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Bush: Challenge grows

President reveals greater terror threat, pushes domestic issues

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Bush warned Congress and the nation Tuesday night that the country will long remain vulnerable to terrorism, as he pledged to devote the second year of his presidency to the twin goals of combating the recession at home and enemies abroad.

In his first State of the Union address, Bush laid out a justification for a longer and broader war against terrorism that would expand into a campaign to instill education and democratic values in the Islamic world.

The president portrayed the threat in stark terms, disclosing that American forces in Afghanistan have found diagrams of U.S. nuclear power plants and that "tens of thousands of trained terrorists are still at large." And he said that hostile nations, including North Korea, Iraq and Iran, are attempting "an axis of evil" that is representing to develop nuclear, biological and chemical weapons.

Seeking support for the largest increase in defense spending in two decades, which he will request in the budget the White House is to release in four days, Bush said "The United States of America will not permit the world's most dangerous regimes to threaten us with the world's most destructive weapons."

Bush also used the 48-minute, prime-time address to outline his strategy for prodding the United States back to prosperity. He said he would strive to create new opportunities for work, cushion the impact of unemployment, and foster a new ethic of volunteerism within communities across the country.

"As we gather tonight, our nation is at war, our economic is in recession and the civilized world faces unprecedented dangers," Bush said in a confident, but subdued tone that characterized much of his speech. "Yet the state of our union has never been stronger."

The speech, delivered under extraordinary security in the ornate House chamber, essentially marked the opening of a third chapter in Bush's young presidency — a chapter in which he will seek to leverage the surge of public support for his performance since the Sept. 11 attacks into an enlarged war on terrorism and a string of domestic accomplishments.

Bush listed an array of domestic objectives the White House hopes to attain this year. They include expanded unemployment



Above, President Bush addresses the nation on Capitol Hill Tuesday night in his State of the Union address. At left, Afghan leader Hamid Karzai receives applause during Tuesday's speech, flanked by, from left, Shannon Spann, widow of CIA agent Michael Spann who was killed in Afghanistan, and first lady Laura Bush.

benefits, improved preschool and teacher training programs, greater protection of pensions and a list of health care proposals ranging from patients' rights to prescription drug benefits to tax credits for people without

What Bush said ...

My call tonight is for every American to commit at least two years — 4,000 hours over the rest of your lifetime — to the service of your neighbors and your nation.



Congress listened to the people and responded by reducing tax rates, doubling the child credit and ending the death tax. For the sake of long-term growth and to help Americans plan for the future, let's make these tax cuts permanent.



The United States of America will not permit the world's most dangerous regimes to threaten us with the world's most destructive weapons. Our war on terror is well begun, but it is only begun.



Americans who have lost their jobs need our help, and I support extending unemployment benefits and direct assistance for health care coverage.



Americans know economic security can vanish in an instant without health security. I ask Congress to join me this year to enact a Patients' Bill of Rights, to give uninsured workers credits to help buy health coverage, to approve an historic increase in spending for veterans' health, and to give seniors a sound and modern Medicare system that includes coverage for prescription drugs.



Court halts tire drops near Shoshone

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — A judge granted Lincoln County a preliminary injunction Tuesday to prevent more tires from piling up at the site just north of town.

And the county prosecutor says the Department of Environmental Quality will take the lead in determining how the pile will be cleaned up.

Fifth District Judge R. Barry Wood granted the preliminary injunction to Lincoln County Prosecutor E. Scott Paul. It prohibits the county against the possibility that any more tires may be stockpiled at the site alongside Idaho Highway 75.

The injunction names Idaho Tire Recovery Inc. and Richfield resident Neal Richards, who owns the property.

Before the county can request an injunction naming Idaho Tire Recovery owner Tom Floyd of Nampa, the county needs to consult with federal bankruptcy court, Paul said. Floyd is in personal bankruptcy.

Neither Floyd nor Richards attended Tuesday's court hearing or raised any defense to the injunction. It appears Idaho Tire Recovery is out of business because of various communications Floyd has had with the news media and those noted by Lincoln County officials in court affidavits.

Officials aren't sure what has happened to the tire pile since mid-November, when Floyd signed an agreement with the DEQ to remove an average of

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Race begins for Idaho schools chief

By Robert Mayer Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — With years of experience in the measurement industry, Republican Tom Luna plans to apply similar concepts to improve the state's education system in his bid for superintendent of public instruction.

"We don't measure what we do in education," Luna said. "I tell my customers, 'If you measure it, you can improve it.' The same is true with education."

Luna spoke to the Times-News editorial board Tuesday, the same day that Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard announced her Democratic candidacy for re-election.

Luna, a Nampa businessman and member of the Nampa School Board, is emphasizing improved student performance through better testing standards and measurements.

As a member of the Idaho Achievement Standards Commission, Luna said he fought hard to get the state to adopt the new standards. But the standards need to be combined with

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Athletes arrive at Olympic Village, find tight security

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Athletes started checking into the Olympic Village on Tuesday, surrounded by three rings of armed security and 8-foot-tall chain-link fences. "It's exceedingly safe. Security, I would say, is tight," said Roberto Fabrici, the leader for Italy's 120-member Olympic team.

As many as 300 athletes were

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expected to check in by Tuesday night, said Simon Toulson, the village representative for the

International Olympic Committee.

The village will be occupied by 3,900 athletes, coaches and team officials, who will have a special guest: IOC president Jacques Rogge, who will skip the luxury of the IOC headquarters hotel for a dormitory bed.

Rogge was due to arrive in Salt Lake City on late Tuesday. Salt Lake Mayor Spencer Eccles, the village mayor, cut a

ribbon Tuesday and promptly designated his daughter, Lisa, deputy mayor for the day. Eccles and his deputies will welcome teams from 80 nations with a traditional Olympic ceremony, playing their anthems and raising their flags.

The welcome party also will stage an American Indian dance for each delegation's arrival and

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Ski patrolman survives Sun Valley avalanche; danger persists

Colleague zeroes in on beacon, finds backpack, and starts digging

By Karen Bossick Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — Sun Valley ski patrolman Dave Bell is savoring life after being buried alive in an avalanche on Bald Mountain.

He was one of two men who nearly lost their lives in the slides in the Sun Valley area over the weekend. Bell was saved in large part due to the rigorous avalanche training he and his partner have gone through for the past 20 years. The other man

escaped disaster solely by the grace of God. "I don't know how he survived. He was the luckiest man on the face of the Earth," said avalanche forecaster Pat Deal. The biggest snowfall in the last three years triggered avalanches in places locals don't recall ever seeing them before. Some left many of the mountains around Sun Valley, including several across from Hulen Meadows, scarred by small slides. Nearly 20 inches of wet,

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Ketchum avalanche forecaster Janet Kellam makes it her business to warn others of avalanche danger.

Avoiding avalanches

Ketchum avalanche forecaster Janet Kellam is dead serious about her business, having been trapped in an avalanche herself in the Baker Creek area two years ago.

- She offers several suggestions:
 - Be prepared with beacons, probes and shovels — and practice with them before you ever go out.
 - Travel smart: Expose only one person on a slope at any given time, and watch every person in your group.
 - Always have an escape route in mind — should there be an avalanche.
 - Watch for tell-tale clues that the snow is unstable — a whumping sound, for instance, or cracks in the snow.
 - Don't wear your ski straps when traveling in the backcountry. They can drag you down

- In the debris.
- Climb along ridges and watch out for cornices.
- When crossing a slope, stay on gentle ones. Avalanches rarely occur on slopes between 25 and 30 degrees. (Upper Ridge on Baldy is 25 degrees. The tops of the bowls are about 32 degrees.)
- Be aware of your surroundings. You can trigger an avalanche from above while skiing on the flats, so make sure there's adequate runout.

Call before you go
Before you venture into the backcountry during winter, call the Avalanche Hotline at 622-8087. Or check the Web site at www.avalanche.org. Avalanche forecasters update the avalanche hotline by 7:30 a.m. each day.

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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Idaho Extremes Yesterday:
 High 36°
 Payette Low -33°
 Stanley

Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday
 Temperature: 21°/15°
 High/Low: 27°/21°
 Normal High/Low: 37°/21°
 Record High/Low: 51°/18°
 Record Low: 1° in 1888

Precipitation
 24 Hours ending 6 p.m., year: 0.00"
 Month to date: 0.05"
 Normal Month to date: 1.21"
 Water year to date (Oct. 1): 3.69"
 Normal year to date (Oct. 1): 4.28"

Humidity
 Yesterday at noon: 59%
 Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 30.06%
 Poollen yesterday in Twin Falls

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shows today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
▲ 22° ▼	▼ 10°	▲ 28° ▼ 20°	▲ 34° ▼ 22°	▲ 36° ▼ 24°	▲ 38° ▼ 24°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Areas of low clouds and fog this morning along with spotty flurries; most of the region will have some sunshine this afternoon. Cold again with highs from 10-28.

Boise: Cold today; natchy fog and low clouds this morning with a stiny flurry, then some sunshine this afternoon. High 26. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight with a few flurries possible. Low 16.

Northern Nevada: Cold again today. Mostly sunny in the south, white sunshine mix with clouds across the north. Highs 14-30. Partly to mostly cloudy and cold tonight. Lows -12 to 12.

Northern Utah: Some fog and low clouds this morning with scattered flurries, then parts of the area will have some sunshine this afternoon. Cold again. Highs 10-28. Cold tonight with areas of low clouds and fog.

Northern Idaho: Parts of the area will start this morning with low clouds and fog; otherwise, mostly cloudy today with a little snow or flurries, mainly during the afternoon. Highs 14-34.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday (for the 48 contiguous states)
 High 86° in Columbia, TX Low -33° in Stanley, ID

NATIONAL WEATHER

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

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today		Thu.		City	Today		Thu.	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo		Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Boise	26	16	34	24	Coocall	16	0	22	8
Bonnors Ferry	24	23	34	27	Missoula, MT	20	14	29	18
Burley	20	8	31	12	Pocatello	10	-3	28	6
Coeur d'Alene	24	5	32	26	Portland, OR	42	38	44	38
Elko	24	5	32	26	Richland, WA	35	29	47	33
Enuma, OR	42	26	46	35	Salmon	16	8	23	10
Hagaman	24	4	33	18	Salt Lake City, UT	22	10	27	15
Idaho Falls	15	-3	21	4	Seattle, WA	42	38	44	36
Ketchikan, MT	20	13	28	20	Spokane, WA	28	22	33	28
Lewiston	32	28	40	32	Stanley	14	6	24	6
Maldid	15	8	25	13	Sun Valley	23	0	28	10
Motha	6	-3	22	10	Yellowstone, MT	14	-8	18	-10

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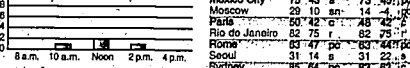
CANADIAN CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Calgary	19	12	25	20
Edmonton	20	12	25	20
Kelowna	27	20	43	22
London	28	18	34	19
Regina	13	-18	26	12
Saskatoon	18	-12	26	12
Toronto	28	14	30	29
Vancouver	38	34	42	38
Victoria	34	28	43	31
Winnipeg	-12	-29	3	-16

WORLD CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Atlanta	65	55	65	51
Boston	76	60	73	60
Chicago	37	26	43	27
Dallas	68	49	68	49
Denver	47	43	46	38
Houston	81	69	81	69
Los Angeles	70	57	70	57
London	47	43	46	38
Madrid	64	55	64	55
Moscow	53	39	54	38
New York	70	57	73	44
Osaka	54	39	54	38
Paris	53	45	53	45
Portland	53	45	53	45
San Francisco	73	63	73	63
Seattle	53	45	53	45
Shanghai	53	45	53	45
Sydney	85	74	85	74
Tokyo	45	31	45	31
Washington	54	45	54	45
Zurich	51	41	43	33

UV INDEX TODAY



0-1, Minimal; 2-3, Low; 4-6, Moderate; 7-9, High; 10+, Very High. Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Atlanta	74	54	78	57
Baltimore	60	42	48	48
Birmingham	75	59	77	53
Boston	40	24	33	28
Charlotte, NC	62	48	62	48
Charleston, WV	48	44	56	46
Chicago	30	28	34	24
Cleveland	39	31	41	34
Denver	17	12	23	18
Des Moines	24	19	23	12
Detroit	32	24	30	25
El Paso	59	49	47	39
Fairbanks	13	-16	-3	-22
Fargo	8	-1	10	-5
Harrisburg	51	37	48	38
Houston	60	66	68	40
Indianapolis	41	36	45	31
Jacksonville	60	59	70	59
Las Vegas	59	48	53	42
Las Vegas	46	28	48	28
Little Rock	70	55	68	53
Los Angeles	59	48	63	42
Los Angeles	42	38	44	36
Tucson	47	28	48	28
Washington	52	38	45	42

Tires

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 35,000 tires a month. The first deadline for tire removal was Saturday.

Lincoln County permitted the site for a maximum of 100,000 tires. Shoshone Fire Chief Steve Stock, in an affidavit, estimates that there are about 1 million tires at the site.

Risk of long-burning fire and the resulting toxic smoke and water-polluting runoff in the neighboring river drainage are among the hazards the tires pose.

Because of the agreement Floyd reached with the DEQ, the state agency will take the cleanup

Schools

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 effective measuring tests before true student improvement can occur.

Current technology makes it possible to better test students, he said, and not just compare student against student, but determine how well each individual student performs.

Luna contends Howard has not moved soon enough to implement a statewide testing program.

She relies that she has been proactive on testing and had begun work on statewide testing several months before the State Board of Education decided to take over the program in 2000. She said she wants to prepare educators for a standards-based school system.

Howard considers her work at putting the Legislature's Idaho Reading Initiative into kindergarten through third grade one of her most far-reaching accomplishments.

"There is a lot of concern about finances in the local communities," she told The Associated Press. "But administrators are focusing on students, on achievement, they are hopeful out there. There's a commitment to service. I see that."

Still, Luna said the education system, which he sees as stuck in "low expectations" for students, needs to be changed. While there will always be a handful of students who won't succeed, they should be the exception rather than the norm, he said.

"Education is slow to change. I don't think it can continue with that model," he said.

Furthermore, the system seems to take more interest in student attendance than in student performance, he said. As an example, Luna said that if a student is absent, a computerized call is made to the home that same day, but if a student is earning subpar grades such as an "F" or "D," parents won't be informed for weeks.

"Attendance is mandatory, learning is optional," he said.

Thus, he wants to see state funding to performance, in which

Avalanche

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 heavy snow fell on Bald Mountain and the mountains to the north over the weekend. Strong winds just added to the risk of an avalanche.

And the avalanche danger remained "considerable" as the work week started, meaning that natural avalanches were still possible and human-triggered avalanches probable.

Bell and his partner, Dave Swenke, were merrily picking their way down unroaded slopes about 10:30 Saturday morning, ascertaining that it was safe for the powderhounds that would follow, when they were involved in an avalanche.

Bell had finished a control cut on a hill just north of Lower Pine Run above the cooling tower and had stopped to signal to Swenke to follow him when he saw snow rushing toward him from above. He couldn't outrun it, so he braced for it.

"It didn't look big - it wasn't like a 3-foot wall of snow coming at me. But it knocked me back snow," he said.

The snow knocked Bell off his feet and carried him down the hill about 75 feet. Remembering what he had learned in 20-plus years of avalanche training, he tried to swim to stay on top of the snow, but that didn't work. As it slowed, he tried to punch his hand to the surface, but that didn't work, either.

He was buried in three feet of snow, encapsulated as if he were in a concrete block.

"I could hear Dave calling me on my radio, but I couldn't respond," he recalled.

From above, Swenke had lost sight of his partner as Bell made his way down the hill. But, suddenly, he felt the snow collapse and saw snow billowing up from beneath him. When he saw snow rushing through the trees below, he knew there had been an avalanche and that Bell was probably in the thick of it.

"I tried to deny it at first - I didn't want it to be an avalanche. But it shook me into reality that this was happening."

Swenke called dispatch and changed the channel on his avalanche beacon so that it would home in on Bell's avalanche transceiver. Then he began making his way down the hill looking for clues of Bell's whereabouts.

"I was thinking, 'I can't let this happen to my partner. I was thinking, 'I don't want to pass him.' But I was scared. I practice all the time, but still I was worried I might miss him."

Swenke spotted a ski and pole, which made him think Bell was still ahead. With the beeps from

Olympics

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 hand out gifts of handmade quilts.

Puerto Rico's team was among the first to arrive Tuesday and found the accommodations excellent, Toulson said.

The Olympic Village at the University of Utah has a movie theater, post office, coffee shops, Internet cafes, a bank and a general store, even a beauty salon and massage salon. Internet cafes were big hits at the Olympic Villages at Sydney and Nagano.

It also has a McDonald's and restaurants for finer fare. "That is very important," said Fabricini, who arrived in advance of the Italian athletes.

Fabricini said Calgary had the best Olympic Village, for the 1988 Winter Games - a standard he's using to measure this village. "We

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Analysts suggest Enron manipulated market

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - Federal energy regulators said Tuesday that they would investigate whether Enron Corp. used its market clout last year to artificially inflate long-term electricity prices on the West Coast by as much as 30 percent.

An analysis by Portland, Ore., energy analyst Robert McCullough found a 30 percent drop in the so-called "forward price" of electricity Dec. 3, the day after Enron filed for bankruptcy.

Enron was a heavy trader in forward-price contracts, which utilities buy to hedge against electricity price hikes. The unusual drop suggested that Enron had been using its dominance in the thinly traded, unregulated market to prop up prices, McCullough told the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, one of several congressional committees investigating Enron's collapse.

Other energy experts agreed that Enron appears to have wielded considerable clout in the forward market, where Enron is believed to have handled a large percentage of the trades. But they said too little is known about the market to conclude that Enron acted improperly and noted that prices were already falling by the time Enron filed for bankruptcy.

Even so, McCullough's assertions immediately caught the



Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Chairman Patrick Wood testifies Tuesday before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on Capitol Hill. At right is William Nugent, president of the National Association of Regulatory and Utility Commissioners.

attention of three West Coast senators, including Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., who has long accused Enron of unjustly profiting from California's energy crunch. They ordered the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to investigate the matter.

"That certainly raises questions about whether Enron was manipulating the West Coast market," said Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore.

An Enron spokesman denied the allegations Tuesday, saying numerous investigations by FERC and the California

Independent System Operator - spurred by last year's energy crisis - have already concluded that Enron did not use its market power to engage in price manipulation.

"A number of factors influence the price of electricity," Karen Denne said. "To place price fluctuation on Enron is misdirected."

FERC chairman Patrick H. Wood III vowed to look into the matter to determine whether the price swing was caused by Enron or by a shortage of supply.

"If it's a result of scarcity, then you probably would be more uninclined to reform those contracts," Wood said.

McCullough is managing partner of McCullough Research, whose clients include a number of utilities in the Northwest, corporations with high electricity usage and the California attorney general's office.

If the assertions of price inflation are true, California and other West Coast purchasers of long-term electricity contracts may have overpaid substantially last year, McCullough said.

Feinstein and Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., suggested that FERC or Congress might move to renegotiate or negate those contracts if wrongdoing is proved.

McCullough said a 30 percent drop in one-day prices for forward contracts was highly unusual. Other than the Enron bankruptcy, there were no other factors that would explain the swing, such as changes in energy operations, hydroelectric supply or fossil fuel prices, he said.

"The clear implication is that Enron may have been using its market dominance to 'set' forward prices," said McCullough, managing director of McCullough Research Associates, an energy consulting firm specializing in business and public-policy issues.

Firm admits glitch in fund reports

WASHINGTON (AP) - Enron Corp. acknowledged Tuesday night that it may have failed to disclose to Congress about half the money the energy company spent on lobbying, which totals more than \$1.6 million for the first part of last year.

The discrepancy came to light when a nonprofit group, the Center for Responsive Politics, cross-checked Enron's report to Congress with those filed by outside lobbying firms representing the company.

A dozen premier lobbying firms with Washington offices were hired by Enron and reported being paid more than \$1.6 million for the first six months of last year. Enron reported it spent about half that - \$825,000.

Enron spokeswoman Karen Denne said the company's figure is meant to include both lobbying by the company's governmental affairs staff and work by outside lobbying firms.

Among the lobbyists doing work for Enron last year were Republican strategist Ed Gillespie, ex-Democratic Louisiana Sen. J. Bennett Johnston, Republican Party head Marc Racicot and former aides to House Majority Whip Tom DeLay. Racicot still collects a salary from his firm, but said when he took the GOP he wouldn't lobby for Enron anymore. In the face of mounting criticism, Racicot has since given up his other lobbying clients as well.

Woman who closeted daughter gets life

Knights Ridder News Service

DALLAS - A Hutchins, Texas, woman who pleaded guilty to confining her 8-year-old daughter in a closet was sentenced to life in prison Tuesday after a week of emotional testimony about the abuse that nearly killed the child.

The jury of seven men and five women deliberated for about four and a half hours before delivering the sentence for Barbara Atkinson, 30. She will be eligible for parole in 30 years.

Atkinson showed no emotion as the sentence was rendered.

The girl's foster mother,

Sabrina Kavanaugh, who first tried to adopt the child when she was born, shook her head in agreement upon hearing the sentence. She then made a victim impact statement to the judge after the sentence was announced.

"One day (the girl) is going to ask her mother why you did this, and I'm not going to have nothing to tell her.... When she gets older, how am I going to explain to her what you did?" Kavanaugh asked, standing in front of Atkinson.

Although she was not supposed to reply, Atkinson, who was cry-

ing heavily, told Kavanaugh: "I don't know. I've thought about that."

Atkinson and her husband, Kenneth Atkinson, were arrested in June when the girl was discovered by a neighbor. The girl weighed about 26 pounds when found.

Prosecutors said Kenneth Atkinson's trial may occur in April. He also is charged with sexual assault.

Throughout the weeklong trial, authorities said the girl was severely abused and malnourished and would have died if not for medical intervention.

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Editor seeks to free reporter

NEW YORK (AP) - Frustrated by two days of silence since learning reporter Daniel Pearl had been taken hostage in Pakistan, the Wall Street Journal appealed Tuesday to the abductors by e-mail for his release.

In the six-paragraph message, Managing Editor Paul Steiger said Pearl was a professional journalist "in Pakistan to provide objective coverage of ongoing events," and rejected the kidnappers' allegation that he was secretly working for the CIA. "... I would ask that you release Danny so that he may return home to his wife and soon-to-be-born child," Steiger wrote.

Using a free e-mail service, the group identified itself as the National Movement for the Restoration of Pakistani Sovereignty. But Pakistani authorities said Pearl was most likely being held by a known radical Muslim faction linked to the al-Qaida terrorist organization.

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Administration dismisses Arafat speech, arrest as inadequate

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration is refusing to accept recent overtures by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat as a serious attempt to curb terrorism, a decision that is complicating America's relations with some moderate Arab countries.

"So far, Yasser Arafat has not done what he knows he has to do," Vice President Dick Cheney said Monday. Cheney also said "Arafat clearly was involved - or people very close to him were - clearly involved in an arms-smuggling plot with Iran."

"My own personal view is that it would not have happened without (Arafat's) knowledge," the vice president told NBC News.

Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler, Crown Prince Abdullah, said in interviews published Tuesday that his country remains close to the United States, but finds it difficult to defend America's support of Israel in the conflict with the Palestinians thus, Saudi Arabia stays silent, Abdullah told *The New York Times* and *Washington Post*.

Nation in brief

subsisting on insufficient diets, the head of the World Food Program said Tuesday.

The twin scourges of war and drought had raised fears that Afghanistan could be facing mass starvation; the WFP said some 6 million people were in imminent risk. The concern was compounded by thefts of international food aid by bandits in the security vacuum following the fall of the Taliban.

"We have sent food into virtually every area of the country that is secure, which is most of the country," said WFP head Catherine Bertini, who praised local authorities for help in retrieving stolen food.

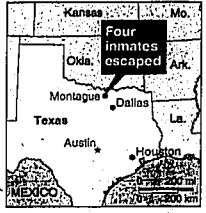
Other organizations distributing food within Afghanistan include the international Red Cross, the Iranian Red Crescent, Japan's Peace Winds, Tai Chi of Taiwan and Mercy Corps International among others.

The space agency announced Tuesday that the Extreme Ultraviolet Explorer is falling at the rate of 15 miles a day from an orbit of about 124 miles and should make a final plunge to Earth between 8 p.m. MST today and 5 a.m. on Thursday.

Most of the spacecraft is expected to come apart and burn up in the atmosphere during its high-speed fall. NASA engineers, however, said it was possible that up to nine stainless steel and titanium pieces, weighing up to 100 pounds, will reach the Earth's surface. The re-entry point is expected to be determined about 12 hours before the final fall, NASA said.

was listed as critical.

The violence started early Monday when a man killed McElroy in Orange, set fire to the home where the shooting occurred, then stole a truck.



Four jail escapes may be headed to Oklahoma

MONTAGUE, Texas - Authorities set up roadblocks Tuesday and searched the ranchland of North Texas by helicopter for four inmates - two convicted killers and two people awaiting trial on murder charges - who broke out of jail by overpowering guards with a homemade knife.

The FBI joined the search as officials warned that the fugitives might be headed for Oklahoma.

"We have just about everybody out just in case they slip

WFP director says aid eliminates famine threat

KABUL, Afghanistan - International relief efforts have helped pull Afghanistan back from the brink of widespread famine, but many people are still

NASA says satellite will fall to Earth this week

WASHINGTON - A 7,000-pound science satellite will fall from the sky this week, and NASA says a few pieces of metal could hit the Earth, although probably not in a populated area.

Authorities capture suspect in three Texas slayings

CALL, Texas - A fugitive suspected of killing three people and wounding two others was captured by police Tuesday after a police dog tracked his scent.

Perry Anthony Stevenson, 42, was arrested near Call in southeast Texas, about a mile from the house where two of the three were killed. The dog tracked him to some woods. Stevenson was wanted in Monday's shooting deaths of Miriam McElroy, 52 and two sisters, ages 10 and 14. A 5-year-old sister was hospitalized in good condition; the girls' mother

through," said Dee Hazle, a sheriff's dispatcher in Waurika, Okla., 45 miles northwest of Montague. She said officers patrolled near the Red River, which forms the boundary between the two states.

Two of the inmates were serving life sentences for the 1996 murder of a 16-year-old Oklahoma cheerleader. The other two - a man and a woman - were arrested in November and charged with killing an elderly couple on whose land they had been living.

Bank robber surrenders after hostages sneak out

ALHAMBRA, Calif. - A man demanding \$50,000 and claiming to have a gun took nine employees hostage at a suburban Los Angeles bank Tuesday, police said. All were released or escaped before the suspect surrendered.

The man had been negotiating his surrender when his last few hostages slipped out the front door or a bathroom window, Sgt. David Nater said. "He was on the phone, kind of looked around, and realized he had no hostages," Nater said. The other employees had been released earlier.

The man, believed to be in his 30s, walked into the Cathay Bank branch shortly before 9:30 a.m., told employees he was armed

and demanded the money, Nater said.

Animal rights group to send furs to freezing refugees

NORFOLK, Va. - People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals is offering fur-wearers a new way to recycle their old mink coats: send them to Afghanistan to help freezing refugees keep warm.

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Normally, PETA would not want anyone wearing fur, arguing that animals suffer in traps and on fur farms. But the group sees this as a way to get good use out of the furs - which will be turned into bedding and cut up to be made into children's jackets. "Everybody's hearts go out to the people of Afghanistan," PETA spokesman Bruce Friedrich said.

- compiled from wire reports

Bush links foreign, domestic goals

By Tom Rasm Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - President Bush's challenge is twofold: Prevail as a wartime leader and resurrect the economy. Right now, with the anti-terror fight going well, his popularity is soaring. And he clearly played to that acclaim in his State of the Union address.

But come November, pocket-book issues could sway voters' decisions in congressional and gubernatorial races. Democrats are counting on it, in fact, and are angling to separate the war effort from economic issues.

In his address, Bush sought to weld them together. "We will win this war, we will protect our homeland, and we will revive our economy," he said.

Bush's advisers were buoyed by his astronomical standing with voters as he delivered his first State of the Union speech on Tuesday. But they also were mindful that Americans' expectations were high this time - and Democrats can defy gravity for only so long.

The first President Bush saw his high ratings collapse amid a slumping economy, contributing to his 1992 defeat.

The president's command of

the war in Afghanistan and the anti-terrorist campaign at home have driven his popularity to sustained levels of 80 percent and higher in major national polls, the highest of any president since World War II.

Bush worked Tuesday evening to translate that into support for his domestic agenda as well. "Once we have funded our national security and our homeland security, the final great priority of my budget is economic prosperity for the American people," he said in his speech.

But many of the domestic items he outlined - his stimulus package, his version of a prescription drug plan, his proposal to allow some Social Security money to be invested in the stock market - would not pass in the closely divided Congress.

When Bush talked about making permanent the big tax cuts passed last year - cuts many Democrats contend prolong the recession - many Democrats sat passively while Republicans stood, applauded and cheered.

"Democrats, with an eye on the midterm congressional races, have little incentive to help Bush legislatively, even as they joined Republicans in applauding his conduct of foreign and defense policy. They need to gain just six

seats to claim control of the House, and hold the Senate by a single vote.

The political landscape that confronts Bush is strewn with obstacles. The Enron collapse is the latest, and potentially most distracting.

Bush made only a glancing reference to the building tempest over the collapse of the Houston-based energy-trading company, saying "corporate America must be made more accountable to the voters and shareholders" and calling for new safeguards for 401(k)-style retirement plans.

He has a history of overcoming low expectations. But his rise in the polls has essentially ended questions about his ability to handle the presidency.

The poll numbers also reflect that this is a country that is really committed to holding together under duress, and may overstate actual support for the president, suggested Wayne Fields, an expert on political rhetoric at Washington University in St. Louis.

Fields said that Bush in his address presented "very little to argue with," giving Americans the appearance that bipartisan cooperation was possible on a broad range of issues, even if differences remain.

The economy remains the dominant domestic issue.

And Democrats worked hard to try to keep it separate from the war effort.

"I refuse to accept that while we stand shoulder-to-shoulder on the war, we should stand toe-to-toe on the economy," said House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri, in the Democratic response.

"We know that real security depends not just on justice abroad, but creating good jobs at home, not just on securing our borders, but strengthening Social Security and Medicare at home."

Bush has to overcome history if he's going to help Republicans in Congress. The party not holding the White House has gained in every congressional midterm election since 1938 except 1998.

And strategists in both parties haven't forgotten that Republicans lost 26 House seats during a recession in 1982, despite then-President Reagan's popularity.

"Just because you've got high approval ratings because of foreign policy that doesn't necessarily translate into a lot of leeway on domestic policy," said David Wvys, chief economist for Standard and Poor's Co. in New York.

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insurance or jobs.

Sounding mindful of the divisive politics that often typify election years, the president exhorted Congress to embrace his domestic agenda with "the same spirit of cooperation we have applied to our war on terrorism." For their part, Democrats Tuesday night also struck a collaborative tone, as House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., said in his party's official response to the president that lawmakers "need to put partisanship aside and work together to solve the problems that face us."

The president also asked ordinary people to adopt the same kind of cooperativeness in their own lives and their neighborhoods. Praising what he called the "culture of responsibility" that has grown since the attacks, Bush said he wants to double the size of the 7,000-strong Peace Corps, and he challenged all Americans to commit at least two years, or 4,000 hours, to public

service over their lifetimes.

"After America was attacked, it was as if our entire country looked in a mirror and saw our better selves," Bush said. "We want to be a nation that serves goals larger than self. We have been offered a unique opportunity, and we must not let this moment pass."

To coordinate such individual generosity, he said, the government will create a new "U.S.A. Freedom Corps" as an umbrella organization that will focus on responding to crises at home, rebuilding our communities and extending American compassion throughout the world. "It would essentially add a homeland security component to the Peace Corps that began under the Democratic Kennedy administration of the 1960s and to the Corporation for National and Community Service, which was created under President Bill Clinton.

Bush said emphatically, "My budget supports three great goals for America: We will win this

war, we will protect our homeland, and we will revive our economy."

To accomplish these goals, the president acknowledged, the government would need to return to the deficit spending from which it escaped four years ago, but he said that deficit would be small and short term so long as Congress restrains spending and acts in a financially responsible way.

The president's budget anticipates a \$80 billion deficit in 2003, and another, smaller deficit in 2004.

Tuesday night marked the first time the president returned to the House chamber since the week after 19 hijackers commandeered four commercial airliners, killing more than 3,000 people. Unlike on that September evening, Vice President Dick Cheney, who has spent much of the past four months working in a secure, undisclosed location outside Washington, took his customary seat in the chamber over the president's shoulder.

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Drought strikes hard from Maryland to Maine

NEW YORK (AP) - Baltimore's reservoirs are so low the city plans to tap the Susquehanna River for drinking water despite complaints about its iron taste. Rivers in Maine have been reduced to a trickle. And in New Hampshire, many of the frozen waterfalls that draw ice-climbing tourists haven't formed this year.

From Maryland to Maine, the East Coast is seeing some of the driest conditions in decades.

More than 100 counties are under drought warnings, watches or advisories. Public officials are urging people to take shorter showers, fix plumbing leaks and wash cars with buckets instead of hoses.

"The whole system is being taxed right now," said George McKillop, a National Weather Service hydrologist in Upton, N.Y.

Precipitation is six to 10 inches below average in New England and the mid-Atlantic states over the last six months, off a third or more from the norm. In New York City, which issued a drought warning Monday, precipitation has been a mere quarter of its normal level since September.

Maryland has put the Monocacy River off limits to protect it in the drought, cutting off a third of the potential water supply for Frederick, the state's second-largest city. Frederick has

slowed new development and is considering shutting it down entirely. Mayor Jennifer Dougherty said.

Baltimore's reservoirs are at their lowest point on record for January. The city plans to tap the Susquehanna River, whose high iron content has irritated customers in the past.

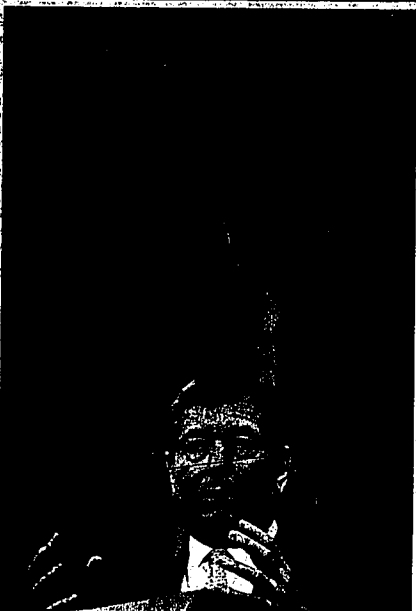
"We're hoping that it will be a minimal change in taste," said Kurt Kocher, a spokesman for the city Department of Public Works.

Maine is struggling through its worst drought in 107 years of record-keeping. Dam operators are shutting gates to keep reservoirs from plunging, turning rivers and streams into relative

trickles. Whitewater rafting and salmon, trout and bass fishing could be devastated.

The precipitation level could recover by the spring, but "we could have a situation where's no

water to go rafting. The worst case is there's just not enough water to sustain fish spawning," said Dana Murch, dam supervisor for the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.



AP Photo

Attorney General John Ashcroft stands under the Spirit of Justice statue at the Justice Department Jan. 17. Drapes were occasionally hung in the Great Hall in front of the two aluminum Art Deco statues before formal events, but have now been purchased by the Justice Department for \$8,000 and left hanging.

Justice Department puts covers on statues

WASHINGTON (AP) - No longer will the attorney general be photographed in front of two partially nude statues in the Great Hall of the Department of Justice.

The department spent \$8,000 on blue drapes that hide the two giant, aluminum art deco statues, said spokesman Shane Hix. For aesthetic reasons, he said, the drapes were occasionally hung in front of the statues before formal events. The department used to rent the drapes, but has now purchased them and left them hanging.

The drapes provide a nice back-ground for television cameras, Hix said.

ABC News reported that Attorney General John Ashcroft ordered the statues covered because he didn't like being photographed in front of them.

Since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, Ashcroft has been photographed several times in front of the female statue that represents the Spirit of Justice. The statue has its arms raised and a toga draped over its body, but a single breast is completely exposed.

Governor's daughter faces charges

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) - Gov. Jeb Bush's daughter has been charged with prescription fraud, police said Tuesday.

Police did not immediately release details of the charge

against Noelle Bush, 24. Job Bush and his wife, Columba, issued a statement saying they were "deeply saddened" by the incident involving their only daughter.

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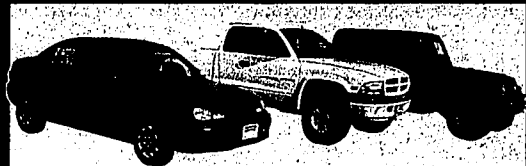
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Rate hike during Olympics displaces many poor Utahns

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Joyce Andersen and her husband were paying \$180 a week to live in a room at the Zion's Motel in Salt Lake City, which even its owner concedes caters to people "right on the edge" of homelessness.

But with the Winter Olympics less than two weeks away, the rates at Zion's have jumped to \$735 a week — and its regular residents are finding themselves out in the cold.

"This is unexpected and upsetting. It's not right," Andersen said.

Owner John Purdum says it's simply capitalism.

accommodations were made for some weekly tenants, but the hotel already has booked several Olympic guests. He said he's hoping for a significant profit in February.

"Most of our customers understand this is an international event and found friends or family to stay with for a while," he said.

"I don't feel any guilt in our supply and demand economy. That's what America is all about. ... I don't run a charity."

— John Purdum, hotel owner

"I don't feel any guilt in our supply and demand economy," he said. "That's what America is all about. ... I don't run a charity."

Some advocacy groups for the homeless are worried.

"We are starting to see people being displaced from their existing housing," said Glen Bailey, executive director of the advocacy organization Utah Issues.

"We're worried about those folks and where they are going. It's very likely they will be on the street."

At the Allstar Motel, operations manager Ryan Randolph said

food to shelters and food banks.

There are signs posted at the Salvation Army and The Road Home offering temporary Olympic jobs, some with Olympic jackets included. The jobs, mostly involving parking, cleaning and minor security details, provide work but not necessarily enough money for rent.

There are about 900 beds available each night at shelters in the area. On Thursday, Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson opened an emergency shelter with an additional 450 beds in an old mattress factory.

Officials plan no big changes to Olympic security plans

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Top Olympic security officials have asked the U.S. Justice Department for additional federal agents to protect the games, but they say there have been no major changes to the security plan.

U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft toured Olympic venues last week and had some questions for Winter Games security officials.

While Ashcroft said he was overall very impressed with the security operation, he did express concern about certain areas outside Olympic venues where people will gather to celebrate, said Robert Flowers, commissioner of the Utah

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"He should come out and ask those questions," Flowers said. The additional officers, between 30 and 90 of them, will come from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, Flowers said.

Their duties will have nothing to do with illegal immigrants, he said.

"This just happened to be a resource we could tap," Flowers said.

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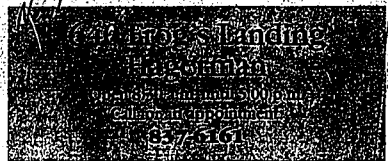
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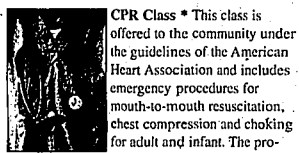
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A look ahead at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

February 2002

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CPR Class • This class is offered to the community under the guidelines of the American Heart Association and includes emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking for adult and infant. The program includes both classroom instruction and hands-on practice. Pre-registration is required. To register call 737-2907.
Fee: \$25.00
Tuesday, February 5, 4:00 – 8:00 pm
Doctors Meeting Room
Saturday, February 16, 8:00 am – noon
Doctor's Meeting Room
Thursday, February 21, 6:00 – 10:00 pm
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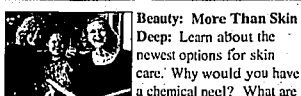
Back School • Learn proper body mechanics and exercises to help prevent and/or treat common back injuries. Pre-registration is required. Contact MVRMC Physical Therapy Services at 737-2126 for more information.
Fee: \$25.00
Wednesday, February 6, 5:00 – 7:00 pm
MVRMC Rehabilitation Services, 560 Shoup Ave W – Twin Falls

Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, February 11, 6:00 p.m.
Education Center – Sage Room

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Thursday, February 28, 7 p.m.
Women's Health and Imaging Services
224 Marlin Street - Twin Falls

Breast Cancer Support Group • This is an ongoing group open to breast cancer survivors or patients (male or female) and their families and friends. Special programs and guest speakers are offered periodically. The goal is to offer support, information, hope and humor to those dealing with cancer. For more information contact Lydia Gilman at 737-2979 or Mary Howard at 734-1766.

Monday, February 25, 7:00 pm
Cancer Center Reception area

Free Breast Screening Education Program. The Facts About Breast Care. Learn the facts about early detection of breast cancer, self breast exam, examination by clinical specialist, and information about mammography. This program is offered free to all women (no age limit) through MVRMC Women's Health and Imaging Services 224 Martin St. For more information or to make an appointment call 737-2192.

To register for any of the classes, contact, 737-2900. If you require special accommodations, call 737-2102 or TDD 737-2980 at least 24 hours in advance of the event. Interpreter services are available, contact Malena Rodriguez at 737-2163. Servicio de Interpretes disponible, por favor comuníquese con Malena Rodriguez Coordinadora al numero 737-2163.

Birth & Parenting



Big Kids Klub • A class designed to help prepare brothers and sisters for the new baby. To Register Call 737-2900
Fee: \$7.50/family with one child — \$10/family with two or more children
Saturday, February 2, 10:00 - 11:30 am
Doctors Meeting Room

Infant CPR Class • Offered as part of the Prepared Childbirth Course, new parents, grandparents and children are encouraged to attend this class to learn infant CPR, and what to do if the infant should choke. Child safety and prevention of injury are also discussed. Pre-registration is not required.
Tuesday, February 5, 6:30 – 9:30 pm
Education Center Sage Room

Thursday, February 21, 6:30 – 9:30 pm
Education Center Sage Room

Prepared Childbirth Course • A comprehensive program designed to prepare the expectant mother and support you for labor and childbirth. The course includes classroom instruction on wellness of the mother, the labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the post partum mother, care of the newborn including breast and bottle feeding, and a tour of the Women's and Infant Center. Pre-registration is required. To register call 737-2900.
Fee: \$40.00
Wednesday, February 13 – March 13, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Education Center Sage Room

Tuesday, February 26 – March 26, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Education Center Sage Room

Childbirth Refresher Course • This class is designed for persons who have previously taken any prepared childbirth classes. Childbirth preparation and procedures are reviewed, along with a tour of the Women's and Infant Center. Pre-registration is required. To register call 737-2900.
Fee: \$15.00
Wednesday, February 20, 6:30 – 9:30 pm
Education Center Sage Room

Cesarean Childbirth Class • This class is available to anyone wishing to learn more about cesarean deliveries, post-partum care instructions, medications, hospital procedures, non-conforming labors. Pre-registration is not required.
Fee: \$15.00
Wednesday, February 27, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Education Center Sage Room

VBAC Preparation Course • Mothers who plan on having a vaginal birth after a previous cesarean delivery have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with a childbirth educator. Safety is discussed, plus tools and information on coping with labor. Set an appointment by calling 737-2901.

Healthy Kids

SAFE KIDS • Buckle Up in observance of Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week, February 10 – 16. Come in for a free inspection of your child's car seat. Purchase a new car seat and have it installed for free at SAFE KIDS. For more information call 737-2430.

Buckle Up Event
Thursday, February 14, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
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Buckle Up Event
Thursday, February 15, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Kim Hansen Chevrolet-GMC
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Missing funds prompt probe of tribal office

COEUR d'ALENE (AP) - The Coeur d'Alene Tribe has fired its enrollment officer in an investigation into money missing from a program essential to some members' livelihood. The case has been turned over

to the FBI. Chairman Ernie Stensgar gave no indication what role Pam Johnson had in the missing funds or why she has been fired. She previously was suspended with pay.

Tribal leaders say \$100,000 may be missing in a case that could go back as far as 1995. Stensgar told the tribal newspaper there is a possibility those payments have been issued in the name of deceased or non-trib-

al members. "As soon as we were notified of the possible discrepancies by financial controller Deb Rosenbaum, we immediately notified the tribal police," Stensgar told Council Fires.

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Second DUI arrest won't help Barrutia

You could say state Sen. Robbi Barrutia's timing was bad last week. Her second DUI arrest, like her 1997 conviction, came during a legislative session. Also, two DUIs in a five-year period could mean a stiffer sentence.

As bad as Barrutia's timing was, however, her judgment was worse.

Barrutia, R-Glenns Ferry, realizes this herself. Fortunately, she has made some wise initial steps to rectify the situation.

Barrutia (who recently dropped the hyphenated "King" from her name) was pulled over in Boise last week for erratic driving. The Idaho State Police cited her on a drunken driving charge.

Barrutia later said she had consumed two and a half glasses of wine before getting into her car. The third-term senator recorded a .22 percent blood-alcohol level, almost three times the legal limit.

In 1997, Barrutia was sentenced to 60 hours of community service, a year's probation and a \$688 fine. A second DUI conviction in a five-year period can bring a mandatory jail sentence of at least 10 days, possibly a year. It also can bring a \$2,000 fine and a suspended or revoked license.

The legal ramifications are only part of Barrutia's problem. Picking up a second DUI could do her serious political

harm among colleagues and voters. But most troubling is the fact that she endangered the lives of other drivers by getting behind the wheel after drinking.

(She admits drinking; whether she's guilty of DUI is a matter for the legal system to decide.) That's beyond embarrassing. It's irresponsible.

The senator has apparently realized the seriousness of her problem. It was a good start for Barrutia to begin alcohol counseling.

She also offered her resignation to Senate leaders last week. They turned it down so that she can further consider her future. She should consider it

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carefully.

Barrutia has been an effective legislator on the Senate floor and has represented her district well. Whether she should be voted out is a decision for her constituents. But her health and personal life should come before political considerations.

Barrutia's situation may offer a lesson to other elected officials. During the legislative session, lawmakers take part in numerous social gatherings where drinks are served. Attending these events is part of the unspoken protocol required of a lawmaker. They need to know when to stop.

Barrutia will likely pay a legal price for her actions. Let's hope she takes the lesson to heart and makes the necessary changes in her life.



Early primaries could sink Dems in 2004

Without a Republican casting a single vote, the GOP has won the first battle of the 2004 election. The Democratic National Committee has set up a plan allowing states to hold their primaries and caucuses in February, immediately after the first-in-the-nation Iowa and New Hampshire contests.

The DNC is fighting the battles of presidential elections past. With these new rules, Democrats may be laying the groundwork for future defeat.

The DNC's complaint was that by going dark for five weeks after the 2000 New Hampshire primary, the Democrats ceded the spotlight to the Republicans. In addition, in states such as South Carolina where the Republican primary was held in February, voters were confused, turnout was down and states and parties had to foot the bill for two contests.

Harmonizing the calendars, the DNC says, would correct this problem. Yet these nominating calendars were created to serve the interests of the two parties, and in 2000, that was to protect their respective front-runners.

For the GOP, this meant avoiding the mistakes of 1996, when Bob Dole went broke winning primaries and was effectively silenced until federal funds were available to him after the Republican convention. So the GOP front-loaded the process, and its front-runner, George W. Bush, didn't accept match-

**KENNETH S. BAER
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ing funds, enabling him to spend a record amount of money.

For the Democrats, protecting the front-runner meant clearing the way for Al Gore by taking the bounce out of New Hampshire. Remember that, in September 1999, polls showed that Bill Bradley led in the Granite State. But Gore secured a narrow victory. Creating a five-week gap without a primary left Bradley - and whatever momentum he had - with nowhere to go.

But the lessons of 2000 make no sense for 2004. Here's why: In 2004, the Democrats will face an incumbent Republican president who will have virtually unlimited money as well as the bully pulpit to dominate the airwaves. Having the media follow Democratic candidates as they travel from contest to contest may be the only way to keep Bush from dominating the headlines.

No Democrat can do what Bush did in 2000 and refuse public campaign funds without committing political suicide. So even if the primary scrap ends early, the Democratic nominee would lack the money to compete with Bush before the convention in August.

By accelerating the front-loading trend, Democrats create a situation in which only those who can raise \$30 million and build a national network can compete. If there's only one or two of these candidates, as in 2000, then a quick contest can lead to a quick conclusion. But it looks like 2004 could have four or five candidates - Gore, House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt of Missouri and Sens. Joseph I. Lieberman of Connecticut, John F. Kerry of Massachusetts and John Edwards of North Carolina - who can meet this standard. It's not beyond the realm of fantasy that it could take a brokered convention to sort things out.

Unlike the GOP, the Democratic Party allocates its delegates proportionally: Candidates who poll at least 15 percent in a state receive the same percentage of delegates. A group of candidates with approximate national strength and specific regional appeal could win enough delegates to keep anyone from getting the two-thirds of pledged delegates needed for nomination. With the rest of the delegate votes in the hands of unpledged "superdelegates," Democrats could find themselves spending the summer horse-trading ambassadorships, not battling Bush.

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LETTERS

Blanket program provides service

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has donated blankets and supplies to Afghans for Angels. Through the generosity of individuals in our community and other communities around the state, we have been able to provide a service to seven hospitals in the past year. I would also like to thank Mrs. Coreen Hart for her outstanding article about our organization which appeared in the Nov. 29 edition of *The Times-News*. Afghans for Angels is a nonprofit organization which collects handmade blankets from communities and donates them to hospitals. Our angel blankets are wrapped around infants who have died through miscarriage, stillbirth or early infant death while the families say their sad hellos and goodbyes.

Parents keep the blanket, giving them something to hold in the difficult years ahead.

Our goal is to provide a service to as many hospitals in our state as possible. Through your generosity, this is a possibility. Our organization is always in need of handmade blankets. We accept blankets in various sizes that are crocheted, knitted, sewn or quilted. If you would like more information about Afghans for Angels, please visit our Web site: www.afghansforangels.com. You may also contact me for more information, to make a tax-deductible donation or to donate supplies or blankets.

DEANNA MERRELL
Coordinator, Idaho Chapter
Afghans for Angels
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Don't miss out on buffet

To all of you who enjoy dining out, have you tried the "New China Buffet" in the Lynwood?

I've never seen such an excellent variety of food, and it is all very good. The service is great, too. Don't miss out on a truly unique experience! Try it, you'll love it.

MARGE PUKA
Twin Falls

Sen. Craig knows Blaine County

Greg Stahl, whom I respect as an outstanding reporter, missed on this one. The article published in the *Idaho Mountain Express* regarding Sen. Craig's representation of Blaine County is just plain wrong.

What was a non-story because a feature article based on some good-natured kidding down in Boise, which turned into criticism for Sen. Craig, by members of the opposition party. Without attempting to portray the interchange or the chuckles that ensued at the time, it is apparent that what was first published by the *Twin Falls Times-News* has been somewhat twisted to make it appear that Blaine County is unknown to the senator.

The headline, "Sen. Craig to Sun Valley: Who are you?" isn't fair and denigrates the successful efforts the senator has mounted on behalf of all of us who live in Blaine County.

As a direct result of efforts by Sen. Craig, KART (the jointly owned Sun Valley-Ketchum bus service) has received \$1,000,000 in cash in the period 2001-2002.

The Sawtooth National Recreation Area is scheduled for \$5 million in 2002; the Hailley water and sewer system, \$750,000; and the Little Wood River irrigation program appropriation is \$300,000.

Now does that sound like a man who doesn't know who he is?

MAURICE M. CHARLAT
Ketchum
(Editor's note: Maurice Charlat is the chairman of the Blaine County Republican Central Committee.)

Don't worry over a little fantasy

This is in response to the recent letter denouncing Harry Potter.

What a bunch of hoys! Does it really matter if the books describe magic potions and incantations? Just what exactly do you think kids will do with that information? Do you know how hard it is to get your hands on some fresh bat wings and snakes tongues these days? You can't just run to the local store and grab them off the shelves. And with the price of fuel for a broomstick going sky high, it limits the kids' flying around for no good reason. Not to mention with all the soccer, football, basketball and baseball going on, you just can't find enough kids left to get together a good quidditch team.

So why make such a fuss about a little "make believe" or "fantasy" or "imagination"? Try it sometime - you just might like it!

CINDY BYERS
Twin Falls

Athletes weren't mistreated

This letter is in response to Ruth Anderson's letter concerning the Declo vs. Gooding basketball game on Jan. 11. I attended the game as I have for most

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of the past 20 years. I do not recall any of the Gooding players being subjected to any verbal or physical abuse. Mrs. Anderson mentions in her letter that it was not a "normal" basketball game and called it a "romp and stomp" game. Declo did win the game 59 to 41. That's normal.

Do not blame the loss on verbal or physical abuse by the Declo coaching staff or the players. Gooding was just outplayed that night.

As for the sportsmanship, it was our player that was on the receiving end of a fist to the groin. Or did you miss that? Gooding should be proud of Coach Messick. I believe he is a class act and his team plays hard for him. He seems to have good support from the student body and Gooding's pep band is terrific.

We are also proud of our team and

our coaching staff. Coach Garey demands 100 percent effort from each of his players or they don't play. He does not tolerate unsportsmanlike conduct from anyone.

Mrs. Anderson spoke of lessons being learned. Perhaps she needs to become more objective rather than subjective to find the real lesson here. Declo was the better team that night: Go Hornets!

ROD OSTERHOUT
Declo

Take keys away from Sen. King

Dear Sen. King and Legislature: Sen. King, may I strongly suggest that you: 1) Stop driving before you kill someone; 2) Get a real friend other than the one who let you drive drunk; 3) quit pretending to cast your fortunes upon the mercy of your fellow legislators; instead, get out, get sober and start taking responsibility for your actions.

To the Legislature: Please make an example of this kind of repeat conduct by standing up for the safety of thousands of innocent Idahoans who are on the roads, and for the hundreds killed every year by drunk drivers.

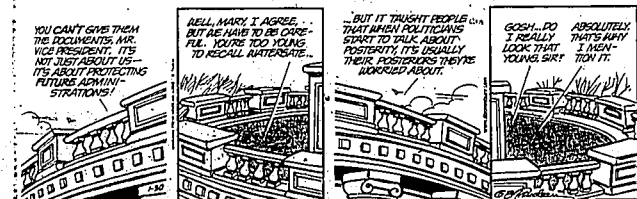
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Judge wisely pulls plug on TV's terrorist trial

A federal judge has ruled that the trial of Zacarias Moussaoui, the first individual charged in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, will not be televised. In response to a motion filed by Court TV, with the support of C-Span, to broadcast all pretrial and trial proceedings in the case, U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema declared Friday that the ban on televising federal proceedings is constitutional.

From a criminal justice and law-enforcement perspective, this was a wise decision. Televising this trial, like federal trials involving high-profile cases such as organized crime and drug trafficking, would not only disrupt normal courtroom proceedings but create a serious security threat to the participants.

With the exception of the pretrial hearings, where evidence may be suppressed and potential jurors may be influenced, the defendant and his attorneys did not oppose televised coverage. They argued that broadcast coverage would ensure a fair trial. But the judge indicated, and rightly so, that the dangers of televising the trial would far outweigh any benefits noted by supporters.

One danger in televising this case is that, while it may show the world how fairly we conduct hearings and trials, it will also point to our security vulnerabilities — communication problems between our law enforcement agencies or security weaknesses within the airline industry.

Some might say this is a benefit — that we may correct any previous errors. While there may be some truth in that statement, the risks are just too great. Why provide other potential terrorists with a recipe for how to attack the United States?

Supporters also argue that disallowing televised coverage of the trial violates the First Amendment right of freedom of the press and the Sixth Amendment right to a speedy and public trial. While these rights are critical in a democratic society, boundaries must be set.

To satisfy the constitutional requirement of a public trial, the courtroom should allow a reasonable number of people to attend and observe the pro-

TOD W. BURKE

ceedings. This would mean that the Moussaoui trial will still be public. It need not be held in a stadium, concert hall or provide a television studio audience. Doing so would only serve to disrupt the necessary decorum and procedures for a fair trial.

The argument has been made that televised coverage of the Moussaoui trial would afford the public an opportunity to learn about the criminal justice system. But have we forgotten the O.J. Simpson trial? What did we really learn from that? The best and worst fashions and hairstyles for attorneys and judges? Did many people really follow the expert testimony related to DNA evidence? Will this be any different if experts had the opportunity to explain the inner workings of the al-Qaida organization?

Proponents also contend that televised technology has advanced to become unobtrusive.

But no matter how small, light, quiet or hidden the cameras, the potential harm that courtroom cameras may bring upon the participants — including counsel, the judge, the defendant, jury members and witnesses — may be irreversible.

During the trial, participants may wish to get their 15 minutes of fame. The judge and attorneys may "play" to the camera. Witnesses may be reluctant to testify.

This is particularly true in the Moussaoui trial, where a worldwide broadcast might pose a serious security risk for potential witnesses and informants.

Witnesses may exaggerate their testimony, and jurors would find it impossible to concentrate on the trial. It will be difficult enough attempting to seat an unbiased jury (and plenty of alternates) in the Moussaoui case. For now cameras remain out of the courtroom, unless the judicial system has a change of heart. Judge Edward R. Becker, chief justice of the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia, has stated that trial-judges have little discretion on this matter. So even if

Court TV appeals the decision, it may make little difference. Becker said the rule prohibiting cameras in the courtroom can be changed by the Judicial Conference, a 27-member group of senior judges that administers the federal court system, if it is found that it would not disrupt procedures or threaten security.

It is unlikely the judges will overrule the ban, and that is the correct decision, not just in Moussaoui's case but in all federal court proceedings.

Tod W. Burke, a former Maryland police officer, is an associate professor and graduate coordinator at the Department of Criminal Justice at Radford University in Radford, Va.

Center offers opportunities

I read with interest Mr. John Hougaard's letter regarding the proposed Twin Falls School District's professional-technical center. As a member of the citizen's committee that has been making presentations around Twin Falls, I feel compelled to answer Mr. Hougaard's letter.

First, of all, this is not a new industrial arts facility. It is a professional-technical center that will offer the following classes: health occupations, information technology, ag manufacturing, auto-diesel technology, drafting and electronics. In addition, students will be offered technically oriented math and English classes. Course work will allow students to pursue a vocation of interests that may lead to direct employment opportunities or to pursue higher levels of education. This is not the industrial arts class that I took when I attended Twin Falls High School. This center will offer a seamless education plan focused on grades 11 through

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14. Students completing course work in a rapid fashion will have the opportunity to advance to the College of Southern Idaho's programs.

If you haven't been in the Twin Falls High School lately, I encourage you to do so. The staff and administration have filled every available space with programs and classes to prepare our students for the future.

The problem is, they are out of room. The information technology course is full and cannot expand to meet student demand.

You are right about no such thing as a "free lunch." This center is designed to meet the needs of students for the next 20 to 25 years. It will not become operational until the fall of 2003.

Our community has been

blessed recently with the addition of Dell Computers locating a technical support center. This center will help provide a ready work force for Dell and other potential employers and allow us to provide jobs to our young people so they do not have to leave the area in search for good-paying jobs.

There are already two centers in Idaho that have successful programs: Burley and Boise. These communities have recognized that we must change the manner that we educate and prepare our students. We in Twin Falls should offer no less than our neighbors to our children.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Air traffic controller helps out at Olympics

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls man uses his air traffic control skills to help guide an expected overflow of flights into the Salt Lake City area during the upcoming Winter Olympics, according to the Federal Aviation Administration.

The FAA picked Van Haddux to be among a group of about 12 volunteers to help with air traffic from two temporary towers during the games, said Haddux's boss, Steve Story. Story is the air traffic manager at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport in Twin Falls.

Haddux this week was undergoing on-site training in Salt Lake City, Story said.

The FAA and Olympics organizers were looking for people with Haddux's sort of small-airport skills to run the temporary towers, story said.

That's because Haddux and others like him are skilled in spotting and guiding planes with only binoculars to aid them from control tower windows, Story said.

"They were looking for people with visual air traffic control experience, rather than people who have worked only with radar and other instruments at larger airports."

Investigators don't know why victim in street

TWIN FALLS - Investigators can't determine exactly why an elderly Twin Falls man was standing in a street late Friday when he was struck and fatally injured by a car, a Twin Falls police detective said.

Glenn Young, 87, was apparently in the roadway in the 700 block of Falls Avenue when he was struck at about 8:15 p.m. by a car driven by Christy Harder, 19, of Twin Falls, according to reports. He died a short time later at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Witnesses have told investigators that Young had a camera and was standing near an ice sculpture display that had been set up for the Olympic torch relay celebration, said detective Scott Smith. But it is not known if he was trying to take pictures of the sculpture when he was struck, Smith said.

Investigators had decided that alcohol or gross negligence weren't factors in the accident, Smith said.

But a prosecutor's full review of the case was still pending Tuesday, he said, so it was not known whether or when any charges or citations would be filed against Harder.

Mini-Cassia Democrats will meet Thursday

PAUL - Mini-Cassia Democrats meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Paul Fire Station meeting room.

The spring banquet will be planned, and a number of business items are on the agenda. All those affiliated with or considering affiliating with the party are invited.

Compiled from staff reports

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Average*
Upper Snake River	85%
Sakon Falls Creek	121%
Osborn Basin	131%
Big and Little Wood	100%

Hunters weigh in on big game issues

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Mountain lions, an archery hunt that turned into something of a free-for-all, elk in the South Hills, and motorized hunt access were among the big game policy that hunters reviewed Tuesday at an Idaho Department of Fish and Game open house.

Department personnel were on hand to answer questions at the KMYT Community Room. The department is seeking public comments before it makes policy changes. Hunters were interested in a number of issues.

• **Elk in the South Hills.** Elk herds have moved north from Nevada into the South Hills and are growing in size. Issues of competition with mule deer

herds and degradation on private property are of concern by the department. Several hunters said they would like to see the elk population grow, although landowners in favor of keeping the population in check countered that viewpoint.

• **Motorized vehicles.** Fish and Game and some hunters say the irresponsible use of all-terrain vehicles is causing the depart-

ment to consider restrictions on ATV and motorbike access in Magic Valley hunt areas.

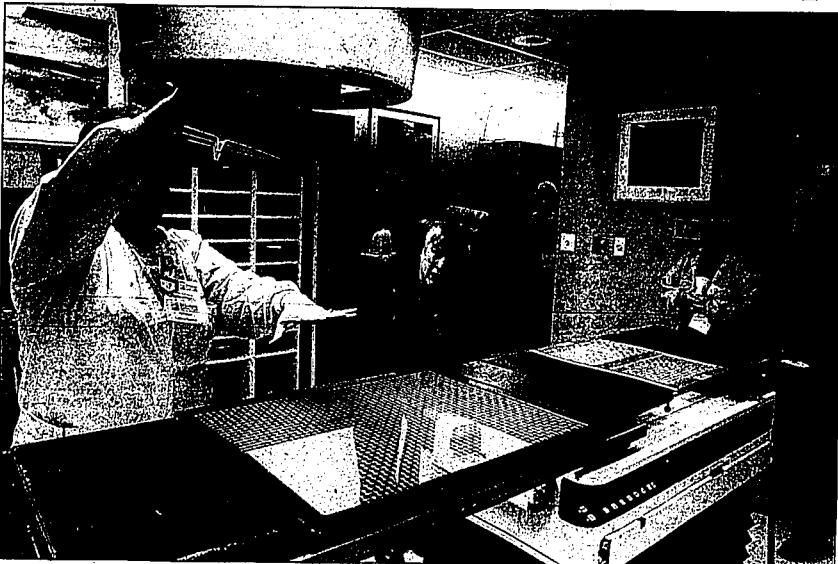
"I just hate to see them started with any restrictions, because once they get started they get carried away. That's what I'm afraid of," said Duane Christian of Twin Falls.

Bud Eastman of Twin Falls said he has made a considerable investment in his ATV and

doesn't want to see restrictions. Retired Fish and Game regional supervisor Carl Nellis said from a personal viewpoint he is upset by mechanization of all kinds showing up on hunts. Motorized vehicles disturb hunters who take the time to hike into the back country only to see their potential prize chased off by

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Center celebrates partnership



LaDene Fletcher, left, shows Sue Files, center, how the linear accelerator machine targets radiation treatment for cancer patients during the open house at the Mountain States Tumor Institute at Magic Valley Regional Hospital on Tuesday. Files was taking the tour with her mother, who is being treated at the center.

Facility will bring broader services closer to home

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - For cancer patients, it means access to a wider range of services, or not having to make another 110-mile drive to Boise, or simply the comfort of knowing the same doctor will be there when they call.

For the medical community, the clout of the St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute name should make it easier to

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recruit a full-time oncologist to live in rural Twin Falls.

And if all works out according to plan, Twin Falls will soon have not one, but two medical oncologists living and working in the community.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and Mountain States celebrated their new part-

nership Tuesday with an open house at the cancer center, now known as St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute. Mountain States has another site at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Downtown, formerly the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital. For the time being, Mountain States doctors will continue to see patients at both locations.

Magic Valley Regional and Mountain States signed two

lease agreements - a 10-year lease agreement with two five-year options for the space at the hospital and a two-year lease agreement for the equipment at the hospital. Those leases went into effect Jan. 1. Mountain States is paying the hospital \$153,996 a year for the space, and \$137,500 a year for the equipment. Magic Valley Regional and Mountain States

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Resident seeks extension of CAFO moratorium

By Almee New
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - County commissioners are going to consider Thursday whether or not to extend a moratorium on confined animal feeding operations.

Speaking as a private citizen, Gooding County Planning and Zoning Commission member Pam Wascher requested Monday that the Gooding County Commission determine the date when the moratorium is imminent peril to the public health, safety and welfare of county residents and adopt another 120-day moratorium.

Wascher also requested that commissioners draft an emergency ordinance, as well as appoint a committee to undertake a source-water assessment of the surface and groundwater in Gooding County. Upon completion of that study, commissioners would hopefully draft and implement a plan for non-source pollution abatement.

Commissioners took no action Monday, but recessed until 4 p.m. Thursday, when they would further discuss whether to extend the moratorium.

Commissioners will meet in the commissioners' room at the county courthouse.

Wascher said it is not all dairies that pollute the groundwater; it can be crop farmers applying too much fertilizer on their crops as well.

Wascher said her request was based on new information she recently obtained from the Idaho Department of Water Resources concerning groundwater contamination.

In a letter written to county commissioners, Wascher wrote that the Idaho Department of

Agriculture has results of tests taken from about 80 wells in Gooding County from 2000 to 2001, showing nitrate levels at impacted levels, which means nitrate levels are between 2 to 10 milligrams per liter of water. Six of the tested wells have been rated above the maximum contaminant level for public drinking water, which is 10 milligrams per liter. One well was tested at 29 milligrams per liter. Wascher asked Jerry Mason, a land-use

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County accepts tax reduction applications

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Applications are now being accepted at the Twin Falls County assessor's office for property owners to seek tax credits of up to \$1,200.

Applicants must apply before April 15 each year. To qualify for the reduction, a property owner must have owned and occupied his home in Idaho (includes mobile homes) as his primary residence before April 15, 2002, and the net income for the applicant and spouse must have been \$20,750 or less (net income is total income less non-reimbursed medical expenses).

Recipients also must meet one of the following qualifications:

- Be 65 years old on Jan. 1.
- Be a widow or widower on Jan. 1.
- Be a veteran with a service-connected disability of 10 percent or more or who is receiving a Department of Veterans Affairs pension for a non-service-connected disability.
- Be disabled, as recognized by the Social Security Administration, Railroad Retirement Board or Civil Service.
- Be legally blind.
- Be a fatherless or motherless child who owns the property and

How to file

To file for the property tax reduction, applicants must provide the following information:

- Social Security numbers and birth dates of applicant and spouse.
- Amount of Social Security income (1099) for 2001.
- Tax form if an income tax return was filed.
- Interest earned from savings accounts.
- Amount of pension or retirement, taxable or non-taxable for 2001.
- Medical expenses not paid by an insurance company of Medicare.
- Medical insurance premiums, except Medicare.

Applications can be made through April 15 at the Twin Falls County assessor's office. Daily office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The assessor's office will provide assistance in filing the application.

is under age 18.

• Be certified as having been a prisoner of war or hostage.

For veterans with a 40 percent or more disability, the VA income from this disability will not be included in the total household income. Disabled people must bring their proof of percent of disability from the VA.

Lawmakers disagree on Capitol restoration

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - Lawmakers reverent the State Capitol, but they can't agree on how to preserve the building.

Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, introduced a bill Tuesday to ensure that any artisans working on the ornate marble appointments and other embellishments in the State Capitol would have to prove their qualifications before getting to bid on the massive restoration project.

He said he wanted to make sure that Idaho's greatest symbol would be in the most capable of hands.

The State Capitol has been undergoing restoration since last summer as the result of a \$32 million appropriation made

by last year's Legislature. "There is only one person in the world that knows how to do something that we need to have done, I want to make sure we have the right person doing it," Darrington said.

But some of his fellow Republicans succeeded in voting the bill down 18-14.

"I was shocked I didn't expect that to happen," said Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly. Noh voted for the bill.

One who argued against contractors pre-qualifying for the bidding process was Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert.

"I'm not saying artisans working on the building," he said. "The issue is that we already have a process in state government for contractors to go through a bid procedure."

Cameron said the bill would have allowed a couple of state agencies to go against that bid process just for the State Capitol building.

"I'm not saying this would happen, but theoretically it would open it up to a spoils system," he said. "This is everyone's building, and as such, anyone should have the opportunity to bid on the work."

Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, was the other local legislator who voted against Darrington's bill.

But Stennett has never favored any of the current restoration, and he signed on Monday with the Legislature's 11 other Democrats in backing a bill that would put all Capitol restoration on hold until 2017.

Recently, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, upon seeing a \$20 million shortfall in December's tax receipts, halted work on the Capitol. He earmarked \$23 million of the \$32 appropriation to be used to pay other bills if the economy doesn't recover soon.

There is some disagreement about how much money has been used to pay for restoration so far. However, Democrats simply don't want the project to continue at all for the next 15 years. They're advocating the Legislature put \$3 million into a savings account each year until 2017 and begin construction at that time so the building will be buffed out for its centennial celebration in 2020.

The \$23 million could be spent on higher education. Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, who co-chairs the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee, doesn't like the idea. JFAC is the committee that makes all final funding recommendations.

"This is the people's house," Please see CAPITOL, Page B3

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SERVICES

Reinhardt Rienkenberg of Filer, graveside service at 4 p.m. today at the Clover Cemetery (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Stelan Ryan Branch, infant son of Nick and Alicia Branch of Malta, service at 11:30 a.m. today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Malta Ward Chapel; burial will be in the Valley Vu Cemetery in Malta; friends may call from 10:30-11:15 a.m. today at the church (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

Marjorie A. Baughman of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. today at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Buhl; burial will follow at the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Home, Twin Falls).

Tom Eiji Koto of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Thursday at White Mortuary; viewing from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary (White Mortuary and Crematory, Twin Falls).

Lorene N. Clett of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary; interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Glenn W. Young of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 1 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls; private family interment will follow the services in Twin Falls Cemetery.

Pattie "Pat" R. Jeffries of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Gooding United

Methodist Church; interment services will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding; family members and friends may sign the register book from 1-7 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

William Phillip Riedel of Friday, service at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Immanuel Lutheran Church (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls). Chapel; interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary.

Willard Harry Mumm of Kimberly, memorial service at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Immanuel Lutheran Church (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Aline Pratt Kesterson of Twin Falls and formerly of Baker City,

Or., service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Coles Funeral Home, 1950 Place St., Baker City; burial will follow at Mr. Hope Cemetery in Baker City (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Elsie P. Allen of Burley, service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Burley United Methodist Church, 27th and Almo; burial will be at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley; friends may call from 1-1:45 p.m. Saturday at the church (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

Norma C. Larson of Challis, private family graveside service at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the Challis Cemetery; public memorial service will follow at 1 p.m. in the Challis American Legion Hall (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Canyon County hears power plant appeal

CALDWELL (AP) - A gas-fired power generator near Middleton wants specifics about how and when noise from the plant will be measured.

Canyon County commissioners on Monday first heard Ida-West Energy Co.'s appeal of a conditional-use permit for its Garnet power plant.

Ida-West wants to build a 273-megawatt power plant near the Boise River. It is designed so a second turbine can be added in the future.

Opponents say it should be located far from schools and homes because of the noise and pollution it will create. The company contends the plant will meet state criteria for noise and pollution levels.

In its appeal, Ida-West wants

specifics about measuring noise and what steps to take if it is out of compliance to be added to a county planning and zoning condition. Ida-West President Randy Hill said Monday.

"We're spending several million dollars to make sure this facility isn't heard by our neighbors," Hill said.

"We want to make sure that it is measurable and done accurately."

The company proposed a condition that said noise would be measured at 1,000 feet in any direction and would translate to no more than 47 decibels audible to the human ear at the nearest residences when one turbine was operating.

County commissioners will hear two other appeals soon from opposition groups.

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TWIN FALLS



Joseph Earl Shobe

Joseph Earl Shobe, 88, of Twin Falls, died Monday morning, January 28, at Bridgeway Estates in Twin Falls.

Earl was born on September 8, 1913, the son of John Leslie and Lenora Bennett Shobe. As a small child he moved with his family to Hansen where he attended schools. He farmed on the family farm south of Hansen. Earl married Mildred Flora Arrington on December 23, 1940, in Twin Falls. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple on May 10, 1962. He farmed in Hansen until 1949, when he and Mildred moved to work at F.W. Woolworth Department Store in Twin Falls. They worked there together for over 20 years, until she retired in the early 70's. Earl then worked for Arlington Brothers Construction Company as a carpenter until he was 73 years old and finally retired.

Earl was a member of the L.D.S. Church. Earl was constantly doing something, he enjoyed fixing and tinkering with things in his garage. He was known for his baby Sheffland Ponies. He loved his family and loved to spend time with them, especially babysitting his granddaughters.

Earl is survived by his daughter, Verna (Roni) Folsom of Twin Falls; daughter-in-law, Liz Shobe Nelson of Twin Falls; one brother, Jacob Oral Shobe of Hansen; one sister, Della Terry of Pocatello. He is also survived by his five grandchildren, Tim Shobe, Mike Folsom, Jill Smith, Jon Prescott, Cathy Shobe and four great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Mildred, his son, Leslie Shobe, two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will take place at 1 p.m. Thursday, January 31, 2002, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Bishop Glenn Arrington conducting. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call on Wednesday from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be given to the American Diabetes Association. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, Idaho.

Josephine L. Zeller
Josephine L. Zeller, 88, of Twin Falls, passed away January 28, 2002.
She was born January 12, 1914, in Aberdeen, Washington, second daughter of Eva and Theodore Lkwiski.
She grew up and attended schools in Tacoma, Washington. Following marriage to Charles M. Zeller, Jr. April 14, 1937, the newlyweds took up residence in Central California. During the years of raising their two daughters, Jo was active in various church and civic activities. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, part time floristry and family vacations. Charles and Jo returned to Washington in 1961. Having become a licensed practical nurse, Jo began her career at Tacoma General Hospital in 1966. She retired business and Professional Woman of File, Washington, serving as president 1976-77. She enjoyed traveling in the U.S. and abroad, most particularly the Holy

Land and her parents' homeland of Poland. Retiring as a LPN in 1961, she moved to Buhl, Idaho, to be near family and moved to Bridge View Estates, Twin Falls in 1993. She was a lifetime member of the Catholic Church and enjoyed membership with the Buhl Council of Catholic Women. She said, "I enjoyed my travels around the world, in no particular pattern, and she wished 'the world could have stayed with hurrahs and jubilation.'"

She is survived by her daughter, Coral L. (Robert) Clark of Buhl, Idaho and Elaine M. (Gary) Helmick of Arizona, 7 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her sister, a nephew and brothers-in-law.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, January 31, 2002 at 10:30 a.m. at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. 9th Street, Idaho. Burial will be next to her beloved husband in Woodbine Cemetery, Puyallup, Washington following a graveside service Monday Feb. 4, 2002.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Buhl Quick Response Unit, 201 Broadway Ave. N., Buhl, or to a charity of choice.

RUPERT

Donald P. Brockie
Donald P. Brockie, born November 17, 1931, to Robert and Helen Brockie, died January 23, 2002, in Tucson, Arizona, of Alzheimer's.

He is survived by his wife Dora; daughters, Karla, Anila and Maria (husband Robert); seven grandchildren; brothers, James, Robert and sister Catherine.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 2, 2002, at Hansen Mortuary in Rupert. Interment will follow in the Rupert Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Southern Arizona, 5132 E. Pima, Tucson, AZ, 85712. Local arrangements under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Phil W. Crane
Phil William Crane, 83-year-old Burley resident, died Saturday, January 26, 2002, at Boswell Memorial Hospital in Sun City, Arizona.

He was born January 22, 1919, in Burley, Idaho, the second of five children, to Alfred and Evelyn Mary Rideout Crane. He graduated from Burley High School in 1937, and after attending Albion State Normal School he taught school in Montana for one year. At that time, he moved to Los Angeles, California, where he worked for Lockheed Aircraft, and in Los Angeles, he met his future wife.

Phil W. Crane and Elsie Maxine Andrews were married in Los Angeles on September 26, 1942, and to this union were born two sons, Michael Alfred Crane and Gregory Arthur Crane.
Mr. Crane was in the Army during the Second World War and spent some time as a prisoner of war in Germany. He was among the fortunate ones to survive and return to his family. After he was discharged from the Army, he settled in Bremerton, Washington, where he worked for Puget Sound

Power and Light Company as a lineman and line crew foreman until he retired in 1980. During those years he also purchased a 20-acre farm where, with the help of his sons, he operated a small state licensed grade-A dairy. After his sons left home, he developed the property into building lots.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served as a Bishop's Counselor, Bishop, member of the High Council, and as a Counselor to the Stake President.

After retirement, he chose to return to Idaho to be near his family. He and his wife lived there, spending their winters in San Diego, until his death, January 26, 2002.

He is survived by his wife Elsie of Burley; two sons, Michael Crane of San Francisco, California, and Gregory Crane of New York City, New York; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Crane was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Alfred Crane of Burley, John Crane of Boise; and a sister, Minnie Darrington of Declo.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, February 1, 2002, at the Burley Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2050 Normal Avenue with Bishop H. Scott Horsley officiating. Interment will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, on Thursday, from 6 until 8 p.m., and at the church on Friday, from 10 until 10:45 a.m.

BURLEY



Elsie P. Allen
Elsie P. Allen, 93 year old Burley resident, died Saturday, January 19, 2002, at Fairview Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

She was born July 26, 1908, in Enid, Oklahoma, the daughter of Frank and Eva Richmond Fowler. She graduated from high school in Milliken, Colorado. She moved from Milliken, Colorado, to south of Burley in 1934, at the age of twenty-six. Elsie married Charles William Allen on March 30, 1935, in Burley. He preceded her in death on October 10, 1991. Elsie and Charles farmed in the View area from 1935 to 1971, when they moved to a home at Farmers and Corner. In addition to the crops and dairy cows, she and her husband had a registered Angus ranch. They showed numerous champion blooded and heifers, some of which topped the prices paid at the states Angus sale. Both were active in the Clearmont Grange. Elsie was also active in the Ruit Rebekah as a Pink Lady at the Cassia Memorial Hospital. She enjoyed cooking, dancing and her rose garden and strawberry patch on the farm. Both of Elsie's sons hold Ph.D. degrees at Farmers and operates a wellness training and retreat business that is marketed in Los Angeles and done in Idaho. Gene is a distinguished teaching professor at the University of Minnesota and a former dean and vice president who is now responsible for the university's international programs.

Survivors include two sons, Daed G. Allen of Burley and C. Eugene Allen of St. Paul, Minnesota; a brother, Lee Fowler of Burley; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; and four brothers, Orison Fowler, Harold Fowler, Marcell Fowler, and Frankie Fowler.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 2, 2002, at the Burley United Methodist Church, 27th & Almo, with Reverend Al Trachsel officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call at the church from 1:00 to 1:45 p.m. prior to the funeral on Saturday. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street in Burley.

GLENN'S FERRY



Saburo 'Sam' Ogawa
PAUL - Saburo "Sam" Ogawa, 80, of Paul died Monday, January 28, 2002, at his home.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Jeffrey D. Sage
SHOSHONE - Jeffrey D. Sage, 33, of Shoshone died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, near Boise as the result of an auto accident.

The service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel. Interment will be in Shoshone Cemetery.

Roy Dee Conner Sr.
WENDOVER, Nev. - Roy Dee Conner Sr., 61, of Wendover, Nev., died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2002, at his home.

Services are pending and will be announced by White

Dee was born October 18, 1918, at Benida, in Franklin County, Idaho, the youngest child of Lorenzo and Etta Dixon Anderson. He was raised in the Preston area, working with his brothers, Vern and Glenn, and sister LaRue in their businesses in Rupert and Burley following graduation from Preston High School.

It was while working in Burley that Dee met his wife of 56 years, Virginia Brevick Anderson. Dee and Virginia relocated to the Wood River Valley in 1951 and ranched in the area for several years, before arriving in Glens Ferry in 1957. Dee bought and managed the Ernest Etchois Ranch for many years, along with other farms in the area. Dee retired from ranching in 1984.

Dee was active in community events and organizations including being a founding member of the Three Island Riding Club, and a long time supporter of area 4-H clubs. Dee served several years with the King Hill Irrigation District Board, and was a member of the Elk's Lodge in Mountain Home. Dee was a loving father and kind hearted man, always willing to lend a hand to a friend or neighbor in need.

Dee is survived by his wife, Virginia, his daughter Karen Barber, Houston, TX; daughter Lenora and son-in-law Michael Herndon, Burley, CA; daughter Christine Anderson (Pflister), Boise, ID; daughter Teresa and son-in-law Don Jarvis, Laramie, Wyoming; and his son, Dean Herndon, and daughter-in-law Christine, Ft. Worth, TX. Grandchildren include Mallory Barber, Emily and Michael B. Herndon, Airman 1st Class Scott Pflister and Brian Pflister, Nicole and Kalle Anderson, and Charlie Jarvis.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 until service time at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday at St. Sumners Funeral Home, McMurry Chapel.
Memorials may be made to Three Island Senior Center, 502 E. Cleveland Ave., Glens Ferry, ID 83623.

DEATH NOTICES

Lucila L. Thaeate Erickson
WENDELL - Lucila L. Thaeate Erickson, 84, of Jerome and formerly of Wendell died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2002, at the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital in Boise.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

Leola T. Thurman
GLENN'S FERRY - Leola T. Thurman, 88, of Glens Ferry died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2002, at a Boise hospital.

The service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, 2002, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Glens Ferry. Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at the Provo Cemetery in Provo, Utah.

Arrangements are under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes, McMurry Chapel.

Saburo 'Sam' Ogawa
PAUL - Saburo "Sam" Ogawa, 80, of Paul died Monday, January 28, 2002, at his home.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Jeffrey D. Sage
SHOSHONE - Jeffrey D. Sage, 33, of Shoshone died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, near Boise as the result of an auto accident.

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WENDOVER, Nev. - Roy Dee Conner Sr., 61, of Wendover, Nev., died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2002, at his home.

Services are pending and will be announced by White

Mortuary.

William 'Bill' D. Beck
HEYBURN - William "Bill" D. Beck, 66, of Heyburn died Monday, Jan. 28, 2002, in Heyburn.

The service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., with his brother-in-law, Les Stimpson officiating. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, 2002, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Maxine P. Hill-Hines
SANTA ANA, Calif. - Maxine P. "Mickie" Hill-Hines, 85, of Santa Ana, Calif. and formerly of Burley died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002, at the Carehouse Convalescent Center in Santa Ana, Calif.

The service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4, 2002, at the Burley First Christian Church, 1404 Oakley Ave., with the Rev. Herb C. Whitaker officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main St., Burley and from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Monday at the church.

A complete obit will appear in Friday's paper.

Harold L. Heath
GLENN'S FERRY - Harold L. Heath, 75, of Glens Ferry died Monday, Jan. 28, 2002, at a Boise hospital.

The memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 1 at the VFW Hall in Glens Ferry. Cremation is under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes, McMurry Chapel.

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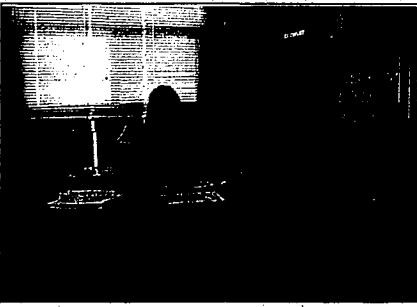
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Legal help comes to Mini-Cassia

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer



NATE JOHNSON/The Times-News

Mini-Cassia court assistance officer Shantal Williams and Sharron Tanner, Cassia County district court clerk, sit in the new court assistance office. When the office opens, Williams will spend 10 hours a week providing legal information.

BURLEY — Mini-Cassia residents who need legal information will soon have a worker dedicated to serving them.

The state-funded Court Assistance Office Project is a stepladder to help people into the legal world. In Mini-Cassia, the court assistance office will provide public access to legal information, information about social services and assistance with routine civil cases in court, said Shantal Williams, Mini-Cassia's first court assistance officer.

The Idaho Supreme Court Committee to Increase Access to Court started the Court Assistance Office Project in response to the rapid rise in the number of self-represented litigants, said Patrick Costello, project director.

Some counties reported around 80 percent of people involved in lawsuits were representing themselves. Lack of legal information has not only created enormous frustration for people going to court, but it also draws time from county clerks who try to help litigants find the right paperwork and correctly fill it out.

As a court assistance officer, Williams will help people find information, but she will not give legal advice.

"I can answer questions, but I can't tell you what you should do. I'm not a free lawyer," Williams said.

One of the first priorities of the court assistance office is to give

information about the risks of self-representation and to connect those involved in lawsuits with attorneys. Williams will contact area attorneys and make a list of lawyers who would be willing to periodically provide consultation at income-based fees.

Pilot programs started in July 1995 in Bannock, Latah and Valley counties. The program has already proved its success in some Magic Valley counties.

"It's working great," said Twin Falls County court assistance officer Jerry Woolley, who sees a lot of people from Mini-Cassia.

Many Mini-Cassia residents

make the drive to Twin Falls for information. Many couples who have been separated for years but have never had the resources to get a divorce have visited the office to get a divorce packet, Woolley said.

The project has been successful in guiding a large number of people through paperwork, said Gooding County court assistance officer Leslie Renner. If they get the documents right the first time there is less work for everyone, she said.

In an assessment of the project, the Justice Management Institute in Denver, Colo., noted

Help from the court assistance office

People seeking legal information can contact Shantal Williams at 878-4461, ext. 249, when the office opens in about two weeks. She will work Mondays and Wednesdays, from noon to 5 p.m., on the second floor of the Cassia County Courthouse. Information is also available on the Web at www.accessidaho.com or www2.state.id.us/cao. The court assistance officers offer sources of information but not advice.

the people involved, both litigants and court staff, were pleased with its improvements.

The Mini-Cassia office, on the second floor of the Cassia County Courthouse, will open in about two weeks, Williams said. She will work from noon to 5 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, taking questions and meeting people for appointments.

Tara Gunderson, Cassia County deputy clerk, also has the expertise to provide court assistance and will fill in at the office.

The office may be short-lived, however, said Cassia County Clerk Darrell Roskelley. He fears the money for the project, which comes from the state, will disappear during the next legislative session. If so, the Mini-Cassia court assistance office will probably close in June.

Roskelley didn't have the amount the Mini-Cassia program costs the state immediately available.

Expected budget shortfall vanishes

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

BURLEY — A supposed \$80,000 shortfall in the Burley Public Library budget isn't really there.

Garth Beck, presenting audit results to the Burley Public Library Board Tuesday night, said incoming grant funds will leave the budget with only a \$29,132 shortfall in the fund balance. More than \$52,000 in grant funds were outstanding at the time of the audit.

The library budget and possible \$80,000 shortfall had been discussed at a recent Burley City Council meeting. At Tuesday's library board meeting, Mayor Jon Anderson said \$80,000 had been a preliminary figure.

"I was out of line to say \$80,000," Anderson said.

There is some concern about the budget, Beck said. He explained how the library went from a positive cash balance of \$106,324 in 1996 to a negative cash balance of \$71,206 in 2001.

The cash balance does not include the outstanding grant money. The library board had a CD, which it began to spend to make improvements in the library in 1997, Beck said. However, the board continued budgeting the CD in 1998, which created substantial losses for the library in 1998 and 1999.

The library board did a great job of improving the library, Beck said, but budgeted the same money two years in a row.

Board member Maxine Adams said there was a period of time when the library board received no statements about the finances. Board chairwoman Nola Jackson wondered if the lack of statements was the reason the money had been double-budgeted.

In 2000, the city of Burley transferred \$20,000 to the library budget from the general fund to aid the library budget, Beck said. A \$17,000 transfer was budgeted for 2001. That money is separate from the money raised through the tax levy for the library.

Beck said the library board is trying to make up for the substantial losses from 1998 and 1999 and if the library comes out "in the black," it will be considered a success.

CAFO

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attorney, to review the study of nitrates in groundwater and give his recommendation as to a solution for the county. Mason suggested a follow-up to the nitrates in the form of an emergency ordinance be crafted as a short-term measure in order to establish a source-water assessment plan of the surface and groundwater in Gooding County.

In the Cumulative Impacts Assessment for the Thousand Springs area, the report indicated that on a pounds-per-acre basis, the increase in nitrogen load from animal sources has more than offset the slight increase in irrigated acreage available for application of nitrogen generated by the increase in cattle numbers.

Former planning and zoning member Don Cogger said, "We need to go back to the soil nutrient assessment also because you can't argue scientific numbers."

In other county business:

A hearing is scheduled for 2 p.m. Feb. 25 at county offices concerning a tax levy for the Wendell School District. The levy requested by the district specified \$450,000 when it should be \$410,000. Commissioners questioned whether they should refund the money now or give the 3,250 parcels of property in Wendell a tax credit on next year's taxes.

Commissioner Tom Faulkner said he thought people will feel OK about receiving a credit on next year's taxes.

Jack Wright with Wright Realty in Hagerman received an offer Oct. 15, 2001, from Strickland Real Estate for five

acres on Ritchie Road. The problem Wright is having is that the owner never had the property listed as real property.

On Dec. 28, 1983, the modular home met all the necessary requirements for a building permit.

"The whole project went through HUD and all the necessary county ordinances at the time," contractor David Rodriguez said.

Wright said he called Gooding County Building Inspector Roc Becker and asked him to inspect the building. Becker told Wright he would need to take a jackhammer to the foundation to check for sufficient rebar in the construction of the foundation.

Two years ago a new code was enacted for inspections, which are required before the lien holder sells the property. Wright said he felt that using a jackhammer was ridiculous and called another county's building inspector to see if this was wrong.

Wright said, "They told me there should be no problem inspecting the home."

Becker said that when he checked the house it was on a six-inch cinder block foundation, not the required eight inches of concrete.

Rodriguez said he installed the eight-inch concrete, but when a 300-foot room was added to the rear of the house, it was put on the six-inch cinder blocks.

"Becker had checked under the foundation and he would have known that," Wright said.

Faulkner said county officials will need to check and see if something that was acceptable 20 years ago can be signed off on now.

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Kempthorne raises little cash for campaign

BOISE (AP) — Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who spent \$1.4 million to become Idaho's chief executive over an out-gunned Democratic challenger, raised just \$47,900 last year in anticipation of an re-election campaign.

His campaign finance disclosure statement, filed with the secretary of state, showed he received only 30 contributions from 26 donors during 2001. All but two of the donors were business or political action committees.

Some joked that it was a reflection of Kempthorne's ambivalence about his political future while others suggested it showed extreme confidence. So far, no one has surfaced in either party who challenges Kempthorne, who didn't officially announce his intention to seek a second four-year term has made it clear

he is running. During the 2000 election year, Kempthorne raised \$75,000 even though his next election was still two years off.

But the Kempthorne campaign is expected to get a major financial boost from last weekend's Governor's Ball in Boise. The event generated about \$110,000, leaving Kempthorne and the state GOP to split the post-election profits.

Two-thirds of last year's contributions came in late January around the time of the last Governor's Ball. He had just \$20,000 in the bank on Jan. 1.

By comparison, Chief Deputy Secretary of State Ben Yursa, who is running in the Republican Primary to succeed his retiring boss, announced his campaign, raising over \$90,000 since announcing his intentions last August. Yursa reported having

\$76,000 in cash when the year began.

His primary opponent, state Sen. Evan Frasure of Pocatello, only formally announced earlier this month although he formed a committee last summer. He told one colleague he had raised just \$6,000 through mid-January.

Democratic State School Superintendent Marilyn Howard, who formally announced her re-election intentions on Tuesday, reported raising just \$1,000 last year and having only \$1,300 in the bank.

Nampa School Board member Tom Luna has indicated he plans to seek the Republican nomination for schools superintendent. Kempthorne spent just about everything he raised last year, primarily on routine operating expenses, meals, some travel and storage of campaign equipment at a downtown office building.

Monument plan will go to Bush

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The proposal to protect the desert slickrock and Indian petroglyphs of Utah's San Rafael Swell in a national monument is a home-grown idea, Gov. Mike Leavitt said Tuesday.

That makes the plan more agreeable to President Bush, who under the federal Antiquities Act would grant the state's wishes, Leavitt said.

The plan for 620,000 acres of the swell was a highlight of Leavitt's State of the State speech Monday night. On Tuesday, he and Emery County Commissioner Randy Johnson outlined the proposal in greater detail.

They emphasized that creating the San Rafael Swell National Monument would be a collaborative process conducted in the open.

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will share in the cancer center's profits and losses, with Magic Valley Regional taking 40 percent and Mountain States taking 60 percent.

Less than one month into Mountain States' lease of the hospital's cancer center, the new center from are just the first of many changes to come.

Mountain States hopes to have a medical oncologist on board by spring and bring in a second oncologist in the fall, said Dr. Thomas Beck, a medical oncologist at Mountain States' medical director.

Medical oncologists specialize in chemotherapy, while radiation oncologists specialize in radiation. Magic Valley Regional radiation oncologists Eugene Seville and Barbara Andersen will continue practicing at Magic Valley Regional, and Mountain States physicians will continue traveling in from Boise to provide support services.

Beck stressed that cancer treatment is about a lot more than just chemotherapy and radiation treatments. It means taking a holistic approach to caring for a patient — meeting not only their medical needs, but their social, spiritual and financial needs as well.

"Our goal is to put together as complete a program as we can," Beck said, adding that Mountain States hopes to "bring medical resources that this community needs and so richly deserves."

Patty Sproat, manager of health information services for Mountain States, said all of the services now available in Boise should eventually be available in Twin Falls, including a variety of support groups as well as educational and outreach services.

She said Mountain States recently recruited a full-time social worker to assist local cancer patients with counseling and resources.

Mountain States also plans to bring in research and clinical trials which would give local cancer patients access to cutting edge treatments.

About Mountain States Tumor Institute

St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute has been providing cancer services in the Magic Valley for more than 20 years, including oncology support services at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital — now known as Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Downtown.

In 1974, with help from a federal grant Mountain States became the first comprehensive cancer care and referral center for the region, focusing on cancer education, screening and prevention programs.

By 1973, Mountain States opened its Breast Cancer Detection Center in Boise. Today, there are such centers

merging patients in the Boise and Meridian community and a mobile mammography unit serving south-western Idaho.

Boise is home to Mountain States' largest facility, and it provides a full range of cancer services, including surgery and bone marrow transplantation. Located on the corner of its second-largest facility, Mountain States also provides more limited services in McCall, Meridian, Caldwell and Mountain Home as well as in the Ontario/Fruitland area along the Idaho/Oregon border.

Source: St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute Web site

"I think it's wonderful," said patient Betty Fries. "It's so close and we can come right here for treatment."

Fries, who has received treat-

ment from Mountain States doctors at both local sites, considers herself lucky that she didn't have to make the long trips to Boise that some of her friends have. She said it seems as if everyone she knows has either had cancer or knows someone with cancer so the need for services is great.

"They need people to realize how important it is," Fries said.

When asked what cancer patients need most, her answer was simple.

"They need encouragement," Fries said.

Encouragement is just one of the things cancer patients get from people like Radiation Therapist LaDene Fletcher, Fletcher, along with radiation therapists Evone Butterfield and Paul Schenk, have been with the cancer center since Magic Valley Regional first opened it 17 years ago. They're now officially employees of Mountain States. And even though their employer has changed, their mission to their patients hasn't.

"They need our compassion and our expertise," Fletcher said.

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Hunters

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a loud vehicle.

"It takes too much of the challenge out of hunting," he said. The good news about ATVs is that hunters who use them aren't much successful than those who don't, Nellis said.

General archery season in Unit 53. A number of bow hunters said the 2001 archery season in Unit 53 — the central part of the Magic Valley — was something of a free-for-all.

Deep snows drove deer into the

valley, and some people took advantage of the fact, several bow hunters said. They described scenes of hunters chasing deer toward Interstate 84 or across fields and areas of animals being stressed and harassed, some running around wounded.

"To me it gives us bow hunters a black eye," said Gordy Gates of Jerome.

Matt Dunn of Wendell said he thinks it needs to be a controlled hunt. Hunters who didn't get a deer with a firearm went after the

deer, some of them never having used a bow, he said.

Mountain lions. So far public comment has been split, said Mike Todd, regional conservation educator for the department. Fish and Game's preferred option is leaving the population distributed as it is, but half of the public comments received so far in this area support a plan that limits a core population to a strip in central Idaho's back country.

The issue is driven by deer hunters who say mountain lions

are depleting deer population, Todd said. But predators typically aren't the cause of population problems.

"The mountain lion has a right to be here just anything else," said Terry Williams of Filer.

He hunts mountain lions not to kill but mostly for pictures and videos, before he backs away, he said. Taking away the predator would disrupt the cycle of nature.

In some of these areas they want to totally eliminate them," he said.

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for another 15 years could render the structure almost useless.

"And then we would have to turn it into a museum that people would have to tiptoe through, while we did our work in some other building," she said.

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Students join minority relations panel

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - The mayor's ad hoc committee on minority relations has welcomed two students to its membership.
Chris "Horgam" and Rocio Torres, students at Jerome High School, will be liaisons between the committee and the high school student body.
"We look to you for what is happening at the high school. You will advise us as to what will and will not work with the students there," city administrator Travis Rothweller told Horgan at Monday's committee meeting. Torres had been unable to attend the meeting.
"We want to bring harmony to the community. The harmony will probably never be perfect since we are all human but with

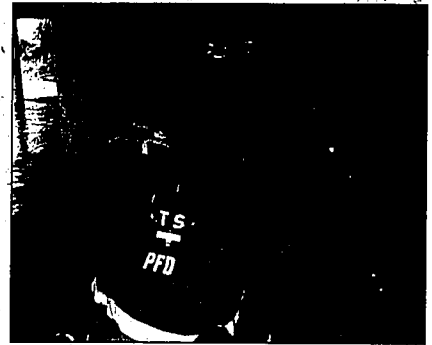
help and time, members of the community may learn to overcome the problems," said Lupe Cisneros Corbin, committee chairwoman.
Horgan said he wanted to join the committee because, "I thought it would be interesting, a way to get in touch with the community... Things are good at the high school between the different ethnic groups. There is some separation but no open friction."

Leon Kyle, committee chairman, said the Hispanic population at the high school has grown considerably in the last 10 years.
"Ten years ago there were 10 Hispanic students in the language classes. Now that number is nearly tripled," Kyle said. Rothweller reported to the

committee that legal counsel had advised him concerning anonymous testimony.
While testimony can be taken in executive sessions, which are closed to the public, Rothweller said he doubted an ad hoc committee could call an executive session.
However, people could talk to the committee without giving their names, Rothweller said.
"People have the choice of identifying themselves or not, but it will be public record," Corbin added.
Rothweller told the committee the city is planning a Jerome Heritage Festival for Saturday, May 11. The festival, still in the planning stages, will feature food and craft booths, information booths, street dances, bands and arts and craft demonstrations from the many cultures and

ethnicities that make up Jerome.
Anyone interested in helping with the festival can attend planning meetings at 9 a.m. on Friday mornings in City Council chambers.
The ad hoc committee began plans to hold a quarterly community forum meeting to take public comment in association with the heritage festival.
Committee members tentatively set Thursday, May 9, for the community forum. The location will be announced at a later date.
Mike Shaw, consultant to the committee from the Association of Idaho Cities, told of several programs that would bring sensitivity and awareness training to the people.
The next committee meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, in council chambers.

A LIFE AT STAKE



Members of the Pocatello Fire Department and the Pocatello Police Department work to rescue Phillip Nelsen of Pocatello under a bridge in the middle of Portneuf River after his car rolled off the road into the river Sunday evening.

Senate sets stage for term limits vote today

Leader expects measure to pass



BOISE (AP) - State Senate leaders on Tuesday speeded up consideration of a bill to repeal a statewide term limits initiative, setting the stage for a final legislative vote and a veto showdown with Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.
Senate President Pro Tem Robert Goddes was confident the bill would pass, but he was less certain about whether it would get the two-thirds needed to override Kempthorne's promised veto. A vote was expected today.
The bill's final consideration came as term limits advocates escalated their advertising campaign following last week's 50-20 vote for repeal in the House.
"We're eyeball to eyeball with the Legislature, and somebody has got to blink," said Dennis Mansfield, a former unsuccessful

Republican congressional candidate and head of Voice of the People, a pro-term limit group. Idaho is the first state where a statewide term limits law, passed in 1996 and upheld by the state courts, has been on the verge of repeal.
"This isn't about term limits," Senate Democratic Floor Leader Clint Stennett of Ketchum said. "This issue is a law that was made by the people."
Term limits supporters, led by Twin Falls stockbroker Don Morgan, have promised a referendum if repeal succeeds. They

will need nearly 44,000 voter signatures to get the matter on the ballot.
Legislative opponents, egged on by the state's influential business and agriculture lobbies, contend voters were duped by hundreds of thousands of dollars of out-of-state money and the propaganda of the national group U.S. Term Limits. A term limits measure passed with nearly 60 percent of the vote in 1994. Similar measures also were approved in 1996 and 1998.
The state Republican Party platform called for repeal of term limits in 2000, just six years after it gained a national spotlight in the GOP's Contract With America.
Critics claim it deprives government at all levels of valuable

experience and robs the electorate of its right to vote for any candidate it wants.
The law imposes a limit of six years in the past 11 for school boards and county commissions and eight years in the past 15 for all other elected county, state and municipal offices. Incumbents at the maximum could still run for re-election.
Boise State University political scientist Gary Moncrie said the eight-year limit on legislative service is one of the toughest in the country. A district court voided the initiative three years ago, giving several dozen county commissioners and a number of school board members a chance at re-election.
But that ruling was reversed late last year by the state Supreme Court, essentially ending the terms of 158 county officials and Attorney General Al Lance unless the initiative is repealed.

Project will focus on water issues

BOISE (AP) - Officials are beginning a project that will bring together resources for the long term protection of the Snake River Plain Aquifer.
The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory's water integration project is an effort that will identify the gaps in science and data that must be filled before decisions are made about water protection.
"Our goal is to apply the best science available when answering the question, 'How do we protect the Aquifer?'" Mark Frei, the acting manager of the U.S. Department of Energy's Idaho Operations office, said. "Right now we have scientists and resources allocated to addressing different pieces of that question. The water integration project is aimed at sharing information and resources so that the needed science is available when we make our cleanup decisions."
The project will deal with surface water on the site, the area between the surface and the aquifer called the vadose zone and the aquifer itself.

Continued recession may mean more cuts to poor

BOISE (AP) - The Kempthorne administration's budget-balancing plan does everything possible to minimize the impact of cuts on Idaho's poor, Health and Welfare Director Karl Kurtz told legislative budget writers on Tuesday.
But Kurtz said that if the recession persists, there will be no alternative to tightening what are already the nation's most restrictive standards for receiving subsidized medical care.
"That would come, he said, when tough times mean 'more' people are likely to need our assistance."
He told House Appropriations Chairman Maxine Bell of Jerome that reducing eligibility, curtailing benefits or cutting provider reimbursements might lower state costs but could easily shift the burden of treating the poor to counties, which finance

the cost through property taxes.
"There is no way to make the cuts we have and avoid having an impact on the vulnerable people served by our staff," Kurtz told the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee.
Based on the last census, 13.5 percent of Idaho residents - 173,000 - live in poverty, up slightly from the 1990 census. More than 122,000 of them are receiving health care under the Medicaid program, and another 110,000 children are being cared for under the Children's Health Insurance Program.
A quarter of the \$100 million in basic state spending cuts proposed by Kempthorne is in the Health and Welfare Department budget, and about 80 percent of that department's budget is in the Medicaid program.
Republican Rep. Lee Cagne of Idaho Hills questioned whether the administration plan could

actually achieve the kind of spending reductions contemplated. Kurtz admitted it was a major initiative that requires legislative action to succeed.
In Medicaid, the effort to rein in an annual growth rate of 15 percent targets cash paid to these providers:
• \$10 million in reduced payments to pharmacists by requiring 75 percent of a prescription to be used up before it can be refilled, and requiring pre-approval for more than four prescriptions a month. The state fills more than 2 million prescriptions a year at a cost of over \$110 million this year.
• Reassessing the need for further hospitalization after three days rather than four days, saving \$2.8 million.
• Bringing Medicaid reimbursement rates in line with those paid under the Medicare

program for seniors. While the administration has emphasized that it would raise reimbursement rates for some primary physician health services, it would lower rates for other services much more. That could save about \$8 million a year.
Increasing enrollment in a managed care plan called Healthy Connections. The administration says it can save \$16.5 million by more than doubling enrollment in the next 18 months, from 46,000 to 108,000.

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LEGISLATIVE LOG

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HB408 (Newcomb) - Limits release of nonpublic personal information by persons regulated by the Insurance Department.
HB410 (Newcomb) - Allows examinations to be waived in some cases for licensure as a professional engineer or land surveyor.
HB411 (Newcomb) - Clarifies ways to resolve boundaries when doubts arise about fence locations.
HB413 (Newcomb) - Reduces the time employers have to remit contributions under the public employees pension system after pay date.
HB414 (Newcomb) - Allows

inactive members in the state pension system to purchase membership for active duty in the service.
Introduced in House
HB494 (Revenue and Taxation) - Exempts qualifying senior citizens centers from paying state sales tax.
HB495 (Revenue and Taxation) - Allows non-utility facilities used for, or in conjunction with, electricity generation to be included in new construction rolls for property taxes.
Introduced in Senate
SB1331 (Judiciary and Rules) -

Includes marijuana as a substance for which a motorist can be cited for driving under the influence.
SB1332 (Judiciary and Rules) - Creates the crime of interference with agricultural research.
SB1333 (Resources and Environment) - Includes goats in livestock for damage compensation resulting from black bear and mountain lion attacks.
SB1334 (Local Government and Taxation) - Raises city annexation procedures.
SB1335 (Local Government and Taxation) - Revamps annexation laws.

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Sale Time: 11:00 AM Lunch served by Kathy

TRACTORS - COMBINE
1974 Allis Chalmers 7060 diesel tractor, cab, 18.4 x 38 rubber, wide front, power steering, category II 3 pt hitch, sold as-is - Farmall 300 gas tractor, single front, live PTO, TA, 13.6 x 38 rubber, has broken rear axle, sold as-is - White 8000 self propelled combine, 14' header, cab, diesel motor (bad), sold as-is - 1974 Chevy pickup, 4 speed, runs.

HAY EQUIPMENT
Heston 6610 self propelled swather, 14' header with conditioner, cab with air, slant 6 gas engine - John Deere 1380 Hydro Swing pull type swather, 14' header with conditioner.

OTHER WORKING MACHINERY
Kewanee 20' roller harrow with 4' fold up wings, crop feet back rollers - John Deere 12' tandem disc on rubber - IHC 700 7 bottom one way plow with spring trips, semi mount - IHC 5500 chisel plow 3 bar frame, no shanks, gauge wheels, 3 pt hitch - IHC 24 hole drill press with double disc, 6" spacing, metal type press wheels, hydraulic lift - 4" roll mover with rear hydraulic lift - Case corn or grain elevator, 30" and PTO driven - feed ditch cleaner - corrugate opener, 3 pt hitch and PTO driven - 145 IHC 3 bottom 2 way plow with hydraulic rear, 18" shears and 3 pt hitch - John Deere 13' offset disc, new cone discs and bearings, cut out from blade, hydraulic lift - Hrellion 12' roller harrow, inside rubber, rear crop feet rollers, some damage - Noble 10' alfalfa crowder, straight blade, on rubber with hydraulic lift.

IRRIGATION ITEMS
Approximately 1000' of 10" aluminum gated pipe - 7 1/2 hp electric motor with centrifugal pump complete with panel box - Lincoln 225 electric welder with leads - water pumps, both PTO and electric water pumps.

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Section C

Twin Falls woman learns to cook after getting married

By Dixie Thomas Reals
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TWIN FALLS - When Nancy Ridgeway was a student at the University of Idaho, she announced her upcoming wedding, and her grandmother told her, "You can't get married. You can't even boil water."

Ridgeway says that was not true. She did know how to boil water, but "not much more." She was the only girl in a family of four children but, somehow, she didn't learn to cook as a child. Since then, however, she has learned to cook very well.

Born and reared in California, Ridgeway graduated from high school in Illinois before attending college in Moscow. At the university, she met her husband, the recently retired orthodontist Dr. Stanley Ridgeway, who is a native of the Magic Valley.

The Ridgeways have four children: a son who lives in Seattle, a son in Los Angeles and a son and daughter in Magic Valley. There are four grandchildren, and another on the way.

The Ridgeways have traveled Europe by bicycle as part of the Elder Hostel program. They've visited Germany, Italy and Austria and are planning a trip to Provence, France, this year. They like to spend winters in Arizona.

GRILLED CITRUS SALMON
(Serves 6)
1 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice, freshly squeezed
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
4 garlic cloves, minced
2 dashes cayenne pepper (optional)
2 dashes salt
1 teaspoon basil, dried
1 teaspoon dill, dried
2 teaspoons capers
3 pounds fresh salmon fillets

Place all the ingredients, except the salmon, in a saucepan over medium heat and bring to a boil while stirring. Reduce the heat and boil for 5 minutes. Lay the fish fillets, skin side down, on heavy foil. Fold up the edges of the foil to form a dish. Pour the sauce over the fish evenly and place on the grill. Cover with the lid and barbecue over medium-hot coals or medium heat for 10 to 12 minutes depending on the thickness of the fish. They are done when the flesh is light pink and flaky. If cooking in the oven, wrap the foil around the fish and bake at 350 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes.

TRANS-PACIFIC FLANK STEAK
(Serves 4)



Nancy Ridgeway, known as a wonderful cook by friends and neighbors, prepares a salad with her popular curry dressing.

Getting a late start

Calling cooks
We're looking for area cooks to feature in our cook's profile segment of Wednesday's Times-News. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to be interviewed and photographed and would be willing share some recipes, please let us know. Write to Denise Turner, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83303-0548. Or call 733-0931, Ext. 243. Or e-mail to denise@magicvalley.com. Tell us a little about yourself, and include your name and phone number.

3/4 cup oil
1/2 cup soy sauce
3 tablespoons honey
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
1 clove garlic, crushed
1 1/2 teaspoons ginger, ground
1 green onion, chopped

1 flank steak (1 1/2 to 2 pounds)
Mix all the ingredients and pour over the steak in a large Ziplock plastic bag set in a shallow pan. Refrigerate for 5 hours, turning over several times. Remove from bag and grill 2 inches above white hot coals or under the broiler in the oven for 4 to 5 minutes on each side. Slice very thin, diagonally across the grain.

SALAD WITH CURRY VINAIGRETTE
(Makes 1 1/2 cups dressing)
3/4 cup olive oil
1/3 cup red wine vinegar
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 tablespoon water
1/2 teaspoon garlic
1 teaspoon curry powder
2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives

1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon fresh ground pepper
Combine everything in a jar and shake well. Store in refrigerator for up to 2 weeks. Serve over baby spinach or mixed greens. Toast about 1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans and sprinkle over the salad. Slice avocados to lay on top of the salad and sprinkle a small amount of gorgonzola cheese over each serving.

BAKED NEW POTATOES WITH ROSEMARY
(Serves 8)
2 pounds small, new red-skinned potatoes, cut in halves
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
4 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Toss the potatoes with the oil and

rosemary in a bowl to coat them. Arrange potatoes on a baking pan, cut side up, and sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste. Bake until tender inside and golden crisp outside. Turn occasionally. Bake about 45 minutes.

MAPLE CAKE
(Serves 9)
1 1/2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 beaten egg
1 1/2 cups cored, peeled baking apples, chopped
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup pure maple syrup
1/2 cup raisins
1/3 cup applesauce
1/3 cup cooking oil
1 1/2 teaspoons orange zest
Frost with 1 recipe Maple Cream (recipe follows)

Spray an 8-by-8-by-2-inch pan. In a bowl combine flour, baking powder, soda and salt. In another bowl combine the egg and apples. Stir in the sugar, syrup, raisins, applesauce, oil and zest. Add the dry ingredients. Stir till just combined. Spread batter in prepared pan. Bake 40 to 45 minutes at 350 degrees. It is done when a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Brush the warm cake with additional maple syrup. Cool slightly. Serve in the pan warm or at room temperature topped with Maple Cream.
Maple Cream: Chill a bowl and beaters. Beat 1/2 cup whipping cream on medium speed until stiff. In another bowl, stir 1/2 cup dairy sour cream and 1/4 cup pure maple syrup together. Then fold the sour cream/maple syrup mixture into the whipped cream. Serve immediately.

Breakfast cereal packs a supper punch

Family Features
When you're looking for ways to make your dinner menu more interesting, think back to breakfast. You might be surprised at the many ways you can use your favorite breakfast cereal as an ingredient to add variety to your dinner, create crunch for your salad or entree, or enhance the flavor and texture of your desserts. And best of all, you probably already have the cereal in your cupboard.

TRIPLE BERRY CINNA-CLUSTER CRISP
1/2 cup flour
1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/3 cup butter or margarine
3 cups Post Cinnamon Raisin Bran cereal, lightly crushed
1 pint blueberries
1 pint strawberries, sliced
1 cup raspberries
1 cup sugar
1 cup water
3 tablespoons tapioca
Heat oven to 350 F. Mix flour and brown sugar in large bowl. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in cereal; set aside. Mix berries in 2-quart shallow baking dish or 9-inch square baking dish; set aside. Mix sugar, water and tapioca in medium saucepan. Cook on medium heat until mixture comes to full boil, stirring constantly. Pour over berries; toss to coat. Sprinkle with cereal mixture.

Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until bubbly. Let stand 15 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream if desired. Makes 12 servings.
NOTE: 2 cups each whole frozen strawberries and blueberries and 1 cup frozen raspberries may be substituted for the fruit above.

TABBOULEH SALAD
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
1/2 cup finely chopped green onions
1/2 cup finely chopped fresh parsley
1 pint cherry tomatoes, quartered
1/4 cup prepared Italian dressing
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 tablespoon plus 1 1/2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh mint
1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)
1 cup Post Grape-Nuts cereal
Mix onion, green onions, parsley, tomatoes, dressing, lemon juice, mint and salt in large bowl. Cover. Refrigerate 1 hour. Stir in cereal 30 minutes before serving. Makes 6 servings.

SAVORY MEATLOAF FLORENTINE
2 pounds ground turkey
1/2 cup Cream of Wheat hot cereal (1-minute), 2 1/2-minute or 10-minute cook time, uncooked
1 egg
3/4 cup catsup, divided
1 teaspoon garlic powder or garlic salt

1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed, well drained
1/2 cup chopped red pepper
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 tablespoon water
Heat oven to 350 F. Grease 13-by-9-inch baking pan. Mix ground turkey, cereal, egg, 1/2 cup of the catsup, garlic powder and Italian seasoning in large bowl. Stir in spinach, red pepper and onion. Shape into 9-by-4-inch loaf. Place in prepared pan. Stir remaining 1/4 cup catsup and water together. Spread evenly over meatloaf. Bake 50 to 60 minutes or until cooked through. Let stand 10 minutes before slicing. Makes 8 servings. This meatloaf is great served the next day on sandwich.

CHUNNY CINNAMON COFFEE CAKE
1 cup flour
3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine
2 cups Post Cinnamon Raisin Bran cereal
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1/2 cup milk
Heat oven to 350 F. Grease and flour 8-inch square baking pan. Mix flour, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon and salt in large bowl. Cut in butter until mixture resembles

flour mixture; stir until well blended. Spread in prepared pan. Sprinkle with reserved cereal mixture. Bake 30 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out

clean. Serve warm. Makes 12 servings.
NOTE: Baked coffee cake may be cooled, wrapped in aluminum foil and frozen. Before serving, please see DINNER, Page C3



Photos courtesy of Post Cereals

FOOD & HOME

Light coaxes flower from non-blooming violet

DEAR CATHY: I have read many of your columns in the paper and this morning I decided to e-mail you with my question. I have an African violet that I bought two or three years ago in Boise. It has grown to at least twice its original size and looks great. The problem is that it has never bloomed since the day I brought it home. I have tried fertilizer, Grow Lights, different windows — and it just keeps growing, but never blooms. What am I doing wrong?

-NO BLOOMS

DEAR NO BLOOMS: I'm so glad you wrote. Lots of African violet (saintpaulia) growers suffer from the same malady you have experienced. The plant is lush, deep green and healthy, but that's no proof.

When African violets don't bloom, it is most often a light problem. Plants use light to pro-



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

duce blooms. You say you've tried different windows and even Grow Lights. That's a good start, but probably not enough.

My "Ortho Home Gardener's Problem Solver" says the light has to be really bright, but not sunlight streaming through a window. If you use a sunny window, you need sheers to diffuse the sunlight so it doesn't burn Violet.

You can set the plant right under an ordinary lamp on the end table and it should thrive. When I tried in Alberta I grouped all my plants on one table and turned on the lamp to keep them

company during dark winter days.

Grow Lights, or even ordinary fluorescent bulbs work if they are lowered to within a couple of inches above the plant. Fluorescent bulbs are used within a hand's breadth to get seedlings started. I never liked using them because they have to be so close to the plant that I can no longer see the plant and enjoy it.

Leave Violet in the new, bright window or under her lamp for several weeks. If you've given her too much light her leaves will go pale, so you should back off at that point.

The other possible solution to Violet's refusal to bloom is that you've been way too nice to her. Often plants won't bloom if they are given too much fertilizer, especially if the fertilizer is too high in nitrogen for her. Nitrogen grows big, green leaves, but no flowers.

Make sure you give Violet a fertilizer that is higher in phosphorus, and then only once a month. Continue with the watering, temperatures and avoiding cold water on Violet's sensitive leaves, as you have. You're doing a good job of keeping her happy.

TIP OF THE WEEK: All house-plants prefer tepid water over cold. After all: How would you like cold water splashed over your toes every so often? I pour a little hot water out of the teakettle into my watering can to bring the temperature up to about that of a baby's bottle. The roots are not shocked by cold water, and violet leaves are not so offended as to produce yellow spots where cold water splattered.

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

Top hockey scorer buys new Tuscan-style house

By Ruth Ryan
Los Angeles Times

Hot property

LOS ANGELES — L.A. King Jason Allison, who was acquired in an October trade with the Boston Bruins, has purchased a newly built Tuscan-style home in Manhattan Beach for \$2.6 million.

The house has five bedrooms and 4.5 bathrooms in about 4,500 square feet. It also has a large view deck. In addition to views of the ocean and the Palos Verdes Peninsula, the house overlooks the hills of Manhattan Beach. Robert Norrie, who has built a number of homes in Manhattan Beach and England,

was the developer. The house had been listed at \$2.9 million.

Allison, a native of North York, Canada, who left the Boston Bruins after a bitter contract holdout, is known as a fierce competitor. The all-star center, 26, was the NHL's top scorer with 95 points last season, when he was the Bruins' captain and their leading scorer in each of his last three full seasons. He signed a three-year, \$20-million contract with the Kings that will pay him \$5.5 million this season, \$6.5 million next season and \$8 million in 2003-04.

Super Bowl offers excuse to serve Cajun-Creole

By Linda Cicero
The Miami Herald

With the Super Bowl in New Orleans on Sunday, we have a wonderful excuse to serve party guests Cajun-Creole cuisine — thus showing no bias for either team. So I browsed favorite recipes to come up with a menu suitable for eating in front of the TV and economical enough to feed a crowd.

SUPER BOWL JAMBALAYA

- 2 ham hocks
- 1 whole chicken, about 3 pounds, giblets discarded
- 4 carrots, diced
- 3 cups chopped onions, divided
- 3 cups chopped celery, divided
- 2 bay leaves
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 6 cloves garlic, mashed
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 1 (28-ounce) can tomatoes, drained, liquid reserved
- 2 (15.5-ounce) cans red beans, undrained
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- 2 teaspoons dried basil
- 1 teaspoon cayenne, or to taste
- 1 teaspoon black pepper, or to taste
- 1 teaspoon white pepper, or to taste
- 2 teaspoons salt, or to taste
- 1 pound andouille smoked

Cook's Corner

- sausage or kielbasa, sliced
- 3 cups raw rice
- 6 green onions, chopped
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1 pound medium shrimp, cleaned and peeled
- Place ham hocks, chicken, carrots, 1 1/2 cups onion, 1 1/2 cups celery and bay leaves in a large pot. Cover with 6 cups water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to simmer and cook, covered, about 1 hour, or until chicken is tender. Remove chicken and ham hocks and set aside. When cool enough to handle, remove and chop meat, discarding skin and bones. Strain and reserve stock. Add water to make 6 cups. In a large Dutch oven, heat the oil over medium heat. Sauté garlic, bell pepper and remaining onion and celery until onion is lightly browned. Add chopped ham, tomatoes, red beans, thyme, basil, cayenne, black and white peppers and 2 cups stock. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer 30 minutes. In a hot skillet, brown sausage slices. Transfer to Dutch oven, draining fat from skillet. Return skillet to heat and add chopped chicken. Deglaze pan with 1 cup reserved stock, then add contents of skillet to Dutch oven. Stir in rice and remaining stock. Cover and bring

to a boil. Reduce heat and cook until rice is tender, 20 to 25 minutes. Watch to ensure it doesn't dry out and add water if needed. About 10 minutes before serving, add green onions, parsley and shrimp. Cover and let cook until shrimp has just turned pink. Makes 24 servings.

REMOULADE SAUCE

- 1/2 lemon, seeded
- 1/2 cup finely chopped celery
- 1/2 cup finely chopped green onions
- 1/3 cup horseradish
- 3 cups mayonnaise
- 1/4 teaspoon ground bay leaf
- 2 tablespoons hot or brown mustard
- 4 tablespoons ketchup
- 4 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- Put lemon, celery, green onions and horseradish in a blender or food processor and pulse until lemon rind is finely chopped. Add mayonnaise, bay leaf, mustard, ketchup and Worcestershire; pulse until well mixed. Serve chilled as a dressing or dip. Makes about 4 cups.

NEW ORLEANS BREAD PUDDING

- 1 1/2 pounds French bread
- 1 dozen eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, melted

- 6 1/2 ounces evaporated milk
- 2 cups milk
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons vanilla
- 1 3/4 cups chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup raisins (optional)
- Whiskey sauce:
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter
- 1 cup confectioner's sugar
- 1 egg yolk, beaten
- 4 tablespoons whiskey
- Tear bread into bite-size pieces and place on baking sheet. Bake at 200 degrees for about 10 minutes, until dry and lightly toasted. Increase oven temperature to 325 degrees. Beat eggs with sugar for about 5 minutes with an electric mixer at medium speed, until light and thick. At low speed gradually beat in butter, the milk, cinnamon and vanilla. Fold in bread, pecans and raisins. Pour into a lightly buttered 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Let stand 10 minutes before baking for 40 minutes, until custard is softly set (not firm). Serve warm with Whiskey Sauce. Makes 24 servings.
- Whiskey Sauce: In food processor or electric mixer, cream butter. Add sugar and egg yolk; blend until smooth. Add whiskey a tablespoon at a time, mixing well. Refrigerate until serving time. Makes about 2 1/4 cups.

Create skillet shrimp fried rice with ease

By Linda Gassenhelmer
Knight Ridder News Service

This recipe for Skillet Shrimp Fried Rice uses a one-step method that produces a delicious dish with very little effort. I serve Spicy Chinese Cucumbers with this easy entree.

SPICY CHINESE CUCUMBERS

- 1 medium cucumber, peeled and thinly sliced (2 cups)
- Pinch salt
- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- 2 teaspoons low-salt soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper

1 tablespoon rice wine vinegar
Sprinkle cucumbers with salt and place in a colander over a bowl or on a drain board for 15 minutes while preparing the fried rice. Mix oil, soy sauce, sugar, crushed red pepper and vinegar. Rinse salt from cucumbers and drain well. Toss in sauce and serve. Makes 2 servings.

SKILLET SHRIMP FRIED RICE

- 2 teaspoons sesame oil, divided
- 1/2 cup long-grain white rice
- 2 medium garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh

Dinner in minutes

- ginger
- 1 14.5-ounce can fat-free, low-salt chicken broth (scant 2 cups)
- 1 tablespoon low-salt soy sauce
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 3/4 pound large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 cup chopped fresh parsley
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Heat 1 teaspoon oil or medium high in a large nonstick skillet. Add rice and saute until rice is

evenly browned, about 3 minutes. Add garlic and ginger and saute 1 minute. Meanwhile, mix broth and soy sauce and heat mixture until it starts to boil. This can be done in a microwave on high for 2 minutes. Add to skillet and bring to a simmer. Lower heat to medium, cover and simmer 10 minutes. Add shrimp and peas. Cover and simmer 5 minutes or until shrimp is cooked through and water evaporated. Add parsley and second teaspoon oil. Toss well. Add salt and pepper to taste. Makes 2 servings.

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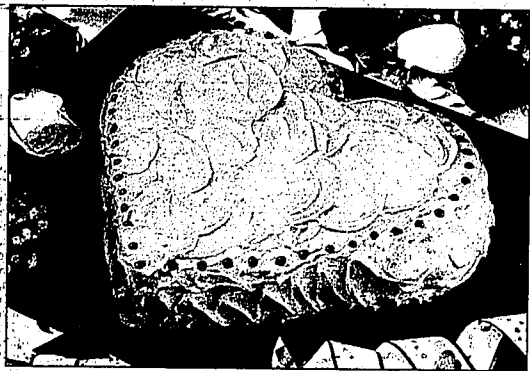
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Here's a tasty way to say I love you.

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Eat your heart out, baby

Taste of Home

Try Patricia Rutherford's heartfelt Strawberry Heart Cake. The Winchester, Ill., country cook makes this special treat every year for her granddaughter, born on Valentine's Day. The delightful dessert is convenient, too, and was featured in Taste of Home magazine.

STRAWBERRY HEART CAKE

- 1 package (18 1/4 ounces) white cake mix
- 1 package (3 ounces) strawberry gelatin
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil

- 4 eggs
 - 1 package (10 ounces) frozen, sweetened strawberries, thawed
 - 1/2 cup cold water
 - 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
 - 5 to 5 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar
 - Red-hot candies, optional
- In a mixing bowl, combine cake mix, gelatin and flour. Beat in oil and eggs. Drain strawberries, reserving 1/2 cup syrup for frosting. Add berries and water to batter. Mix well. Divide batter between two waxed paperlined, 8-inch baking pans, one square and one round. Bake at 350

degrees for 30-35 minutes (square) and 35-40 minutes (round) or until cake tests done. Cool 10 minutes. Remove from pans to wire racks to cool completely. In a small mixing bowl, combine butter and reserved syrup. Gradually add sugar. Beat until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes. Place square cake diagonally on a 20-by-15-inch covered board. Cut round cake in half. Frost cut sides; place frosted sides against the top two sides of square cake, forming a heart. Frost sides and top of cake. Decorate with red-hot's, if desired.

Cancer institute offers squash soup recipe

The Baltimore Sun

The following recipe is supplied by the National Cancer Institute.

SPICED SQUASH SOUP

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 2 medium carrots, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 cup tomato puree
- 2 fresh, hot chiles, seeded and chopped
- 2 1/2 pounds butternut squash, peeled and cubed
- 5 cups low-sodium, chicken broth (remove fat)
- Pepper to taste
- Very small amount of salt (optional)
- Lime wedges
- In a large, nonaluminum

saucepan, warm the butter over medium heat. Stir in the onions, carrots and garlic. Cook for 3 minutes and then cover the pan. Lower heat and cook for 3 or 4 more minutes, until vegetables are very tender. Stir in tomato puree, chiles, butternut squash and chicken broth. Bring soup to a simmer and cook for 30 minutes. Mash the squash pieces with a potato masher or the back of a spoon (the soup does not need to be completely smooth), season to taste (optional) and serve. Pass lime wedges to be squeezed into each bowl of soup. Serves 8.

The following recipe is from James Peterson's "Splendid Soups" (John Wiley & Sons, 2001,

- \$45).
 - LEEK-AND-POTATO SOUP**
 - 3 medium-size waxy potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch dice
 - 4 leeks, 3 pounds, tough greens removed; washed and finely sliced, 4 cups
 - 4 1/2 cups water, milk or vegetable or chicken broth
 - Salt
 - Unsalted butter or herb butter
- Combine potatoes, leeks and water in a 4-quart pot. Bring to a simmer and cook gently until the potatoes are easy to crush against the side of the pot, about 30 minutes. Add salt to taste, ladle soup into hot bowls, put a slice of butter or herb butter on each. Serve, and pass the pepper mill at the table. Makes 6 servings.

Dinner

Continued from C1
thaw and reheat in oven.

CRISPY CHICKEN

- 1 cup Post Grape-Nuts cereal
 - 1/2 teaspoon each garlic salt and dried rosemary leaves, crushed
 - 1/8 teaspoon pepper
 - 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
 - 2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breast halves
- Heat oven to 400 F. Place cereal in blender container, cover. Blend on low speed until cereal is finely crushed. Mix cereal and seasonings in large bowl. Add oil; stir until crumbs are evenly coated. Dip chicken in water; shake off excess. Dip into cereal mixture, turning to evenly coat both sides. Place on foil-lined 15-by-10-by-1-inch baking pan. Bake 30 to 40

minutes or until chicken is cooked through. Makes 8 servings.

NOTE: Try a spicier version of this recipe by substituting 1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper for rosemary and adding a dash of hot pepper sauce to water before dipping in chicken.

JAM-FILLED MUFFINS

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup Cream of Wheat hot cereal (1-minute), 2 1/2-minute or 10-minute cook time), uncooked
- 1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
- 1 teaspoon poppy seed
- 1 container (8 ounces) lowfat vanilla yogurt
- 2 eggs

1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted

1/3 cup strawberry or raspberry preserves

Heat oven to 350 F. Mix flour, cereal, sugar, baking powder, lemon peel and poppy seed in large bowl; set aside. Beat yogurt, eggs and butter in medium bowl until well combined. Add egg mixture to flour mixture; stir just until moistened. Spoon batter into greased or paper-lined muffin tin. Bake 20 minutes or until light golden brown. Transfer muffins tin to cooling rack. While muffins are still warm, poke hole in center of the top of each muffin using back of spoon. Fill center of each hole with fruit preserves. Serve warm. Makes 12 muffins.

No one can resist this dessert

Taste of Home

Vanilla wafer crumbs and crushed peanuts make an extraordinary crust for this creamy dessert. Folks will be lining up for seconds when you serve the dessert from Ardycye Piehl, of Wisconsin Dells, Wis., as featured in Taste of Home magazine.

CHOCOLATE PEANUT TORTE

- 2 cups vanilla wafer crumbs
 - 1/3 cup butter or margarine, melted
 - 1 cup peanuts, finely chopped, divided
 - 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
 - 1 cup confectioners' sugar
 - 1/2 cup peanut butter
 - 4 cups whipped topping, divided
 - 3 cups cold milk
 - 2 packages (3.9 ounces each) instant chocolate pudding mix
 - 1 milk chocolate candy bar (1.55 ounces), grated
- Combine wafer crumbs, butter and 2/3 cup peanuts. Press into ungreased 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool. In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar and peanut butter until smooth. Fold in 2 cups of whipped topping. Spread over crust. In a mixing bowl, beat milk and pudding mixes on low for 2 minutes. Carefully spread over cream cheese layer. Cover and refrigerate for 4-6 hours. Just before serving, carefully spread remaining topping over the pudding layer. Sprinkle with grated chocolate and the remaining peanuts. Makes 16-20 servings.



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Plan to bring home an empty pan when you take this Chocolate Peanut Torte to your next get-together.

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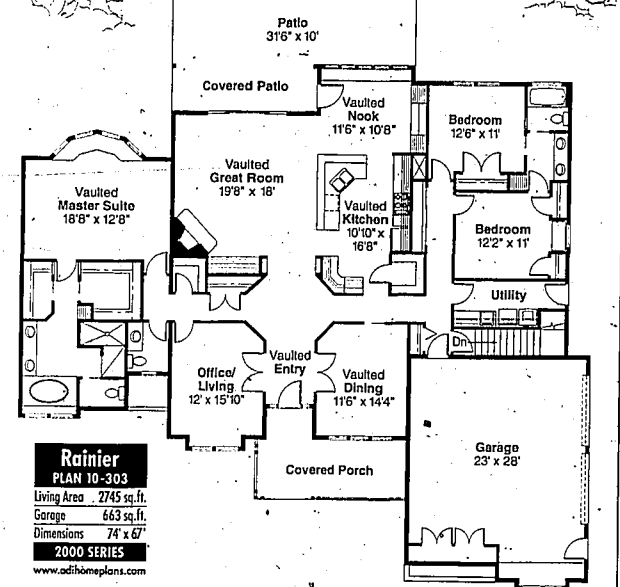
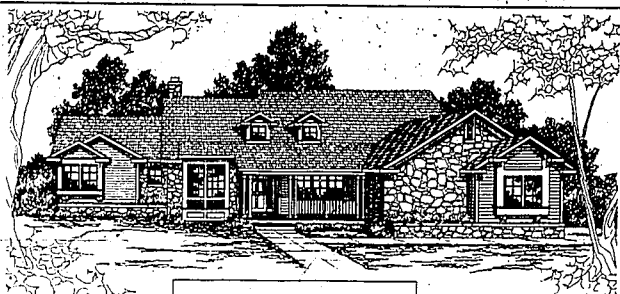
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Windows brighten Rainier's great room

A vaulted great room is at the core of the Rainier, a mid-size ranch-style home loaded with popular amenities. Its wood and bone exterior gives it a distinctly Northwestern flavor.

This is a bright home. Vaulted ceilings expand the sense of spaciousness in the window-rich great room and kitchen. More light washes in through two perky dormers — one over the entry, the other in the dining room. Sliders in the great room open onto a large, partially covered patio, ideal for outdoor dining.

Plants (as well as people) flourish in the naturally illuminated coting nook, where a plant shelf spans the rear and two banks of cupboards flank a handy built-in

desk. The large kitchen has plenty of counter and storage space, including a roomy walk-in pantry and an L-shaped work island with a raised coting bar. Sink and dishwasher are built into the island.

Double doors to the right of the entry swing open into the dining room. Another set to the left access a room that could be furnished as a study, office, living room, or even a nursery or guest room.

The vaulted master suite boasts two walk-in closets, one quite a bit larger than the other, and a cheerful rounded bay, complete with window seat. Luxuries in the master's bath include: a double vanity, a spa tub with yet another plant shelf,

a large doorless shower with multiple showerheads and a private toilet.

Utilities, a closet, and basement stairs are adjacent to the Rainier's garage and secondary bedrooms. One of the bedrooms has a window seat, and both have direct access to a two-section bathroom.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$25 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Drive, Department W, Eugene, OR 97402. Please specify the Rainier 10-303 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring more than 350 home plans is available for \$15. For more information call (800) 634-0123.

Many products can help clean a clear finish

QUESTION: We have oak kitchen cabinets with a clear finish. What is the best way to clean them?

ANSWER: Cabinets and furniture with clear finishes such as varnish and lacquer can be cleaned in a number of ways, ranging from wiping with a clean, damp cloth to using a variety of special cleaners.

If cabinets or furniture are simply dusty with a few smudges, they can be effectively cleaned by using a solution that mixes a teaspoon of dishwashing detergent with a quart of warm water. Dip a clean cloth into the solution, wring it out well, and wipe off the dust and smudges. Do a small section at a time and dry immediately with another clean cloth.

If a finish is truly grimy and has some blemishes such as water or grease stains, a more potent cleaner is needed. A product that I've used with excellent results is Formby's Face Lift (1-800-293-1105 or www.formbys.com). This is a three-step system that cleans, buffs and applies a thin coat of new finish to the surface. All the materials needed are included in a kit that sells for about \$16 at some home centers and paint stores.

A homemade cleaner that also

will revitalize dull, dirty finishes can be made by mixing equal parts of boiled linseed oil (don't boil it, it is sold that way) and turpentine. Apply the cleaner with 4-0 (very fine) steel wool. After cleaning with this method, let the piece dry for a day or so and wax with a paste furniture wax to restore the sheen.

QUESTION: How do you lay a carpet so it doesn't bunch up?

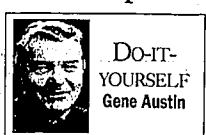
ANSWER: Wall-to-wall carpet is generally held in place with "tackless strips" that are nailed around the perimeter of the room. These have projecting points that bite into the edge of the carpet and hold it in place. Before fastening the carpet, installers stretch it, often using a tool called a knee-kicker. The tool, which bites into the carpet, is bumped with a knee to flatten and stretch the carpet.

QUESTION: Some of our walls are covered with wood paneling

with wallpaper on top of that. We'd like to put drywall on these walls. How do we do it?

ANSWER: You should remove the paneling and wallpaper, which will expose the wall studs. Drywall (plasterboard) can then be fastened to the studs with special drywall screws. While the studs are exposed, you should check the insulation in the wall cavities. If there is no insulation, insulate the walls with fiberglass blankets. The insulation should have a vapor barrier, generally paper or foil, that should face the inside of the room.

Plasterboard panels, usually a half-inch thick and measuring 4 feet by 8 feet, are typically used on walls. The panels are usually installed horizontally with staggered joints (that is, when one panel is placed on top of another, the end of the top panel should fall in the middle of the panel underneath it). These panels are quite heavy and tricky to install, especially around doors, windows, and electrical outlets and switches. The joints also must be taped and smoothed with joint compound — another tricky job. Because of the skill needed to install drywall properly, you might want to hire a contractor — they are listed under "drywall contractors" in the yellow pages.



Storm windows can reduce the chill

DEAR JIM: My windows are still in good shape, but it is chilly near them and the utility bills are high. Are rigid interior storm window kits very efficient and effective and can I really install them myself?

—MIKE R.

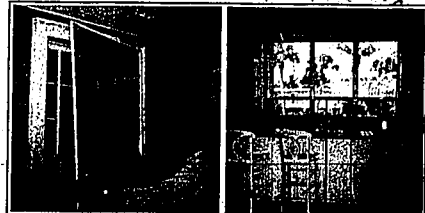
DEAR MIKE: Reusable rigid interior storm windows make a big difference in how chilly you feel near a window. The actual savings on your utility bills will depend on the condition and efficiency of your existing windows. The reduction of outdoor noise coming through your windows will be surprising.

You should also notice reduced fading of your carpeting and curtains with these storm windows installed. With many kits, you purchase clear acrylic or other rigid plastic sheets at a home center store. Fade protection varies with different types and grades of plastic, so check the specifications.

Although there are several simple attachment methods, kits with magnetic frames are one of the easiest to install yourself. Each fall, wipe off the dust and place them against adhesive-backed steel strips in the window opening. These steel strips are very narrow and barely noticeable.

If you air-condition your house during the summer, leave your storm windows up year-round. They are as effective at blocking heat from coming indoors as they are at blocking heat loss during the winter. Much of the energy and utility bills savings come from the dead air space that is created between the storm and primary windows. A relatively narrow air space is often more effective than a very wide one. The remainder of the savings result from reduced air leakage past the primary window.

For most windows, any of the magnetic-type storm windows will attach quickly and seal air leaks well. For wary or warped old windows, consider installing a kit that uses a magnetic flexi-



Rigid magnetic storm window is easy to install each winter

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ble bellows seal. This is the type I use in my home under a large skylight with wavy rough-sawn wood trim.

These are designed similar to a refrigerator door seal, so they conform to uneven surfaces. Although clear acrylic is a fairly tough plastic, a crack can form from a strong impact. The magnetic flexible bellows will also absorb some of the shock from children's heads, kicking feet and flying toys.

Another attachment method for interior storm windows uses

a stainless steel spring system. It pushes the seal outward against the inside of the window opening to hold the storm window in place.

When you take them down, there is no narrow steel strip still in the window opening or on its frame.

Two other easy-to-install storm window kits use hook-and-loop and foam tube pipe attachment methods. The foam tube seals well on all types of windows.

Write for Update Bulletin No. 563 — buyer's guide of 10 interior storm window kit manufacturers listing frame/window materials, attachment methods, colors, features, prices, and installation instructions. Please include \$3 and a business-size SASE.

Write to James Dullely, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244.

Programmable thermostats don't forget to change

By Ken Sheinkopf
The Orlando Sentinel

QUESTION: No matter how much you say you like them, I think automatic thermostats are a waste of money. When I want to make a change in the setting for my air conditioner or heater, I walk over and do it. Why would anyone need some fancy thing they program when they can do it themselves so easily?

ANSWER: I need to say one more time that I like programmable thermostats. Home energy Q&A Sure, lots of people may not need them. But the gimmick is that these thermostats can be set so they remember to adjust the temperature setting to where it ought to be for the different times of day. Because each degree too hot or too cold can increase heating or cooling by 8 percent or so, it can make a huge difference in your electric bills if you set the thermostat where you want it.

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Say cheese with cake

By Ronnie Fein
Special to The Stamford Advocate

What better way to pay tribute to New York than with a gastronomic homage - in this case, cheesecake, the ultimate New York City dessert.

New Yorkers didn't invent cheesecake. As far back as ancient Rome, the nobles served this dish at festivals to tantalize the gods. Europeans have versions: Russian Paskha, Italian Crostata di Ricotta, to name but two. But America's creamy, prodigiously rich version was made famous in New York at Lindy's, the legendary theater district restaurant and one-time haunt of famous Broadway actors and actresses.

New York cheesecake is dense and lavish enough even when unadorned. Over the years, the plain, simple dessert has seen several incarnations, some with toppings, some with crust. Some are fruit-covered, others blended with chocolate or other flavorings.

We will show you how to make the simplest version, then build on the basic formula, so that if you wish, you can serve a more elaborate cake after dinner.

CHEESECAKE BATTER
2 teaspoons softened butter
1/3 cup graham cracker crumbs
1 1/2 pounds cream cheese
1 cup sugar
1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup sour cream
1/2 cup whipping cream
4 eggs

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spread butter on bottom and sides of a 9-inch springform pan. Sprinkle the inside of the pan with the graham cracker crumbs. Shake the pan to coat the bottom and sides of the pan completely. Beat the cream cheese in a large bowl 1 to 2 minutes or until the cheese has softened and is smooth. Gradually add the sugar and vanilla and beat the ingredients with an electric mixer set on medium speed 2 to 3 minutes or until the mixture is smooth, scraping down the sides of the bowl occasionally with a rubber spatula. Blend in the sour cream and whipping cream. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition to incorporate. Pour the batter into the springform pan. Place the springform pan inside a larger pan. Fill the larger pan with enough hot water to come at least 1 inch up the sides of the baking dish. Bake for 70 minutes or until the top of the cake is tanning. Remove the springform pan from the water and let the cake cool. When the cake has reached room



Chocolate-Raspberry Crusted Cheesecake is a New York favorite.

temperature, refrigerate it at least 4 hours or until it is thoroughly chilled. Remove the sides of the pan to serve the cake. Makes 8 to 12 servings.

New York Cheesecake:
2 teaspoons butter
1/3 cup graham cracker crumbs
1 1/2 pounds cream cheese
1 cup sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/2 cup sour cream
1/2 cup whipping cream
4 eggs
2 tablespoons freshly grated lemon rind

1 1/2 tablespoons grated orange rind
Prepare the cheesecake batter (see batter recipe above), blending in the lemon and orange rinds with the last egg. Makes 8 to 12 servings.

Chocolate-Raspberry Crusted Cheesecake:
5 tablespoons melted butter
1 1/2 cups chocolate cookie crumbs
1/2 cup raspberry preserves

1 1/2 pounds cream cheese
1 cup sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/2 cup sour cream
1/3 cup whipping cream
4 eggs
10 ounces melted, cooled chocolate
1/4 cup seedless raspberry jam or currant jam
2 packages fresh raspberries

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Combine the melted butter and cookie crumbs and press onto the bottom and sides of a 9-inch springform pan. Bake 10 minutes, remove from the oven and let cool. Carefully spread the 1/2 cup preserves over the bottom of the crust. Prepare the basic cheesecake batter, blending in the melted, cooled chocolate with the last egg. Before serving, melt the 1/4 cup of seedless jam. Arrange the berries on top of the cake. Brush the melted jam on top of the berries. Makes 8 to 12 servings.

Blackout cake makes fine, sweet dessert

By Ellen Hawks
The Baltimore Sun

Theresa Dorrill of Baltimore wrote that she wanted a recipe for "a blackout cake." She says it "was featured on the 'Sweet Treats' cooking show. It is a chocolate cake with a pudding-like filling, which is also an icing." This one's from the Web site www.foodtv.com.

BROOKLYN BLACKOUT CAKE
1 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened to room temperature
1/4 cup vegetable shortening
2 cups sugar
2 eggs
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 1/4 cups cake flour
1 cup whole or 2 percent milk
Custard (recipe follows)

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Butter and flour two 9-inch cake pans. Cut 2 circles of parchment paper or waxed paper to fit the bottoms of the pans, then press them in. Using a hand mixer, cream the butter and shortening together. Add the sugar and mix

Recipe finder

until light and fluffy. One by one, add the eggs, mixing after each addition. With the mixer running at low speed, add the vanilla, cocoa, baking powder, baking soda and salt; mix. With the mixer still running at low speed, add about 1/3 of the cake flour, then about 1/3 of the milk, and mix. Repeat with the remaining cake flour and milk. Pour into the prepared pans and bake until dry and springy to the touch and a tester inserted into the center comes out clean (a few crumbs are OK), 30 to 35 minutes. Let cool in the pan for 15 minutes, then turn out onto wire racks and let cool completely to room temperature. Using a long serrated knife, cut the cake layers in half horizontally. Reserving 3 halves for the cake, put the remaining half in a food processor, breaking it up with your hands. Pulse into fine crumbs. Pour into the prepared pans. Place a layer on a cake platter or serving platter (reserving the most even layer for the top) and spread with a layer of custard. Top with another layer of cake, then custard, then the final layer of cake. Cover the top and sides

of the cake with the remaining custard. Coat the cake with the cake crumbs. Chill until ready to serve, at least 2 hours. Serve the same day.

Custard:
3 cups water, divided-use
2 1/2 cups sugar
1 tablespoon corn syrup
1 1/2 cups unsweetened cocoa powder

scant 2/3 cup cornstarch
6 tablespoons (3/4 stick) unsalted butter, cut into pieces
1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Pour 2 1/2 cups water, sugar, corn syrup and cocoa powder into a large, nonreactive saucepan and bring to a boil over medium-high heat, whisking occasionally. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, whisk the remaining 1/2 cup water and the cornstarch. Whisk into the cocoa mixture in the saucepan and return the mixture to a boil, whisking constantly. Cook, whisking constantly, until very thick, 3 to 4 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the butter and vanilla. Pour into a bowl. Cover with plastic wrap, lightly pressing the plastic against the surface to prevent a skin from forming. Chill until firm, about 45 minutes.

Crockpot liners make cleanup easy

By Liz Atwood
The Baltimore Sun

CROCKPOT CLEANUP: It's a great time to pull out the crockpot and make a hearty stew, only there's the problem of cleanup.

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MORE HEALTHFUL EATING: The National Diabetes Education Program has suggestions for making meals more healthful: Substitute nonfat or 1

percent milk for whole milk; use 3 egg whites and 1 yolk instead of 2 whole eggs; substitute small amounts of liquid oils for butter; and use herbs instead of salt.

STUDENT CHEFS: Growing restaurant dessert sales are

sweetening career opportunities for pastry chefs. As a result, the Culinary Institute of America plans to double the size of its baking and pastry programs, increasing the number of students from about 160 to 320 a year.

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You'll find nothing fishy about this shrimp salad

By Susan Sealsy
Detroit Free Press

Today's recipe comes from Bill Gruden, pastor at St. Elizabeth Church in Reese and St. Norbert Church in Mungler, Mich.

Gruden lived and worked in Australia for 14 years and often got together with friends for dinner parties in which each person prepared a dish no one had tried. This recipe came from the food section of the Melbourne newspaper.

"One of the reasons for liking this dish is that all the ingredients were virtually fresh from the tree or sea within the past 24 hours or less," Gruden says.

It's an ideal make-ahead appetizer or main-dish salad. The shrimp can be cooked ahead and allowed to marinate in the melon, flavorful mix of lemon juice, garlic and oil and sherry up to one day. It's best to use large shrimp (15/20 count). The sauce can be made a day ahead, but place plastic wrap directly onto the sauce before refrigerating to

limit browning.

SHRIMP SALAD
WITH AVOCADO VELVET SAUCE SALAD
2 pounds jumbo shrimp or prawns cooked in their shells
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 clove garlic, peeled, crushed
3 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon dry vermouth or sherry
Salt and pepper to taste

Sauce:
1 ripe avocado, halved, pitted
1 to 1 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice

juice:
3 tablespoons sour cream
3 tablespoons mayonnaise
8 chopped stuffed green olives
2 finely chopped green onions
Salt and pepper to taste

For serving:
4-6 leaves of head lettuce, shredded liked coleslaw
Chopped olives, optional
Peel and devein the shrimp; set aside. In a large bowl combine the lemon juice, garlic, olive oil, vermouth, salt and pepper. Add the shrimp, stir well, cover and refrigerate at last one hour

or overnight to allow the shrimp to incorporate the marinade.

To make the sauce: In a medium bowl, place the avocado flesh; mash well. Add the lemon juice, sour cream and mayonnaise; mix well. Mix in the olives and green onions. Adjust the seasonings with salt and pepper to taste. (The sauce can be made one day ahead. Cover with plastic wrap, placing the pieces of plastic wrap directly onto the sauce.)

To serve: Drain the shrimp from the marinade. Place some lettuce on each plate, top with shrimp, spoon some avocado sauce on the shrimp and garnish with additional chopped olives. Put the extra sauce in a bowl to pass around. A dry, crisp and well-chilled white Bordeaux goes superbly with this dish. Makes 8 servings.

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Fancy punch for February

The Philadelphia Inquirer

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BEFORE THE TWIN FALLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Notice is hereby given that Twin Falls County, Idaho, (the "County") will hold a hearing on February 13, 2002, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. at the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone Street North, Third Floor Conference Room, Twin Falls, Idaho. The purpose of the hearing is to determine whether to proceed with a lease/purchase agreement (the "Agreement") of certain jail and detention center facilities (the "Project"). The Project contemplates entering into an Agreement in order to finance the Project and filing a petition pursuant to the Idaho Code §7-1301 et seq. The petition will describe the Project and the Agreement and request judicial confirmation of the power and the authority of the County under the constitution and laws of Idaho to approve entering into the Agreement.

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FOOD & HOME

Beans offer big value for your grocery dollar

By Coce Sullivan
The Seattle Times

Winter sales are plentiful, but if you're in the market for a good bargain, a real deal is on the grocery shelf year-round. It's your basic, bargain-basement beans. With prices running about \$3.50 a pound, the proverbial hill of beans can be worth quite a bit.

SENATE BEAN SOUP

- 6 servings
 - 1 pound dried navy beans or other white beans such as Great Northern
 - 1 1/2 pounds smoked ham hocks
 - 1 bay leaf
 - 1/2 teaspoons salt, or more to taste
 - 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
 - 2 cups chopped onion
 - 2 medium cloves garlic, peeled and minced
 - 1 medium white potato, peeled and coarsely diced
 - 2 medium carrots, peeled and finely chopped
 - 2 stalks celery, finely chopped
 - Optional: 1/4 cup tomato sauce (see note)
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- Rinse the beans and discard any that are discolored or shriveled. Soak the beans in water to cover overnight. Drain in a colander and rinse well. Put the beans into a large (6-quart) pot. Add 10 cups water, the ham hocks and bay leaf. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low and cook covered until the beans are tender, about 1 1/2 hours. Stir occasionally. Remove the ham hocks and set aside. When cool enough to handle, cut the meat from the bone and dice coarsely. Add the salt, thyme, onion, garlic, potato, carrots, celery and tomato sauce. Cook at a gentle simmer, uncovered, 40 minutes. Discard bay leaf. Mash some of the beans with a masher. Stir the ham into the soup and season with pepper. Adjust the seasonings with additional salt if desired.
- From "Full of Beans" by Brooke Dojny

Bean tips

- Don't add salt to the cooking water, or to the cooking water until the beans are tender. Salt will form a barrier on the seed coating, blocking water absorption.
- If using broth for the cooking liquid, make sure it's low-sodium.
- Stirring a spoonful of baking soda into the liquid to soften beans quickly is a long-standing myth. The alkalinity of soda goes break down cell walls, but causes nutrients to leach out of the legumes.
- Because acid toughens the beans, tomatoes, vinegar and lemon juice should not be added into the pot until the beans have softened.

CUBAN BLACK BEANS AND RICE

4 to 6 servings

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3/4 cup finely diced onion
- 2 medium cloves garlic, peeled and minced
- 1 small green bell pepper, seeded and coarsely chopped
- 1 small red bell pepper, seeded and coarsely chopped
- 1 cup long-grain white rice
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can chicken broth plus water to equal 2 cups
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 cup cooked black beans
- 2 tablespoons lime juice

In a large, nonstick skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add onion, garlic and bell peppers; saute 5 minutes. Add rice, stirring 1 minute. Add the broth-water mixture, thyme, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, stirring well. Cover and reduce the heat to low. Cook 15 minutes. Stir in cooked black beans; recover and continue cooking 5 minutes. Remove the rice from the heat and fluff with a fork, stirring in the lime juice at the same time. Cover and set aside 5 minutes before serving.

—Adapted from "A Taste of Heritage: The New African-American Cuisine" by Chef Joe Randall & Toni Tipton-Martin

Protein combining led to delicious vegetarian dishes

The Miami Herald

Thirty years ago, in "Diet for a Small Planet," Frances Moore Lappe championed the idea of eating "complementary" proteins — carefully combining foods to make the most of their protein content. The theory was that protein from plant foods was inferior because it contained fewer essential amino acids. Combining rice and beans was a way of getting "complete" protein.

"We now know that thousands

of nutrient interactions take place in your body every day without your knowledge or conscious participation," says dietitian Suzanne Havala.

Your body completes proteins on its own, as long as you get enough calories and eat a reasonable variety of foods over the course of the day. Though all that determined combining wasn't necessary, it sure helped us learn to put together some tasty dishes.

RICE AND CHICKPEA PILAF
3 tablespoons olive oil

- 1 large onion, grated or minced
- 1/2 cup toasted pine nuts
- 1 teaspoon allspice
- 1 cup brown rice
- 1/3 cup currants
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley
- 3 tablespoons chopped mint leaves
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
- Salt and freshly milled pepper
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 1 (15-ounce can) chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- Heat oil in large saucepan over

medium heat. Cook onion, nuts and allspice 6 to 8 minutes. Add rice, currants and herbs; cook a few minutes more. Season with salt and pepper. Add lemon juice and 2 1/4 cups water. Bring to a boil. Cover the pan, reduce the heat and simmer until the liquid is absorbed and rice is tender, about 40 minutes. Stir in chickpeas; cover and let stand off heat 10 minutes. Serves 4.

—Source: "Vegetarian Cooking for Everyone" by Deborah Madison (Broadway Books, \$35).

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Nutrition-conscious people search for healthy, satisfying snack

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From chocolate bars to carrot sticks, 75 percent of men and women eat at least one snack per day. And, with the trend moving toward healthier eating, more nutrition-conscious people are searching for that satisfying snack.

Make Plum and Gorgonzola Crostini ... and indulge in a healthy, nutritious and delicious treat.

This delicious snack is elegant enough to serve as an appetizer when entertaining guests.

ROASTED ALMONDS WITH CORIANDER, CHILI AND OLIVE OIL

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 1/2 cups blanched whole almonds
- 1 teaspoon whole coriander seed, crushed
- 1 to 3 small dried red chili peppers, crushed
- 2 generous pinches of sea salt

In medium skillet, heat oil over low heat. Add almonds; toast about 5 minutes or until golden brown, shaking pan often for more even color.

Sprinkle crushed coriander and chili peppers over almonds; add sea salt. Toss to combine; serve hot on large plate. Makes 6 (1/4-cup) servings

Nutrition Information Per Serving: 241 calories; 73% calories from fat; 21g fat; 205 mg sodium; 9 g carbohydrate; 8 g protein; 0 mg cholesterol; 4 g fiber

NOTE: To crush coriander and chili peppers, place in resealable plastic bag. Close bag; pound spices with meat mallet or hammer until crushed.

Make as a delicious snack, appetizer or serve with a salad for a light meal.

DRIED PLUM AND GORGONZOLA CROSTINI

- 1 baguette loaf, cut diagonally into 1/2-inch thick slices (approx. 24 slices)
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 ounces Gorgonzola cheese,



Photo courtesy of the Almond Board of California and California Dried Plum Board

softened to room temperature
24 pitted dried plums, finely chopped

Heat oven to 350 F. Arrange baguette slices on large baking sheet; lightly brush tops with oil. Bake 10 minutes or until light golden brown. Turn slices over; bake an additional 5 minutes. Cool.

Spread each slice with rounded teaspoon of cheese; sprinkle with scant tablespoon dried plums.

Serve within 1 hour. Makes 8 servings (3 appetizers each)

Nutrition Information Per Serving: 264 calories; 27% calories from fat; 8 g fat; 375 mg sodium; 41 g carbohydrate; 6 g protein; 11 mg cholesterol; 3 g fiber

NOTE: Baguette slices may be toasted up to 12 hours in advance.

You won't be able to eat just one! If you roast the almonds, these bites are even more flavorful. Keep a supply on hand so you can make up a snack when-

ever the mood strikes.
DRIED PLUM, ALMOND AND GINGER BITES

- 1 pitted dried plum
- 1 whole natural almond
- 1 small piece crystallized ginger

Cut lengthwise slit into dried plum. Place almond and ginger in slit, allowing each to show part-

way; serve. Makes 1 serving
Nutrition Information Per Serving: 49 calories; 27% calories from fat; 1 g fat; 2 mg sodium; 8 g carbohydrate; 1 g protein; 0 mg cholesterol; 1 g fiber

Make a batch of this delicious concoction, then keep a bag in your car or gym bag for snacking on the go

SWEET AND CRUNCHY TRAIL MIX

- 2/3 cup whole natural almonds
- 2/3 cup (about 4 ounces) pitted dried plums, each cut in half
- 2/3 cup dried apricots, each cut in half
- 1/2 cup dried apple slices
- 1/3 cup mini cinnamon or semi-sweet chocolate morsels

Heat oven to 350 F. Arrange

almonds in single layer on baking sheet; bake 8 to 10 minutes; cool completely.

In large bowl, combine almonds and remaining ingredients; mix well. Store in resealable plastic bags. Makes 8 (1/3-cup) servings

Nutrition Information Per Serving: 185 calories; 40% calories from fat; 9 g fat; 8 mg sodium; 27 g carbohydrate; 3 g protein; 0 mg cholesterol; 6 g fiber

Kids will love these as an after-school or lunchbox snack. The indulgent taste of these truffles will make you forget they're also good for you!

DRIED PLUM AND ALMOND TRUFFLES

- 2 tablespoons cocoa powder
- 2 tablespoons powdered sugar
- 1 1/4 cups (about 8 ounces) pitted dried plums
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds, toasted
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

In small bowl, mix together cocoa powder and sugar until blended; set aside.

In food processor bowl, process dried plums, almonds, honey, cinnamon and cloves until dried plums are finely chopped, pulsing on and off. Divide mixture into 16 portions, about 1 scant tablespoon each. Shape each portion into a ball; roll in cocoa mixture to coat lightly. Store in covered container.

Makes 16 truffles
Nutrition Information Per Serving (1 truffle): 82 calories; 26% calories from fat; 3 g fat; 3 mg sodium; 14 g carbohydrate; 1 g protein; 0 mg cholesterol; 1 g fiber

NOTE: To toast almonds, spread in even layer on baking sheet.

Bake in 350 F oven for 5 to 10 minutes or until light brown, stirring once or twice for even browning.

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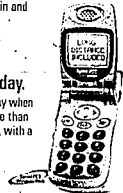
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Award-winning chef shares flavorful secrets

By Sylvia Rector
Detroit Free Press

DETROIT — At the hand of an expert chef, food simply tastes better. Flavors are vivid, distinct and intense. Dishes convey a complexity that belies their simple components. Sauces are works of art.

But then real life intervenes: We don't have enough time. We never have the right stuff on hand. Our waistslines can't afford the hidden fat. And let's face it: The Charlie Trotter and Jean-Georges Vongerichten of the world just know things about food the rest of us were never taught.

What we need in the new century is a new way to cook — one that's geared to modern schedules, more sophisticated palates, broader experiences and better health. And that is exactly what chef, teacher and James Beard Award-winning author Sally Schneider presents in her new book called "what else?" — "A New Way to Cook" (Artisan, \$40).

Here's a recipe:

CHICKEN WITH SHERRY VINEGAR SAUCE

One 3-pound chicken, skinned, washed, patted dry, cut into 8 pieces

3/4 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more to taste

3/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, plus more to taste

3 tablespoons all-purpose flour, divided

1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon olive, grapeseed or peanut oil, divided

1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons finely chopped shallots

2/3 cup medium-sweet sherry, such as amontillado or dry sherry mixed with 1 tablespoon honey

1/3 cup sherry vinegar

1 to 1 1/2 teaspoons sugar

2 cups low-sodium chicken broth

1 cup peeled plum tomatoes, drained and coarsely chopped

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

Pat the chicken dry with paper towels, then rub the pieces evenly with 3/4 teaspoon each of salt and pepper. Spread the flour on a shallow plate and roll the pieces in the flour to coat evenly; tap off the excess. In a large heavy skillet, heat 2 teaspoons of the oil over moderate heat until hot. Sauté the chicken pieces, in batches if necessary, until golden, about 3 minutes on each side; add more oil by the teaspoon as necessary. Transfer the chicken to a platter. Reduce the heat to moderately low and add the shallots to the skillet. Cook, covered, stirring

occasionally, until the shallots have softened, about 5 minutes. Uncover, increase the heat slightly, and sauté the shallots until golden brown, about 3 minutes. Add the sherry and increase the heat to moderately high, stirring up the browned bits on the bottom of the pan. Cook 4 minutes or until reduced by about half. Stir in the sherry vinegar and sugar and cook 3-4 minutes longer, until reduced by half. Stir in the chicken broth, tomatoes, mustard, salt and pepper to taste. Add the chicken legs and thighs, partially cover and cook 7 minutes. Add the breasts and wings, cover, and simmer until the chicken is cooked through, about 20 minutes. Transfer the chicken to a plate and keep warm. Simmer the sauce in the skillet until it is slightly thickened and the flavors are rich and mellow, about 10 minutes. Return the chicken pieces to the pan and heat through, then serve. Makes 4 servings.

NOTE: You can prepare the braise up to three days ahead; cover and refrigerate. Release over low heat in a heavy covered saucepan until just heated through, about 15 minutes; do not allow the chicken to overcook.

Cold weather calls for vegetarian chili

By Steve Patusovsky
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

I have a favorite recipe that contains lots of winter vegetables, grains and beans in it.

My recipe calls for bulgur or cracked wheat, which can be found in many supermarkets and natural-food stores in packages and in the bulk section. Bulgur is traditionally used to make tabouli salad. Depending on the spice level preferred, you can use fresh chili peppers such as jalapenos, serranos or canned chipotles, which add heat and a pleasant smoky taste. I add a small amount of unsweetened cocoa powder for rich, complex flavor and mahogany color.

If you have time, you can use dried beans, but good-quality canned ones make great chili and save labor. Look for new fire-roasted canned tomatoes by Muir Glen. They add lots of smoky character to the chili. You'll think it's real campfire aroma.

Vegetarian chili can be used as a base for a more substantial meal. Try placing the cooked chili in an ovenproof casserole

and top with biscuit dough or cornbread mix. Bake the dough on top of the heated chili until it is golden and fluffy. You can also top the heated chili with a layer of your favorite cheese or non-dairy cheese and place it under the broiler 5 minutes until the cheese bubbles and turns golden brown. Before serving, add a garnish of salsa, sour cream or plain yogurt and chopped scallions.

STEVE'S KITCHEN SINK GRAIN AND BEAN CHILI

Serve with plain yogurt or sour cream, shredded cheddar and minced scallions.

1 tablespoon canola oil

1 medium red onion, chopped

2 carrots, peeled and chopped

2 ribs celery, chopped

1 medium green bell pepper, chopped

1 medium red bell pepper, chopped

3 cloves garlic, minced

1 jalapeno pepper, minced

1 1/2 tablespoons dried oregano leaves

1 tablespoon ground cumin

1 tablespoon chili powder

1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder

1 cup tomato puree plus more

as needed

1 (28-ounce) can chopped tomatoes with juice.

2 quarts water or vegetable broth plus more as needed

1 1/2 cups cracked wheat

3 (19-ounce) cans pinto, black and/or white beans, rinsed and drained

Juice of 2 limes

1/2 cup soy sauce

Heat oil in a nonreactive large saucepan or Dutch oven over medium heat. Add onions, carrots, celery, peppers, garlic, jalapenos, oregano, cumin, chili powder and cocoa powder and sauté 4 minutes. Add 1 cup tomato puree, tomatoes, 2 quarts water or broth, cracked wheat and beans; simmer 50 minutes until blended. You can add additional vegetable broth, water or tomato juice to adjust the consistency, if needed. Add lime juice, soy sauce and cilantro. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

For serving: 247 calories, 12 percent calories from fat, 13 grams protein, 44 grams carbohydrates, 11 grams total fiber, 3 grams total fat, no cholesterol, 1,128 milligrams sodium.

Put a roast on tonight

Detroit Free Press

Ready for dinner?

ROAST CAPON WITH BLACK BEANS, GINGER AND GARLIC

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 garlic cloves, peeled

1/4 cup fresh ginger root, peeled and sliced paper-thin, then cut into julienne

1 red onion, peeled and diced

1 tablespoon mild paprika

1/2 tablespoon ground cumin

Generous pinch of crushed red pepper flakes

1/2 pound dried black turtle beans, soaked overnight and drained

12 cups reduced-sodium vegetable stock or water

Sea salt to taste

Freshly ground black pepper

1 capon, about 9 pounds, rinsed well

2 limes, punctured repeatedly with ice pick

2 tablespoons poultry fat or substitute butter or olive oil

1/4 cup fresh lime juice

Tabasco sauce to taste

1/2 cup red bell pepper, stem and seeds removed, cut into fine dice

1/2 yellow bell pepper, stem and seeds removed, cut into fine dice

1 large bunch of cilantro leaves

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees.

Start the beans: In a large skillet heat the olive over medium-high heat and sauté the garlic, ginger and onions until just starting to brown. Add the paprika, cumin and red pepper flakes to taste.

Add the soaked beans and cover with cold stock or water. Bring to a boil over high heat. Generously season with salt and pepper. Allow to simmer for 30-45 minutes while preparing the capon.

Prepare the capon: Salt and pepper the cavity and skin of the capon. Place the 2 whole limes in the cavity. Truss the capon with the legs tight to the body and the wings behind the neck.

Rub poultry fat or a little olive oil over all surfaces. Place in a roasting pan and situate on the lower rack of the oven. Bake until the capon begins to brown, about 15 minutes.

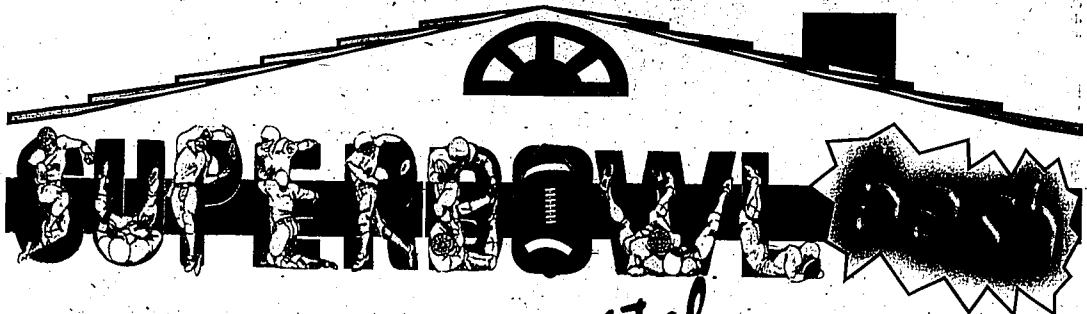
Continue: Lower the heat to 350 degrees. Add the black bean mixture from the skillet to the roasting pan around the cooking capon.

Return to the oven, cooking 1 1/2 to 2 hours or until the beans are tender and the capon is done. Check the capon with an instant-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the thigh.

The bird is done when the thermometer reads 175 degrees.

Remove from the oven, transfer the capon to a large deep serving platter and allow to rest 10 minutes before serving. Meanwhile, stir the lime juice into the beans. Add the red and yellow peppers. Adjust the seasonings with Tabasco, salt and pepper.

To serve: Cut the trussing twine away from the bird. Spoon the beans over the bird. Sprinkle generously with cilantro and serve. Makes 6 to 8 servings.



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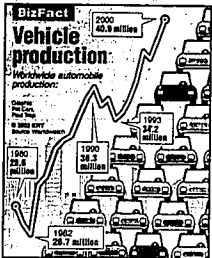
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Congressmen support area code decision

BOISE - The state's congressional delegation has asked the Federal Communications Commission to support the state's decision to delay adding a new area code.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has asked the Federal Communications Commission to hold off on creating a new area code and put into service phone numbers allocated to phone companies but not currently in use.

"Idaho's sole area code is projected to exhaust in the third quarter of 2003. However less than 20 percent of the available telephone number in Idaho are currently utilized," Senators Larry Craig and Mike Crapo and Representatives Mike Simpson and C.L. "Butch" Otter wrote. "Introducing a new area code will require hundreds of thousands of Idaho's customers to experience the cost and inconvenience of changing their existing area code."

Yard closure results In more jobs lost

POCATELLO - Another 10 railroad employees will lose their jobs when the Union Pacific Railroads hump yard closes this spring.

"The closure of the hump will adversely affect seven to 10 locomotive engineers," said Tim Donnigan, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers general chairman for the nine-state western region.

Union Pacific had announced about 30 local mechanic jobs would be affected by the closure and railroad spokesman John Bromley said those workers would be offered jobs in other locations. Bromley said the hump where rail traffic and destinations are sorted out will be dismantled beginning in March.

The closure would bring to about 40 the number of \$40,000-a-year jobs that will leave Pocatello. More than 400 rail jobs have left the city in the past four years.

"Basically, the cost of rehabilitating the hump is significant enough that we felt we should divert the work to other yards where some modernization work has already been done," Bromley said.

Quarterly earnings at American Express plummet

NEW YORK - The bear market took another bite out of American Express Financial Advisors and its New York-based parent company in the fourth quarter.

American Express said its fourth-quarter earnings dropped 56 percent to \$297 million, or 22 cents per diluted share, in the fourth quarter. Amex earned \$677 million, or 50 cents per diluted share, in the same period of 2000.

Analysts polled by First Call were expecting American Express to earn 23 cents per share. American Express is slashing its work force by 15 percent to cut costs. Some 1,200 of the job cuts are coming from American Express Financial Advisors, which is based in Minneapolis and has advisers serving the Magic Valley.

The financial advisory unit's quarterly earnings dropped 33 percent to \$163 million, including a \$45 million pre-tax restructuring charge. Amex said the drop was caused by weak sales, lower asset and lower portfolio yields. The full year was atrocious for American Express Financial Advisors. Its net income dropped to \$52 million from \$1.03 billion in 2000. Revenues dropped 33 percent to \$2.8 billion, including a charge of \$1.01 billion in the first six months of the year for bad investments in junk bonds. American Express said junk bonds now comprise 4 percent of its total portfolio, compared with 11 percent to 12 percent at the end of 2000.

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Idaho and the global markets

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley business people can get some help understanding global markets and export opportunities next week, state officials said Tuesday.

Idaho's trade representatives in China, Taiwan, Korea and Mexico will discuss export opportunities and economic, political and market conditions in Asia and Mexico with Idaho companies and legislators in Boise Feb. 4-8.

"Mexico and Asia account for nearly half our total exports," Stephanie Hunt, trade adminis-

International trade representatives will discuss opportunities in Boise

trator for the Idaho Department of Commerce, said in a statement. "China boasts one of the fastest growing economies in the world."

Export statistics for 2000 show China as one of Idaho's fastest growing trading partners, increasing more than 134 percent since 1998, the department said. Japan is Idaho's fourth largest trading partner and

largest agricultural trading partner. Mexico was Idaho's 10th largest trading partner accounting for more than \$107 million in goods.

A forum titled "Global Market Trends for Idaho Companies" will be held the morning of Feb. 8 at the Idaho Department of Agriculture, 2270 Old

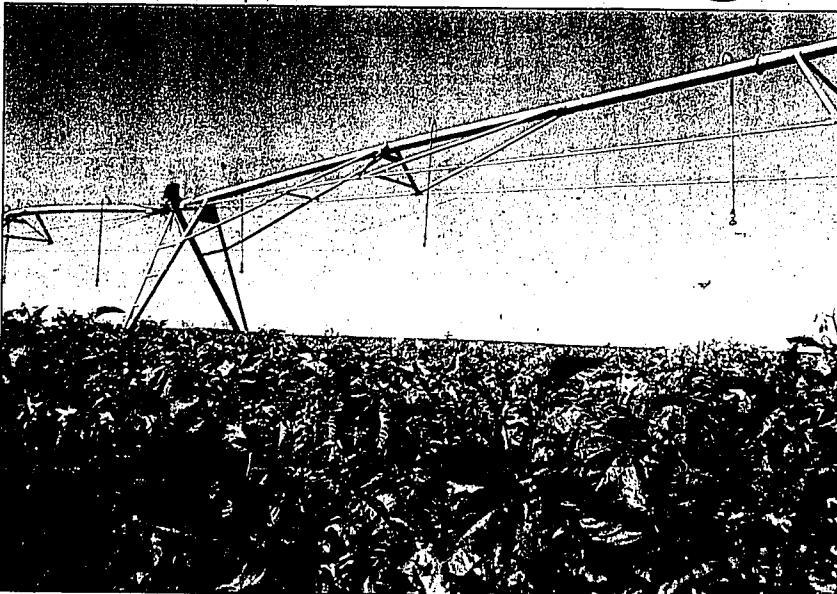
Penitentiary Road in Boise. Hunt and Laura-Johnson of the Agriculture Department will give an overview of Idaho's international trade programs.

Other presenters include Ron McMurray, Idaho's Washington, D.C., trade representative; Armando Orellana, Mexico; Eddie Yen, Taiwan; Cao Guoli, China; and General Woo-Joo Chang of Korea.

Idaho companies interested in meeting with the international trade representatives on one may schedule appointments from 12:45 to 5:15 p.m. Feb. 8.

Call the Commerce Department at 334-2470.

Potato marketers set goal



Potatoes fill a Jerome County field in this file photo. Though the price of potatoes has risen recently, economists and industry leaders are cautioning growers not to over-plant and bring the market back to a state of oversupply.

Group begins annual negotiating of contracts

The Associated Press

BOISE - Leaders of the Potato Marketing Association of North America unanimously set a goal of negotiating a price from potato processors that returns 15 percent above cost for an average crop.

"The group stressed the need for an increased price on the 2002 preseason potato contracts that its individual associations will be negotiating in the next 60 days." "Nobody is going to get rich with a 15 percent return but that price level should provide enough profitability that the grower community will remain viable and processors should be assured a consistent, high-quality potato crop for years to come," Association President Dale Latham, of Washington, said. "Potato growing is a business

just like any other, and a 15 percent return is typically

'Nobody is going to get rich with a 15 percent return but that price level should provide enough profitability that the grower community will remain viable and processors should be assured a consistent, high-quality potato crop for years to come.'

- Dale Latham, president of potato marketing association

"Today's young farmer is more educated and has more options

available to him than any previous generation," Latham said.

"Most can make a better living working a salaried position than they can risking their entire livelihood each year to raise potatoes."

A reaction in surplus production and a d v e r s e weather conditions have reduced the number of potatoes on the market, and prices have begun to increase. "Demand for potatoes is better

today than it has been in many years," Latham said.

The group is urging growers to plant only potatoes they have a known market for to avoid having another drop in prices. "Contract negotiations will begin next week in the Northwest and will proceed to other parts of North America in the coming weeks."

"We know that we have a big task ahead of us, but we have done everything that the processors have told us we must do to get a price increase," Latham said. "Now it is time to reap what we have sowed."

Representatives from Idaho's bargaining organization, Southern Idaho Potato Coop, and from Potato Growers of Idaho hosted the recent Potato Marketing Association of North America meeting.

J.C. Penney Co. becomes holding company

Knight Ridder News Service

PLANO, Texas - J.C. Penney Co. restructured itself over the weekend into a holding company, which analysts said will make it easier for the national retailer to spin off the Eckerd drugstore chain or make acquisitions.

But Chief Executive Allen Questrom ruled out any immediate changes. "This holding company" structure, which is used by many companies with multiple businesses, creates a basic framework to facilitate organizational, operational and strategic decision-making," he said in a statement. "This step will not result in any immediate changes to operations, but we believe that the new structure will provide us with more flexibility as we progress with the rebuilding of our businesses."

Plano-based Penney - which has Penney stores in Twin Falls

and Burley - abandoned plans to issue a tracking stock for Eckerd in August, apparently because of

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based Loeb Associates.

"Eckerd has been a support to the company, but it does not fit with the general

character of J.C. Penney. And by making it a separate profit center, with a separate management, I think in the future it could be divested," he said. The holding company is called J.C. Penney Co., the department store unit, J.C. Penney Corp.

"From a bondholder standpoint, we think the company will realize value by spinning off Eckerd and can do so more easily in a holding company," said Stephen Ardizzone,

who holds J.C. Penney bonds in the \$400 million he helps manage at SMH Capital Advisors in Fort Worth.

"Their back really isn't against the wall, but there is more pressure upon the company to do things to increase your holder value, to satisfy bondholders, so they want to have ample liquidity and operating flexibility," he said.

Stockholders' interest in J.C. Penney will remain unchanged, and the holding company will share the obligation for the payment of principal and interest on outstanding debt, the company said. J.C. Penney has \$5.61 billion in bonds outstanding, including \$907 million that matures this year, according to Bloomberg data.

Moody's Investors Service rates J.C. Penney bonds as "junk." Standard & Poor's rates the bonds at the lowest investment grade level.

Qwest earnings disappoint

The Associated Press

DENVER - Qwest Communications International Inc. widened its losses 344 percent to \$516 million in the fourth quarter, citing one-time restructuring and merger-related costs.

Denver-based Qwest said Tuesday the losses are a result of \$764 million in severance costs, abandoned real estate leases and asset impairments primarily associated with KPNQwest. The declining profits amount to a loss of 31 cents per diluted share compared to a 7-cent loss during the same period in 2000.

On an operating basis, the company missed analysts' expectations by a penny, according to analysts surveyed by First Call/Thompson StreetView.

Fourth-quarter revenues dropped 6.3 percent to \$4.7 billion compared to \$5.02 billion for the same period a year ago.

Qwest lost \$4 billion, or \$2.41 per share, for the year compared with a loss of \$81 million, or 6 cents per share, in 2000.

Meanwhile, revenues surged 18.9 percent in 2001 to \$19.7 billion from \$16.6 billion the previous year, partly strengthened by demand for Internet and wireless services.

The company, which provides broadband, wireless and local phone service in 14 western states - including Idaho and the Magic Valley - made \$4.7 billion in revenue during the fourth quarter, down 6.3 percent from \$5.2 billion in the same period of 2000.

The company said strong fourth-quarter growth in Internet and wireless services offset the weakness in local and traditional data services reflective of the slowing economy.

Internet service revenue grew 30 percent or \$67 million in the fourth quarter and wireless revenues increased 42 percent or \$62 million, compared with the same period last year.

Nextel Partners posts larger loss; sales growth

Knight Ridder News Service

KIRKLAND, Wash. - Dodging the slow growth that plagued other wireless carriers in the fourth quarter, Nextel Partners reported sales growth of 26 percent, although its loss widened 3.9 percent.

The Kirkland wireless carrier, which serves small- and midsize markets, reported a loss of \$78.2 million, or 33 cents a share, from \$75.3 million, or 32 cents a share, in the third quarter. Analysts had expected a loss of 31 cents a share.

Locally, Nextel Partners' all-digital wireless network extends from Boise to Salt Lake City, along the I-84 corridor through Mountain Home, Twin Falls, Burien and Heyburn.

Nextel Partners' sales were \$120.8 million compared with \$53.4 million in the year-ago quarter as the company added 81,700 subscribers. Sales minus operating expenses narrowed 26.4 percent to \$18.8 million.

For 2001, Nextel Partners' loss widened 8.5 percent to \$287.7 million, or \$1.20 a share, as sales grew 177 percent to \$377.4 million.

"(Nextel Partners has) been one of the few (wireless) companies that have reported fourth-quarter results that have exceeded investor expectations across the board," said Jeff Hines, analyst for Deutsche Bank.

Belleuve-based Western Wireless, Sprint PCS, Verizon Wireless and Cingular Wireless all reported lower-than-expected sales in the worst case, just meeting analyst expectations as wireless penetration rises in the United States, growth has slowed; and forced price wars among carriers.

"To the extent that some other (wireless) businesses have seen some economic hiccups, that really hasn't applied to us," said John Chappell, chief executive of Nextel Partners.

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Dow takes biggest fall in three months

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors' increasing lack of faith in corporate America's accounting practices sent the Dow Jones industrial average tumbling nearly 250 points Tuesday, its biggest drop in three months.

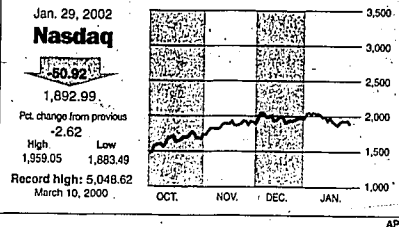
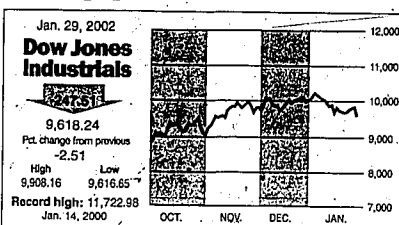
Analysts said Wall Street, already jittery about the timing of an economic recovery, was concerned that more companies might suffer from the same type of balance-sheet irregularities that brought down Enron. One top investor's fury, the conglomerate Tyco, fell nearly 20 percent.

Even stronger-than-expected consumer confidence numbers failed to stop the selling.

The Dow closed down 247.51, or 2.5 percent, at 9,618.24. The selling snapped a four-day winning streak and brought the blue-chip index to levels not seen since mid-November, when the biggest point drop in three months.

The losses were even more significant in broader indicators. The Nasdaq composite index fell 50.92, or 2.6 percent, to 1,892.99. The Standard & Poor's 500 index slipped 32.42, or 2.9 percent, to 1,100.64.

"On the heels of this Enron situation, people are very concerned about accounting practices," said Todd Clark, head of listed equity trading at Wells



AP

Analysts expect Fed to leave interest rates alone

"It is pretty clear that the economy is coming out of the recession," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo in Minneapolis. "The issue now is how strong and healthy the recovery is going to be."

The Fed got some good news at the start of its deliberations Tuesday. Reports showed that orders to American factories for durable goods rose by 2 percent in December, while consumer

confidence posted a stronger-than-expected gain in January, rising for the first time above its pre-Sept. 11 level.

Jerry Jasinski, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, called the jump in factory orders "the first credible evidence" that the recession is ending.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan noted the scattered signs of recovery in congressional testimony last week.

Fargo Securities. "People get concerned that we may have some other companies pulling shenanigans like Enron. People don't want to own them ... and that's undermining confidence."

Tyco tumbled 58.35, or 19.9 percent, to \$33.65. Enron was the conglomerate was carrying so much debt on its balance sheets that it would be unable to grow. The selling intensified on a Wall Street Journal report that the company had paid \$20 million to one of its outside directors and a charity he controls for advice on a merger. Tyco also recently announced plans to split up, raising concerns about consequences.

"What's happening here is that institutions with big positions in Tyco are trying to cut their positions back and no one's buying," said Bill Barker, investment consultant at RBC Dana Rauscher. "That's driving the stock price down."

Richard A. Dickson, technical analyst at Hilliard Lyons, said the Enron debacle has made many investors uneasy about complicated corporate structures. Enron, which has filed for bankruptcy, is under investigation for its accounting practices.

Consumer confidence grows for second straight month

NEW YORK (AP) — Consumer confidence improved for the second consecutive month in January, lifted by increased optimism about jobs and the economy.

The New York-based Conference Board said Tuesday that its Consumer Confidence Index rose to 97.3 this month from a revised 94.6 in December. Analysts were expecting a reading of 96.

The industry group's index, based on a monthly survey of some 5,000 U.S. households, is closely watched because consumer confidence drives consumer spending, which accounts for about two-thirds of the nation's economic activity.

"While the economy has not turned around yet, the worst may be over," said Lynn Franco, director of the Conference Board's Consumer Research Center.

Franco said the uptick in confidence was influenced by the feel-

ing that the business climate and job prospects are going to get better.

The index compares results to its base year, 1985, when it stood at 100.

The January figure was the highest since the September reading, when it reached 97. That figure didn't take into account the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

Economists said the January index indicates that consumers are starting to recover from the shock of the disaster and are more inclined to open their wallets. In Afghanistan, higher stock prices and fewer reports of mass layoffs.

"If consumers are feeling more confident with their economic situation, that augurs well for continued consumer spending, which is an absolute necessary condition for the economy to recover," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com in West Chester, Pa.

IBM President will become CEO as Wall Street watches closely

NEW YORK (AP) — In one of the most closely watched successions on Wall Street, IBM Corp. on Tuesday named the company's president and chief operating officer, Samuel J. Palmisano, to succeed Louis V. Gerstner as chief executive.

The Jan. 11 Greenspan speech in financial markets convinced that the central bank would cut rates one more time as an insurance policy. Greenspan's more positive tone last Thursday, however, caused the sentiment to swing into the no-change camp.

new leader," Gerstner, 59, told IBM employees in a memo. Palmisano, who headed several departments before taking over the company's day-to-day operations in September 2000, assumes control after a Gerstner-led turnaround in IBM's fortunes.

Gerstner, who took over in 1993, transformed IBM from a flagging computer maker into a competitive global enterprise with a focus on information services and workplace technology.

"From March 10, Sam is our

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WORLD

Adviser sees prospects of growth

MOSCOW - Russia's economic growth slowed last year but the nation's financial health can keep improving despite a drop in oil prices, President Vladimir Putin's economic adviser said Tuesday.

Andri Illarionov said the slump in oil prices might finally prompt the government to restructure and diversify the economy, moving away from its current dependence on oil and other raw materials.

In this way, he said: "Low oil prices are strategically advantageous for the Russian economy."

Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov said the Cabinet plans to simplify and cut taxation for small businesses to stimulate growth.

Also Tuesday, Christof Ruehl, the chief economist of the World Bank's office in Russia, said Russia needs to diversify its economy, moving "away from large conglomerates, which are generating their revenues from resources exports, toward more medium- and small-sized enterprises."

World in brief

Japanese official fires his popular foreign minister

TOKYO - Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi on Tuesday fired his popular foreign minister and her main rival, a deputy with whom she had a public feud that held up budget legislation in parliament.

Foreign Minister Makiko Tanaka has been key to Koizumi's high public approval ratings. She is constantly called his most popular minister because of her promises to fight status quo politics and corruption in the elite Foreign Ministry.

But she has also been engaged in a highly public squabble with top aides that has stalled some legislation - including a crucial supplementary budget to lift Japan's moribund economy.

Koizumi said he removed Tanaka so the squabbles would not hold up passage of next fiscal year's budget.

"I wanted to normalize the debate over the budget," Koizumi said in announcing his decision. "In this severe economic situation the budget must be passed as soon as possible. We must also think of our interests in diplomatic affairs."

Powerful storms kill at least 17 in Europe

LONDON - Powerful gales battered northern Europe, killing at least 17 people as the wind ripped roofs off houses, disrupted traffic and shipping and left thousands of homes without power Tuesday.

Winds gusting at up to 120 mph tore through Britain and Ireland on Monday before heading across Scandinavia, Germany, Poland and Russia overnight, meteorologists reported.

In England, a woman was killed by a piece of stone carving that fell from a church in York. In Konon, a lamp post fell on a woman riding a bicycle, killing her.

Searchers find wreckage of jetliner near volcano

IPIALES, Colombia - Search teams found the wreckage of an Ecuadorian airliner that crashed with 92 people on board near a volcano straddling the Colombia-Ecuador border, an Ecuadorian official said.

It would take rescue workers at least two hours to reach the remote site of the crash near Chile's Volcans near the Ecuadorian border, Minister of Government Marcelo Merlo told reporters in Ecuador's capital, Quito.

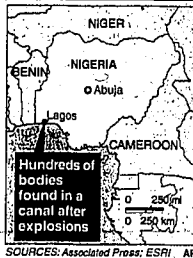
Merlo did not say whether there were any survivors. There was no immediate confirmation of the find from Colombian officials.

Court convicts principal, deputy for role in deaths

NAIROBI, Kenya - A Kenyan court convicted two boarding school officials and sentenced them to eight months in prison Tuesday for failing to prevent a dormitory fire that killed 67 students.

About 150 students were sleeping in the dormitory when the fire broke out March 26, 2001 at Kyanguli Secondary School in Machakos, 30 miles southeast of Nairobi. One of the two doors to the dormitory was locked and the windows were barred, trapping half the students behind a wall of gasoline-fueled flames, survivors said. Nineteen people were injured.

-compiled from wire reports



SOURCES: Associated Press; ESRI AP

Death toll from Nigerian explosions rises to 600

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) - Nigeria's president declared a national disaster on Tuesday after a series of explosions at an army weapons depot in Lagos left at least 600 dead, most of them women and children who drowned in a canal while trying to run away.

In a radio broadcast, President Olusegun Obasanjo said "over 600 bodies had been recovered," including many from the Oke Afa canal in the northern Isolo neighborhood of this city of 12 million.

He said the dead were mostly women, young people and children.

Lagos Governor Bola Ahmed Tinubu blamed the deaths on military negligence, radio stations said.

The Vanguard newspaper of Lagos estimated that more than 2,000 people were killed. State television cited unnamed witnesses as saying between 750 and 1,000 bodies had been recovered

in various parts of the city. The reports could not be independently confirmed.

Army spokesman Col. Felix Chukwumah said the explosions began when a fire spread to the depot, which is surrounded by crowded slums and working-class neighborhoods. The blasts propelled shrapnel and shock waves for miles, shattering windows six miles away at the international airport and sending residents fleeing in panic.

Many victims apparently didn't realize how deep the water was and drowned when they ran and drove vehicles into the Oke Afa drainage canal, witnesses said.

Many children were separated from their families during Sunday night's panic, said State Police Commissioner Mike Okoro. He said some children were being cared for at police stations until their families could be located.

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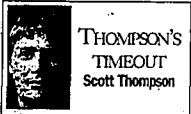
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THOMPSON'S TIMEOUT
Scott Thompson

It's building, growing louder and louder.
It's coming.
It's the mixing of pizza and nachos and popcorn wafting ever closer.
Do you smell it?
It's the goosebumps on the arm when the game-winning buzzer-beater is in the air and the fates of two teams ride on that one shot. An entire season and the months of preparation that go into it up in the air as the ball falls toward the hoop.
Do you feel it?
It's basketball tournament time.
In my calendar, there are five seasons - winter, spring, summer, fall and hoops.
My favorite is hoops.
As a grade-schooler, I waited; to see my heroes in action come February and March.

They were names you never heard of unless you were in Missoula, Mont., in the early 1980s. But they were bigger than life to me.

Bigger than Larry and Magic or Dr. J and Isiah because they did not come via the "idiot box" but were right there.

A few years later as a high school player, nearly every day of my life became a dress rehearsal for my favorite season and when district tournaments would finally roll around sleep went out the window.

As soon as my team would be dismissed, which was always in the early rounds, my buddies and I would head off to the best games around the district, which became a tradition that lasted into our college years.

Occasionally, we'd even ditch work and hit the trail after college.
On one of these "three-tournaments-in-three-days trips," I even caught the first glimpse of my wife in Lewistown, Mont., where she was a hot, little number leading cheers for the Kremlin-Gildford KouGars.

And now I've managed to con someone into paying me to watch these games.

Can life get any better than this?
As I write this, I'm preparing to watch Twin Falls and Minico Tuesday, getting another glimpse of the magnificent Clare Bodensteiner and the gutsy Kim Strunk.

Monday night, I saw the 19:1 Declo Hornets as good as I've seen them look all year.

Soon, it will be girls state tournaments and the start of boys tournaments.
Let's everybody skip work, hit the road and enjoy the games.
Oops, except me. I'll be working. Honest.

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Spartans trounce Twin Falls

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Minico's Clare Bodensteiner scored 14 points in the second quarter en route to 30 in the game, while the entire Twin Falls team scored 16 points in the first half.
And that was the difference as the host Spartans went on to win 57-44 in the opening round of the Girls Region III basketball tournament Tuesday in Rupert.
"We talked about how we couldn't have a lull tonight and we did," Bruin coach

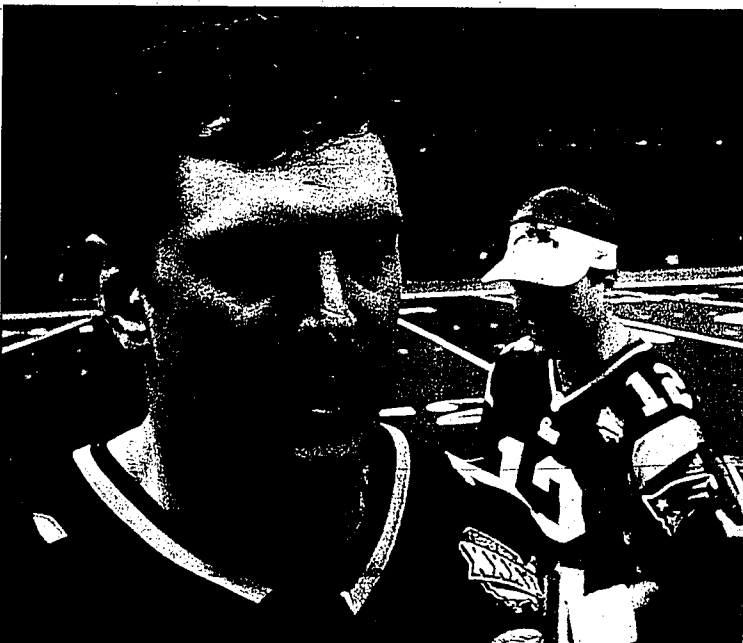
Minico meets No. 1 Highland Thursday

Lawrence Pfeifferle said.
It came after the third-seeded Bruins (10-11) had sliced Minico's lead to 17-15 early in the second quarter after baskets from senior Kim Strunk and junior Danielle Maloney.
But then Bodensteiner came out firing and scored the next 10 points in the game - first grabbing an offensive rebound and putting it back for two and then hitting a pair of 3-pointers followed by two free

throws in just over 2 minutes' time.
In all, the senior, who will play at Stanford in the fall, scored 14 of the next 16 points to give the second-seeded Spartans (14-7) a 36-16 halftime lead.
"In a game like this, it's just a matter of letting the game come to you," said Bodensteiner, who was honored before the game for becoming the seventh Minico basketball player, male or female, to surpass 1,000 points in a career.

"It was just as much my teammates getting me the shots as it was me getting the baskets."
The Bruins used a box-and-one to try and contain Bodensteiner in the first quarter but switched out of it.
"We were getting killed on the offensive boards (in the box)," Pfeifferle said. "It was a trade-off, so we tried to go to the zone and run some people at her. But she's a really good player."
Doing the bulk of that damage on the boards was Spartan junior forward Monica
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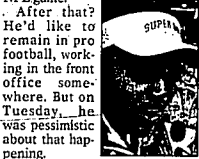


New England Patriots quarterback Drew Bledsoe answers media questions as teammate Tom Brady walks by during media day Tuesday at the Super Dome in New Orleans.

Cox: Minority numbers don't equate in NFL

By Barry Wilner
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS - Bryan Cox would like to coach in the NFL or even run a team. He's not sure he'll get the chance.
The 33-year-old linebacker with the New England Patriots knows the end of his career is near. He doesn't have a contract for next season, and forges a scenario where Sunday's Super Bowl against St. Louis will be his final NFL game.



Bryan Cox

After that? He'd like to remain in pro football, working in the front office somewhere. But on Tuesday, he was pessimistic about that happening.
"I want to be a personnel manager or a coach, but I am not playing on a level field," Cox said, questioning why so few minorities have significant management positions on NFL teams. "The chances are not even 90-10 for me to become a general manager or a personnel director or a head coach."

Cox claimed that just two of every 100 front office jobs go to minorities, while 70 percent of the players in the league are black - "and that's not a very good percentage. They are not putting us on an equal plane with the other candidates," he said.

During his early seasons with Miami, Chicago and the Jets, Cox was known as much for his outrageous behavior and the huge fines they drew as for his play. He has mellowed a bit, but not that much.

"I wish this league would take time to look at minorities and seriously consider them for jobs - and not, 'OK, we're giving you guys a look.' Well, you're really not giving us a look, you are embarrassing yourselves."

Most embarrassing, Cox said, was placing tapes about minority coaches in a video library for use by NFL teams looking to hire assistants.

"It's a slap in the face," he said. "Other candidates don't go through that."

Actually, they do. League spokesman Greg Aiello explained that all potential coaching candidates are placed in the video library, and that the NFL had record numbers of minority assistants and coordinators this season.

"The library includes white coaches, too," Aiello said. "This year we had 147 black assistants (out of approximately 475 overall) and 12 black coordinators (out of 62), and that's a pipeline for future head coaches."

Brady or Bledsoe - Does it matter?

Patriots plan to announce starter today

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS - Tom Brady is younger, nimbler and throws short, quick passes. Drew Bledsoe is experienced, stands taller in the pocket and throws deep.

"There are differences, but one similarity in our favor is they're both winners," New England Patriots wide receiver Charles Johnson said.

That may make today's planned announcement of who will start in the Super Bowl on Sunday less monumental than anticipated.

Players don't think they'd play much differently no matter who gets the call against the St. Louis Rams. Besides, both teams will have several days of practice knowing who will be quarterbacking the Patriots.

Patriots coach Bill Belichick was no more forthcoming Tuesday than he was a day earlier.

"There is nothing really new there," he said during media day, Monday night, I saw the 19:1 Declo Hornets as good as I've seen them look all year.

when players and head coaches from both teams met with reporters and broadcasters.

But Brady showed up without crutches or a limp.

Asked if he expected to play in the big game, he said, "Yeah, damn right I am."

He hasn't tested the strength of his injured left ankle, but said it isn't swollen and he'll put his full weight on it Wednesday at the Patriots' first practice.

But Bledsoe will get most of the practice plays if he's the starter.

"I want to play as bad as I ever wanted anything," he said. "I mean, it's what you play for."

Bledsoe, a nine-year veteran, and second-year pro Brady have remained friends through a turbulent season. Bledsoe suffered serious chest bleeding late in the second game and Brady took over in the 10:3 loss to the Jets.

The Patriots were 0-2 when Brady came in; they are 13-3 since then.

He seemed certain to play the rest of the season. Then he sprained his left ankle late in the first half of last Sunday's 24-17 win over Pittsburgh.

Bledsoe, playing for the first

Super Bowl XXXVI

What: New England vs. St. Louis
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TV: FOX

time in more than four months, threw an 11-yard touchdown pass that made the halftime score 14-3, then led a field-goal drive and helped take time off the clock with clutch third-down completions.

"I compare it to giving a starving man a little taste," he said.

On the touchdown, he lofted the ball to David Patten deep in the right corner of the end zone, a pass Brady rarely makes.

"We are in a unique situation," Johnson said. "How many teams lose a quarterback in that magnitude of a game and have a guy come in and play at that caliber?"

With two quarterbacks who aren't threats to run, the Rams wouldn't have to make major adjustments.

"We played Atlanta earlier in the season and did not know if Chris Chandler or Michael Vick was going to be starting," Rams linebacker London Fletcher said.

Chandler is a pocket passer



Bill Belichick



Tom Brady

History of trouble leads to rejection of Tyson's bid

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS - Mike Tyson was trying his heavyweight best to be contrite and humble. He said he was sorry, and that next time he would learn to control his anger.

When it came time for Nevada boxing regulators to speak their piece, though, Tyson was already out the door.

The former heavyweight champion didn't stick around Tuesday to hear the Nevada Athletic

Commission reject his bid for a boxing license to fight Lennox Lewis on April 6.

He was already out in the parking lot, calling Lewis out.

"I think Lennox is a coward," Tyson said. "I'm going to fight him any time I see him in the streets."

That might be the only place the two meet after the commission's 4-1 decision that knocked Tyson out of a Nevada fight with
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Mike Tyson
Bid for boxing license rejected

CSI readies for big weekend

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Guy Beach didn't have a whole lot to say about his team's 94-89 loss Friday at the College of Eastern Utah.

Except for a trip to No. 7 Dixie College of Southern Idaho needs to play more as a team - and soon.

With Utah Valley State College and Salt Lake Community College coming to town Friday followed by a trip to No. 7 Dixie State and Snow colleges the next weekend, there is no easy game the next two weeks.

"It was that way about a month ago when we went to Salt Lake and Utah Valley and then had Dixie and Snow here," Beach said on Tuesday. "It never gets any easier but we feel pretty good about being at home."

The Eagles (18-3, 8-1 Scenic West Athletic Conference), who dropped four spots in the national rankings with Friday's loss, are 12-1 at the CSI gymnasium this season.

"We went down and didn't play very well at CEU and in turn, they played pretty well against us and we got beat," Beach said.
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SPORTS

Wolves top Murtaugh, clinch conference

MURTAUGH - Visiting Castelford dispatched Murtaugh 67-54 in Magic Valley Conference boys basketball Tuesday evening. The win clinched the Magic Valley Conference No. 1 seed for Castelford (17-1, 9-1 MVC).

Local sports With the Wolves going to a gymnasium in Ben Roseborough in the middle Murtaugh was forced to shoot from the outside. The Red Devils (14-3, 6-2 Magic Valley) hit nine 3-pointers, but it wasn't enough to overcome their 23 turnovers. Jordan Perkins shot five 3-point goals to finish with 15 points for Murtaugh, while Roseborough slipped in 12. Castelford's Robert Comer bagged 16 points, including four 3-pointers, and Elvis Medina racked up 14. The Red Devils head for Hagerman on Friday.

Ridgely 49, Twin Falls 41 RIGBY - The Trojans dominated visiting Twin Falls 49-41 in Ridgely on Tuesday. The Bruins fell behind early, trailing 17-9 in the first quarter. They later cut the deficit to three points, but that was the closest Twin Falls (5-12, 13 Region III) would get. Beau Hall nailed 20 points for the Trojans. Junior Brett Miller led Twin Falls with 12 points, and Leigh Castillon contributed 11. The Bruins host Pocatello on Friday.

Sugar-Salem 56, Declo 48 DECLEO - The visiting Diggers swamped the Hornets 56-48 in boys basketball Tuesday night in Declo. After holding a two-point lead at halftime, Sugar-Salem hit 12-of-13 attempts in the second half to clinch a deciding lead. Spencer Glenn scored a game-high 21 points for Declo. The Diggers' Greg Hymas scored 10. The Hornets (7-10, 6-2 Sawtooth Central Idaho conference) host SCIC rival Kimberly on Saturday.

Deltrich 68, TFCA 59 DIETRICH - Chris Maughan and the Blue Devils torched the Warriors 68-59 in Dietrich

Tuesday night in boys basketball. Maughan, a senior, scored 26 points and grabbed 17 rebounds for Dietrich (10-9, 9-2 Northside) while Mark Telford contributed 14 points. Raymond Miller hit four 3-pointers for the Academy, and finished with 18 points. The Blue Devils visit Bliss on Thursday.

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The Community School 38, Bliss 31 KETCHUM - In Northside Conference boys basketball, The Community School defeated Bliss 38-31 Tuesday in Ketchum. Adrian Charbonnet scored 17 points for the Cutthroats and was the only player in double digits. "Both teams shot poorly," Cutthroats coach Mike Wade said. "The difference tonight was the foul line."

The Community School (7-6, 5-4 Northside) hosts Shoshone Thursday. Shoshone 70, Camas County 38 FAIRFIELD - In a Northside Conference boys basketball game in Fairfield Tuesday night, Shoshone defeated Camas County 70-38. Logan Brown led all scorers with 16 points for Shoshone (11-6, 9-0 Northside). Tyler McCowan added 11 points and Josh Craig and Jackson Uhrig each chipped in 12 points. Brandon Blodgett led Camas County with 15 points. Camas County (-2-15, 1-9 Northside) travels to Richfield next Tuesday.

Raft River 82, Hansen 70 MALTA - Raft River overcame Hansen 82-70 in Magic Valley Conference boys basketball Tuesday night in Malta. Tanner Hansen led all scorers with 27 points. Bryce Greenwood added 25 to the Trojans. Miguel Dos Santos scored 21 points and Chase Funk contributed 20 points for the Huskies. Raft River (8-9, 3-5 MVC) hosts Oakley.

Carey 53, Richfield 50 RICHFIELD - Shawn Hennefer scored 15 points lifting Carey over Richfield 53-50 Tuesday night in Richfield. Finn Dill added 11 points to Richfield. "It was a good, hard-fought battle, just a very competitive game," Richfield coach Gary Ward said. Josh Jensen had 13 points to lead the Panthers. Carey (3-14, 2-8 Northside) hosts Ketchum Saturday.

Hagerman 53, Oakley 50 OAKLEY - Austin Knight and

Cooper Bates each scored 13 points as Hagerman defeated Oakley 53-50 Tuesday night in Oakley. Nathan Jay added 11 points for the Pirates. A.J. Robinson led all scorers with 15 points for the Pirates. Oakley (9-8, 4-5 Magic Valley) travels to Raft River Friday.

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Burley 63, Skyline 43 BURLEY - The Burley boys basketball team eased past Skyline 63-43 Tuesday night in Burley. Jacob Kay led all scorers with 20 points for the Bobcats. Randy White added 13 points and Eric Berg chipped in 12 points for Burley. Trevor Petersen led Skyline with 14 points. Burley (10-7, 2-4 Great Basin) travels to Wood River Wednesday night.

Other scores Milnic 74, Idaho Falls 70 Girls Basketball 3A District Four Tournament Filer 45, Gooding 26 FILER - Rebounding from a first-round loss at Buhl, the Filer Wildcats defeated Gooding 45-26 in Filer Tuesday, advancing in the consolation bracket of the 3A District Four tournament.

Christina Brown scored 12 points for the Wildcats (4-18). Filer meets Kimberly tonight at 7:30. The loss ended the Senators season at 3-20. Italy-Eames held the high score for Gooding with 11 points.

Wrestling Gooding 66, Filer 6, no report

Bowling At Bowladrome Twin Falls vs. Kimberly

At Sunset Bowl Buhl 6, Hansen 1

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4A District Four-Five-Six Tournament Century 45, Burley 17 POCATELLO - Top-seed Century advanced with a 45-17 win over Burley Tuesday at the Girls 4A District Four-Five-Six district tournament in Pocatello. Poor shooting hampered Burley, which had just five points at halftime and trailed 29-8 after three quarters. "We weren't shot well like we'd like to the whole season," Burley coach Gordon Kerbs said. "Our defense was outstanding."

Amber Astor and Liz Bryce led the Bobcats (4-17) with four points each. Lindsey Lewis scored a game-high 12 points for the Diamondbacks (20-2). Thursday it goes to Blackfoot in a loser-out game. Blackfoot lost at Bonneville 44-56.

2A District Four Tournament Valley 65, Glenns Ferry 42 HAZELTON - Valley advanced to the championship game of the 2A District Four tournament Tuesday, defeating Glenns Ferry 65-42 Tuesday night in Hazelton. Annie Showler led all scorers with 21 points for Valley. Katie Brock chipped in 12 points for the Vikings. Kilee Noble led Glenns Ferry with 12 points. Valley (20-1) hosts the winner of Glenns Ferry and Wendell on Monday in the 2A District Four Championship game.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Mourning returns to All-Star game NEW YORK - Alonso Mourning, sidelined for nearly all of last season by a kidney disorder, added another achievement to his comeback when he was picked Tuesday for the NBA All-Star game. Mourning was among the reserves announced for the event Feb. 10 in Philadelphia. The Miami Heat center was chosen for the seventh time, though he has missed three All-Star games because of injury or illness.

Final Pierce of Boston, Jermaine O'Neal of Indiana and Shareeq Abdul-Rahim of Atlanta were chosen as first-time All-Stars on the East team. Dirk Nowitzki and Steve Nash of Dallas, Wally Szczerbiak of Minnesota and Peja Stojakovic of Sacramento were first-time picks on the West.

Also chosen with Mourning as East reserves were Ray Allard (Milwaukee), Jason Kidd (New Jersey) and Tracy McGrady (Orlando). The other West reserves are Karl Malone (Utah), Gary Payton (Seattle) and Chris Webber (Sacramento). The East starters are Michael Jordan (Washington), Vince Carter (Toronto), Antonio Walker (Boston), Allen Iverson (Philadelphia) and Dikembe Mutombo (Philadelphia). Starting for the West are Shaquille O'Neal (Los Angeles Lakers), Kobe Bryant (Lakers), Tim Duncan (San Antonio), Steve Francis (Houston) and Kevin Garnett (Minnesota). Francis also is a first-time All-Star.

Gooding hosts bull riding event Saturday GOODING - The Pepsi Bullriding Challenge Series will be held on Saturday, Feb. 2 starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Gooding Beef Barn. Books opened on Monday. To enter, call 934-9339.

Former Olympian headlines fund-raiser SUN VALLEY - Four-time Olympian Dara Torres, who won her ninth swimming medal at the Sydney Olympic Games two years ago, is the featured guest speaker at a fund-raiser for the U.S. Disabled Ski Team on Thursday. The fund-raiser will be held from 5-7 p.m. at Bigwood Break in Ketchum's Northwood Industrial Park. Also on hand will be 1998 and 2002 Paralympic alpine skier Muffy Davis and Swedish tennis star Mats Wilander, who now lives in Hailey. He will be giving a talk on "The Night of Champions" is 55 and includes food, beer, wine and soft drinks, as well as live music. Those who pitch \$20 toward the cause will become members of Sun Valley Adaptive Sports and eligible to win a 2002-2003 Sun Valley season ski pass. Proceeds will go to Sun Valley's adaptive sports program, which is offering cross country skiing for the first time this year, in addition to downhill skiing and waterskiing activities.

Gooding hosts volleyball tournament GOODING - Gooding High is hosting an adult co-ed volleyball tournament on Saturday, Feb. 9. There will be three divisions of play (A, B, or C) with pool play and a single-elimination championship round. Entry fees are \$75 per team, deadline to register is Jan. 31. For more information, call Jenny Koski at 934-4941 or 934-8516. Proceeds will benefit the Gooding High volleyball programs.

Pomerelle announces February events ALBION - Pomerelle Mountain Resort is holding a Pomerelle Kids 2002 day on Saturday, Feb. 2 starting at 10 a.m. The event, for all skiers and snowboarders aged 12-and-under, costs \$2 and has registration from 9-11 a.m. Pomerelle will also hold a Big Air competition on Saturday, Feb. 9 starting at 10 a.m. Cost is \$5 and is open to all skiers and snowboarders. Trophies and medals will be awarded to the top-3 places in each division.

Idaho Youth Ranch holds hoops tourney RUPERT - The Idaho Youth Ranch will hold its 22nd annual Youth Basketball Tournament in February and March. The tournament is for girls and boys in grades 5-8. For more information or to register, call Bobby Lopez at (208) 532-4117, Ext. 112.

Correction Casey Scott, not Brandon Branning scored 10 points in Valley's 71-49 loss at Glenns Ferry on Saturday. The Times-News regrets the error.

Davis, Wells help Trail Blazers trip up Sonics

SEATTLE (AP) - Dale Davis had 20 points and 14 rebounds, and Bonzi Wells scored 19 points to lead the Portland Trail Blazers to a 92-86 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics on Tuesday night. The Blazers won for the 10th time in 12 games and beat the Sonics for the eighth time in 10 games, including two straight this season. Rashed Wallace, who got his 13th technical of the season in the first half, kept his temper in the second half and finished with 16 points and 13 rebounds.

More NBA - D3 The Sonics, who had won four of their previous five, got 27 points and six assists from Gary Payton. Seattle got 23 minutes from starting power forward Vin Baker, who played despite a badly gashed left shoulder that caused him to miss the Sonics' previous game. But Baker, who had 10 points and four rebounds, played only four minutes into the second half before coming out because he aggravated his left shoulder.

The Blazers' tempers got the worst of them in the final minute of the first half when Scottie Pippen was ejected after receiving two technicals for arguing too vigorously because he thought he had been fouled. The Sonics led 79-77 after a driving layup by Payton with 3:53 to go before Wallace sank a 3-pointer from the left corner and David picked up a loose ball and made a layup. Payton responded with a 5-footer with 2:48 left to cut Portland's lead to 82-81 before Derek Anderson hit a 3-pointer

for the Blazers. Desmond Mason's 19-footer with 1:56 left for Seattle cut the Blazers' lead to 85-83 before Wallace made a 5-footer and Anderson had a 16-footer to put the Blazers ahead 89-83 with 34.2 seconds remaining. The Blazers scored the first 11 points of the second half and Seattle didn't score in the third quarter until Mason's 12-footer with 4:48 gone. Wallace's 20-footer shot at the buzzer to end the third period cut the Sonics' lead to 69-68.

Tyson

Continued from D1 Lewis that would have perhaps helped salvage a boxing reputation as tattered as his personal life. Tyson can still apply for a license elsewhere, and his advisers figure to scramble to keep one of his licenses and history intact. But even Tyson seems to realize that he may have sabotaged his chances of ever meeting Lewis in the ring. "I didn't think I was going to get licensed, but (adviser) Shelly Finkel was forcing me to come anyway," Tyson said as he headed for a limousine after the hearing. Tyson left the hearing minutes before the vote, seemingly tired of being lectured by his commissioners who appeared just as tired of his antics both inside and outside the ring.

A fight that would have made Tyson more than \$20 million and meant millions more to a fragile Las Vegas tourism economy was either dead or headed elsewhere after the commission rejected Tyson's explanations for a number of problems he has had in the last year. "We will not tolerate this kind of behavior from Mr. Tyson, nor in boxing and not in Nevada," said commissioner Amy Ayoub. The lone vote for Tyson came from commission Chairman Luther Mack, who was the only member still remaining from the commission that revoked Tyson's license after biting Evander Holyfield's ears and then gave it back to him 15 months later. Other commissioners said they were dismayed at a string of incidents involving Tyson ranging from his arrest in Maryland for assault after a traffic accident to the last week in New York. "A lot of people don't want to see you fight again, they want you banned from boxing," Mack told Tyson. The 35-year-old Tyson, who is being divorced by his wife, Monica, and is under investigation for rape and assault in Las Vegas, appeared in court and spoke so softly that commissioners on several occasions asked him to speak up. When he did, it was to both defend himself and to suggest that others were to blame for most of his problems. "It's not my Teres," Tyson said. "I'm not Charles Manson either. Just treat me equal." Tyson told commissioners that a bodyguard of Lewis was responsible for what happened at the news conference announcing the

fight in New York, saying he swung at him only after the bodyguard put his arm on him. He said, though, he was embarrassed by what happened in New York, where he took a sally at a Lewis bodyguard and later yelled profanities at an audience member who suggested he be put in a straitjacket. "It was just a horrible situation. I wish it would have happened to David," Tyson said. "I'm going to have to deal with it the rest of my life and explain it to my kids." That didn't get him much sympathy from Ayoub, who questioned Tyson about a positive test for marijuana in Detroit after his fight with Andrew Golota and whether or not he was still on medication for anti-depressants. "We don't want you to be an animal in the ring," Ayoub said. "We want you to be a professional."

Tyson said he stopped taking anti-depressants six months ago and also no longer went to psychiatric therapy. The proposed fight was to be a joint pay-per-view venture between Showtime, which has a contract with Tyson, and HBO, which has a deal with Lewis. Both networks said they were reserving judgment. "We are disappointed that we were not able to present this event in Las Vegas," said Marina Capurro, vice president of communications for Showtime. "As the television partner of the heavyweight champion, we will sit down and talk with Lennox Lewis and discuss the situation as soon as possible," said Ross Greenburg, president of HBO Sports. If Tyson had gotten a license, the host for the major money

Minico

Continued from D1 Jensen, who finished the game with 10 points and 11 rebounds. "Monica had some really big rebounds and some early baskets for us," Spartan coach Clint Straatman said. "When I have my supporting cast going, it's going to be pretty easy for Clare to score 30 points."

Just as troubling as Bodenreiter's scoring spurt was the inability of the Bruins to get any offense going. In the second quarter, Twin Falls scored on a free throw by junior Melissa Hawkins after the two early buckets. "We just couldn't hit our outside shots and then they kept packing it in more and more," Pfefferle said. "That really played into their hands and made it tougher and tougher for us to get any points."

Down 20 at the half, the Bruins gamely battled back but never could get back into the contest. "That's a team that just never gives up," Straatman said. "They hung in there and I don't think you're going to want to face them Thursday. But hopefully somebody will knock them off so we won't have to see them again."

In the other first-round game, No. 1 Highline's downed fourth-seed Pocatello 49-39. The Bruins will host Pocatello Thursday at Baun Gymnasium. The Spartans will take on Highland (14-7) in Pocatello Thursday.

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Cavs pull off shocker; Lakers rip Hawks

CLEVELAND (AP) — Wesley Person scored 27 points, Andre Miller had 17 and 21 assists and the Cleveland Cavaliers NBA ended a 12-game losing streak with a surprising 114-81 win Tuesday night over the Minnesota Timberwolves.

The Cavs hadn't won since Jan. 2, and didn't figure to end their longest losing skid in 20 years against the Timberwolves, one of the NBA's elite teams. But the Cavs made 12 of 13 field-goal attempts while outscoring the Timberwolves 45-4 over a 37 stretch bridging the second and third quarters.

It was Cleveland's most lopsided win this season and the Cavs' biggest since beating Charlotte by 33 on Jan. 25, 1997.

Pistons 89, Wizards 86 WASHINGTON — Clifford Robinson hit a 19-foot jump shot over Pezzey Jones with 18.8 seconds remaining as Detroit beat Jerry Stackhouse, disappointed he wasn't selected for the All-Star game earlier in the day, had 24 points, six rebounds and six assists, but was 1-of-6 in the final quarter as the Wizards overcame a 12-point deficit.

Michael Jordan scored 32

points for Washington. Robinson finished with 14 points, and Chuck Atkins had 20 as the Pistons won their third straight game and ended the Wizards' two-game winning streak.

Lakers 127, Hawks 93

ATLANTA — Kobe Bryant scored 20 of his 32 points in the first quarter, and Los Angeles routed Atlanta.

The defending NBA champions stopped a mini-slump — they had lost three of four — with a dominating performance against the league's worst defensive team. Los Angeles had a season high in points, rating to a 68-11 lead at halftime and scoring triple digits as Derek Fisher's layup with 1:08 remaining in the third quarter.

Knicks 78, 76ers 71

NEW YORK — Charlie Ward did more in one quarter than he had in a long time, scoring 11 of his season-high 14 points in the final 12 minutes to lead the resurgent New York Knicks past Philadelphia.

The Knicks extended their winning streak to a season-high four games and held the 76ers to their lowest point total of the season. It was just the second loss in

the past nine games for the 76ers, who got just 45 points from Allen Iverson — none in the fourth quarter — on 6-for-25 shooting.

Bucks 109, Celtics 90

MILWAUKEE — Sam Cassell scored 20 points, and Glenn Robinson and Ray Allen added 19 pieces as the Milwaukee Bucks pulled away in the second half for a 109-90 victory Tuesday night over the Boston Celtics.

Celtics' forward Paul Pierce, picked as an Eastern Conference All-Star earlier in the day, left midway through the fourth quarter after re-aggravating his sprained left wrist and did not return.

Clippers 117, Mavericks 100

DALLAS — Jeff McInnis scored a season-high 31 points, including three straight 3-pointers in the closing minutes, as Los Angeles beat Dallas and ended the Mavericks' seven-game winning streak.

Hornets 78, Spurs 73

SAN ANTONIO — Reserve Bryce Drew scored 15 points to lead the Charlotte Hornets to a 78-73 victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Tuesday night.

Elden Campbell added 13 points and F.J. Brown 10 for Charlotte, which had lost two in a row.

Tim Duncan had 29 points and 21 rebounds for San Antonio, which was without injured center David Robinson, shot just 3-of-22 on fourth-quarter field-goal attempts and had a season-low for points.

Suns 91, Bulls 90

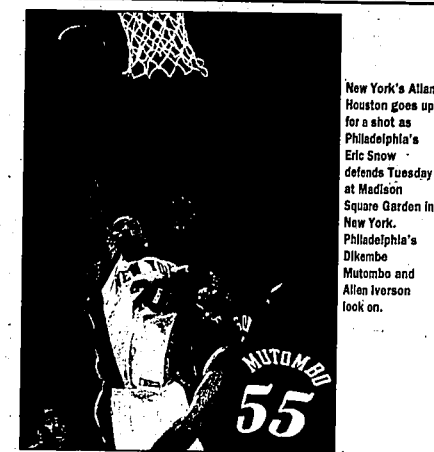
PHOENIX — Shawn Marion had 24 points and 10 rebounds, including a 20-foot jumper that proved to be the winning basket, as the Phoenix Suns escaped with a 91-90 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Tuesday night.

Chicago had a chance for its second road victory of the season, but A.J. Cuyton threw up an airball under defensive pressure from 20 feet with less than a second to go.

Ron Artest, in a head-to-head match up with Marion most of the night, had 26 points for the Bulls, who fell to 1-20 on the road.

Rockets 100, Warriors 96, OT

HOUSTON — Steve Francis had 33 points and 12 rebounds and Kenny Thomas added 23 points as the Houston Rockets



New York's Allen Iverson goes up for a shot as Philadelphia's Eric Snow defends Tuesday at Madison Square Garden in New York. Philadelphia's Dikembe Mutombo and Allen Iverson look on.

Rockets won consecutive games for the first time since Nov. 6. They beat Charlotte in overtime Saturday. Golden State, which has lost 12 of 14, blew a 10-point lead with three minutes to play in regulation. Francis scored 13 points in the fourth quarter to rally the Rockets.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

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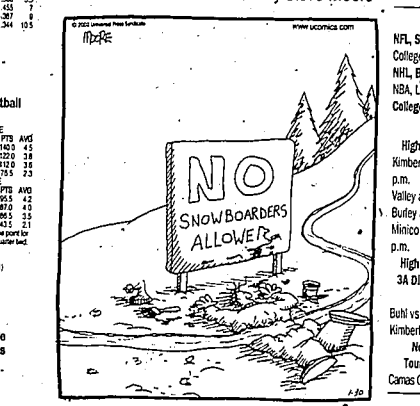
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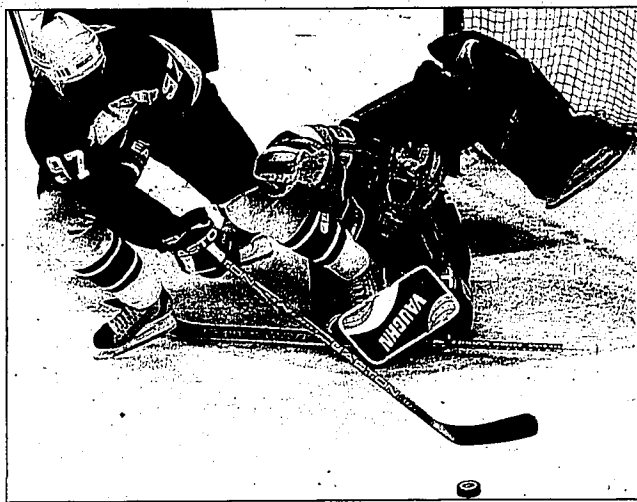
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SPORTS

Flyers nip Penguins in overtime



Pittsburgh Penguins goalie Jean-Sebastien Aubin knocks the puck away from Philadelphia's Jeremy Roenick Tuesday in Philadelphia. The Flyers won 3-2 in overtime.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Keith Primeau scored a tying goal with 17.5 seconds remaining in the third period, and Marty Murray won it early in overtime, leading the Philadelphia Flyers to a 3-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Tuesday night.

Murray picked off a clearing attempt by Pittsburgh's Billy Tibbets and scored past Jean-Sebastien Aubin 1:17 into overtime, snapping the Penguins' six-game winning streak.

With goaltender Brian Boucher pulled for an extra skater, Primeau forced overtime when he accepted a pass from John LeClair in the slot and scored past Aubin. LeClair also scored for the Flyers.

Alexei Kovalev and Toby Petersen scored for the Penguins, who have lost 16 of their last 17 games in Philadelphia. Aubin finished with 28 saves.

Kovalev gave the Penguins a 2-1 lead at 11:51 of the third period when he nicked up a loose puck just outside the crease and scored through traffic.

LeClair's 20th power-play goal of the season at 8:52 of the second period gave the Flyers a 1-0 lead. He scored 11 seconds into the power play, backhanding a rebound of a shot by Kim Jonsson.

Pittsburgh tied it at 15:11 of the period when a shot by Petersen from the left circle bounced off the stick of Flyer Mark Recchi and rolled past Boucher.

Pittsburgh owner-center Mario Lemieux did not play. Lemieux elected to sit out of first back-to-back games and is expected to play Wednesday night when the Penguins play host to the San Jose Sharks.

Devils 3, Islanders 1

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — With new coach Kevin Constantine doing little more than furrowing his brow, chewing gum and crossing his arms, the New Jersey Devils showed renewed zip, beating the New York Islanders 3-1 on Tuesday night.

Constantine, behind an NHL bench for the first time since

Dec. 9, 1999, said he would simply observe the Devils for a few games before instituting his own coaching schemes, and that's apparently all he did as Jason Aronoff, Patrik Elias and Bobby Holik scored.

One day after Larry Robinson, their nice-guy coach, was fired, the Devils finished a five-game road trip 2-2-1-0.

New Jersey also moved into a tie with Montreal for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Hurricanes 2, Sabres 2, OT

RALEIGH, N.C. — Bates Battaglia scored his 18th goal with 9:48 left as the struggling Carolina Hurricanes rallied twice

to tie the Buffalo Sabres 2-2 Tuesday night in their NHL-leading 20th overtime game.

The Hurricanes haven't won in seven games, but have five ties during that stretch in their first place in the Southeast Division, 10 points ahead of Washington.

Carolina had a kill at a slashing penalty against Erik Cole in the final 1:50 of regulation to preserve the tie.

Chris Gratton scored just his second goal in his last 37 games 1:03 before Battaglia tied it after Sabres goaltender Martin Brode failed to cover the puck during a wild scramble around the Buffalo net.

The Hurricanes honored captain Ron Francis before the game for moving into second place on the NHL's career assist list over the weekend and for becoming just the fifth player to score at least

500 goals and register 1,000 assists.

Maple Leafs 4, Sharks 3

TORONTO — Bryan McCabe had two goals and an assist to lead the Toronto Maple Leafs to a 4-3 victory over the San Jose Sharks on Tuesday night.

Janus Hoglund added a goal and an assist for the Maple Leafs, who have won just three of their last 11 games.

Todd Harvey scored two goals for the Sharks, who are winless in four games of a five-game road trip (0-3-1).

Toronto's Alexander Mogilny was knocked out of the game in the first period with a back injury after being checked into the boards by Brad Stuart. Mogilny, yelling in pain, remained on the ice for five minutes before being helped off. He did not return.

No. 4 Bearcats breeze to 20th straight win

CINCINNATI (AP) — Steve Logan and Field Williams scored 18 points apiece, and the nation's toughest defense scored a new two — a resky full-court press — as No. 4 Cincinnati beat East Carolina 74-78 Tuesday night for its 20th straight win.

Cincinnati (20-1, 8-0 Conference USA) extended the country's longest winning streak by extending its defense.

Before the game, Pirates coach Bill Herrion suspended starting point guard Travis Holcomb-Faye and shooting guard Brandon Hawkins for violating a team rule. Gabriel Mikulas led East Carolina (7-13, 1-7) with 12 points.

Darby scored 22 points — making 16 of 18 free throws and a pivotal jumper with 2 minutes left — as host Ohio State defeated No. 12 Illinois.

The loss dropped the Illini (15-6, 4-4 Big Ten) three games behind co-leaders Indiana and Ohio State (16-3, 7-1) in the conference.

Only two Ohio State players have ever made more free throws in a game. Williams added 14 points, and Brian Brown had 13 for the Buckeyes.

Women's Top 25

No. 1 UConn 59, No. 23 Virginia Tech 50

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Ashja Jones scored 19 points and Diana Taurasi hit 7 of 8 free throws in the final minute Tuesday night as No. 1 Connecticut defeated No. 23 Virginia Tech 59-50.

The Huskies (23-0, 9-0 Big East) scored 11 of the last 13 points after the Hokies (15-5, 6-3) pulled even at 48 with 3:10 left. Virginia Tech lost its third straight game and first at home this season.

Ieva Kublina led the Hokies with 17 points, 11 rebounds and three blocks, but was slowed after scoring eight of Tech's first 11 points.

No. 4 Oklahoma 66, Oklahoma State 58

STILLWATER, Okla. — Stacey Dales scored a career-high 29 points, 17 in the second half, but No. 4 Oklahoma rally past Oklahoma State.

Oklahoma (17-2, 7-1 Big 12) trailed 29-27 at halftime and 36-32 with 15:34 remaining. But the Sooners rebounded from a rugged first half that saw them shoot just 31 percent from the field and miss all eight-point attempts.

Trisha Skibbe led Oklahoma State (11-10, 3-5) with 20 points and eight rebounds before fouling out with 4:03 left.

No. 17 Colorado 80, Kansas 41

BOULDER, Colo. — Britt Hartsborn and Tera Bjorklund combined for 26 points as No. 17 Colorado stretched its winning streak to six.

Colorado (16-6, 6-3 Big 12) nearly doubled Kansas' point total for the second time in less than two weeks. Colorado, which won 70-35 in Lawrence on Jan. 16, earned its second straight regular-season sweep of Kansas.

K.C. Hilgenkamp had 14 points for the Jayhawks (5-17, 0-9), who lost for a school record ninth straight time.

Boston College 70, No. 15 Miami 65

MIAMI — Troy Bell scored 25 points, including a go-ahead 3-pointer with 1:47 left, and Boston College beat No. 15 Miami.

The Eagles scored the final nine points and held the Hurricanes to one field goal in the last 9:49.

Boston College (19-5, 4-3 Big East) beat the Hurricanes (18-3, 5-3) for the third consecutive time and snapped their four-game winning streak.

Miami lost at home for the first time after 11 wins in a row. James Jones had 19 points and 12 rebounds for Miami, which missed 13 of its final 14 shots.

No. 25 Ohio St. 78, No. 22 Illinois 67

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Brent

Decontamination destroys Olympic disc

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first Olympic record has already been obliterated more than a week before the opening ceremonies for the 2002 Winter Games.

Utah Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch had tried to send Interior Secretary Gale Norton a copy of "Land Up the notebook

Land," one of several commemorative compilations of inspirational Olympic-themed music produced in conjunction with the Winter Olympics, which open Feb. 8 in Salt Lake City.

But it appears the disc was swept up in efforts to ensure that mail bound for the department was free of anthrax spores. It got shipped off to be decontaminated.

"The end product was unfortunately that the CD itself looks as if it was zapped in a microwave oven for just under two hours and then thrown on a broiler and put on high heat for just a while longer to finish it up," Interior spokesman Mark Pfeifle said Monday.

At one time, the warped, melted glob featured tunes from Gladys Knight, Donny and Marie Osmond and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

Hatch spokesman Chris Rosche said he expects the sena-

tor will send Norton a new copy of the disc soon.

Positive drug test strips bobsledder of victory

LONDON — U.S. bobsledder Todd Hays was stripped of a victory in a World Cup race after brakeman Pavel Jovanovic failed a drug test.

Hays probably is the best hope for the American men in bobsledding at next month's Salt Lake City Olympics.

Hays picked up a World Cup victory in four-man on Jan. 13 in St. Moritz, Switzerland, and Jovanovic was banned from the Olympics on Sunday after testing positive for metabolites of the anabolic steroid 19-norandrostenedione on Dec. 29.

Jovanovic, a key member of Hays' two-man and four-man teams, is appealing the ban and denies taking performance-enhancing substances.

Bleeding the world governing body said Tuesday that Hays had been stripped of the victory and the 36 points that went with it. Instead of finishing in third place with 171 points in the final overall World Cup standings, Hays dropped to a tie for 10th with 135.

Martin Annen of Switzerland

was the overall World Cup leader with 206 points, followed by Andre Lange of Germany with 201.

Athens leaders will push for Olympic Truce

ATHENS, Greece — A program to increase recognition of an Olympic Truce during the next Summer Games was launched by Greek officials Tuesday.

With a motto of "On your marks, ready — cease-fire," the truce aims for a cessation of hostilities around the world during the 16 days of the games. The concept was inspired by ancient Greece, when warring parties suspended conflicts during the Olympics to allow warriors to rest and participate in the games.

"The goal exactly is that every time there are Olympics, this principle will be respected more and more," said Foreign Minister George Papandreu, who is vice president of the International Olympic Truce Center.

The center was founded under the auspices of the International Olympic Committee.

Papandreu announced the beginning of an international publicity campaign to coincide with the Salt Lake City Winter Games.

Steelers fire special teams coach, let others talk to different teams

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jay Hayes was fired Tuesday as the Pittsburgh Steelers' special teams coach following a season-long series of breakdowns capped by two touchdown-producing misplays in the AFC championship game.

Hayes was the only assistant let go following the Steelers'

third AFC title game loss in eight seasons, though coach Bill Cowher gave offensive coordinator Mike Mularkey and quarterbacks coach Tom Clements permission to talk to other teams.

Mularkey, voted the NFL assistant coach of the year by the Pro Football Writers, will interview for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers'

coaching vacancy.

Clements, the quarterbacks coach who worked with Mularkey to revive Kordell Stewart's career, will interview for offensive coordinators' jobs with Buffalo and Jacksonville.

Cowher also said defensive coordinator Tim Lewis, whose defense ranked first in the

league, and defensive backs coach Willy Robinson have agreed to new contracts.

Hayes' firing after three seasons as special teams coach was hardly a surprise. Special teams were the Steelers' one glaring weakness, and they ultimately may have cost them a trip to the Super Bowl.

Throw-ins

CSI women's coach Kendall Grant said the Melanie Crosser issue "was resolved," and that the Australian native remained on the team. However, the team didn't conduct an official practice either Monday or Tuesday as Grant and Crosser met with school administrators. ... University of Missouri assistant Lane Odum visited Twin Falls on Tuesday.

CSI

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"It's disappointing we lost. Everybody wanted to say it was disappointing it was CEU with all the history and stuff, but it doesn't matter if we lose to CEU, Treason Valley or Utah Valley — it's still a loss."

Beach said it wasn't the loss so much as it was the way the Eagles lost.

"How we lost was the most disturbing part. We didn't execute

anything we worked on during the week and we didn't play any defense man or zone."

And of the Eagles' best three — Ricky Clements, Tony Bobbitt and Tim Ellis — not one showed up. Clements consistently got beat off the dribble and committed over 10 turnovers (stats weren't available). Ellis found himself in foul trouble and Bobbitt shot the ball well with 25 points, but defensively didn't play well, Beach said.

"I don't think we have had two of them playing well on the same night all year. Besides Jack May, I don't think anybody played a very good basketball game," Beach said. "They were just beating us off the dribble all night."

Beach said Saturday's 87-62 win at Colorado-Northwestern Community College helped ease the pain.

"I'm happy with the way we responded," he said.

Orioles get Singleton; Reese nears deal with Pittsburgh

NEW YORK (AP) — The Baltimore Orioles filled an outfield spot Tuesday

Baseball when they acquired Chris Singleton from the Chicago White Sox for Willie Harris, a minor leaguer who plays second base and center field.

Singleton, 29, hit .283 with 35 homers and 175 RBIs in three seasons with the White Sox. He hit .298 with seven homers and 45 RBIs last season.

"We hate to give up Willie Harris, who will be a very fine player, but the chance to get a young outfielder with Chris Singleton's ability was something we could not pass on at this time," said Syd Thrift, the Orioles' vice president for baseball operations.

Harris, 23, spent most of last season at Double-A Bowie, batting .305 for with 54 stolen bases and 43 RBIs.

Second baseman Pokey Reese reached a preliminary agreement on a two-year contract with Pittsburgh.

Reese took a physical Tuesday and the Pirates, who would become his fourth club in six weeks, expect to announce the signing by Thursday, as long as the tests come back OK and there are no contract snags.

Reese, a two-time Gold Glove winner, played five seasons with Cincinnati — the Reds refused to trade him when they acquired Ken Griffey Jr. from Seattle — before being dealt to Colorado on Dec. 19. Only a day later, he was sent to Boston for catcher Scott Hatteberg a day later.

But the Red Sox, seeking to avoid paying him as much as \$5 million in arbitration if they could not reach a multiyear deal, allowed him to become a free agent when they did not offer a contract. Reese hit .294 with nine homers, 40 RBIs and 25 steals last year.

With the start of spring training just two weeks away, several free agents agreed to contracts Tuesday.

Outfielder Ricky Ledes agreed to a \$750,000, one-year deal with Philadelphia, and infielder Troy O'Leary agreed to a minor league contract with Tampa Bay, right-hander Dan Miceli agreed to a minor league contract with Texas, and right-hander Mike Thurman agreed to a minor league contract with the New York Yankees.

Also, Japanese left-hander Takaki Nomura finalized his one-year contract with the Milwaukee Brewers.

Outfielder Lance Berkman, an All-Star for the Houston Astros last season, agreed to a \$10.5 million, three-year contract.

Berkman will get \$500,000 this year, \$3.5 million next year and \$6.5 million in 2004. He is eligible for free agency after the 2005 season.

"Signing a player with just two years of service time to a multi-year contract is unprecedented in the history of this franchise," general manager Gerry Hunsicker said. "This sends a very powerful message about how we feel about Lance's future with the Astros."

Berkman, 25, hit .331 — third in the NL — with 34 homers and 126 RBIs last season. He led the majors with 55 doubles and became the first switch-hitter with at least 50 doubles and 30 homers in a season. His 94 extra-base hits were the most ever by a switch-hitter.

Three players in salary arbitration in the history of the franchise: Anaheim infielder Scott Spiezio (\$2,275,000), Tampa Bay outfielder Randy Winn (\$860,000) and Minnesota left-hander Travis Miller (\$545,000).

Thirty-three players remain in arbitration from among the original 93 and are scheduled for hearings from Feb. 4-21.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

People for Pets holds mobile pet adoption

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls People for Pets Humane Society will hold a mobile pet adoption from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at D & B Supply in Twin Falls.

For more information, call Janet Thomas at 733-3570 or Lyle and Irene King at 543-4804.

Bring blankets, bedding for Salvation Army

FLTR - Blankets and bedding will be collected during the monthly indoor flea market held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday in the Merchant Building at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer.

Blankets and bedding will go to the Salvation Army. Admission to the market is free. New vendors are always welcome.

For more information call 532-4439 or 431-9939.

Magic Valley New Neighbors holds monthly luncheon

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley New Neighbors will hold its monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Diamond Field Jacks Restaurant 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

To make reservations, call Jean Goetz at 733-6159 by Sunday.

For more information about the Magic Valley New Neighbors, call 735-1694.

CSI offers zero-credit aerobics class in February

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer the first installment of the new workshop entitled, "Aerobics for Dummies" from 10-11 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 4-23 in Gym 236 at CSI.

This class is designed for those in the community who may be feeling intimidated about taking a structured aerobics class at a gym, yet desire to learn this exercise. Instructor Rebecca Parks will explain and demonstrate basic floor and step aerobic routines for the class to practice.

The cost is \$30.

Kimberly Senior Center serves roast beef dinner

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Senior Center will hold a roast beef dinner as a fund-raiser on Sunday at the center, 310 Main N. in Kimberly.

The cost will be \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under age 12. The public is invited.

CSI begins Family Weight Management Program

TWIN FALLS - College of Southern Idaho fitness facilitator Jaime Tigue invites parents to attend a free information class about Shapedown, a family weight loss and lifestyle management program at 5:30 p.m. Friday in the CSI Shields Building, room 103.

Many parents believe that chubby children will simply outgrow their weight. Tigue says in today's world of fast food and sedentary lifestyles, physical activities and healthy eating are often set aside, leading to lifelong patterns of obesity. Until now, family members have usually been on their own to fight these trends.

Shapedown is a weight management program designed for children ages 8-17 and their parents. Tigue says the 12-week program gives parents the tools to break the cycle of childhood weight problems with straightforward and easy-to-follow nutritional, emotional, and physical essentials for safe, effective weight management.

Following the free orientation session, classes are scheduled to begin on Feb. 8.

For more information, call Tigue at 733-9554 Ext. 2479 or Sylvia Jensen at Ext. 2290.

CSI offers non-credit sign language class

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer non-credit sign language class from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 7 through March 14 in Shields 113 at CSI. Along with beginning Sign Language skills, "American Sign

Language" will include personal experiences and typical family interactions. This class is intended for parents, grandparents, professionals, neighbors and friends who want to communicate with deaf and hard of hearing people.

Instructor Emma Lozada is an instructor at the Idaho State School for the Deaf and the Blind in Gooding.

The cost is \$40. For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

Get Rotary World Peace scholarship applications

TWIN FALLS - Applications for the 2003-2005 Rotary World Peace scholarships are available. The scholarships are for study at one of the seven Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution to obtain a two-year master's level degree in international relations, peace and conflict resolution.

The scholarships are for two academic years and provide funding for round trip transportation, tuition and fees, room and board and other limited expenses. Applications must be turned in by March 1.

For more information or an application, call Jennifer Rupprecht at 736-8648.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club names recent winners

GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announced its recent winners. Winners for the club championship were: first, Susan Faulkner and Carol France; second, Helen and Joe Stastney; third, Carma and Cecil Davidson; fourth, Lonnie Burns and Gib Brown; and fifth, Jodi Faulkner and Louise Smith.

Winners for north/south were: first, Susan Faulkner and Carol France; second, Jodi Faulkner and Louise Smith; and tied for third, Bud Povey with Ilsa Hyton and Babette Plankey with Eunise Anderson.

Winners for east/west were: first, Helen and Joe Stastney; second, Cecil and Carma Davidson; and third, Lonnie Burns and Gib Brown.

Refreshments were served.

The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. every Friday at Gooding City Hall.

T.F. Senior Citizen Center serves pancake breakfast

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center will serve a pancake breakfast from 8-11:30 a.m. Saturday at the center, 616 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls.

The menu will include hash browns, fruit, juice, milk, coffee, eggs, pancakes, french toast and ham or sausage.

The cost is \$3 for seniors, \$4 for adults under 60 and \$2.50 for children under age 12.

For more information, call the center at 734-5084.

M.V. Duplicate Bridge Club announces weekly winners

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club announced its weekly winners. Winners for Feb. 17 were: first, Harold and Renee Bulcher; second, Riley Burton and Max Thompson; third, Eunice Anderson and Dottie Miller; fourth, Howard and Mary Tucker; and fifth, Don Rabe and Sam Smutny. High 3 winners were: first, Steve Hale and Marjorie Rainbolt; and second, Enid Cook and Doris Watts.

Winners for Jan. 19 were: first, Nathan and Kay Higer; second, Mary Kienlen and Evelyn Meyer; and third, Doris Finney and Joyce Johnston with Betty Grant and Polly Mulliner; second, Betty Sabo and Doris Watts; and third, Love Astorquia and Betty France.

Winners for Jan. 23 for north/south were: first, Marie Eells and Ted Clark, both from Boise; second, Riley Burton and Bobette Plankey; and third, Renee Bulcher and Ada Burgess.

Winners for east/west were: first, Lonnie Burns and Lingling; second, Beverly Burns and Mary Kienlen; and third, Dick and Mary Cook.

The club meets at 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday and at 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave., Twin Falls. Refreshments are served.

For a partner, call 324-2000.



J.R. and Virginia Churchman, who coordinated the Christmas basket effort, show gifts provided by KMYT, the Rotary Club and community members to distribute to Lincoln County residents during the holidays.

Plenty of help makes program a success

SHOSHONE - Thanks to volunteers, clubs and businesses, 84 Christmas baskets were delivered to needy families in Lincoln County.

A Boy Scout drive generated food for the baskets, said Virginia Churchman, annual Christmas basket coordinator. The Rotary Club and KMYT's Toys for Kids provided at least one gift for each child in the family. When they were short, 24 gifts for teen-age boys, money from the Christmas Basket fund was used. Rotarians and other volunteers wrapped the gifts.

Food and gifts were stored at the senior center in Shoshone. On Dec. 21, seniors received after lunch and filled boxes. The next day, the Richfield Lions Club delivered boxes to that area. Head Start volunteers picked up food boxes for their clients. Jerry Nance, Sid Edwards and Sue Thomas delivered Dietrich boxes. Shoshone Rotarians and other volunteers delivered boxes for Shoshone.

Funds came from the Magic Lake Recreation Club, Christ Church Guild, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Catholic Women's League, Idaho Power Company, Veiga Lund, Hazel Bate and the Shoshone Rotary Club. Churchman said. Glanbia Foods Inc. furnished cheese for each box.

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SERVICE NEWS

Crandall graduates from U.S. Marine Corps boot camp

Private First Class James L. Crandall, son of Jim Crandall and Ramona Crandall, both of Twin Falls, graduated from the United States Marine Corps Boot Camp in San Diego, Calif. on Nov. 9.

He graduated as a guide for Platoon 1002. Crandall was a graduate of Twin Falls High School, a member of the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave., Twin Falls. Refreshments are served.

For a partner, call 324-2000.

Christensen reports for duty on board missile cruiser

Navy Seaman Corey J. Christensen, son of Shelly R. and Kirk S. Christensen of Twin Falls, has reported for duty aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Lake Erie, home ported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Christensen is a 1997 graduate of Twin Falls High School and joined the Navy in March 2001.

Civic

Rotary Clubs

Blue Lakes - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at Cavanaugh's West Western in Twin Falls, 734-7007.

Burley - Noon Tuesdays at Burley Inn Convention Center, 678-2221.

CSI - 9 a.m. Thursdays at The Grandstands, 543-6223.

Gooding - 12:15 p.m. Friday at the Lincoln Inn.

Halley - Noon Thursday at the Senior Center of Blaine County, 788-0807 or 788-2114.

Jerome - Noon Tuesdays at the Filler Methodist Church, 326-5330 or 326-4051.

Ketchikan/Idaho - Noon on Tuesday at the Ketchikan Post Office, 324-7144.

Rupert - Noon Wednesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge, Jack Bell at 436-5111.

Shoshone - Noon Wednesdays at the Senior Citizens Center, 885-2211 or 895-2883.

Twin Falls - Noon Wednesdays at the Turf Club in Twin Falls, 736-4029 or 734-6549.

Lions Clubs

Burley - Noon Wednesdays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave., Val Garn, 678-8990.

Halley - 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday at Farm Bureau conference room, 444 E. 5th N. Alfrex Road, Sherman Ramsey, 678-2939.

Gooding - 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays in Lincoln County.

Halley - Noon first and third Wednesdays at Full Moon Restaurant in Blaine.

1998 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. All business events are invited. 733-0866.

Burley - Noon second, third and fourth Wednesdays at George's, call Arlene at 438-8659.

Rupert - Noon on first and third Fridays at Rupert Elks Lodge, 678-2766 or 438-2613.

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority
Alpha Tau chapter - 7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesdays. Call Deb at 543-5522 or Tamie at 324-4648.

Omega Chapter - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays. Call Lisa in Burley, 673-6234 or 438-2613.

Kappa Chapter - second and fourth Thursdays in Jerome. Call Rachel Evans at 324-3756.

Alpha Kappa Chapter - 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays, first and third Thursday in Burley. Call Krista at 436-5111.

Other civic
Snake River Elks Lodge - 8 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at lodge at 93 Gold Ranch on Highway 33, 1/2 mile north of the Ferris Bridge, call Roger at 733-0101 or Bob at 324-3200.

Magic Valley Juicers - 7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesdays. Call 734-7377 or 543-4556 for meeting locations and current projects. New members welcome.

Society for Creative Anachronism - The Society meets on the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 17th, 19th, 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th, 29th, and 31st of each month at the Burley LDS Institute, 1650 Orchard Ave. New members welcome. Call 678-6302 or 678-1182.

The Magic Valley Young Men's - 12:10 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays at Addison West Restaurant, 348 Addison Ave. W., 733-5408.

Twin Falls Chapter 2 - 12:30 p.m. first and third Mondays on Grandstands Sports. Lambda Delta Sigma society meets at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at the Burley LDS Institute, 1650 Orchard Ave. New members welcome. Call 678-6302 or 678-1182.

Weight loss
TOPS Clubs
Gooding Chapter 256 - 6 to 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Harbison School lunch room.

Burley Chapter 251 - 6 p.m. Thursdays at the Gooding Senior Citizens Center, 308 South Main, 436-4200 or 324-5440.

Jerome Chapter 48 - 6 p.m. Wednesdays at the public library, 324-7426 or 324-5722.

Support Groups
National Alliance for the Mentally III of Idaho for survivors of mental illness, their families and friends - 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Wood River Middle School faculty lounge, call 788-3584.

Attention: Changes to the Club Calendar

The Times-News is reopening the Club Calendar to better serve the public.

To request a listing for your organization, please send in a notice with: Name of the organization or club; Time, day and week of the meeting; Place of meeting; and telephone number of a contact person.

Bread feeding support group - noon Wednesdays at St. Luke's Wood River Valley Medical Center, 727-8410.

Grief support group - 3 p.m. Sundays, Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 11 St., 436-2955.

LDS substance abuse recovery group - 7 p.m. Fridays at 2420 Park Ave. in Burley; call Jan at 678-7447.

MOXIS Club meets weekly for support and activities. Call Provider at 734-8235.

Health Care Provider 12-Step Recovery Program - 6:30 p.m. Mondays at 422 2nd Ave. N., Twin Falls. Call Denise at 734-7777 or Brian at 436-2955.

Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families - 5 p.m. Wednesdays at the Walker Center, 203 Second Ave. N. in Oakley. Call the Society - 736-5009.

Senior Support Group for Blind and Visually Impaired people, noon at the Twin Falls Senior Center the last Wednesday of the month, meeting following lunch, call 733-5073.

Grandmothers in Touch - Christian grandmothers who may be grandchildless and lonely. Call 734-2653.

Grandmom's Prayer Fellowship, non-denominational Christian group praying for everything affecting families, Loraine at 734-7015.

Magic Valley Brain Injury Support Group and Referral Service - For information, call 733-8866.

Moms In Touch International - Christian moms meet weekly to pray for children and their schools. To join or sponsor group, call 825-9604.

Parents of Down Syndrome Children - For information, call 733-8866.

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Send information to Pat Marzantonio at the Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83403, attention: Club Calendar.

Or fax current information to 734-5538, attention Club Calendar.

Or email information to patmar@magvalley.com.

Information is due by Feb. 1, 2002. Without a notice, the listing will be eliminated from the calendar.

For more information, call Community Editor Pat Marzantonio at 735-3288.

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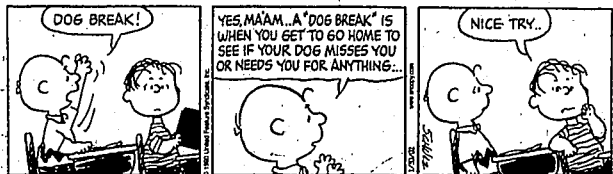
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COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



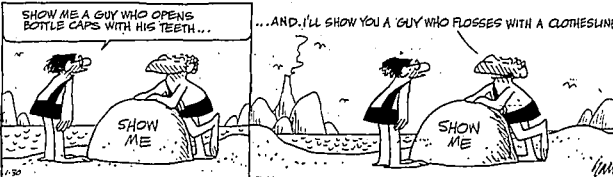
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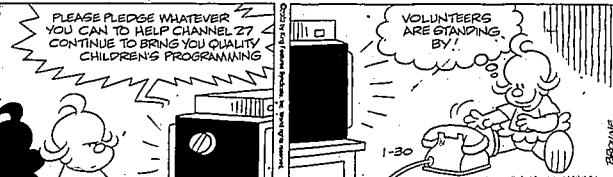
Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



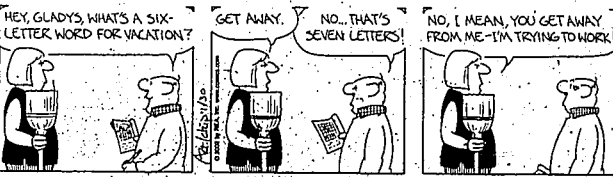
Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



The Bom Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



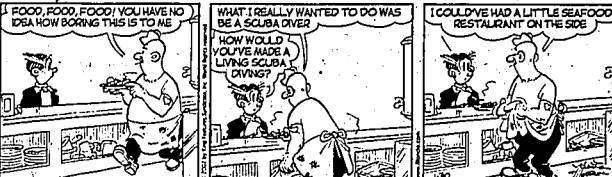
For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Blonde

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



Pickles

By Brian Crane

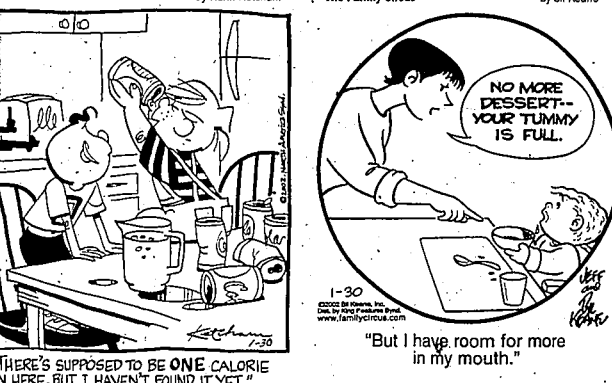


Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham

The Family Circus

By Bill Keane



Rose Is Rose

By Pat Brady



Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Luann

By Greg Evans



Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Wiley



STD forces woman to mull legal action



DEAR ABBY
Abby VanBuren

supposedly loved me. I don't want him giving this disgusting disease to anyone else.
— HURT AND MAD IN OKEMOS, MICH.

afraid I'll never see my grandchild again. How do I get out of this situation?
— TRAPPED IN THE EVERGLADES

DEAR H. AND M.: I suspect you have a valid legal case, but law is out of my area of expertise, so talk to an attorney.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 55-year-old woman living with my son, daughter-in-law and their 5-year-old daughter. When she was born, they asked me to leave my home and job to take care of my grandchild. I have been with them ever since. I keep the house spotless, do all the laundry, cooking and 99 percent of the yard work. I baby-sit 24/7.

My problem is I have no money and no clothes. I have to beg them to buy me shampoo, creme rinse, everything! My son cusses me out and treats me terribly. Abby, I want to leave, but I'm

DEAR TRAPPED: The situation you describe is called slavery. It is against the law in this country. Your son and his wife have not demonstrated that they care about your welfare. More important than whether you see your grandchild is what is going to happen to you in your old age. If you haven't saved money and paid into Social Security, you may not have enough benefits to keep you housed and fed.

If there is a relative who can help you make the transition back into a normal life, please call him or her. If there isn't, you may have to call the police to help you escape to a shelter until you can find a job and a place of your own. Please don't wait another minute.

DEAR ABBY: Last month my boyfriend, "Mack," broke off our live-in relationship to be with another woman, who was supposed to be my friend. I'll call her Lois. Lois said she feels bad about it, but that doesn't heal my broken heart.

I recently discovered that Mack has given me a sexually transmitted disease that can cause cancer. He and I talked on the phone one evening, and I asked if he and Lois had slept together yet. He refused to answer. When I asked him if he had told her about his STD, Mack was adamant about not wanting to discuss it.

STDs, and told me she would ask him about it.
— Later that night, I got a call from Mack. He was madder than a wet hen! I feel I did the right thing by telling Lois because he didn't sound like he would. After all, he never told me he had an STD — I found out from my gynecologist. Now Mack claims he didn't know he had an STD, and I'm wondering if that's true or not.

Someone told me I could sue Mack for giving me this life-threatening disease. Tests can be given to determine how long he's had it. Should I sue him, Abby? I am angry because he jeopardized my life when he

ACROSS
1. Stood stock-still
6. Eg., for example
10. Eurasian viper
14. Start a surfing session
15. So-so
18. Talon
17. Bread spreads
20. Para
21. Fatal day
22. Top choice
23. Bullfight
25. Mat of hair
27. Highest points
29. Hole
30. Experience
31. Climates pitch
36. Face the day
37. Have a hoo?
38. Burbs of baseball
41. Snapping duds
43. Dipping cases
44. Nuts of scales
45. Gift
48. Gain capital
49. Double
49. One of Laura's daughters
50. Croats
51. Neighbor
51. Thirty quires
55. Causes to be grateful
57. Marlin's home
58. Contender
59. Dented
60. Start
61. Track figures
62. Matured
63. Provocateur

DOWN
1. Dud
2. Put to play
3. Curved molding
4. Prints
5. Fractional
6. Measurings
7. Residences
8. Here we are
9. Louisville
10. Stuggers
9. Greek letter between pi and sigma
10. Muscle protein
11. Hurled
12. Juron
13. Borg or Soronostam
14. Synophant
21. Tiro (obsession)
24. See-through
25. The wind and nothing more
28. Shrimping
27. Florio's pop
28. Polcourt
29. Butter serving
31. Notes of scales
32. Colossal
33. Opportunity
33. Feed the kitty
34. Legal claim
35. Here we are
37. Begley and Begley
40. Snitch
41. Baby's bed
43. Disgarded, as a sentence
44. Utah city
45. Name the same
46. Eyed covetously
47. Carnivals
46. Annoy
50. Males-only
52. Miffed
52. Relieve
53. Grace closing
54. Open glove
55. Carve
57. Extinct, flightless bird

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved
QUIZ TOSS SPARE
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IRAN TAR VOIDED
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RECOMPENSES LAB
YAHOO SEEMING TO BE
ENIT RAR WILD
HEIT RAR OLIES

Don't be looking for temporary thrills, Aries

IF JANUARY 30TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you have sense of humor, intellectual curiosity; you tend to scatter forces; Gemini, Sagittarius persons play important roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names: C, L, U. During February you make fresh start in different direction and could be involved in "hot romance." Social activities accelerate during April. September will be your lost romantic, profitable month of 2002.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You exude aura of glamour and sex appeal. Be selective; don't give up something of value for temporary thrill. In matters of speculation, stick with number 9.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Take initiative. Let the world know you are alive and kicking. Lunar position highlights land, real estate. Flirtation serious, becomes heated love relationship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Relative who means well will represent "interfering process." Focus on where you live, marital status. You will determine direction of your life.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Learn difference between generosity and extravagance. Sense of humor wins friends. People want to be with you and even to wine and dine you. Keep diet resolutions.

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

and teaching - and sharing information. Gemini, Sagittarius and another Virgo play roles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your voice attracts favorable attention; sing in or out of shower!

You win friends and influence people. Powers of persuasion are heightened. Taurus plays outstanding role.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You receive promotion long overdue. Pressure is on due to added responsibility. Avoid self-deception; see relationships in realistic light. Pisces plays dramatic role.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will be engaged in a "power play." Interests also will be spurred in connection with philosophy and theology. Open lines of communication. Deal with individual in foreign land.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Many ask you, "Where did you get the courage to continue, and where did you get the money?" Don't give up the ship for you are going to complete an important mission.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Shake off preconceived notions. Take initiative, highlight inventiveness and take yet another chance on romance. Individual, usually your ally, acts in eccentric manner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You find what you have been seeking in connection with home and marriage. Key is to acknowledge that your mission has succeeded. Capricorn, Cancer natives play glamorous roles.

Governor discloses that he didn't see combat in Vietnam



Ventura had never specifically claimed to have fought in Vietnam. Based at Subic Bay in the Philippines, when he was still known as James Janos, Ventura earned the Vietnam Service Medal. It was awarded to 3 million servicemen and women who were in Vietnam, in surrounding countries or on ships off the coast.

ST. PAUL (AP) — Gov. Jesse Ventura, who has used his military record to deflect criticism and bash foes but has kept mostly mum on what he did during the Vietnam War, has disclosed for the first time that he did not see combat.

Michael Moore continues to spread 'The Awful Truth'

Knight Ridder News Service

LOS ANGELES — When Michael Moore, the documentarian behind "Roger and Me," began work on the TV series "The Awful Truth," he wasn't sure if he'd be able to get anyone to talk to him.

Turns out he needn't have worried. The camera worked its usual hypnotic spell, and it allowed Moore and his left-leaning band of satirists to capture such priceless moments as a pimp chatting up congressmen about campaign finance laws (more on that in a bit).

Whatever the motives of those who stood before the camera, it's clear watching "The Awful Truth" the show's second season will be available on VHS and DVD this week — that Moore and Co. were in charge. And that the camera was party to what they were doing.

Take, for example, "K-Flex," Congressional Pimp," a segment on the first disc of the two-volume DVD. Working from the premise that Congress prostitutes itself to the moneyed interests that fund their campaigns, the show sent K-Flex, an actual pimp from Los Angeles, to work the Capitol and see if he could make congressmen his, uh, employees.

The result is a series of hilariously awkward conversations about campaign financing, with lobbyists and lawmakers attempting to put their best

spin on the system. One exchange with a Minnesota legislator goes on for several minutes.

"They don't know what to do, because here's a black guy, and they can't be mean to a black guy," Moore says on the DVD's commentary track. "We have to make it look like there's no bigotry or racism anymore in America."

As it stands now, there won't be a third season of "The Awful Truth," which aired on Bravo. Moore decided instead to make another feature documentary, called "Bowling for Columbine."

"It's my view of our culture of violence," Moore says. The title is derived from the fact that Dylan Klobold and Eric Harris, who killed 13 people and themselves at Columbine High School in 1999, first attended a bowling class that day.

Moore wonders as well whether it would be as easy, logically, to film a show like "The Awful Truth" amid the heightened security of the post-Sept. 11 world. As he says, "If you walk into a building with a camera and a 7-foot chicken, it might be taken the wrong way."

Yet Moore has no intention of giving up his activist ways; if anything, he says, he wants to "be more direct in ... encouraging people to think about what's going on."

"I love this country, and I've always felt that way," he says. "And the way to show it is to get out there and participate."

The second season of "The Awful Truth" is available on three VHS tapes or two DVDs.

This story was written by Rick Porter of Zap2it.com, and transmitted via the Knight-Ridder News Service wire.

He's not a real cowboy if his sleeves are short



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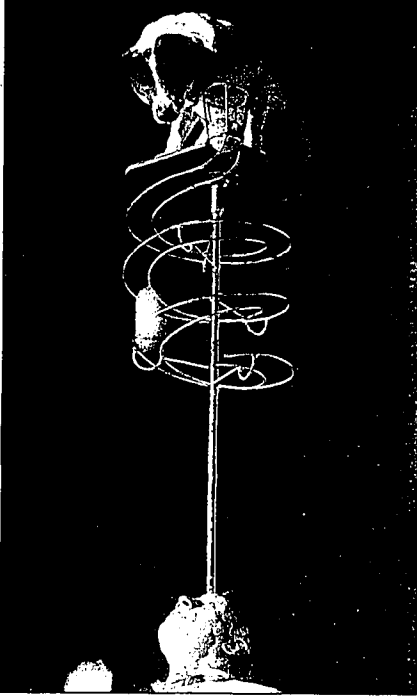
Under stress, the human body produces chemical secretions to enable it to cope. With whatever, light or fight. These chemicals show up in tears. So some medical researchers assume the purpose of shedding tears is to relieve the body of those chemicals built up during stress.

Real cowboys don't wear short-sleeved shirts.
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Gregory Popovich tosses tennis balls up in the air for one of his dogs to catch and drop back down the ramp during a performance of The Pet Theater at the Lyceum Theater in Clavis, N.M., Sunday. Popovich and his animals will perform at the opening ceremonies of the Olympic Games. Popovich's animals are all rescued from shelters then trained for the show.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Experts find unique microbes in Idaho One day after booting founder, new Aryan Nations leader resigns

Newsday
In the exciting search for microbes capable of living on Mars, or even under the ice on distant Europa, scientists are visiting Idaho.

According to a Jan. 17 report in the *Journal Nature*, a community of tiny creatures discovered in hot springs north of Idaho Falls is the best example yet of the kind of life that might exist on distant planets. Unlike most life on Earth, these tiny microbes get their energy from hydrogen, essentially doing without any organic carbon.

This community of microbes "is unlike any previously described on Earth," said microbial geochemist Francis Chappelle at the U.S. Geological Survey in Columbia, S.C. "It is consistent with scenarios proposed for microbial communities that may inhabit the subsurface of Mars and Europa."

The discovery supports the idea that two things - volcanism and water - are the critical ingredients needed to support primitive life. Mars is known to be volcanically active and has some buried water. Europa, one of Jupiter's four big moons, seems to be extra wet and is kept from freezing solid by internal heat.

So, finding that microbes can thrive under difficult conditions adds hope that life may yet be found in places beyond Earth. It also means that even

Organisms represent kind of life that could survive on Mars

without a source of organic carbon - the stuff of life on Earth - living things can exist.

According to Chappelle, the hydrogen-using microbes are not a new discovery. "What's new is the community; its members are almost solely hydrogen users, almost devoid of any ordinary bacteria needing organic carbon. Such a community of microbes, they suspect, could exist on Mars."

Such microbes, in fact, might even serve as the base, the bottom layer, of a food chain in an ecological system, Chappelle said.

Astrobiologist Gene McDonald, at the Center for Life Detection, a branch of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., said the report was "quite interesting," especially since the researchers "point out that it may be a model for extraterrestrial environments."

He added that "it wasn't clear that life could exist in a sort of oasis below the surface. So now it appears that in some cases it can. It's an example of a biological system that can live in a sheltered and isolated subsurface environment. There could be similar

environments on Mars, and possibly Europa, where organisms might

Chappelle explained that the odd microbial community was discovered in Idaho a few years ago in a search "for ground water in an area where there is no organic carbon." They found it at Lily Springs, in a formerly active zone where "the organic carbon was burned out of these volcanic rocks. We were lucky to find a system like this."

They were even luckier that the landowner had already drilled into the hot bedrock, "and he was willing to instrument them (the drill holes) so we could sample without disturbing the water as it comes up," Chappelle explained.

The wells were drilled to get hot water to heat buildings and run turbines, and the water is also for irrigation. "He uses it to heat his house. And he even heats his dog's house," Chappelle said.

The microbes afloat in the hot springs were almost solely methane-producing organisms called archaea. They are a strange and ancient branch of life discovered only about 30 years ago. Previously, they had been considered bacteria but are now known to be a third branch of life's basic evolutionary tree. Archaea are distinct from bacteria and all other forms on life on Earth.

STAT. COLLEGE Pa. (AP) - The new leader of the Aryan Nations has announced his resignation; just one day after he ousted the group's founder, Richard Butler.

In a statement on the Aryan Nations Internet site, Ray Redfeim said he would resign his post and leave the organization March 30. Leadership would then belong to a "High Council," consisting of national spokesman August Kreis, Pennsylvania state leader Charles Juba and a third person who has not yet been named.

"This came as a shock to me," said Kreis, contacted at his home outside Coudersport, Pa., near the New York border. Redfeim's announcement came just a day after he and Kreis distanced themselves from Butler, saying the one-time Aryan Nations leader had damaged the reputation of the white-supremacist organization.

Kreis said Butler and a handful of supporters in Idaho refused to recognize his chain of command, issuing their own directives and calling their own meetings. "We couldn't continue having to deal with what he would say to the press, and then the press would call me and ask if this is true, and I'd have to say no," Kreis said. "We had to do with what on the daily basis, and you just can't run an organization like that."

Kreis said he had not talked with Redfeim about Redfeim's resignation. Redfeim did not immediately return an e-mail request for an interview.

Butler led the Aryan Nations until last fall, when he turned over leadership to Redfeim. That decision came a year after a \$6.3 million civil rights judgment against Aryan Nations that forced the group to sell the 20-acre Idaho compound that had served as its headquarters and as Butler's home.

"It's obvious to see Pastor Butler as being himself to be directed by idiots and saboteurs," the statement said. "We... have decided that we will not stand idly by and allow the demise of the Aryan Nations... any further because we ignored evidence of incompetence and stupidity, allowing idiots and those of diminished mental capacity to remain members of the Aryan Nations and/or to serve over us."

Butler, who turns 84 next month, did not return a message left at the Aryan Nations office in Hayden, Idaho. He told the *Spokesman-Review of Spokane, Wash.*, that he was still the Aryan Nations leader and that Kreis was "just trying to usurp my position."

"We're calling it a 'kook d'etar,'" Joe Roy, director of the Intelligence Project at the Alabama-based Southern Poverty Law Center, told the *Philadelphia Daily News*. "It's been in the making for some time now."

Last week, Butler tried to fire Kreis and Redfeim, but the two said he lacked the authority to do so. Kreis said the Aryan Nations' state leaders supported the removal of Butler from the group.

FOR THE RECORD

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Recent activity in 5th District Magistrate Court in Twin Falls including the following:

Arraignments

Dwain L. Dade, 38, 716 N. Grandview, Twin Falls; misdemeanor injury to property; trespass; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; \$1,500 bond.

Ray W. Freeman, 35, 642 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls; driving under the influence; invalid driver's license; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; \$3,000 bond.

Richard Edward Gerhardt, 36, 341 Piler Ave. W., Twin Falls; driving under the influence; open container; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; \$5,000 bond.

Steven M. O'Toole, 20, 322 E. Ave. I, Jerome; minor in possession of alcohol; malicious injury to property; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; \$5,000 bond.

Michael Sims, 30, 640 Jackson, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; \$500 bond.

Christy Ann Johnson, 18, 133B Ave. N., Twin Falls; minor in possession of alcohol; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; \$500 bond.

Joseph Lee Hamilton, 24, 2227 E. 700 N., Twin Falls; aggravated battery, 1st degree; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 14, \$5,000 bond.

Francisco R. Cellar, 19, 1122 Washington, Twin Falls; minor in possession of alcohol; carrying a concealed weapon; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; \$500 bond. Discharging a firearm at a house occupied by children; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 14, \$5,000 bond.

Joshua J. Summerlin, 23, 202 Falls Ave. W., Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent.

Travis D. Hill, 18, 412 Broadway Ave. S., Bulli; possession of a controlled substance; public defender sentencing set for March 14, \$500 bond.

Stephan Michael Sims, 30, 268 Jackson, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; failure to provide proof of insurance; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent.

Shona L. Gonzales, 23, 329 Maple, Jerome; misdemeanor battery of a minor child age 16 or 17; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 14, \$5,000 bond.

Terriann Kristin Jenkins, 30, 317 West Ave. G, Jerome; petit theft, trespass; public defender appointed, pleaded innocent; \$1,000 bond.

Christopher Howard Overlin, 21, 519 S. Locust, Twin Falls; leaving the scene of a accident; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; \$100 bond.

Janette M. Scheneman, 36, 120 Kimberly Road, No. 15, Twin Falls; negligent driving; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; \$5,000 bond.

Byron Marie Moss, 18, 436 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 14, \$5,000 bond.

Michelle Flores, 22, 1064 N. University, Blackfoot; possession of drug paraphernalia, open container, resisting or obstructing officers; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; \$2,500 bond.

Alexander B. Carlson, 23, 97 E. 100 S., Burley; petit theft; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; \$500 bond.

Bobbi D. Conice, 20, 898 Blue Lakes, Twin Falls; forgery; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 14, \$5,000 bond.

Peter Jacob Kuntz, 20, 1515 E. 4400 N., Bulli; possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver; carrying a

concealed weapon; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 14, \$2,500 bond.

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Drunk-driving sentences
Jackie R. McCormick, 47, 1880 Osterloh, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspension; 90 days in jail, suspended; 12 months' probation; consume no alcohol; submit to alcohol/drug testing; \$35 per month probation fee; alcohol evaluation recommendations; prosecutor, William R. Hollifield; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Tamura L. Chase, 52, 1452 B. 4300 N., Bulli; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; 90 days in jail, suspended; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; six months' probation; submit to alcohol/drug testing; \$35 per month probation fee; alcohol evaluation recommendations; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Diana A. Paradis, 40, 340 Ash, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; excessive; amended to driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine; \$75.00 court costs; 180 days in jail with 175 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months' probation; 20 hours' community service; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; attend AA weekly for next six months; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 14, \$7,500 bond.

Brodie R. Bybee, 19, 1809 Poplar, Bulli; driving under the influence; open container; pleading guilty, sentencing pending.

Joseph Lee Hamilton, 24, 2227 E. 700 N., Twin Falls; aggravated battery, 1st degree; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 14, \$5,000 bond.

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Peter Jacob Kuntz, 20, 1515 E. 4400 N., Bulli; possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver; carrying a

\$75.00 court costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months' probation; submit to alcohol/drug testing; complete intensive outpatient treatment; Magistrate Judge R. Michael Redman.

Misdemeanor sentences

Douglas McAdams, 33, 1608 Targhee, Twin Falls; violation of protection order; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; \$1,004 probation; 180 days in jail, suspended; 24 months' probation; no contact with victim; complete anger management counseling; 12 months' probation; protection order; dismissed by prosecutor, William R. Hollifield; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Christina J. Campos, 26, 236 Jefferson St., Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.00 court costs; 90 days in jail, suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; no contact with victim; complete anger management counseling; 12 months' probation; protection order; dismissed by prosecutor, William R. Hollifield; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Matthew D. Ward, 22, 127 Rainbow, Jerome; possession of drug paraphernalia; controlled substance, marijuana; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days in jail, suspended; 24 months' probation; no contact with victim; complete anger management counseling; 12 months' probation; protection order; dismissed by prosecutor, William R. Hollifield; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

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Joe Allen Verduzco, 16, 406 Gardner, No. 15, Twin Falls; fail to purchase/valid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; two days in jail; Magistrate Judge R. Michael Redman.

Lloyd E. Miller, 23, 420 Third Ave. N., Twin Falls; petit theft; amended to willful concealment; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days in jail, suspended; credit for time served; Magistrate Judge R. Michael Redman.

Erin Mestie, 18, 427 Second Ave. E., Twin Falls; reckless driving; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine with \$100 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Vernice E. Montedecora, 20, 239 Sixth St. W., Twin Falls; petit theft; amended to willful concealment; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days in jail, suspended; 12 months' probation; four days' sheriff's work detail; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

David BoJames McLaughlin, 19, 510 Third St. N., Twin Falls; stalking; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 120 days in jail, suspended; credit for 47 days served; 24 months' probation; no contact with victim; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Nicole A. Haise, 21, 645 Fawnbrook, No. 246, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$500 court costs; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days in jail, suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; six months' probation; four days' sheriff's work detail; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Aaron William Frandsen, 24, 644 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls; driving without privileges; amended to fail to obtain valid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

John G. Corbett, 24, 819 S. 300 N., Twin Falls; domestic battery; amended to disturbing the peace; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days in jail, credit for time served; Magistrate Judge R. Michael Redman.

Uonna W. Caldwell, 40, 205 Park St., Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; controlled substance; found guilty; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge R. Michael Redman.

Adam Iorhinnichio, 24, 355 Del Mar Drive, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; controlled substance; disturbing the peace; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge R. Michael Redman.

Jeremy D. Bowman, 19, 1774 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls; one count injury to a child/elderly; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days in jail, suspended; six months' probation; two counts injury to a child/elderly; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge R. Michael Redman.

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Jeffrey Scott Fairchild, 43, 19998 U.S. Highway 30, Bulli; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; dismissed by prosecutor; fine not available for reason; Magistrate Judge R. Michael Redman.

Tommy Livingston, 13, Count 1, Burley; amended to unlawful injury; pleaded guilty; 90 days in jail, suspended for one day served; 90 days discretionary; 70 days suspended; three months' probation; 16 hours' community service; restitution to victim; engage in treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; possess no weapons; submit to search and seizure; abide by curfew; possess no firearms or possess any alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs; submit to alcohol/drug testing; apologize to victim; engage in structured activity; \$20 court costs; 24 hours' community service; restitution to victim; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; possess no weapons; submit to search and seizure; abide by curfew; possess no firearms or possess any alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs; submit to alcohol/drug

Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2002

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"The Guards die, but never surrender." —Pierre Jacques Etienne

Never concede. One never knows when the cavalry might rush to the rescue.

"Never surrender," chastised an unhappy North. "Please, always play all the cards out. You have nothing to gain and much to lose conceding."

This is the deal that aroused North's ire.

South won dummy's diamond ace and led a trump, covering East's nine with his queen. West took his ace and smugly continued with another diamond to dummy's king. When another trump from dummy brought a discard from East, South's spirits sagged. With no way around the full trump break, South had three trump losers and a club loser. This translated to one down, and South surrendered. "Down one," he conceded. "Let's get on to the next one."

Was North's admonition correct? Could South have gained by playing on?

Miraculously, if South continues play, his club loser will disappear. After he wins the second round of trumps, he leaves West's trump winners at large and cashes dummy's spade king and top clubs. After he ruffs dummy's last diamond, he cashes his ace and queen of spades, bringing his total to nine tricks.

When South leads his last spade, West is in an impossible position. Dummy holds two trumps and a low club, while West holds two high trumps and a high diamond. If West ruffs, dummy discards and scores a trump for the game-going trick. And if West discards, dummy scores the vital trump trick even sooner.

NORTH
 ♠ 130-A
 ♠ K
 ♠ 8 6 4 2
 ♠ A K 7
 ♠ A K 8 3

WEST
 ♠ A J 9 3
 ♠ A J 10 3
 ♠ J 10 9 6
 ♠ 10 7

EAST
 ♠ 10 8 6 5 4
 ♠ 9
 ♠ 8 2
 ♠ Q 5 4 3
 ♠ J 9

SOUTH
 ♠ A K 7 2
 ♠ K Q 7 5
 ♠ 8 2
 ♠ 5 4 2

Vulnerable: North-South
 Dealer: North

The bidding:

North East South West
 1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass
 3♥ Pass 4♥ All pass

Opening lead: Diamond Jack

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
 ♠ J 9 3
 ♠ A J 10 3
 ♠ J 10 9 6
 ♠ 10 7

North South
 1♣ 1♥
 3♥ ?

ANSWER: Two diamonds. Take a simple preference to partner's first suit.

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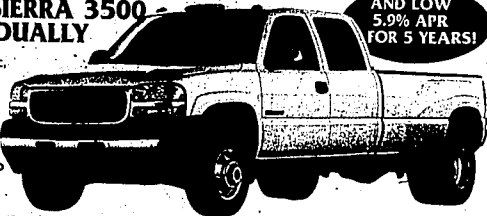
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