking the City to fund an increase in landscaping funds by March 2002, because the size of the historical area had increased with the addition of Old Towne.

"Western Days is coming up in just a little more than a week," she said. "You need to get this place spiffed up."

In other BID business Tuesday:

Mutual fund teaches a graduate more than a savings bond gift

By Lisa Singhata AP Business Writer

Q: One of my nephews is graduating from college this year. I'd like to give him a gift of money that will teach him something about finances, so I was thinking about buying a savings bond. Is this a good graduation gift?

A: It's never too early for graduates to start planning for their financial futures, but there are better options than a savings bond to help them do it, according to George Marotta, a certified financial planner in Palo Alto, Calif.

He said the interest rates on savings bonds are usually too conservative for young investors, who have many years before they will need the money. And importantly, he said, they aren't a good teaching tool. "You buy a bond and you put it in the drawer, and that's the end of it," said Marotta. "Whereas if you open a mutual fund account or something similar, a young person will learn

about rates of return, reading financial statements and other skills that will help them.

Many mutual-fund companies allow investors to open accounts for as little as \$50 a month. Marotta suggests opening a mutual-fund account and maybe contributing \$50 for two or three months, depending on what you would like to spend. Other relatives or family friends may also want to participate in the account.

"This way they start learning about equities early on," said Marotta. "Common stocks, like those found in many mutual funds, average about 10 percent returns a year, compared with money markets, which are 4 to 5 percent annually. The graduate can watch his or her money grow this way."

Another way to structure the account is to contribute \$15 with an initial \$50 and offer to match 10 percent, for example, of every monthly contribution he makes up to a certain point. "It's good especially for college graduates to get these quar-

terly or monthly reports and watch what happens to their money," he said. "Maybe that will encourage them to be more interested in investing."

A different strategy may be to buy stock or gift some stock you already own to the graduate. The tax implications, particularly with regard to capital gains, may be complicated, so it's probably a good idea to check with an adviser first.

Finally, a subscription to a personal finance magazine may also be a good idea if you can't afford a budget or looking to supplement a cash gift.

In any case, graduates who start saving early, rather than waiting until they're in their 30s or 40s, can expect a nice payoff. "If you could invest \$2,000 a year beginning at age 20 and do that every year until you're 30, and then stop right there, at age 35 you could have as much as someone who started at age 30 and invested \$2,000 annually for the next 35 years," said Marotta. "That's a lot of money."

New York Stock Exchange

Table listing NYSE stock activity with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and various market metrics.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ, including Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Volume.

INDEXES

Table showing various market indexes like S&P 500, Dow Jones, and Russell 2000 with their current values and changes.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing local stocks such as Abnott, AmerGas, and Anco with their stock prices and changes.

How to Read the Market Report

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are in 1,115 largest. Stocks in bold held change 5 percent or more in price.

Member Companies are listed alphabetically by the company's name (not by abbreviation). Company names followed by a star (*) appear at the beginning of each market listing. Mutual funds are listed by fund name. Dividend rates are shown in dollars and cents. Last Price stock quotations are as of 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the day. No change indicated by * mark.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

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Source: The Associated Press. Some figures are unofficial.

Down town

Board member Steve Soran updated the board on matters of the economic restructuring committee participating in the Main Street Program. He said investors, believing outside businesses would be attracted to a thriving economic climate, had agreed to expend 80 percent of their efforts on business retention.

Vice Chairman Richard Conroy said the board is sponsoring the Western Days pancake breakfast, to be held 8 to 10 a.m. June 2 on Main Avenue downtown. Everyone should show up and help out, he said.

Board members told Steele they are still unhappy with a new check policy the Twin Falls Police Department put into effect April 15.

The department has stopped prosecuting the writers of bad checks under \$300. Steele said the general environment in Twin Falls is too lax toward check writers, and business owners must put more effort into verifying the reliability of check writers.

Woodhead suggested BID members and the police get together to work out a policy more to the liking of downtown business people. Steele told the board she would follow up on the issue.

The annual meeting of the BID was changed from a May date to June 27. The Ballroom so the group can review its annual budget and unveil to the public its plans for Historic Old Towne Twin Falls.

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CLOSING FUTURES

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

BEANS

Table of bean futures prices, including soybean and lima bean contracts, with prices and changes.

GRAINS

Table of grain futures prices for wheat, corn, and soybeans, listing prices and market movements.

CHEESE

Table of cheese futures prices, including cheddar and mozzarella, with prices and changes.

POTATOES

Table of potato futures prices, including Idaho Falls and other grades, with prices and changes.

SUGAR

Table of sugar futures prices, including New York and London markets, with prices and changes.

LIVESTOCK

Table of livestock futures prices, including cattle, hogs, and sheep, with prices and changes.

CHEESE

Table of cheese futures prices, including cheddar and mozzarella, with prices and changes.

METALS/CURRENCY

Table of metals and currency prices, including gold, silver, and various currencies, with prices and changes.

FOSSIL FUELS

Table of fossil fuel prices, including oil, natural gas, and heating oil, with prices and changes.

NATURAL GAS

Table of natural gas prices, including Henry Hub and other markets, with prices and changes.

HEATING OIL

Table of heating oil prices, including New York and other markets, with prices and changes.

LEATHER

encephalopathy, bears the brunt of the blame. Although the disease has not led to massive, controlled kills, it has spawned a public relations nightmare for the European leather industry.

Germany, for example, increased its purchases of raw U.S. hides from less than \$200,000 worth in the first two months of last year to \$1.2 million worth in the first two months of 2001.

U.S. exports of partially processed hides have risen even faster—with 75 percent gain, government figures show.

Even Italy, known for its flawless home-grown hides, has boosted its imports of raw American hides by nearly 7.5 percent.

So far, American consumers mostly have been shielded from the price increases because retailers usually have fairly long contracts and are still paying pre-negotiated prices.

Hides in storage, however, last only so long. Prime Tanning's Purdy said, "By this fall, even the largest tanneries are likely to need more hides, he said, and he believes that the European crisis will have changed much by then."

MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table of mutual fund performance data, including fund names, returns, and other metrics.

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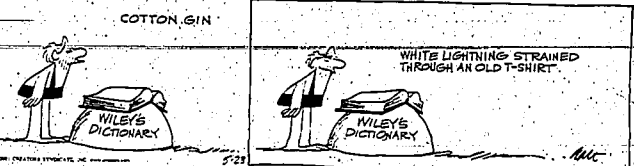
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B.G.

By Johnny Hart



Pickles

By Brian Crane



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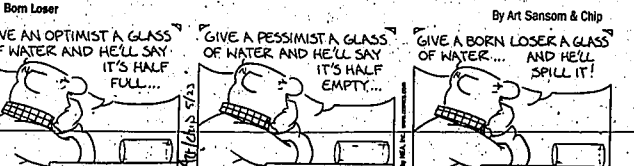
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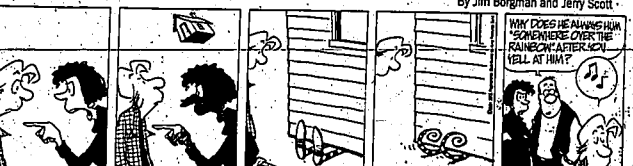
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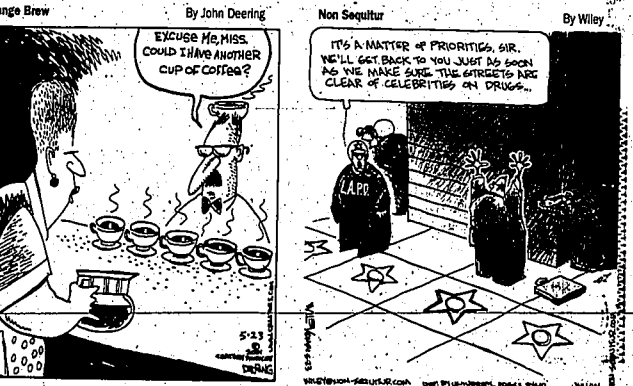


Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Wiley



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Plaintiffs, on behalf of the Class, have obtained interim injunctive relief...

There will be a Free Conference on May 29th, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind...

Final Settlement Approval Hearing: A final approval hearing is scheduled for July 13, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. in the District Court in Boise, Idaho...

Sealed bids for the special computer services to be provided by Public Works Contractors...

Notice of Budget Amendment Hearing: A budget amendment hearing is being held on May 23, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Trustees...

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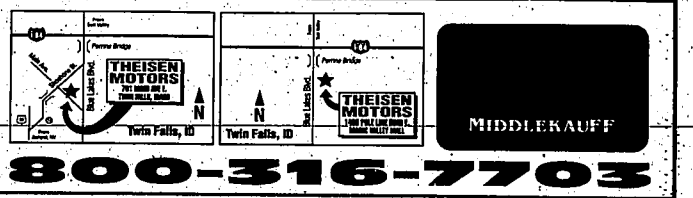
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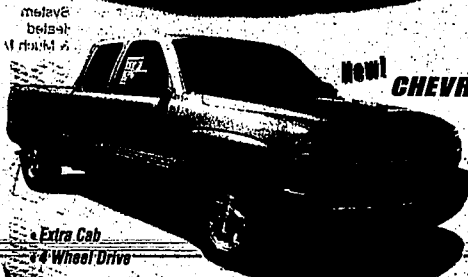
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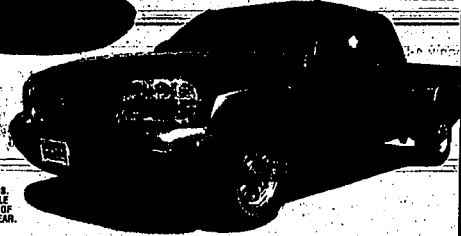
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